

HOUSING

Off-campus housing to be restricted

Freshman Commons to add 900 additional rooms.

BY ROBERT PROUDFOOT
HUSTLER SENIOR FEATURES REPORTER

In 2008, when construction of The Commons is completed, off-campus housing authorization may be a memory for undergraduates.

900 beds will be added to the housing system as a result of the project.

The five new dorms and the existing Peabody dorms will house 1550 freshman, while today's freshman

College Halls A series

• Next time, take a look at the renovation of Gillette Hall, slated to begin this summer.

dorms, those in the Kissam and Branscomb Quadrangles, as well as Vanderbilt and Barnard Halls, will house upperclassmen.

The numbers of students authorized to

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OLYMPICS

Olympics to begin Friday

Students look forward to the watching the games.

BY STEPHANIE DE JESUS
HUSTLER REPORTER

The 2006 XX Winter Olympics begin this Friday, February 10th and continue through the 26th. This year the games are taking place in Torino, Italy.



This year's events include a wide range of winter sports: Biathlon, Bobsleigh, Cross-Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey, Luge, Skeleton, Snowboarding, and Speed

Skating. For a complete schedule of events visit the official site for the Olympics: www.olympic.org.

One of the more popular events in The

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Moore leaves team for health reasons



NEIL BRAKE / VU Media Services

Senior point guard Mario Moore has been one of Vanderbilt's best players in recent years. A member of the 2004 NCAA tournament team that reached the sweet sixteen, Moore has been one of the team's most exciting players. This season, Moore's point production per game has dropped from 13.5 to 6.3.

Point guard takes indefinite absence from team.

BY JORDAN MAMORSKY
HUSTLER MANAGING EDITOR

When Vanderbilt's men's basketball team arrives in Alabama for tonight's game against rival Crimson Tide, they will be without starting senior point guard Mario Moore.

Moore, a key component of the team's success, left the squad Tuesday for unspecified health reasons.

Sophomore Alex Gordon will now be the starting point guard for the Commodores.

Head Coach Kevin Stallings indicated that Moore's absence would be temporary, yet, made no timetable for the star point guard's return.

"After Saturday's game, Mario met with the athletic training staff," Stallings said. "That led to a follow-

up discussion yesterday morning with our medical staff, leading to this point. It is important to note this is not a suspension and not basketball related. This is a temporary leave of absence for medical reasons."

Moore's leave of absence comes at a time in which his team is struggling.

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DINING



KELLY HOCUTT / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Students line up for dinner at Quizno's in the basement of Carmichael Towers West during the dinner hour on Tuesday.

Quiznos ranks top in country

Students contribute to the success of Towers' eatery

BY KATHERIN FOUTCH
HUSTLER ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Even though it only opened a semester ago, the Quiznos restaurant located in the basement of Carmichael Towers has already become one of the highest grossing franchises in the country.

Vanderbilt's Quiznos is solidly one of the top five earning in the country, if not number one, according to manager Tom McGill.

"We aren't number one every week, but we are always pretty high in the chain. We definitely have some weeks where we are the number one Quiznos. We aren't number one every week, but we are usually in the top five stores in the country," said McGill.

"First semester I ate here two to three times a week because it is close and usually the only thing open," said sophomore Ashleigh Beamer.

"I go to Quiznos almost every night. I figure it is convenient, reliable and good," said sophomore Conroy Callahan, who is a resident of Carmichael Towers Two.

"I am not surprised that Vanderbilt's Quiznos has been so successful because 'A,' Quiznos is the only popular food chain on campus that is a non-Vanderbilt establishment, 'B,' because you can get the most out of the meal plan there and 'C,' the hours," said sophomore Chris Lawrence.

McGuill attributes the Vanderbilt Quiznos' success to several factors.

"We have a good layout and a great spot for dining. We make sure every customer gets the best service. Obviously, the best thing is the spot and cool area, but we try to treat every student

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TELEVISION

Super Bowl XL Ads

Which one was your favorite? Why are the ads so much funnier than ads during the rest of the year? Professor Escalas shares the reasons why. Watch all of the Super Bowl ads can be on Google video. See Page 4



CAREERS

New site to conduct job search for you

JobSerf offers service that submits your applications.

BY CHRISTINE BROWN
HUSTLER REPORTER

Too lazy to conduct your own job search? A new Internet service called JobSerf will do it for you — for a fee, that is.

JobSerf is an Internet employment service that offers job search help for \$4.90 an hour.

The difference between JobSerf and other job search companies is that it does

more than just sell job leads, it uses a job seeker's information to search for the right job. Starting Feb. 2006, JobSerf hopes to expand its services to more than fifty million people.

In order to use the service, a job seeker enters his personal information, resume and cover letter online.

JobSerf employees in Visak, India review the information and search for jobs using a search regimen that matches the client's objectives.

JobSerf masks its involvement by using

software that allows them to send e-mails that seem to be sent from the job seeker's computer.

"JobSerf allows the job seeker to direct the Serf's efforts during the process to find the most relevant types of open positions," said Jay Martin, a founder of JobSerf in a Jan. 25 press release. "The overall price of the service becomes far less than the cost of the time it would take the applicant to do it on their own."

"If I were looking for a job, I might use

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OUR VIEW

Read why the Hustler editorial board feels that university administrators need to fund improvements to housing outside of The Commons in order to attract top students. See Page 6

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QUOTABLE



"We can't allow Iran to become a nuclear nation... military use has to be on the table."

— Sen. Bill Frist

COLUMN

Read columnist Christopher McGeady's column on why immigration reform is necessary to stem the tide of illegal immigration into the United States and promote legal methods. See Page 6

POLL

88%

Percentage of Americans who watched the Steelers beat the Seahawks in Super Bowl XL on Sunday.

WEATHER



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Today is Wednesday, February 8, 2006

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day of classes	class days until exams	class days until Spring Break	calendar days to commencement

WORD OF THE DAY

JE-RE-MI-AD

- n. 1. tale of sorrow, disappointment or complaint
2. doleful story

Source: Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1587 Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.
- 1910 The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
- 1915 D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.
- 1922 President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.
- 1974 The three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

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FORECAST

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 42
Low: 29
FRIDAY
Cloudy
High: 45
Low: 26
SATURDAY
Flurries
High: 39
Low: 24

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Meredith Casey

The Raft Debate: Which school will survive?

The Raft Debate will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight in the Student Life Ballroom A. A professor from each of the four undergraduate schools will be participating and the debate will be moderated by professor John Lachs. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Vanderbilt Poetry Slam

A poetry slam sponsored by the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center will be taking place from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. tomorrow at the Black Cultural Center. All poets, singers, instrumentalists and freestylers are invited.

Bleed Gold Blood Challenge

This week from Feb. 6 to Feb. 9, Alpha Phi Omega and the Vanderbilt Hillel Center will be sponsoring the Bleed Gold Blood Challenge at the Ben Schulman Center. Throughout the week, Vanderbilt University and the University of Tennessee will compete to see which school can donate the most blood. Participants can give blood on Mon., Feb. 6 from 12 to 5 p.m., Tues., Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wed., Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thurs., Feb. 9 from 12 to 5 p.m. Vanderbilt students can also donate on Thurs., Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Informatics Center on 3401 West End Ave.

Vanderbilt Programming Board applications

Applications for the Vanderbilt Programming board are now available at the Sarratt main desk and on VPB's website at www.vanderbilt.edu/vpb. VPB is made up of an Executive Board and seven programming organizations, including Great Performances, Late Night Programming, Homecoming, Special Activities, The Music Group, Vandy Fanatics, and Speakers Committee. For more information, visit the VPB website or Alex Fiman at Alexandra.m.fiman@vanderbilt.edu. Applications are due Feb. 10 in Sarratt 207.

C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference Registration

Registration is ongoing for the C.O.O.L. Idealist National Conference that will be held at Vanderbilt on March 3-5. The conference will focus on national and social change. For more information and to register, students can visit www.idealists.org/conferences/cool/2006/.

Phi Beta Kappa applications

The Alpha of Tennessee chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society, is now accepting applications from prospective members. Information regarding the membership process may be found on the chapter website: <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/pbk>. Applications are due February 17th.

Compiled by staff from various sources. Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Meredith Case

- Feb. 5, 2:45 p.m. — An IPOD stereo system was stolen from 311 24th Avenue South (Branscomb Quad). There are no suspects and the case remains active.
- Feb. 5, 11:17 p.m. — A bike was stolen from 2401 West End Avenue (Carmichael Towers West). There are no suspects and the case remains active.
- Feb. 6, 2:45 a.m. — An incident of drunkenness occurred at 1803 21st Avenue South (Sam's Sports Bar). An arrest was made at the scene.

For complete listings visit <http://police.vanderbilt.edu>.

Quiznos: 'Only popular chain on campus'

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hours and changing menu features make it an attractive option for Vanderbilt students.

"We're open until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, which provides an option to the Branscomb breakfast. Also, we offer breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Since we are open more hours, we are able to see more customers," said McGill. ■

Students have in fact kept coming back for more. Since the restaurant opened, the flow of customers has stayed consistently busy, according to McGill.

Quiznos sees anywhere from 700 to 1,000 customers per day, and most students seem satisfied with this dining option.

The restaurant's convenient

Olympics: U.S. follows success in '02

From OLYMPICS, page 1

Winter Olympics is Figure Skating; it was the first winter sport added to the Olympics in 1908. Olympic figure skating is made up of four events — men's singles, ladies' singles, pairs and ice dancing. It is one of the three divisions of skating; the other two include speed skating and short track skating. There will be a total of 24 medals awarded during the skating competitions.

"When I was younger I would always watch figure skating," said senior Megan Welsh, "I don't get a chance to watch it too much now but I want the U.S. team to do well."

When asked her favorite event, senior Meggie Butzow said, "Men's skiing. I really like Bode Miller. He's personable and crazy. I hope he does well this year."

Even though the Winter Games have not begun, the Olympic spirit is in the air. The symbolic Olympic torch started its route on August 12th, 2005 in Rome and will travel through Italy twice. Its zigzag course will come to an end on February 9th 2006 in Torino where the games will commence.

The Olympic torch dates back to the Games of Ancient Greece and symbolize the very spirit of the games. According to Greek mythology, Prometheus stole the sacred Fire from the Gods and brought it to Earth, where it soon became the symbol of human logic, liberty and creativity. The flame returned to the Olympic games in 1928 and have remained since then.

More than 2,000 athletes from 70 nations competed in 78 different events at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. During the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, the United States ranked second in total medals awarded. With 10 Gold, 13 Silver, and 11 Bronze medals, the U.S. was second to Germany who totaled 36 medals including 12 Gold,

Competition schedule When the Turin Olympics opening ceremonies end on Feb. 10, the world's finest athletes will compete in 15 events for the honor of their country and the glory of being called the best in the world.

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Alpine skiing		F	F	F			F	F	F	F		F		F	F	
Biathlon	F		F	F		F		F		F		F		F		F
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Short track	F			F				F				F				F
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Ski jumping		F						F		F						
Snowboard	F	F			F	F						F	F			
Speed skating	F	F	F	F		F		F	F		F	F		F	F	

SOURCE: Turin Organizing Committee

AP

16 Silver and 8 Bronze. Norway was third with 25 total, including 13 Gold, 5 Silver, and 7 Bronze.

The Olympic games have come to symbolize unity, peace and amiable competition between worldwide nations. The five Olympic rings represent the five major regions of the world: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. Every national flag in the

world includes at least one of the five colors, which are (from left to right) blue, yellow, black, green, and red; this notorious symbol illustrates the harmonious nature of the Olympics.

The Olympic tradition dates back more than 1,000 years. The earliest recorded Olympic Games were held in Olympia, in ancient Greece, in 776 B.C. Identical to

today's games, this tradition took place every four years. In 1896, the first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, their country of origin. Future locations for the games include Beijing, China in 2008 and Vancouver, Canada in 2012. ■

JobSerf: Students prefer personal approach

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JobSerf, since I have so little free time to send out resumes," said freshman Rebecca Kastan.

"It seems like the program would be easier to use, but I feel like applying to jobs is a more personal thing and I'm a little hesitant to have someone else do it for me," said senior Joanna Serago.

Even with more than 40,000 job sites on the

Internet, the average length of time it takes to find a new job is 5.2 months, according to a survey by the national outplacement firm Drake Beam Morin JobSerf's founders, however, expect to be able to help their clients find jobs in less time.

"Many existing services sell leads to consumers from a database; we are in the business of selling actual work that achieves tangible re-

sults," said Martin.

The Vanderbilt Career Center was unavailable for comment. ■

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Housing: Students have mixed feelings on upcoming changes

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live off-campus will decrease gradually over the next few years. While two new dorms will open on Peabody next fall, Gillette Hall will be closed for a year-long renovation.

"As we move forward with the College Halls initiative, seniority will play an increasingly important role in determining who receives off-campus authorizations," said Mark Bandas, associate vice chancellor for the Office of Housing and Residential Education. "Random selection will also play an important role as ties in seniority are broken by a random selection procedure."

Since 1952, Vanderbilt policy states that students must live on campus if there is housing available.

"It is not extra beds," said Nim Chinniah, deputy vice chancellor for administrative and academic affairs. "It is nine hundred more beds than we have now. We are a residential campus and when you exceed that capacity we have on campus, we grant permission to live off-campus. That's the difference."

Bandas explained that there are potential benefits for those living on-campus, and that the benefits are part of the rationale for the Vanderbilt residential campus policy.

"Research shows that students who reside on campus, when compared to commuter students, are more likely to graduate on time, earn higher grade point averages, attend more cultural and artistic events, hold leadership positions and report higher levels of satisfaction with their collegiate experience," Bandas said.

Students living off-campus

Housing capacity	
2006 Housing Capacity	4,830
Greek Housing	130
Commons Addition	900*
2008 Total Housing	5860

* — approximate

could potentially be required to live on-campus starting in the fall of 2008.

According to Bandas, eighty percent of the students authorized to live off-campus are seniors or older.

With the slow phasing in of buildings as they are completed over two years, he does not believe this will have a large effect.

"The effect will most likely be that students currently living off-campus will graduate rather than move back onto campus," Bandas said.

Freshman Matt Rotenberry will be a senior when The Commons will be completed. He described mixed feelings about the impending loss of the off-campus option.

"It is twofold," Rotenberry said. "If everyone lives on campus, it creates a better community feeling. On the other hand, people should be able to live off campus," he said.

Cliff Joyner, assistant vice chancellor for real estate operations, oversees the management of The Village at Vanderbilt and Wesley Place.

Vanderbilt Real Estate Operations Office manages holdings surrounding the immediate borders of campus. Ninety-five percent of its tenants are Vanderbilt-related.

"What's in the best interest of Vanderbilt is in the best interest to us [Office of Real Estate Operations]," Joyner said. "It will have

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— Associate Vice Chancellor
Mark Bandas

an impact because around 1,000 people will be coming out of the market. However, The Village will still house grad students and hospital patients."

Stacy Garcia is a district manager for The Grove at Richland. Roughly thirty percent of The Grove's tenants are Vanderbilt students. Garcia was not fully aware of the affect The Commons will have on reducing off campus housing.

"I've heard about it through industry talk, but no official notice has been relayed to me," she said.

The housing rate for this year is \$3,380 per semester. With the advent of nine hundred more upperclassmen living on campus in 2008, Vanderbilt will receive roughly \$6 million in additional revenue annually. ■

Moore: Coach asks for campus support

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gling. The Commodores have lost five of their last six games, including a tough 74-73 home loss against Georgia last Saturday.

During his seasons at Vanderbilt, Moore has often been the team's emotional leader. A key player during Vanderbilt's 2004 NCAA tournament run, Moore has often made the big shots that have propelled the 'Dores to victory—most recently hitting a near half court buzzer-beater to defeat the Oregon Ducks this season.

For a player that has meant a great deal to the Commodore basketball program, Stallings looks for the Vanderbilt community to support Moore as he deals with his medical issues.

"I ask all Vanderbilt University friends and followers to join with us in support of Mario during this process," Stallings said. "We are hopeful he will be able to rejoin the team prior to the conclusion of our season."

Moore's indefinite leave caps a rollercoaster season for the point guard. Suspended for three games ear-

lier in the season for conduct detrimental to the team, Moore has been both a distraction and star player for the Commodores this season.

As one of only two seniors on the team, and one of the few with NCAA tournament experience, Moore was expected to be a leader this season on a fairly young team.

Students hope that the point guard's departure can motivate the team to regain their winning ways.

"I obviously wish him the best and hope things work out," Senior President of Memorial Maniacs Meggie Butzow said. "I think it will be positive for the team and I think they will be able to rally around him."

"We all know Mario is going through a tough time right now," senior, and close friend, Lawson Aschenbach said. "We're all there for him and we all know when he gets back he'll be back the force on the court he always was." ■

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TELEVISION

Students discuss love for Super Bowl ads

BY KELSEY SOBY
HUSTLER REPORTER

The Super Bowl: an event so popular that millions spend a whole day in front of their television screens.

So why is it that many would rather grab a snack during game time than during a commercial break?

Advertising reaches a whole new level during the largest American sporting event of the year.

Companies pump out their most creative and expensive advertisements in hopes of reaching millions of consumers. According to CNN/Money, the average price for a half-minute ad reached \$2.4 million this year, which is a 6 percent increase from 2004, and more than double the cost from a decade ago.

With so much invested it makes sense

that advertisers will do anything to ensure that their ads will entertain, rather than annoy viewers.

Around campus there was a general consensus that Bud Light commercials were the most popular. Not only was the company able to air several different ads, but they were all unique and entertaining. The Bud Light ads involved rotating refrigerators, near death experiences with wild animals and streakers.

"Bud Light commercials equal fabulous," said junior Alex Schwarzman

One difference about this year versus years past was the effort to pay attention to underrepresented markets, such as women, according to CNN/Money.

There was a Dove commercial encouraging women to feel better about themselves.

There was also a Toyota Camry commer-

cial that incorporated English and Spanish.

"I like the bilingual commercial because it encourages people to understand other cultures," said senior Martin Bahar. "We don't frequently get exposed to anything that's not 'American' and we don't appreciate other cultures enough."

Super Bowl advertisers motivation to produce impressive commercials is the pressure of knowing that a large pool of potential consumers are watching, as well as competition and scrutiny from outside media, said Jennifer Escalas, an associate professor at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management to the Vanderbilt News Service.

Super Bowl ads also have to appeal to an extremely diverse audience. During ordinary television programming, a very specific market can be targeted. It is common

that ratings and surveys are used to discover what types of people are viewing certain shows.

Advertisers then turn around and use that information to create a commercial fit for those specific viewers. This method cannot be used on the diverse group of Super Bowl viewers.

Escalas, an associate professor at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management, told radio program "That's Vanderbilt" that "Companies have very different objectives for the ads created for Super Bowl Sunday."

When Escalas' students complain about bad commercials, she reminds them that the ads "may not have been designed with them in mind."

A commercial being viewed by millions will not appeal to everyone.

According to Escalas, there are several techniques used to appeal to diverse crowds.

First, rather than trying to target one specific market, advertisers employ techniques that will grab anybody's attention. Humor, stimulating color and graphics, appeal to senses, and sometimes unconventional scenes all help attract the attention of viewers.

Each year after the Super Bowl some advertisements are voted "best" or "worst" on various websites and media outlets.

Whether the vote for a particular Super Bowl ad is favorable or negative, the fact remains that it received lots of attention, and for this reason, companies will continue to pay the big bucks for airtime during the big game. ■

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OUR VIEW

On-campus housing options must improve

While we appreciate the extra luxuries that come with living off-campus, we also support the administration's desire to strengthen Vanderbilt by making it a truly residential campus.

Higher-education has many aspects to it and learning to live, learn and socialize over four years in an intimate setting often teaches students some of life's greatest lessons.

However, we are concerned that the elimination of off-campus housing and the housing of upper-class students in what are now freshman dorms will be a turn-off to prospective students.

Universities across the country have been sprucing up housing options in the past few years. While Vanderbilt's housing options are better than some universities, they are also pitiful when compared with others.

At universities such as Loyola in Baltimore, many freshmen are housed in large four-person apartments complete with separate living rooms, kitchens and a private bathroom. At Emory, juniors and seniors have the option of living on the Claremont campus, a few minutes away via shuttle buses, which travel on a private road stopping once every few minutes. Claremont offers students apartments with private rooms big enough for double beds, parking available on each floor and a large central area with terraced lounge chairs around a large pool.

Vanderbilt doesn't really compare.

When students go shopping for their university, things such as housing quality, parking convenience, food selection and recreation facilities do play a role.

Vanderbilt is lagging in many categories. The removal of off-campus housing for many juniors and seniors is removing an important option to those who prioritize housing comfort.

Highland Quad will be as good as it gets for seniors.

Juniors will likely have even more intense competition competing for suites and apartments.

When a top applicant is waffling between attending Vanderbilt and Emory, these factors may often play a role in the decision-making. And Vanderbilt may more often than not come out on the losing end.

Up and coming universities have also been investing in their facilities as well to compete for top students.

While we realize that retaining the off-campus housing option is not economical nor in keeping with the spirit of a residential campus, administrators should look into investing into housing across campus in a serious way in order to keep Vanderbilt on an upward trajectory.

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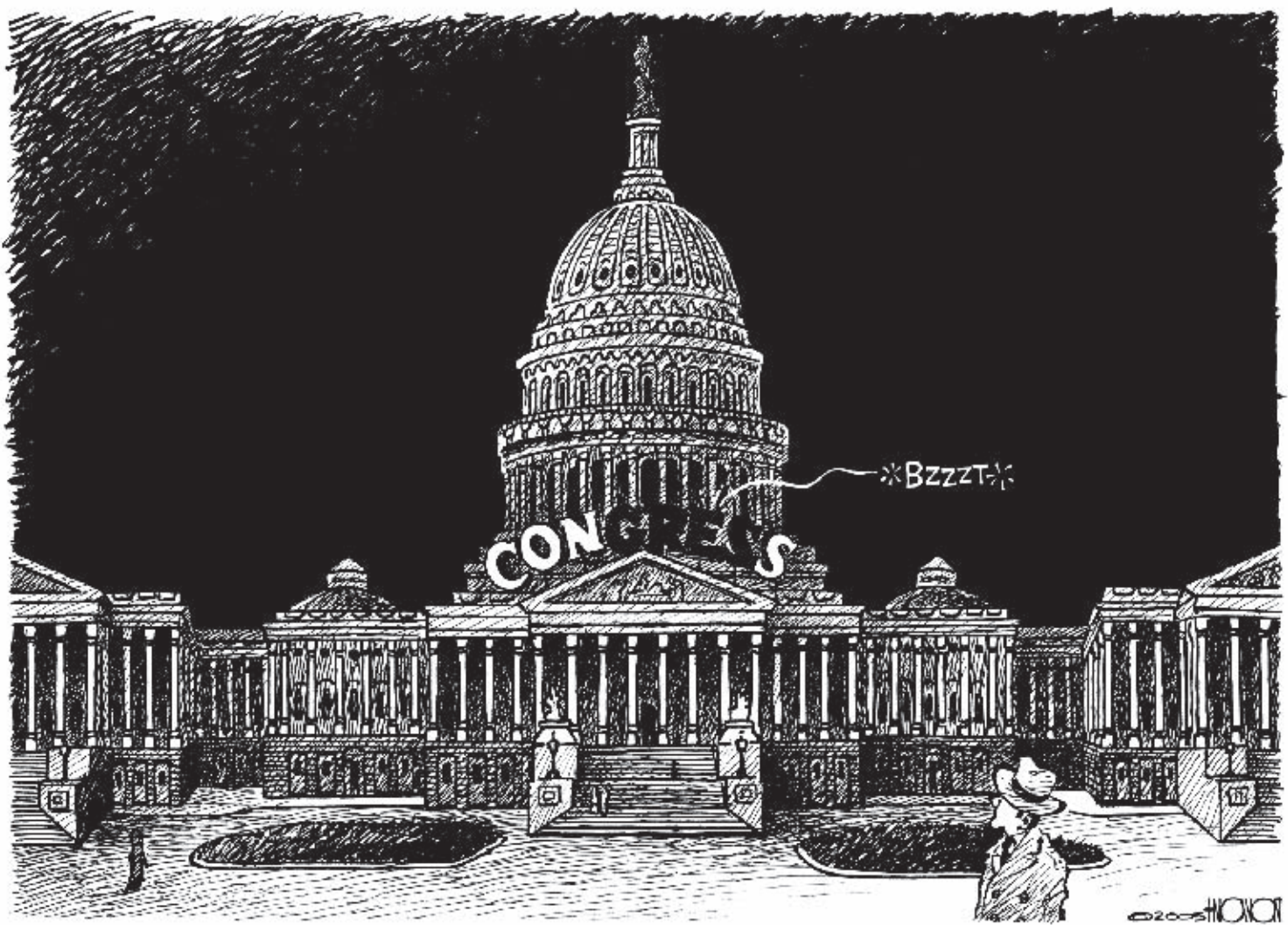
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McGrath's claims on *Slant* prank misguided

To the Editor:

Matt McGrath suggested in his letter last Wednesday that *The Slant's* intention in distributing fliers advertising that high-profile bands were playing at Rites of Spring was to make people feel that their "well-intentioned credibility" had been "exploited" when they realized that these fliers were fake. In actuality, the prank was done for a couple of reasons. First, because, as Ceaf Lewis has already said, it seemed like it might provide a little entertainment in an often dreary part of the year, and we wanted to see if we actually could pull off such a parody and have people believe it to be true. As VSC Director Chris Carroll said in last Wednesday's article, this sort of thing is "not uncommon for a humor publication to do." The second reason was to perhaps serve as a gentle wake-up call to people not to believe everything they see or read without checking its accuracy.

Even with these justifications, plenty of people probably didn't think it was very funny, or that it was something of a smartass thing to do. That's perfectly reasonable — humor is a matter of taste, and while some people appreciated the joke in the fliers, others did not. However, the objections voiced by McGrath are not reasonable and are at times worryingly misguided.

First of all, two of his complaints are downright inaccurate. He says that such pranks are an example of "misusing [Ac-Fee] funds." In fact, the money came from *Slant* staffers. Secondly, he says that we tried to conceal the authorship of the fliers

in the "small print." One of the bands advertised as playing was billed as "THES LANT" in letters as big as those advertising Ben Folds. In fact, "THES LANT" appeared right in the middle of the poster.

He also claims, perhaps more worryingly, that what he terms "deliberate deception with no rhetorical purpose" is not protected by the First Amendment. I am not quite sure where he got this category of speech from, but parodies have been explicitly included within the definition of freedom of speech by the U.S. Supreme Court on several occasions.

Finally, there are some things for which McGrath asks an explanation that seem fairly self-evident. He asks *The Slant* to explain what we mean by a "parody." That's easy - a fake poster made to look like a real one. He then asks us, "Is it funny that most people believe what they read?" In some cases it can be, but maybe "funny" is not the best word to use. It's probably more worrying than funny in many cases, including this one. McGrath evidently read somewhere that a parody - funny or not - which caused him at most minor inconvenience and which was neither offensive nor libelous was not protected by "free speech." If people are going to start believing things like that, then that is not funny in the slightest.

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Hamas victory not an improvement

To The Editor:

I believe Laura Breslin wrote her article "Why I am not surprised by Hamas' victory in Palestinian Election" with good intentions, but her naiveté on the issue clearly stands out in her last paragraph. Breslin informs us that the Israeli leaders will surely play the "terrorist card" in response to Hamas' victory. Breslin fails to realize that terrorism is not a card but goes to the heart of why a Palestinian state does not exist today. In the 1990s, Israel made history by becoming one of the few countries ever to give up land in exchange for peace. In response, Hamas blew up Israeli buses filled with civilians. Breslin writes that "for Hamas to renounce the use of violence," Israel should "return to the 1967 borders." It would be illogical for Israel to return to the 1967 borders before the Palestinian Authority has stopped the terrorism. Even the United Nations recognized this in the all-important Resolution 242 which calls for the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories" and the "right to live in peace...free from threats." Living free from threats should extend to both the Israelis and Palestinians, not only Palestinians. Breslin claims that Hamas is not running on a platform that calls for the destruction of Israel. I urge her to check any news source: New York Times, Al Jazeera, Al Ahran. The Hamas leaders continue to evade the issue of changing their goal to work towards peace instead of destroying Israel. I wish I could be optimistic like Breslin, but I believe the Palestinians have made a choice, and it definitely is not an "improvement."

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COLUMN

New philosophy necessary for immigration

Very rarely do I take a position on an issue that could be referred to as "hard-line," but there's one where my "hard-line" position is really just common sense taken to its logical conclusion. We have many



THE DISSIDENTING VU

CHRISTOPHER MCGEADY

important problems right now, but immigration policy is one I've not previously considered.

At first glance, someone might see this issue as, "Should we open or close the borders?" Well, our borders are "open" - immigrants and colonists founded this country, and that sentiment still retains at least a degree of truth. Immigration in the 21st century, however, is more than just, "So, America: can I come in?"

Let us be clear: it would be wrong and against the very founding principles of our country to close the borders, but we have to address this issue. I don't care whose idea it was, but that "guest worker" thing? That's stupid. It is giving amnesty to illegal immigrants, and in fact it's worse than that; it's saying, "It's OK that you came here illegally; you can stay, but you have to work for us." We might as well just dissolve border security and have one huge job

fair running along the Rio Grande.

The real problem is that we still have people entering the country illegally, and that must stop. Immigration is fine, I'm all for it, but I'm going to steal Dennis Miller's sentiment and say it's cool if you want to come here, but "sign the guestbook on the way in. You gotta do that at a cheap motel; of course you should do that at our border."

I'm going to take this idea even further. Here's an immigration policy that, while it may be "hard-line," has much more sense than the "guest worker" idea:

Across both the northern and southern borders we should erect a wall 30 feet above ground and another 30 feet below ground. It should be thick and completely solid except for checkpoints run by the Department of Homeland Security; there would need to be many checkpoints so that traffic going in and coming out could be kept to a minimum. At every half-mile along the wall there should be a watch tower, and local, retired Americans - the same yahoos who are forming volunteer "minute-men" militias across the border states for just this purpose - should be hired to sit in the towers, armed, and guard the wall. These guards would watch the intervals between towers, and any time they see or catch someone trying to get across they'll call the local police or the Homeland Security agents at the nearest check-point to pick them up.

In addition to this, we should maintain a series of seismic monitors along the border under the wall, and this way maybe we'll catch the traffickers before they can tunnel their way into the States. No additional manpower would be necessary to monitor the sensors - we can hook them up to a central computer that can pinpoint the disturbance and direct law-enforcement officers to the appropriate location. As for the check-points, the methods in place to direct cross-border traffic need to be streamlined because the wait to get across is not going to get any shorter with a big wall in the way.

With all this in place, there are other changes that should be made in regards to how immigrants are treated once they are here. First, all businesses that hire illegal immigrants need to be subject to much stiffer penalties than they are now, and these penal-

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COLUMN

Friends with benefits: Best choice or most sketchy?

If anyone can't tell from my recent articles, I do not overly enjoy the average, common Vandy student. Many of us find the common Vandy-ite to be stuck in high school



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED
MIKE MATTHEWS II

mode and altogether unable to appreciate the simple fact that in college they are not at the top of any list, least of all intellectual ones. I therefore am too loath to admit agreeing with Vandy students on most subjects, which in turn makes me one of the only entertaining columnists.

Having read three articles this past week regarding relationships and noting the impending Hallmark Day, I mean Valentine's Day, I would like to take this opportunity to make a general sales pitch to the campus. To catch up anyone who passed by these boring articles: one was a male columnist defending that ascertaining the consensuality of a hook up is unnecessary; another was a female columnist asking the most retarded of all questions: "Where is the responsibility of the man?" and another female columnist told us that relationships require hard work and not cloy well-wishing.

I will forever defend the ideal of a committed relationship, but I will also admit to being loose with regard to how I may define relationship. Most people will agree that the relationships which work the best are ones where the partners enjoy one another as friends in addition to whatever other quality the relationship may entail, be it business, academic, pleasure, etc. Imagine taking this idea in reverse to create the kind of partnerships you want from existing friendships; imagine not having to bother lying to a woman to lie with a woman.

Being friends first and friends second, you alleviate a lot of the foolishness from scoring that gets in the way of what both parties are actually seeking. Likewise, by having a history based on trust and mutual respect, women need not be on edge or worry that all they have in common with their lover is the sketchy sex; for men, this removes the awkwardness of making sure that everything is consensual.

Another reason people claim to avoid relationships in

college is not that they are dull people unable to keep another person interested in them, which for many is the case, but instead that they prefer the social freedom of not being attached to a single person; the friends with benefits scheme is key to solving this.

If friends with benefits were a relationship, it would not need the fancy name, like ménage à trois is fancy for small orgy; instead, the benefits include that you and your friend are free to see others, or not, depending on your mutual understanding.

Even if you agree with the premise, there is a part of you which cannot consciously accede that this may not be as bad of an idea as it sounds. Stop to consider the alternative, for example: what is currently the norm - people stalking one another while drinking, seeking opportunities to come into contact for long enough to carefully suggest going back to someone's room, hooking up and then barely acknowledging one another the next time they see each other.

While it's true that many one night stands do not end this way, you likely know at least second hand this situation.

The final benefit of this arrangement is that when you know you can trust your partner, you don't have to waste time convincing them to do something they're hesitant to do. Likewise, if there's something you won't do, you won't have to waste as much time explaining to your friend that you won't go there. ■

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AROUND THE LOOP

Are you going to watch the winter Olympics this year?



DOM MORAIS
Sophomore

"Heck yes. There's nothing better than lounging around on a Sunday afternoon eating snacks and watching the legendary Finns compete in curling."



ARIO HOSSEINI
Freshman

"Yeah, sure. After watching a science channel special on the Italians repeatedly screwing up the bobsled track, it might be interesting to see what happens next."

Compiled by Allison Malone



ANASTASIA DORRANCE
Junior

"Hell yeah! Michelle Kwan is going to win the gold!"



CHAD BURCHARD
Senior

"Olympics? Didn't we have one of those two years ago?"



KRISTIN PATTERSON
Junior

"Yes, what is Bode Miller going to say next?"

COLUMN

Hamas' covenant is both relevant and worrisome

I took issue with Laura Breslin's brief acknowledgment of the 1988 Hamas Covenant in her editorial Friday. Her nonchalant dismissal of the document's relevance analogized the group's unsavory origins to those of our



COLUMNIST

JARED WHALEY

own political parties, which "change and evolve with the times." Breslin seems to accept the recent platitudes about the importance of corruption mouthed by Hamas to Western media outlets over the last few weeks as sufficient basis for asserting that the group no longer adheres to its founding principles. I disagree.

The relevance of the Hamas Covenant is not limited to a commitment to the destruction of Israel. The covenant is a comprehensive, 36-article charter of government that outlines Hamas' vision of Palestinian governance. Therefore, while the covenant may have had little formal importance only a few weeks ago, it is of considerable interest now, especially given the myriad of candidates elected under its banner. Here are a few choice excerpts. Hamas on diplomacy: "Initiatives, and so-called peaceful solutions and international conferences, are in contradiction to the principles of the Hamas...There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors." Hamas on religious tolerance: "It is possible for the followers of the three religions - Islam, Christianity and Judaism - to coexist in peace and quiet with each other." Hamas on Jews: "Israel, Judaism and Jews challenge Islam and the Moslem people. 'May the cowards never sleep.'" Hamas on fostering understanding between Palestinians and Israelis: "The Zionist plan is limitless. After Palestine, the Zionists aspire to expand from the Nile to the Euphrates. When they will have digested the region they overtook, they will aspire to further expansion, and so on. Their plan is embodied in the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' and their present conduct is the best proof of what we are saying." The fun doesn't stop there.

I encourage everyone to read the covenant for themselves which can be found at <http://www.yale.edu/law-web/avalon/mideast/hamas.htm>. More important than the document itself is the fact that none of Hamas' elected officials have given any indication that they intend to depart from these principles. In editorial in the British newspaper The Guardian printed last Tuesday, Hamas political bureau chief Khalid Mi'shal vowed, "We shall never recognize the legitimacy of a Zionist state created on our soil to atone for somebody else's sins," before reassuring us in the next breath that Hamas is willing to accept "a long-term truce." That's it. A truce. No vision for permanent peace, just a prolonged cease-fire. Nowhere in the editorial does Mi'shal acknowledge Israel's fundamental right to exist, and he refers to Israelis as "the Zionist occupiers of our land."

Does Breslin really think that the opening of all the

border crossings, a return to the 1967 borders and 50 million tax dollars will solve anything? As was the case with the West Bank, this concession will prove to be a false compromise - once met, it will be followed by ever more demands for withdrawal and retreat. This, of course, is Hamas' strategy. Whether Israel is driven into the proverbial sea by military or political means matters little. The objective remains the same.

Consider the story of Mariam Farahat, elected as a member of Hamas to represent the Gaza Strip. Last Thursday, ABC News described Farahat as "one of Hamas' most popular candidates in Wednesday's election," and that she represents a "wing of the party...that is wildly popular despite being downplayed in these elections." What was Farahat's platform? Would she bravely confront corruption? Direct public funding towards healthcare and civic works? Work for peace between Palestine and Israel? Hardly. Known as Um Nidal, or Mother of the Struggle, Farahat became a Hamas icon by sending three of her six sons on Hamas suicide missions against Israelis, and even appeared in a Hamas propaganda video with her 17-year-old son, who later killed five Israelis before being killed himself. "You take all means to banish the occupier," she is quoted as saying. Most chillingly, and in direct opposition to Breslin's hopes for moderation, Um Nidal baldly asserts, "This is our strategy. We are working on parallel lines - the political and jihadist." Furthermore, she claims she would be willing to send her surviving three sons to the same fate as their brothers. That's a pretty good root cause for terrorism as far as root causes go.

Free elections are a necessary condition of democracy, not a sufficient one. Hamas' irrational and dogmatic hatred is bred by a fundamentalist absolutism that is irreconcilably opposed to secularization and modernity and, by extension, the secular, modern normative values of individual liberty and pluralist democracy, which are vital to good-faith international diplomacy. Hamas accepts the legitimacy of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, but not the legitimacy of Israel. This is no small coincidence. Until Hamas leadership explicitly rejects the provisions of the covenant and recognizes Israel's fundamental right to exist, there will be no hope for a peace process. I take no comfort in the assurance that Hamas is committed to the elimination of Israel - but not necessarily the Jews, mind you - in an administrative atmosphere happily devoid of corruption. Breslin said it best: "The roadmap to peace cannot be a one-lane highway built with high walls, but an equal two lane road." ■

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McGeady: Measures would discourage illegals

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ties should be proportional to the size of the business — a huge corporation will laugh if it's fined only \$10,000 for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants.

Second, the process to obtain visas needs to be eased so we can accommodate more legal immigrants applying for and, hopefully, obtaining them.

Third, and this may sound trivial and off-topic, but we need to finally declare English as our official language. The fact that almost all Americans speak English and most of our immigrants speak Spanish is a problem for everybody, and my feeling is that if they come here they should learn our language. Frankly, it's for their benefit more than ours — if the average American employer has

a choice between an English-speaker and a non-English-speaker, who do you think he's going to hire? Speaking English will help these people rise above manual labor and enable them to pursue jobs with real futures and real chances for advancement.

All of these ideas, if implemented, would discourage illegal immigration and simultaneously encourage legal immigration, and we should be doing both. We can't cater to people who became criminals the instant they crossed our border, but we must also realize that the American dream is not reserved exclusively for born Americans. ■

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LIFE

What to Watch for W2W4 2/8-2/14

Wednesday 2/8

COMBINE entertainment with education — edutainment? — at a viewing of the film "School Daze" at the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow.

Thursday 2/9

BLOW your mind at the Fine Arts Gallery's new exhibit of abstract art, "Three Paths to Abstraction," which opens today. The exhibit features three local artists, Pinkney Herbert, Whitney Leland and Carol Made.

Friday 2/10

CONTRIBUTE to the campus arts community by signing up for the Vanderbilt Programming Board. Help plan Homecoming, Great Performances and Rites of Spring. The application deadline is today.

Saturday 2/11

CHALLENGE yourself with two tough films. Sarratt Cinema is showing "Boyz 'N the Hood" and "Do the Right Thing" at 7 and 9 p.m. Both films tackle urban problems with unflinching resolve.

Sunday 2/12

WRING your hands, or shrug your shoulders, depending on how you feel about the whole evolution thing. Today is Darwin Day, recognizing the achievements of Charles Darwin, controversial naturalist.

Monday 2/13

RESPECT your forebears. On this day in 1894, the Lumiere brothers patented the Cinematographe, starting the film industry we know and love today. For their sake, please stop seeing movies like "The Fog."

Tuesday 2/14

GIVE a gift to your sweetheart, today's Valentine's Day, or alternately mope and wallow in your own suffering and social misfitness at not being able to find a Valentine. Shame on you for being single.

SHOPPING



Cupid's top ten for him and her

by Jena Richard & Minnie Miller

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, boys and girls keep asking themselves, "What should I get my valentine?" Depending on the severity of your relationship, there is the question of what the perfect gift is, and what kind of message you want to send your significant other. Here are the top 10 gifts for guys and girls to make your shopping this weekend less stressful.

Boxers

The typical choice, boxers are great for a guy in any stage of a relationship. Go for cute patterns like a Vineyard Vines print or, if you want go a bit fancier, silk boxers are even more of a great upgrade.

Wallet

A leather wallet is a nice gift that you can choose according to your budget. The thinner the better, so you might want to go for the two-fold type rather than the three-fold type. This gift can instantly become more personal when you get it hot stamped with his initials.

Watch

Some may be expensive, but it's definitely possible to find a decent watch under or around \$100. If you've got the resources and your guy isn't sporting one already, it's probably something that he'll love and wear for a long time to come.

Electronics

This is an easy category because they are always fun new electronic toys on the market that boys love. iPods or MP3 players are good if he doesn't already have one, but you can also get creative with portable DVD players or maybe the new Xbox 360.

Vacation plans

This special gift would be appropriate for the more serious relationship. Pick a weekend far enough into the future, so neither of you will have other commitments, and book an inn or a hotel on a nearby beach or other romantic setting that you can enjoy together. Travel Web sites can help you come up with ideal settings for your getaway, and your boyfriend will probably be impressed that you planned it all by yourself.

Him

DVDs

Getting your guy a DVD is an easy way to show you care. It shows off your good taste in entertainment, and it also hints at the suggestion that you two could watch it together.

New shirt

Button downs and oxfords are both great contenders in this category. Even if he says he doesn't care about clothes, they'll be special because you gave them to him. If you're looking to spend more, top it off with a coordinating tie or belt.

Sterling silver gifts

Though they may not like to admit it, most guys like something shiny once in a while. Many jewelry stores sell great sterling silver gifts that can be engraved with a name, initials, or a personal message. Flasks, money clips and lighters are all promising possibilities depending on the receiver's hobbies.

Tickets

On this day of love, cater to your boy's personal interests by getting him tickets to his favorite sports team or band. Depending on whether or not you share these interests, you can decide to get yourself a ticket so you can go together or get enough so his guy friends can tag along instead.

TiVo

It may technically be electronic, but TiVo gets its own category on my list. From personal experience, I can tell you that boys love it. I didn't even know that my boyfriend liked television until I got him a TiVo, and now I hear about how awesome it is, and how awesome of a girlfriend I am for buying it, pretty much every day. Plus it comes in a really big box, and that's always exciting. Girls, trust me on this one.

Stuffed animal

Every girl needs a cuddle buddy, and that is why a cute stuffed animal is the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Teddy bears are always a good safety, but if your girl is a dog lover, a stuffed puppy would be precious.

Necklace

The best way to any girl's heart is to buy her jewelry. Necklaces are very sentimental and meaningful gifts. Tiffany necklaces never go out of style. Depending on your valentine's style, simple necklaces are the best option. The most typical necklace is one with a heart charm, which will definitely touch your significant other.

Purse

A girl's best friend is usually her purse. No matter what the occasion, every girl carries a purse. There are a variety of purses you can choose from. Clutches are in style and versatile. Also, hobo bags are very trendy and can fit everything your valentine might need to bring with her on your special date. If you buy a girl a purse, you cannot go wrong.

A surprise treat

Boys, it is now your turn to show off your skills in the kitchen. Make your girl a special dessert, and you will definitely knock her off her feet. Now when I say make dessert I do not mean putting pre-made cookies in the oven. Use your creativity and make a cake or a pie. This is a good time to take your mother or your grandmother's advice.

DVDs

DVDs are an excellent Valentine's Day gift because they are something you will be able to use too, if you are lucky. Just make sure you know your valentine's favorite television shows and movies and stray from buying movies you might personally like.

Her

Lingerie

Depending on your level of comfort with your valentine, lingerie can be a great option. Thongs, boy shorts, bras and tank tops are all good lingerie options. Red and pink are the best colors for this holiday. You can find sexy lingerie at Boutique Bella or Victoria's Secret.

Pajamas

If you do not feel entirely comfortable buying your valentine lingerie, pajamas are the next best option. Pajamas are the perfect gift because girls love lounging around in cute but comfortable clothes. Pajamas with polka dots or flower patterns are cute. You can either buy matching tops and bottoms, or buy bottoms with a pattern and a solid color top.

Picture frame

First you need to find a cute picture of you and your Valentine. Then you need to find the perfect frame. Depending on your personality, you can get a plain frame or one with a sentimental quote on it. If you are crafty, you can decorate the frame yourself. Picture frames are a great gift option because they are meaningful and something your valentine will be sure to keep.

Perfume

Now is the time to buy your girl the perfume that you find appetizing. Every girl likes to smell good, and I am sure you would like your valentine to smell nice as well. Perfume is a good generic gift, because it is nice but not overly sentimental.

Thin electronics

Your girlfriend will love a new razor phone or a thin digital camera. Girls love tiny electronics, because they can fit them their purses and even their back pockets.

COLUMN

Best wishes, no gripes for holiday

As Valentine's Day approaches I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of history's greatest loves. Romeo and Juliet. Tarzan and Jane. Carrie and Big. Three couples who have sacrificed their families, homes, civility, or pride for

RANDY AT VANDY

KRISTEN WILLOUGHBY

the one they love. Three couples whose passionate hearts were victorious in the ever-so-common duel, heart vs. head. Three couples who are a complete fabrication of the minds of a few intelligent folks who know what people want to read and watch. But hey, if you can't celebrate a sappy love story on Valentine's Day then you are more cynical than even me and perhaps you should move elsewhere.

So for once I have no bone to pick. I look forward to Valentine's Day this year. It's always been good to me in the past — with the exception of one truly awkward middle school moment that still makes me cringe. Besides that tiny little glitch, I have pretty much enjoyed Valentine's Day for as long as I can remember.

In elementary school you get to spend the whole day passing out "Little Mermaid" valentines to all your friends: "I want to be a Part of Your World," etc. etc. And even though you really don't want to, your mom makes you include one to the weird kid whose shirttail is always coming out of his fly and who just doesn't smell right. If it weren't for Valentine's Day that kid would never feel like a part of your world.

In middle school you'd check your locker probably 20 times in the span of one day in hopes of a letter from a secret admirer or a date to the school dance. Most of the time you'd just get a phony letter from your best friend who had masked her handwriting and signed love, the dreamiest boy in the 8th grade. Then you'd show up after school behind the band building like "he" asked you to in "his" letter only to find the most heinous seventh grader anxiously awaiting the kiss that "you" promised him in "your" letter. That never happened to you? Damn. That is one thing you learn in middle school, it's a dog-eat-dog world.

High school was a little kinder. Single roses became popular. Notes left on the car were a big hit. If you were the relationship type you probably celebrated Valentine's Day with dinner, and either let dad foot the bill or boast to your

girl about how you'd been saving up to pay for the evening. If you were less than a party of two, you spent Feb. 14 with your friends, pretending to be sad just because you were bored and it was something to complain about.

Now the episodes of our lives have changed to the college years, and the Valentine's specials, like in all good series, have a little something for everyone. You've got the practically married, the newly dating and the exciting crushes, your wonderful friends, and people who will definitely be bitter with you, if you must.

But whether or not you'll be happy next Tuesday, I'll be hoping you are. Because on a day when an estimated 1 billion cards are exchanged and over \$4 billion are spent on flowers to show that someone cares, no one should be bitter. That's being selfish. Who knows, maybe one of those billion cards is being purchased right now to brighten your day next week. Or maybe you will get an e-card that contains a virus that will destroy your hard drive, and you will spend the whole day flicking your computer off. Wouldn't be the first time for me. Like I said, it's a dog-eat-dog world.

—Kristen Willoughby is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

Rogue Wave descends on Nashville

Having lately finished a tour of European soil, Rogue Wave is hitting the States in support of Nada Surf and will be making a stop at our own Exit/In on Sunday. The accomplished Sub Pop band released their sophomore album, Descended Like Vultures, in October 2005. Critical response to the album was rather cool considering the hype heaped on their first release, Out of the Shadow, but don't let the critical snobbery mislead you. Descended Like Vultures is an album of singular maturity and enduring charm. Both Rogue Wave and Nada Surf will be making a free in-store appearance at Grimey's at 5 p.m. before their show at Exit/In at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12.

A better Bonnaroo

All the animals on the farm say, Radiohead? Really? This year's lineup for the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival was recently announced, and Radiohead is set to be the headlining act. The festival takes place on a large expanse of land in Manchester, Tenn. June 16 to 18. Highlights in the lineup include Beck, Cat Power, Buddy Guy, Stephen Malkmus, Elvis Costello, Tom Petty and Andrew Bird. For a complete list, head over to www.bonnaroo.com/2006/. Tickets are \$169.50 and go on sale this Saturday, Feb. 11 — and these are sure to sell fast, so there's no time for dilly-dallying.

Belladonna at the Belcourt

On Monday, Feb. 13 acclaimed producer and recording artist Daniel Lanois brings his ambient instrumental compositions to the Belcourt Theatre. As a producer Lanois has worked with legends like U2 and Bob Dylan and has carried this success into his own recording career. For his latest effort, Belladonna, Lanois is up for two Grammy awards.

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MUSIC

The Minus 5 mixes country, alternative

BY BEN DOAK
LIFE MUSIC WRITER

Attention Wilco fans! If you're looking for some more of that country sound, maybe some blended with a twist of alternative quirk, The Minus 5 might just be the thing you're looking for.

Sure they sound exactly like Wilco, but can you blame them? It's a great sound, and if nothing else, they do it better in a lot of ways; just imagine a more consistent Being There with better hooks. If it's credibility you need, even media god Pitchforkmedia.com calls them "the best kept secret in indie rock." The band brings together some of the industry's best musicians, fronted by R.E.M.'s Scott McCaughey and guest stars ranging from R.E.M. band-mate Peter Buck to most of Wilco, John Wesley Harding and even a few Decemberists.

Now The Minus 5 won't try to push the listener and to challenge or innovate by any stretch, and they certainly aren't trying to change the rock history or write the next Revolver. However, this album does a fine job simply turning out some surprisingly solid, catchy pop songs. To be sure, "Twilight Distillery" and "Cigarettes Coffee and Booze" would rank among the best alt-country songs in Wilco's catalog, and "My Life As A Creep" is arguably power pop at its finest, harkening back to a Beatles-esque melody.

The album does have its missteps, notably with "Aw Shit Man," whose humor falls a bit flat in lines like, "I'm gonna be an asshole for the rest of my life / Aw shit, man." But even though lyrics don't always land as intended, there are plenty of amusing and charming lines like, "I just hope one day you'll

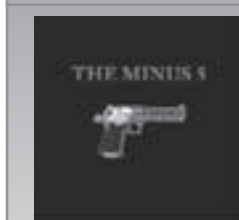
realize that I'm not supremely evil, and I'll be better than I am," as from "My Life As A Creep."

It should be said that a lot of the appreciation of this album will come with embracing the quirkiness of the lyrics, and at least in this respect the album does narrow its field of appeal, though making it all the more loveable for fans. The album's accessibility is immediate, and, from just a sampling of the songs, you might fairly well determine how much you're going to end up liking it.

If you like what you hear, it will certainly be a good investment, with enough going on to keep you coming back, and if you don't think it sounds too much like your thing, you might be better off without it, or trying out Wilco first. All things considered, the album is wonderfully lighthearted and will be great for car rides

Music Notes

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or chilling out, and if that's the kind of album you're looking for, this is a great pick and surely money well spent.

—The Minus 5 are on tour and will stop in Nashville on March 19th at the Mercy Lounge.

MUSIC

Hendrix is misunderstood

BY JUSTIN ROBERTS
LIFE MUSIC WRITER

Jimi Hendrix is easily the most misunderstood artist in the history of music. Ask most of the public and even many rock musicians what Hendrix was notable for and you'll hear books about his guitar soloing. For such a dynamic man, that's a pretty linear monument.

Anyone can shred a guitar these days, so on what grounds do you argue Jimi's musical ability? First and foremost, Hendrix was a rhythm player. Go buy any of The Experience's

records and listen to the intricate guitar work. Hendrix had a mind-blowing grasp over rhythm. What's more, the man could sing in a completely different rhythm over his ornamental guitar patterns. Some of us can barely clap while we sing a nursery tune. To further sell Jimi's case, look at his background. Hendrix was a master bluesman before anything else. Jimi grew up with the blues and never left it behind. His ability to incorporate other styles made his records even more fantastic.

Band of Gypsies put The Jimi Hendrix Experience on the charts because it fused jazz, soul, funk, rock and pop into one extremely accessible record. If you need further confirmation of Jimi's blues abilities, listen to the vocal tracks on a Stevie Ray Vaughan record as he lays out, note by note, Jimi's heavy blues influences.

So where does all of this lead? Jimi Hendrix was a masterful rhythm and blues player. Your homework for the week is to purchase The Jimi Hendrix Experience's last record, Axis:



Bold as Love. The record is fun, brilliant, and never takes a moment for granted.

The record hints at the incredible sound the Experience was forming before Jimi's untimely death.

COLUMN



Will certain foods help me get laid this Valentine's Day?

Ancient myths surrounding connections between sexual arousal and specific food and drink, such as those seen in recent movies like

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"Chocolat," have existed long before the official creation of romantic holidays such as Valentine's Day.

These aphrodisiacs, thus named after Aphrodite the Greek goddess of love and beauty, include visual images, touch sensations, foods, drinks, scents, medications and potions.

Countries all over the world have unique aphrodisiacs that have developed from their various traditions, mythology and dietary needs to increase both virility and fertility.

Many aphrodisiacs resemble the shape of male and female genitalia and hence ancient peoples believed their enhancing powers derived from this likeness. Examples include asparagus, avocados, bananas, carrots, caviar, clams, eggs, figs, ginseng and rhinoceros horn. In fact the word ginseng, a spice often used in Asian cultures, means "man root" because its shape resembles a small person.

Other myths surrounding certain foods may have stemmed from nutritional deficiencies that often occurred in these regions. Oysters, Please see ASK, page 10

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FOOD

Mirror offers tapas in sleek setting

BY JACK VIROSTKO
LIFE FOOD WRITER

When choosing a restaurant for Valentine's Day, it's typically best to avoid one with an interior straight out of a Tim Burton movie. Mirror Restaurant, in the revitalized 12th Avenue South district, is an exception to this rule.

A huge fractured mirror mosaic covers one wall, reflecting sheer drapery lit in cool tones and chandeliers reminiscent of disco balls. The feel is sleek and modern, replete with metal chairs and small candle-topped wooden tables. The

sense of urban hip, uncommon to Nashville, is reflected by one of the most professional wait staffs in the city.

Mirror is first and foremost a tapas restaurant and it is here that the menu shines. Only a few bites apiece, these small offerings can be enjoyed with drinks or several can be combined to make a meal. The blue cheese polenta fries served with charred tomato dipping sauce are not to be missed. Likewise for the vegetarian tamales filled with unlikely, but delicious, chipotle-chocolate quinoa.

Slightly larger sampler plates present a variety of olives, cheeses and meats. Salad options include the goat cheese salad, which superbly contrasts a warm goat cheese cake with cool tomatoes and mesclun greens.

Larger plates, while artfully arranged, lack the panache of the tapas. Entrees include vegetable lasagna, filet mignon and fennel seed encrusted salmon topped with shrimp. The menu is constantly evolving with new seasonal offerings and daily specials.

In Spain tapas are tradition-

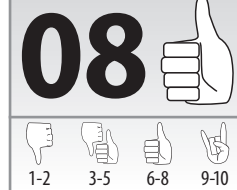
ally paired with sherry. Mirror pays homage to this convention with several varieties of the Spanish wine and a sampler flight. The wine list is short but diverse. Opt instead for one of the signature cocktails illuminated by a glow stick.

Pineapple tequila and gingerbread rum infusions are unique creations; the seasonal cucumber martini is particularly refreshing. Happy hour 2-for-1 well drinks are offered weekdays from 5 to 7 p.m. The large corner bar teems with hipsters on weekends.

Food for thought

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Menu: International Fusion
Price: \$3-25
Atmosphere: Modern
Dress: Hipster chic



HEALTH



Check food labels to get inside scoop

BY JON PENNYCUFF
LIFE HEALTH WRITER

How many of the ingredients in your food can you actually pronounce? And if you can say those seemingly unending words, do you know where they come from? The American consumer demands a perfectly colored, infinitely lasting food product. The consequence, however, is that processed food contains ingredients of unknown origin and unseen threat.

For example, the Food and Drug Administration recently proposed the addition of a label to food and cosmetics containing carmine or cochineal extract. While these additives have no carcinogenic or toxic properties, the proposal stems from the dyes' controversial source.

Carmine and cochineal extract are dyes that are derived from a Mexican beetle. The extract is chemically altered and added to every-day products, giving them a red-purple color. These additives are abundant in many processed foods ranging from strawberry milk to port wine cheese spread. In addition, carmine is a major source of dye for cosmetics including lipstick, eye shadow, and other make-up bases.

While there is no health threat from the use of carmine or cochineal extract, the issue at hand is that manufacturers are adding an animal product to foods and cosmetics without any indication. Currently, the only phrases suggesting the use of these additives are "color added" and "E120," the chemicals' manufacturing name. Such practices lead to an ambiguous notion of what is actually in our food. Foods generally thought to be vegetarian or kosher can, in fact, contain an animal bi-product.

It is cases like that of cochineal extract and carmine that have caused a tremendous backlash against processed food. Organic and biological food sales have dramatically risen in the last decade as organic retail venues are becoming increasingly mainstream — all in the name of escaping additives. The Americans consumer feels safe with organic products but demands that it looks, tastes and feels like the non-organic counterpart.

One of the best examples of this is Silk soymilk. True organic soymilk tastes grainy, watery, and unsweet because it is made from only soybeans and water. Silk, however, is sweetened and thickened to better simulate cow's milk. The thickening agent used is carageenan, an extract from red seaweed. Silk is billed as organic and natural, but this image is seemingly deceptive.

The improved texture and taste is not without risk. Carageenan has recently been implicated in colon and stomach cancers and has also been shown to suppress white blood cell function. It can even cause the occasional stomach ache due to hypersensitivity to carageenan. Additives, like carageenan, place organic products on the same level as those containing cochineal extract or carmine — they have the same types of controversial ingredients that consumers were trying to avoid in the first place.

The notions that we have for food additives may be drastically different than what is actually in food because of standard processing techniques. While the consumer may try to escape such ingredients by buying organic, additives in organic products may have the same negative implications. With processed food being what it is, consumers must be aware of what is in their food. I am not suggesting that if you cannot pronounce it, it must be bad for you. Rather, it is important to know what is being added to food.

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MOVIES



These movies will make you go "Awwwww"

BY ALEX CHROSOPE
LIFE MOVIE WRITER

Imagine this: There's no such thing as "Love Actually" or "Garden State." What, then, will you and your sweetie watch on Valentine's Day?

"Moulin Rouge!" (2001): Hate it or love it. There is no middle ground with Baz Luhrmann's schizoid interpolation of several great love operas. But those in the "love it" category will be able to cuddle up with the sparkling combo of Nicole Kidman and Ewan MacGregor belting their hearts out.

Swooning moment: When Ewan busts out Elton John's "Your Song" to dazzling effect.

See also: "William Shakespeare's Romeo+Juliet" (1996), "The Phantom of the Opera" (2004)

"There's Something About Mary" (1998): Striking a perfect balance of genuine charm and gross-out humor, "Mary" finds Cameron Diaz attracting all sorts of weirdoes ... even Brett Favre. Ben Stiller broke out as a comedic actor here, and there would be no sex with puppets or apple pie without those hair-gel and zipper scenes.

Swooning moment: When

teenage Ben Stiller, mouth filled with oversized braces, successfully asks Mary to the prom.

See also: "American Pie" (1999), "The Forty-Year-Old Virgin" (2005)

"High Fidelity" (2000): Successfully transplanting Nick Hornby's popular novel from London to Chicago, vinyl merchant John Cusack ruminates on life, love and music in the wake of his latest break-up. Jack Black's performance is a tour de force and the soundtrack ranges from Springsteen to the Beta Band. Women, take note: The male psyche is pretty much laid bare in Cusack's narration.

Swooning moment: Cusack's last line, and the final credits scored by Stevie Wonder.

See also: "Annie Hall" (1977), "Chasing Amy" (1997)

"Singin' In The Rain" (1952): The greatest of movie musicals is a nostalgic and witty look at the transition from silent film to sound. It also hearkens back to a time when a movie romance depended not on deep psychological motivation but rather the chemistry of its stars. Gene Kelly hoofs it like crazy, Donald O'Connor makes 'em laugh and Debbie Reynolds is just about the cutest ingénue to grace the screen.

Swooning moment: A tie between "You Were Meant For Me" and Kelly's gleeful splashing in the title number.

See also: "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938), "My Fair Lady" (1964)*

"Punch-Drunk Love" (2002): Adam Sandler, for all his shortcomings, has always had an inkling for earnest romantic sub-plots in his guilty-pleasure comedies. Sandler (and director P.T. Anderson) took many by surprise by transplanting his emotionally stunted character from his fantastic comic world to Anderson's fantastic dramatic world. Despite his arrested development, he manages to court the radiant Emily Watson and fight off a nefarious Phillip Seymour Hoffman.

Swooning moment: Filmed in silhouette, Sandler and Watson embrace in a Hawaiian hotel lobby.

See also: "The Royal Tenenbaums" (2001), "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004)

*I seem to have a perpetual disagreement with women about a song in "My Fair Lady": Freddie singing "On The Street Where You Live" is the most soaring moment of the show, but females I know have variously described this number as "pathetic" and "creepy." The authors never really follow up on his pursuit, but isn't there a tiny part of you that thinks this is romantic as hell?



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Ask: Chocolate, wine, coffee can help to increase sexual drive

From ASK, page 19 often associated with Aphrodite the sea goddess herself, also provide an excellent source of zinc. Since good nutritional health dramatically improves sexual drive and performance, encouragement of consuming these types of foods would improve reproduction in that region.

In the United States these nutritional deficiencies rarely exist, hence these foods may not cause the same types of effects seen by the ancients, but it helps illustrate the importance of maintaining good nutritional health.

Certain cultures believe spicy foods like chili peppers and curries contribute by eliciting physiological responses like sweating and increased heart rate that occur during sex.

Coffee, which contains caffeine, and chocolate, which contains theobromine, a caffeine-like substance, can have aphrodisiac-like properties. Foods and drinks with these substances can provide that necessary added energy boost when used in moderation. If used excessively, both substances can have depressive qualities.

Gourmetsleuth.com, which also includes links to various recipes to test, lists additional aphrodisiacs like almonds, basil, garlic, honey, licorice, pine nuts,

pineapple, raspberries, strawberries, truffles, vanilla and wine.

Though around for centuries, aphrodisiacs remain largely untested for their effectiveness based on scientific evidence and testing.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, few scientific studies have been conducted to test the effects of aphrodisiacs in a laboratory setting due to the complication of eliminating "the placebo effect," or false positives given by participants due to psychological belief that the medicine or substance being tested works.

The problem with testing aphrodisiacs comes from the fact that the best aphrodisiac is the mind. Telling someone that taking a pill will enhance his or her sex drive will cause the experiment participant to believe it will work even though it may not elicit any true physiological response.

While one particular food will probably not help you get lucky this Tuesday, remember the powerful effects of the mind in making sure to set the right mood and environment when presenting these aphrodisiacs to your Valentine.

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FASHION



How to look sexy for your valentine

BY JENA RICHARD
LIFE FASHION COLUMNIST

No matter what your plans are for this Valentine's Day, here are some tips for how you can look your best.

Dateless

What to do: Get a group of good friends together and have a girls' night out or girls' night in. One idea is to either go out to see a movie or go to a concert. If you want to stay in and avoid the couple's scene, rent some romance movies, like "The Notebook" or "Dirty Dancing," order in food and make some cocktails.

What to wear: If you are staying in, make your girls' night in a pajama party. Go to Target or Victoria's Secret and buy some cute, girly PJs. You can either get plain-colored PJs or some with patterns, like hearts or polka dots. If you are a Juicy Couture lover, buy a new velour tracksuit, preferably in pink or red to go with the holiday colors.



Intimate dinner date

What to do: For a more romantic, intimate setting for your Valentine's Day date try Sole Mio, F. Scott's or Ruth's Chris.

What to wear: For this date you should avoid wearing jeans. At restaurants that have a more romantic setting you will want to be dressed to your best. A knee-length black dress is the perfect staple outfit. Spice up your dress with accented jewelry and sexy heels. If you like to wear brighter colors, any knee-length dress that is not causal will work. If you do not want to show off your legs, black pants with an embellished top and stilettos will help you fit in perfectly at any of these fancy restaurants.

Active date

What to do: If you and your valentine are athletic, an active date would be fun. You could go walking in Centennial Park and have a picnic (if the weather improves in the next week). Some other fun ideas would be to go bowling, or play miniature golf.

What to wear: You can still look sexy and be ready to show off your athleticism. If you are going to be participating in any sort of physical activity, cute tennis shoes are key. Cole Haan and Lacoste sell trendy tennis shoes. Since the weather is still cold outside, wear comfortable jeans, but not jeans that will show your thigh if you bend over. For a shirt you should wear a polo, or casual T-shirt. If you will be actually exercising, yoga pants with an athletic jacket will work — Nike or Adidas are good choices.



Casual dinner date

What to do: If you are going out to dinner for Valentine's Day, but want to go to a more casual, crowded restaurant, try Amerigos, Rumba, Cabana, P.F. Chang's, Boscors or J. Alexanders.

What to wear: For this date you want to look nice but not overdone. One good outfit idea is dark jeans with a form fitting, embellished top. Top off your outfit with stilettos, and a clutch purse. Since it is cold outside, you should wear a short length black jacket over your top. If you want to stand out, wear a knee-length skirt with tall boots and a top. Obviously, do not forget to put make up on, shower and do your hair.



Pictured: Minnie Miller & Jena Richard

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TRAVEL



A guide top elite frequent flier programs: How to get the most out of those trips home

I'm always amazed to find out how little most people know about all the benefits of being loyal to one airline. A friend once asked me why he had received an elite status card from Delta. After learning that he

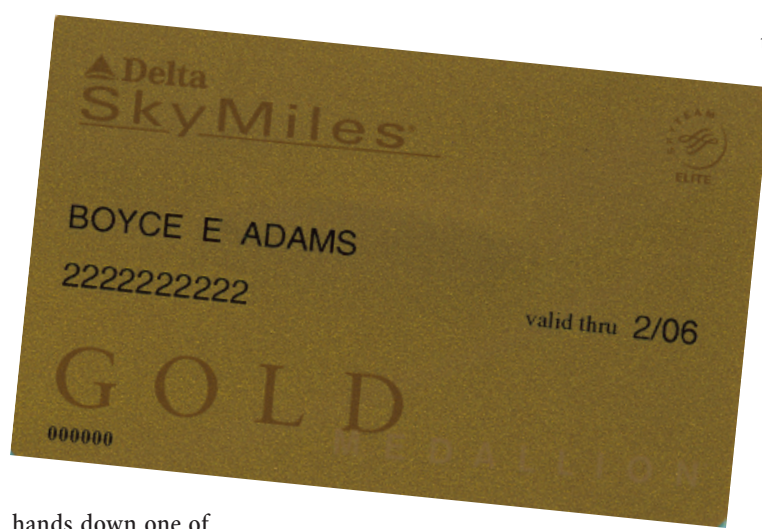
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had flown a substantial amount on Delta that year — nearly 40,000 miles — I explained that he could be flying first-class for free, not to mention other benefits. Similarly, I hope to enlighten the Vanderbilt community to the world of loyalty programs so that travel may not only be a necessity, but a rewarding and comfortable experience.

The world of elite frequent flyer programs can be rather complex, but generally most standards are intact throughout the industry. Most Vanderbilt students would easily meet the threshold requirements for elite status by simply flying the same airline (or its partners) back and forth from home to Nashville. If you live in Los Angeles, for example, one could earn elite status in as few as five trips home, not taking into account vacations, summer travel and other trips. It is tempting to purchase the cheapest ticket; after all, students are on a budget. While this is quite understandable, it would be prudent to check your preferred airline to see its prices and schedules before settling on the cheapest. In most instances, the prices are similar to those offered by the cheapest airline and the schedules are virtually the same. The benefits typically far outweigh the \$20 extra you pay to be loyal to your preferred airline.

Upgrades are



hands down one of the greatest benefits for airline loyalty. Imagine boarding first and being swallowed up by a leather upholstered seat the size of two in coach while being served a full dinner, complete with free, unlimited alcoholic beverages, the first of which is offered as soon as you take your seat. Such is the life in first-class. A free, elite status upgrade is by far the cheapest way, and therefore the most enjoyable, to indulge in premier class air travel. What one may not realize is that this is completely feasible after accumulating only 25,000 miles or 30 flight segments in one year. Full-service airlines allow elite members the ability to upgrade almost every type of ticket when traveling within the United States, Canada, Mexico and certain destinations in the Caribbean. Furthermore United, American, US Airways and Delta continue to offer certificates allowing upgrades on international flights for higher-level elite members. Generally for elite flyer, upgrades will process within a day of your flight. Now, that extra \$20 wasn't really so bad, was it?

Bonus Miles are another little known facet of elite travel. When an elite member patronizes his or her preferred airline, he or she is able to not only gain the miles available for

the flight, but bonus miles as well.

Typically, the lowest-level elite member will earn a 25 or 50 percent bonus, while the middle levels typically receive 100 percent and a couple airlines give their highest level 125 percent. Flying Northwest Airlines, which offers a 50 percent bonus to its lowest level elite members, a round-trip to Boston would yield over 4,000 miles if booked online. Los Angeles could yield over 8,000 miles, depending on routing. Remember, free travel starts at only 25,000 miles.

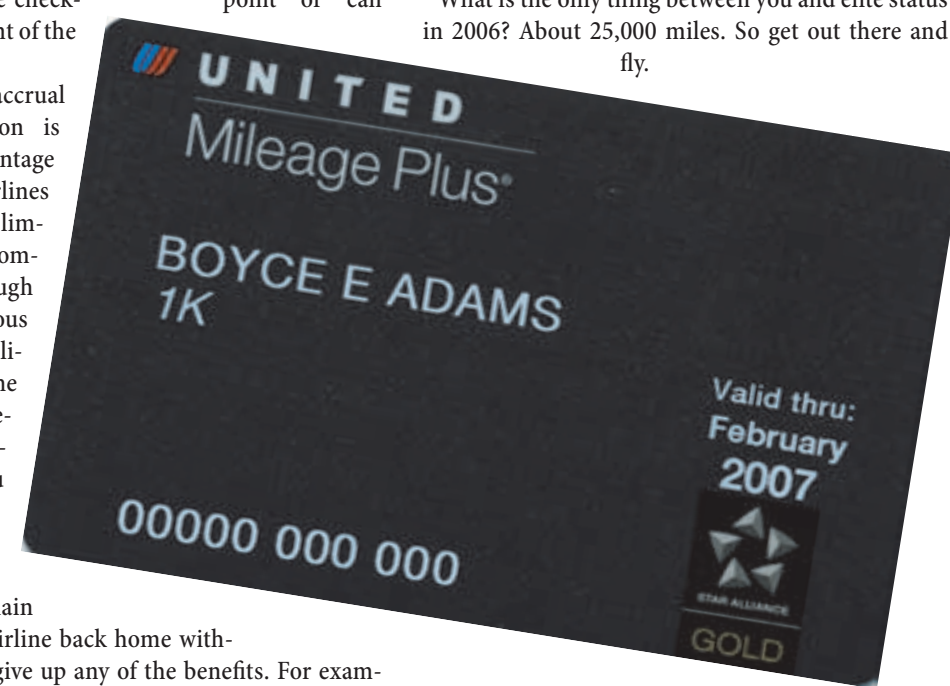
Priority seating, check-in and boarding remove the stress of standing in line. Achieving elite status all but eliminates the time wasted by standing in line. Special seats (more room) on the plane that the airline has blocked for its elite travelers, separate check-in counters to speed the process and priority boarding, which allows you to board with first class passengers and beat everyone onto the plane, are all other perks. Yet the most important benefit is the elite line at the security check. At many airports, including Nashville, elite members have a separate check-in point or can

Worldwide accrual and redemption is a major advantage full-service airlines have over their limited service competitors, through their numerous partners and alliances all over the globe. Therefore, no matter where you are traveling in the world, you have the ability to remain loyal to your airline back home without having to give up any of the benefits. For example, you can redeem all those miles you rack up to

fly virtually anywhere in the world, an advantage a limited-service airline like Southwest cannot match. Similarly, the benefits of priority lines, seating and upgrades are also present abroad. The major alliances currently operating, OneWorld, SkyTeam and Star, offer reciprocal benefits to elite members. If, for example, you were a Delta frequent traveler in the United States flying to Asia on Korean Air, miles accrued on the flight would post to your Delta account, including all applicable bonuses. For the globe-trotting student, especially those who study abroad, taking advantage of these worldwide alliances provides for much easier travel and opens up endless opportunities for free trips. Elite members also often receive the same priority check-in and boarding benefits on carriers within the alliance worldwide.

Discounted lounge access is another added perk. The mark of a very frequent flier is membership in an airline lounge program such as the Red Carpet Club of United, the President's Club of Continental, or the Crown Club Room of Delta. An additional perk of being an elite member is the sizable discount offered on membership to these clubs. For example, a general United member pays \$500 for an one year membership, while a Premier member (the lowest level of elite status) pays only \$400.

What is the only thing between you and elite status in 2006? About 25,000 miles. So get out there and fly.



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 - Irritate
 - Mixed bag
 - Black, in verse
 - Ocean speck
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 - Goods transporter
 - Former Curtain
 - Chin beard
 - Bar-code reader
 - Charged particle
 - Touch tenderly
 - Put in
 - St. crosses
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 - Clinton's canal
 - Evaluate anew
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 - Radar gun's target
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- DOWN**
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 - Netting
 - Actor Lugosi
 - Of all time
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 - Comic Woody
 - Ananias, for one
 - Long, long time
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21 Moon shape
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24 Spread rumors
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27 Length x width
28 Scottish headland
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33 Walked heavily
34 Leprechaun land
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38 Ballpark fig.
41 __-culottes
43 Male and female
45 Face setting item
46 Wood-shaping machine
47 Unworldly being
48 Small-scale
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