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Germany Tops USA At Olympics, USA Tops Germany At Things That Matter.

Though many Germans have pointed to their recent high medal count as final proof that Germany is a greater nation than the US, they have conveniently forgotten that the Winter Olympics do not matter. U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney was quick to retort, "They might have been able to beat us at winning gold and silver medals, but we still beat them in bronze, 7 to 6." Cheney added, "Bronze is noted for its lack of friction against other metal, which made it invaluable in each of our successful wars against Germany. Sure, they may have taken home the gold in the biathlon, but we took home the Kaiser's treasury after the War to End All Wars, and destroyed an entire city of priceless art in the War to End All Wars Episode II, Attack of the Clones." German Prime Minister Horst Köhler was quick to point out that not only did the trains run on time in Germany, but also that the Germans are a peaceful people who only demand order.

Limericks Highlight "Vanderbubble Effect"

This weekend, Vandy Students for a Wider World, or VSWW, took to Frat Row, proclaiming limericks about student apathy, and world events.

Fire in the towers chute out,
Indian cops die in shoot out.
You'd have not much trouble,
Right here, in the bubble,
Discovering which we care about.

Each of the protesters wore a country flag and handed out pamphlets that they plagiarized from the CIA World Factbook. John Riddenbocker, VSWW president, stated "VSWW is all about getting into students faces, and bringing it, well, you know, on." Alice Riddenbocker, John's cousin, and the other member of the group added, "I'm not sure which flag this is, but guys think I look hot in it." VSWW is currently engaged in the application process for AcFee funding, but the Riddenbockers are hopeful that their unique combination of metered poems and world issues will set them apart from other organizations, such as Vandy Students for a Smaller Bubble, or VSSB, whose president, Steve Frattypants, commented,

"Inside the bubble,
Lies beer, sports, and skinny girls,
I need and seek naught."

New Orleans Swamped With

People Who Just Don't Care

"Losing everything taught me what's really important in life: alcohol," said resident Tom Delacroix. "That's why I'm glad that all these out-of-towners who didn't lose their homes are coming in to enjoy themselves while huge swaths of the city still struggle to get by. It would have been nice if they had come down after Katrina to help, but at least they're coming." Michigan native and party-goer Steve Holden explained his reasons for going to Mardi Gras: "After months of hearing about hardships and the racist practices in that fair city, the debauchery and sexism of Mardi Gras celebrations will provide for a nice change of pace for New Orleanites."

Parents on Saturday Morning Tour Impressed With Greek Row

Parents of prospective Vanderbilt students were wowed by everything Frat Row had to offer on a recent Saturday morning tour of the campus. Tours, which lead from the Student Life Center to Sarratt, gave high schoolers and their assorted parents and younger siblings an excellent view of the remnants of parties that had taken place the previous night. Surveying the landscape of empty beer cans and theme parties run amok, proud father Ryan Porcher could tell that "Vanderbilt is just the place" for his precious youngest daughter.

Activists: Invisible Children Are People Too

Despite their inability to be seen, the plight of children in war-torn Uganda make for an excellent documentary, claim members of Northern Lights. The documentary, entitled (cleverly enough) Invisible Children, focuses on children who are forced to become invisible child soldiers, ala Predator, and the children who try to escape from this fate. Northern Lights encourages vis-



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ible people to attend its Tuesday meetings at eight at the CPH, during which all their secrets are revealed.

More Republican Donors Demand Chance to be Shot by Vice-President

The highly competitive fund-raising tactics of the Bush White House, by which the more money you raise the more access you get to the President, resulted in an unusual twist this week, with top GOP donators demanding that they be treated to the same benefits of Harry Whittington. Whittington, who was shot by Vice-President Cheney on a quail-hunting trip last week, was released from a local hospital this week. Said evil oil baron Magnus von Babyhater, "I gave up my soul, my grandmother and my personal integrity to raise more money for the President than anyone else, and certainly as much as that damned Whittington fellow. I don't see why he should be peppered with birdshot, but not me. What happened to basic American notions of equality?"

Sexiled East Hall Residents Want Extra Housing Lottery Point

In the wake of the news that only half of those living in East Hall this semester will be gaining an extra point on their housing lottery status, those living on the side that was not being given an extra point but who have been regularly sexiled to the other side of the dorm are pushing to be included in the bonus. "Sure, I didn't technically live on the side affected by the construction," said sophomore Eric Bellward, "but ever since my roommate got together with his latest girlfriend, I've had to spend about 4 nights a week sleeping in the lounge which is on the affected side. Surely I deserve some compensation? I mean, it's bad enough never getting laid, but having to settle for a Towers single is only going to make it worse." ●



The offending cartoon.

GAAAAARFIIIIIEEEELD!



"Garfield" Cartoon Found in Destroyed Iraqi Mosque

After an investigation to uncover the possible cause for the recent deadly bombings in the Al-Askariya mosque, authorities believe they found some promising evidence as a charred copy of last Sunday's "Garfield" cartoon was found. A Sunni militant who detested the cartoon explained the reasoning behind the attack: "It was an sinful and distasteful depiction of the higher prophet Garfield in the holiest of places, and the sin was paid for with the blood of the infidels." To many observer's surprise, it turned out that the cynical, overweight feline was seen by some as a blasphemous depiction of an animal considered divine in many Arabic traditions. ●

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The Pembroke's upright ears are distinctive.

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Corrections:

In the February 15, 2006 issue, *The Slant* printed a page called "Random Unrelated Documents." A certain campus entity has complained that we misrepresented the truth in that page. If by "misrepresent the truth," they meant "printed excerpts from publically viewable SGA minutes," then yes, *The Slant* misrepresented the truth. *The Slant*, however, refuses to apologize for being so naive as to assume the minutes on the SGA website were accurate. While we obviously won't be doling out praise to student groups like they would hope, this should be a good reminder that *The Slant* is not a propaganda machine.

In addition, Greg Champoux, stop eating lunch in our office and wasting our precious Internet if you're not going to write anything.

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FROM THE EDITOR



CEAF LEWIS

As *Slant* editor, I read every student publication in my constant trolling for material. Lately, however, the one most ripe for mockery is none other than our rival, *The Vanderbilt Hustler*. Despite the efforts of certain writers, investigative journalism remains at a minimum and far too many

statements are taken at face value. Publications should be questioning everything or they aren't doing their job; this goes doubly if they consider themselves "press" publications (especially when students do all but take the questions they should be asking, print them out, wrap them around a brick, and hurl them through the office door).

On a cheerier note, our layout computers are slow and crash regularly. Actually, that's not that cheery. It actually sucks, and we are all on the verge of electrocuting ourselves so we do not have to put out another issue. In addition, if we electrocute ourselves by taking apart our crappy Apples' power supplies, we destroy the crappy Apples. Then, should *The Slant* ever be revived, Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc, will have to buy the new generation of staffers new, good computers as they're having our blackened corpses scraped off the floor of our office.

As you may have figured out, the Collector's Edition has been postponed once again. There's just too much extravagant and grand material out there. Of course, our staff is also out there, meaning that they aren't here with us at production. This is an upsetting situation, no doubt brought upon by Student Life's injunctions on us not to haze our staff. We could solve this problem if only we could paddle our freshmen and make them drink various potables. I know it.

Anyway, production is made much more tolerable by a service called Pandora (<http://www.pandora.com>). You input a band you like and it streams music of styles similar to said band. So far today we have listened to bands similar to Harvey Danger, Muse, The Cranberries, Iron Maiden, Tonic, Garbage, Toto, Rammstein, Electric Light Orchestra, Boyz II Men, and Jethro Tull, the moral being that *The Slant* has diverse (read: crappy) musical tastes. Also, we have listened to Europe's "The Final Countdown" something like eight or nine times today. It's kicked ass every time. Anyway, that just about fills the word count for this column. Someday we'll do the Collector's Edition (I hope). ☹

THE REWARD

from *Fifty-One Tales*
by Lord Dunsany

One's spirit goes further in dreams than it does by day. Wandering once by night from a factory city I came to the edge of Hell.

The place was foul with cinders and cast-off things, and jagged, half-buried things with shapeless edges, and there was a huge angel with a hammer building in plaster and steel. I wondered what he did in that dreadful place. I hesitated, then asked him what he was building. "We are adding to Hell," he said, "to keep pace with the times." "Don't be too hard on them," I said, for I had just come out of a compromising age and a weakening country. The angel did not answer. "It won't be as bad as the old hell, will it?" I said. "Worse," said the angel.

"How can you reconcile it with your conscience as a Minister of Grace," I said, "to inflict such a punishment?" (They talked like this in the city whence I had come and I could not avoid the habit of it.)

"They have invented a new cheap yeast," said the angel.

I looked at the legend on the walls of the hell that the angel was building, the words were written in flame, every fifteen seconds they changed their color, "Yeasto, the great new yeast, it builds up body and brain, and something more."

"They shall look at it for ever," the angel said.

"But they drove a perfectly legitimate trade," I said, "the law allowed it."

The angel went on hammering into place the huge steel uprights.

"You are very revengeful," I said. "Do you never rest from doing this terrible work?"

"I rested one Christmas Day," the angel said, "and looked and saw little children dying of cancer. I shall go on now until the fires are lit."

"It is very hard to prove," I said, "that the yeast is as bad as you think."

"After all," I said, "they must live."

And the angel made no answer but went on building his hell. ☹



Fucked Image

You should have seen what he did to "The King."

Hanging With Mr. Hooper

(by Daniel Hooper)

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The Slant's Daytona 500 Coverage

"It's amazing that Jimmie Johnson won this race, but even more amazing was that I was there to report on it for you."

by **ROBERT SAUNDERS,**
NASCAR Fanatic

This was truly an exciting race to cover. I wouldn't have been able to cover it without my Compaq laptop. It's conveniently placed keys and bright screen really made it possible for me to type and see what I was typing.

I'd be remiss not to mention the Microsoft XP Professional operating system and the Microsoft Office Word 2003. Without an operating system, I've just got a box of metal and plastic, and without the word processing power of Word 2003, I wouldn't be able to type or lay out my document.

Of course, typing would be a waste of time were it not for Al Gore, the DARPA Internet or the Bell South local phone service at my Days Inn that made connection to Al Gore's Darpa Internet possible. A big shout out to NetZero, which made possible the free connection to the Internet through the Days Inn and Bell South phone line to transmit this story back to the home office in Nashville.

I also should thank the Coca-Cola company for providing me with the refreshing energy to write this column. As they often say, "cheering is thirsty work." Without the \$4.75 Cokes, I'd be unable to have the energy to both cheer and write at the same time. Come to think of it, I thank Coca-Cola for all the times it has helped me quench my thirst in the past.

I guess if I am thanking Coca-Cola, I should also thank the com-

pany that makes these awesome Daytona nachos. They seem intent on keeping their brand name a secret, and I am not about to go against the wishes of a company that has helped me. Without these generic nachos, I would not be having the full NASCAR experience.

And I can't neglect the web site design team of David Barzelay or the

ny to recognize value in another high quality company and its product.

And big ups to Adobe for InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and shit, the whole lineup of Creative Suite 2 products without which we couldn't publish *The Slant*. It's truly a team effort to make a column of this caliber, and they share the credit. After all I'm just one writer out

and a great newspaper.

Thanks also go to Cornelius Vanderbilt for all the hard work he put into making his railroad fortune and recognizing the value of higher education and founding a university. And for naming it after himself, like we could forget all that he accomplished and meant to this nation and this city.

Many humble thanks also go to Vanderbilt Student Communications. Although we've had our issues in the past with VSC, we appreciate their fine support of our journalistic and comedic talents.

But really, none of this would be possible without the students of this campus, whose AcFee money makes possible organizations like VSC, which make possible great newspapers like *The Slant*.

There is more to the greatness of Robert Saunders as a columnist than his wit or knowledge of comedic conventions. No, Robert is just a guy who knows how to type. He is just the sum product of the union of egg and sperm and decades of child rearing by T. Richard and Dorothy Saunders. They deserve all the credit for the laughs generated by this and all my other columns.

And really, I can't leave out the Lord God, Creator of the Heavens and the Universe, without whom none of us would be here. This was truly a team effort from start to finish.

It's amazing that Jimmie Johnson won this race, but even more amazing that I was there to report on it for you.



I also want to thank whoever made this wallpaper. It helped me calm my excitement enough to write this article.

folks at Macromedia Flash, which are responsible for the interface with which I submitted my report and posted it to the folks in Nashville.

What's that? Macromedia is now owned by Adobe? Oh, well, then thanks to Adobe for seeing the value in Macromedia and purchasing them. It takes a high quality compa-

ny there in the world, dependent on my Editor-in-Chief Ceaf Lewis and the editorial staff from Managing Editor Andrew Collazzi to editor Tim Boyd to Head Writer Richie Green. They really challenge me to push forward with my best effort, and I push them to expect the best of me. And that's why we have such a great column

Local Drug Dealers to Start Taking Vandy Card

by RICHIE GREEN

After the success of Vanderbilt Dining's "Taste of Nashville" program where students are able to use their Vandy Cards at off-campus establishments, the Commodore Card Office has decided to add a new program called "Highs of Nashville." This program will allow local drug dealers to accept meal money in exchange for various drugs.

"We are always looking for ways to fulfill the wants of our customers" explained office employee Daniel Lewis. "In this case with 'Highs of Nashville,' we are looking to what our students need, what they really, really, really need."

"Besides, with that 30% commission on all profits from the sales"

he added, "we will be making some sweet-ass money off the program."

Students, who often have excess amounts of money on their Cards, are happy that they can finally use it for something worthwhile. As sophomore Aloysius Watson explained: "There have been so many times I was wanting to go out and get some good LSD, but I have a very limited amount of cash and a ton of money on my card that I would just end up wasting on books."

"Plus," he added, "the drugs are overpriced on campus and the dealers are much snottier than the ones in the greater Nashville area."

One of the "Highs of Nashville" dealers, known simply as "Big Ray," is excited about the possibilities of the

program. "I know I'll make a ton of money from this program with all of the business from students. This will help me get enough money to nurture my cocaine addict . . . I mean, my kids."

Other reactions to the program have been less optimistic. A certain manager of Quizno's, who shall remain nameless, is worried about the program. "With Quizno's, I have had the most profitable business taking the Vandy Card. To stay on top, I have had to start selling my own stash! All right, it's a snippety a hurly burl of a world of a stash, man I tell you, but I want to keep it." After several minutes of crack-induced gibberish, he continued "As part of the program, I have been selling my stuff through the Quizno's

counter. In fact, would you like some meth, it's my favorite. Oh boy, how about some PCP? All right, that's my other favorite. Hey man! You seem like a coke person, I love it too."

Meanwhile, the "Highs of Nashville" program is getting praise as being new and innovative, but a previous Munchie Mart employee claims he actually invented the program years ago. "So I sold pot from the counter; I admit it," explained the employee. "Though I would usually accept cash, I would occasionally allow students to buy me food on the Card when I had the munchies in exchange for weed."

"I seriously better get royalties for this shit," he added. ●

Congress Launches Bi-Partisan Effort To Trivialize US Port Security Issue

by TIM BOYD

In a rare show of political unity, senior Republicans and Democrats this week attacked the decision of President Bush to allow a Dubai-based shipping firm to take over operational matters at six of the nation's largest ports. Dubai Ports World (DP World), which is based in the United Arab Emirates, recently acquired the British company P&O which had previously operated the ports.

Fortunately, heroic and disinterested lawmakers quickly stepped into the breach to protest this outrageous transaction that would have allowed a business run by one of America's close allies to be taken over by another of America's close allies with darker skins. Senate majority leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Democratic Senator "Chuck" Schumer (D-NY) were among the first to take a stand.

"Dealing with an issue as complex as securing our ports takes hard work, determination, tough decisions and possibly even spending money," Frist said at a press conference, "Fortunately, this issue provides

us with an opportunity to sound like we're doing something to address the issue without actually having to take the time to think up a comprehensive solution to the problem.

"People might say, 'why don't you do something about the fact that only 5% of the container's being shipped into our nation are inspected?', or 'can't we tighten up the registration procedures for dockworkers and cargo ships so that we have a better idea of who is handling what goods and when?'; or even 'how do you sleep at night with the knowledge that there's basically nothing in place to stop a shipment of anthrax turning up in New York Harbor tomorrow morning and pretty much anybody getting their hands on it?'

"To such people I say, why bother? It's so much easier and cheaper to sound like you're helping in the War on Terror by shamelessly exploiting fear of the word "Arab" and holding up a deal that really has no bearing on national security. After all, it's not like there's anything serious at stake here."

Senator Schumer saluted Frist's courage in taking a stand, and explained his own reasons for oppos-

ing the Port deal. "The coward's way out of this would have been to turn a blind eye to such an obvious opportunity for political opportunism," the New York Democrat said on the Senate floor, "Instead, I join my colleague from Tennessee in taking that most difficult of steps for a politician – picking on an already distrusted group of people in a far off land of which we know little in order to further my image as a statesman of the highest magnitude."

Since news of the deal broke, the Bush administration has taken the unusual step of sticking to facts and trying to argue the case for the deal on its objective merits. Political analysts from all sides of the ideological spectrum argue this is a very risky strategy to adopt. "This is essentially an emotive issue," said professional pollster Charlie Cook, "One might rationally question why we, alone out of 19 countries affected by this transaction, are turning it into such a huge deal, or why it's OK for our former colonial masters to run our ports, but not for a nation we've ever been to war with to do it, or even why a company that has as good a security record as any com-

parable operation in the world should be considered suspect. But, quite honestly, if the American people started thinking rationally about everything, opinion pollsters like me would be out of business."

Despite the Bush Administration's reluctance to give way to congressional grandstanding, it does seem that the White House is seeking a way out of this that will allow them to save face without alienating key Middle Eastern allies. With regard to this, Bush's Press Secretary, Scott McClellan, announced on Tuesday that the executives of Dubai Ports World would be meeting with President Bush and Vice-President Cheney over the weekend in order to try and reach what McClellan described as "an acceptable solution to the recent difficulties."

When pushed to specify just what sort of a "solution" this would be, McClellan refused to be drawn on the specifics, but did also mention that the Dubai businessmen, though not known for being keen outdoorsmen, would be joining the Vice-President for a short quail-hunting trip on Sunday. ●

The Slant Renews Its Love Affair With The Historic Tale Construction Kit

We asked the staff to create their own tales with the program at <http://www.adgame-wonderland.de/type/bayeux.php>.



Zounds! The starter image!



COLIN RYMER chose to engage in some hard hitting political commentary, I guess.



RACHEL UNGER was disappointed when "BroKebAck Mountain" wasn't a real party.



ANDREW COLLAZZI chose subject matter similar to that of Mister Rymer, which makes me suspect that Mister Collazzi cheated.



CEAF LEWIS still can't forget the epic cinematic experience that was Episode III.

Dost thou have a tale of thine own? Send your tapestries to slantcontests@gmail.com!

None Dare Challenge Us (Not Even *The Torch*)

by JOE HILLS

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Fill out this SuDoku with the letters from A-Z,
except for K.

We're pretty sure this one is solvable, even.

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Dear Sir:

As a dedicated member of the *Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman* fanbase, I attempt to give back to the community whenever I can, and that includes the loving crafting of new adventures for Superman (ably played in the series by Dean Cain). I will have you know that my story "Man of Steel: Superman at The Battle of Stalingrad" was very well received.

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Quincy Caldera

Webmaster, *Lois and Clark: The New Webforums of Superman*

Beta Upsilon Chi Activities Criticized As Hazing, Sacrilege

by **CEAF LEWIS**

The Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity, or BYX, has had its ups and downs during its tenure at Vanderbilt University, but the organization still retained its shining reputation as a hazing-free environment where young men could grow in fellowship while strengthening their bonds with the Lord. However, certain ex-members of the 2006 pledge class have come forward with information on several controversial BYX activities, which many campus groups have criticized as everything from "mild annoyance" to "jerkass hazing."

The first to come forward with allegations to campus media was Brigham Smith, noted campus Mormon. "They paddled the bejesus out of me with hymnals but then they told me I was cut due to my denomination's views on Christ." According to Smith, once he

was cut from pledgship, the brothers proceeded to cut all Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Copts, Jews for Jesus, and one out of two Zoroastrians, sprinkling the former pledges with holy water all the while

The torment didn't stop with the heathen removal process, however. "Communion was pretty rough," alleged freshman and former pledge Nigel Burns. "They wouldn't let me leave the altar rail until I finished off the entire cup of grape juice. They kept yelling 'CHUG THE BLOOD OF CHRIST! CHUG IT!' and I had to

keep drinking until I finished or threw up. Of course, I couldn't hold all of that grape juice, so I was cut. Plus I had to pay to get the carpet cleaned. Way to turn the other cheek, guys."

"Of course, to outsiders our methods may seem cruel and unorthodox," said BYX pledge trainer Thurston Howell. "But we have to make sure every member of our esteemed fraternity is truly prepared to undergo the rigors of membership. As it says of the unworthy in Hosea 13:16, 'They shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their

women with child shall be ripped up.' So, as you can see, we're just trying to protect the people we cut and/or haze."

"Now, one might think that the BYX members are being a little extreme," explained religious studies professor Volney Gay. "But what critics are neglecting are that things could be much worse. For example, in the deuterocanonical

Gospel of Thomas, verse 114 says 'Simon Peter said to them, Make Mary leave us, for females don't deserve life.' So, at least they're keeping their extreme nature to themselves, rather than visiting it upon the sororities."

In response, the administration plans to put the independent BYX organization under the jurisdiction of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), in light of the IFC's resounding success in stopping hazing at other fraternities. ●



Al-Qaeda Claims Responsibility For Towers Fire

by **BOBBY GIBBONS**

The fire that began in Towers 4 on Saturday night was quickly contained by the Nashville Fire Department, but has sparked concern regarding a new terrorist threat targeting American universities. Over the weekend speculation and rumors linking the fire to a terrorist cell operating within the university prompted Chancellor Gee to raise the Vanderbilt alert level to orange for the first time since the system was implemented.

A thorough investigation by VUPD revealed that there was reason to suspect foul play, prompting Andrew Atwood to release the following security bulletin on Sunday: "The fire in Towers West is a suspected act of arson. Reports from the RA on duty indicate that around 12:00 AM an older man wearing a turban entered the building carrying a model airplane kit and a book entitled Arson for Dummies.

Be on the lookout for anyone fitting the enclosed physical description:
 "Age: 45-50.
 "Hair: Brown.
 "Eyes: Brown.
 "Height: 6' 4" to 6' 6."
 "Complexion: Olive.
 "Weight: Approximately 160 pounds.
 "Sex: Male."

The VUPD investigators have also come up with a sketch of what the suspect may look like.

Reports Monday are that a fire-proof safe containing a tape was found at the bottom of the chute. While officials have yet to release the details, an inside source has indicated that the tape contains Osama bin Laden claiming responsibility for the attacks. According to bin Laden, "While our recent activities have prompted governments throughout the west to take extreme measures

in response to the fear we have instilled in them, our efforts have not resonated with the infidel youth. In response we shall begin our assault on universities across the in which we will of course target the tallest dorms on campus. We will begin in the southeast where the Islamic faith has been dominated for years by the Baptist pres-

ence and the gun laws are more conducive to our activities. From there we will spread across the land leaving behind annoying fires before running to hide as we bravely carry out our Jihad". Bin Laden was last seen at a local free dialysis clinic which was subsequently bombed "just in case."



VUPD released a sketch of the suspect.

Soccer Team Still Gone, We Still Care

by **JOE HILLS**

The most recent issue of *Versus* covered in detail the latest news on the battle of the Administration versus the men's soccer team (HAH! *Versus* is covering opposition, get it?). Seriously though, guys, *Versus* covered the facts, so I can cut to the chase.

My purpose in writing this is rather to incite peaceful protest. Half of you took the time to sign a petition, now it's time to make your voices heard, literally. Below is the contact information for the people with the most power to overturn the decision. We encourage you to e-mail them with large .mp3 attachments containing your thoughts, fax them letters, and phone them at least once a day. Everyone loves voice mail. Have your parents do so as well.

Remember, Brent Richards, soccer team spokesman, says,

"The real issue is the political aspect of overturning a decision of that magnitude."

So I say, let the administration know that it's okay to make a mistake, and that as long as they are really sorry, and let us have the soccer team, we'll forgive them.

If our direct protests fall on deaf ears, and should the administration attempt to close the issue, I say take things one step further. Protests outside Kirkland might seem like a good idea, but I say protest outside of the admissions office. Approach tour groups with handouts. Things could obviously be taken further, but these peaceful protests would be a great

start. We can escalate if need be. If the administration will not listen, our next issue will include even more suggestions, and as much contact information and other such publicly available shocking secrets about the Board of Trust Members as we can find at whitepages.com.

In closing, I think Pat Murray, freshman soccer player, said it best when he stated, "It's an unfortunate decision for the administration because they are losing twenty-five good student athletes. it's bad for us, but it's also bad for the school."

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The Traffic In This City Is Terrible!

by **DAVID BARZELAY,**
Lives in the City You Do

Every day, I have to make a trip to and from work that, in theory, should take much less than the amount of time it in fact takes. Let me tell you something: I've been a lot of places before, and driven in a lot of cities, but this city, the one in which you and I live and commute, has probably the worst traffic of any city ever.

First of all, the drivers of the city in which I live, in my state, in America, are so inconsiderate. They drive so wildly, failing to use their blinkers, either speeding like crazy or going way too slow. Plus there are so many old people here. And only in this town does one see so many people talking on cell phones while driving, women doing their makeup in the rearview mirror, kids changing CDs, and so on.

I mean, Jesus, you live in this city, too--you know what I'm talking about. There's always so much construction going on. Lanes are always being blocked off, and they're always doing it during rush hour! You'd think they'd do the work at night, or at least off-peak times, like they do in other cities where traffic isn't as bad as this one. And yet, despite all the constant construction, the roads are always in such disrepair. The other day I hit this pothole that I thought was gonna rip my axle right off my car!

I wish the traffic in our city were like the traffic in every other city in the country except this one. It would be so nice. But here all the stop lights are either too long or too short. I don't understand why they don't install those sensor things that can tell when there isn't a single other car in the road you're trying to cross. And even downtown, all the lights are timed so poorly. If you go at the wrong time, you hit every single one! And then they're always putting in speed bumps on some road just when you think you've found

a decent shortcut. The municipal planners or whoever decides these things in our city should be shot, and replaced by the people who do that job in another, different city.

Oh, and another thing. The roads are so confusing! Whenever you're trying to find some place, half the intersections don't have signs, or else you can't see them because they're blocked by plants or something. We're expected to just know that we're supposed to take that exit to get to the airport. I can't even keep it straight, and I've lived here for twenty years. It's confusing the way the interstate branches without it letting you know where the hell each prong is going to take you.

The amazing thing is that even when they recognize how bad the traffic is, they even manage to screw up the fix. They're finally widening Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. They announced the plan in what? 1998? Now they're finally finishing it. Eight lanes, big deal. Woulda been great for 1998 traffic, but by the time they're finishing, it's already too small again.

And gas prices. I dare say they are higher in this city than any other city. And the speed traps in this city. Well, you live here. Are they not ridiculous? The speed limit goes right from 70mph to 55mph on that quarter-mile stretch of highway we all drive through on our ways to work.

If only one of us were running things instead of those asshole politicians that run this city, things would really change around here. We'd plan our expansions in advance, clean up the roads. I'm sure we could time the lights better and fix these damn potholes. And government contractors are so lazy. Give me a few contracting companies full of guys like me and my buddies, and we could do all of it with half the budget this city spends on transportation. I wish the traffic in this city were like it is in every other city, instead of the way it is in this one.

Bastard Confession



"I *still* pretend that I'm Michelle Kwan when I go ice skating."

-Sean Tierney

AROUNDTHELOOP

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT PACKAGE IS THE BEST ONE FOR ME?



What do you do when you can't think of "Around The Loop" questions?

Howard Dean, Rolling Stones Fan



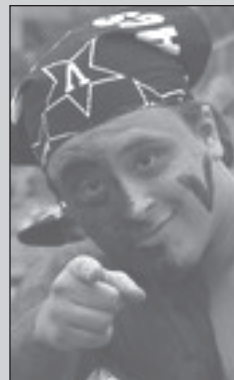
“Well, I always remember that I Can’t Always Get What I Want, but I can always get a Moons Over My Hammy at Denny’s.”

Ceaf Lewis, Slant Editor-in-Chief



“I write obscenities on the *Slant* computers with a dry-erase marker in my rage. Then I go out for a Moons Over My Hammy.”

Andrew Collazzi, Stick-in-the-Mud



“I write more obscenities on the *Slant* computers, but I don’t like the Moons Over My Hammy because I don’t enjoy anything fun or good.”

Chad Burchard, Diner Aficionado



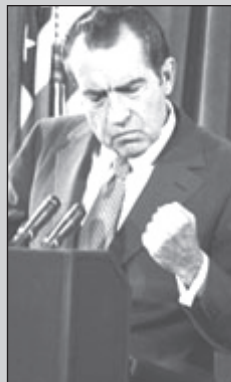
“I went over to Denny’s when I couldn’t come up with one for the *Hustler*. Can’t beat the Moons Over My Hammy when you need to get your brain racing.”

Roger Del Monte, Fop



“I weep silently into my Moons Over My Hammy, because I’m sensitive like that.”

Nixon, Resigned To His Fate



“Too bad the Moons Over My Hammy hasn’t been invented yet; that would make me feel better about the lack of a question . . . oh, and this Watergate nonsense.”

SLANTHOROSCOPES

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

Great plan to cash in on the Towers IV fire insurance. Too bad your dumbass roommate forgot to post the check that would have made the policy valid.

Aries (March 21-April 19):

No matter how hard you try, you won’t convince your friends that any figure skater is not gay.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

Fortune favors the bold, but not the stupid. Dumbass.

Gemini (May 21-June 21):

Sell your soul for a bag of potato chips. Since you don’t even have a soul, you’ll just get a free bag of chips out of the deal.

Cancer (June 22-July 22):

Grilled chicken causes cancer; trust me on this one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

While it would save you a trip to the Munchie Mart, Saran Wrap doesn’t make as good of a prophylactic as one would think.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Developing a binary version of the SuDoku puzzle really isn’t all that impressive. Stop bragging about it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

You should give up reading horoscopes for Lent to save your soul. Of course, it will mean missing next week’s prediction on how to fix your love life.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

Beware the Ides of March - There’s going to be a pop quiz in History 171. If you’re not in History 171, carry on as normal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

You will make an appearance at the Oscars! Sadly, it will be in the “those who are no longer with us” montage.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Next time, remember that you take the plastic OFF before you put the DiGiorno in the oven, but put the plastic ON before you hook up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

VSC lied when they said the computers they gave you are nowhere near as good as the ones you had.

Top Ten Upcoming *Hustler* Columns And Features

- 10** "Won't Somebody Please Hook Up With Me? I'll Buy You Things (So Long As They're Not Too Expensive)" by Mike Matthews II
- 9** "Why We Should Forgive Administrations For Their Boondoggles" by the Editorial Board
- 8** "Why I Am Always Correct" by Christopher McGeady
- 7** "I Hate You So Much, Israel, And I Will Not Rest Until You Are Wiped From The Face Of The Earth And I Mean It This Time" by Laura Breslin
- 6** "Memo From Mamo" by Jordan Mamorsky
- 5** "Bush's Boondoggles Should Not Be Tolerated" by the Editorial Board
- 4** "My Life's Meaning Depends Upon Being Able To Talk To Sketchy Strangers" by Taylor Sewell
- 3** "Here's Twelve Pictures Of Me In A Dress" by Jena Richard
- 2** "Ill-Behaved Stern Truth Space Filler" by Some Jerk
- 1** "When Did Racial Slurs Become Unacceptable?" by Chad Burchard

Don't Blame Me, I Voted For Darwin

by AMELIA COUSINS



***The Slant* spotted this car last week in the Vanderbilt area.**

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Freshmen Horribly Scarred After Blindly Clicking On Links Sent By *Slant* Editors

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