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Engineering Student Requests Study Abroad in Outer Space

Engineering Junior George Cogswell, three time winner of the annual Society of American Military Engineers Potato Gun Competition, is pushing the



envelope yet again. Cogswell, distressed by Vanderbilt's lack of options for engineering students desiring to study abroad, recently began filing the paperwork to create a new study abroad location in the Earth's thermosphere. Stated Cogswell, "It's over 4000 miles to fly to Paris and 6000 to Japan, but only 271 to reach a respectable orbit. That's closer than New Orleans by half." Senior members of the administration have noted that the chancellor has always been enthusiastic about student initiatives, but caution that "Gee is no JFK."

Japan Overjoyed at Birth of First Male Heir in Forty Years

Japanese citizens were overjoyed to find out last Wednesday as Princess Kiko, wife of Crown Prince Naruhito's younger brother, Akishino, gave birth to the first male in the royal family since Akishino himself. The birth finally put to rest the debate over whether Crown Prince Naruhito's daughter, Princess Aiko, could inherit the throne after her father's death. After being told that she would not become Japan's first legitimate Empress, the four year old Princess Aiko cried for a brief time before forgetting the incident entirely after one of the palace attendants gave her a new toy.

Natty Light, Poor Food Options Hold Vanderbilt Back in Princeton Review

The Princeton Review recently listed The University of Texas at Austin as the Nation's #1 party school, beating out other contenders such as Penn State, The University of Wisconsin-Madison, and even Vanderbilt itself. UT Austin's high rank on other lists such as alcohol and marijuana consumption may have contributed to their outstanding placement, but some Vanderbilt Students believe otherwise. Brian Rodenbeck, SGA Public Relations Chair stated, "Anyone can get high and drink until they puke. Vanderbilt students need to raise the bar by

creating even more absurdly themed parties, and, when serving as hosts, by improving the quality of food and beverages available. Natty Light, crappy cover bands, and potato chips make up Vanderbilt's party scene at the moment, unfortunately. Only when Grey Goose, decent cover bands, and delightful cracker and cheese platters become more common will we advance in the rankings." Added Rodenbeck, "Oh, and chocolate fondue fountains."

Vanderbilt Dining Working with Gee to Marginalize Greek Life

In addition to the administration relocating freshmen housing to Peabody to minimize the Greek's ability to dominate campus social life, the remodeling of Rand demonstrates that Dining is working closely with Gee to marginalize the impact of the Greek community. The new layout removes the Yasoo! Mediterranean Cuisine concept, a subtle but powerful blow to Greeks. Chi Omega sophomore Evizaeth Lommer protested, "Without regular exposure to hummus, falafel, and pita bread at Rand, I'm definitely concerned that fewer freshmen are going to be interested in my sorority." Chancellor Gee applauded the revamped dining menus, saying, "As all the freshmen are on the meal plan, by consolidating the options in Rand, we have ensured all the freshmen will possess a commonly shared, equally crappy dining experience. Also, we are not trying to affect Greek life in any way. You can still get pita bread and hummus at the Pub, although my staff ensured that the 'flaming pub sub' was removed from the menu, in order to marginalize homosexuals."



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Average GPA of ADPI girls last spring.

We didn't quite see that one coming either.



Chevrolet Pulls Corvette Stingray Ad Campaign

Following the recent tragic death of the Crocodile Hunter, Steve "Crikey" Irwin, Chevrolet has announced that it will no longer be running its planned ad campaign for its new model of the Corvette Stingray. The campaign, which was to be based on the slogan "You'll never see it coming," has been pulled as insensitive in light of Irwin's death. "We didn't want people to feel we were profiting from a tragic incident," a Chevy spokesman said, "so we have decided to cancel the campaign. Also, we didn't want our car associated with sharp, unpleasant death." This latter concern is particularly ironic, given that with its sleek, low profile making it hard to see and its tendency to submerge itself in water, the Corvette Stingray has actually been responsible for several hundred times as many deaths in the last 40 years than its relatively harmless ocean-dwelling namesake.



Dinosaur Aging Well

A Tyrannosaurus Rex named Sue, who currently resides at the Field's Museum in Chicago, recently celebrated her 70 millionth birthday. When asked how she felt about turning 70 million, Sue replied, "70 million is the new 60 million. It's not like I sit at home playing bingo every night. I can still go out with my girlfriends and pick up hot guys. I can still eat? I mean mete some nice Stegosauruses. Life is great at 70 million!"



DIVERSITY AT VANDY

SPECIAL REPORT

Vanderbilt Dining fell under fire this week following the latest issue of InnerVU, wherein Rand announced "Talk Like a Pirate Night" for September 18th. VSPS, or Vanderbilt Students for Piracy and Shenanagins, has been leading the charge, arguing that this dining event, clearly intended to honor International Talk Like a Pirate Day, does not take place on the holiday's actual date of September 19th.

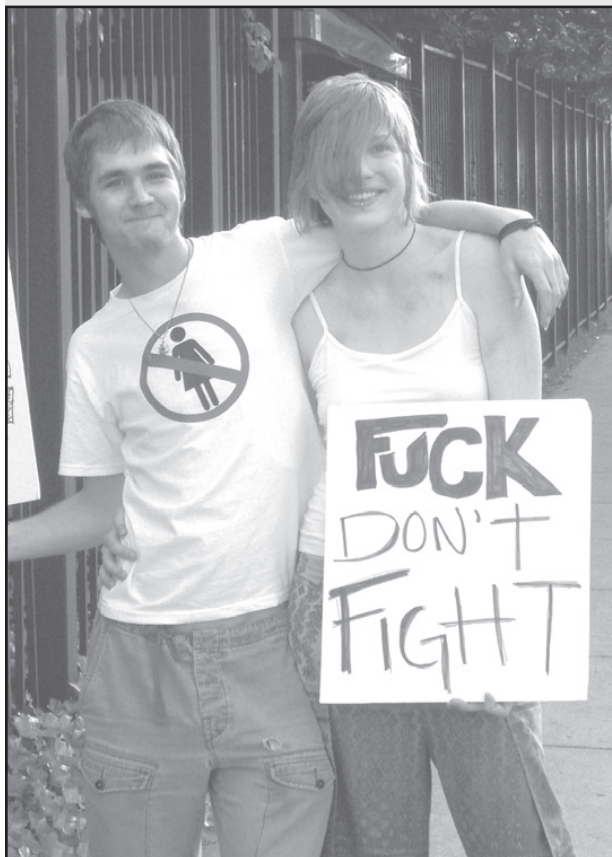
"We figure that the landlubbers moved the date in order t'accomodate them tea-swillin' bastard sons-o'-whores at CT West," group member Edward "Pegleg" Rackham said, spitting after mentioning the restaurant. "If'n they think they can simply fiddle with an international 'oliday like that, I'd like t'set 'em all straight with me trusty cutlass." When asked for further details, Rackhem only commented, "They're tryin' to negotiate now, an' we'd rather wait until 'tis over t'announce our next move. Keeps on their toes, ye know?"



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Corrections:

In the August 25th issue of *The Slant*, we stated that old-timers are "a force to be reckoned with." In fact, they have very weak bones and can easily be defeated.

FROM THE EDITOR



JOE HILLS

Greetings, and welcome to the first 12-page edition of *The Slant* for this year. Although our last issue was a bit short, we plan to maintain a twelve page minimum from here on out barring, of course, massive quantities of ad sales, in which case we would be able to proudly deliver sixteen whopping pages of content.

As you may infer from my picture, I'm quite the adventurer, but even so, production of *The Slant* is always a journey fraught with twists and turns of unimaginable proportions and consequences.

This Saturday, for example, one of my staff members and I decided to swing by the office and get an early start on this issue. Upon our arrival, we found that one of our computers had its resolution set to 640x480, an obstacle that could be easily overcome, had Vanderbilt Student Communications not locked us out of the System Preferences Panel for the machine. Our other computer also was having problems of the I/O variety, as its mouse ceased to respond, and its monitor was blanking out every few seconds.

Though these problems were not expected, we were unfazed. Then, one of our desks collapsed, spilling a computer into my arms as I dove to save it. We were fazed. Pretty damn fazed, honestly. It turns out that the desk only had one leg, and was designed to be attached to an adjacent desk by means of four screws, which have been missing for God knows how long. I'm not ruling out sabotage at this point.

After we hauled the broken one-legged desk to the dumpster, we found another desk waiting to be thrown out, apparently due to a broken drawer. As it was structurally sound and didn't smell like squirrel urine, we hauled it back to our office. We set up our computers once more, and were amazed to find that each of our three I/O problems had somehow been resolved.

Although this issue is chock full of amazing content, I especially encourage everyone to give special consideration to our latest merit-based student selected competition, Popularity Contest 2006. You or one of your friends could soon be featured in our next issue, your images and thoughts and dreams gracing a two-page full-color spread.

Speaking of two-page spreads, Jim Kramka contacted me earlier this evening concerning an oversight with the latest *InnerVU*. Apparently his office omitted this year's "Undead Preparedness Guide," and with zombie season nearly upon us, he felt that the best way to get the information into your hands would be through *The Slant*. A lot of people give Jim Kramka crap because his policies are draconian and he doesn't really care about the well-being of students, but this whole thing has shown me that he really does care about some things, such as liability clauses and covering his own ass.

On an unrelated note, I keep hearing something about Gee and wasting money. I'm sure it's not important.

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ESPN Lists Twenty "Top 5" NFL Quarterbacks For 2006

by **ROBERT SAUNDERS**

Welcome to Page 4 of ESPN.com. We've interviewed all the experts at Bristol University including resident geniuses like Michael Irvin, Sean Salisbury, and Joe Thiesmann. We've also talked to scouts around the league and even those people who keep using the OnStar Hotline to talk to ESPNRadio about pro football instead of helping somebody having a heart attack or who locked their keys in their car with the engine running and their child has run the garden hose from the exhaust to the window and are thinking that maybe they should have bought their son that damned bicycle instead of stuffing that money in some stripper's garter, even if it is the last time they managed to have an erection without that little blue pill, what with their frigid wife and her "I'm too tired from stuffing my face with french fries" figure and attitude (seriously, priorities people!), and pulled together their collective wisdom to produce our first annual Top 5 NFL Quarterbacks ratings.

Without any further to do, these are the NFL's top 5 quarterbacks in 2006:

* Brett Favre, GB: What is there left to be said about this guy? Won a Super Bowl, the ultimate standard for success at this position. Three time MVP. His consecutive games streak transcends his 29 interceptions last year. Or the 17 the year before.

* Peyton Manning, IND: This guy is the most productive QB in the NFL. His league-leading passer efficiency rating is the ultimate standard for success at this position. People point to his losing every big game of his career. But remember, it takes a winner to get you to the big game. If

you want a guy who can get you to the game that makes possible playing in the big game, this is your guy. Hands down.

* Tom Brady, NE: Quarterbacking is not about numbers. It's about leadership when it matters most, when the game is on the line. Nobody does a better job of leading his team to a position where his kicker can win the big game for their team. That's what separates him from the rest. Three Super Bowls, and positioning his kicker.

* Ben Roethlisberger, PIT: This is one tough guy. He's a throwback. Imagine if we could play football without helmets! This guy would totally kick ass. But even forced by the No Fun League to wear a helmet on the field, he still manages to lead his team to victory after victory.

* Matt Hasselbeck, SEA: This guy makes the Seahawks' offense click. Nobody can hand the ball off to Shaun Alexander like Hasselbeck. Extra points for baldness: what a leadership hurdle to overcome. Bonus extra points: hot sister-in-law on The View.

* Trent Green, KC: This guy makes the Chiefs' offense click. Nobody can hand the ball off to Larry Johnson like Green. Extra points for living in Kansas City.

* Jake Plummer, DEN: Jake the Snake. Jake in the Box. Jake and the Fatman. Just the name alone tells you, "This guy is a quarterback. A leader of men. A guy who can fake a handoff and throw the ball downfield to guys on his own team about 57% of the time, except in a critical play-off game." I like to think he grew the facial hair as a symbol of his personal maturity that mimics his growing professional maturity.

* Brian Griese, CHI: Everyone will tell you there's no tougher position to come in and learn. Now, imagine try-

ing to do it drunk. Or hungover. This guy has serious degree of difficulty working in his favor. Most underrated guy in our top 5.

* Rex Grossman, CHI: What an embarrassment of riches for the Chicago Bears! Two guys in our top 5 and they're on the same team. Anybody can lead his team to the playoffs playing QB. How many can lead from the sidelines while recovering from an injury and a rookie is starting in his place? Not many!

* Mark Rypien (not in league): He makes the list because really, did anybody ever do more with less? Also, doesn't he have a disabled child or something? That's a lot of pressure to be carrying on your shoulders.

* Mike Vick, ATL: The man is the best athlete in the NFL, and no position calls on your physical skills more than the one that forces you to stand still while enormous men try to break you in half. Truly revolutionizing the position. Snarky people will say his athleticism comes from outrunning those rumors of having hepatitis. I think it's because he loves his mother.

* Steve McNair, BAL: Truly revolutionized the position of QB with his scrambling skills. Also underrated: his ability to complete the insurance paperwork for his medical claims. The guy could be an HR nightmare, but he spends extra time in the film room working on every aspect of his game, including reviewing his EOBs. It's the little things that make the difference.

* J.P. Lohsman, BUF: We've never really seen this guy play. But we hear he's got a big time arm. Most underrated guy in our top 5.

* Aaron Brooks, OAK: Never truly appreciated for his skills in New Orleans, but Oakland will appreciate his ability to throw the ball long. Even if there are no players within 20

yards when it comes down. The long ball is Oakland's game, and old number 10...or is it 11...or 4. Whatever his number is, you'll remember it after this season.

* Billy Volek, TEN: The man has proven himself as a backup to another top 5 QB in McNair. For example, he is careful when transitioning the clipboard from one hand to the other. This should translate when he has to transfer the ball from one hand to the other. May have to adjust to wearing a helmet instead of a visor, but hey, it's not like we made him #1 in our top 5.

* Carson Palmer, CIN: He would totally be #1 if it weren't for doubts about his injured knee, suffered in his last game of the season.

* Drew Brees, NO: He would totally be #1 if it weren't for doubts about his injured shoulder, suffered in his last game of the season. Bonus points: has to deal with a fan base that is more preoccupied with rebuilding its own homes than in cheering for his passes.

* Kurt Warner, ARI: Seriously, if you had one game to win this year, wouldn't you want Warner? I mean, Jesus has this guy's back. I ain't fucking with Jesus.

Missed the Cut

Not everyone can be one of the top 5 quarterbacks in the country. These contenders didn't quite make it this year.

* Daunte Culpepper, MIA: Seems too interested in skirt chasing to be a serious contender here. Moving to Miami unlikely to help.

* Jake Delhomme, CAR: Charlotte's connections to banking industry and my credit issues might be coloring my rating here.

* Bledsoe, DAL: You're kidding me, right? He wasn't even close to the cut.

The Office of Housing's

Basic procedure

- In the event of a zombie invasion, the NZAS (National Zombie Alert System) will be activated, with sirens throughout the area sounding. You will recognize these sirens from the noise that they make, which sounds a lot like 'OH SWEET HOLY FUCK WE'RE FUCKING FUCKED!'
- Those residents of ground floor dorms should grab their "ready kit" (see sidebar) and move to one of the upper floors via stairwell, since elevators will be killed at that time. Residents of non-ground floor dorms are to begin erecting blockades by the stairwells as outlined below.
- Everyone should be evacuated from the ground floor within twenty minutes of the NZAS going off.
- Tune a battery-powered radio to WRVU for further instructions.
- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO LEAVE YOUR BUILDING OR FLEE AT THIS TIME.** Vanderbilt's residential areas and these procedures are designed to keep you alive for at least 24 hours after NZAS activates.



Uses for items found in all dorms

- Erect barricades by bracing your mattress frame against the door frame to be blocked and bracing it by stacking dressers on their sides. Dressers should be loaded with textbooks for maximum effectiveness.
- The remaining elements of the bed, as well as the parts of the standard chair, may be broken down to act as barricade supports and weaponry.
- The dorm-provided trash cans should be filled in anticipation of water being cut off.
- All excess furniture should be thrown down stairwells in order to serve as obstacles against ascent once the zombies overrun the ground floor.

Your Ready Kit

- A change of clothing, in the event yours are damaged in battle and/or the weather changes before help arrives.
- A flashlight, in case power is lost.
- An object appropriate for clubbing, in case zombies have already reached your area.
- Six energy bars
- Six small cans of fruit
- 64 oz. water
- Lighters
- Knives
- Sporting equipment (cricket bats, lacrosse sticks, etc.)
- A sturdy pair of running shoes

Group Dynamics

- For all major decision-making, defer to anyone with military, combat, or Residential Life training. If convenient, seek out Tom McGill.
- Teamwork is essential (see picture). Zombies share a common goal, after all.
- After the building goes on lockdown, there may be some students that show up seeking asylum. To determine whether or not they are zombies, act as though you are about to stick your bare arm through the barricade: if they lick their lips, do not let them through.
- Establish guards at all barricades. It may help to also establish a schedule.
- Numbers matter. Whether defending or moving to safety, the more people in your group, the more likely you are to survive.

Undead Safety Primer



If your defenses fail

- The following advice only applies to those residents of buildings with less than five floors. Residents who have established defenses on the fifth floor and above in high-rises are advised to not let their defenses fail.
- Do not try to leave through the main entrances of your building. Remember, if zombies have penetrated one stairwell, they are at the bottom of all of them.
- If evacuation is necessary, first make a rope ladder by tying sheets together with square knots. This ladder should then be lowered from a window on a face of the building that is comparatively safe.
- If zombies should be clustered near all possible points of descent, pick the one with the lowest amount of foliage. Residents of non-freshman housing are advised to throw molotov cocktails out of windows. Residents of Kissam, Branscomb, and Vandy/Barnard are reminded that alcohol is not permitted in freshman areas.
- Only alcoholic beverages over 100 proof will be effective in a molotov cocktail.
- If alcoholic beverages are not available, tie a lightweight resident to a line and lower him/her toward the zombies until he/she is at a range to incinerate the zombies with a hairspray flamethrower, made by igniting a lighter and spraying the contents of the can through the flame. Please note that any use of such makeshift flamethrowers indoors is prohibited and residents will be charged for any damages incurred upon move-out.
- When travelling outside, move in a huddle with those on the outside armed with either bludgeoning weapons or hairspray flamethrowers.
- Remember, zombies love brains, so your more air-headed associates may be positioned close to the outside of your group to create a No-Brain Vortex essentially invisible to zombies.
- Fallen comrades should be decapitated and/or incinerated in a timely and sanitary manner. We don't want the moaning horde to grow, after all.

If you are not in a residential hall

- Proceed to the nearest building, preferably residential (McTyeire is not as far away as you think!). If such travel is not practical, please observe the following precautions.
- Find other people in the building, if there are any. As noted above, numbers matter. Be wary that you are not joining a throng of the infected, though. Signs include groaning and drooling at the sight of your still-living flesh.
- Use a compact mirror, watch faceplate, or other such reflective surface to signal in the general direction of the nearest residence hall. It will inform both the residents of that position and rescue teams of your presence.
- The doors to this room should be barricaded such that said barricade can be disassembled quickly. Non-residential buildings will NOT be searched in the aftermath and it is advisable to move to a residential building when the coast looks clear. As such, you want to be able to leave the room as quickly as possible.

Conservative Forces Strike Engineering School

*Entire Chemical Engineering Faculty Threatens
Resignation and Departure for France*

by KEVIN MCNISH

Vanderbilt University has historically supported academic freedom, allowing faculty and students to express a wide range of views on a variety of subjects without retribution for taking controversial standpoints. Though Vanderbilt has traditionally leaned conservative, the most vitriolic and partisan expressions of this tendency were previously confined to the opinion journalism of noted conservative philosophers Michael Wilt and Chad Burchard.

Not this year, however.

As the midterm election draws near, with a crucial U.S. Senate race also taking place in Tennessee, the true colors of Vanderbilt's staunchest conservatives are coming out. Surprisingly enough, however, the strongest outpouring of conservative sentiment has come not from the political science or economics departments, but from places like Stevenson, Featheringill, and Olin.

Steve Markson, a sophomore civil engineering major who identifies himself as a "progressive," said, "I knew Vanderbilt was a conservative school when I applied. But I had no idea how widespread and hostile the climate would be, especially in a department that shouldn't have politics.

Clutching a recent issue of Orbis for support, he added, "All the professors talked about today was conservative forces and how they do the same amount of work regardless of path. Doesn't that sound horribly wrong? I think all forces should get paid for all the work they do, even if they don't go in a straight line. Moreover, I think they deserve a living wage like every other worker. Friction shouldn't have to work three jobs to support his family."

Freshman Ellen Jones, initially a mechanical engineering student, is now pursuing a degree in sociology. She echoed Markson's statements: "One of the TA's kept telling me to ignore air resistance in this one problem. It reminded me of how George W. Bush keeps ignoring the resistance of the American people to his tyrannical regime, but since I didn't think I'd be able to impeach the TA, I decided to stretch the metaphysical conceit even further and move to the Canada of majors, sociology."

American Civil Liberties Union state director Hedy Weinberg issued a press release regarding the sudden shift in the political climate of Vanderbilt's engineering school. "Both religion and politics have crept into disciplines previously thought safe from both," the release stated.

"Students are told to completely reject any notion of non-conservative and content-neutral forces, while professors exalt conservative forces such as gravity and the Coulomb force."

The release went on to condemn the use of religious imagery to describe the operation that produces a vector mutually orthogonal to a pair of given vectors. "Funding any educational institution that would openly flout *Lemon v. Kurtzman* by almost exclusively teaching 'cross' products is dubious at best. The government should stop funding these religious excesses and demand that Vanderbilt either rely strictly on secular vector operations, such as the dot product, or require Vanderbilt to introduce vector operations of other faiths, such as the crescent product and the Star of David product."

On the other side of the aisle, however, reactions differed significantly.

"This is nothing but those PC wussies whining," Taylor Maclaurin III said during a brief break from vocalizing his support of depleted uranium weapons and budget deficits outside the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel during President Bush's visit. A registered Republican, he added, "Look at the conservative forces. They're uniters, not dividers. When's the last time gravity pushed two objects apart? And don't get me started on how electrostatic repulsion pushes things apart. Two charges of the same sign have no business being attracted to each other anyway."

Vanderbilt College Republicans also recently passed a resolution in praise of the nuclear strong force for its efforts "to protect innocent Americans from radiation wrought by the hate-filled actions of terrorist nuclei around the globe."

For now, it appears as though the conservative ideological stranglehold on Vanderbilt's engineering programs will continue, despite the protests of liberals and moderates, who, coincidentally, are all about to receive very bad grades from their professors as part of a forthcoming ideological purge. ●

Bastard Confession

"This isn't a pro-choice coathanger, this is an 'I don't have a yardstick for my sign' coathanger."

-Wednesday Adams,
Creative Protester



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Gee Spends to Deflect Criticism of Purchases

by COLIN DINSMORE

Following the revelation in *The Vanderbilt Hustler* last week of an impending critical *Wall Street Journal* article, Chancellor E. Gordon Gee and the entire upper echelon of Vanderbilt's administration have been in "damage control mode." The upcoming article is rumored to contain potentially damaging information regarding how the University is run and how its leaders, Gee in particular, earn and spend their money.

In an effort to combat the potential negative effects of the article to his public image and illustrate his fiscal responsibility, the Chancellor has gone on a massive spending spree, making a number of changes around the Vanderbilt campus.

The first change, one of the most noticeable, has been the reoutfitting of the Veterans Hospital into a state-of-the-art \$84 million Kitten Hospital and Recuperation Center. After being built in record time, the building's inspiration was explained by Gee at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, yesterday: "No one liked seeing old cranky veterans around, let alone having to listen to their crazy stories. Kittens are cuter, sweeter, and poop less. You can *always* love a kitten." When asked where the veterans were sent, Gee held a kitten aloft and countered, "But look at the pretty kitty! Isn't he precious? Who's my special guy? You are!" The crowd responded enthusiastically.

Former hospital employees' reactions following the change have been largely positive. Said nurse Maria Applegate, "I like my job now more than ever. The kittens are so much softer than the veterans were. And no matter what happens, I'll never have to explain to the kitten that we have to turn it away because its veteran's benefits have been cut again."

Another project nearing completion is a bowtie factory, built on the practice fields behind the Student Recreation Center. The much talked-about article supposedly criticizes Vanderbilt administrators for being at times old-fashioned and out-of-touch, a clear reference to Chancellor Gee's

bow tie. "The solution?" Gee asked rhetorically, "We're bringing the bow tie back! This baby can churn out a half-million bow ties a day, which we'll send, free, to people's homes. Soon everyone will be wearing a bow-tie and then I'll be hip, a trend-setter even! We know it will work because if there's one thing that never fails, it's flooding the market. Just look at how much everyone loves AOL!"

Campus newspaper, *The Hustler*, has come out staunchly in support of Chancellor Gee. The editorial staff called for people to stop questioning the Chancellor's motives in Monday's "Our View" feature. "Gordon--I mean the Chancellor--as we see it, can do no wrong and is a wonderful man and university leader," opined newly appointed *Hustler* Editor-in-Chief Constance Gee. The editorial concluded, "And he's great in the sack."

Although the Chancellor has yet to explain how he is funding his philanthropic efforts, a suspicious ad was placed in the "For-Sale" section of the *Vanderbilt Register*. The ad, listed anonymously, contained such items as "Personal Chef," "Mansion," "Purple Lexus - Like New," "Yacht," and "Board of Directors Seat: Massey Energy Corporation." Perhaps most enigmatic of all, the ad also listed, "Late 1930's German Bullion - Discrete Delivery. No Questions Asked."

Despite the incredible upswing in popularity Gee has experienced among the students as a result of the hospital and factory, he is refusing to underestimate the article's potential fallout and rest on his laurels.

Upcoming public works from Chancellor Gee are rumored to include a colossal statue of himself spanning the entrance to Kirkland Drive, a 'chicken in every pot and a hot tub in every dorm room' policy, and purchasing a section of the Great Wall of China to further divide the Branscomb Lobby.

In addition, if the opportunity presents itself, Gee vows to buy-out the *Wall Street Journal* and distribute it as an insert in *The Hustler*, ensuring that no one will read it. ●

When Will Andrew Collazzi Update His Blog?

by ANDREW BANECKER



For nearly two years I've waited. Patiently. Angrily, but with the odd combination of quiet furor and growing ennui of a frightened man in a world he can't begin to comprehend;

lacking the beacon of truth that was *Life, The Universe, and Me (Don't Panic)*.

I've dutifully checked for updates thrice daily since November 30, 2004 (which andycoz-onnites the world over refer to as Black November 30, 2004) but with each new day comes three new instances of disappointment. Each time I enter <http://andycoz.blogspot.com/> into my web browser brings with it the hope of a new day, a new blog post by Andrew Collazzi. But alas I continually am mocked with the knowledge that the November 30, 2004 post, "Ron Artest, 1.5 Weeks Later" may be the last bit of sanity in an otherwise contemptible world; the last spot of genius in a world full of oppressive ignominy; the last, perhaps, pure unadulterated truth emerging from the shroud of deception. And despite the teachings of the andycoz, I've panicked.

Don't get me wrong, it's not as if I'm not grateful for all the insight granted by the andycoz, or the purveyors of "blogspot.com" who made it all possible, but I fear it is a doctrine of growing irrelevance to the world we now inhabit. Believe you me, I cherish the teachings of "Red Sox Nation: The Shame of MLB," but how am I to know if "these idiots on campus walking around with Boston gear that are not real BoSox

fans" have continued to plague Vanderbilt with their "not real BoSox fan-ness?" Has the andycoz rid Nashville of the anti-BoSox fan, or has he (and I can't believe I'm even thinking this) fallen victim to their "gloating incessantly, especially if you're not a Red Sox fan," and... and... I can't even think it!

But how can I, the loyal andycoz reader, not suspect the worst when he's made so many enemies by his fearless penning of the truth? It's not just the BoSox (whom I believe to be a cult of some sort with ties to the Illuminati and the sock making sect of the Masons). Oh no, he has made enemies of both the "god-damned libbie-nut teachers" and "conservo-nut teachers," too!

And let us not forget the hacker he foiled in his January 26, 2004 post, "Hacker Foiled" via his knowledge of "how to edit the registry and fix that too." Though the hacker launched a virus through Kazaa that time, who's to say he won't team up with the BoSox, or the goddamn libbie-nut teachers and conceive a plan so fiendish, even the plus sized cranium of the andycoz could not vanquish?

With the events of the world of '06, I cannot help but pine back to the glory year of '04, when our biggest worries were whether baseball had, in fact, been ruined, or the generally pacifistic libbie-nut teachers. But now, when we truly need his wisdom, when North Korea is defiantly launching missiles and Palestine forces are kidnapping Israeli teenagers, where is the andycoz? What is the world to do without his infinite knowledge and logically perfect rhetoric? Are the BoSox behind it all? The libbie-nut teachers? And what has become of the acquisition of the tract of land known as "Chaffin 316?"

I am but one man, but please, if there's an ounce of wisdom left in your infinitely enormous head, lead us, oh andycoz. Lead us all. ●

Tennessee Voters Beginning To Suspect Harold Ford Is A Democrat

by TIM BOYD

This year's Tennessee Senate race is already being seen by many as pivotal for deciding who will control Congress from January 2007. What is more, if Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. were to win, he would become the first African-American Senator from the South since the 1870s.

By spelling out a series of popular, mainstream policy positions, Ford seemed to have given himself an excellent chance of making history. He voted for the war in Iraq, but criticized the post-war planning; he supports clamping down on border security and increased funding on education without raising taxes. His racial status also did not seem to be hurting him as much as his campaign feared. In fact, recent polls show that voters believe Ford measures up in every way as a senate candidate in Tennessee. Except one: he may once have been, and perhaps may still be, a Democrat.

"Sure, I noticed he was black, but that don't bother me," said Knoxville resident Jack Gordon, "I mean, he tried to hide it by wearing a suit and tie and by using them long words all the time, but that didn't fool me. And I was even beginning to like some of the things I was hearing him say. Like preserving our environment, or giving our kids a decent education.

"I might even have been ready to vote for him," Gordon continued, "but then I saw this article in the local newspaper about how he won the Democratic primary, and I figured to myself, hell, if he won the Democratic primary, chances are sure as shootin' he's probably a Democrat himself.

Well, there ain't no way I'm voting for him now. I don't want my country run by a group of hippie-peacenik-commieloving gay homosexuals. We'd all be going to hell in a handbasket, even if we might have some health insurance to help along the way."

While unable to deny that Ford is their official candidate, the Tennessee



Ford, Addressing the Suspicions Of His Republican Constituents

Democratic Party has strongly rejected any suggestion that it had allowed the news to leak out. "We did our absolute best to keep this information out of the public eye," said Mark Brown, the state party's Communications Director, "we deliberately kept the word 'Democrat' out of all of the Congressman's TV ads, and in none of our press releases have we ever associated Mr. Ford with our campaign to provide free rent-boys for Communist potheads."

The Ford campaign accepts that it is not the fault of the state party that their candidate's political affiliation has become known. "We suspect it's a Republican dirty trick," said Bill Henderson, a Ford spokesman, "It's just the sort of thing that the GOP would do - to declare someone guilty by association."

Henderson argued that there was no way that someone watching the Ford campaign should have been able to figure out he was a Democrat. "I mean, we have him go on TV and give his views and policy positions on issues that are of importance to the average voter. What's more, we have him aggressively promote himself as in touch with ordinary people, and

he even goes out and campaigns in person in counties where there aren't any Hollywood celebrities or hazelnut lattes to be found. That's way outside the comfort zone of most Democrats."

Henderson also conceded, however, that even if it was a Republican smear campaign, it was nonetheless accurate. "Now that our candidate has been outed, we have two options open to us; either we're going to have to hope that the Democratic Party as a whole begins to develop a policy program and stands for something other than just wanting to be back in power again, or we're going to have to remind people that the Republican Party is run by an evil army of the undead and funded by ravenous capitalists who gorge themselves on the blood of the workers. As I can't see the first one happening any time soon, all I can say is watch out for our TV ads come Halloween." ●

VANDERBILT FOOTBALL

2-0

by COLIN DINSMORE

Vanderbilt's football team, one of the nation's historical "against the spread" powerhouses, won their second game in a row, Saturday, soundly defeating the Alabama Crimson Tide 25 1/2 - 13. The quality road win came on the heels of a tough-fought game against the Michigan Wolverines, in which the Commodores came out on top 32 1/2 - 27.

Looking ahead, the Commodores play their first home game of the season against the Arkansas Razorbacks, Saturday. The Commodores should expect a tough battle against the 1-1 Hogs, whose mediocre play will likely give Vanderbilt only a small points advantage at kick-off. ●









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News Feed











-  Big Brother is now your friend. 2:26am
-  Iran left the group UN. 2:28am
-  Your mom is fat. 5:49am
-  Steve Irwin joined the group Stingray Presevation Club. 6:21am
-  George W. Bush requests that everybody be his friend. 7:48am
-  Team USA Basketball and Basket are no longer in a relationship. 8:19am

 **Joe Hills wrote a new note.** 8:30am

Editor's Note

Greetings and welcome to the first 12-page edition of *The Slant* for this year. Although our last issue was a bit short, we plan to maintain a twelve page minimum from here on out barring, of course, massive quantities of ad sales...

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-  Middle East went from being "single" to "it's complicated". 9:34am
-  Steve Irwin and Crocodiles are no longer in a relationship. 12:19pm
-  Belgium added "Waffles and chocolate" to their interests. 12:27pm
-  Al Gore is neither confirming nor denying a second run for president. 12:49pm
-  **Updated:** 5 of the Nonaligned Movement Nations will be attending "Fidel Castro's Dinner Party-a-palooza" this Friday at 8:30pm. 1:14am
-  George W. Bush added "your phone calls" to his interests. 2:07pm
-  Terri Irwin went from being "married" to "single". 4:23pm
-  Chancellor Gee removed "reading the Wall Street Journal" from his interests. 5:56pm
-  **Updated:** 8 of your friends joined the group If this group reaches 100,000 my girlfriend will have a baby. 7:28pm
-  Australia is attending "Throw one on the Barby for Steve's memory." 8:10pm

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Looking for a challenge? Seek out the following items related to various Vanderbilt Student Publications:

- A picture of an African American student in *Orbis*
- Yellow journalism in *The Torch*
- An insightful and provocative editorial in *The Hustler*
- A picture of naked sorority girls on InsideVandy.com
- A copy of *Versus* with less than five full page photos
- The WRVU radio tower. (Bring a member of the opposite sex and protection, the view is amazing from up there. The lights, and the city. I mean, damn.)
- An item in *The Slant* that burns bridges to fill space

SLANTMAJOROSCOPES**Economics:**

The opportunity cost of getting drunk and crashing the Tuesday night before your exam may be a few letter grades.

Chemistry:

The fact that you are in organic chemistry should not lead you to believe that you will get some organic chemistry on with that hot lab partner of yours. Actually, it means you will probably get so little sleep you spill acid on your crotch accidentally. At least we hope that was an accident.

Electrical Engineering:

Stop referring to Kirchoff's laws as "Jerkoff's Laws."

Astronomy:

Divine your future from the stars yourself, you pretentious telescope-owner.

Mathmatics:

Asking a girl if she desires you as her "derivative" will never get you "tangent to her curves."

Biomedical Engineering:

The rest of the Zodiac applauds your progress toward the defeat of Cancer. No one likes him since he called Aries' girlfriend a bitch.

Sociology:

Now that facebook provides enough detailed information about to allow you to completely eschew field work, you will have a lot more time to devote to other "social" pursuits. Just don't act like Chem or Math majors.

Anthropology:

Your attempts to carbon-date your roommate's trash will uncover startling results about what appeared to be nothing more than a BagelBites box, but in fact is a sacred relic of an ancient Mesoamerican culture. Cash in big by skipping E-bay and going straight to private auctioneers.

Music Theory:

Nobody outside of Blair will have a clue what you are talking about when you mention "augmented French chords" in conversation. In fact, you will only arouse the ire of the physics majors, who are jealous of your ability to make your discipline completely opaque to outsiders without the help of mathematics.

American History:

You may want to begin looking for a job now, to ensure you have enough time to change your major and still graduate in four years.

Human and Organizational Development:

You will find yourself especially in touch with your inner feelings. This is fortunate, as they're the subject of your final paper.

**Top Ten Requests for Sarratt
Arcade Night**

- 10** Golden Tea
- 9** GLBT Pac-Man
- 8** Donkey Kong vs. Jane Goodall
- 7** Piccolo Hero
- 6** Dance Dance Marxist Revolution
- 5** Personal Space Invaders
- 4** Sim Lawn
- 3** Grand Theft Auto: Baghdad
- 2** Dr. Mario: Meth Mania
- 1** World of Weaving

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