

HAVE YOU MISSED US?

WELL, WE'VE MISSED YOU!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR  
AND A NEW *VU*!

~ *WOMEN'S VU*, THAT IS! ~

Last November we said goodbye to our editor, Maureen Duffy, as she decided to pursue her burgeoning teaching career. November was our last issue for 2002.

This month we welcomed our newest staff member, Misa Culley, our *new* newsletter editor. Misa brings with her a wealth of experience in the non-profit world of arts management, where she worked in office management, special events planning, public relations, newsletter editing and outreach programming. A former professional dancer, she still finds time to perform with the Vanderbilt Dance Group as well as serve on the board of a local chapter of MOMS Club. As a wife and active mother to two young children, she also knows full well the struggle to balance it all! Misa would love to hear from you as she strives to create an exciting new *Women's VU*, especially for you. Send her your story ideas, articles and inquiries and help us to create the kind of newsletter that will make you proud. Misa can be reached by phone at (615) 343-4367 (direct line) or by e-mail at [misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu).

As we are hard at work producing our first issue of the new year (our March issue), we don't want you to miss out on our *February* events. As always, we are offering a variety of programs designed to be enriching, provocative and fun (see attached). We hope that you will brave the cold, crisp air of February to visit us here at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center. Attend a lecture, learn a new sport, write some poetry, volunteer. *We're here for you.* For more information, call us at (615) 322-4843.

IT'S A NEW YEAR...COME EXPLORE A NEW YOU.



## Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center February 2003 Events Calendar

**Monday, February 3**, 6:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m. (Meets the 1st Monday)

**Consciousness Raising Group.** For graduate students, faculty, staff and community members.

February topic: Women and Anger, continued.

Bring \$3 for pizza, snacks and drinks. Contact Sarah Wilton at sarah.a.wilton@vanderbilt.edu for more information.

**Wednesdays in February (5,12,19)** @ 5:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m. at the Student Rec. Center

**W.E.B.S. IS BACK!** (*Women Empowered by Sports*)

Co-sponsored by the Student Rec. Center and the Wellness Center.

Just in time for spring break: Women, come and learn how to play volleyball! This is a basic skill level teaching and learning by doing exercises that are completely non-competitive and in a very safe environment. All women are welcome to attend. *You do not have to be a member of the Rec Center to participate.* (Just tell them that you are there for WEBS and they will open the gate for you.) All women of all ages, shapes and sizes from the Vanderbilt Community as well as the community-at-large are welcome to participate. It's never too late to learn something new!

**Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25** @ 12:00 noon -- 1:00 p.m. (Meets every Tuesday)

**Creative Life Planning Group:** A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively.

**4th:** Issues Discussion.

**11th:** "*Finding you own North Star: Claiming the Life you were meant to live.*" Second of several discussions of this book by Martha Beck. Led by Beth Grantham.

**18th:** Issues Discussion

**25th:** Gay Reynolds will give a presentation on having fun with vintage clothing. Bring a lunch and join us! Call 322-4843 for more details.

**Thursdays in February (6, 13, 20, 27)** @ 4:00 p.m. (Meets every Thursday)

**Vanderbilt Feminists (Vandy Fems):** Specifically for undergraduates (women and men), but open to all.

A group concerned about women's issues on campus and promoting equality between the sexes. For more information, contact stacie.r.furia@vanderbilt.edu or justin.f.keith@vanderbilt.edu.

**Monday, February 10** @ 5:30 p.m. (Meets the 2nd Monday)

**Book Group:** This month the group will be reading "*The Book of Fred*" by Abby Bardi. For more information, contact Goleski@library.vanderbilt.edu.

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, February 10, 11, 13:** *Locations and times to be announced.*

**Discussion Panels and Information Sessions.** Project Safe will be sponsoring a series of informative panels and discussions including: "*It's in your Hands -- Men Promoting a Solution,*" "*Vanderbilt Policies and Procedures -- a Panel Discussion,*" and "*The What Monologues?*" (an opportunity to have your questions and concerns addressed). Call 322-1333 for more information.

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**Tuesday, February 11** @ 5:15 -- 6:15 pm (Meets the 2nd Tuesday)

**Women, Spirit and Poetry:** A group for all who are interested in poetry and in the spirit. This month's presenter is Susan Wiltshire.

**Tuesday - Thursday, February 10-13**, 11 am -- 1 pm, V-Day, Table on the Wall.

**V-Day Sales Events.** Visit the V-day table "on the wall" throughout the week to buy a *Vagina Monologues* T-shirt or to buy your favorite people some consciousness-raising candy. We will also be distributing literature and ribbons, so be sure to stop by!

**Thursday, February 13** @ 10 pm at the Lamda Chi Alpha house.

**Rape Free Zone Fraternity Party:** Lamda Chi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma are going to prove that parties can be free of rape by hosting a *Rape Free Zone* party at the Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity house. This party will be open to everyone in the Vanderbilt community. Come get a taste of a rape-free world at a rape-free party. We can make parties safe and it takes a commitment from the entire community! For more information, call 322-1333.

**February 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25**

**Cookies on Campus:** Watch for teen scouts as they tour campus and get motivated about college life. They will be selling delicious Girl Scout cookies @ \$3 a box as a fundraiser at the following times:

17th: 4 to 5 pm on the wall

18th: 4 to 6 pm on the wall

19th: 11 am to 1 pm on the wall

24th: 4 to 5 pm on the wall

25th: 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Promenade entrance of Rand Dining Hall. Three troops of little Brownie waitresses will be serving free cookies to you at your table as you eat in Rand that day. They will be selling cookies as you come and go through the Promenade. Support young entrepreneurs and have your favorite Girl Scout cookies!

**Thursday, February 20** @ 12:00noon (*note: new day this month*)

**Living with Loss:** Please join us for this monthly lunch group for students who have lost loved ones.

Dr. Linda Manning, Director of the Women's Center will facilitate this discussion. For more information, contact Jennifer.Hackett@vanderbilt.edu, or 322-6518.

**Thursday, February 20** @ 7pm Sarratt Cinema

**Tough Guise:** Co-Sponsored with Project Dialogue, the Women's Center is presenting *Tough Guise*, a movie that explores the challenges that the stereotype of masculinity puts on men in our culture. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, February 24** @ 4:10 pm in Furman Hall, Room 114

**Activist against the Taliban, Dr. Sima Simar**

The Women's Center is co-sponsoring this talk by Dr. Samar with the Women's Studies Program. Dr. Samar came to campus in March 2001 when the Taliban was still in power in Afghanistan. She has been an activist for women's rights in Afghanistan for years, risking her life running underground clinics and schools for girls. She was appointed the first Minister of Women's Affairs in the interim Afghan government and is now serving as the Chair of the Independent Afghanistan Human Rights Commission.

*Calendar, continued*

**Wednesday and Thursday, February 26 and 27 @ 7:30 pm, Langford Auditorium.**

***The Vagina Monologues are back!*** By popular demand, *The Vagina Monologues* are returning to VU's campus. Join us for a V-Day benefit performance of Eve Ensler's Obie Award-winning play. Sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and Actors Bridge Ensemble. *The Vagina Monologues* has been described by the New York Times as the hottest ticket in town. This fabulous production offers insight into the experiences, good and bad, that women have as sexual persons. All proceeds will go to benefit Magdalene House, a local recovery home for former prostitutes/addicts. Tickets are on sale at the Sarratt box office or you may call 322-3774 to reserve your tickets today. (Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance and \$10 in advance for students who bring a toiletry item to the performance for the toiletry drive.)

**Ongoing: Art Exhibit at the Women's Center.** Oil paintings by Shirley Pharris are on display through February 28. Free and open to the public. Call 322-4843 for more information.

\*\*\*\***V-Day** is a worldwide movement to stop sexual violence against women and girls and to proclaim Valentine's Day as the day to celebrate women and demand the end of abuse. Project Safe at the Women's Center will be sponsoring a number of events throughout the week of Valentine's Day as part of the V-Day movement. Round-the-clock and up-to-the-minute information about V-Day and violence against women can be found at the event's global website at [www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org)

\*\*\*\*\*Unless otherwise indicated, all groups are open to all people and are held at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at 316 West Side Row on Vanderbilt University's campus.

**Award Nominees Sought:**

The Women's Center is seeking nominations for three awards given annually to recognize achievements by and in support of women on campus:

**The Mentoring Award** honors a member of the University community who has fostered achievements by Vanderbilt women.

**The Muliebrity Prize** is given to an undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership in activities that contribute to the achievements, interests and goals of women and girls, or to promote gender equality.

**The Mary Jane Werthan Award** is presented annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to the advancement of women at Vanderbilt University.

If you know someone who is deserving in any of these categories, please submit your nomination by **March 10th**. Nomination forms are available at the Sarratt information desk or at the Women's Center. For more information, call (615) 322-4843.

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