

While the campus has been abuzz with sustainability activity all summer, fall is now upon us and is already shaping up to be very active on the environmental front! There will be a must-see FREE climate change seminar on Thursday, September 4, our grad and professional students have a new environmentally-friendly benefit, the first VCH Farmer's Market is on campus this week, and SEMO is hiring Federal Work Study(FWS) students for the upcoming year. Also, don't forget to check out the new Zipcars available on campus as of August 1! More info on the wide world of Vandy sustainability is available on the SustainVU website [www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU) .

Thanks!  
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What: "Cutting through the hype: What science tells us about climate change"

Who: Richard Somerville, coordinating lead author of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

When: Thursday, September 4 at 5pm

Where: Ingram Hall at Blair School of Music

Cost: FREE!

"Global Warming – What do we know and what we should do?" is the title of a free public lecture that will be given Thursday afternoon, Sept. 4, on the Vanderbilt University campus.

The speaker will be Richard Somerville, a coordinating lead author of the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for its work on the issue of global warming.

An award-winning author and acclaimed public speaker on global climate change, Somerville is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. His career in theoretical meteorology has spanned half a century.

Somerville will deliver the inaugural lecture in the new Nobel Memorial Lecture Series, sponsored by Vanderbilt's Physics and Astronomy Department, Dyer Observatory, the Law School Regulatory Program and the Vanderbilt Climate Change Research Network. The series was established to honor Vanderbilt alumni and faculty who have been awarded the Nobel Prize.

Those include alumni Muhammad Yunus and Stanford Moore and former faculty members Stanley Cohen, Earl Sutherland and Max Delbr?ck.

Free parking will be available across from Ingram Hall in the South Garage located at the corner of 24th Avenue South and Children's Way. For more information call 322-2828.

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Vandy extends MTA Free Ride to Work Program to Graduate and Professional Students!

Beginning Aug. 15, Vanderbilt University will extend its Free Ride program to graduate and professional school students, allowing them to commute to and from campus for free.

The Free Ride to Work program, offered in partnership with Metro's Transit Authority, has been offered to Vanderbilt employees since July 2004.

One of the reasons the program is being extended is that Vanderbilt's more than 5,300 graduate and professional school students reside off campus. Most commute back and forth every day.

"This new benefit provides an alternative to the stress of commuting, and helps decrease pollution as well as traffic on Nashville roadways and around our campus," said Steven Smartt, assistant provost for graduate education and research.

"Graduate students have many financial burdens," said Jon Ahlbin, president of Vanderbilt's Graduate Student Council. "The ability to ride MTA buses for free should help alleviate one of these burdens."

To ride free, graduate and professional school students simply swipe their VU ID card as they board an MTA bus going to and from campus, and Vanderbilt will be charged for the ride. Statistical information is then electronically gathered so the university can monitor the program's effectiveness.

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What: VCH Farmer's Market

When: This Thursday August 21 from 3pm to 7pm

Where: Under the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center Portico

Contact [Karen.s.kaiser@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Karen.s.kaiser@vanderbilt.edu) for more info or if you would like to volunteer to help!

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Get Paid to RECYCLE! SEMO needs 2-3 students that have Federal Work Study allotments to assist the recycling program this coming year. Please contact Jennifer Hackett at [Jennifer.hackett@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Jennifer.hackett@vanderbilt.edu) or 34E.ARTH if you are interested.