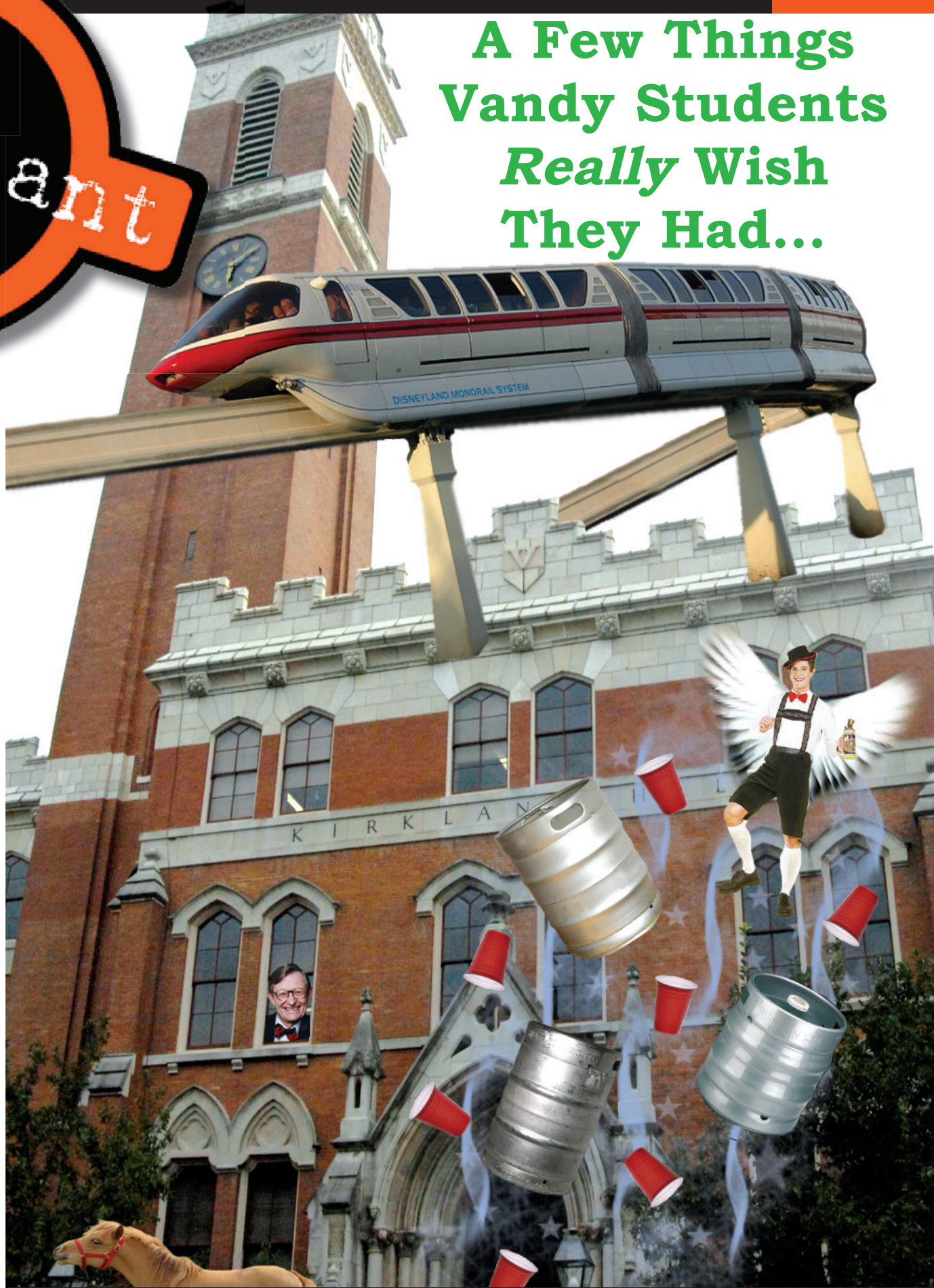




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FROM THE EDITOR



SEAN TIERNEY

Dear Readers,
These past few months as editor-in-chief of The Slant have been one of the greatest times of my short life. Over the course of these last four issues I have fallen in love with each and every one of you 22 people who read The Slant. That makes what I am about to do all the more

difficult. After extensive thought and discussions with my staff, I have come to the conclusion I'm not cut out for this kind of prominent leadership role. I have a lot of stuff on my plate, and trying to keep Vanderbilt laughing — and perhaps thinking — a bit more than when I arrived has become too great a burden. And so, I must regretfully resign as editor-in-chief of The Slant.

No, not really. I've got eight more issues left to screw things up for my successor.

Man! I bet I really got you there, didn't I? Whew, I'm good!

Speaking of clever jokes, a friend told me one not too long ago and I said I'd mention it in The Slant, but I've forgotten it. Hopefully this counts.

Speaking of friends, I met a lot of fantastic people these last few weeks as well as one mediocre person. (Bet you think it's you, don't you?)

Two people I did not have the pleasure of meeting, however, were the couple this weekend who were having sex in a public bathroom while I was in the next stall. (Bet that's you, too?) That was a little uncomfortable.

Speaking of uncomfortableness, I lost and/or broke two pairs of shoes this week. That means my nightly walks around campus are now confined to places clean enough to walk barefoot. (Namely, North Hall.) Masculine Mike was kind enough to offer his shoes, but, sadly, he's only size eleven. But you know what they say about men with small feet...

Nothing, because they're not worth gossiping about.

Speaking of speaking of, I really have to find a new segue for my column. Either that, or stay on topic for just a few hundred words.

Speaking of a few hundred, is it sad that I'm looking forward to the day I turn 7100 days old more than my 21st birthday? I decided back in high school to celebrate life on a daily basis rather than a yearly basis, and the reason is simple: more presents. Don't disappoint me.

Color the wheat. 🍷

Housing Pushes to Further Inconvenience Students

Unsatisfied with progress toward their goal of making ice-axe the fastest way of traversing floors at upper-class residence halls, housing officials have announced they will begin next week replacing elevator push-buttons with 1920s-style switch levers.



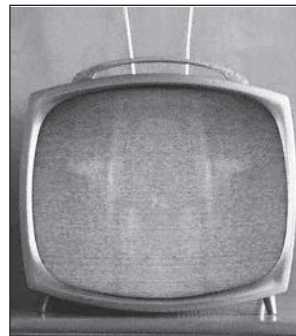
Housing Director Evelyn Shandy discussed the decision in an interview: "We understand there is

some inherent risk in allowing students to operate these devices manually, such as the possibility of impalement. Hopefully, though, this concern will be irrelevant because aneurisms of frustration will kill most students before they can hurt themselves."

As part of the same effort, the stairs of Kissam Quad will be replaced with down-only escalators.

Medium Definition TVs Struggling to Catch On

The transition to better quality television reception is leap-frogging some traditional players in manufacturing. Consumers appear are switching from low-definition cathode ray tube TVs to high definition televisions



77%

Percentage of males who took drunk and hot girls to Denny's after Quake



and skipping over the medium definition televisions of American manufacturers.

American medium definition television manufacturers are lobbying Congress to slow the transition. "Switching from low definition to high definition television can be jarring for the viewer," said Jerry Townsend, president of the American Electronics Manufacturers Association. "Progress is important, but it must occur at a pace that is comfortable for the consumer and the producers of their sets."

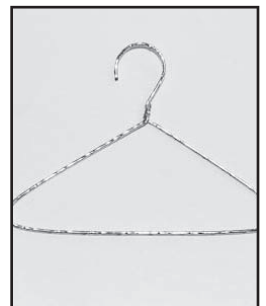
Manufacturers point to the potential psychological harm from viewing high-definition television. "The long-term effects of viewing objects in high definition have not been studied," said Armando Diaz, professor of pop psychology at Columbia University. "Are we really ready as a nation to view close ups of Edward James Olmos' skin? This is just the kind of event that could traumatize a generation of children."

Keely and Nu Party Not Well-Attended

"Keely and Nu," a Nu Society party held this past weekend, failed to ride the attendance wave created by the like-named play.

"People showed up and left pretty quickly," said Jacob Hastern, a Nu brother. "I found that rather ironic."

Despite the group's publicity efforts, which included, "but were not limited to," changing Ds to Ns on theatre advertisements across campus, life never truly developed at the party, per se. 🍷



BLACK HOLE DISCOVERED ON ROOF OF STEVENSON CENTER

Vanderbilt cosmologist Dr. Adley VanTrease announced this week that after twenty-three years of research and calculations he has finally pinpointed what he calls the "VanTrease 358-J" black hole.

"It was on top of Stevenson the whole time!" a stupefied VanTrease said. "Right next to the swimming pool."

Experts speculate the black hole may lead to Braeburn

Mansion, coincidentally also owned by Vanderbilt. It is also believed that distortions caused by the black hole may help explain the strange — and often confusing — layout of Stevenson Center. VanTrease concluded, "If only now we can find those darned monkeys in the basement of Wilson. Not that it would help me in any way with my physics research. I just want to see how fucked up they really are."



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"we iz on da courtz, bytch smackyn' ur team."

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Corrections:

Last issue's cover implied that Santa Claus does not exist. However, he has in fact regularly contributed to *The Slant* since 2003.

Office of Housing Announces Plan for 'Lollipop Room'

Hopes to appease Class of 2011 residential concerns

By **CHARLIE KESSLERING**

While a second year of sleep in Branscomb, Vandy-Barnard or Kissam looks likely for the Class of 2011, students may be in for a treat underneath their all-too-familiar pillows.

"At this point, the question we're facing as a housing office is not whether to shaft the current freshmen, but how hard and with what type of pole," said Marilyn Sanders, a Office of Housing and Residential Education representative. "Since next year's entering class will be, inevitably, a statistical improvement upon the last, it's really out of sheer generosity that my office still pays attention to 2011's well-being." Although,

according to Sanders, justice has been sweetly served.

"We're going to create a 'Lollipop Room,' available exclusively to sophomores, filled with delicious suckers, jelly-candies and other savory treats," Sanders said, "and, so help me God, every color and flavor will be available." She believes such an overflowing cache of free sweets will help silence unhappy students' complaints.

Sanders accredited the ingenious concept to an anonymous colleague. The coworker, who chose to withhold his identity as to not "hog the praise," said he found the idea right under his nose.

"While reading a captivating scratch-and-sniff copy

of 'Hansel and Gretel' to my little girl, I came to the conclusion that kids like candy, and even more so, rooms filled with it," he said. He later presented his refined idea, with the assistance of photocopied illustrations, to a receptive Housing Office.

However, in a necessary digression from the children's story, Vanderbilt will not allow witches to cook students alive within the "Lollipop Room."

Feedback has been mixed among the Class of 2011. "I have diabetes," said one freshman, an opponent to the proposal.

However, others were more excited. "I mean, The Commons is cool and all, and they have good food or whatever, but I'd trade all that (stuff) for one cotton candy Blow Pop, free

of charge," said Jennifer McCleary.

Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos has shown reluctance towards the room. "You should see the budget for this thing. \$260, 000 on construction? \$450 for a custom-made gumdrop chandelier? \$0 on clearance for Nick Zeppos?" he said.

Sanders countered the chancellor's allegations: "Do you know how hard it is to climb a wall of lollipops, while unwrapping a carton of Sour Straws, just to get your hands on an edible light fixture? Deliciously hard."

Despite whispers of opposition, Housing will present a final proposal to the Chancellor's Office next week. 🍬



Lucky students can now emulate Augustus Gloop in the new "Lollipop Room."

Vanderbilt Scientists Develop Face AIDS

by **KRIS STENSLAND and DANIEL CUNNINGHAM**

Vanderbilt's Department of Evil Medicine has recently undertaken an aggressive publicity campaign for its long-running project of developing a microbe it calls "Face AIDS."

According to project director Dr. Stanley McSinister, the virus should be affecting the Nashville area early next month. The symptoms of Face AIDS, according to McSinister,

include coughing, sneezing, congestion, and sore throat. "It's essentially a common cold," he said while rubbing his hands together and wriggling his pointy moustache, "except that it never goes away! It's genius!"

Not everyone agrees with McSinister. "It's just not that evil," said Dr. Dudley O'Devious, Director of Evil Medicine at Duke University while rubbing his hands together much more rapidly and wriggling his significantly pointi-

er moustache. O'Devious is architect of the wildly successful Elbow Tuberculosis Virus (ETV), which terrorized eastern North Carolina for most of the 1990s and continues to serve as an excuse for the Duke football team's poor performance.

Nevertheless, some experts believe Face AIDS has genuine evil potential. Officials in Sweden announced Monday that McSinister and his team have already been nominated for an

Evil Nobel Prize in medicine.

Commenting on this announcement, iChancellor Nick Zeppos said, "We're all very excited about the possibility. The Evil Nobel Prize is in many respects a greater honor than its benevolent counterpart. Especially if you're into evil."

The Evil Nobel Prize ceremony will take place in the cellar of an abandoned insane asylum in Stockholm on the next viable dark and stormy night. 🍬

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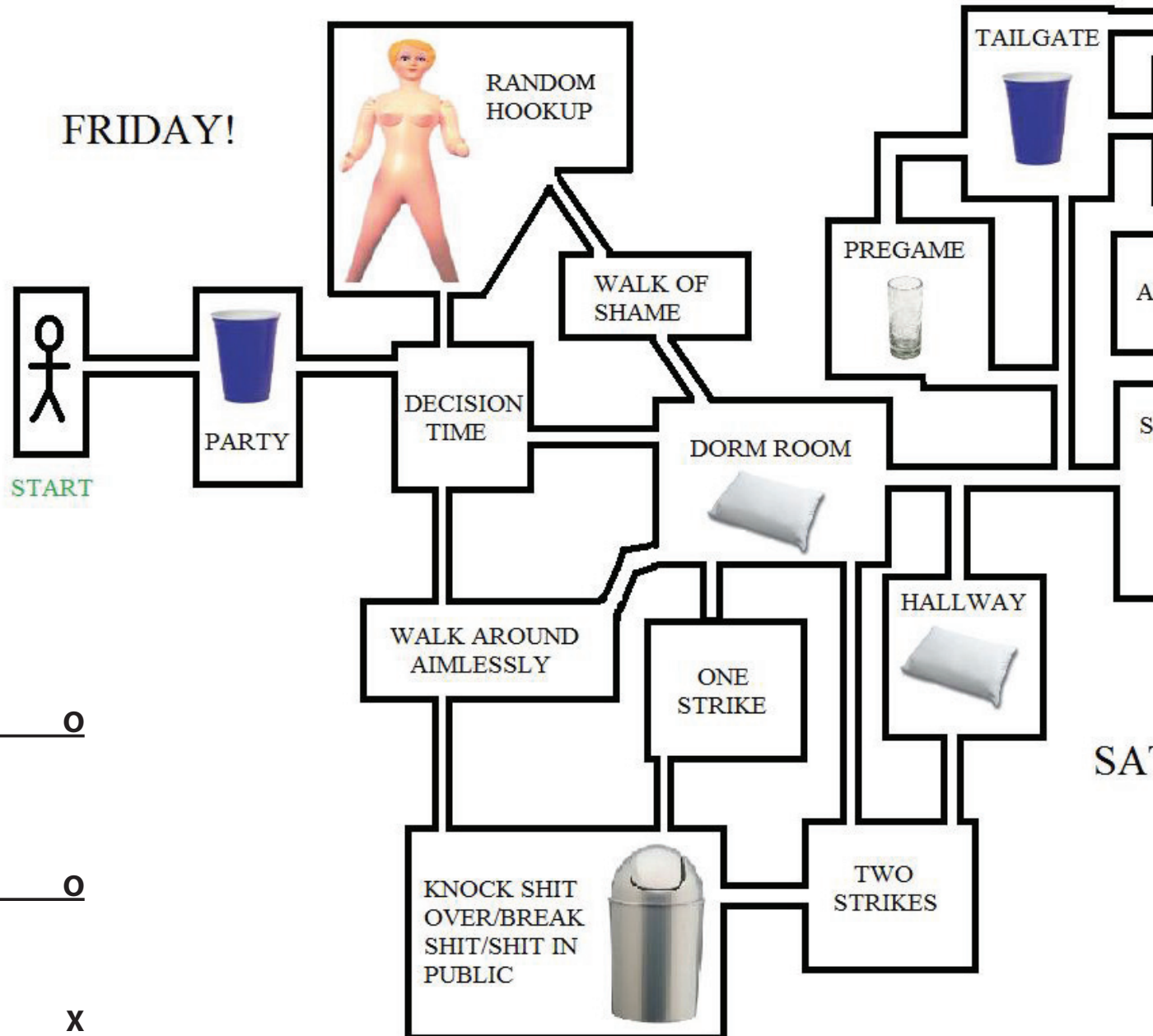
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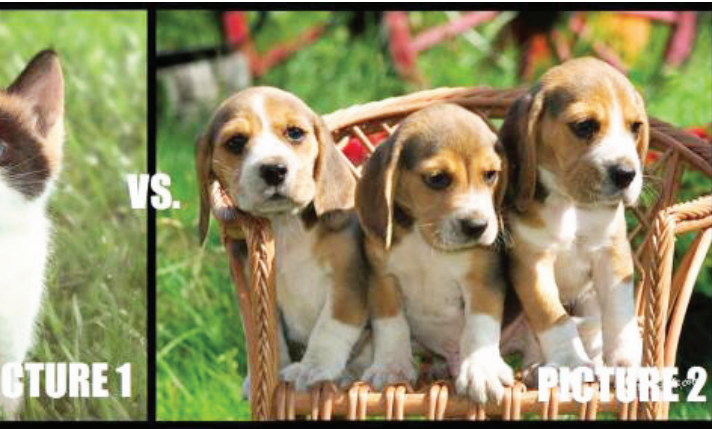


If you're really good at Tic-Tac-Toe, you just might be able to beat your buddy at this one!

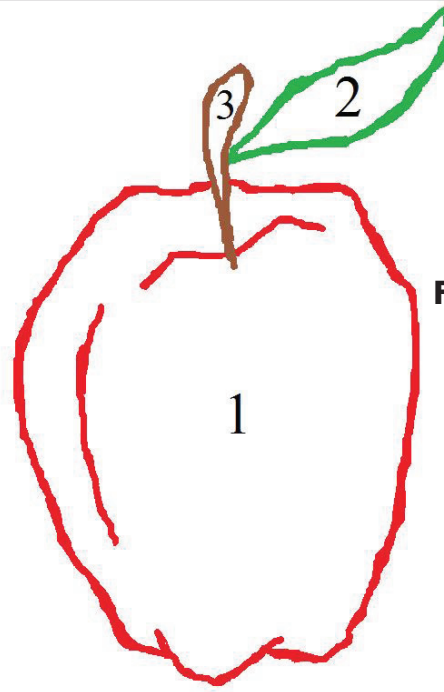
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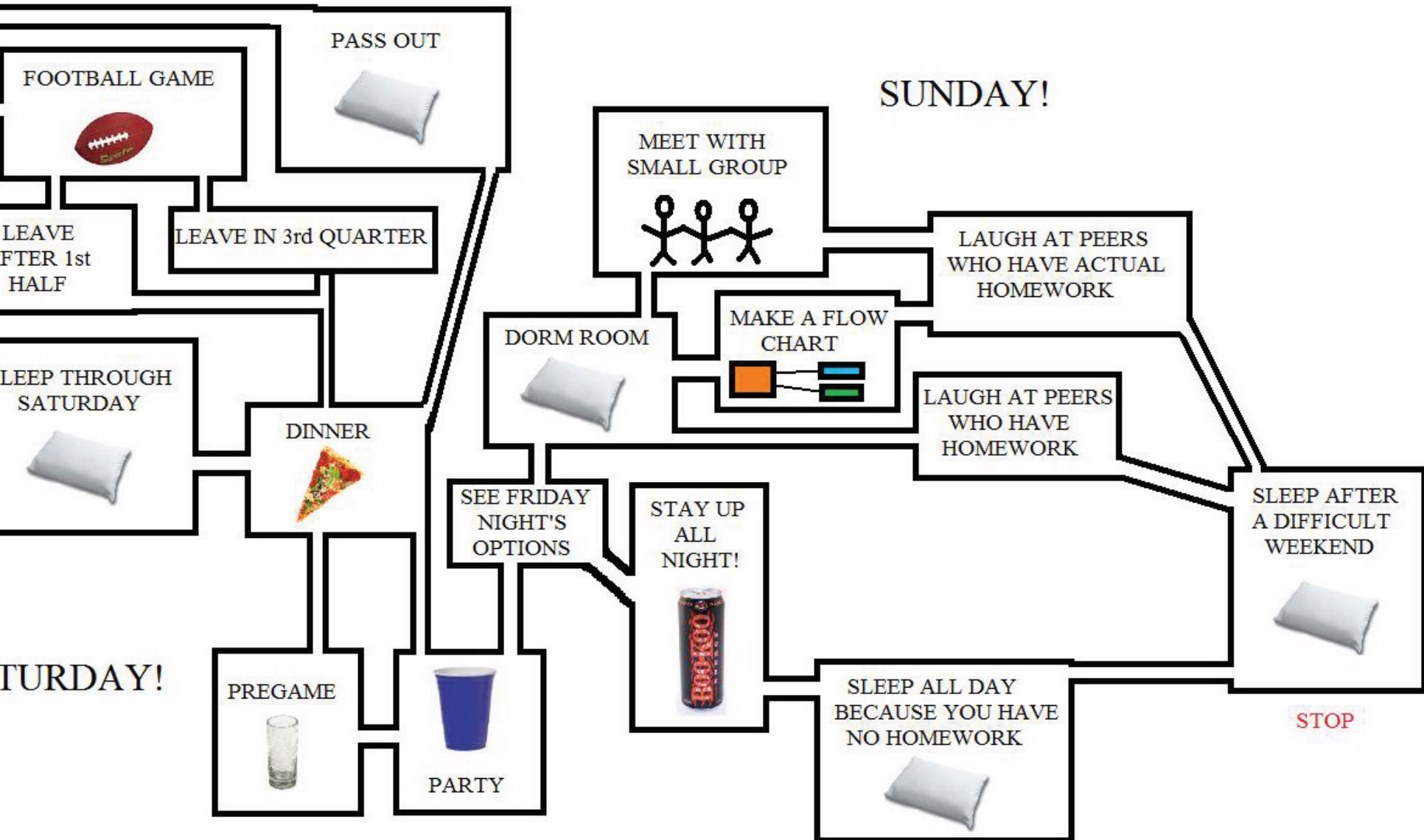


5: Give names to these adorable animals. Double bonus if you don't name them after the people sitting next to you.



Fun Hints:

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2. Color this section green, or any autumn variation!
3. Color this section brown!



Study Confirms Dre's Theorem: 'Bitches Ain't Shit'

by **BEN KARP**

Researchers at East Side State confirmed Friday that they have solved a long-standing rapamatical puzzle, proving that bitches ain't shit but hos n' tricks.

In the early 1990s, Dr. Dre — then a doctoral candidate at Compton State — made the following observation in the liner notes of a CD he was listening to: "I have made the most startling discovery, 'Bitches Ain't Shit.' Unfortunately, I have run out of room in the margins. I trust proving this shall be an amusing diversion for even the amateur rapamatician."

When Dr. Dre's observations were published in a compilation chronicling his writings in "The Chronic," in 1992, waves rippled through the academic community.

As the problem proved difficult, a small band of hardcore academics continued pursuing Dre's theorem over the years using a variety of methods. Some success was found by solving for and proving that subsets of bitches ain't shit. Noted academic In ya' Euler proved the case for n bitches, when $n=3$, and the duo of MC Dirichlet and The Legendre proved it for $n=5$.

Despite the proof's difficulties, empirical evidence — such as the observation that Bitches were often found "suckin' on his dick just to get a buck or two" — suggested that the proof could be solved. Further, complex

statistical models showed that the theorem held true for n to a high number.

It wasn't until a breakthrough in 2005, the Folds Conjecture, that the problem once again became mainstream in academic circles.

Researcher Benjamin Folds, who has since been reclusive from the press and declined comment for this story, discovered for the Dre Theorem to hold true, bitches must also be nothing but hos and tricks. Using misappropriations of propositional logic, researchers argued that if the Folds Conjecture was solved, then so must the Dre Theorem be true.

Researcher Andrew "The Tank" Wiles, who was instrumental in proving the Conjecture, and in turn the theorem, explained the idea for the proof came suddenly.

"I saw this fine woman who had these amazing hourglass elliptical curves. I knew immediately, and very intuitively that these curves were congruent with the modular forms often found in bitches. Weeks of grunt work later, I knew I had solved the theorem."

Despite Wiles' extraordinary work, he remains modest and shares credit with a fellow researcher. "I used to know a bitch named Eric Wright. We used to roll around and crunch the code at night," he said.

Wiles' results will be printed in next month's issue of *Letters in Applied Rapamatics*.

Yes, I Killed a Georgia Fan in a Knife Fight. Can We Please Just Move On Now?

by **DANIEL CUNNINGHAM**

People keep coming up to me and saying things like, "Are you that crazy mofo who knifed a Georgia fan the other night?" For the billionth time, yes I am, and I've been tremendously disappointed in my classmates' reactions to the incident. For instance, when the guy was writhing around on the ground screaming something about William T. Sherman, my friend Jake just had to go and call an ambulance. Real mature, Jake; I'm sure the top grad schools are all looking for students who freak out when faced with real world situations.

The fact is, knife fights are a big part of being an adult. Vanderbilt is an elite university, and its students should be more prepared than most others to deal with the circumstances of adult life. But reactions like my friend Jake's, the frantic looks I get waiting in the cafeteria line, and the exclamations of shock I hear from complete strangers go to show that Vanderbilt needs to grow up.

The worst reaction, to my surprise, has come from the university police. I have always greatly respected Vanderbilt University Police Department for its commitment to keeping our campus safe, but now they follow me around, try to break into my dorm while I'm there, and chase me during my morning jogs, shouting obnoxious things like "You're under arrest." Just yesterday, in fact, I was in the Student Life Center enjoying my tea and reading Ovid's *Metamorphoses* in the original Latin, when a troupe of about 15 police officers swarmed into the room and tried to abduct me. I was able to escape their childish charade, but I spilled tea all over my book, which is a valuable copy signed by the author. Once again, real mature.

We can do better, Vanderbilt. We as a student body have the intellect to be above squealing like schoolgirls every time someone commits a murder. I'm willing to put the past behind us and forget this whole fiasco, but the next time I stab an opposing fan, how about a little maturity? ●

Gore Accused of Exaggerating Nobel Prize Significance

by **ROBERT SAUNDERS**

Within hours of being awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, conservative pundits began complaining that former Vice-President Al Gore was exaggerating his accomplishments. While Gore announced he was "deeply honored to receive the Nobel Peace Prize" he will share with the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in a statement Friday, FOX News was abuzz with talk of how the Prize is overhyped.

"He didn't win anything from the Nobel Prize committee," said right-wing radio host Rush Limbaugh. "At best it would be accurate to say he won half of a Nobel Prize. And really, they didn't win so much as they were gifted the award. It's simple welfare from the notorious socialist state of Norway, if you want the truth of it. The nerve of this guy." Continued



Limbaugh, "We have plenty of scientists willing to claim that there is no scientific evidence this man has done anything to positively affect the global climate."

"I can't believe Gore

is now going to take credit for creating the heavens and the earth," said notable right wing blogger and National Review contributor, Michelle Malkin. "This guy has the biggest god complex ever." ●

Rotiki Announces Plans To Take Comedy Routine On The Road

Administration hopes to boost reputation, join elite schools with BMI under seven

by **CHARLIE KESSLERING**

After years of speculation, Mr. Rotiki, the personably-giant wooden statue of Varsity Market fame, has announced plans take his comedy to the stage. In a surprise announcement Friday, Rotiki let the proverbial cat out of the bag. "PANINI," Rotiki said.

Ed Sedgwick, the statue's self-described manger, elaborated. "He's tired of being the dancing bear of Branscomb, nailed to the floor for the customer's amusement and employer's profit," he said. Sedgwick, a freshman Lupton resident, sees promise in his client's ability to deadpan. "When he gave me that '\$24' line, no change in expression, no sign of sarcasm, nothing... that was the selling point."

Sedgwick's roommate, Geoff Keller, has collaborated with Rotiki on much of the statue's upcoming material. "Since (Rotiki) doesn't have any arms or legs or limbs and stuff, like most comedians on the scene today, physi-

cal comedy isn't really his gig," Keller said. Instead, Keller thinks his friend's stage presence will get the job done. "He's got that booming voice that grabs you by the scruff of the neck and shakes you hard, like you're an annoying baby. I love it, and everyone else will too for sure," Keller said.

While Keller was reluctant to reveal too many of Rotiki's jokes, he managed to leak a few. "I mean, the 'white table cloths' one is too great to leave out. But this punch line is my favorite: Why is Rotiki so much better than that midget ass Pillsbury Dough Boy? Because when Rotiki gets touched in

the tummy, he doesn't giggle like a little girl, he gives you a magically delicious pizza," Keller said.

While many are excited about Rotiki's pending performance, others have their doubts. "His jokes are unbelievably cliché and his delivery is sub-par. No one laughs except freshmen with marijuana-induced munchies named 'JOMAMA' and, no offense, my less intelligent peers on athletic scholarship," said John Morgan, a junior enjoying his engineering study break.

Currently, Sedgwick is trying to renegotiate Rotiki's "functioning lifetime"-long labor contract with Vanderbilt. "We're still in talks with Dining about the requisition of Rotiki. But honestly, if diplomacy doesn't work, Ed and I will do whatever's necessary in order to introduce such a natural talent to the world. I'm not afraid use the restaurant's pastic silverware aganst them," he said.

An official Varsity Market press-conference is slated for Thursday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. ●



Mr. Rotiki takes a break from his hectic schedule to write some new material.

Bastard Confession



"I'm the most outstanding voting hacker, too."

-Mallory Miciek,
2007 Most Outstanding Senior

School Board Bans Foursquare From Recess

by CHARLIE KESSLERING

In the wake of tag and dodgeball's disappearance from playgrounds across the country, foursquare has come under attack. Yesterday, the school board of small town Kitsuck, Mo., announced a blanket ban of the popular schoolyard game and all related paraphernalia.

"This ban isn't an attempt to curtail bullying or unfairness. In fact, foursquare promotes cooperation and a friendly atmosphere on the blacktop," said Millard White, Kitsuck's school board superintendent. Rather, the board views the game as furthering the respective agendas of the square and four lobbies.

"With so much emphasis being place on the number four — four sides, four right angles, four players — one has to wonder what happened to three and five," White said. He added that such focus is hardly proportionate with four's actual place in America. "Our system is base 10, we have five fingers on each hand, and marriage is between one man and one woman. Obviously, four is almost non-existent in the real world," White said.

According to the board, the prevalence of squares in such a game prevents educational progress. "Look at it this way. Kids are thinking creatively in class,

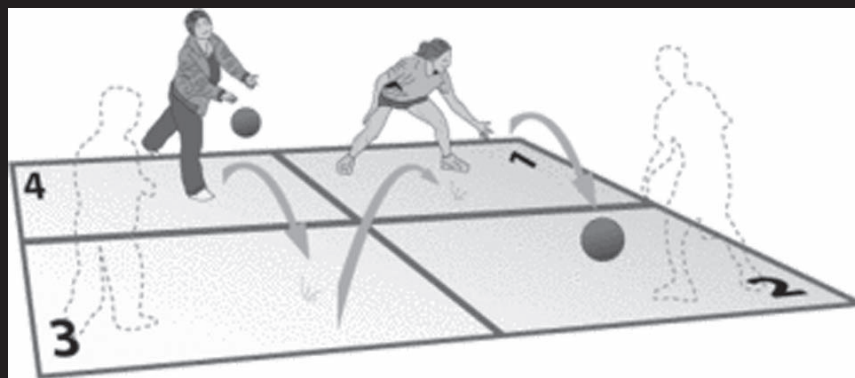
coloring with crayons they've never used before, learning words that may or may not be altogether appropriate, and what happens when they get let out for recess? They start thinking inside the box, literally and therefore figuratively. They forget the ideals of keeping an open mind and challenging widely accepted truth, and simply try to hit a ball within the parameters dictated by their superiors," said Julianne Travers, a school board and ACLU member.

White expanded on the evils of abundant squares. "What about triangles? Circles? The elusive rhombus?"

The decision has received unanimously negative reactions from the Kitsuck community. "If my boy Ricky wants to play with them foursquares, Ricky gonna play with them foursquares. That little Travers girl best look out if my boy ain't done get his game back," said Kerby Jackson, a Kitsuck resident.

Residents have also raised the legality of such a ban into question. "The right to play foursquare is inherently guaranteed to our children by the United States Constitution and the statutes of the state of Missouri," said John Khitzruel, a concerned parent.

School Board Bans Foursquare Khitzruel v. Kitsuck Board of Education is slated to be heard by Missouri's Supreme Court by next July. ☐



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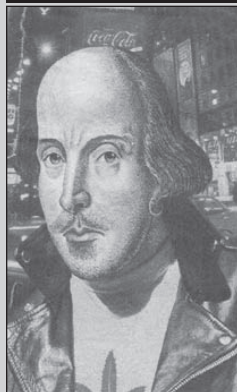
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What do you think about Kanye West's performance at Commodore Quake?

William Shakespeare, Bard



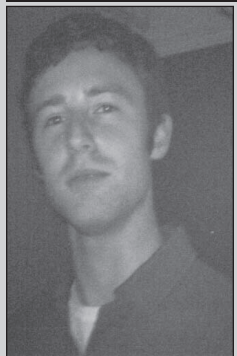
"I'm glad to see that someone finally broke my record for longest soliloquy."

Kate Moss, Black



"Kanye, you can be my black emo kid tonight"

Polo Shirt Guy, Casual Acquaintance



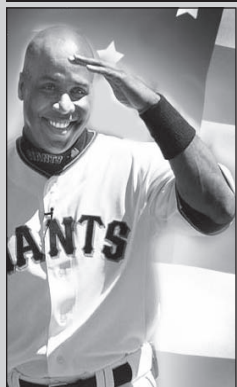
"Personally, I didn't see it. I scalped my floor seat ticket for \$70 and bought five copies of Curtis."

Gold Digger, Confused



"I, too, get down sometimes. In mines."

Barry Bonds, Not Actually At Concert



"'Drunk and Hot Girls' was painfully long, but, then again, that that don't kill me can only make me stronger."

Jesus, Resurrectionist



"Do you have any idea how hard it is to walk with nails in your feet?!"

IFC Implements Greek Beer Delivery System

By ANONYMOUS

Fraternity parties are generally known to be "sketchy" and the Interfraternity Council is well aware of this. Therefore, it is absolutely unfair that anyone should actually have to show up to a fraternity party to get the free beer they're entitled to.

In order to rectify this problem, the IFC, in collaboration with the Office of Greek Life and the Office of Student Conduct, has come up with the Greek Beer Delivery Hotline.

Now, rather than having to attend sketchy, unsafe fraternity parties, all you have to do is call the hotline and give them the name of the fraternity that you would like to bring you beer. The fraternity you chose will deliver their beer to you anywhere on campus. It's that easy! You don't even have to talk to the delivery brother or even tip him. He'll just leave the beer at your door. It's all of the free fraternity beer, with none of the fraternity brothers!

Now, there are a few restrictions for this new system. The first one is that the only people eligible to receive beer are those who are at least 21 years old. Now, this may suck for those of you under 21, so Student Conduct has allowed for a quick and easy appeals process. When you call, all you have to do to appeal the 21-and-over rule is get your RA to tell IFC what a responsible drinker you are. This way, Greek Life can still somehow manage to take on all of the liability, just in case we deliver you too many beers and send you to the hospital.

Now, you're all probably thinking that it might take too long for the beer to get to you. Well, don't worry, because IFC has already thought of this. If you don't get the beer you ordered with 10 minutes of ordering it, then not only are that beer and the next beer free, but we will also give you tickets to watch as Student Conduct stomps on our nuts. 🍌

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Ask Kanye West



Dear Kayne,
I really had trouble with my econ class so I decided to go to office hours with my professor. He didn't really talk about the class, but he did ask me about what I do ... at nights ... and then something happened that I don't want to talk about. Now I'm getting straight As, but I don't feel good about it. What should I do?

Violated in Vandy-Barnard

Yea, uh-uh ... ya feel this?

I'ma have to go and side with my bro I ain't gotta problem with exploitin' you, ho He just tryin' to get his thang on, I figure Besides, you know I don't answer questions from no gol'digger.

KanYeWest

Dear Kanye,

How do you think I should deal with midterms? I've got huge chemistry test and a philosophy paper due tomorrow. I've been trying to study, but I can't focus, and I wanted to ask someone who knows what's like to deal with a lot of pressure all the time.

Struggling in Stambaugh

Yea, we gon' do it like this right hurr ... aww shit

Yo, I couldn't even tell you what the fuck philosophy is I've been making too much money in this music biz You think I got pressure? The fuck you tryin' to say? I just chill out, light up and smoke the pain away.

KanYeWest

Dear Kanye,

I wanted to know how you deal with all the women you get on a daily basis. I mean, I do fine with girls that use unmarked cups, but I couldn't imagine how

you do it on a daily basis.

Confounded in Currey

Oh not this shit again ... a'ight, here we go

Man, the bitches I get are of the highest quality You couldn't even come close, so why you askin' me? But lemme tell you why you're not close to my level, When you go to bed, you're faster than the Tasmanian Devil.

Ohhh shit, he didn't think I'd pull that shit on his ass!

KanYeWest

What's up Kanye?

When I came to Vandy, I thought it was going to be like most colleges, where you could just have fun wherever. But I see now that if you wanna go to the best places as a girl, you have to be hot. What do you think I should do if I'm only average?

Neglected in North

Hey Gurl,

Man, I know you're ugly, don't try to hide it I get 10 bitches a day, you think I don't know shit? Let me tell you something, give you some of my knowledge, bitches like you were the reason I dropped out of college

Here's my advice though, I don't care if it's sleazy, Find a frat, and get a reputation for being easy 'cause some guys at houses are so fucked up on juice They won't care about your looks, or even if you're loose.

KanYeWest

Dear Kanye,

Yo Kanye, I wanna know what you were thinking at Commodore Quake when you were playing.

Curious in Crawford

George Bush doesn't care about black people.

KanYeWest

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