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## FROM THE EDITOR



SEAN TIERNEY

If I had alien superpowers, I wouldn't flaunt them like the girl in my econ class does. This girl was in a class of mine freshman year, but I hadn't seen her since until this semester. She's still got the same identity; everything checks out- name, major, home town, sorority, etc., except she's a completely different person. Now, I

don't mean she dyed her hair or got a boob job, I mean she's five inches shorter than she used to be and has a totally different face. So, she's got to be either an alien body snatcher or Alex Mack. Plus, I've caught her levitating her books a few times. It's a real shame she's a Klingon, too, because econ classes are such sausage fests to begin with anyway.

Speaking of sausage fests reminds me of my suite. We recently had a barbecue in which we cooked steak and sausage.

Thinking about my suite makes me think about getting a job, though, and I don't like it. Within two years, I'll have a college degree and a job. That means that within five years, I'll be boring. In no time at all, I'll be wearing short shorts while I mow my lawn and complaining about how my kids don't respect me. I'll also have a beer belly.

What's brought on these thoughts is the job search currently being conducted by my suitemate, Masculine Mike. He's graduating in May, which means he's even closer to future lameness than I am.

Speaking of lameness does not, however, remind me of myself, the funniest man on campus. I called myself that last issue and nobody objected, so I think I'll take it a bit further this time and say that I'm also the sexiest man on campus. I know it's true because I said it. In print. In fact, I'm so sexy, it's awkward.

Speaking of uncomfortable situations reminds me of the time I publicly accused the girl in my econ class of being Alex Mack. Man, I really don't know where I was going with that one.

Speaking of the loneliest number reminds me of my other suitemate, Neil. If you're a hot girl who doesn't have alien superpowers, you should give him a call. He'll pay you \$3.99 a minute if you do.

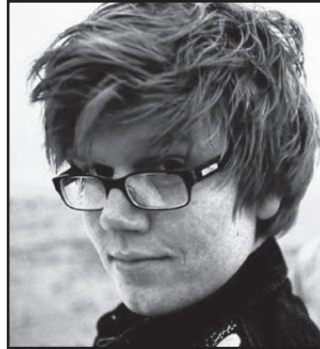
I can't think of anything that phone sex reminds me of.

Actually, I can, but this is the end of my column.

Color the wheat. 🍷

## Students Wait In Line For Two Hours To Buy Brett Dennen Concert Tickets

There was a two hour wait and a line out the door of the Sarratt Student Center Friday morning due to the release of tickets for Commodore Quake, the highly-anticipated Homecoming concert at Memorial Gym with folk/pop sensation Brett Dennen.



"I've been here since 8 a.m. just for a chance to see Brett Dennen up close." said one devoted student, "This is the concert I've been waiting for all of my life!"

Chants of "We want Brett!" echoed throughout the halls of Sarratt.

"I am willing to stab as many people as it takes to get floor seats for Brett Dennen!" said junior Ben Hessen. Once the tickets went on sale at 10 a.m., all hell broke loose. Lines broke down and the throng of people became little more than a riot.

"This kind of behavior is to be expected for superstars like Brett Dennen." said a Vanderbilt police officer stationed at Sarratt at the time. The band Guster will also be playing with Dennen.

## Presidential Candidate Ron Paul Speaks Out Against 'Love' and 'Revolution'

Presidential Candidate Ron Paul Speaks



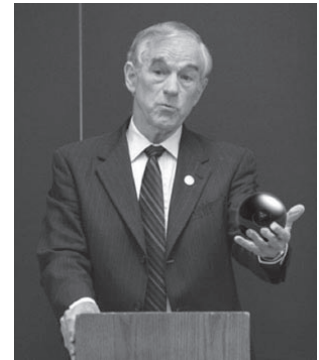
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How useless a twice-a-month thermometer is.



Out Against "Love" and "Revolution"

At a campaign stop in Des Moines, IA, Monday, Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul told a crowd of supporters of his contempt for "love" and "revolution."



"If I had to make a list of all the concepts I despise the most--I mean things I just really, really hate--the top two would definitely be love and revolution," Paul said through clenched teeth as he nearly crushed his podium in rage.

Questioned about his statement, Paul was nearly incoherent with fury. "Ahhhhh!" he said, "I'm so pissed off about love and revolution I can't even think straight!"

Incidentally, Paul is scheduled to appear at Vanderbilt next week, on the lawn just outside the University Bookstore. Attendance is expected to be high.

## Vanderbilt Fights Pesky Birds With Fireworks

Vanderbilt groundskeepers have recently taken to launching loud fireworks in an attempt to scare away a flock of deafening birds that have taken residence in the courtyard near Medical Center North. The fireworks can be heard on Highland Quad most nights of the week. This is actually a real story. For once, *The Slant* doesn't have to make something up. 🍷

## Australian Navy Pays for Female Sailors' Breast Augmentations

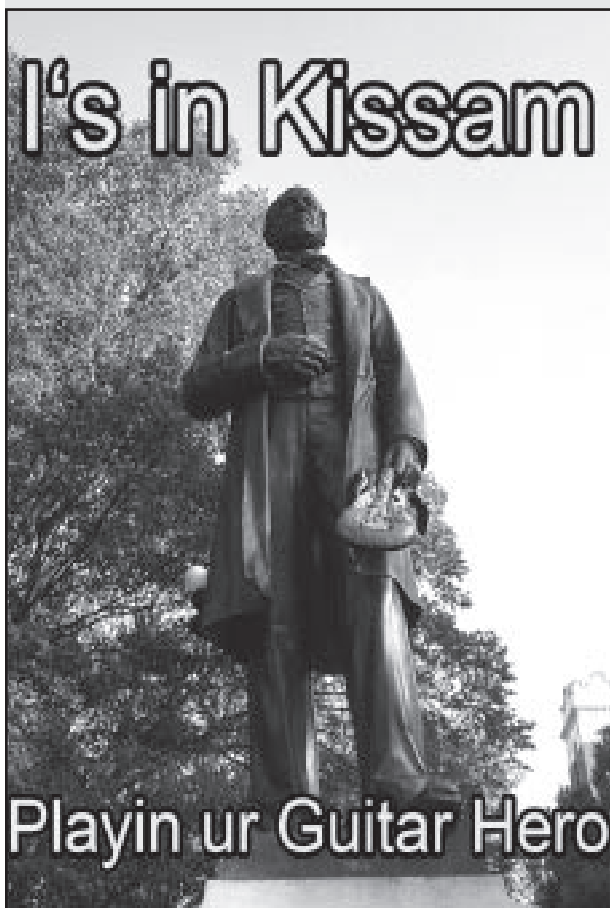
In an effort to combat falling morale among sailors, the Australian Navy has begun funding breast augmentation surgeries for female sailors. "I never thought we would have to institute this program, but we really have fallen on desperate times," said Navy spokesman Dain Haggerty. "Now the enlistment rate has risen dramatically and we definitely have the hottest navy in the world. Take that America!" The program does have some drawbacks, however. "Some of those sheilas do have trouble fitting though the cramped doors in the submarines, but it is definitely worth the boost they provide the sailors, both in morale and in... umm... other areas." 🍷

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## Corrections:

We would like to apologize for last issue's Fucked Image. One thing led to another, and before we knew it, we were waking up in a strange bed with a headache...





# Homophobic Campus Attitudes Found To Be Set In Stone

*Students discover they are unable to change community perspectives in any way, shape or form*

By **SEAN TIERNEY**  
Editor-in-Chief

Following last week's assault on a gay couple, students across Vanderbilt have slowly begun realizing that there is absolutely no way whatsoever for any of them to help the university become even the slightest bit more gay-friendly.

"I'd be all for changing the social dynamic around here, but I'm neither homosexual nor a homophobe, so there's really nothing I can do," said senior Stephen Halpern.

"I would totally love to help make Vandy more gay-friendly. Every little bit helps, too. For example, if someone was picking on my gay friend, I'd stick up for him," said junior Matt Goodson. "Unfortunately, I don't really associate with too many gay people."

"If only there was some way I could help, like ... oh, I don't know ... refusing to ignore the problems we, as a community, face." Lamented freshman Valerie Walter.

"I don't see how we as students can possibly do any more than what we're already doing. We're all very accepting of alternative lifestyles and are willing to go that extra mile for minority groups," said sophomore

Tom Foster. "For example, I have a black friend and my roommate has an openly gay friend. Students here are very willing to face adversity to come to the aid of their minority friends, which turns out to be very fortunate, because at Vanderbilt, you'll face a lot of adversity for having a gay friend."

Senior Joe Davidson diagnosed the problem, "I think it's the little, subtle ways we use homophobic language that really perpetuate prejudice and lead to assaults like this one. I can't believe that in this day and age, Vandy students are this closed-minded. That's so gay."

The level of intolerance at Vanderbilt caught some students off-guard. "I'm honestly surprised by the whole attack," commented junior Andrea Mangel. "I thought we had a pretty good system going on here: If you're out of the closet, you just live in McGill. They have their world, we have ours: the gay community and the Vanderbilt community ... everyone wins. I really don't see how

we can make this system any better."

Many students have discovered that being mildly outraged for a few days and then forgetting about it is their only option in responding to the alleged hate crime.

Continued Mangel, "I figure I'll

keep looking for ways to affect change until *The Hustler* runs out of new material to print. I mean, once people stop talking about a topic, that usually means it's no longer a problem... right?"

Some students did not see any problem with their inability to change Vanderbilt's attitude toward gays. Said Bailey Swenson, "Did I make them gay? No. Did I make them come

to Vandy? No. Is it my responsibility to make them feel welcome? No."

Indeed, as student opinion shows, any shift in Vanderbilt's openness to alternative lifestyles is a long way off.

"I'm not the one you should be talking about this," pointed out freshman Phil Lambert. "I'm not a bigot. I find the assault morally reprehensible. So what more do you expect me to do?"

*"If only there was some way I could help, like ... oh, I don't know ... refusing to ignore the problems we, as a community, face."*

## Impossible Ways To Promote Tolerance

Here are some things that Vanderbilt students wish they could do but are unable to do so for one reason or another:

- Attend Lambda meetings.
- Discourage sexist, racist or other bigoted remarks among your friends.
- Care.
- Discuss alternative lifestyles and campus tolerance in an educated and respectful manner.
- Practice being nonjudgmental.
- Stay involved for more than three weeks.

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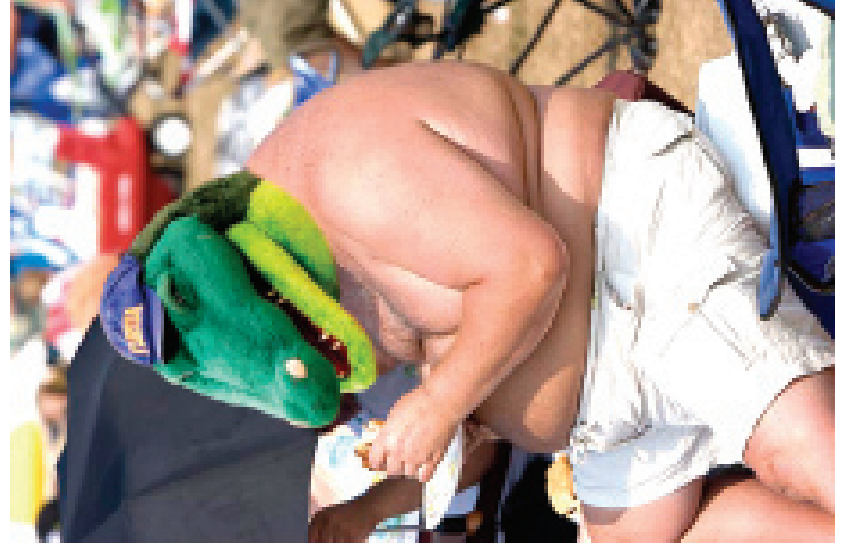
**ABOVE:** Aubie, Auburn University's mascot, strikes a pose. He's a sophomore women's study major who hopes to help the U.S. American people and South Africa and the Iraq. Maps.

**RIGHT:** Mr. C, Vanderbilt's very own, shows off his massive school spirit. Just a freshman, Mr. C still has plenty of room to grow.



**RIGHT:** Albert E. Gator of the University of Florida enjoys a pre-game snack before the Gators beat the University of Tennessee. The Vols were for dessert.

**FAR RIGHT:** Uga, the face of the University of Georgia's Bulldogs, does his spirit dance to get revved up for a game. Keep an eye out for his half-time performance, sans towel.





# The Slant's FRESHMAN CHALLENGE

Complete the following tasks, and send us pictures of your accomplishments. Rise quickly to campus-legend status by completing these fun activities!

- 1.** Put boxer shorts on the Commodore statue near Kissam (pictured on page 3).
- 2.** Put a beer in Harold Sterling's statue's hand.
- 3.** Go skinny-dipping in the pool on Stevenson's roof. (If you must send us pictures of this excursion, please keep in mind that we are a family establishment.)
- 4.** Find Braeburn. Play slip 'n' slide on the hill in front of it.
- 5.** Buy Jacket Guy a 2-liter Sprite and a bag of Doritos. Cool Ranch, please!
- 6.** Take a picture with Tom, the Quiznos manager.
- 7.** Honor Gee by streaking across Alumni Lawn wearing nothing but a bowtie.
- 8.** Wrap the "peppermint" sculpture in cellophane. This has been done, but if you can find a more creative way to package it, we're interested.
- 9.** Clothe as many "naked people in anguish" statues on campus as possible. This is no easy task. There are many of them.
- 10.** Put a giant Slant logo on the face of a Kirkland clock.

## Playboy Controversy Ends In Boring Fashion

by **KATHRYN EDWARDS**

Vandy, you've let everyone down again. As a caring member of the Vanderbilt community, it was with great interest that I followed last year's hullabaloo over a supposed "scandalous" photo shoot starring one of our own Dores posing nude in the "Girls of the SEC" issue of Playboy. People were opinionated, people were angry. It seemed one couldn't go anywhere on campus without hearing about pornography.

This past week, the long-awaited issue was released with pages upon pages of nubile college girls baring it all for the public in the sake of being true to their school. Sadly, the photograph did not live up to the hype. The only thing given to

us was a bad, three-quarter shot of a face, a fake name, panties ON, and side boob. Yes gentlemen and gentlewomen, after all the controversy on campus last year, all we get is side boob. I've seen better during frisky games of beach volleyball on ESPN.

I'm very disappointed in that the girl representing our school was not spread eagle and eager like the other girls. I'm of course grateful that she's not wrapped up in fishnet like the Florida girl, but still... This is the kind of lack of school spirit that holds our football team back from the exponential greatness they are capable of. Thanks Ally Ramirez. If we have a bad season, it's on your conscience. And your side boob. ●

## Holy Crap! I Completely Forgot Sept. 11 Actually Happened!

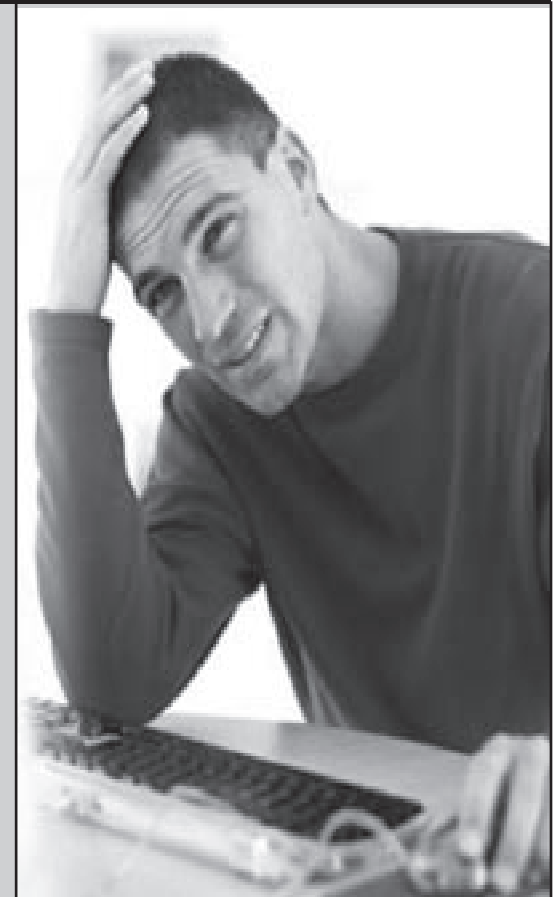
by **SEAN TIERNEY**

If it wasn't for the All-American Block Party, I'd never have remembered Sept. 11.

As a student residing in the Vanderbubble, it can sometimes be difficult to remember that on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and crashed four commercial airliners, killing thousands. Equally difficult is remembering that our soldiers are still fighting in Iraq. It's so rare to see any sort of reminder about it on the news.

Usually, the best way to remember that Americans are putting their lives on the line for their country is by enjoying all the luxuries that these servicemen and -women cannot. That's why the All-American Block Party was such a great idea.

I'm still having trouble remembering what alcohol, country music, September 11th, and Iraq all have in common, though. Maybe we can have a barbecue or something to clear that one up. ●





## A Message from Your Friends at the CX2 Smoothie Café!

by **DANIEL CUNNINGHAM**

Hey guys! This is Steph at the CX2 Smoothie Café! Everybody knows the best way to stay cool during the summer is with a delicious smoothie from your friends at the CX2 Smoothie Café, located in the dining hall right next to that place where you pay too much for food you would usually get at Bojangles. And you're in luck, because today we're announcing our new line of delicious and refreshing taste sensations!

Everybody loves people who eat weird stuff. They're just fun! That's why Vanderbilt offers the vegetarian section at Rand Dining Hall. And Nectar, your all-organic food source. And Grins Obsessive-Compulsive Cafe, for people who don't eat dairy products or dairy by-products or shellfish or baby animals or adult animals or fur.

Sadly, however, Vanderbilt offers no options for our friends who like to consume human flesh. Until now! That's right, thanks to the efforts of the Student Cannibal Coalition, we have heard your suggestions, soul-devourers of Vanderbilt! CX2 Smoothie Café is now proud to offer a complete line of creamy concoctions made from 100% organic, free-trade human meat.

This new line of flavors is exciting for its variety as much as for its quality. Starting next week, options will include Anglo-Saxon, Jewish, Central African, African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Pakistani, Vaguely European, and of course the mouth-wateringly exotic south Pacific Islander. It's like an SAT survey in menu form! Also feel free to mix and match flavors for such tasty blends as Central Afri-Jew, Caucasian-



**Just as deliciously greasy as everything else CX2 has to offer!**

Asian, Hispanic-Indian. For even more flavor and an extra forty-nine cents you can have a splash of our very own custom seasoning, Appalachian Inbred Surprise.

We here at the CX2

Smoothie Café are enthusiastic about these new flavor options and about helping Vanderbilt continue to embrace diversity. We hope to see you soon! 🍌

## POPULARITY CONTEST 2007

The Slant is pleased to announce the Third-Annual Popularity Contest to determine Vanderbilt's Homecoming King- and Queen-in-Exile for 2007.

The Homecoming Court will be featured in an issue of The Slant. Winners will be crowned at the Homecoming Tailgate.

To apply, students should send a publishable picture of themselves along with a brief description of why they deserve this honor to:

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## Bastard Confession

"Oh, we all had off-campus parties — we just weren't dumb enough to admit it."

-IFC fraternity brother,  
on why Sigma Chi is intellectually inferior to all other frats



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Fill in all the letters of the alphabet except for Y in every row, column, and box. Completed puzzles that are brought to the Slant office are eligible for a prize. The winner will be drawn at random from correctly completed puzzles. Good luck.

**AROUNDTHELOOP**

**The new Commons Dining Center has people all across campus talking. What do you think?**



**Madeline Christiansen,  
Freshman**



"It reminds me of my visit to Versailles last summer. Versailles was nice and classy, though. The Commons is a little garish."

**Alli Thayer,  
Junior**



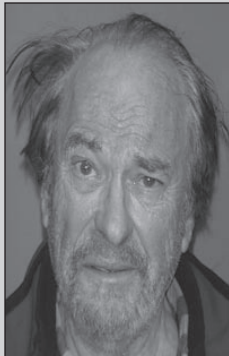
"I like how they have really big portions and you can't gain weight because you have to walk so far to get there."

**Donald Trump,  
Entrepreneur**



"I've seen better."

**Josh Morgan, Graduate Student,  
Ex-convict, Friend of the Kennedys**



"It's like having Thanksgiving dinner at the Kennedy house after nine years in prison."

**"Ally Ramirez,"  
Classy Vanderbilt Student**



"I'd show my other boob for just one more taste."

**Frank Wcislo,  
Dean of The Commons**



"Honestly? It's a little too eco-friendly for me. There's nothing like getting my lunch in a plastic box then throwing everything away. Why wash dishes when you can just put them in a trashcan?"

# How To: Get a Bid at My House

Hey Rushees,

We just thought we'd give y'all some tips on how to make absolutely sure to get into the house of your choice when it comes times for bids in January. There's a lot of confusion around these times with rush lists being crafted, people getting barred from parties and all that business, and we understand that. That's why we've decided to help you out and give you some quick tips so you know exactly how to act to ensure that you'll be fratified by February.

First, we LOVE it when you demand beer from us. We really do. If one of us is working at the bar, nothing makes him scream "we need this guy" better than "seriously dude, are you going to fucking serve me or not?" When we hear that, we just light up. No kidding. Also, it's always a good idea to comment on the temperature of the beer you're getting absolutely free from people who have explicitly been told NOT to do so. A simple "dude, this Natty is fucking warm" should suffice.

Which brings me to my next point: We hate it when rushees try to be civil with us. Really, just because we make or break your acceptance here doesn't mean that you should be polite or even respect us—that's not what rushing is all about. You need to be rude to any and all brothers as much as possible; that way we know that you're a badass. If you EVER say "please" or "thanks for the beer" or anything of that nature, you're cut.

Oh, and being relentless helps too. Just because you've been "cut from the rush list" or "asked never to return" or "had a restraining order because you're so freaking sketchy" doesn't mean you shouldn't drop by a solid three times a week just to try to get your face out there. If you can leave a little bit of yourself behind by throwing up on the floor, all the better.

And we can't forget about girls. Their recommendations count for NOTHING. We hate girls, especially girls who come over to our house. If we hear good things about you from them, you're so done. So make sure you dance with them as roughly as possible without asking, try to piss them off during parties, hit on them drunkenly, all that stuff. The more girls hate you, the more we'll love you. Really.

I guess the best advice, just to wrap it all up, is to be as big of a douchebag as possible. The more hatred you inspire, the more bids you'll have. Just give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,  
IFC Recruitment



**TOP TEN  
Acts You'd Prefer Over  
Kanye at Commodore Quake**

- 10** Guenther
- 9** Milli Vanilli
- 8** ABBA
- 7** Jesus, feat. The Pavarotti Resurrection
- 6** Siegfried and Roy
- 5** The Muppets
- 4** Nickleback
- 3** Hanson
- 2** Spinal Tap
- 1** 50 Cent



Dear Readers,

Hallo! I haff just komm back zu Ze Slant von ein Semester abroad in ze Deutschland! I had ein Wunderbares time there, und I would like to extend ein Herzlich Willkommen to eeyone interested in joining unsere schönes Publication. Eeyone von Writers to Foto-shoppers, those who kann use der InDesign, oder even people who like to lächeln like ze pretty Fräueins in ze Alps should come to our Meetings! (meeting times etc.)

I hope to zee you there, maybe even der David Hasselhof vill be da!

-Rachel, Editor

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