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CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

• IMAGE Week
To kick off IMAGE's annual week of discussions on issues of body image and eating disorder awareness on campus, tonight's interactive discussion will focus on "Anorexia and Bulimia: Dispelling the Myths" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Sarratt 325/327. Check out the group's Facebook event for the rest of the week's events.

TOMORROW

• National Engineers Week
National Engineers Week will crown a winner in the Mr. Engineer pageant from 7 to 9 p.m. in Jacobs Auditorium. The four parts are engineering wear, talent, formal wear and final question.



WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

• Interfaith Panel
Featuring an Atheist, Baha'i, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Jew, Mormon, Muslim, Protestant and Scientologist, this year's Interfaith Panel discussion will be exploring "A Day in the Life Of." Come to the Student Life Center Ballroom A from 7 to 8 p.m. to join the discussion. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served after.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

• Richard Painter opening
Come to Sarratt Art Gallery for the opening of artist Richard Painter's display. The gallery talk will begin at 5 p.m., with a reception afterward until 6:30 p.m.



"Autumn Rose" by RICHARD PAINTER

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Snow Showers

Hope for Haiti



photo by DEBBIE YOHO

Debbie Yoho, president of International Allied Missions, on a humanitarian aid trip to Haiti provided medical care to survivors of the earthquake in impoverished areas near Port-au-Prince, including Carrefour, above.

by HANNAH TWILLMAN
Editor-in-Chief

Even 1,500 miles away, Vanderbilt students will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the reality of the aftermath of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

To bring the reality closer to campus, the Does for Haiti campaign will be presenting "Hope for Haiti: Holistic Perspectives on the Crisis" Tuesday night. Through a student-made film, expert panelists and personal testimony, the program will combine an overview of the country's history for context with an overview of the reality of the challenges the already impoverished country now faces, according to Vanderbilt Student Government President Wyatt Smith, the organizer of the event.

One month later, and more than one million Haitians are still suffering from the aftermath of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 200,000 people were killed in the quake, and 300,000 more were injured, while one million people were displaced. The organization's Web site explained that the needs of the Haitian people have shifted; at first, the main effort was to rescue people from the rubble

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SEE FOR YOURSELF

What: "Hope for Haiti: Holistic Perspectives on the Crisis"
When: Tuesday, Feb. 16
Reception beginning 6:30 p.m. (\$5)
Program 7-8:30 p.m. (free)
Where: Langford Auditorium
Online: To donate, go to <http://doesforhaiti.org>

THE EXPERT PANELISTS



DR. CAROL ETHERINGTON
• Former president of Doctors Without Borders, assistant professor at School of Nursing
• Will discuss effective methods of providing international relief in disaster zones



JEMIMA PIERRE
• Visiting Fellow in the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities
• Will share her personal perspective on rebuilding the nation as a native Haitian who has seen the situation firsthand



FRANK ROBINSON
• Assistant professor of history, associate director of Center for Latin American Studies
• Will provide an overview of key moments in Haitian history



COLIN DAYAN
• Robert Penn Warren Professor in the Humanities
• Overview of Haitian religion, art and culture



PETER HUDSON
• Assistant professor of history
• Expert on U.S.-Haitian economic and political relations

MORE ON InsideVandy.com

For an audio slideshow about Debbie Yoho's firsthand experience in Haiti, go to InsideVandy.com. Plus, continue to check throughout the week for extra coverage of Vanderbilt's response to the disaster.

Fundraiser for Haiti held in Towers suite

by MELANIE BRODER
Staff Reporter

Parties are held every weekend in Carmichael Towers suites, but an event held two weeks ago by a group of residents in their suite was far from typical, raising more than \$1,000 for Haitian relief efforts.

The Jan. 29 party, described as a "Fund-rager" by the six seniors living in the suite known as "The Cellar," combined a typical toga party with fundraising.

Residents Sarah Sharp, Kiely Concannon, Leslie Kelly, Stephanie Fornabaio, Liz Derck and Jane Slatton described the party as a "superevent," combining the fun of a toga party with action to provide relief for the Haiti earthquake crisis. Between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m., they collected \$570 from partygoers, an amount which was then nearly doubled by an anonymous donor, making the total \$1,070. Money raised from the event went to Partners in Health, an organization that, according to its Web site, "works to bring modern medical care to poor communities in 12 countries around the world." The women chose this organization because they believed it is well established in the region and because 94 percent of donations go directly to the cause.

The Does for Haiti campaign, which kicked off at the start of this month, also selected Partners in Health as the organization for which the Vanderbilt community would focus its fundraising efforts.

The Cellar's residents decided to frame their fundraiser as a theme party because it made giving an easy and practical reality at Vanderbilt. A few members of the group mentioned the Vanderbubble as a potential block to student activism.

"We knew people would go out downtown on Friday night and spend 10 to 15 bucks, so we were thinking if maybe we provide all those things in our suite, maybe they can give that money to a good cause," Kelly said. "We're not condemning the Vanderbilt lifestyle, you can still have a great time, but you can have a great time and be consciously aware."

"In retrospect, we shouldn't have had a toga party because they didn't have pockets," said Fornabaio, who served as bartender for the night and had her own tip jar for Haiti. Throughout the night, the women counted donations and colored in a thermometer they had drawn with fundraising goal markings. When they reached the goal of \$500, the hostesses made a big announcement to the party, a moment they described as "emotional" and "touching."

After hearing about their event, Vanderbilt Student Government president Wyatt Smith contacted the six suite mates, commending them for their efforts and encouraging them to join him in advocating the school-wide Does for Haiti campaign. Even a month later, Concannon said VSG has done a "good job of keeping (the cause) alive."

To students interested in holding similar fundraisers, the suite mates suggest to "just do it."
"As long as you provide a space and snacks, people will come," said Fornabaio. ■



photo by KIELY CONCANNON

In one night, attendees of a Towers suite's toga party raised more than \$1,000 for Partners in Health.

Central renovations to finish in May

by AMANDA NIEMAN
Asst News Editor

Interior demolition on the eighth floor of Central Library is expected to begin shortly, with construction of a new study area anticipated to be completed by May.

The library will create a new study area on the eighth floor and relocate some staff offices there as well. The library will also refurbish the Payne Graduate Reading Room on the sixth floor and purchase new furniture in the future.

"We have already relocated everything out of the Payne Room and put a lot of carrels in there to compensate for construction on the eighth floor," said Connie Dowell, dean of libraries.

The Office of the Provost has funded the \$500,000 construction costs, and Heard Library has funded the furniture, moving costs and additional shelving for the annex for relocated books. "The provost has been very supportive and has put forward a lot of effort in lending the architects and planning for the construction," Dowell said.

Staff and students have worked 5,100 hours on the project. The construction will be done by the end of May.

Library staff also hope to create a large space for study, reading and lectures to the right of the lobby and have a small cafe. All plans except the eighth floor project and the Payne Graduate Reading Room await approval by the Chancellor and Board of Trust at their meeting later this month. ■



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compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.

A camera and charger were stolen from Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 10 p.m.

Four center hubcaps were stolen from a vehicle.

Thursday, Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m.

A person gave an officer a wallet containing a glass pipe, a small bag containing a green, leafy substance and lighter.

Around the Loop

compiled by ADRIANA SALINAS

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



"I got flowers for her this morning. Then we went out to an Italian restaurant downtown because the Italians know how to set the mood."

—Angus Aronstein, Class of 2013



"I have a long-distance boyfriend, and I'm sick, so I spent my Valentine's Day in bed."

—Amishi Kumar, Class of 2013



"I spent my Valentine's Day flying home from the weekend, so I'm celebrating with my boyfriend later this week."

—Komal Shaw, Class of 2013



"I went to dinner at Ruth's Chris."

—James Matthews, Class of 2013

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WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

Baskin-Robbins ice cream shop. I wish it were a little more glamorous.

IF YOU WEREN'T A PROFESSOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

I'd be a musician, a bass player.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

I have two things: I like to play bass with a punk rock band, and I collect vintage beer cans.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT IN NASHVILLE?

I like Station Inn.

WHAT'S ONE THING STUDENTS WOULD BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU?

Maybe the punk rock band.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE VACATION DESTINATION?

I like Oaxaca, Mexico.

compiled by AMANDA NIEMAN

SNAPSHOT

Valentine's Day Dinner



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt Dining held a candlelit dinner in The Commons Center yesterday evening for Valentine's Day, complete with chocolate-covered strawberries, Hershey's Kisses and other sweet treats.

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Transfer student numbers on the rise

by ADRIANA SALINAS
Asst News Editor

Within the past few years there has been an increase of transfer students applying to Vanderbilt University, as well as being admitted.

According to Douglas Christiansen, the vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions, with the construction of The Commons, there are a finite number of beds available for all freshmen. The cap is set to 1,600 incoming freshmen; this reduced the number of freshmen by about 40 to 60 students. As the number of freshmen will now be a set amount, in order to balance out the total number of undergraduate students at about 6,800, there is an increase in availability for transfer students to be accepted.

Christiansen said he believes that there is a stereotype about transfers, but he claims it is not true that being accepted as a transfer is easier than regular admission or compared to other top-20 schools. Applying to Vanderbilt as a transfer student "is not a backdoor, they are just as committed as everyone else," he said.

In 2009, 760 students applied, while 236 were enrolled, making it the largest transfer class in the university's history. Of the 236 transfer students, 82 percent were in the first four semesters of their college career. The majority of these students had applied to Vanderbilt previously but decided to go elsewhere, Christiansen said.

"(They are) superb students with experience elsewhere but bring geographic, ethnic and social diversity (to Vanderbilt)," he said. "They are held to the same threshold."

"I wanted Vanderbilt freshman year, but things did not work out to come here first," said sophomore Miranda Diebel, a transfer student from Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Diebel said she had only felt discriminated against once or twice, and that it doesn't bother

her when people refer to her as a transfer.

"I'm here now competing with them on the same level, and I have the benefit of having a year in a completely different environment under my belt," Diebel said. "I don't mind telling people I'm a transfer student; I'm proud of being one. I knew I wanted Vandy, and though I didn't get in freshman year, I tried even harder to get in as a transfer."

"The most challenging part was restarting, basically," said Andrew Gentile, a transfer from Ithaca College. "The first month or so you kind of feel like a freshman again, trying to meet as many people as you can to make friends, but after that you get in the swing of things, and it's fine."

Gentile also said he felt orientation was useful and a smart idea for any new student to attend.

"Most (transfer students) have been through college orientations at their previous schools, so they usually attend the sessions which interest them the most or provide specific information about life at Vanderbilt," said Kendra Warden, co-chair of the Connect to Vanderbilt transfer student orientation.

Warden said she believes the orientation was a success.

"Many transfers want to become full members of the Vanderbilt community as soon as possible and no longer be identified as transfers," she said. "We consider that a success."

Since transfer students do not live in The Commons, "a component may have been lost, but their transfer orientation helps for that transition process," said Christiansen.

"I live in Kissam Quad, and it's alright," said Gentile. "It gets a bad reputation, and it's partially deserved. It is not the most social place to be a new student, but I made it work."

"The freshman definitely have a good deal living in The Commons," he said. ■



STEVE GREEN / VU Media Relations

Like all Vanderbilt students, the most recent class of transfer students signed the Honor Code as part of their orientation last August.



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Employees in a blood lab at Vanderbilt University Medical Center take a blood sample from a patient. A new blood test, Corus CAD, allows doctors to test whether a patient is at high risk for heart disease with only a blood test.

Medical Center offers new test for heart disease risk

by RUTH KINSEY
Asst News Editor

Vanderbilt Heart and Vascular Institute is now the only institution in Tennessee with access to the Corus CAD, a new blood test that can predict if a patient is at high risk for heart disease.

Only offered at a few institutions throughout the U.S., CAD will specifically help doctors determine the likelihood of a patient suffering from obstructive coronary artery disease.

Patients will only be required to have their blood drawn. The blood will then be analyzed by measuring the expression of 23 different genes. Afterward, the probability of having an obstruction in a major coronary artery will be calculated based on the patient's age, gender and genetic makeup.

The test was developed as a part of a new medical field called genomic medicine, which enables doctors to further personalize patient care based on the unique genomic makeup of individual patients — an important factor for many visiting the doctor. For this reason, the blood test interests

many physicians.

"With this test, we have another tool to non-invasively diagnose our patients with CAD," said John McPherson, M.D., director of the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

The Corus test is appealing as it takes into account individual genomic characteristics and factors in age and gender in the analysis.

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The test will not be used in emergency situations, however. Only patients who have stable chest pain, do not have a previous history of diabetes or heart disease and are not taking steroids or immunosuppressive drugs, will be tested using the blood draw.

"Patients with unstable symptoms should be evaluated differently — more urgently — as this test has a three-day turnaround," McPherson said. "The test is not designed for patients with known severe CAD or with diabetes, as different genes may be important in this population."

VUMC is able to offer this new form of diagnosis due to its participation in the clinical trials. Along with researchers from 40 other institutions, McPherson collected samples from patients suffering from stable chest pain. The validation study included almost 3,000 patients, he said.

Other major institutions offering this test across the U.S. at this time include the Minneapolis Heart Institute and Duke University. ■

HAITI: Reception to raise more funds

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and provide emergency care, but now the most pressing needs are for post-operative and follow-up care for patients plus basic health care services.

Through the Doers for Haiti program, members of the Vanderbilt community are working to funnel campus fundraising efforts to aid in meeting those needs through a partnership with Partners in Health, an organization that is providing medical relief on the ground in Haiti. So far, 44 people have contributed to raise a total of \$2,490 toward the campaign's \$25,000 goal.

"In the wake of this disaster,

the Vanderbilt community must take a long-term view in supporting the Haitian recovery effort," Smith said. "This event will spread awareness beyond the effects of the earthquake and into the extreme poverty, vibrant culture and political instability present long before the tragedy."

While the event is free, a catered reception with live Haitian-inspired music and student presentations will precede the program. The \$5 tickets for the reception can be purchased either at the Sarratt Box Office or at the door, and all proceeds will be donated to Partners in Health through the Doers for Haiti Disaster Relief Campaign. ■

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Belmont students join worship at Vandy Catholic services

by LAKENDRA SCOTT
Staff Reporter

Sunday ushers in a day of worship for many Catholic students, but, for as far back as Father John Sims Baker can remember, Belmont students have joined Vanderbilt Catholics for the nightly Mass in Benton Chapel's ominous halls.

The relationship between Vanderbilt and Belmont Catholic communities is long-standing, according to Belmont senior Tori Harris.

"Belmont just doesn't have the infrastructure to have a large Catholic community. In order to have regularly scheduled Mass we have to have a priest, and we currently don't have one," Harris said.

Mass, the common term for the Eucharistic celebration, requires a priest for sanctification, a necessity that eliminates the prospect of Mass on campus for Belmont students. Harris said she believes the nationwide limited interest in joining the priesthood makes it difficult for a small university like Belmont to have its own priest.

"There just aren't that many priests across the nation," Harris said. "Not as many men are called to the priesthood."

To compound the problem of a shrinking number of priests, while Belmont is a historically Christian school, its Protestant roots have provided a limited foundation for its growing Catholic community. Fr. Baker, official chaplain for Vandy+Catholic, said it is Belmont's Baptist roots that have contributed to the smaller Catholic community.

"Historically, they have had very few Catholic students; they were originally a Baptist college," said Fr. Baker. "However, the Catholic community there has been growing."

The increasing number of Catholic students at Belmont has led Fr. Baker to visit the university and offer his services. It is this attention from Fr. Baker, along with the bonds of friendship with Vanderbilt students that leads many Belmont Catholics to Vanderbilt's campus.

"Belmont didn't have a strong Catholic community," Harris said. "I had a lot of friends at Vanderbilt, so I started going there."

According to Chairman of Vandy+Catholic Peter DelNero, a sizable number of Belmont students are



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Catholic Masses are held by Vandy+Catholic in the university's Benton Chapel.

registered with the organization.

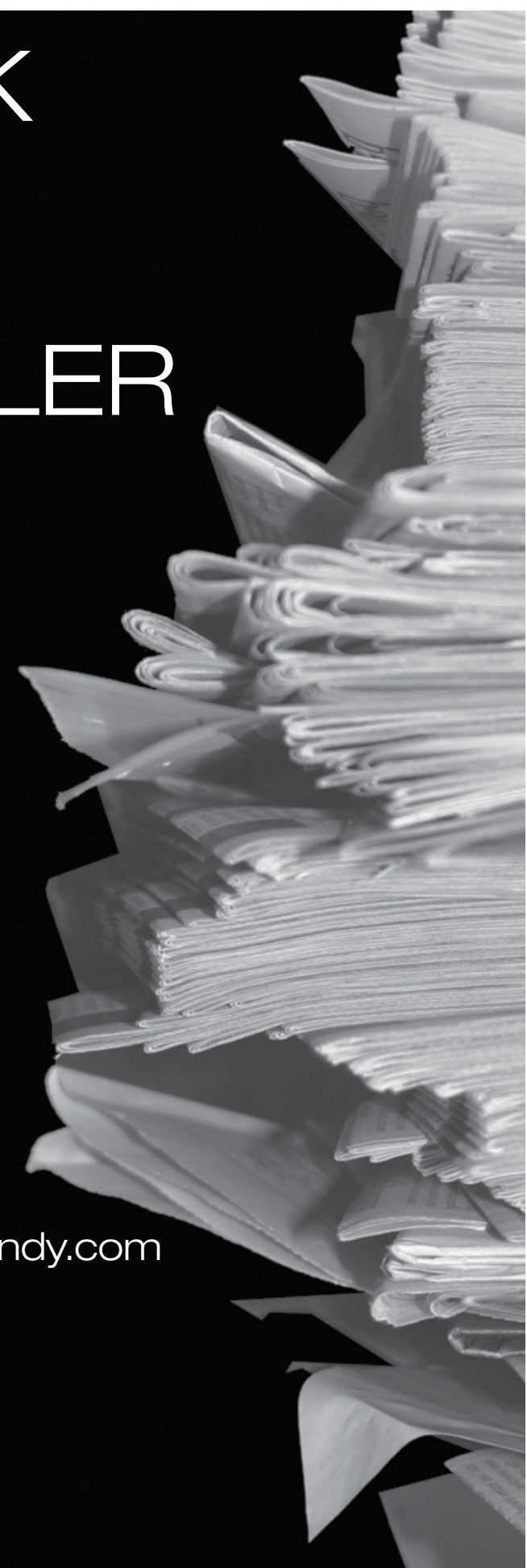
"Sixteen Belmont students registered at the beginning of the fall," he said. "I think these students are probably the core community (of Belmont students) at Vanderbilt. I know hordes of them come to Mass."

The involvement of Belmont students in the Vanderbilt Catholic community extends beyond scheduled Mass and includes student run Bible studies, retreats such as Vandy Awakening, and the newly reinstated worship service Night Vision.

"We are open to anyone who wants to join the community. I think that it's important for a Christian to be in a strong community. We have a strong, vibrant, growing community here," said senior and Vandy+Catholic member Cristina Villarreal.

While Belmont students continue to attend Vandy+Catholic events each year their Catholic community continues to grow and is currently lingering around 50 students. "We have a strong Catholic community now," Harris said, "and it's all because of Vandy+Catholic." ■

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COLUMN

Dangerous accusations in the current age

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MIKE WARREN
Columnist

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority caught flak last week when it attempted to rename its lines from directions to colors. Joining the Red, Blue and Green lines was the Yellow (formerly known as Northeast-South) line that connects northern DeKalb County with Atlanta's airport. The problem, of course, was that the newly dubbed Yellow line runs

through the so-called "Asian" part of town, and that is undoubtedly racist. Never mind that the color of the line on all the maps has always been yellow, or that the other lines were renamed for their corresponding map colors, or that only two stops on the 18-stop line are in areas of metro Atlanta with a sizable Asian community.

What's of course more plausible is that the board of the transit authority of a major American metropolitan center thought it could finally stick it to all those productive, business-owning, tax-paying Asians by naming the subway line that kind of goes near their part of town after a somewhat archaic slur. They sure showed them!

Except now MARTA has caved to the obligatory pressure from groups that claim to represent all Asians in America and renamed it the Gold line. No word yet if prostitution advocacy groups will

be protesting the new name since the line also goes through parts of Atlanta's thriving pimp community.

MARTA's quick fix to absolve itself of all claims racist got me jumping for joy over what's to be expected in the wake of the NPHC-VUPD brouhaha. No matter what the truth is, you can be sure we'll be subjected to a ceremonial conviction of the entire Vanderbilt community.

It happened two years ago when a fight between two straight students and two gay students became opportunities for the then-editor of this paper and the then-president of VSG to harangue the entire campus for its bigoted ways. Of course, when the full story revealed the main perpetrator wasn't even a Vanderbilt student, we heard not one word of apology from Cara Bilotta, who had said she was "not surprised" the anti-gay attack happened at Vanderbilt. And the student politicians say they support you.

We're already seeing this sort of reaction to the vague details of last weekend's incident with the NPHC fraternities. Even in the highly unlikely scenario that the cops

involved were blatantly acting racist, how does that reveal a school-wide "race problem"? Let's give ourselves some credit here and acknowledge that we're the most tolerant generation in the most tolerant country in the world.

And let's wait until all the facts are in before we begin accusing individuals and institutions of racism, a charge that sticks and stings and should be used only when appropriate.

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COLUMN

Valentine's Day woes and other problems

Valentine's Day can often bring out the worst in people — especially if it's actually your birthday.



CLAIRE COSTANTINO
Columnist

If you're single on Valentine's Day, then you might feel a little lonely until you and your single friends get together and talk about how it's just a dumb, fake holiday anyway. If you're in a relationship on Valentine's Day, then you'll probably go out to dinner and exchange cute/expensive gifts. If it's your birthday on Valentine's Day, you're screwed.

Trust me, I speak from personal experience. If someone is free to come to a birthday party on Valentine's Day, then they're probably going to be glut and unpleasant all night. They might ask you how it feels to be single on your birthday and Valentine's Day at the same time. (Answer: It feels pretty much fine until you bring it up all pointedly, you insensitive jerk.) They might also ask you if it's awkward to invite boys to your birthday party because they'll assume you want them to be your Valentine. (Answer: We don't really do the whole "Will you be my Valentine?" gig after fourth grade, you emotionally stunted idiot. But yes, it is still a little uncomfortable because I'm a little emotionally stunted too.) They might even make joy-killing toasts like "Here's to loneliness!" Occasionally I've reminded people that the party is actually a happy occasion, and they can take their desperation right back into the Ben and Jerry's pint it came from.

The worst Valentine's Day/birthday offense is when someone in a relationship asks you to move

your birthday celebration so they can attend. Sorry celebrating my life is in the way of your date, but maybe we should just have a belated birthday cup of coffee when you're free. Valentine's Day, for all of its chocolate-y and romantic goodness, brings out the uglier side of people. Sad singles get sadder, and smug couplers get smugger. And here's the really sick part: My mother specifically chose for my birthday to be Valentine's Day. She thought it would be "cute." That's clearly the sort of thing a happily married person on the verge of enlarging her blissfully happy family would say, but I wish she'd thought a little harder when scheduling her cesarean section.

This article looks bitter, but I actually feel quite excited about my birthday. Now that there isn't a seventh-grade Valentine's Day dance to worry about, I'm pretty comfortable abstaining from the pink and rosy holiday. When I was really little, I just thought everyone was decorating stores and restaurants to celebrate my own birthday because I liked pink and chocolate too! And perhaps the most important reason for my birthday bliss is that I absolutely love birthdays. I like surprises, parties, cakes, celebratory moods, singing "Happy Birthday" and occasions where everyone comes together to make someone feel special about being alive. I make a big deal about birthdays for other people in the hopes that they will see the joy it brings me and do the same for my own life anniversary. But I made it through another Valentine's Day/birthday celebration this past weekend, and I had a blast. And I'm crushing middle-school style on a boy, so who knows what next year's party will be like?

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff. Compiled by Medora Brown and Peter Nygaard

Curling		The Sport of Kings is upon us again. Despite Stephen Colbert's failed attempt to make the team, the Americans will have a great shot at taking gold this year. And better yet, curling aficionados won't have to wake up at 4 a.m. to watch it because of the time zone difference. I guess Canada's good for something after all.
Valentine's Day		Do you really need a holiday for this? Every day should be the equivalent of Valentine's Day if you really like someone. And single people don't need a reminder that they have no one.
Freshmen		You were starting to be tolerable. Don't ruin that by complaining about the Rites lineup, saying that you "expected better" from a music festival you probably hadn't even heard of until last week. At any rate, Ben Harper and Degraasi star Jimmy Brooks should make for a great weekend.
John Mayer		It pains me to have to give him a thumbs down because he's a musical genius, but dude, you should probably just sit the next few plays out.
Team Edward		Twilight star Robert Pattinson recently told "Details" magazine that he hates a certain female body part so much that he's "allergic" to them. I'm not going to specify which one he said, but ... uh ... yeah, it's that one.
Vice Presidents		With no special elections coming up and November months away, the DC political news shows were wondering how they would fill their Sunday morning time slots, when the circus started up again! The Cheney-Biden war of defamation may soon reach Palin-Johnston levels. Please pass the popcorn.
Bees		After a year or so of everybody imitating birds in 140 characters or less, Google now allows us to be even more annoying and even potentially lethal.
Minting		I know we all had trouble spelling "The Philippines" and "Kyrgyzstan" on elementary school geography tests, but you can stop feeling bad about that. The Chilean government printed coins in 2008 that had "Chile" misspelled as "Chiie." The coins have been in circulation for more than a year, and the story just broke. How did it take that long for anybody to notice?

LETTER

The follies of going 'green'

To the Editor:

In the past few years, many companies have created "Go Green" commercials and programs to reduce carbon footprints. Corporations are striving to promote their environmentally friendly efforts by launching ads to appeal to customers. Many of these commercials, however, have dual meanings. Although the company is performing a noble deed by raising awareness of the environment, there is usually some form of ulterior motive behind these environmentally friendly facades. Most companies attempt to promote their line of products through these commercials. The promotion is generally very subtle, but sometimes it dominates the commercial's airtime. These commercials are blatantly meant to promote the product more than the cause itself.

Marketers have exploited noble causes for years. In terms of the profits that are made because of these going green commercials, it is unclear where the majority of the money is going. Are companies really giving away a portion of their profits to the cause, or are they just using the idea to make more money and make their company seem nobler? This is a gray area that customers remain unaware of when they are viewing these commercials. Some viewers fall into the corporate trap and blindly believe that all of the money from the commercials is going to a good cause. While this is going on, they begin to develop the idea that the company in the commercial is associated with the effort to go green. This is a good marketing ploy and many companies take advantage of this strategy.

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COLUMN

Live and let die



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Columnist

I don't think anyone would confuse me for a health nut or a physical fitness guru. I smoke, and I live a fairly sedentary life, but I have made serious attempts to eat healthily in the nutritional minefield of Vandyland. But as someone in the Rant mentioned, no one cares about anyone's dietary habits, so I won't be talking about mine. I'm concerned about something much more fundamental: food culture in the U.S.

As anyone who watches YouTube with any frequency, you might have noticed a lot of videos for the TED Conference, TED being a non-profit which is devoted to "ideas worth spreading." This year's recipient of the TED Prize, Jamie Oliver, is planning to use the money to educate children about food, citing obesity statistics and the deplorable state of American health.

Despite the fact that he has spent much of his career in front of a camera, he was certainly uncomfortable speaking in front of such a large crowd. His anxiety aside, he spoke passionately with a depth of conviction fitting for the topic at hand. American food producers are committing mass murder on an inconceivable scale with reckless abandon, and of course this genocidal spree is all in the name of the freedom of choice.

As Oliver sees it, most children are told milk is healthy, but then they give preschoolers chocolate milk laced with enough sugar to ensure a coronary. And it's not just milk. The Campbell's tomato juice they sell in the Varsity Markets contain more than 1,000 milligrams of sodium, more than 40 percent of a average person's daily intake — and this is considered a healthy beverage.

Or consider low-fat products. These items are advertized as being healthy, and yet they contain absurd amount of sugar and sodium. Lean

Cuisine? You probably actually don't want to know what's in it. The beef and broccoli contains 39 grams of carbohydrates but only two grams of fiber, meaning that it contains a large amount of sugar, most likely added later for "flavor."

Remember being shocked when Quizno's posted their calories? Just check out Vanderbilt Dining's Web site. That honey mustard on your Randwich is dangerously unhealthy, and don't even get me started on anything remotely fried. Dining is not alone; most chain restaurants have good reason to hide their nutritional information. Modern America has to be one of the few places in the world where you can simultaneously eat 5,000 calories and fail to meet even the most basic of nutritional requirements.

In other words, most Americans seem to be willing to kill themselves instead of cooking, but even those trying to do their best are being misled by deceptive marketing. We are being murdered in the name of "free choice" and corporate profit. And it's not entirely a business issue. Yes, a corporation exist to make money, but killing the clientele has never been a good idea (unless you're Monsanto, then it's just business as usual). The current food culture is a result of market forces driving food production into uncomfortable places.

Can anything be done? Well for one, you can pay more attention to what you eat. And when I say you, I don't mean Vanderbilt. As the educational elite, the normal Vanderbilt student is much better off than most Americans. What is more important is that anyone — and I mean anyone, including Jamie Oliver — take up the cause. We are drowning in fats, sugar and food additives, and we will most certainly die from it.

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BY KATHERINE MILLER

So, I've been on this miracle trek through the 1960s and 1970s of Vanderbilt yearbooks (for a project on the housing perils at Vanderbilt). At right, you can see the most fantastic thing ever, which comes to us via page 284 of the Vanderbilt Commodore 1968.

Clearly, Paul Pilgrim here is providing a few tips and tricks (... not like that) about Valentine's Day and/or Mardi Gras for our fine friend. Here are a few for the modern lady this Valentine's Day:

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Sports

Vanderbilt's depth powers them past LSU

by DAVID RUTZ
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No one said it had to be pretty. Vanderbilt shot 29 percent in the first half, trailed a good chunk of the game to a team with a 10-game losing streak, and its leading scorer wasn't even a starter.

It didn't matter. Buoyed by a 67 percent shooting performance in the second half and a strong ability to get to the foul line, the Commodores overcame a sluggish start to defeat LSU 77-69 Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym.

Vanderbilt (19-5, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) matched last season's victory totals, both overall and in conference, with the win — its fourth straight over the Tigers — and improved to 13-0 this year at home. Lance Goulbourne led the way with a career-high 18 points off the bench, and he also snagged nine rebounds. Jermaine Beal had 17 points, 12 of them in the second half.

Against what LSU coach Trent Johnson called his struggling team's "best effort of the year," the Commodores pushed through, despite missing dependable forward Andre Walker to a shoulder injury and sharpshooting guard John Jenkins, still recovering from a stomach virus.

"When somebody goes down, someone has to step up," Goulbourne said. "Everybody did that well today. I just try to do the best that I

can in any spot (coach Kevin Stallings) puts me in."

LSU, despite a lack of experience and size and coming in the lone team in the SEC without a conference victory, played the Commodores close the entire contest. The game had eight ties and four lead changes in front of a restless crowd in Nashville.

Center A.J. Ogilvy, after being a non-factor in the first half, was key after the break, getting to the foul line 11 times. His 3-point play with 3:49 remaining snapped a 59-59 tie, and the Commodores never trailed again. Ogilvy finished with 12 points, eight of them from the line, and helped foul out LSU's Storm Warren and Garret Green.

All told, the Commodores got to the foul line 43 times and hit 31, while the Tigers only had 16 attempts and made 14.

"LSU gave us their best game," Beal said. "I think we made some winning plays down the stretch. I guess they got tired and ran out of gas."

The Commodores were simply too deep, too big and too good. In a lackluster performance with a depleted roster, Vanderbilt had enough contributions from the eight men who played to avoid what would have been a terrible defeat and to maintain momentum from a big win over Tennessee on Tuesday.

"Any player any night can help us off the bench," Beal said. "Lance is one of many players who can help us out." ■



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Lance Goulbourne (5) battles through a double-team by Garrett Green (3) and Zach Kinsey (20) in the Commodores' 77-69 victory over the LSU Tigers on Saturday in Memorial Gymnasium. Despite the pressure, Goulbourne eventually broke through, setting a personal best with 18 points in the contest, leading Vanderbilt in scoring for the first time.

COLUMN

Stellar senior stands alone

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Editor

For years, he has perfected the role of the undercover accomplice. Quietly, he has performed extremely well with a workman-like attitude. Quickly, he has put defenders at bay with his steady play. Unquestionably, he projects a certain leadership coaches, players and fans alike have come to embrace.

Ladies and gentlemen, meet Jermaine Beal, the ultimate team player.

It took the sure-handed Beal until his fourth season to begin garnering deserved recognition for his outstanding career. The scoring, which has incrementally increased every season since he arrived on campus, certainly helps; his 14.7 points per game lead a high-octane Vanderbilt attack. Usually, the credit for the Commodores' crisp offensive execution has gone to bigger names like Jeffery Taylor and A.J. Ogilvy, but it is Beal who truly captains the ship. He has for quite some time.

"In my mind, Beal has always been the guy that has made (Vanderbilt) go," said Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl, who has also contended with Vanderbilt Southeastern Conference Players of the Year Derrick Byars and Shan Foster since Beal's arrival on campus.

What is most remarkable about Beal's all-too-subtle career has been his relative anonymity. Sure, opponents and their coaches know what he brings to the table, but what about the rest of us? It is infinitely easier to hear references to his previous rapping career than his SEC-leading assist-to-turnover ratio the past two seasons, much more common for people to focus on other Commodore players — however great they are — than to give Beal his due.

"He's had a great impact because he's worked as hard as any guy we've ever had here," said Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings. "He has really, really improved because of that hard work."

As a senior — the culmination of his collegiate basketball progression — the numbers simply do not lie in telling the story of Beal's importance and improvement. In addition to leading the team in scoring this season, Beal paces the Commodores in minutes played, field goals made and (of course) assist-to-turnover ratio, which is a robust 2.16. In addition, he is second on the team in assists and steals, third in free throw percentage and total free throws made, and he always seems to be

around the ball at the right time.

"I guess you can say I've matured (as a player)," Beal said. "I'm more experienced so I'm a smarter player. ... My main thing is to make sure that our bunch is steady, going smooth and looking good. It's my last year so I'm just trying to go out with a bang."

Indeed, Beal is going out with a bang, as he has mastered the art of the game-changing play. Take this past Tuesday, for example. With the Commodores leading 14-4 and heading down the court on a furious, seemingly out-of-control fast break, Beal calmly stopped. Crisply swishing a 3-pointer that caused Memorial Gym to erupt into controlled chaos, Beal forced Tennessee to quickly call a timeout, and they never seemed to find their collective flow. Just another day at the office for Beal.

"I think he's an easy guy ... to respect," Stallings said. "If he says something, which he doesn't often, he backs up what he says by how he plays and how he practices. It's been very pleasing to see."

In essence, Beal is as money as his rapper alias and nickname — "Dolla Beal" — would indicate. It would be a crime to shortchange such a superb career.



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Senior guard Jermaine Beal (0) scores another basket for Vanderbilt, as he leads the team in scoring this season. The Commodores defeated the Tigers 77-69 on Saturday for their eighth conference win.

Weekend in review

by PETER NYGAARD
Sports Reporter

and KATHERINE MILLER
InsideVandy Editor

Women's basketball



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The No. 22 Commodores defeated No. 16 Kentucky 68-55 on Valentine's Day in Memorial Gymnasium with Jence Rhoads leading the charge. The junior guard scored 18 of her career-high 25 points in the second half as Vanderbilt held the Wildcats to 35.3 percent shooting from the field. Merideth Marsh and Lauren Leuders chipped in with a combined 21 points as the Commodores bounced back decisively from last week's loss to Tennessee.

Women's lacrosse



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The No. 11 Commodores opened their season against No. 5 Duke in a losing effort, falling to the Blue Devils 19-10. Senior Sarah Downing, an All-American last year, netted a hat trick while fellow senior Anastasia Adam added two more. Their next game will be at No. 4 North Carolina on Feb. 19.

Women's track

Strong showings in the distance races highlighted a solid weekend for the track team at the Tyson Invitational. Sophomore Louise Hanallah finished 12th in the 3,000-meter run invitational with a time of 9:51.44, while sophomore Alexa Rogers finished fifth in the open 3,000, clocking in at 9:59.46. In the non-seeded 400-meter dash, sophomore Teegan Hill placed fifth with a time of 57.37.

SEC MEN'S BASKETBALL POWER RANKINGS

by GEOFF HUTCHINSON *Records through Sunday afternoon

	<p>1. No. 2 Kentucky (24-1, 9-1 Southeastern Conference) Saturday night, the Wildcats proved once again why they are the best team in the Southeastern Conference, with a 73-62 victory over No. 12 Tennessee. This week, Kentucky faces the daunting task of traveling to both Starkville and Nashville to face Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Coach John Calipari will need all of his freshmen to play big if the Cats expect to win both of these matchups.</p>		<p>7. South Carolina (14-10, 5-5) Without senior guard Devan Downey, it would be hard to imagine where the Gamecocks would be at the moment. Downey is averaging just a shade under 29 points per game in conference play while playing over 36 minutes per game. On Saturday, the Gamecocks suffered a heartbreaking loss to the last place Georgia Bulldogs, which hurt their already slim chances of making the NCAA tournament.</p>
	<p>2. No. 24 Vanderbilt (19-5, 8-2) For the first time since 2004-2005, the Commodores swept their hated in-state rivals, the Tennessee Volunteers. Vandy had an easy time with the Vols in Nashville, defeating them 90-71 on Tuesday. However, this week will prove to be a test for the Commodores, as they face both the Ole Miss Rebels and the No. 2 Kentucky Wildcats.</p>		<p>8. Arkansas (13-12, 6-4) Arkansas has looked like a completely different team since the return of sophomore point guard Courtney Fortson from suspension. Fortson has led the team to a tie for first place atop the SEC West with Mississippi State. Arkansas had a chance to maintain a one-game lead over the Bulldogs, but they were upended by Alabama on Saturday.</p>
	<p>3. No. 12 Tennessee (18-6, 6-4) The Volunteers almost pulled off their second upset of a top-five team this season when they traveled to Rupp to face the Kentucky Wildcats. Unfortunately, the Volunteers simply did not have enough offensive firepower to match the explosive Wildcats. After losing two straight games, the Volunteers have a rematch against Georgia, who embarrassed them in their last match-up.</p>		<p>9. Alabama (14-11, 4-7) The Crimson Tide finally was able to stop their four-game losing stride in the SEC, as they defeated the Arkansas Razorbacks on Saturday. The Tide came into SEC play with expectations of possibly qualifying for the NCAA tournament, but it probably will be too late for the team unless they can find a way to win the rest of their conference games and possibly the SEC tournament.</p>
	<p>4. Mississippi State (18-7, 6-4) In the next couple of games, senior forward Jarvis Varnado will set the record for career blocks in the NCAA. Led by Varnado's spectacular play, the Rebels have moved to the top of the SEC West standings after an impressive win over in-state rival Ole Miss.</p>		<p>10. Georgia (11-12, 3-7) Against the best teams in the SEC, Georgia performs as if it is one of the best teams in the league. However, against all the other teams in the league, Georgia just doesn't have the ability to put it together. The win over South Carolina on Saturday may give the Bulldogs some momentum going into the SEC Tournament and possibly the NIT.</p>
	<p>5. Mississippi (17-7, 5-5) The Rebels have struggled as of late, losing three of their last four, including a crushing loss to their in-state rival, Mississippi State. Ole Miss will have a chance to get back on track, as the No. 24 Commodores will be coming to Oxford on Tuesday.</p>		<p>11. Auburn (12-13, 3-7) The Tigers almost pulled a major upset in Starkville against Mississippi State, but was unable to pull the game out in overtime. All of the Tigers' wins this season have come against the lower-tier teams in the SEC. On Thursday, Auburn will travel to hostile Gainesville to face the Florida Gators.</p>
	<p>6. Florida (17-8, 6-4) On Saturday, the Gators took a break from conference play to face A10 power Xavier at home. Unfortunately for the Gators, they were unable to boost their non-conference record, as they lost 76-64. While Florida's overall record is pretty good, they have yet to gain that marquee win in the SEC this season.</p>		<p>12. LSU (9-16, 0-11) A year after surprising everyone and winning the SEC, the LSU Tigers have fallen on hard times, as they have yet to win a SEC game this season. On Saturday, they gave Vanderbilt a scare as they led for a majority of the game before losing 77-69.</p>

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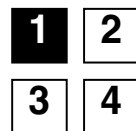


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- 49 24-hr. cash source
- 50 Watch chain
- 53 Author of the novel indicated by the ends of 20-, 32- and 39-Across
- 57 Actor's asset
- 60 Smallest
- 61 Exile isle
- 62 Run away
- 63 Bring together
- 64 Golda of Israel
- 65 Abstain from food
- 66 Painful spots

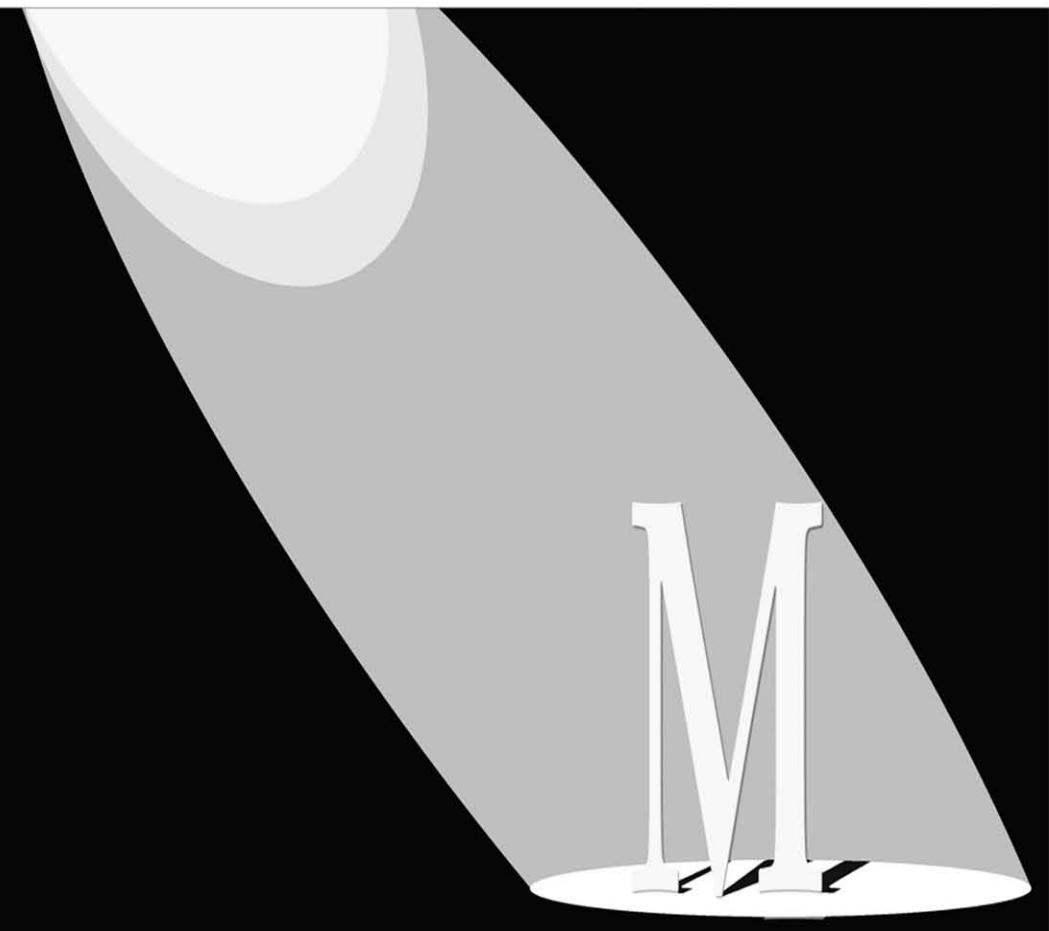
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- 2 "In memoriam" news items
- 3 Weighing device
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- 6 Insured patient's outlay
- 7 Many an Iraqi
- 8 German "Mister"
- 9 Zero
- 10 Pontiac SUV named for an early Mexican
- 11 Hawaiian garland
- 12 It starts with enero
- 13 Trinity member
- 19 Russian prince known as "Moneybag"
- 21 Horn beep
- 25 Ruled, as a writing pad
- 26 Genesis garden
- 27 Deviates from a course
- 28 Sonny's partner
- 29 Popped (out), as to the outfield
- 30 ___ Mommy kissing ...
- 32 Lawman Earp
- 33 Bounce back
- 34 Auction off
- 35 Exchange
- 36 Prefix with conference
- 40 "The Seven Year Itch" actor Tom
- 41 Rebuked
- 42 Promise in court
- 43 Remus' twin
- 48 Speeder's downfall
- 49 Useful quality
- 50 Knack
- 51 West, to a Spaniard
- 52 Computer memory units
- 54 "Return of the Jedi" dancer
- 55 Hawaiian strings
- 56 Strange: Pref.
- 57 Jewelry stone
- 58 Corrida cheer
- 59 "Madama Butterfly" sash

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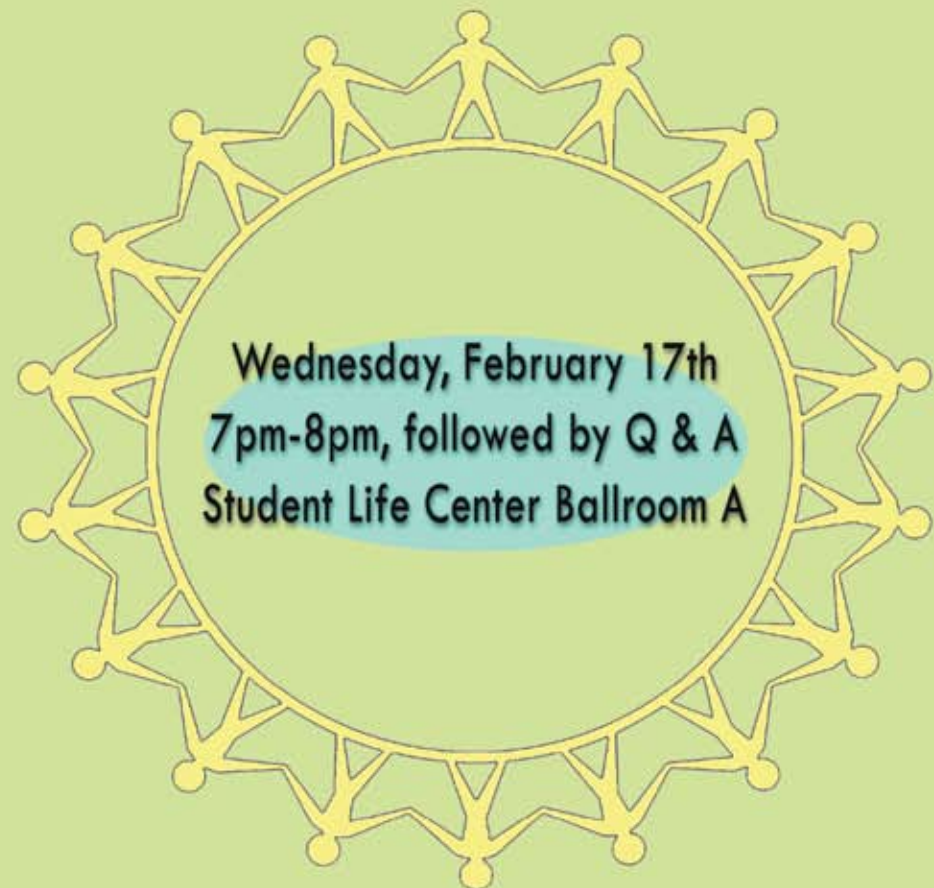
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