

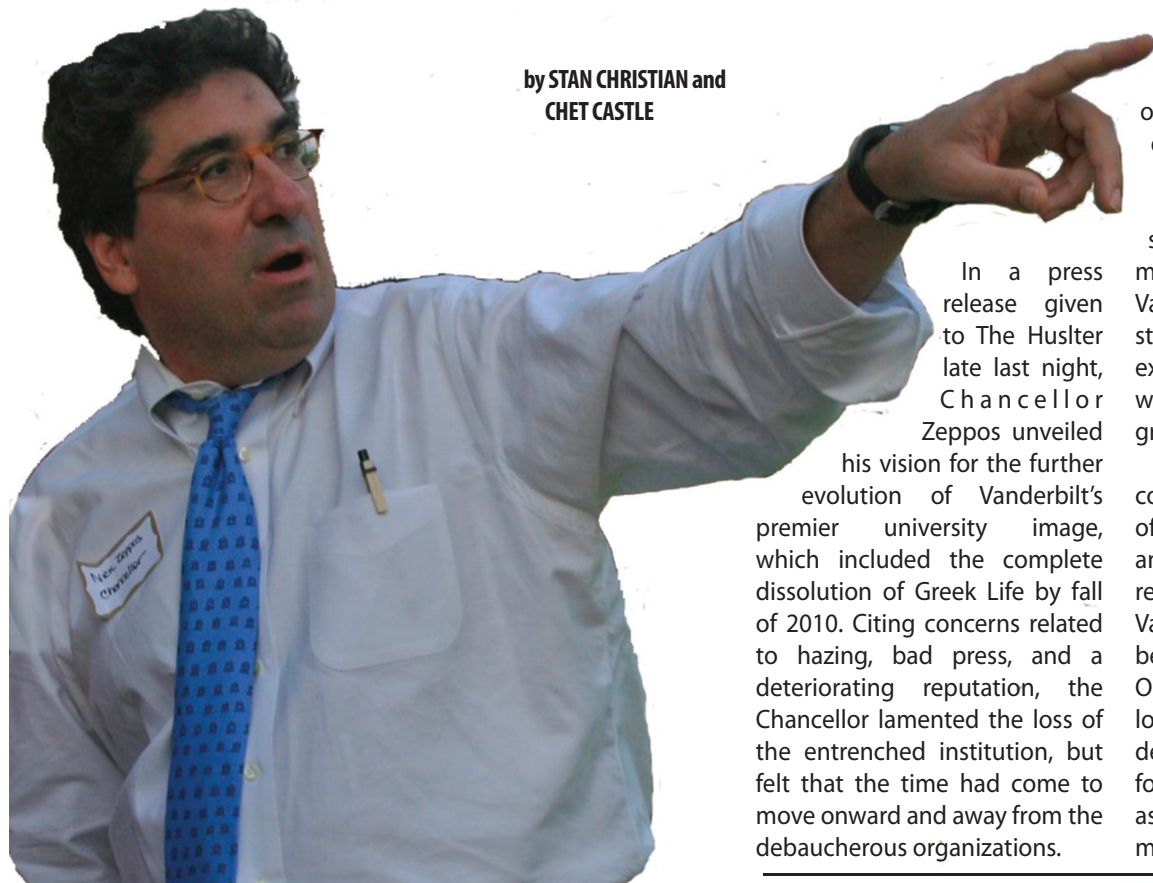
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Goodbye Greek Life

Greek Life To Be Kicked Off-Campus in Fall 2010

by **STAN CHRISTIAN** and
CHET CASTLE



In a press release given to The Hustler late last night, Chancellor Zeppos unveiled his vision for the further evolution of Vanderbilt's premier university image, which included the complete dissolution of Greek Life by fall of 2010. Citing concerns related to hazing, bad press, and a deteriorating reputation, the Chancellor lamented the loss of the entrenched institution, but felt that the time had come to move onward and away from the debauched organizations.

The University is also hopeful that the dissolution of Greek Life will help to break down barriers on campus. In what has become an elitist and exclusive system, many students feel that they are missing out on much of what Vanderbilt has to offer. With all students sharing a common experience, a Vanderbilt diploma will mean that much more to graduates. In his brief statement, Zeppos commented: "With the success of the Commons Initiative comes an opportunity to expand the reach of the values upon which Vanderbilt was founded—values becoming of an elite university. Our Greek Organizations are no longer living up to the ideals we desire to uphold, and it is time for them to fall to the wayside as we move forward towards a more ambitious and desirable

academic and moral standard." The Chancellor went on to outline his plan to replace the social organizations. 2009-2010 will be the first year at Vanderbilt without fraternity or sorority recruitment. Additionally, beginning in the fall of 2009, no members will be allowed to live in their Greek houses. The University also announced plans to buy out the leases on all the residences on the Greek quarter of campus in an attempt to begin the transformation process of the area to a more expanded residential college system. Because of the current economic struggles of the University, construction on the tentatively named "Upper-Class Commons" will not commence for an expected three or four years. However, the absence of Greek organizations at that time will ease tensions when

the demolition and construction commences. In an attempt to minimize outcry against what was anticipated to be a controversial announcement, fraternity and sorority presidents were informed. Please see [GREEK](#), page 3

GREEK LIFE BY THE NUMBERS

2,800+
undergraduates in fraternities or sororities

597
Alcohol incidents reported Fall 2008

3.391
Average Greek GPA Spring 2008

VPB announces run-off bands for Rites of Spring

by **JUSTIN BARISICH**
Staff Reporter

As the annual staple Rites of Spring quickly approaches, the Vanderbilt Programming Board is having difficulty polishing the final list of artists. The group has decided to do something different: leave the final choices to the students. Though VPB sent out an initial email last semester in which you could write-in your top three artist choices, they are now requesting undergraduates' assistance in helping to select the final lists of artists who will perform at the April music festival.

An email will be sent to all students early next week containing a link to the voting website. For now, students should acquaint themselves with the list, narrowed from available artists and those recommended earlier, of potential acts:

HEAD-LINERS

Coldplay -- These alt-rock Brits have sold over 30 million albums, have been nominated for

multiple Grammy's, and have recently released Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends near the end of last year. Due to the exorbitant cost of this group, the festival would be limited to one day should Coldplay be voted in.

Cake -- These indie-rock/alt-rock all-stars from Cali proclaimed "I Will Survive" as they pushed the music boundaries of mainstream rock, and they have done just that. They have surely gone "The Distance."

Kings of Leon -- These Tennessee natives would represent with their southern/garage rock sound.

The Flaming Lips -- Known for excellent live performances, VPB added this group to the list for a more eccentric option.

Tenacious D -- Jack Black has expressed interest in breaking from his demanding film schedule to tour with bandmate Kyle Gass. Perhaps Vanderbilt should take advantage of this opportunity while it remains.

OPENERS

Fucked Up! -- We're not really sure what they're gonna play, but we are sure that it's gonna be pretty ballin'.

CunningLinguists -- With a subtly offensive band name, these hip-hop hipsters utilize a unique brand of lyricism.

Thes Lant -- Don't pretend like you don't remember these guys from when they played at Rites back in 2005. They were spectacular then, and we can only expect the same from then again.

Darius Rucker -- In the spirit of equality, VPB added black country singer to the list.

The Los Lonely Boys -- These guys kick it with the Tejano music, which arose from Hispanic populations of Central and Southern Texas and has since manifested itself in various forms of folk and popular music.

Remember to check your email next week for more information. ■

Charlie Kesslering contributed reporting to this article



Langhorn Slim promotes peace and prosperity by raising his hand.



VUPD offers defense classes for Kissam

by **MERYEM DEDE**
Staff Reporter

In lieu of recent events, the Office of Residential Life will now be offering personal defense classes to residents of Kissam quad. Classes will teach students how to defend themselves against aggressors, homeless people, and fungus.

Many students are enjoying the classes and feel that they are learning a lot.

"It's great! I'm taking one of the mold classes, and it's FUNgus!" Vanderbilt sophomore Greg Harris said.

So far, Fungus defense classes have taught proper Lysol use and how not to leave food to rot. The class even went into detailed reports of where not to leave food: under one's bed, in holes in the walls, and underneath the carpet.

"I showed them pictures of trash cans and together we practiced cleaning a sample room," mold instructor Jenny Giraldo said.

"I got a B-!" HOD major Betty Piccadillo said.

However, there were a few problems with the movement towards eradicating fungus from Kissam.

"My business has been totally destroyed!" Vanderbilt shroom dealer Tiffany Hodges said.

Other students have actually been responding very positively to the anti-fungal initiative. Harry Jimberwhal was especially pleased with the results.

"I was baking a loaf of pumpnickel and these guys snuck up behind me and attacked my dough with cans of Lysol. At first I was terrified, but then afterwards it wasn't half bad—that lemony zip made all the difference. Bomb-diggity! I might do it again!"

Jimberwhal said.

The homeless people classes have been especially popular.

"Yeah, they messed up when they were getting instructors for the course—they meant for it to be defense against homeless people, but mine's actually how to be a homeless person—AWESOME," Kisslammed sophomore Beatrice Lossinger said.

The how-to-be-a-homeless-person class incorporates elements of how to forget everything they learnt in school and give up their dreams of career success to spout radical political views on street corners. It also teaches students how to sneak into dorms suspiciously and awkwardly take showers.

"Yesterday I stood on the wall and proclaimed the importance of concealed carry hand guns on campus. I thought it was really radical, but some guy from the Hustler joined in with me part way through," former Vanderbilt student "Crazy Eddie" said.

"There are a lot of tricks that one might not immediately think of when sneaking into a dorm. For instance, you should look like you don't belong there and wear a T-shirt which automatically discredits you as a resident of said dorm," Homeless instructor Ted Kazinski said.

Interest in the homeless classes has been especially high among graduating seniors.

"Vanderbilt wants its students to be completely prepared for life after college. With the declining economy, knowing how to be homeless is becoming more and more important," Chancellor Nick Zeppos said. ■

INSIDEVANDY: Students across campus react to the controversial demise of the Greek life system. [SEE INSIDEVANDY.COM](#)

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HIGH **24**, LOW **15**
Sunny

FRIDAY



HIGH **40**, LOW **28**
Partly cloudy

SATURDAY



HIGH **-39**, LOW **-58**
Partly deadly

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FRIDAY SPICE

Woman Fails to Think Outside the Box

HOLLY SPRINGS, Mississippi (APA)—In a recent development, a woman died of hypothermia after her head got stuck in a clothing donation box. Sinoba Jackson, 51, could not get her head out of the box after sticking her head inside in an attempt to retrieve clothing. Nobody spotted the 51 year old woman because the clothing box was located in the parking lot of a closed grocery store and faced away from the street.

7 Poisoned from blowfish testicles

TSUROUKA CITY, Japan (APA)—Blowfish testicles prepared by an unqualified chef poisoned seven patrons, three of whom remain hospitalized. The chef, who is also the owner, faces potential charges of professional negligence due to his lack of a license to serve blowfish. Blowfish poison is almost one hundred times more deadly than potassium cyanide, and can cause death within ninety minutes of consumption.

Immortal Jellyfish Taking Over Earth

COLON, Panama (APA)—A very special breed of Jellyfish has managed to do something quite unbelievable. It has managed to become immortal by becoming younger after having sex. In an amazing trick the Turrítopsis Nutricula return to a polyp state after procreating rather than dying like most jellyfish. While these jellyfish originated in the Caribbean, they have spread all over the world since they never die and only make more baby jellyfish. Dr. Maria Miglietta of the Smithsonian Tropical Marine Institute best explained it when she said "We are looking at a worldwide silent invasion". This reporter just hopes our future jellyfish overlords will be kind towards us. Luckily for us, they are only approximately 5mm in length and scientist are frantically studying the jellyfish DNA in order to unlock their fountain of youth secrets.

Mistrial After Defendant Smears Feces on Lawyer

SAN DIEGO, California (APA) - A man by the name of Weusi McGowan had a mistrial in one of the most interesting ways possible. Unhappy with his state appointed public defender for his kidnapping and assault case, McGowan smuggled a bag of feces into the court room and then preceded to spread it all over the face and hair of his attorney Jeffrey Martin. He then turned on the jurors and flinged feces at them. Luckily, none of the jurors were hit. After the incident the judge declared a mistrial and raised McGowan's bail from \$250,000 to \$1 million. McGowan has pleaded not guilty to his alleged kidnapping and assault case.

Birmingham England Abolishes Apostrophes

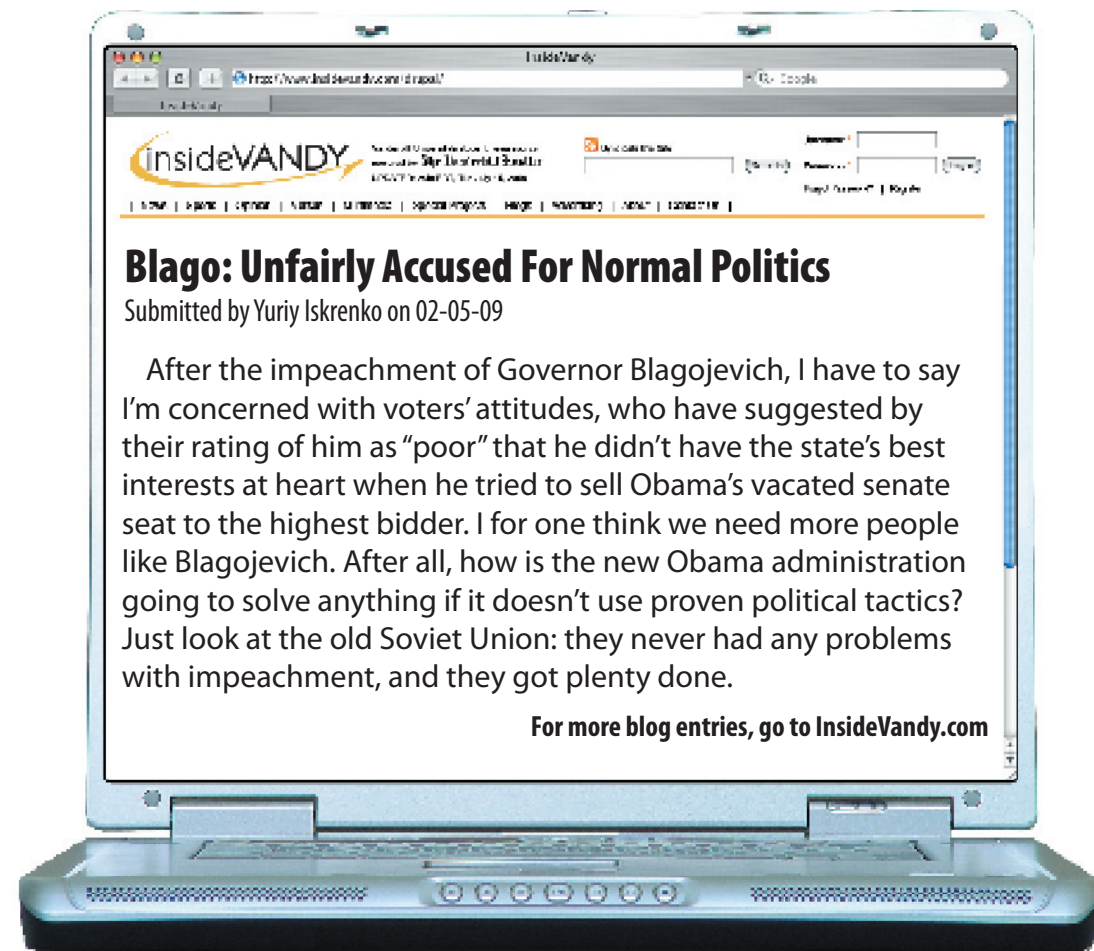
BIRMINGHAM, England (APA) In an extremely controversial move England's second largest city, Birmingham, has abolished apostrophes on all street signs citing confusion as the primary motivator. Apparently even the creators of the English language feel that the grammar is to freaking hard. The change has been implemented to help people find their way around the streets, especially when using GPS devices.

Still many grammar purists have been up in arms over the change, claiming that apostrophes are "They are such sweet-looking things that play a crucial role in the English language," according to Marie Clair of the Plain English Society. Still, due to no national language regulating society, Birmingham's government has decided to do it anyways. Apparently they don't care much for "sweet-looking things".

Man Arrested for Riding Horse while Drunk

CODY, Wyoming (APA) A man has been accused of riding his horse in a massive snowstorm. While there is no law against this, the man was riding a white horse, making him very difficult to see according to motorists. Why anyone was driving through Cody, Wyoming has not yet been established. When police finally approached the man, the smell of alcohol was very apparent. At which point the man was arrested and taken into custody. No word yet on if 28-years-old Benjamin Daniels, will be charged with a DUI. Daniels was released the following day and has an upcoming municipal court appearance. Not surprisingly, no telephone listing was found for Daniels, and this news agency could thus not contact him for further questions.

FROM THE BLOG



Blago: Unfairly Accused For Normal Politics

Submitted by Yuriy Iskrenko on 02-05-09

After the impeachment of Governor Blagojevich, I have to say I'm concerned with voters' attitudes, who have suggested by their rating of him as "poor" that he didn't have the state's best interests at heart when he tried to sell Obama's vacated senate seat to the highest bidder. I for one think we need more people like Blagojevich. After all, how is the new Obama administration going to solve anything if it doesn't use proven political tactics? Just look at the old Soviet Union: they never had any problems with impeachment, and they got plenty done.

For more blog entries, go to InsideVandy.com

A Chat with Fabiani



Husler- What do you think were your biggest voting blocks?

Fabiani Duarte- Well we've maintained that we're the most Greek ticket running for VSG presidency. I'm Sigma Nu and Deno's grandparents are from the Mediterranean. I think we definitely had some pull there. Multicultural organizations such as Diwali (Masala SACE) and Café con Leché (Association of Hispanic Students) that I participated had some pull as well—my involvement speaks for itself.

H- What precautions should VSG take in light of the upcoming zombie apocalypse?

F- First, definitely VSG needs to pass a statute to constitute martial law, mobilize RAs, hall lockdown, and maybe use VUceptors for quarantining programs for their groups—a two pronged approach for protecting the future of Vanderbilt. Luckily we have the bridge on Peabody and we can tear that down to minimize contamination.

H- How do you feel about the impending doom of Greek life?

F- I think the most affected will be Deno. He will be completely broken—his rich Greek heritage gone. Given that at Vanderbilt he's only half Greek—he's a BYX brother—I still believe he will be that man standing in front of the tank in Tiananmen Square. I think that a good compromise would be that we close some, but not all of the Greek houses on campus. For example let's close Kristen Torrey's least favorite fraternities that she deems "not fratty enough." She can be a hardliner and can say, "Hey guys, you're either gonna go greek all the way or go back to your off-campus house!" So if you haven't been on probation for at least 2 whole months, you're outta here. For sororities, if you're not making at least three girls cry during Rush Week, you're doing something wrong. Deno is also petitioning the Greek Embassy to intercede and play on Zeppos' Greek roots so he feels guilty about any infringement on the Greek Community. ■

PHOTO of the WEEK

The photographers who cover campus for student media are working hard to capture images of life at Vanderbilt. This image was selected as the Photo of the Week. Check here next Friday to see another standout student photo.



Westley Taylor, seen here doing a "fro-yo stand," considers himself an "upstanding" member of the community.



PETER PARKER used a Panasonic DMC-T25 with optical zoom and reduced shutter speed to get this unique perspective. He also employed several stunt experts and advanced web technology for this precise angle.

Student photographers interested in joining the staff are invited to the next meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Sarratt 130.

GREEK: Life to be dismantled

From **GREEK** page 1
“We’ve been telling people for years that we need to fly under the radar and not make bad names for ourselves. But people still have off-campus parties and get arrested, and now we’re all going to have to pay for it.”

Torrey, a top Greek advisor, has already accepted a position at The Ohio State University, joining the staff of past colleague and friend Gordon Gee. She remains enthusiastic about the change of pace, and hopes that the events leading to the banishment of the Greek System here at Vanderbilt can be avoided elsewhere.

Student leaders on campus were quick to respond to the announcement as well. VSG president-elect Wyatt Smith, who based much of his platform on the support of Greek Life, seemed shocked at the announcement.

“I’m not really sure what to say,” Smith said. “It shows an utter disregard for student opinion and their college experience on the part of Zeppos and the administration. I just wish they had talked to me and Lori beforehand.”

Other students expressed a much more emotional reaction. “It’s like my grandmother is dying again,” said one distraught brother. “Except I spent a lot more time with my frat.”

Although a direct interview with the Chancellor could not be secured, Dean of Students Mark Bandas expressed enthusiasm for the other organizations available to students at Vanderbilt.

“We are hoping that this perceived gap can be filled with multicultural organizations, service clubs, and other manners of becoming more involved with the community at large. Just because Greek

Life is gone does not mean students will not have a way to be members of a brother and sisterhood. We are one family here at Vanderbilt, and this decision will help bring us all closer together.”

Greek chapter meetings on Sunday and Monday will be packed as usual, but will also surely be filled with a more somber tone. ■



Administrators hope to spread the undeniable success of the Commons to more of campus to improve living standards.

Post-Campaign Interviews

Interviews by **BRENDAN ALVIANI**
Transcribed by **WESTLEY TAYLOR**

We had a chance to sit down with both of the VSG presidential candidates after the election wrapped up to talk about life, liberty and the pursuit of office.



Hustler- How much was your life consumed by the election?

Wyatt Smith- Completely. I didn’t go to class, I didn’t do homework; I dreamed about Fabiani. It was a busy month. Because of the fact that typically these elections are usually one sided and the whole race is kind of perfunctory, this year, because of the fact that Fabiani and I both qualified and have been here a long time and care about it, I think there was a heightened interest. That meant for more substance to the debates and more student organizations to talk to and in general, that was reflected in the fact that the turnout was so high. It provides us with a lot of credibility.

H- What did you think about the intensity of the election?

W- Campus politics—people get a little too intense because the stakes are so low. People take themselves pretty seriously. I mean we’re not running for congress—we’re trying to improve student life yea but obviously we’re lobbyists basically. If that means I’ve got to take Zeppos out to Deja Vu and booze him up a little bit to push through some student issues then so be it, I mean I’ve got to do things like that. I’ve got so spend student activity fee money wisely.

H- So what are you going to do on day one? Are you finally going to bring our troops back from Iraq?

W- Close. We’re going to disband ROTC. Oh man, one of the unique things with being VP now is there’s a lot of continuity. I think I immediately got put onto three search committees for diff things—one of which was the police chief search committee. So were going to search the whole nation to find somebody that’s already here...

H- How recognized are you on campus?

W- I try to blend in. I wear khakis and polo shirts as much as possible. You know I went to the multicultural semi last night and I’d introduce myself as Wyatt and they’d go “The Wyatt?” I’d say “I’m not sure what that means, but...”

H- How do you feel about Wyatt Center being renamed Wyatt Center in your honor?

W- I think it’s time. As a Peabody student, I feel that that’s a building that I have claim to. Joe Wyatt, God bless him, it’s time to move on. The past is the past. Maybe we can put up an interim tag: “The Center Formerly Known as the Joe B. Wyatt Center” so no one is confused.

H- Joseph Williams called this a historic election. Why do you think that is?

W- I think Joseph just can’t think of good things to say in interviews so he just throws out buzz words.

H- So do you think you are Obama?

W- More of the opposite. We’re all about doing more of the same; lots of hyper realism and low expectations.

H- Did you hear about Jim Wiggington? What did you think about his dark horse potential?

W- I know he had the McGill vote cornered... were the campus an electoral map, it’s kind of like winning Indiana. But yeah, you’ve got a third party candidate come out of no where and no one knows what’s going on. We had alarm bells going off; I tried to keep everybody calm and see the big picture.

H- How do you feel about the impending doom of Greek Life?

W- It’s a horrible injustice. I am personally going to spend every waking moment on the doorstep of Kirkland hall correcting this gross miscarriage to our Greek students and defending the unique aspect of the Vanderbilt experience. If all else fails, take him (Zeppos) out to Sportsman’s I guess.

H- Were you to save Greek life, would you consider that a major victory for your term?

W- I’d probably commission a statue of myself near Kensington. I think that maybe I’ll be wearing some Croakies—perhaps shotgunning a Natty.

H- What precautions do you think Vanderbilt should take for the upcoming zombie apocalypse?

W- We’re going to need to work up our card-access policies. Make sure, you know, they’re loose enough to provide community but tight enough to stave off zombie attacks. Also I think we should move towards a concealed carry option. I think that the good Americans on this campus in favor of that movement have been not heard for too long. And, well I think Jim Kramka can suck the life out of anyone—so we’ll just have him reassign their housing. Next thing you know they’re all in Kissam—kind of wall off the whole area. Maybe finally blow it up. ■

Remembering “GEE DEAD”

by **XSTENSLAND**
Senior Reporter

With the exceptional written humor skills of the current Slant staff casting shadows over not only other publications but also their illustrious history, it would be easy to forget the triumphs of their illustrious past. On this historic day, the Hustler wishes to look back five years, eleven months and six days and remember perhaps the most epic instance of humor writing in Vanderbilt history.

Let us step back to a simpler time, before any of the current Vanderbilt students were here. Unknown to most students, on the Monday after a break, the Vanderbilt Hustler was not scheduled to print an issue, so Slant staffers obtained the Hustler template and printed their own issue—changing the title from “Hustler” to “Hustler” so as to avoid copyright issues.

On the actual day, campus was thrown into a fervor when the actual issue of the Hustler was released. The beloved chancellor at the time, Gordon Gee, was pronounced deceased on the now-infamous cover, which announced “GEE DEAD.” Simple yet effective, the headline and ensuing article spread like wildfire around the campus, shocking students and creating general confusion and disarray around the university.

Many professors canceled class, the psychological counseling center was overrun with students, and candlelight vigils and impromptu memorial

services sprouted all amongst the student body. The love of Gee came flowing out in a river of tears across West End, and his apparent demise caused the greatest uproar Vanderbilt had seen until the announcement that Greek Life would be ending.

In the aftermath of the article, the Slant staffers learned much. The at-the-time-great Vanderbilt Hustler was proud and powerful enough to throw their clout around in order to have the Slant editor-in-chief David Barzeley fired. Citing their use of the Hustler racks, the editor-in-chief of the Slant was immediately removed from duty. Hence, the Slant staff learned not to utilize other publication’s racks.

However, the humor authors also learned how easy it is to dupe an entire campus. Making people believe that their chancellor is dead—despite a misspelled paper title, impossible weather coverage on the front page, a poll that didn’t add up to one hundred percent, and articles inside the paper actually saying that the whole thing was a hoax, still a majority of the campus was tricked into believing their chancellor was dead.

So now, in a new age of trickery, we must look back and remember the Slant pranks of old. Let us always remember the slight rivalry (mostly one sided) between the Slant and the Hustler, and what our campus would be without either of them. Although, I must admit that the Slant makes one hell of a Hustler. ■



Despite all hints to the contrary, this issue of the Hustler was totally not done by the staff of the Slant. Not at all. Why would you ever think otherwise?

Homeless man found dead in Kissam

by **MAX ALTMAN**
Senior Reporter

It looks as if at least one visitor to the Hotel Kissam won’t be checking in again. The homeless man who so unceremoniously tried to make Kissam a warm roof over his head on January 11th was found on Natchez Trace last Friday dead of a combination of weakness brought on by malnutrition and an extremely poor reaction to the recent cold here in Nashville. According to Luke Chisnau, a member of the group that discovered our friend’s body, “We were walking past Dudley Field on our way to our Morgan for a sweet party when one of my bros tripped over something. It turned out to be this guy. You’d think causing problems once would have been enough for this man, but he died right in the middle of a busy Vanderbilt street, causing who knows how much trauma.”

Kissam resident Austin Soroca, who had been accosted in the first invasion, commented, “I could just imagine how sketchy it would have been if this guy had died before we got him out of Kissam. I mean, I guess he wouldn’t have because it was warmer in there, but still. Actually, when I first heard about this, I thought how funny it would be if he had died of ringworm, since that was discovered around the same time. He didn’t die of ringworm, though. Just hunger.”

The homeless man’s body was taken away after its discovery, and will probably be interred somewhere in Nashville. There are no calling hours, and sources were unable to verify the man’s name. Observed Kissam resident Audrey Edinet, “This comes as a relief to me. I was worried that that weird homeless guy would try to get back into the dorm. Now I know I can rest easy.” ■



MALEROOM LINES NOT LONG ENOUGH

by **AMANDA CHUANG**
Senior Reporter

Recent changes at the campus mail room have sparked outrage among Vanderbilt students. With the switch to computerized package notifications, lines at the package window have increased exponentially in length. But for some students, it’s not enough.

“I happened to be standing in line next to that hot girl in my Spanish class,” said sophomore Carl Jones. “After waiting in line for thirty minutes, I’d almost built up the courage to speak to her. But before I could say, ‘Hola, aren’t you in my class de Español?’, it was her turn at the window, and then she was gone. Damn you, stunted package line!”

Sorority member Veronica Pine agreed that package lines are too short. “My wait in line was only forty-five minutes. I’d planned on being in that line for at least an hour and a half so I could have a good excuse to

skip lunch. It doesn’t count as anorexia if you’re being forced to not eat, you know.”

The Vanderbilt administration has failed to take action. Lines have consistently remained below two hours, and the package window remains staffed with two or three workers at any given time. If the administration cares at all about its students, it must take the necessary measures to increase the length of the package line. Otherwise, experiences such as that of Chris Lansing, a mechanical engineering student, will only be repeated.

“I just waited an hour to pick up a care package from my Internet girlfriend,” said Lansing. “That’s completely unacceptable. I wanted a four-hour wait, which would have allowed me to significantly delay my receipt of and subsequent response to my girlfriend’s email, decreasing my apparent level of desperation by five percent. Now I’m just going to come across as a loser. Fuckin’ A.”



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Students line up in the mailroom in Rand for an unfortunately short line.

Let this be a warning to the Vanderbilt administration: If conditions don’t improve, students may very well seek out other mail rooms or mail centers, where lines may finally be adequate. For many, a chance to get away from the

undersized package lines at Vanderbilt would be a welcome, even pleasurable, relief. As freshman Penny Tucker says, “It’s just not long enough. I’m always left unsatisfied. If this doesn’t improve, I’m finding a longer one.” ■

OPINION

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Give Bush Some Respect



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Columnist

Two years ago, in July of 2007, director and producer Charles H. Ferguson released the famous documentary film "No End in Sight", highlighting the sheer inefficacy of the American occupation in Iraq. Ferguson famously condemned many of the Bush administration's policies, and came to the conclusion that the nature of the American occupation in Iraq was a lost cause doomed to fail.

Now, in January of 2009, the level of violence in Iraq is the lowest it has been since the beginning of the insurgency. The Green Zone, a fortified area of Baghdad and the location of much of the Iraqi government's infrastructure, has been handed over to Iraqi forces, who are slowly taking more responsibility over their nation's security. In particular, the province of Anbar, home to troubled sites such as Fallujah and Ramadi, once considered to be a lost cause, is now under the direct control of provincial Iraqi forces. Violence is at an all-time low, and projections within the Department of Defense have US forces handing control of all Iraqi provinces back to local authorities by July of 2009.

President Bush proclaimed Mission Accomplished. Obviously, that's still far from the current case. But even President Obama praised Iraq's government for the well-handled elections for provincial legislatures that largely occurred without incident. It may not be for a few more years, but there definitely is an end in sight. Three years ago, nobody could imagine Anbar being a peaceful area ever again. Fallujah was considered lost, and the United States military was losing hope in Iraq. But Bush's administration persevered, and now, politics in Iraq appear to be returning to normal. If President Obama sticks to the plans laid out by the Bush Administration and the Secretary of Defense, the United States will soon be able to leave Iraq a country well on the way to Democracy.

The President of the United States is our commander in chief - our leader, our elected representative. He deserves at least a modicum of respect - but more importantly, he deserves credit where credit is due. Regardless of whether or not you agree with his policies, Mr. Bush's administration utilized policies which brought violence in Iraq to an all-time low since 2006; policies the current Obama administration is continuing. If Mr. "Change" is keeping consistent the policies of the previous administration which had the lowest approval rating of all time, either Mr. Obama is a fraud, or Mr. Bush's ideas aren't too bad after all. I'll go with the latter.

So here's to you, Mr. Bush, on a job well done. May history vindicate your effort to bring peace and justice to Iraq. ■

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Although we are usually scheduled to come out every Monday and Friday, the other editors and I decided to put together an extra issue to deliver the astonishing news regarding Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos and the Vanderbilt Board of Director's decision to close down Greek Life on campus. When this revolutionary news was announced to us, we knew that we had to personally deliver to the student body the detailed analysis, deep insight, accurate information, run-on free,, and error-free news stories that the Vanderbilt would expect.

To voice your opinion about this recent development, we encourage you to email Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos at nicholas.s.zeppos@vanderbilt.edu, Director of Greek Life Kristen Torrey at kristin.torrey@vanderbilt.edu, Dean of Students Mark Bandas at mark.bandas@vanderbilt.edu and Dean of the Commons Frank Wcislo at francis.w.wcislo@vanderbilt.edu.

EDITORIAL

Students will learn to handle economic woes

The editorial board of the Hustler feels that Chancellor Zeppos' decision to curtail the University's Greek life program and relocate houses to off-campus sites will help foster and better sense of community and academic focus here at Vanderbilt. For years, fraternities and sororities have plagued campus culture with divisive stereotypes, primeval competition and reckless socializing; their absence will only serve to unify the student body, improve the quality of undergraduate applicants, and allow for the nurturing of coeds' studios, rather than stupid, sides.

For too long, debates over fraternity dominance and sorority sluttiness, gossip about weekend hookups and weekday breakups, and lies spread about specific rooms in specific houses meant for specific purposes have dominated campus conversation. Hopefully, the banishment of the neighborhood frat boys and sororities sisters to greater Nashville will bring a resurrection of the intelligent conversation within Vanderbilt's gates.

To many of Vanderbilt's high school visitors, the sight of scattered beer cans in the poorly-kept

lawn of a trashed fraternity house is quite foreign and offensive. These highly qualified, book smart prospective students become extremely frightened, running away to northern utopias like MIT and Princeton. In the future, if these embarrassing residences were replaced by impressive residence halls, by marvels of modern architecture, Vanderbilt could have alumni to place in their national commercials that people actually recognize.

Granted, many find value and meaning in Greek life's more acceptable qualities: friendship, service, dark secrets, etc. However, we think the need for over 70 brothers/sisters seems slightly excessive—four out of six editorial board members are completely satisfied with their small number of biological siblings (perhaps those that need this kind of extensive "family" need counseling, not beer and sex). Also, finding time to read to inner-city kids between rounds of flip-cup doesn't make you a good person, only a gilded delinquent.

After all, there's an upside for you cool kids: you'll finally be able to use kegs. ■

THE VERDICT <small>Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by BRENDAN ALVIANI</small>		
Endowment		After losing over a billion dollars, Vanderbilt is struggling to connect with prospective females looking for something "a little more well-endowed."
Michael Phelps		Gets busted smoking pot and apologizes, like a lame-o. On the other hand, I bet he has a wicked awesome water bong.
Introspection		Asking the question of "why" or "how" is unlikely to make those scabies go away. A topical ointment perhaps?
Irish System		It's just like the Greek System, except that it's nothing but drinking.
Unemployment		Not having a job bites the big one, especially for working class people and poor people. They could really use the work, as it turns out. Just figured I'd tell you something that you'd have to learn sooner or later.
Octuplets		The woman already had 6 kids before birthing another litter of them. But hey, can't argue with getting free diapers from Oprah for life.
Ennui		Using obscure or unnecessary words helps keep things as interesting as the frozen tundra of my soul.
Hackers		Good job on hacking those road signs in Texas to read "Zombies ahead! Run for your lives!"
The Slant		As you may have guessed by now, the Slant published a DAMN good Hustler.

THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants with the subject "Rant" to: opinion.vanderbilt@gmail.com.

Compiled by JUSTIN BARISICH

I'm sick of my roommate always pooping in my pillowcase. It's not "just a phase." Stop lying to yourself.

To the girl in Towers 3 who got WAY TOO DRUNK and made out with my girlfriend, AND her mom, AND my dog: I feel so unloved.

To housekeeping: Vacuuming is no longer allowed before 1pm on weekends, as I will always hung-over. In addition, excessive use of Pine-Sol and other nauseating chemicals around my door and nose area will not be tolerated.

Dear next-door neighbor: I don't live with you. In fact, we both live in singles, so I shouldn't have to put up with your complaining that your Superman-sensitive ears can hear the barely audible levels of my music in my room even though you're sitting in your room, eavesdropping through a freakin' wall. Also, awkwardly passing you in the hallway as you give me death-stares is bundles of fun. So keep it up, and I'll just keep laughing at you.

I wish the weather would stop having bi-polar disorder. I can't decide if I want to wear my slutty mini-skirt that actually shows off my ass-cheeks or strut the "tights as pants" look, which just gives a nice high-definition view of my ass. Ugh!

Why I look forward to Wyatt



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Columnist

On Wednesday January 28th, a date that will be remembered fondly for the immanent future, Wyatt Smith surprisingly succeeded Joseph Smith as the next VSG President. Once again, a small group of dissenters (traitors?) proposed that perhaps Smith won through subterfuge, that is to say electoral legerdemain or perhaps through an overwhelming Greek majority. This, like most ideas derived from the student body, are ridiculously foolish, demonstrating little more than general incompetence.

As for those rumors - that perhaps he was carried by the Greek vote. That is simply idiotic. It is inconceivable that just because an overwhelming majority of half the campus voted for the same candidate for the same reason he would secure victory. Perhaps, just perhaps, it was a factor - minute at most. But under no circumstances would it be reasonable to claim that it "clinched" the election or similar.

Sure he was nonchalant. He may be what one would refer to as a "smooth operator." He acted friendly - and as studies show time and time again - people prefer not to be insulted. A lesson well learned apparently. Polls leading up to the election seemed to put both Duarte and Smith neck to neck (metaphorically). It seems reasonable that Smith's overt amicability warmed the icy hearts of those that opposed him.

Well kind of: I, and apparently most of the sophomore class, did not vote. Not for Smith, not for Duarte, not even for Wiggington (the best third party candidate since Lincoln Rockwell). I admittedly had trouble denying divine mandate, but I found myself unmoved. Duarte, whose loquacity is refreshing, if not misplaced like a child clown in a cemetery, failed to motivate. Wiggington just wasn't awe inspiring. And I think everyone might have been too frightened to vote for Smith, believing perhaps there would be extreme repercussions.

Furthermore, he did not lure freshmen with promise of a better tomorrow. Nor did he woo sophomores with hopes of habitable dorms. He, in fact, promised very little - nary a Chick-Fil-A to be heard, and certainly not one to be built. He ran on the strength of his convictions and absolute moral rectitude.

Could that really be the case? Is being right enough to be elected? How did Smith vanquish his noble foes?

Smith's victory is not due to chance or corruption, but fate. Yes, it was God's will, just ask βYX. Smith will rule with an iron fist, following the lead of many of his divine predecessors, most notably Louis XVI, Ivan the Terrible and Benito Mussolini. Gone are the days where VSG suffered from inefficiencies sprouting from their insistence to use something as unproductive as "democracy."

Duarte and Wiggington would only perpetuate the misconception of ethical rights and habeas corpus, something that would interfere with VSG's current goals. We students, blessed by God have been given a gift, may it not be wasted.

One can only hope Smith will embody Thomas Hobbes' beliefs that "during the time men live without a common power to keep them all in awe, they are in that conditions called war; and such a war, as if of every man, against every man." To put it bluntly, the student body should live in constant terror for their own good, defiance or free will is an anarchic anachronism best left for public universities. ■

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Is Racism Really Dead?

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Guest Columnist

Two weeks ago, we inaugurated the first black president of the United States of America. Following this momentous event, there were those who began to opine not only that America had entered a new phase in its history, but that racism was effectively over. It seemed to some that the election of an African American to our nation's highest office spoke for the views of every single man, woman, and child in the country when it occurred. Clearly, this cannot be true, and I am in fact rather upset that some people have now assumed that racism is over. I base this on one important reason.

I, like many of Vanderbilt's students, am a racist. I supported John McCain during this election not because I preferred his policies, or even knew that much about them, but because he was running against a black man. I dislike black men, as well as black women, because of the color of their skin. I voted for the English-Only initiative not because I was concerned about our nation's schools, but because I thought it might make some Mexicans leave. (The Tennessean reported that 90% of the financial support for that amendment came from an organization with possible links to hate groups like it was a bad thing. I don't think so.) I proudly refuse to distinguish between any two East Asians, and refer to anyone of Asian descent as Chinese, even if they tell me that they are in fact from Taiwan or Bhutan or whatever. The claim that racism is dead is an insult to my brothers and to myself. I am worried by such intolerance, especially coming from a country that more and more is composed of people who are not white.

I go to a University that can proudly proclaim that if I happen

to pass a student at any given time it will be twelve times more likely that he will be white than that he will be black. And don't even get me started on when it's a she. Look, lady, I'm expecting knowledge. If I wanted a sandwich, I'd call up a female. That, however, is beside the point. The point right now is that the quality I most dislike in other people is their ability to completely ignore those who share my opinions, as if we did not matter as a group. Well, I suppose the quality I most dislike in other people is a skin color darker than light peach, but barring that, this is tops. Vanderbilt has a proud history, and we should continue to embrace our present through our past, just as our country should continue to do so.

America has an illustrious past. When the Spanish Armada was weakened almost to the point of destruction, we slid in and stole Cuba. We stood aside while various African countries endured genocide, civil war, and mass murder by their own leaders, we overthrew a legitimate monarchy in Hawaii five years before annexing it, and our recent history unquestionably demonstrates a strong trend in the direction of telling the rest of the world to suck it. Clearly, racism is alive and well in our country. Clearly, racism is still alive and well in my heart. I have been pushed around and trodden on for so long, and have been a victim of intolerance on too many occasions, but that does not mean that I and my brothers will simply lie down and be forgotten. In fact, we shall overcome. America can no longer be so narrow-minded. After all, we just elected our first black president. Just to be clear on this, I don't like black people.

Or gays. ■

Disease outbreak preparedness sorely lacking at Vanderbilt

To the Editor:

Look around you. If you don't see a chain saw, boarded-up windows, or a shotgun, chances are that you will die in a zombie apocalypse. Are you okay with this? I'm not, you're not... but the Vanderbilt administration is.

Yes, it's true: Vanderbilt consistently fails to assist its students in preparing against potential zombie attacks. Instead of funding zombie awareness programs and zombie defense classes, Vanderbilt decides to promote rap concerts and dinners with the Chancellor. Uh, okay, but how am I supposed to have dinner with the Chancellor if he's a zombie?

I mean, come on. HPV awareness posters are plastered all over the place, yet not a single zombie awareness poster can be found. I'm sorry, but I am way more concerned about a zombie eating my brain. I want the zombie outbreak posters. Where's my list of warning signs? If I'm getting lunch in Rand at noon on

a weekday, how do I know if that dude eating that other dude's arm is a zombie or if he's just really, really hungry because the lines are so fucking long?

As if it's not bad enough that we're not educated on the fine methods of zombie detection, the campus itself has terrible defenses against attacks. At the very least, there should be a ten-foot tall barbed wire fence enclosing the entire campus, in addition to a concrete barrier separating the medical center from the rest of Vanderbilt. I'm all for health care, but not when it spawns a horrific zombie apocalypse. Also, every window in every building needs to be protected with steel bars... either that, or hold all classes in the basement of Stevenson.

As such, I submit that a zombie awareness and education program should be formed, effective immediately. I have to be able to walk by Rand and see posters about how zombies must be killed with a shot to the head. Forget about VUPD crime alerts; we need zombie alerts. I

don't want to hear about any forcible fondling unless it involved (a) a brain and (b) the mouth of a zombie. And yeah, I'm sure those emergency blue-light phones are theoretically useful, but do you really expect them to help me in the case of a zombie attack? "Hi, yeah... I've got thirty zombies here clawing at me. If you don't send someone in the next thirty seconds, it'll be thirty-one zombies and I won't need help anymore."

So, Vanderbilt, give us what we need. Give us ammunition and Molotov bombs instead of blue-light phones. Give us a Department of Zombie Studies and let us educate ourselves on how to defend against zombies and how to philosophically justify killing zombies who were, after all, our former classmates. And if you can't do it for all the reasons I've listed, at least do it for the tuition. ■

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New Gun Proposal for Campus

Cash this reality check, Vanderbilt: our university's endowment is plummeting, violence is rising on college campuses nationwide, and we pay our school's custodians nearly the living wage to watch TV and ride elevators all day.

Is it just me, or can we kill three birds with two stones? Simply put, if the University cares at all about our financial or physical safety in these trying times, they should arm the cleaning staff with lethal firearms and slash their wages.

I know what you're thinking; why you're grimacing that way. How can I justify lowing the salary of workers who currently cannot afford to live? Well, Mr. Smartypants, I can ask sarcastic questions too: have you ever stashed an automatic rifle amongst your Windex and sponges and thought to yourself, "wow, I wish I had an extra two dollars an hour right now, because the ability to go Rambo on a potential school shooter is simply not empowering enough." No, you haven't. Guns have the same enlivening and

empowering effect as cashola, just ask Africa.

Sure, you may feel a bit uneasy entrusting the guy who washes your toilet bowl with the ability to burrow two-inch bullets into your torso (after all, you are racist). In an editorial last semester, we here at the Hustler endorsed conceal and carry on campus; we gave our support to Vanderbilt students carrying handguns underneath their garments, ready to let free a barrage of bullets should an urge of vigilantism or idealism get the best of them. We gave our support to Westchester-raised, prep-school educated, seersucker-wearing momma boys gripping six-shooters in an attempt to feel cool and kill the occasional peer that goes crazy.

Why not let Vanderbilt's janitorial staff (raised in the streets, or what have you, around drug flippin' and gang shootin') bear that burden instead, with a burden they're likely comfortable with?

Also, another point to add to my already waterproof argument, Vanderbilt could

use the money saved by taking away employees' fear of attack, mattresses, and the custody of their children to buy each student a cheeseburger with the works. Let's do the math: \$2 x 40 hours x 30 weeks x .2 custodians x about 132 floors of housing / 6,000 students = \$10.56. I'm not a math major, but a normal burger joint charges about four bucks for a patty and buns, plus a dollar for every topping apart from the regulars (I usually go with grilled onions and mushrooms). Hell, you might even get a fountain drink out of the deal.

Or Zeppos could tag it onto the endowment, a worthless pile of gold and silver meant to make Harvard jealous—glorified arm candy.

Needless to say, this plan is a win-win-lose. We win, the custodial staff wins big, and anybody that stands in their way loses. Cheeseburgers, anyone? ■

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The party goes from 4:30-5:00 pm, in between shifts!

SPORTS

Football Players: How to Beat the Combine

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Reporter

Don't look now, but the Vanderbilt football program is actually producing NFL-quality talent.

The past four years have seen multiple (!) Commodores drafted into the NFL, something that was unheard of in decades past. So for those lucky few who are preparing to take the next step in their football careers, I have polled some current pros to get their advice on how to prepare for one of the most crucial aspects of the evaluation process, the NFL Combine.

Vince Young, Tennessee Titans: They give you this bullshit intelligence exam called the Wonderlic Test. Don't even worry about studying for it. I scored a six out of 50, and I still was drafted high! Knowledge is totally overrated when you can run like I do. Wait, do I need to be able to throw the ball too? And I need to be able to read defenses? And be a leader? My head hurts...

Jay Cutler, Denver Broncos: They will give you every medical test imaginable, even though they already know more about

your injury history than your own mother. If you skinned your knee in the fourth grade when you fell off your bike, every coach in the NFL is going to want to know why you jeopardized your career by not wearing knee pads. Prepare to be poked and prodded more than my finger after I eat a sugar cookie.

Mike Mamula, formerly of the Philadelphia Eagles: You may hear cautionary stories about "workout warriors" like myself, people who dominate every test and drill at the Combine and make scouts wet themselves at the prospect of drafting me. Who cares if I was only a marginal player in college and would go on to have a pretty disappointing career in the pros? I made millions off of that rookie contract, and laughed all the way to the bank. All I had to do was suck it up for about six years, and I was set financially for life. Follow my lead: everyone knows what drills and tests are done at the combine. Practice those over and over again until you have perfected them, and don't even worry about football. That whole thing will take care of itself eventually. When you're sick of

the game, just pretend you have an injury, like Vince Young did.

Matt Leinart, Arizona Cardinals: If you're a stud and you know it, don't even worry about performing at the Combine. Go through all the medical tests, and then just arrange to work out for scouts at a pro day at your school like two or three weeks later. I totally got to do my thing in front of all these smokin' hot USC babes, and then was able to party my ass off as soon as it was done. And its not like it had any sort of negative effect on my career: I was just in the Super Bowl! Yeah I was on the bench, but I totally got to hit up all the major parties and got the number of that hottie in the third row. I just hope that she's legal, or at least that no one takes any pictures this time.

Calvin Johnson, Detroit Lions: For the love of God, take it easy in those drills. If you value your career, trust me on this one. You don't want to do too well, or else you are going to hear one of the most depressing things in the history of professional football: "With the first pick in the 2009 NFL Draft, the Detroit Lions select..." ■



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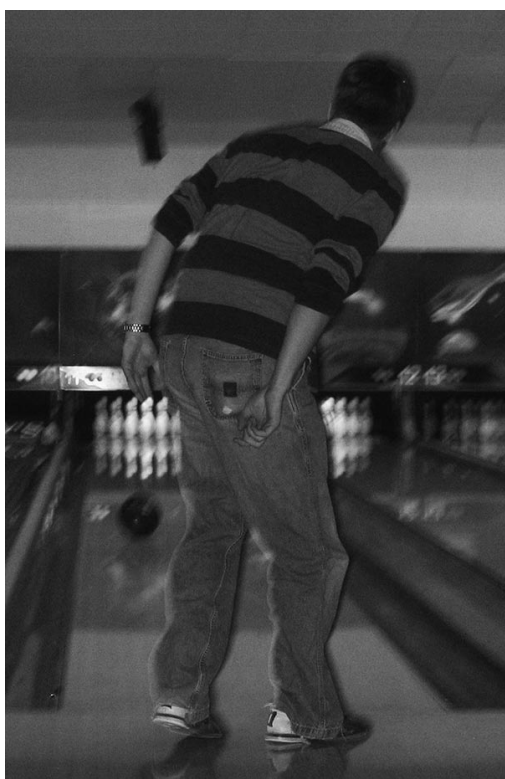
Bryant Hahnfeldt (8) plans on playing for the National Football League as soon as he can get through the pesky NFL Combine.

We're going BOWLING

by RUDY WU
Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt Women's Bowling Team continued their dominance as Vanderbilt's most successful sports team with a successful third place finish at the Greater Ozark Invitational tournament. The Women's team successfully defeated Minnesota State University at Mankato to finish in third place, after falling to the host University of Central Missouri the previous round. The Vanderbilt women's bowling team is the last Vanderbilt sports team to win a national championship, and after continuing their excellent play in the 2009 season, went to celebrate at a local bowling alley.

Vanderbilt men's basketball star A.J. Ogilvy was present at the local bowling alley, where he too continued his recent run of form with a score of 59. Claiming that his "hand hurt", he bowled another game, only to come up short of his previous high score, bowling only a thirty. Ogilvy claimed that it simply wasn't his day, and that sooner or later he would break out of this funk that he's currently in...his inability to grab rebounds from the gutter was simply a result of his injury problems. "We all know Ogilvy is extremely talented. It's just a matter of time before he breaks out of his slump, and even his last game at Auburn was much better than he recently has been," a Vanderbilt representative said. Ogilvy played a solid game, having six rebounds, five assists, and 14 points on 5-9 shooting from the field. Though it was still a far cry from his previous performances, he did manage to actually affect the state of the game.



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A.J. Ogilvy goes BOWLING! Right after we go to the Music City BOWL! Oh my god, how many puns can we write about this?!

His five turnovers do leave much to be desired, but it is a small step in the right direction for the freakishly tall and talented Australian sophomore.

The Women's team will look to build on its performance by making another run at the national championship, officially solidifying them as the most underrated sports team in the history of Vanderbilt University. ■

Recruitment Updates

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt football program picked up the pledge of a big-time recruit in Miami's JaMarcus McConnell. A 6-foot-9-inch, 240-pound wide receiver, McConnell runs the forty yard dash in 4.2 seconds and bench presses 640 pounds.

As a senior in high school, McConnell caught 180 passes for 4,000 yards and 96 touchdowns. He was also recruited by USC, Florida, and Alabama, among 40 other schools, before deciding to come to Vanderbilt. He also starred for his school's soccer and tennis teams, and was named an All-American in all three sports.

The NCAA prohibits coaches from commenting on recruits until after they sign National Letters of Intent, but Coach Bobby Johnson could not contain his glee after getting the call from McConnell.

"I think I may have just wet myself," gushed an ecstatic Johnson from his office in the McGugin Center. "This is like having another Earl Bennett, only a foot taller and with Usain Bolt's speed."

Recruiting insiders worry that McConnell may struggle with Vanderbilt's rigorous academic standards, but people within the



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program are confident that he will be able to be successful as a student and an athlete.

"We have a great tutoring center full of needy college students willing to do the work for a standout athlete, and we promised him that he would get his degree in Chemical Engineering," said academic counselor Cynthia Lewis. "Normally, we would suggest that an athlete of his stature become an HOD major so that he can only has to focus on his crayon skills, but Coach Johnson insisted that we hire extra staff for him, including a body double to take his tests."

Rated as the No. 1 overall recruit since the Rivals Network started

providing rankings in 2002, McConnell is widely expected to make the unprecedented jump to the NFL after only one season, despite NCAA regulations requiring him to stay for at least three years.

McConnell could not be reached for comment, but his mother Shareece was proud of what her son had accomplished.

"We are all so excited for JaMarcus to go to college at Vanderbilt," she said in a recent press release. "He cannot wait to follow in the footsteps of former Doors like Jay Cutler, and um, that guy who won the Noble Prize." ■

Vanderbilt Athletics Program Implements Affirmative Action

by AMANDA CHUANG
Sports Reporter

The Vanderbilt athletics program announced Monday that a policy of affirmative action will be effective immediately regarding the placement of students on sports teams. Over the next few weeks, tryouts and applications will be made available for students seeking admission to varsity teams.

"We take diversity very seriously," said a Vanderbilt athletics representative. "Numerous minority groups have been historically

disadvantaged and underrepresented in college sports teams, and we're hoping to change that."

A number of students and organizations expressed excitement over the new policy. "It no longer matters if my mother didn't have the time to drive me to soccer practice when I was a kid," said sophomore Bailey Webster. "I can now be on a college-level varsity team regardless of my actual ability."

Senior Charles Harris agreed, citing his experience with the women's basketball team. "As a male Australian, I felt that I was at a severe and unfair disadvantage when trying out for a

spot. Now I have just as much chance, if not more, than an American woman. This is truly the land of opportunity."

Though coaches may find it difficult to successfully form complete teams under the new policy, the Vanderbilt administration is confident that a quality level of diversity will eventually be reached. "I'm not saying we've established quotas or anything," said football coach Bobby Johnson. "But I just need one little person to apply to the team. Just one. Is that too much to ask?" ■



The Commodores have had many people try out for kicker.



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BASEBALL STANDS GET UPDATE

by KYLE HOPE
Sports Reporter

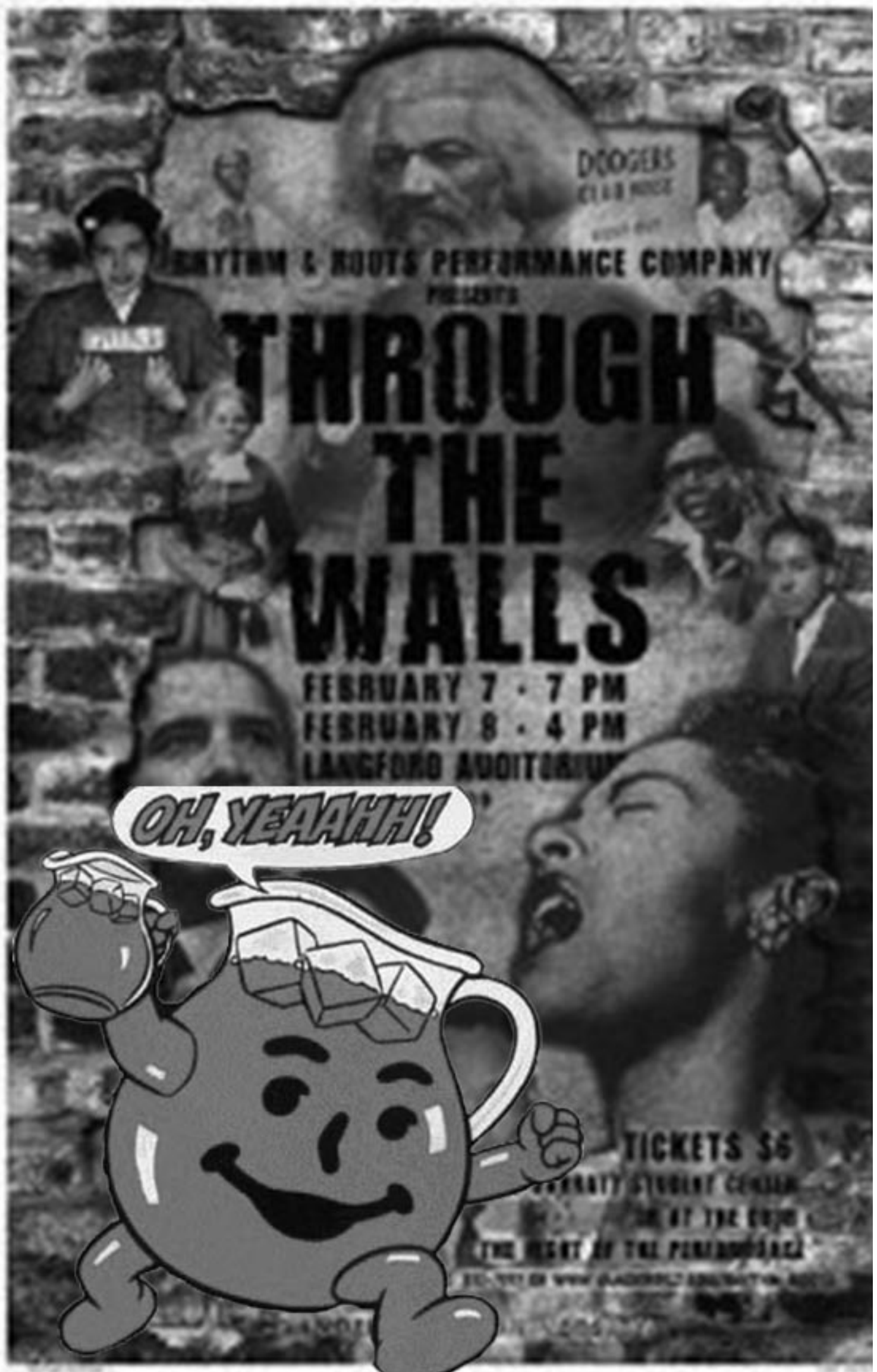
With so many professional stadiums putting their naming rights up for sale, it was only a matter of time before this trend spread to the college level. In a surprising move, the Vanderbilt University Athletic Department announced Tuesday that they had reached a deal to sell naming rights to Quiznos Subs and that Hawkins Field will be renamed Quiznos Field before the start of the 2009 baseball season. Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance Betty Price stated, "We are pleased to announce a partnership with Quiznos regarding our newly renovated baseball facilities. In addition to the naming rights, they also purchased the exclusive right to concessions. So, while ballpark hotdogs are gone, we'll have meatball subs instead! Toasty!"

A key player in this deal was none other than Tom McGill, the manager of the existing Quiznos franchises on campus. "We were thinking of opening another Quiznos on the Commons, but we decided that the freshmen are catered to enough already. We also decided against a Kissam Quad location, as the homeless usually don't have enough money to make that site worthwhile. So, we thought a sports venue would be a good idea," said Tom.

Complaints concerning the name change have already begun pouring into the Athletic Department. Most feel that naming the field after alum and

benefactor Charles Hawkins, III was well-deserved and that taking back this honor is an insult. However, it seems as though there is little chance the name change will be reversed. Using funds from the naming rights sale, construction has begun on a clubhouse for players and staff, as well as permanent bleacher seats in the outfield. "With so many of our players going on to the major leagues, we feel a state-of-the-art clubhouse would better prepare them for what it will be like in the MLB," stated Tim Corbin, head coach of the baseball team. "Plus, we promised our recruits Jacuzzi's, massage tables, and other amenities and we would hate to disappoint them and have them transfer."

In an effort to boost student enthusiasm for the upcoming season, Quiznos plans to offer beer vendor services at the ballpark in addition to subs. "There's nothing I like more than beer and Quiznos and now you can get both without leaving your seat," said Tom McGill. Quiznos is expected to announce the brand of beer to be sold in the coming months, and sources indicate that campus favorite Natural Light is among those in contention. "We're really aiming for a party atmosphere," said Public Relations Director Samantha Lewis, "and cheap beer in the bleachers would be perfect. With new facilities, a new name, and a wide variety of oven-toasted subs, Vanderbilt will be the baseball team to beat this year." ■



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Here at Quizno's Field, spectators will soon be able to drink their body weight in alcohol. Like usual, except at the game and not just at the pre-game preparations.

What an inspirational, semi-sports related picture that has nothing to do with any of the sports stories

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JUMBO CROSSWORD

by ADA DESMOND
Senior Procrastinator

Bored with normal, syndicated crosswords? Then try this special edition Hustler Vanderbilt-inspired puzzle.

- Across
- Like some Marx brothers or some Chancellors
 - Popular gay bar
 - Location of a scary and creepy talking totem.
 - Creepy engineering building
 - One of our colors.
 - A pimp cup it's not
 - Those mysterious little green arrows all over campus
 - The cafe you go to if you want to be cool
 - It's what takes up approximately 50% of your time.
 - Bettie Page went here
 - That annoying thing you hear every hour, on the hour.
 - Some second-rate hack publication
 - Fermented beverage that you probably drank last night
 - Big game?
 - Disease spread by the residents of Currey's 3rd floor, and not syphilis or herpes.
 - It's almost as if they go slower when it's cold, and you never know when they'll show up.
 - The minority party in government.
 - What state are we in, dumbass?
 - An incline
 - It's what all those pale, nerdy people are into
 - Ultra sexy one-wheeled transportation device
 - Quizno's manager who is probably on speed and we think we like it
 - Gross drink often served at frat parties
 - Mendicants
 - That annoying, twangy shit that is eternally tied to this freaking city and that you hear EVERYWHERE.
 - Tennessean president who was NOT Andrew Jackson
 - What lost Vanderbilt 30% of its endowment
 - It's what you put off until Sunday
 - Best campus publication
 - The 19th century robber baron who never even visited the university he was named after.
 - Universal solution
 - Labyrinthine maze of buildings that probably houses a black hole, where many have been lost.
 - Your MOM!
 - Restaurant chain frequented by Vandy students every Friday, pretty much
 - Rites Of _____
 - MRS?
 - We're going to make you write it one more time
 - Main campus eatery with many reservations
 - Another internet staple, the mortal enemies of Jack Sparrow-type fellows
 - A porn store

- Down
- Frustrating program/refreshing desert spot
 - Tentacled sea-creatures
 - Ugly, ugly boots that are hideous and should just die already.
 - Clear drink hidden under your bed
 - Awesome piece of cellular technology.
 - President
 - Another universal solution
 - Prop: English _____
 - Hip street
 - New VSG prez
 - \$850 billion
 - "Hey, you're not 21!"
 - We're terrible at it, but whatever
 - Naval officer; Cornelius Vanderbilt wasn't one
 - Okay good, you got what state we're in, now what CITY are we in,
 - Einstein?
 - Cheap college lifesaving food
 - Like most frat guys
 - Varsity Market?
 - Where you end up at 4 in the morning
 - A miracle drug for your homework
 - The reason why you can't buy Sudafed
 - A noisy and disorderly incident
 - Illinois chair salesman
 - He's not dead!
 - Place with good food and shiny new facilities
 - Lol animals
 - Those jackasses who almost run into you when you're trying to get to class.
 - Day when you do your homework
 - Like most sorority girls
 - Internet staples who sail around on ships and drink lots of grog
 - Mohawked unicycle-rider and world-renowned editor Alviani
 - Rand cashier question
 - It's what's for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
 - Soon-to-be overlords
 - Sovereign Nation of _____
 - The ghetto of Vanderbilt.
 - The Importance of Being
 - Doomed Vanderbilt institution
 - Four-letter word for "vagina"
 - Hilarious
 - "Howdy _____!"