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January is Stalking Awareness Month

## Stalking: On- and Off-Line

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As I begin writing this article, a few students meander into my offices with their laptops in hand. I ask them if they use Facebook and after they finish looking at me like I just asked the dumbest question ever posed, they pull up their profile for me. I ask them if they have heard of "facebook stalking" and they just laugh. They say it is "harmless" compared to "real" stalking and that "facebooking" is just about keeping up with friends. I



wonder if any behavior labeled as "stalking" can be "harmless" and if stalking has found a "socially acceptable domain" what's next in the world or on the World Wide Web?

Stalking encompasses a range of behaviors initiated by an individual who engages in repeated threatening or harassing behavior. The threatening behavior may manifest itself in direct or indirect acts and the emergence of the Internet has provided an additional conduit for stalkers to identify and target their victims. Although online stalking can take many forms, cyberstalking shares many important characteristics with off-line stalking (think harassing phone calls, following a victim's car, waiting outside her home, etc). Both types of stalkers are motivated by a desire to exert control over their victims and engage in similar behaviors to that end. As with offline stalkers, most of the evidence on cyberstalking suggests that the majority of perpetrators are male and the majority of victims are female. In many cases, the stalker and victim have been involved in a prior relationship, and the stalking (cyber or otherwise) begins when the victim attempts to break off the relationship. Most importantly, the perception that cyberstalking is more benign than offline stalking is completely false. As the Internet becomes an ever more integral part of our personal and professional lives, stalkers can take advantage of the ease of communications and access to personal information. Whereas a potential stalker might think twice about confronting a victim on the phone, he may have little hesitation about sending a harassing or threatening email.

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Eve Ensler LIVE!

One Night Only!  
February 18th

at Vanderbilt University

Have you ever wondered what Eve Ensler was thinking when she decided to write an entire play about women's vaginas? Are you at all curious how vaginas ignited a movement to end violence against women that has ferociously spread around the globe? Eve Ensler, playwright of the critically acclaimed *The Vagina Monologues* and international activist is traveling the nation in celebration of 10 years of V-DAY, the movement to end violence against women and girls. On February 18th, Eve will bring her tour and her global mission to Vanderbilt University. In Eve's own words, "this tour is not only a celebration, but a call to action, a commitment to the next ten years where together we will raise the stakes, go further, go deeper, increase the power and CHANGE THE STORY OF WOMEN."



Photo Credit: Joan Marcus

Project Safe and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center invite you to join us on February 18, 2008 for EVE ENSLER LIVE!

For more information about Eve and the V-DAY movement please visit [www.vday.org](http://www.vday.org) or to inquire about the event contact Kacy Silverstein at 322-3774 or email [kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu).



## Project Safe News

### Project Safe: Take Back the Night Kudos

Thank you to everyone involved in making this year's *Take Back the Night March* and *Speak Out* a great success. More than 500 people came to the event to help raise awareness about violence against women. We had numerous volunteers helping put the event together, stuffing bags, putting up the clothesline, hanging t-shirts, chalking, donating time and money. Thank you for helping us Take Back the Night.

Project Safe has released their latest numbers for the first half of the 2007-08 academic year. Project Safe offers confidential support to students, faculty, and staff. For more information, please contact Vicky Basra at 322-1333 or Kacy Silverstein at 322-3774

Type of Incident	# of People
Dating & Domestic Violence	10
Stalking	6
Sexual Harrassment	2
Sexual Assault	14
<b>Total =</b>	<b>32</b>

*\*\*\*These numbers include students, faculty, and staff who reported incidents of violence from July 01, 2007 to October 31, 2007.*

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## Stalking: On- and Off-Line

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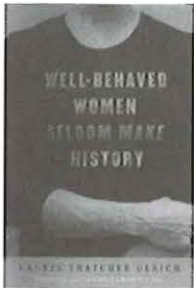
So, back to "facebook stalking" for a moment. One of the wonderful things about the Internet is that it involves such little work, offers anonymity, and is fairly impersonal. Let's say you have always wondered what happened to your high school crush. Well, simply "facebook" him (for a more in-depth explanation of this term please ask any college or high-school student you know). The upside to Facebook and sites like it is that they create avenues for people across the globe to stay in touch on a regular basis. The downside to these networks is that electronic communication technologies lower the barriers to harassment by stalkers and provide new avenues for stalkers to pursue their victims. Cyberstalkers are able to send repeated threatening messages by the simple click of a mouse and are even able to convince other Internet users into harassing or threatening a victim. For example, a cyberstalker may use an Internet site or bulletin board to post an enticing message about the victim, along with her description, phone number and address, resulting in other harassing messages being sent to the victim. Here is where the Internet benefits the stalker: all of this can be done with minimal effort, lack of direct contact with the victim, and produce the intended effect of scaring and controlling the victim.

The reality is that the line between off-line stalkers and cyberstalkers is beginning to blur. The majority of off-line stalkers use the Internet in some form to harass their victims or keep track of their behavior. On the flip side, most cyberstalkers know their victim in the physical world (remember: the majority of off-line and cyberstalking cases involve stalking by former intimates). More to the point, we do not often talk about stalking, much less cyberstalking. The Sexual Victimization of College Women, a study conducted by the National Institute of Justice, found that 581 women out of the 4,446 randomly surveyed had been stalked (13%) and reported a total of 696 stalking incidents; the latter figure exceeding the number of victims because 15 percent of the women experienced more than one incident of stalking during the survey period. Of these 696 stalking incidents, 166 (25%) involved some form of technology and could be classified as cyberstalking (Fisher, et. al., 2000).

Whether occurring in the virtual world or the physical world, stalking is far from harmless—even on Facebook. Human connectivity is taking on a whole new form with the Facebook generation and so is stalking. The Internet offers stalkers anonymity, endless forums, easy to access information, and the opportunity to stalk across the nation, even the globe. Stalkers have moved from across the street to inside their victims' homes...on the computer screen...only a few clicks away...



## Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History; Searching for Mary Poppins



In an academic paper published in 1976 Laurel Thatcher Ulrich used the sentence “Well-behaved women seldom make history.” With “seldom” changed to “rarely” this sentence became a slogan that has been used widely

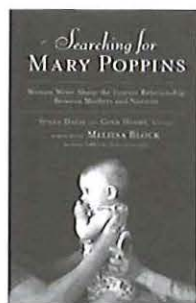
since then, in places as varied as T-shirts, bumper stickers and books of quotations, often without being attributed to the author. Ulrich, who in 1991 won a Pulitzer Prize in history for her biography of midwife Martha Ballard, has produced a new volume entitled *Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2007).

In this work Ulrich, the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary University Professor at Harvard, investigates “how and under what circumstances women have made history. I am interested in what women did in the past, how their actions were recorded, and how later generations remembered them.” She draws on three classic works from different eras: the medieval *The Book of the City of Ladies* by Christine de Pizan, *Eighty Years and More* by suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton (published in 1898 in book form), and Virginia Woolf’s 1928 publication of *A Room of One’s Own*. Christine de Pizan’s work was written in French in 1405 and did not become well-known to modern feminist scholars until a new edition appeared in English in 1982. It was at about this time that Ulrich began her research and by then the three works had become important to feminist scholars. All three writers were intent on recording women’s history and challenged the traditional methods of chronicling history, which had changed little in the intervals between the three works.

The popular slogan attracts attention because it emphasizes how women are supposed to be invisible and behave only in ways considered appropriate.

Until comparatively recent times most females were illiterate and it was mainly men who wrote of women’s activities. The accomplishments of well-behaved women—those who lived quiet and conservative lives—were less likely to be recorded than the activities of those who rebelled, misbehaved or lived extraordinary lives. The writer shows too that much information about the lives of women may be found by examining illustrations of women in books published in eras when men failed to write many words about women.

Among the groups of notable women discussed partly through the eyes of Christine de Pizan, Stanton and Woolf are the Amazons, females in the Shakespearean era, American women and slavery in the nineteenth century, and the many women who over the years published works as “Anon.” Ulrich analyzes the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s, after which women were much more conscious of the ways in which they had been excluded from history. From this time onward women would make sure that their history was researched, recorded and disseminated. Women’s history would come to the forefront when women “create and preserve records, and when later generations care.”



As more affluent mothers have remained in the workforce in recent generations there has been great demand for wonderful nannies like Mary Poppins. In *Searching for Mary Poppins: Women*

*Write About the Intense Relationship Between Mothers and Nannies* (Hudson Street Press, 2006) women detail the many emotional and complex issues involved in hiring other women to care for their children. The editors, Susan Davis and Gina Hyams, commissioned

essays from 24 successful contemporary women writers, including Susan Cheever, Rebecca Walker, Roxana Robinson, Melissa Block, Jacquelyn Mitchard and Marisa de los Santos.

The hiring of nannies raises many issues of class and economic difference; race, ethnicity and national origin; gender; power; guilt and jealousy; and sometimes issues of faith and religion. The editors remark that “The nanny conundrum raises questions for women that must be addressed—questions that go beyond money, race, class, gender, immigration, legality, and exploitation into the darkest areas of love and fear that a mother can feel.”

Most mothers had difficulty negotiating the role of boss or employer with someone who might be considered an employee or even a servant and whose background was often very different. While it is often assumed that middle- or upper-class white families usually hire minority or immigrant nannies, this is often not the case. Some of the writers are minorities and the nannies came from many areas of the world. Among the situations included in this volume are a black mother sharing an Eastern European nanny with a Chinese mother; a lesbian couple raising twins with the help of a Guatemalan caregiver, and a couple of families with male nannies. Employers do not always ask whether their nannies are legal immigrants.

Certain themes run through the engrossing accounts of the women. The relationships between the mothers and the nannies tended to be complex and awkward and most women became very dependent on their nannies and very close to them. They sometimes came to know the caregivers’

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*In the Library*



Barbara Clarke  
Women's Center  
Librarian

# December 2007

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						1 <b>World AIDS Day</b>
2	3 <b>World AIDS Benefit @ VU</b>  MPAS, 7:30-8:30pm	4 Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm  Support Group	5 Vandy Feminists, 7pm  Peer Ed, 8-9pm	6 <b>SE Regional Women's Center Conference, @ MCWC</b> IMAGE group, 4pm, Sarratt, Rm 110 Making Connections 5:30pm-6:30pm	7 <b>SE Regional Women's Center Conference, @ MCWC</b> Women in Academe: Engaging your network, 12:10-1:30pm	8
9	10 Book Group, 5:15pm-6:15pm	11 Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm  Support Group	12 Vandy Feminists, 7pm  Peer Ed, 8-9pm	13 <b>Vandy Moms Holiday Party!</b> 11:30am-12:30pm IMAGE group, 4pm, Sarratt, Rm 110 Making Connections 5:30pm-6:30pm	14 <b>Student Holiday Stress Break, at BCC, 3-5pm</b>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	26	27	28	29
<b>Happy Holidays!</b>						
30	31					

For details and descriptions of each group, please refer to page 6.



## Don't Miss it!

### WOMEN IN ACADEME SERIES: ENGAGING YOUR NETWORK

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**Date:** December 7, 2007; 12:10 – 1:30 pm

**Location:** Warren Center for the Humanities; Vanderbilt University  
For more information, please contact [stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu).  
RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

### HOLIDAY STRESS BREAK (For student groups of the Women's Center and Project Safe)

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**Location:** Auditorium of Black Cultural Center

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## Women's Center Seeking Nominees!

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is currently seeking nominations for the **Muliebrity Prize** given annually to honor an undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership in activities that contribute to the achievements, interests and goals of women and girls, or that promote equity. Self-nominations are encouraged, as well as nominations by faculty, staff, advisors, friends and peers. The award will be announced at the annual Magnolia Awards Dinner (early April 2008), where the honoree will be presented with a cash award of \$100 and an honorary certificate. You can request a nomination packet by email or download a packet from the Magnolia Awards website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/leadership/magnolia3>. Packets may not be available on the website until January 2008.

**Deadline:** If you know someone who is deserving of this recognition, please submit your nomination by **February 1, 2008**.

For more information about the Muliebrity Prize or to request a nomination packet please contact: [stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu)

The **Mary Jane Werthan Award** is given annually to honor an individual who has contributed to the advancement of women at Vanderbilt on a systemic level. It is named in honor of Mary Jane Werthan, the first woman member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust. The award will be presented during the annual Margaret Cuninggim Lecture in the spring. Please contact [womenctr@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:womenctr@vanderbilt.edu) for more info or to nominate someone. Past honorees have included Dr. Sharon Shields, Professor of the Practice of Human and Organizational Development (2007); Rebecca Spires, Assistant Director of the Wellness Program (2006); Barbara Clinton, Director, Center for Health Services (2005); Dr. Alison Piepmeier, Women's Studies (2004); Dr. Ronnie Steinberg, Women's Studies (2003); Gay Welch, University Chaplain (2001).

**Deadline: February 25, 2008.** Nominations should be sent in the form of a letter to Linda Manning, Director. Any supporting materials should also be included. Send nominations via mail to: Linda Manning, Director, Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Vanderbilt University, Box 351513, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.



# December/January Calendar of Events

## SPECIAL EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS

(Events are listed by dates and include any events, programs and series for which the women's center is solely responsible or for which we are a major sponsor or collaborator.)

### December 2007 Events

#### WORLD AIDS DAY: DECEMBER 1st

According to UNAIDS estimates, there are now 39.5 million people living with HIV, including 2.3 million children. During 2006 some 4.3 million people became newly infected with the virus. Around half of all people who become infected with HIV do so before they are 25 and are killed by AIDS before they are 35. Around 95% of people with HIV/AIDS live in developing nations. But HIV today is a threat to men, women and children on all continents around the world. Started on 1st December 1988, World AIDS Day is not just about raising money, but also about increasing awareness, fighting prejudice and improving education. World AIDS Day is important in reminding people that HIV has not gone away, and that there are many things still to be done. Building on last year's theme of accountability, the theme for World AIDS Campaign from 2007 and 2008 is "leadership." Around the world, people are already planning World AIDS Day leadership activities, either holding local leadership forums celebrating great leadership in different communities, or planning events which call for greater leadership. Various campus and community organizations offer events and information on December 1st. Please look at Vanderbilt and community calendars for an event of interest to you.

Date: December 1, 2007

For more information about World AIDS Day, visit the national website: <http://www.worldaidscampaign.info/>

#### WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFIT AT VANDERBILT

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is proud to offer a financial contribution and support to this event with a new group on campus.

**Face AIDS** is a new student organization on campus dedicated to educating the Vanderbilt community about the AIDS pandemic in Africa and supporting those affected by HIV/AIDS through microfinance projects. Face AIDS is part of a larger national student campaign started at Stanford University in 2003. To commemorate World AIDS Day, Face AIDS and collaborating organizations will host a benefit on December 3, 2007 to raise awareness and funds. The money raised will go to the national Face AIDS organization as well as the local chapter's microfinance project in Kampala, Uganda. The project will include sending seed money to NAKOWA, a women's co-op and support group composed of AIDS widows who are HIV positive and support themselves by making a variety of crafts.

Date: December 3, 2007; Time and location: TBA

For more information about the benefit, contact [tawney.l.milam@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tawney.l.milam@vanderbilt.edu). For more information about Face AIDS, visit the website at: [www.faceaids.org](http://www.faceaids.org).

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### January 2008 Events

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE SERIES

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Series was established in 1985 at Vanderbilt University as a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Held each January as a part of the observance of Dr. King's birthday, the lectures and events of the Series serve to educate the Vanderbilt and Nashville communities on Dr. King's historic achievements and his enduring influence. In honoring Dr. King, Vanderbilt University affirms its own commitment to the goals of peace and racial justice to which Dr. King dedicated his life. This year the keynote address will be given by Harry Belafonte on January 14th at 6 p.m. The series will also feature the annual MLK Vigil on January 21st. The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is an annual sponsor of the series.

Date: January 14th – 21st, 2008. Check out the website ([www.vanderbilt.edu/mlk/index](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mlk/index)) for announcements of dates, events and locations.

#### PREGNANCY RESOURCE WEEK AND FORUM

During this week the Vanderbilt Feminists and the Students for Life will collaborate to provide resources and information about safer sex, pregnancy resources and options and other informational resources. They will have a table during lunch all week on "the Wall" at Rand. The week will end on Friday with a panel forum and discussion. The panel will feature representatives and experts from Planned Parenthood, Pregnancy Resource Center, Miriam's Promise, Student Health and Vanderbilt students. Also during this week, look for other events and lectures around reproductive choice, adoption, being an undergraduate or graduate student parent and more.

Date: January 21 – 25th, 2008; various times

Location: Resources and information will be on "the Wall" all week; other events: TBA

#### ROE V. WADE 35th ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Gender Matters of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center will collaborate with the Vandy Feminists and Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee to bring an event to campus in honor of the 35th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. The details of this event are not secured as of the print date of our December/ January issue of *Women's VU*. Please look for additional information details on the University Calendar and in our weekly list serv emails.

Date: January 22, 2008; Location: TBA

For more information: [stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu).

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### REGULAR GROUPS AND MEETINGS

#### Book Group

Meets the second Monday of each month; 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

**What/Who:** The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. You can find a list books being read on our website ([www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter)). For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at [jdubose@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdubose@bellsouth.net) or Carmen Gherman at [cggherman@yahoo.com](mailto:cggherman@yahoo.com). The December meeting is held at an off-campus location.

#### Creative Life Planning Group

Meets every Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**What/Who:** A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.

**Where:** The Gallery at the Women's Center. For more information, call 322-4843.

#### Dissertation Writers Group

Please email us to find out when the group will start back up in the fall semester.

**Who/What:** This support group meets every week to provide women Ph.D. candidates with objective reactions and fresh perspectives, as well as a place to unwind during the dissertation writing process. It is for women in any stage of the dissertation-writing process.

**Where:** The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; Vanderbilt University. For more information, contact [stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu).

#### Image Group

Meets every Thursday at 4 p.m.

**Who/What:** Free and open to any students interested in these issues. IMAGE is an organization dedicated to supporting positive body and self-image issues in the Vanderbilt community. It provides a forum for interested community members to advocate the adoption of healthy body-image concepts and the reduction of eating disorders.

**Where:** Sarratt Center, Rm. 110; For more information, contact [stephanie.l.rogers@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:stephanie.l.rogers@vanderbilt.edu) or [images@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:images@vanderbilt.edu).

#### L.I.F.E. (Lessons Inspiring Female Empowerment)

Meets every week.

**Who/What:** Free and open to any students interested in these issues. L.I.F.E is group dedicated to mentoring young girls and women on a variety of issues important to them. This group will work with a group of teen girls in the Nashville community covering topics such as economic empowerment, girls and women's health, self-esteem, leadership and more.

**Where:** The Women's Center. For more information, contact [ashley.walker@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ashley.walker@vanderbilt.edu).

#### Making Connections

Meets every Thursday.

**Who/What:** Free and open to anyone with an interest in these issues. A discussion group to learn about making closer connections with others, your body, and most importantly, yourself. Topics may include body image, intimate relationships, self confidence, managing anxiety and stress and many others. The group is facilitated by Dr. Fishel and is completely confidential.

**Where:** The Women's Center. For more information, contact P. Tobin Fishel, Ph.D., at [tobi.fishel@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tobi.fishel@vanderbilt.edu)



#### Men Promoting a Solution (MPAS)

Meets every other Monday from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Who/What:** A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change.

**Where:** Sarratt 114; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact [brian.adams@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:brian.adams@vanderbilt.edu).



#### Peer Educators of Project Safe

Meets every Wednesday, 8-9 p.m.

**Who/What:** Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women.

**Where:** Women's Center Gallery; For more information, contact [kathleen.e.adams@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kathleen.e.adams@vanderbilt.edu).



#### Support Group

**What/Who:** A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential time and location; all information shared is kept confidential. For more information, contact [kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu) or 322-3774.

#### Vanderbilt Feminists

Meets Wednesday of each week, 7 p.m.

**Who/What:** Open to all students of any gender, this group is concerned about women's issues on campus, and promoting equality between genders.

**Where:** Women's Center; For more information, contact [ali.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ali.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu) or [erica.d.santiago@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:erica.d.santiago@vanderbilt.edu).

#### Vandy Moms

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month;

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Will NOT meet during Thanksgiving and Christmas break.

**What/Who:** Open to all mothers of any age, partnered or single. This is a fun support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities. It also provides programming to inform, empower and enrich. *Join us on December 13th for our annual holiday party!* Bring a dish to share in this festive potluck. *In January, we are planning to have a clothes swap.*

**Where:** The Women's Center; For more information, contact [misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu)

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families and often tried to help when the nannies experienced problems in their personal lives. Parents became jealous when children seemed to prefer the company of their nannies and at least one mother later regretted that she had missed so much of her child's infancy. Some women felt guilty when they discovered that their nannies had left their own infants in order to be paid to care for their children. For a wide variety of reasons few of the caregivers stayed with the families for long periods. Mothers were often shocked and upset when the nannies left suddenly, sometimes without giving notice or appearing to have valid reasons. Grounds for being fired ranged from alcoholism to attempting to indoctrinate children with fundamentalist religious beliefs.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN)** meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Nashville Peace and Justice Center behind Scarritt Bennett at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For more information, contact CynthiaNashNOW@aol.com or 269-7141.

**Nashville CABLE** meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. For more information, contact nashvillecable.org

**The New Parents/Returning to Work Support Group** has a new meeting date & location. Please invite any parent (pregnant, planning return to work, young or older child) to come join us! The group meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 12:00pm, Children's Hospital room 8009. Lunches and babies are welcome. For more information, please contact Kate Cropp at kate.cropp@vanderbilt.edu

## **DREAM FOR DARFUR OLYMPIC TORCH RALLY**

On Sunday, December 2nd, the Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay will be coming to Nashville. The torch relay has gone through the Darfur/Chad border, Rwanda, Armenia, Italy, and New York. It is now making its way throughout the United States. The event is trying to urge China to use its influence with Sudan to force Khartoum (the capital of Sudan) to do something about the humanitarian crisis in Darfur. Our chapter is working together with University School of Nashville STAND, Belmont STAND, Tennesseans Against Genocide (TAG), and other organizations to put this event together. If you would like to help, please email Kelley McIlhatten.

**Date:** December 2, 2007. For more information, please contact kelly.mcilhatten@vanderbilt.edu or visit the website at www.dreamfordarfur.org.

## **WoMeNet CONFERENCE: MENTORING AND NETWORKING**

The goal of WoMeNet is to build a coalition of faculty, students, and staff throughout Tennessee who are involved in women's history, women's studies, women's centers, female-led student groups, the Commission on the Status of Women, & WHET. We would like to provide an arena for sharing information and strategies, and for networking. Several representatives from Vanderbilt University will be presenting at the conference.

**Date and location:** January 18-19, 2008, Tennessee Tech University  
For more information: <http://www.ttuwomenet.com/>

## **ROE V. WADE ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY EVENT**

Tuesday, January 22nd is the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. In Nashville, Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee is having a burma-shave demonstration on West End Avenue at Centennial Park from 4:00 to 5:30pm, followed by Cocktails for a Cause from 5:30-7:30 at The Mad Platter in Germantown. Anyone who joins us at the burma-shave will have their \$25.00 Cocktails for a Cause donation waived! Please mark your calendars now - we hope you'll join us for both events to celebrate Roe. For more information please visit the websites at [www.ppmet.org](http://www.ppmet.org) or contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu on campus.



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