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Forbes Publishes Annual List of 1.3 Billion Poorest People

By: Peter Linck Poverty Preacher

In its recent August issue, American business magazine Forbes published its twentythird annual list of the 1.3 billion poorest people in the world. The yearly roundup of the planet's most povertystricken inhabitants was first published in 1990 to celebrate the effects of the first global re-

This year's list is full of surprising contenders for the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder. "The big shocker this year is the growing presence of impoverished citizens from countries like Portugal, Greece, and Japan, where ongoing economic crises have been devastating," noted the introduction to the 5,287-page list. Also included in the sequence are familiar faces such as the vast majority of people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zimbabwe, and Eritrea.

"The combined net worth of this year's most indigent people is an astonishing twentyfive cents, likely the net worth of the clothes on their backs," noted a caption to a panoramic

picture of all this year's members in their utter destitution.

Since its debut, the list has become a yearly staple of the magazine. "Our readers love learning the who's-who among the world's wage slaves, vagabonds, and victims of circumstance," noted Forbes Editor-In-Chief Steve Forbes. Forbes went on to describe the future of the feature, which in recent years has more than doubled the length of the original 1990 feature. "With the widening gap in wealth between the world's richest and poorest, we can easily see ourselves expanding the feature into an entire issue in the next few years," Forbes added.

Public response to the article has been overwhelmingly positive, with sales of the August issue shattering the previous record for issues sold. The Slant reached out to many people on the list for a reaction; however, our emails and letters went unanswered as the vast majority of people on the list are illiter-

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STDs Welcomed as Vanderbilt's Newest Panhellenic Sorority

By: Almaz Mesghina

Just in time for recruitment season's official start, Vanderbilt's Greek community recently welcomed STD, Sigma Tau Delta, to its campus. The Office of the Dean of Students and Greek Life officially greeted the ambitious STDs last month.

Founded in 1877, Sigma Tau Delta has since had a relatively small presence in the Greek community. That is, until now, as the founding ladies believe that "Vanderbilt has an atmosphere that would not only welcome the STDs, but also provide an environment that would foster the growth of the STDs."

"We just want to spread our STD love all over campus," proclaimed Jessica Steely, president of the Omicron Mu Gamma chapter of Sigma Tau Delta. "We wanted to bring a sorority that accepts women of all backgrounds, all interests, and all preferences who are willing to get involved in and around the Nashville community."

Their philanthropic pursuits look to be promising. Sigma Tau Delta has partnered up

with a local middle school to promote literacy, active lifestyles, and healthy eating habits for young students. They hope to do so through fundraising events, such as their widely anticipated STD Crabs Bake, which they plan to host each April.

Steely adds, "We want to make our presence known, so hopefully our current and future STDs will touch the community in one way or another."

Interested? The STDs are always scattered around campus and willing to talk about their new sorority and recruitment. Once you find them, grab an "STDs <3 Our 'Dores" sticker and proudly display your interest in what the sisters hope to be "an infectious community of growing, laughing, and loving."

Their first official open house will be held in the new Sigma Tau Delta house, conveniently located adjacent to the Zerfoss Student Health Center, on Tuesday, September 17th at

Class of 2017 Set to **Squander More Potential Than Any Previous Class**

By: Dan King Admissions Adjudicator

The arrival of 1,559 new students to Vanderbilt University's campus has the entire community buzzing because all reports indicate that this class will squander more potential than any previous group of incoming freshmen.

Douglas Christiansen, Dean of Admissions, says he is incredibly proud of the class his team has assembled. "These kids really do have an amazing collection of God given abilities and advantages, and I can't wait to see how they'll waste all these talents and gifts during their careers at Vanderbilt."

According to the Vanderbilt Admissions office, this year's freshman class has far and away the highest average SAT score (2510), GPA (4.2), and ACT score (39) of any class in Vanderbilt history.

"But," says Christiansen, "none of that is really going to matter, because most of these little dicks are going to end up working corporate jobs that require little more than a third grade reading level."

At the annual Founder's Walk

ceremony, Dean of the Commons Frank Wcislo recapped the class's previous achievements, noting that "...twenty of you have already published books, and fifteen of you have already written for peer-reviewed journals in your chosen field. One of you was even a finalist for a Nobel Prize. And I, for one, can't wait to see how you waste all that momentum and slowly turn into a generic group of yuppies over the next four years." Wcislo added later in the speech, "Don't ever forget how easy it is to relax and just coast for a little while."

Chancellor Nick Zeppos has been positively effusive over all the possibilities that this year's freshman class will inevitably waste. Says Zeppos, "These kids could grow up to become doctors, lawyers, powerful politicians... they could do anything. But they won't! Most of them will take jobs that don't require degrees, or follow creative projects with no hope of success, or become mothers. All terrific wastes of potential I can't wait to see."

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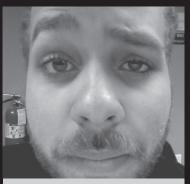
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"I've Got it" Lies Coworker



Advice from Carmen San Diego

FROM THE EDITOR



PETER LINCK

Tom Hanks is a phenomenal actor. Honestly, he's truly outstanding. He's a complete and total master of his craft. It's sort of becoming a problem for me. Sometimes I go days without food, water, or sleep because I just can't get over how good at acting he is. He's too good. Stop it, Tom Hanks.

I mean really. If I asked you to name a bad Tom Hanks movie, first your brain would have to cycle through a handful of tremendous, life-changing films before you got to something like *Bachelor Party* or *The Da Vinci Code*. His body of work puts yours to shame, if you even have a body of work. Seriously, think about it. Have you seen Big? Tom Hanks plays a kid inside a man's body for the entirety of that film. Most actors struggle to play an adult inside of an adult's body, yet he does with an ease and confidence that you literally won't find elsewhere on the planet because

he's Tom freaking Hanks.
What if we all did our jobs as well as Tom Hanks does his? Like take cashiers for instance. Every interaction that a cashier had with a customer would be a masterpiece. Sure, every few years they would make a bad transaction. But by and large they would all be simultaneously revolutionizing the field.

And what's more is that Tom Hanks has pretty much dominated every genre of film. Watch *The Money Pit* and don't die laughing. Watch *Saving Private Ryan* and don't completely change the way you think about war. Watch The Terminal and don't wonder to yourself why the hell they cast

Catherine Zeta-Jones as the romantic lead. I mean for real, Catherine Zeta-Jones is a dreadful actress. Honestly, she's truly worthless. She's a complete and total embarrassment to her craft. It's sort of becoming a problem for me. Sometimes I go days without food, water, or sleep because I can't get over how bad at acting she is.
She's too awful. Stop it, Catherine Zeta-Jones.
Anyway, in your hands you're holding our first

Slant issue of the year. We are pleased to welcome a ton of new members to our outstanding staff. They have already proven themselves as fantastic writers, photoshoppers, copy editors, and the like. I hope you enjoy this issue to the absolute fullest. Who knows, maybe it'll be as good as some Tom Hanks movie.

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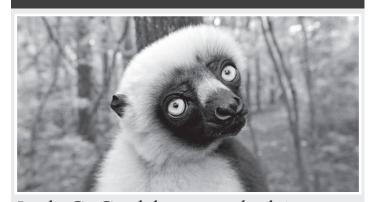
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Lady GaGa debuts new look in anticipation of upcoming album.

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Mothers Nurturing Vanderbilt

By: Collier Bowling **Lactation Laureate**

In an effort by Vanderbilt University to expand its sustainable local foods program, Vanderbilt has started the initiative Squeeze and Feed, connecting lactating mothers and meal side options.

Under the program Squeeze and Feed, the amount of lactation rooms on campus has more than doubled and the rooms are now more identifiable. Marked by signs that bear the slogan LactateVU, lactation rooms are available in every building on campus.

In exchange for the breastfeeding rooms that Vanderbilt provides through this program, the breastfeeding mothers have to provide breast milk to dining services to be served as a meal side in Rand. Vanderbilt plans to highlight the milk's nutritional benefits, particularly its ability to alleviate the Sunday morning blues.

Many mothers have come out in support of this program and feel honored that they can be a part of the effort to provide local and sustainable meal options on campus.

"It's great that mothers like me can actively participate in not only providing the excellent meal options that are served on campus, but that also, as a group, we can work towards Vanderbilt's goal of ecologically friendly foods," Barbara Teether, a Vanderbilt student and mother, said. "Furthermore I feel like I am not only a mother to my child, but to all the students on campus."

In addition to support from mothers for Squeeze and Feed, many students have been quick to rave about the newly available meal side.

"I used to always go for the skim milk when picking my beverage," Vanderbilt sophomore Coddle Boyd said. "However, I always felt that the milk was missing that wholesome taste that I left behind when I had to wean off during my senior year of high school. Now I feel like I'm home again."

While many mothers and students have expressed their support for Squeeze and Feed, the program has not been without



Family photo of Coddle Boyd, at age 12, and his mother

opposition. Latching On Vanderbilt, a Vanderbilt-run advocacy group for the rights of breastfeeding mothers, has proclaimed that Squeeze and Feed takes advantage of mothers.

"We acknowledge the huge favor that Vanderbilt has provided to breastfeeding mothers through Squeeze and Feed," Elizabeth Nippler, the public relations spokesman for Latching On Vanderbilt, said. "However, the added pressure that the program causes through the mandatory side donations is too much. The University needs to wean off of this meal side initiative and find other ways to provide local and sustainable foods."

Squeeze and Feed remains in operation at the moment, but it may not be too long before students may be without this new meal option and have to quit cold turkey.

Casual Freshman Conversation Leads to Hospitalization

By: Max Herz

Conversational Caretaker

What initially seemed like a normal first day conversation turned into a nightmare for a pair of new Vandy students on Sunday, August 18, just after move-in had been completed, as a firstvear quickly went from wide-eved to hospitalized. Many fresh-

men who aim to meet others and ultimately acquire new acquaintances, friends, or even significant others have been known to engage in small talk in order to drum up conversation with a stranger who they find appealing in some way. The situation was no different for first-year Michael Vincent, 18, of Amarillo, Texas, who had spotted a specimen that he deemed to be both nubile and approachable. The girl he had laid eyes upon was Leah Thoren, also 18, of Chicago.

Though initially nervous, Vincent approached Thoren with his mind set on making a positive impression. Looking back on Vincent, recovering from his major deceptive the incident from his hospital bed, Vincent says that he "planned on just making small

talk and introducing myself to her. She seemed cute and I was eager to make new friends on the first day of college."

Vincent made his approach and then spoke. "Hi, I'm Michael," he said, extending his dominant right hand in the girl's direction. She quickly replied in an upbeat tone "My name's Leah, where are you from?" This is where the problems began for the young, unaware Michael Vincent.

"I knew I couldn't tell the truth to her about where I'm from," Vincent said in painfully inaccurate hindsight. "Amarillo just isn't an interesting or sexy place. Well, it does mean yellow in Spanish. And sometimes that gets girls thinking about that Coldplay song which gets them kinda horny, but normally it doesn't do much for me. I knew I had to lie to her."

Vincent's fib of choice was telling the girl that he was from Toronto, making the common mistake of thinking that Canada

> is generally deemed to be an interesting place. "Cool!" replied Thoren, "I'm from Chicago, same as everybody else, I know. So what's your major?"

> Another panic set in on Vincent. His current major (undecided) wasn't sexy or cool or attractive or muscular or anything else that girls liked! He knew he had to lie again. He quickly replied falsely that he was double-majoring in French and Electrical Engineering, believing those fields of study to be either hot, electric, or both.

> "Cool!" the female replied. "I think I'm gonna study English, but I really don't know yet! Do you think you're

gonna join any clubs?" At this point, Vincent had gotten his fill. He wanted to continue to converse with the good-looking girl, but wanted to skip the small talk. He wanted less truth and more lies, less speak and more other things! The rage slowly pent up inside of his recently post-pubescent body until it reached his brain and young Michael Vincent passed out. He fainted on the spot and was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he was treated for a very mild case of annoyance.

Looking back on the incident, he reflected, "Yeah there are like 30000 girls here and they all look the same to me so who cares about that one anyway?"

Bastard Confession



"Honestly, even if it had been Miley twerking in a dark alley, I would have shot her too."

--George Zimmerman

The Slant - www.theslant.net - Sentember 11. 2013 Brain asks to be renamed Brian

By: Brianna Axon

Neuro-illogical Nondefeatist

NEW YORK CITY, NY - Earlier this week, the house of the metaphysical consciousness of the human race, the Brain, spoke out in favor of changing its name from "Brain" to Brian.

Brian communicated this in a press conference through the use of a human meat puppet,

"You guys have been saying it wrong for years," Brian spoke through Steve. "I decided, after a few thousand years of evolutionary history together, it was time to straighten this out. It's Brian."



A recent MRI scan of Steve's Brain.

While many Brian fans and specialists have come out of the woodwork to support the name change, some have had difficulty accepting Brain

"I will always think of my Brain as my Brain," Steve's mother, Catherine Bluffs, stated. "This is just a phase that the Brain is going through. It has been, and always will be, my Brain, and never Brian." She then proceeded to pull out several scientific diagrams detailing the biological make-up of the Brain and made special efforts to point out the labels on the diagram.

Supporters of Brian's choice, such as Steve's partner, Roger Summers, have some decisive words against the bigotry of Ms. Bluffs.

"At the end of the day, no matter what we think, it is the choice of the house of the entire human consciousness, and it can identify however it wants," Roger said. "I know that no matter what, I will love my Brian for what it is, no matter how it desires to identify itself. It's not the name, but what's inside that counts."

Five days after the initial media attention, Brian held another press conference for one final statement before returning to what it referred to as "the eternal consciousness of the universe."

"Also, try not to think about this too hard," Brian said. "Try to think about this as Steve telling you this and not a Brian taking over a human's biological processes and talking about itself. It's really not that weird if you think about it. Except don't think about it."

The conference then concluded with Steve deciding to think about it and was thrown into the depths of an existential crisis caused by painful self-awareness.

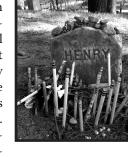
Brian took control of its human meat puppet one last time to say "Please, just call me Brian," before Steve collapsed, foaming at the mouth, on the floor of the press room.

PSA: #2 Pencils

GOOD FOR SCANTRONS, BAD FOR ESTONIAN CHILDREN

With every #2 pencil that you use, you take a step towards a darker future for an Estonian child. Yes, as you compose elegant prose, this child cowers into a corner as a gunman threatens his poor Baltic mother. You see, the gorgeous yellow color comes from the Cannabis escribia plant's ground-up leaves. This is a very expensive process that can only be funded by corrupt taxation by Estonian officials. Even the police turn a blind eye to pencil-making factories and graphite labs. The profit from the United States is too lucrative to sacrifice for the well-being of the Estonian citizenry. Thus, slums line the Estonian capital where children reside in squalor and fear. Citizens of America, we cannot stand

for this inhumane crisis. Every American youth must be cognizant of the hexagonal Estonian atrocity that complacently fund as they scribble final exam essays in their blue books. Think global, act local: don't use #2 pen-



The grave of Henry, an Estonian child who died harvesting Cannabis escribia.

Rick Perry to Convert Closed Abortion Clinics into Death Row Execution Facilities

By: Michael Hogue **Executioner Extraordinaire**

AUSTIN- At a press conference on Tuesday, current governor of Texas Rick Perry unveiled his plans to convert the state's now-defunct abortion clinics into execution facilities

for death row inmates. "Passing abortion law reforms to prevent the unjust killing of hundreds, if not thousands of souls in this great state

was a huge victory for the sanctity of human life," noted Perry in an impassioned speech. "But I say we take it a step further. Let's continue to uphold the ideal of justice for all, and use these facilities- which formerly used to destroy life- to maintain

law and order."

On July 18, "Hell, I'll just take inmates out into my pasture and take care Perry signed a bill of this myself." that outlaws abor-

justice."

tions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, requires all physicians who provide abortive services to have admitting privileges to local hospitals, and calls for all abortion clinics to meet the same medical standards as major surgical facilities. On September 10, he announced his initiative to transform the facilities made defunct by the abortion law into satellite offices of the state's criminal justice system.

Many people who supported the abortion bill by pointing to research suggesting that unborn infants can feel the physical pain of the procedure have also supported Governor Perry's death row expansion initiative. They claim that the use of lethal injections for the purposes of capital punishment is "humane" and that "the death sentence is not only constitutional, it's the right thing to do."

Critics of the abortion bill, who have suggested that only 5 out of 42 abortion clinics would be able to continue offering services, in a state with a population of 26 million peo-

ple and 269,000 square miles,

have tended to oppose the

Governor's capital punishment

expansion, as it "flies in the

face of human rights and any

twenty-first century notion of

"Every human deserves a

chance at life, a chance at liber-

ty, a chance at happiness. That's

what the founding fathers built

this nation on," Perry said of

the highly-controversial abor-

tion bill. "With this new plan,

not only will we be giving our

tiny, unborn, American com-

rades a chance, we'll be serving

justice and upholding the rule

of law using facilities that were

meant for death and injustice."

The governor's initiative,

known informally as "Perry-Care," will be considered by the state legislature in a special session at the end of September, with support from the majority of the Republican party expected in both the senate and the legislature. If the bill passes, as it is expected to, it will be signed by Governor Perry and take the force of law on October 31. Included in Per-

ryCare are measures that reform capital punishment law in a state known for executing far more inmates than any other, including options for judges to sentence a criminal to death within 20 weeks of the conviction date and for administers of executions to be health professionals

such as registered nurses rather than licensed medical doctors.

'What we have here is both a challenge and an opportunity," Governor Perry told reporters on the steps of the Lone Star State's capital. He went on to explain that the state's supply of pentobarbital, the sedative used for lethal injections, is set to expire soon, and that at the new death row facilities, or "Justice Clinics," in the governor's words, "we'll be able to experiment with new and innovative methods of execu-

Perry closed his remarks by positing that "Texas will set an example for other states about what it means to value life."

VSC Announces New "Flip to the Crossword" Feature on InsideVandy.com

By: George Spelvin Multimedia Maven

NASHVILLE, TN - In a move designed to capture the appeal of The Vanderbilt Hustler's print edition, Vanderbilt Student Communications announced on Tuesday that it would be adding a "Flip to the Crossword" button on every InsideVandy.com page.

The button, scheduled for site-wide deployment next week, allows an InsideVandy.com user to navigate from any article immediately to a daily crossword or Sudoku puzzle. Additionally, VSC and Campus Dining are reportedly in discussion on placing iPads on tables across Rand that would display virtually smeared, partially completed crossword puzzles, replete with simulated crumples.



Later updates will allow for handsfree crossword use.

"We see this as an opportunity of exciting

change and renewal," said Chris Carroll, staff

adviser to Vanderbilt Student Communications. "Now we can give the Vanderbilt community a dynamic, multimedia web environment that fully captures the magic of the Hustler."

The move comes at a time when The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt's undergraduate newspaper, struggles with printing costs and declining ad revenue. In 2011, the paper cut its distribution from three to two weekly issues, only to cut printing to one issue per week beginning this fall.

"VSC continues to make strides amid an uncertain, changing media landscape," Carroll asserted. "We have to make hard choices about our budget, just like other media companies."

"Our progress at the Hustler is similar to what we made at WRVU, when we sold their longtime FM frequency for millions of dollars three years ago," he added. "Slashing the Hustler's printing budget at this juncture, in light of our vastly expanded media endowment, makes complete and

In an editorial published on August 21, The Hustler admitted that the decision offered "little upside" but said that "the Hustler will be working even more closely with our online branch, InsideVandy.com, to bring you the very latest in breaking campus news and up-to-date content."

"Most importantly, though, we'll strive to bring you what you've come to love about the Hustler: throwaway puzzles you can use to get through lunchtime or a mind-numbingly boring lecture."

The cuts in printing costs will reportedly be reallocated to Vanderbilt Television, which will upgrade its A/V offerings from the embedded laptop microphones and flip-phone cameras it currently uses.

The Slant Crime Log **BEONTHELOOKOUTFORTHEZEPPOSER**

Sunday, August 18

6-7:30 PM - Hundreds of freshmen reported sightings of a suspicious-looking man all over campus during Founders Walk. They described him as a stocky, middle-aged man with curly dark hair, glasses, a large nose, and a small but distinctive and respectable gap between his two front teeth.

Monday, September 2

8 AM - A man matching the description of the suspect in the previous e-mail was seen entering Chancellor Zeppos' office. Subsequent investigations have so far shown that nothing has been stolen or harmed.

Friday, September 6

9:30 PM - A witness claimed that a man impersonating Chancellor Zeppos approached her and introduced himself as Chancellor Zeppos.

The Campus Responds

In the wake of these e-mails sent out by the Vanderbilt University Police Department, the campus is abuzz regarding this threatening fig-

In particular, the Vanderbilt community has not hesitated to take its concerns and indignations to social media, causing #Zepposer to trend on Twitter.

@stonedhenge "WOW have y'all seen the sketch of the suspect released by VUPD? The similarity to Zeppos is just eerie!! #crazyshit."

@SMiller89 "This is terrifying. And not to mention downright dishonorable and infuriating."

@Peace_Love_and_Vodka "zeppos is Greek!!!!!!! bet the #Zepposer isn't Greek. i fugging hate people who go around pretending like theyre Greek. like once this girl told me she was a tri delt, but it turns out she wasnt. #LyingBitches."

@thethirstisreal94 "well if #zepposer is as hot as the real thing then look on the bright side theres two of them now so double the eye candy;););)"

@Handy_Richter "who the hell is zeppos and y wud anyone want to impregnate a guy whos first name is chancellor what a dumbass name no offense."

@The_Neck_Bromancer "May the grace of the Lord help us find the perpetrator so that he may be helped to redeem himself. Amen. #prayingforZep-

Only one witness has been willing and able to produce a sketch of the doppelganger. The Slant, impressed with the level of detail in the drawing, was fortunate enough to be able to contact this witness. How was he able to sketch the suspect in such fine detail? "Oh, I just Googled 'Chancellor Zeppos' and then used a free photo-editing thingy online to turn it into a sketch. It was hard work. It took me an entire two minutes, and the photo-editing software gave my computer a vi-

At this time, the real Chancellor Zeppos has declined interviews. In fact, neither he nor his look-alike have appeared since last Friday. The Chancellor, however, has released a brief personal statement to the Vanderbilt community via e-mail. It reads:

"Trololololololllllllllllllllll"

Student and faculty members are urged to re-



Pictured above: an artist's rendition of the



The Slant's great grandfather recently passed away, leaving behind a lengthy last will and testament. The document outlined the property of Paw Paw Slant and the many, many slanted and angled items on Vanderbilt's campus to be inherited by The Slant. The pictures seen here are the things on campus that are now official property of The Slant.



Paw Paw's last night alive, before an armed robbery at his Pawn-Pawn Shop.



My rail! Back off.



I've always wanted a wooden ramp! Nice!



These slanted chairs are definitely mine now.



You thought this was your bridge. But it's mine now!







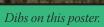


Need a map? I've got one now.

Sweet cans. Get it?

Thanks for the tree.







Hands off my crooked cop.



Check out my new cars.

Robin Thicke Undergoes Eye Surgery, Finds Lines Less Blurred

By: Danny McClanahan Optical Optimizer

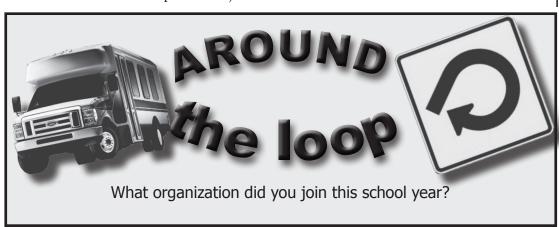
Singer/songwriter Robin Thicke recently underwent a complex corrective vision operation and is ready to look over his hit single with fresh eyes.

Thicke's optometrist expressed great relief that the procedure went as planned. "I like to think of myself as one of those cool adults the kids like to hang out with, so I listen to a lot of pop music. I turned on the radio one day and Blurred Lines came on, and all I heard were the textbook symptoms of a degrading cornea. I'm so glad we have positive influences like Justin Timberlake raising awareness of vision problems in pop culture. It's a very serious issue."

Thicke also maintains that the operation helps explain the meaning of his hit song. The lyrics to "Blurred Lines" have been called sexist and objectifying towards women. When Thicke was prompted about these accusations, he immediately replied, "That's absolutely true. I think the reason is that when they made the music video, my vision had degenerated so much that I literally could not tell the difference between the women and any other object on the set. It all looked the

Thicke says he "sees the world differently" now. "Rulers, bottomless chasms, double yellow lines in the road; I'd probably be in big trouble if I kept thinking lines like those were so blurry and easily crossed. Definitely dodged a bullet there."

At press time, Thicke was freaking out about seeing blurred lines again and was very relieved to hear that in fact his printer had just broken.



Dentist



"Tongue-N-Cheek!"

A Bear



"Alternative Winter Break!"

Casper



"Invisible Children!"

Recovering Alcoholic



"The Vanderbilt Bar Association!"

Door



"Dore-For-A-Day!"

Window



"Inside-Dores!"

Icarus

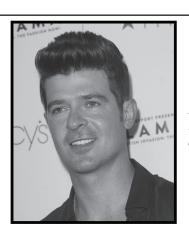


"Vandy Hangliding!"

White Kid



"The Black Student Alliance!"



Robin Thicke is seen here utilizing his new and improved eyesight.

Nation Shocked to Find out Chelsea Manning Just Some Other Woman

By: Dan King Gender Guru

The entire nation was shocked to find out that Chelsea Manning is just some other woman and not the new name of recently convicted Bradley

On July 30th Manning was convicted of espionage and computer fraud for leaking thousands of classified documents to the anarchist website

The day after the conviction Manning held a press conference to tell the media that he was a man trapped in a woman's body, and to announce his new first name, Chelsea.

Chelsea had drawn praise for the bravery of embracing her true identity in the face of her prison sentence. But now Federal agents are announcing that Chelsea Manning is in fact not the new identity of Bradley Manning. Apparently, Chelsea is actually just some other woman whom Bradley kidnapped to take the fall for his

The DHS report states that Bradley Manning broke out of his prison cell late on July 31st, just hours after announcing his new identity to the media. Apparently Bradley fled from Fort Leavenworth searching for a woman named Chelsea Manning. Upon finding one at a gas station 12 miles down Rt. 73, Bradley rendered Chelsea unconscious, transported her back to Bradley's cell in the fort, and dressed her in Bradley's

In the time since, Chelsea Manning was apparently unable to communicate what had happened to her guards. Says Chelsea, "I woke up the next morning and tried to tell my guard 'I'm not Bradley Manning, I'm Chelsea Manning.' He heard what I said but just replied, 'I know Chelsea, I saw the press conference. I think you're so brave."

Authorities at Ft. Leavenworth say the guards around Chelsea's cell had all been given special sensitivity training for working with transexual inmates. Military policeman David O'Brien says, "We all knew that you were supposed to call her Chelsea, so when she kept running around shouting'I'm Chelsea Manning, not Bradley Manning!' we assumed she was just excited for her pretty excited with her."

O'Brien went on, "My uncle is trans. We had both been really excited that I was guarding such Maybe Austin."

a brave woman. Or at least we were...you know... until we found out she was just some woman."

Chelsea Manning, who is in fact a mother of three from Lansing, KS, and not the infamous Wikileaks source Bradley Manning, says she was infuriated trying to communicate her situation to the guards. "I'd shout at them, 'Help, I'm trapped,' and then they would cut me off and



Who is the real Chelsea Manning?

say, 'We know, Chelsea, but we're going to start hormone therapy soon and then you won't be trapped anymore."

Head of Detention at Leavenworth Mark Mandia says he is "... incredibly embarrassed" by this mixup and hopes to rectify the situation with Chelsea Manning as soon as possible. Mandia said, "We tried to offer to change Chelsea back into a man before sending her on his way, but she kept shouting that that was wrong, I guess... to be honest I'm having trouble keeping track of this whole thing."

DHS agent Nick Plumber says he is "still trying to fully process this whole situation." DHS earlier asked law enforcement to search for Bradley Manning, whom they describe as "maybe a man, maybe a woman, we're not sure how much of the trans stuff was real and how much was part of the escape plan."

The report goes on to state, "... we can never rule out a potential third sex, either. Let's just settle the issue by only referring to Bradley as 'a person' from here on out."

At this time it is unclear where the real Bradley new identity. And I've got to admit, I was feeling Manning has fled but authorities suspect "that Bradley may have gone to San Francisco, I hear that's where they go... definitely California...

Vandy Republicans Offers Chicken and Waffles at Kickoff

Event

By: Christopher Xin Cuisine Connoisseur



The new face of Vandy Republicans.

In an effort to expand upon the diversity of the group, Vanderbilt College Republicans hosted a "Chicken and Waffles" event on Tuesday in celebration of the start of the school year.

"This year's event was just fantastic," Senior and Vandy Republicans Secretary Emma Cox said. "I'd never seen so many new faces at our kickoff event since I joined Vandy Republicans in my sophomore year. I think everybody loved the food, too, because it was all gone in, like, less than an hour."

Vanderbilt College Republicans is one of several campus organizations to annually host a kickoff event at the start of the school year, many of which choose to include free food along with the meet-and-greet to welcome students back onto campus. According to senior and President of Vandy Republicans Abigail Norris, this year's Vandy Republicans event drew a record number of attendees Tuesday.

"We wanted to let people know that our organization welcomes everyone, no matter where you come from. I think chicken and waffles says that," Norris said, regarding the choice of food. She added, "I think we're going to have a very diverse group this year."

Although the event was generally successful,

many students outside the extracurricular group received the event and its choice of food with ambivalence, one student describing himself as

feeling "confused" and "mildly uncomfortable." "I'm just kind of surprised," sophomore De-Shawn Williams said. "I mean, there's nothing wrong with it, I guess, but... I don't know." Williams' sentiment about the event was consistent with that of junior Terrance "Ice Man" Thomas, who, upon seeing a flyer for the event in Stevenson Center while walking to class, did a double

take and paused briefly, but silently moved on.

Traditionally, the dish known as "chicken and waffles" is prepared simply by serving waffles, prepared not unlike they would be at breakfast time with condiments such as butter and syrup, and fried chicken on a single platter. The dish is thought to have been served as early as the 1930's, in Harlem locations such as the Dickie Wells Jazz Nightclub, as well as at the funeral of musician Miles Davis.

Former president of Vandy Republicans Matthew Kerns was in attendance on Tuesday, and when reached for an interview had nothing but positive remarks about the event. "I think it's great that we put on these events, especially at the beginning of the year. It really helps everyone feel welcome," Kerns said. When asked about the choice of food, Kerns stated that he didn't think anything of it but that the other attendees "really seemed to like it" before smiling with just barely

noticeable hesitation. When reached for questioning, members of fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, a historically African-American fraternity, did not speak about their opinions of the Vandy Republicans kickoff, but did hint at the possibility of hosting a future event wherein Greek yogurt, foie gras, and Carr's Table Water Crackers would be served.

Sports Page

Blackout During Vanderbilt Game Against Ole Miss, **Attendees Startled by How Dark It Is**

By: Dante Thomas Darkness Dude

Vanderbilt's season opener against Ole Miss last Thursday was postponed after an unexpected power outage, leaving the entire stadium pitch black. The blackout, witnesses say, occurred during the second quarter. "It reminded me of when my older brothers used to turn off all the lights in my room and lock me inside," says sophomore Macy Reed. "It was just that dark." Investigators have discovered that the outage was the result of a discarded Natural Light beer, which had spilled onto the stadium's primary circuit breaker. "You see this sort of thing all the time," remarks disgruntled stadium worker Josh Fabin. "I sort of expected a more highend alcohol. But then again, this is Vandy, so you can't deny them their definition of 'play hard."

The weather on game day had also been heavily overcast, further enhancing the depth of the darkness. "I dunno, man. The worst was that there were no stars in the sky either," said freshman Christian Meyers. "It was like my eyes were closed...except they weren't."

Many of the visitors from Ole Miss were skeptical about the le-

gitimacy of the blackout, and refused to believe it was not planned. "I mean, everyone knows that we love our vision in Mississippi," said Jesse Camden, longtime fan of the Ole Miss football program. "Leave it to Vanderbilt to try and take away the sense that the Rebels have cherished for 165 years! You become a top-20 school, and I guess you start thinking you can do whatever you want."

Some fans were not so much upset about the blackout itself, but more about the institution allowing such a thing to occur. "Isn't this Vanderbilt?" asked self-proclaimed Vandy man Jim Tannenbaum. "I mean, after that Super Bowl incident, why haven't we put safety measures into place? Am I the only one listening to Ray Lewis?!"

Even those among the personnel on the field were shaken by the sudden lack of light. "I've never really been afraid of the dark, but that was something else," said coach James Franklin. "I couldn't move, my mind went completely blank...I was scared out of my mind."

When asked about the blackout, Chancellor Zeppos gave no

comment, but instead flashed a mischievous smile, winking profusely and giggling. The damages to the stadium were minor, and included replacement of some electrical wiring, as well as removal of graffiti stating, "You've just been Zepped." The game has yet to be rescheduled, but is expected to take place sometime in Octo-



Seen here is the darkness.

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The Slant's LadyQuiz Corner!

This week's quiz: Is Your Man Cheating on You or Just Taking a Long Dump?

1) When was the last time 3) What was the last thing you saw yout man?

A) 3 weeks ago, when he said he needed some time off from

B) 20 minutes ago when he walked into the bathroom

2) What does your man smell like?

A) Fish B) Shit

your man asked you for?

A) Condoms and your sister's phone number

B) Toilet paper

4) What does he say when you want to go out?

A) "Naw bitch, I'm tired from fucking some other tramp." B) "Sure, just let me finish up this huge dump. I had pie for all three meals yesterday."

5) What does your man say when you text him to say hi? A) "Busy, nailing some broad I just met bareback"

B) "Hang on babe, taking a long dump."

Circle your answers and see! If your answers are mostly B's, then don't worry, your man is just taking a long dump. If you picked too many A's, then your man is a CHEATER!

Ron Paul Drags Self Away From RuPaul's Drag Race Fans

By: Douglas Lee Spandex Specialist



EFFEMINATE EXHIBITIONISM: Ron Paul and audience members both show off Charisma, Uniqueness, Nerve and Talent.

audience, Ron Paul received distrustful murmurs. Experiencing a then spoke of his longand dresses were only outta here."

who that man thought he was, stepping up there and thinking he could tell ME how to live MY life, but that man better lip sync for his life or he's history!" audience member Tyra Janks said.

Booty Buddy chimed in. Ron Paul was then subjected to a volley of insults, including "ranky stank," "jankass flat ass," "post-modern pimp-ho," "rich bitch in britches," and "libertarian." These insults eventually gave way to a rallying cry of "BGB," or "Bye, girl, bye." Ron Paul was then escorted off the stage by the Drag Race's Pit Crew, two muscular shirtless men in tight spandex. They then showed him new dance moves with plenty of shaking, baking and booty-quaking. These moves are set to debut in the upcoming sixth season of RuPaul's Drag Race, and were described by the men as "an incredible ass-perience." Ron Paul did not concur with that description, and passed out shortly af-

Ron Paul's actions did not warrant such a vitriolic response and on the contrary deserved

"I've done good work in the House of Representatives, ensuring a smaller, less productive federal government and banning all low-flow toilets," Ron Paul said. "I know I'll need way more than a low-flow toilet after what I've just been through."

After Ron Paul crashed out of the Drag Race, RuPaul strutted onto the stage of the Bridgestone Arena to thunderous cheering, to advocate a radical, anti-American agenda of sexual toler-

Freshman to Hold Off Until Thanksgiving to Cut **Fingernails**

By: Sam Ottenberg Hygiene Herald

After much contemplation, Stambaugh freshman Tommy Cuticle came to the conclusion that, among other things, he will wait until he first returns home for Thanksgiving break to cut his

In his statement Tommy explained, "I weighed the costs and benefits of each possible choice. I understand the social stigma I am placing on myself for being 'that kid' with talons, but I really don't give a shit."

He went on to explain that he has far better things to do with his time than waste it on "superfluous hygiene rituals," as he would much rather spend time hitting on the lunch ladies or continually flushing the toilet while his hall mates are showering.

Tommy says, "Popping pimples will be a breeze," and argues, "It will elevate my nose picking ability to unprecedented levels."

Needless to say, Tommy's mom was crushed after waiting for nail-biting hours on the announcement. "I don't understand where I went wrong," she sobbed into a fresh manicure.

Reporters raised concerns of inadvertently gouging out an eye when maneuvering contact lenses or getting the gangly appendages caught on a piece of clothing. Tommy responded, "I understand the risk of developing a wicked hangnail, but let me reiterate the benefits and the sheer time commitment that this grooming process would entail."

This innovative thinking is not isolated to one individual. Following the fingernail announcement, many other freshmen stepped forward to reveal the many tasks they plan to put off until their first trip back home.

Tommy's roommate John Must explained why he will hold off on doing laundry by stating, "There are two main reasons. First, it's a major pain in the ass, and second, I can't work those crazy contraptions."

This view is understandable, however, because laundry is women's work. Another freshman, Ralph Brown-Nose, who is aspiring to be elected into the VSG, confessed he will not bathe until returning home. "I don't like seeing the other boys naked in the shower and plus it's grody."

Many other freshmen came forward revealing various tasks they are refraining from completing until they go home. It seems the class of 2017 is taking serious risks in their social experiments or, a least, on the topic of hygiene.



An artist's rendition of the student's fingernails come November

Motivational Poster Manufacturer Calls it Quits

By: James Cross **Motivation Master**

On Sunday September 1st, motivational poster manufacturer "Never Give Up" announced that its last factory, located in Harper's Ferry, Kentucky, will be closing. The company's owner - the great grandson of the organization's founder Patrick Wilson - held a press conference outside the factory to explain his decision. He stated, "We were going to stay open. But we realized that it would take a lot of hard work. We're talking major time commitments, probably some sweating, and definitely some manual labor. We considered all possible options, but all of them involved a good amount of effort on our part."

The company was first founded in 1942 to inspire a nation that was involved in its second world war, and was still recovering from the Great Depression. At its peak, "Never Give Up" had six factories located across the country. Their iconic "If you don't do it, he will" poster hung on the walls of millions of children across

the nation and was quoted by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. three times in his Letters from a Birming-

"Never Give Up" was last in the media limelight when they sued Nike over its "Just do it" campaign, claiming a former employee sold the idea to Nike. Things got ugly when the bodies of three witnesses that were to testify against Nike were found in a marshland wrapped in multiple copies of "Never Give Up's" second most famous poster, "Whatever it takes to win." Without those witnesses, Nike was found not guilty, and the case was never solved.

About 150 employees are losing their jobs, but "Never Give Up" has promised that they will assist their former, loyal workers in any way possible. "We consider our employees family," stated Paul Wilson. "They came here day in and day out doing menial work, all while receiving barely minimal wage. That's motivation."



Pictured here is one of the 150 workers currently facing unemployment.

Citing his inability to "werk" with the freespirited culture of RuPaul's Drag Race fans, Ron Paul sashayed away from a RuPaul event Sep. 7 in the Bridgestone Arena, which he mistook for his own conference held on the same day in a nearby Motel 6 due to a clerical error from a Sex-

Ron Paul initially did not realize there had been a mixup. Upon arrival at the arena, he met several scantily clad people caked with makeup. "There seemed to be nothing especially unusual about them," Ron Paul said.

"Their posteriors seemed to be somewhat larger than normal, but didn't seem much different from my regular fans," a befuddled Ron Paul said. "I see people like that all the time, mostly people who learned about me on the internets. I don't really understand them, and they're a little scary, but they give me money."

The event prissy-ded smoothly once Ron Paul got on stage. Ron Paul became worried, as there was much more spandex and silicone in the audience than normal, but his fears were tucked away once he told them they "better work to attain the American Dream," a line met with uproarious applause. What Ron Paul did not realize was that the audience thought he was referring to giving a strong performance in a drag show and to receive fake hair, diamonds and frankfurters, rather than slaving away at low-paying jobs to reach for a goal declared dead by author F. Scott Fitzgerald over seven decades ago.

As his speech went on, Ron Paul began to sense something was astray, and not just the dress-wearing dog scurrying through the seats.

fiery passion about a future where the Federal Reserve is dead and social programs are virtually nonexistent. Rather than the squeals and bams of pleasure from his usual rare case of stage fright induced by a sense of disquietits, Ron Paul ing for the days of his youth where makeup seen on women. These remarks sparked a riot to "get that fake biatch

Ron Paul spoke with a

"I mean, I don't know

"Or should I say, HERstory," audience member

praise, according to Ron Paul.

ance, self-confidence and fierce jazzercise.

TOPTEN **REASONS TO USE CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

- The Geneva Convention was a super long time ago
- Sarin gas expires after two years, so not using it is just leaving money on the table
- There's a surplus of innocent civilians
- You woke up on the wrong side of the bed
- You've always wanted to meet the U.S. President
- Everything is technically made of chemicals anyway, so what's the difference
- Freedom ain't free
- The rebels have the moral high ground, and you need something to even the playing field
- They started it

They only live once #TOLO

Anchor Down, Bottoms Up: The Slant's Guide to Effective Drinking

By: Sam Mallick and Michael Hogue Alcoholic Advisers

With Greek organizations open to first-year students this Friday night, *The Slant* wants you to be prepared for your first big night out. First of all, it's important to know your context. 70% of the alcohol on Vanderbilt's campus is consumed by skinny, white sorority girls, who make up 25% of the population and 5% of the body mass. Second, it's important to know what strategies to use in order to maximize your drinking potential. After all, you enrolled in a Top-20 university, so you should be prepared to embrace a Top-20 alcohol tolerance. The Slant has compiled this list of tips to help your night be a success. Remember: drink smarter, not harder.

- Start out by forgetting everything you learned in Alcohol
- If you're pressed for time, start drinking while you finish your homework and other activities.
- You don't want to look like an alcoholic at the pregame, so
- make sure you have a few shots before you go out. · Don't eat a large meal before you start drinking. Your stomach is only so big, and you need all the volume you can
- If you do eat, make sure it's dry Cap'n Crunch, so that the tiny abrasions will allow the alcohol to directly enter your
- It's important to have a balanced diet. One beer counts as a serving of grains, green apple Smirnoff is a green vegetable, and Bailey's is a dairy product.
- Jack Daniels is only good for a day after it's been opened, so go ahead and finish that fifth tonight.
- If you're going to do whiskey slaps, slap like you mean it.
- If you still remember how many drinks you've had, you haven't had enough.
- People often leave half-finished drinks in the Towers elevators. Finishing these can be a cost-efficient way to have a
- Friday night around midnight is a great time to call your mother and tell her that you love her. She won't be able to tell that you've been drinking.
- Don't let Taaka touch your bare skin. Wear your Chemistry Lab goggles to protect your eyes; you won't need them second semester anyway.
- You do know a brother. Tell them you know Will. Every fraternity has a Will, and where there's a Will, there's a way.
- They're definitely carding at Lonnie's these days. Sorry.



Remember that drinking on the cheap isn't just a game- It's for the children.

- •Just call her. If she's half as drunk as you are, she probably wants you back, too.
- Despite the direction in which the conversation is currently headed, the VUPD officer writing you a citation will listen to reason.
- Puking just means you can restart your drink count.
- If you black out, you won't remember throwing up.
- Consuming alcohol can be dangerous if you are nursing or pregnant. Which you might be, after last weekend.

Student Dies Before Thinking of Idea for "Before I Die" Board

By: Kevin Cyr Chalkboard Chum

Vanderbilt student Johnny I. "Phone and bone." Ronny in front of Rand Din- One of Ronny's friends re ing Hall, dead from an apparent brain aneurysm and with chalk letters scribbled all around him. Friends of

Late Sunday evening, morrow, fuck that hoe today," VUPD discovered the body of or Martin Luther King Jr.

> marked on Ronny's dedication to making his life truly meaningful by dedicating his life to placing his life goal on



Before I die I want to...write a caption for this photo.

Ronny report that he was struggling for days to come up with an important, truly meaningful contribution for Rand's newest addition-- a board emblazoned with the phrase "Before I die I want to." The board is filled with the auspicious and benevolent goals of Vanderbilt students including: "Earn the title Cunt Destroyer," "Run that skank over," and the really noticeable "Get him to notice me."

Ronny was majoring in philosophy, and his pockets were filled with famous quotes from the likes of Gandhi, exclaiming "Live as if you were to die to-

"Yeah, Johnny really just wanted to be part of a group. He thought everyone else was so cool with their worldchanging ideas, so he wanted to dream big. When he saw how people wanted to go skydiving, make money, and fuck bitches, all before they died, he knew he needed to make something of his life."

Ronny's family has already established a scholarship fund in his name, the Pursue Your Dream of Finding a Dream Scholarship Fund, to benefit all of those students who have a dream that they may one day place their dream on a chalk board.

The Slant's Guide to Getting Over Your High School Sweetheart

By: Cynthia Kneeler Heartbreak Hellion

The Slant is committed to addressing all of your emotional and physical needs. As our youngest classmates adjust to a new environment, The Slant feels compelled to discuss this very important topic and provide instrumental advice in the form of this list.

1. Cut it off

It's time for you to move on, whether you realize it or not. New people and new experiences are things that your ex, undoubtedly at a worse school, will never be able to understand. It might help to pretend your ex has been kidnapped by aliens, sold into slavery to the Egyptians for their beautiful multi-colored coats, or traveled abroad.

2. Actually cut it off

Ceasing all communication will prevent you from wavering. Avoid your mutual friends, and if you do happen to be forced to communicate with them, emphasize how happy you are.

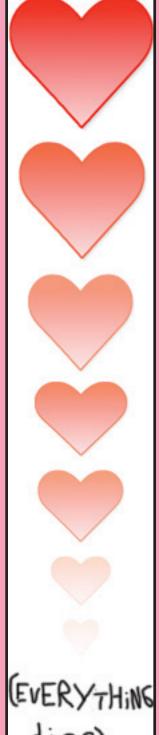
3. Use that social media!

Just because you won't return their texts doesn't mean you can't shamelessly and completely stalk their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. On that note, play up how happy you are (no sad or sappy statuses here, Rookie) by posting a picture of you having the time of your life in regular four-day/four-minute intervals minimum, depending on your style.

You're probably still going to need a romantic outlet, and the storylines in porn can really give you hope that you'll find a fun, emotionally fulfilling relationship with a new love soon! This is the kind of true love that rom-coms really can't provide; avoid those at all costs.

5. Get some

One of the fastest ways to get over a relationship is to hook up with someone else. The key part of the hookup is the post-hookup behavior. It is very important to immediately begin texting them nonstop and follow them on all social media to ensure repeat action. To have a hookup, simply head to Greek row on any given Friday or Saturday evening and proceed to find the drunkest girl/boy there. Their level of drunkenness is a prime indicator of their ability to connect with you emotionally and perform oral sex while you weep openly.



6. Their things

While some things you should probably save and return to your ex, such as articles of clothing, shot glasses, cherished stuffed animals, etc., not all items fall into this category. In some cases, these items can be "lost," thrown away, or burned. These exceptions include any perishables, that sweatshirt that looks better on you anyways, and any alcohol. Alcohol should under no circumstances be returned or discarded, but should be properly labeled as #RevengeRum, etc. The use of hashtags is encouraged.

7. Don't be afraid to cry

As Miranda Lambert pointed out, this is not your momma's broken heart, and you do not have to put a good face on it all the time (See #3). If you say his/her name in bed for a few months while crying into your hookup's crotch, that's normal. The name will fade with time.

8. Keep good company

If you find yourself awake in your bed at night, wishing someone were next to you, head to the nearest Toys-R-Us for at least 40 reasonably priced stuffed animals, or to the local morgue.

9. Elephant thoughts

As a final point of reflection, how do you eat an elephant? In small bites. But quickly, before the rest of the stampede catches up to you.

> This advice is easily adaptable to other breakups, including those of upperclassmen and recent grads. For more advice, consult our sister publication, Cosmopolitan.

JOINTHESLANT

I have been a contributing member of *The Slant* for the past two weeks, and I must say, it is leaps and bounds ahead of other student organizations that I have examined. They haven't made me participate in any Satanic blood rituals yet, and I'm certain that the ooze leaking from the fluorescent lights in Sarratt 130 isn't blood or demonic fluids, which is more than I can say of the lights in Gillette. The application process was surprisingly simple: I arrived prepared with my everyday exorcism tools and holy water to do battle with any dark beings as

By: Lila Mephisto

part of a bloodthirsty competition for membership, but they just gave me pizza and told me to attend the weekly Wednesday brainstorm meetings in Sarratt 130. These meetings don't even require familiarity with ancient Greek or Swahili; a rudimentary understanding of the English language will suffice. The two lead editors, Martin Freeman and Beard Guy, are also incredibly memorable and inspirational. Just being around them makes me feel funnier, and I am almost positive that is not due to the creeping unease that accompanies the undead lackeys that serve them.

Do you like adventure? Cutting wit? Anything that doesn't require blood pacts or fear for the safety of your eternal soul? Join The Slant. It'll be the best decision of your life. So briefly email Beard Guy at peter.g.linck@ vanderbilt.edu, or pop in for one of the weekly meetings at 9 PM. Please don't bring your wooden stake or silver bullets. Mr. Freeman and Beard Guy, despite their resemblance to supernatural creatures, are not actually any species of shapeshifter.



Lila wearing her standard issue Slant uniform.