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THIS JUST IN

Report: Americans Not Getting Enough

By: Dan King
Sufficiency Savant

A new report shows that Americans aren't getting nearly enough. The report, issued by US Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, looked in depth at the amount people are getting and found America's numbers woefully lacking.

Most scientists agree that the average adult needs somewhere between 12 and 18 per week, and at least one per day. Most Americans, though, seem to only get about seven per week, with 10% of Americans reporting getting fewer than three per week.

Surgeon General Benjamin says, "We need to improve these numbers fast. Americans simply aren't getting enough. The more we get, the happier and healthier we will all be. Right now, though, we're in trouble."

Benjamin stopped short of explicitly stating why people aren't getting enough, though she did offer a few speculations. She says, "Maybe people feel like they don't have enough time or that they don't enjoy it... but I'm telling you

that we all need more."

Many Americans are shocked by the results of the study. VIVA member Nicole Johnson says she tries "to make getting one or two per day just part of my routine, I don't really think about it any more. I guess I don't get what people are doing that they can't get enough per week."

Some, however, say they don't take the news report to heart. A&S sophomore Katie Nailor says, "They don't know how much we need. I get one or two per month and I'm perfectly healthy. Things like this are just silly, everyone needs different amounts."

The report concludes with some concrete recommendations for people looking to get more every day. The Surgeon General recommends setting one out at night so you can have it in the morning right when you wake up. They also encourage employers to allow their employees ample break time to have one or two throughout the day.

Enthusiastic Freshmen Pack Stands at Cross Country Meet

By: James Sclafani

Obscure Sports Observer

NASHVILLE, TN—Vanderbilt cross country saw its largest crowd ever this past Saturday at the first invitational of the season. The crowd was composed solely of a group of freshmen looking for some excitement to start off their weekend. The group of four met on Saturday in Chad Rezafin's room, where they took shots of Svedka in preparation for the event. Rezafin said of the morning, "once I took out my 'take me drunk I'm home' shot glass I knew we would have a good time". Rezafin's neighboring floor mate Ryan commented, "Why were they all up at 8:30 on a Saturday morning?"

The group arrived at Percy Warner Park at 9:00 a.m., unaware that they would have to wait for all the schools to arrive and warm up. As the races got underway, the freshmen became increasingly disruptive. Every runner that passed them in red and blue was greeted with the chant of "Fuck Ole Miss". Jon Bloom shouted "You'll work for me one day!"

to runners who were from, according to Jon, non-prestigious colleges. No support was given to the Vanderbilt runners.

The group's rowdy behavior throughout the meet has caused members of the cross-country team to reconsider their complaints about a lack of fans. In fact, the team has taken a 180-degree switch on their stance on fans. Attendance at Vanderbilt cross country meets is now strictly invite-only.

Dave Francis, coach of the women's cross country team, was adamant in his new policy of not allowing fans to attend meets. "When our girls were running, some of those jerks held up signs that showed the Nike symbol... underneath was the slogan, 'just do me'". The group was unapologetic for their behavior, and expressed interest in returning to meets in the future. "I don't think their new fan policy is going to affect us", said Chad. "Whether it's parties, family reunions, or whatever- not being invited has never stopped me before."

UNESCO Report Condemns Vanderbilt Campus Dining for "Starving" Students

By: George Spelvin

Starvation Sage

A UNESCO delegation has released a sharply worded report condemning Vanderbilt Campus Dining for its treatment of 18 members of the EEE sorority, saying that they have been "literally starved" while waiting in line during Tortellini Tuesday.

The 32-page report recounts the women's plight, describing in gut-wrenching detail how they were forced to wait between "like, an hour" to "practically forever" to receive their plates of pasta.

The report quotes junior Mackenzie Gibbons as saying: "I mean, you'd think they'd, like, hand out breadsticks or something."

In the report, the victims decry their experience as "a fucking crime," with many echoing the claim that "it can't take that long to make a helping of fucking tortellini!"

"I don't pay sixty thousand dollars a year for this kind of bullshit," an anonymous victim reportedly whispered as she fluttered on the edge of consciousness.

"Even I could make it faster than they do," affirmed senior Aubrey Woodward, who by

her own admission has never prepared a meal herself.

"It's horrifying what they've been through," asserted Dr. Kwami Mulambe, South African health minister and lead author of the report. "Their dining options are so limited. The Pub is completely unfeasible. Pi? Out of the question. And they're being mercilessly outcompeted for line positions at Leaf. It's a human rights violation, absolutely."

Vanderbilt's Zeppos regime has countered the report's findings, claiming that, in fact, the current dining system is humane. In a tersely worded statement delivered over state VTV, Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs Beth Fortune decried the UNESCO report as "an imperialistic conspiracy designed to destabilize order and our community values."

"Also, you can't do the express tortellini? Chef James? Hell, even that new Bamboo Bistro place?"

At press, members of the group, still waiting for their tortellini, are using their \$200 smartphones to provide momentary distractions from the constant hunger pangs.

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City's Residents Unsure If Parade or Funeral Procession



Nation's Babies: "Objects Still Exist Even When You Can't See Them"

FROM THE EDITOR



PETER LINCK

I have had a TV in my dorm since I was a freshman, and since my sophomore year I have prided myself on having one of the biggest CRT televisions (the old, boxy ones) on campus. For the past two years I've lugged my family's old 27" Sylvania television from St. Louis

to Nashville, but at the end of last year the TV slowly began to die. This year I replaced it with a Memorex TV I found at Goodwill on move-in weekend. Why these old televisions? Well, I'm a cheapskate and I don't feel like spending hundreds of dollars on a flat screen. Plus you can channel surf much faster with old TVs, and you never get that nauseating motion blur effect.

Coming from a long line of heavy TV-watchers, I was very excited when I heard that, with the approval of our student government, the university was spending some \$250,000 over the summer to install HD cable feeds in our dorms. I knew my old-school TV wouldn't see a difference in picture quality, but I was at least excited for the prospect of new channels. I dreamed of being able to get channels like IFC, Turner Classic Movies, or even perhaps Boomerang in my very own room.

The change to HD TV in my dorm has been even better than expected. I was pleasantly surprised when I noticed an improved picture quality even on my old TV. The white and grey speckles of the static are crisper and clearer than I remember. It's like I'm watching a real life blank VHS tape. I don't remember exactly how many channels we used to get, but these days I'm getting channels I've never even seen before like 3, 4, 22, and 71. All of them show the same intriguing documentary on snowstorms. The sound quality is superb as well, and the soft, fuzzy hum makes these blizzards really come to life.

I even bought a Blue-Ray player so I could watch HD movies on my super special awesome antiquated television. It uses some sort of new-fangled HDMI cable that didn't seem to want to plug into my television, but I forced it in anyway. Now my television gets hot really quickly and sometimes even smokes, letting off a delicious aroma of melting plastic and a small electrical fire. Technology is changing faster and faster, and I'm so grateful that everyone is sympathetic to those who'd rather not keep up with the times.

Fucked Image



This is not a joke. This actually happened.

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Destitute Detroit Residents Fail to Notice City-Wide Power Outage

By: Danny McClanahan

Destitution Debutante

Detroit Chief Compliance Officer Gary Brown shut off power to several buildings in downtown Detroit on September 11th, a maneuver which went completely unnoticed by most residents of downtown Detroit, as they are homeless and have never encountered electricity before.

Detroit PD explains that the power grid underwent crucial infrastructure repair two weeks ago when a pair of wild dogs tore into cables at the abandoned power plant. An emergency responder explains: "The dogs were electrocuted instantly. They might have had a chance to survive, too, if a horde of hobos hadn't immediately ravaged the bodies to use as fuel."



Detroit residents living downtown

The power grid was put under heavy stress after the canine attack, so residents were urged to ease up on electricity usage. Brown states that the residents "weren't responding as fast as we would like them to, so we had to send them a strong message by turning the power off." However, John Banks, a spokesperson for Old Glory Electric, disagreed with this analysis. "Whatever message he was trying to send was completely lost in translation, since the general population of Detroit is completely illiterate and have never received proper schooling. The power play seems to have gone unnoticed by the majority of Detroit residents, whose only escape from the sweltering heat is constructing capes made of coffee cup sleeves and used motor oil.

As a result of the power outage, upper-class Detroit residents have exited their homes in search of water and air conditioning, many for the very first time since entering their homes. "There was never a reason to leave before," attests Princeton economist George Thompson, who has walked on Detroit's streets for the first time, despite living there for 10 years. "This place is actually awful. Wow," he remarks as he tosses an unopened box of Twinkies into a writhing mass of homeless people. "I came here because I thought it'd be a wonderful opportunity to observe class inequality at its very core. Well, I've done that now, and it turns out being poor really sucks."

Thompson continued: "It's not all bad, though. Without power, a new luxury commodities market in fruits and fresh meat has arisen. I'm making a killing in my refrigerated-food hedge fund right now." The Slant noticed Thompson's tribal headdress, and asked about its origin. Thompson explained "Yeah, they revere me as a god since I have access to clean water and air conditioning. I feel really in touch with my tribal roots."

At press time, a group of Detroit residents were tying up Chief Compliance Officer Gary Brown to be thrown into a large industrial fire as a sacrifice in Thompson's name.

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7-Year Old Thinks White President Is Next Step

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Child Politics Specialist

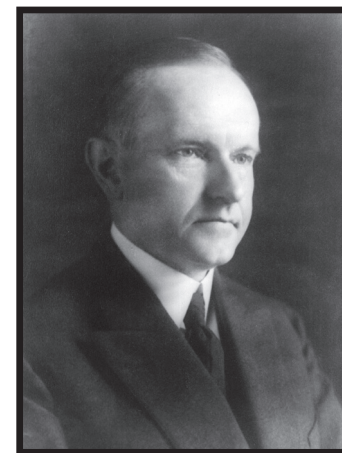
Jonathan Daniels, a 1st grader at local Eakin Elementary School, recently came out and said that this country will not be able to move forward until a white man occupies the White House. This stance caused controversy not just in the Nashville area, but across the nation, as the subject of President Obama's race and religious affiliation has yet to be publicly addressed by Daniels' demographic.

"Well one day Mrs. Yearly told us to draw a picture of the White House. We all did. In everyone's picture there was a black man out front. I thought to myself, "I am not black. My mommy and daddy are not black. Why is our president so black?" Daniels said in a statement to the media.

The Slant requested the pictures made by all of Daniels' classmates and, indeed, all of them were pictures of poorly drawn houses with some combination of black family members out front. The 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Yearly, only commented, "I was simply surprised that these 6- and 7-year olds captured the essence of neoclassical and Palladian architecture. I didn't give any thought as to the race of the people they were drawing." When prompted further, she would merely add, "I don't see color."

Daniels didn't stop there. He would go on to say, "I am a United Statesian just like everyone else and if I want to be president then I should have that right because we are America and we have rights and we are America." Apparently it does not even have to be a white president, specifically, but really anything other than black.

"My neighbor was born in Tennessee and she is Spanish and if

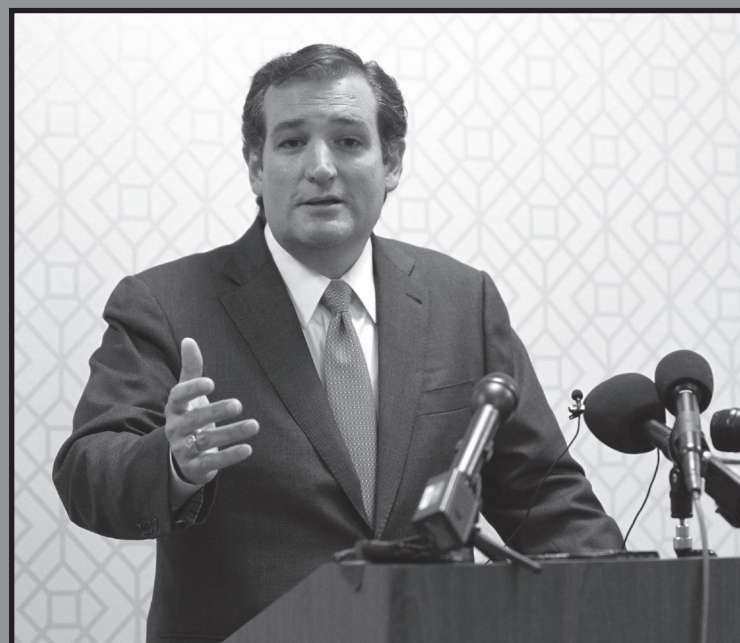


An artist's rendition of Jonathan's progressive ideas.

she wants to be president then I will vote for her," Daniels shouted in a fiery tirade. He seems to think that until a non-black president resides in the White House, this nation of ours will continue to be a divided place, a place of division and discordance.

Daniels concluded with, "I had a dream. I had a dream that in the tan hills of the sandbox, sons of dads and sons of former dads sat together at a table made of sand. That is all"

Bastard Confession



"I actually have a brain injury to my frontal lobe, resulting in an inability to switch tasks."

--Ted Cruz

White Scientists Hypothesize Possible American/African Hybrid Man

By: Dan King
Anthropomorphic Adjunct

A group of white scientists has issued a new report hypothesizing a possible American/African hybrid man.

The report, which came from a research group from the University of Tennessee, examined commonalities between certain Black Americans and native born African people. The report found several startling connections between the two groups, leading researchers to theorize a possible common ancestor some time in the past. The study shows that at some point in the past this common ancestor would have lived either in Africa or in North America and that somehow his progeny managed to spread across the globe, though researchers stress that they have no idea how these people came to inhabit such a wide area.

The new report focuses on building a concrete picture of this common ancestor, which scientists refer to as the "American/African Hybrid Man."

Dr. Frank McKaskill is an anthropologist who contributed to the research. Dr. McKaskill

indicated the study has not been able to determine how exactly the American/African Hybrid Man could have inhabited both North America and Africa at once.

Says Dr. McKaskill "Right now our best guess is that there used to be some sort of land bridge connecting America and Africa. We think such a bridge may have stretched directly from the African heartland to the center of most cities in North America."

Others on the study were quick to point out that this land bridge idea is simply the most popular theory right now, and may not be definitively true. Dr. Louise Howell told *The Slant* "Our data has confirmed a connection here, but we don't have any real idea where the American/African Hybrid Man origi-

nated or how he spread across the globe. A land bridge may have existed, but it also may have been simply a strong current through the ocean carrying ancient sailors across the globe. It's also possible this all happened back when earth was still one big landmass."

Lead researcher Dr. Mikhail Flynn was eager to talk about the many new questions raised by the American/African Hybrid Man. Dr. Flynn: "For example, right now we're not sure if the American/African Hybrid Man originated in Africa and came to North America, or if he came from America to Africa. The fossil record is woefully lacking on this subject."

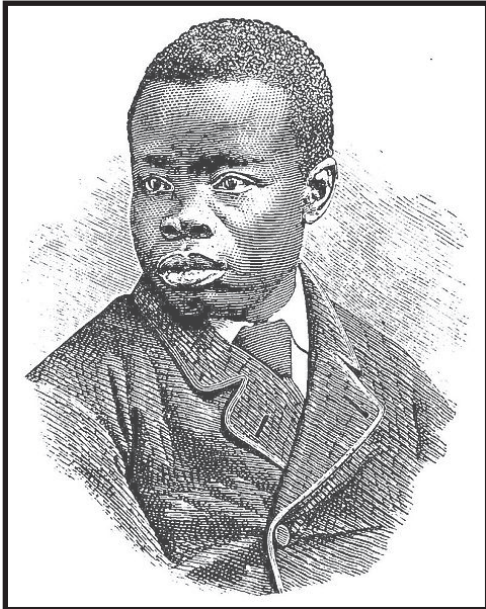
Lots of everyday people have been surprised and intrigued by this new research. Vanderbilt Sophomore Blake Patterson says he's "Really going to start looking at Black people differently. I mean, now that someone's pointed out the connection to me I see it but before now I never would have guessed an American/African Hybrid Man might exist."

Local bartender Mike Dougherty says he's "Always wondered if there might be some con-

nection here. Now the only question is how on earth the American/African Hybrid Man spread so far across the globe. I mean, now I know you can just fly or take a boat to get from Africa to here, but how did these ancient people manage to do it? That's what I want to know."

The Slant also talked to another sophomore, Tyrone Washington, who told us to "Fuck off," when we asked him about the American/African Hybrid Man.

The UT report comes on the heels of another research report issued last week by Fisk University scientists hypothesizing a possible link between white Americans and "those creepy Scandinavians who all look alike."



Sketch-artists rendition of this hypothetical "Hybrid Man"

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Middle East Denies Allegations of "Turmoil"

By: Michael Hogue
Turmoil Technocrat

TEHRAN (AP)- The countries of the world's Middle East region stated in a press conference this Wednesday that they are in no way, shape or form experiencing anything that could remotely be labeled as "turmoil," "conflict," or "unrest."

Recent reports from world news sources such as CNN, Al-Jazeera and The Associated Press have accused Israel and Palestine of "being in an ongoing and hostile conflict," "rioting," and "[clashing] violently." However, Israel told *The Slant* that this "is totally not the case" and that "Things are...unremarkable with Palestine."

Palestine echoed a similar sentiment, saying "Israel? Yeah, we go way back. Nothing significant is going on at the Gaza Strip right now. Everyone is just minding their own business."

Despite adamant allegations from the global news media of building a nuclear weapons program that "holds sinister and potentially disastrous implications for international security relations," Iran maintains that "There's nothing to see here. There's no reason to be suspicious of us. Please respect our privacy."

Furthermore, international news outlets such as The New York Times and MSNBC have publicly accused Syria of engaging in a "devastating and bloody civil war" that has culminated in the loss of over 100,000 human lives over the span of 29 months, some due to the "tragic use of chemical weapons."

However, Syria submitted the following statement to *The Slant*: "There has never been a better time in history to be a Syrian. We definitely feel like we're hitting our stride as a sovereign nation. Other than some positive developments, there is nothing of interest going on here."

Syria went on to ask *The Slant* to "define 'massacre'" while pantomiming quotation marks with their fingers.

Similarly, in the face of allegations of engaging in "car bombings and other acts of sectarian violence between the Shiite government and their dissatisfied Sunni constituents," Iraq told *The Slant* "I'm having the time of my life. Things are really going well here. Other than that, I don't have much to tell you."

When asked for a final comment, the Middle East said only: "Peace in the Middle East. That's our thing. That's what we're all about."



"Turmoil? I have no idea what you're talking about."

Local Woman Nearly Dies In Blooming Onion Incident

By: Chris Xin
Steakhouse Septuagenarian

A Davidson county woman nearly died Wednesday after a choking incident involving a blooming onion, authorities say.

Melena Vasquez, 28, was leaving her Belle Meade apartment in Nashville for her morning commute sometime around 8:15 am according to Davidson county sheriff Lionel B. Arthur.

"As she walked up to her car, Vasquez reached into her purse for her keys," Arthur said. "That's when the blooming onion approached her."

The onion, best known as an appetizer at some restaurants, was reportedly intoxicated the night before the incident and was characterized by witnesses at the scene as "agitated." According to witnesses, the onion approached Vasquez by her car and demanded her purse.

"It was very scary," Vasquez said. "I didn't know who he was, and he was slurring his speech so I couldn't tell what he wanted from me. I could tell he was upset, and immediately I knew I was in danger."

When confronted, Vasquez refused to let go of her purse. Shortly after she told the onion to leave her alone, the onion punched her in the stomach repeatedly until she fell to the ground. He then turned her onto her back and began to choke her.

"At this point, I felt like there was nothing I could do," Vasquez said. "I could feel myself blacking out. I thought I was going to die."

Arthur arrived at the scene after receiving several calls from witnesses reporting a disturbance

in the neighborhood and found the onion on top of Vasquez. The onion, upon seeing Arthur, got to his feet and began running west on Ridgefield Way as Arthur called for medical assistance.

"The onion was fast. I couldn't pursue him," Arthur said. "I saw [Vasquez] on the ground and knew she needed help soon, so I couldn't catch the onion. I called for medical assistance before I called for police backup."

Vasquez was taken to Vanderbilt Medical Center and was treated for airway collapse and internal bleeding. She is expected to make a full recovery.

The onion was apprehended around 8:31 a.m. by Davidson county sheriffs after a brief struggle that ended in the onion being subdued by a taser. He was taken to the Davidson County Sheriff's Office, where he was detained. The onion is being charged with assault in the first degree and resisting arrest.

The onion, 19, is a student at Vassar College. According to Arthur, he was visiting his sister at Vanderbilt University when he inexplicably became "upset" and fled campus to obtain alcohol.

When reached, the onion's family refused questioning.

"We are devastated by our son's actions, and we give our condolences to all that were affected," the onion's mother, Melissa Onion, said. "However, this has been a difficult time for us, and we ask for privacy during this time."

The onion is being held on a \$25,000 bail. A trial date has not yet been announced.



An artist's rendition of the suspect.

VIVA LA EL CID ! THE SLANT ENDORSES RODRIGO DÍAZ DE VIVAR FOR OUTSTANDING SEÑOR



Kansas Town Left Reeling in Wake of Mass Resurrection

By: Kayley Romick
Resurrection Ruiner

HOLCOMB, KANSAS—Tragedy struck Tuesday when one hundred people were brought back to life in small town Kansas.

Among the living included the Clutter family, brutally murdered in their home by Richard Hickock and Perry Smith in 1959. Their story was documented by Truman Capote in his 1966 book *In Cold Blood*. Though the community welcomed them back into existence, the process of resurrection took a huge psychological toll on the victims.

"All I can remember is that awful night—I have terrible dreams," Nancy Clutter said. "Also, everyone keeps pointing their black boxes at me speaking of a book of faces!"

Other community members struggled with the rebirth of former relatives.

"I'm fucking pissed that my alcoholic father came back to life," local Leroy Pippins III said. "I already killed him once! Now he's beating me again."

First responders included paramedics who saved the lives of newly-resurrected people requiring immediate hospitalization. Car crash victims and cancer patients writhed as they experienced a second demise.

"I can't believe these patients must suffer two painful deaths," St. Catherine Hospital's Dr. Emerson McCullen said. "It is absolute-

ly inhumane. Whoever did this must face punishment."

Police investigations commenced within hours of the incident. No suspects have been apprehended, though allegations include *The Walking Dead* producer Robert Kirkman, Mary Shelley and the Messiah.

Kirkman went on record saying, "It is ridiculous to think I would go through all the trouble to have real undead people in Season 4. It is much more affordable to hire



Undead residents of a small, Midwestern town.

make-up artists."

Mary Shelley and the Messiah refused to comment.

Hollywood director Trudy Coyote arrived and began interviewing witnesses and victims. At a press conference, she revealed her intentions to

film an exposé entitled "With Warm

Blood."

"It is important for the public to know the truth about this horrendous event," Coyote said.

Communal healing groups and technology classes will be held Saturday at Town Hall.

"Now that we are impelled to remember our past," Mayor Gary Newman, Jr. said. "We must force them to conform to our modern society."

This is the largest recorded resurrection in United States history.

Vanderbilt Begins Offering M.R. Degree

By: Collier Bowling
Nuptial Nihilist

In response to popular demand from housewives and disgruntled husbands, Vanderbilt University has decided to offer an M.R. degree to all male students.

Addressing the skills critical to being an effective trophy husband, the degree will prepare students on how to be the model husbands of the future. The degree contains courses that cover skills that are fundamental to marriage, such as HSB 101 that teaches how to effectively take out the trash, to finely detailed ones, such as HSB 265 that teaches husbands how to effectively pretend to listen to their wife's conversations while watching their favorite sports team.

Students will even have the ability to specialize in a certain area of husbandry. Specializations that will be offered include husbandry for southern gentleman, trailer trash, or even deadbeat dads.

Isaiah Mustafa, current model for Old Spice and planned professor for the degree, describes the course that he plans on teaching for the major.

"Sadly you are not like me. But with my course, you can potentially be like me and begin to learn about the thing that she loves."

Isaiah refuses to go into more detail about who "she" is or what is "the thing that she loves," but he insists that he will explain these details in his class.

Vanderbilt also plans on requiring students in the degree to complete an internship. For the internship students will be able to select from a variety of mail order brides and then will husband them for a period of two years before the University reports them for

their lack of a green card.

"We feel that the mail order brides internship will be essential to the M.R. degree," Chancellor Zeppos said. "It will provide students in the program the chance to experience marriage. Furthermore we think that the internship offers important perks, such as a guarantee of no alimony and never having to meet your mother-in-law."

Jack Dushe, current Vanderbilt student, explains why he is excited about the M.R. degree.

"I've already nailed the being ridiculously jacked and really good looking requirements for being a trophy husband," Dushe said. "My only problem is that I don't know how I would make my wife make me sandwiches daily. I plan on figuring out how."

Students have also been quick to praise the other career fields besides trophy husbandry that the degree prepares students for.

"I realize I am not a very attractive person, so I don't think I have the best marriage prospects," Vanderbilt freshman Mike Majic said. "However, the degree offers courses such as Pole Dancing 101 that I know will give me options."

The M.R. degree will be open to students beginning in Spring 2014.



Male students are looking forward to finally getting value for their money.

Freshman Impressed With Frat Party at Castle

By: Julia Ordog
Greek Girl

Tom Smith, freshman and aspiring fraternity gentleman, went around to multiple fraternity parties this past Friday, but was "blown away" by his experience at SAE's castle.

"I'm pretty sure I went everywhere that night...you know, gotta play the field, keep them thinking that I'm interested. It's all about the poker face. But the castle had me from the start," said Smith who recalled being quite impressed with the effort that the fraternity put into the party's decorations. "The place was totally empty. There was no furniture, no lights, no people, the ceiling was falling in...It looked, like...condemned."

Smith said he knew from the start that the appearance of the castle was a hoax, a test, more specifically, for freshmen like himself, and that the brothers were watching, probably "from the back window or something." "I knew what they were playing at right away. They were weeding out the cool from the uncouth. I'm pretty sure I killed it." Smith, who had gone with his sidekick and best friend, a flask of Taaka vodka, entered the house through the window, demonstrating how "astute and physically fit I am". At 5'6", 150 pounds, Smith managed to pry off one of the sheets of plywood covering the window in a mere half an hour.

Smith reported feeling pretty good about himself once he had gotten inside. "I knew the brothers were watching from some invisible post, and I knew they would be impressed by me passing the first part of their test." Smith reported then telling a few knock-knock, and blonde jokes to his unseen audience so that the brothers knew he was funny. "I also told them about the time I went hunting with my dad this summer. We were going after rabbits. I didn't ever actually get one but I told them about how I almost had one so I think they were probably impressed. Who doesn't love smoked meat?"

As the night continued and Smith became more inebriated, he opened up to the brothers. "I felt like they really got me," he said. "I told them my darkest secrets and they never interrupted."

Smith stayed at the castle until 3 AM, at which point he was removed by VUPD for breaking and entering, and underage intoxication. "Overall I'd say it went pretty well. I only left because the cops kicked me out for being the rowdiest one there. That's cool though, right? I can't wait for their next rush event."



The SAE castle the night of Smith's adventure.



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Vanderbilt Medical Center Opens Diabetes Clinic Inside Cheesecake Factory

By: Chelsea Velaga
Obesity Observer

On Tuesday, Vanderbilt Medical Center held the grand opening of a multi-million dollar diabetes clinic, conveniently located inside a local Cheesecake Factory. This move saves patients not only time, but also needless exercise. Those with diabetes will no longer have to walk to their cars from the Cheesecake Factory to drive to the medical center, as all of their diabetes-related needs will be met adjacent to the cheesecakes and fried macaroni balls they so frequently consume.

Customers unknowingly developing type-II diabetes will also be pleased by the move, as they can maintain their current cheesecake-related feeding patterns and eventually receive top-tier medical care, provided by the industries' leaders.

Praise for the new facility has been pouring in, as customers are finally able to enjoy thick slices of cake and pasta dinners right before getting their insulin shots. The staff of the Cheesecake Factory is also benefitting from the move, as they too can receive blood-pressure readings and weight-related lectures from their doctors between shifts.

When asked what he thought about the move, one endocrinologist, Dr. James Sharpe, replied between bites of chicken tortellini, "This move has

been great for business and increasing access for patients, since those suffering from weight-related conditions are usually meandering nearby the Cheesecake Factory anyway. The only real drawback is the dim lighting in here; I accidentally gave a kid her mom's insulin shot, but the Cheesecake Factory gave them a couple giftcards as compensation."

Area patient, 'Bubba', slumped over a nearby booth, offered this response: "Those sweet potato fries are really something. I didn't think I could eat any more, but since I've been waiting to see my physician for over thirty minutes, I ordered a couple more things off the menu. My wife makes me check in with my doctor a couple times a week, which is about how regularly I come here, so..." Unfortunately, Bubba quickly slipped into a food-related coma after giving us this initial statement, and was quickly attended to by Vanderbilt's premiere endocrinology team.

The new location has generated an enormous amount of revenue for both Vanderbilt and the Cheesecake Factory, as patients are both gravely ill, yet understandably loyal patrons of the restaurant. After the success of this collaboration, the medical center is planning to open a heart disease research center inside a nearby IHOP.



Insulin may be ordered a la carte.

NSA Caught Spying on Obama's In-Laws

By: Sam Ottenberg
Dog-House Dweller

Following the discovery of the National Security Agency's surveillance on her residence, Marian Robinson, mother of First Lady Michelle Obama, has refused to continue her regular visits. She stated, "The lack of trust and respect that actions like this reveal will not go unpunished."

From her residence in the White House in-law suite, Mrs. Robinson issued a statement, "I became suspicious when the big men in suits stopped introducing themselves as secret service agents. They actually ignored me completely as I questioned them while an agent set up a wiretap on my phone" explained Mrs. Robinson. "The man following me around staring at me through binoculars was also a dead give away."

When General Alexander, head of the NSA, was interviewed about the incident he responded, "The orders came straight from the top. Mr. Obama was aware of imminent consequences of such obvious actions but he was adamant in the full implementation of his plan."

Slant reporters sought after First Lady Michelle Obama with questions. She coldly replied, "My husband and I will be having a little talk later." She declined to comment further.

The president himself was found to be enjoying a few celebratory beers with his pick-up basketball team. Our grinning Commander and Chief claimed, "I am personally embarrassed by the agency's lack of effectiveness." However, directly following this claim the president broke

into laughter, "Ah, I'm just screwing with you, I can't say I'm too sorry about what happened."

Following this release, Mrs. Robinson responded, "I am thoroughly disappointed in Barak's actions. I always knew that Michelle could do better."



Pictured above: NSA agents (hidden).

The Slant's White House inside source reported that the White House staff is preparing its domestic conflict support program which consists of making up the couch in the oval office and moving all of the objects that could easily double as projectiles into storage.

THE SLANT'S PYRAMIDAL GUIDE TO MUSIC BUT ALSO FOOD



Meat Loaf, along with other poultry and meat groups, is a great source of protein and vitamin B12.



Intake of Sugar Ray and other sweet and oily groups should really be kept to a minimum.



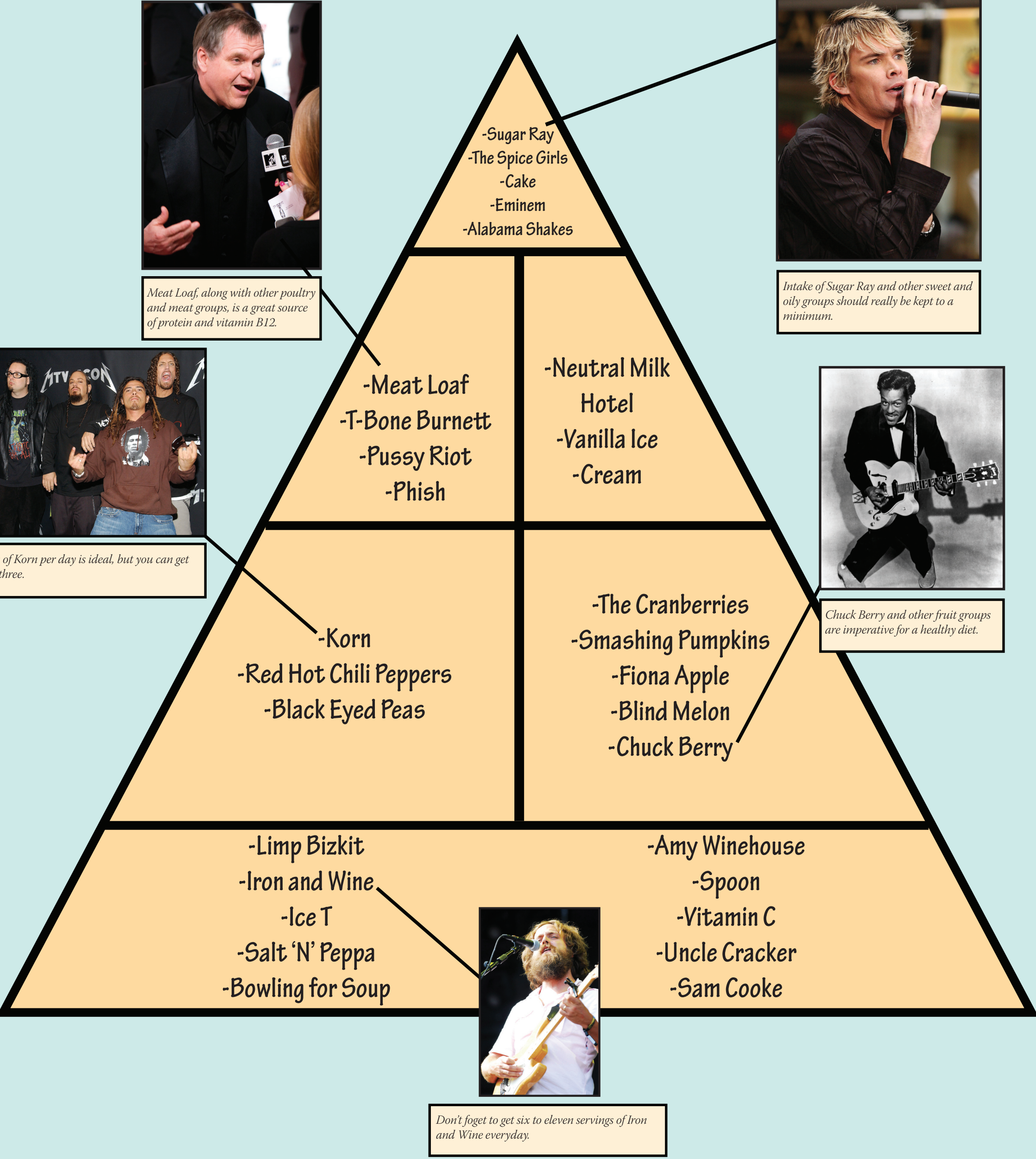
Two servings of Korn per day is ideal, but you can get by with one.



Chuck Berry and other fruit groups are imperative for a healthy diet.



Don't forget to get six to eleven servings of Iron and Wine everyday.



Bamboo Bistro Owner Refuses to Serve Water to Achieve True 'Nam Experience

By: Sarah Vollman
Cullinary Correspondent

Nashville TN- Under the instruction of its owner, Vietnam veteran Lt. Johnny, Vanderbilt's new Vietnamese restaurant Bamboo Bistro does not serve water. Lt. Johnny said of the decision: "Back in 'Nam, we didn't get fresh water when we were dodgin' bullets!"

Vanderbilt's initiative to display a diverse array of cultural food selections began with the Rand lunch paper station's famous Chinese fried rice with squash, Tex-Mex squash and beans, and French-fried squash.

Building on its success, the university created Bamboo Bistro, committing to represent Vietnamese culture completely. The Cultural Food Committee happened to see Lt. Johnny having a pretend sword fight with a tree outside during the meeting, and everything began to fall into place.

When Vanderbilt decided to open the new restaurant in Alumni Hall, they wanted to "do it right," claims Director of Dining Camp Howard. Lt. Johnny's Bamboo Bistro maintains the "exceptional level of authenticity the school demands," serving traditional Vietnamese pho, banh mi sandwiches, salad, and tea.

When student Laura Smith asked for water with her pho on Tuesday, Lt. Johnny retorted while constantly looking over his shoulder, "Sam wanted a cup of water too once - that night

we were sleeping in mud. But Sam never got that cup of water, did he? Oh no. Ha!" Vanderbilt claims that Lt. Johnny's mild case of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder only adds to the Bamboo experience.

The Lt. can often be spotted in a ratty camo shirt and an American flag bandana stumbling around campus shouting phrases at students like, "I didn't get to Twitter my Snapchat in 'Nam!" *The Slant* managed to sit down with the Lieutenant while he was having a staring contest with a squirrel outside Alumni Hall. When questioned about his inspiration for the menu, the Lieutenant declared that although the water wasn't clean in Vietnam, the mango tea was "damn good." He also shared that he prefers mint over cilantro in his pho.



Students avoid trip-wires and landmines in the newly-renovated Alumni Hall.

Vandy Midgets Delight Over Unreasonably Short Chairs

By: Almaz Mesghina
Petite Promoter

Last week, Vanderbilt midgets delighted as Sarratt Student Center celebrated the implementation of those really short red chairs in the Last Drop Coffee Shop lounge.

While all students have praised the inclusion of the “uncomfortable,” “unbearable,” and “undesirable” seats, no one has appreciated them more than the Students Hating Obstacles Related to Tallness, or S.H.O.R.T., a student-led organization dedicated to “protecting the rights and heights of the Vanderbilt midget population.”

After having undergone nearly two centuries of limitations on and around campus, Vanderbilt midgets and S.H.O.R.T. members have rejoiced in the obvious win for their side. “We’ve been physically overcoming obstacles since the day this university was founded; it’s about time we got some recognition for our concerns,” says S.H.O.R.T. president Melissa Pequeno, who is tired of stepping on her tippy toes to reach the frozen yogurt toppings.

“Midgets need a location to conduct informal business meetings too,” adds frequent Last Drop visitor, but infrequent sitter-downer, Paul Smalls.

“Where else will I casually sit and drink my mocha frap while pretending to preoccupy myself with something on my computer when in fact I’m wholeheartedly regretting the unhealthy purchase and reevaluating my life choices?” he continues.

Last Drop’s red chairs are ergonomically designed to support the average nine-inch spine,



“Chairs should only be this high, at most.”

while also allowing for adequate lumbar support and ensuring that the occupant’s feet will, in fact, touch the floor.

“It’s top-of-the-line sedentary engineering, and it’s all for us,” brags Pequeno.

Meanwhile, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions has recognized the significance of Vanderbilt’s progressive seating.

“We’re definitely going to start highlighting these chairs on our tours – probably make a whole new stop out of it,” says Amanda Biggs, a senior tour guide and S.H.O.R.T. representative who has constantly watched the under-4’10” community scoff at Vanderbilt’s inconsideration.

After realizing the sudden, positive boost to its recently charred image, Vanderbilt has made plans to replace all chairs on campus with the smaller, more vertically-friendly red models that resemble Last Drop’s chairs. By 2015, they hope to have also replaced all tables with similarly more ridiculous and shorter models just because.

Sophomore Girl Asked For “Digits,” Presents Her Dismembered Fingers

By: Nick Sparkman
Finger Fanatic

A panic erupted around 1:30 AM at a fraternity party held last Friday at the Sigma Chi house in response to one Sarah Amis’s detaching her own fingers. Multiple eyewitness reports indicate that Amis, who was highly intoxicated, was seen carrying her fingers around on a paper plate.

Police interviews conducted after the incident revealed Amis’s motives to be romantic in nature. Junior Sigma Chi member Zack Howard says that he and Amis had been “hitting it off” during the course of the evening, and when Howard requested her “digits,” that’s when the young woman headed off to the kitchen.

Amis operated alone in amputating the fingers on her left hand but encountered trouble when it came time to remove her remaining fingers. Though she made what was described as a “good-faith” effort to complete the job by herself by operating a meat cleaver with her mouth, she eventually turned to her fellow partygoers, including Ella Jennings, for assistance.

Police found Jennings frazzled and trembling following the ordeal, but were able to collect a detailed account from her nonetheless. “She was just like, ‘Can you help me with something real quick?’ and I was like, ‘Yeah, sure,’” Jennings allegedly said. “But then I realized that all her fingers were, like, chopped off and I totally freaked out.”

The initial hysteria from the kitchen quickly spread to the rest of the house. Howard didn’t see reason to leave at first because he “didn’t know what all those bitches were screaming about,” but Amis soon thereafter approached him.

“She was stumbling a lot and stuff, and she was just like, ‘Is this what you wanted?’ and then she just started laughing a lot.” Alana Pittman, close friend of Amis, said that “Sarah normally has problems when she drinks, but I never thought anything would top the time she tried to make out with her dad.”

Howard and many others quickly contacted authorities, and Amis was rushed to the Vanderbilt Medical Center, where doctors worked to reattach her fingers. The Psychological Counseling Center continues to offer its resources to all witnesses of the incident (appointments can be made by calling (615) 322-2571).



Pictured is Amis’ old iPhone that she ironically traded in for a 5s with a fingerprint scanner.

Students Attend 96th Annual Flulapalooza Music Festival

By: Debby Malaze
Malady Monitor

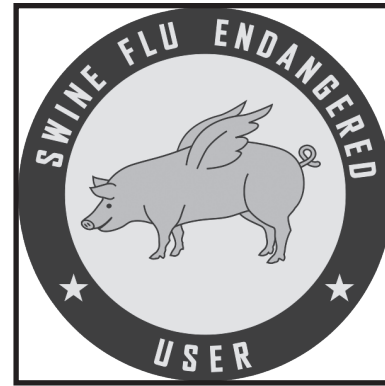
This past Wednesday, Vanderbilt students flocked in droves to the 96th annual Flulapalooza Music Festival, where they were able to catch glimpses of influential players in the music business. Headliners included Swine, a long time favorite, and Avian, a group that debuted in 1996 and that plans to make a comeback tour after this year’s Flulapalooza. The event, hosted by the Commons Directory Coordinators, or CDC, made sure to include lesser-known but equally talented bands in the festival this year.

“I feel like some of these smaller bands are going to hit the scene in a big way,” festival coordinator Steve Bluffs said. “More than anything, the enthusiasm for music at Flulapalooza is known to be incredibly contagious, and it always comes back, so we would like that to work in favor of the up-and-comers we’ve featured.”

Newcomers to the festival include the Guatemalan band Bat, a post-punk group with classical influences and well-known for its rousing nocturnes, and Canine, a small-label favorite with a loyal following. Many speculators in the industry have suggested that the festival will help launch these new bands and turn them into household names.

“We’ve had a great deal of success spreading these bands in the past,” Emily Hart, public relations representative for the festival, said. “In fact, that’s how our first festival really got its legs back in 1918, with the band Spanish. They really killed it back then. Everyone was into it, and everyone was dying to hear them again and again.”

Spanish disbanded back in the 1930s, but many, including Spanish enthusiast Charlotte Berg, contend that Swine has carried on the legacy they left behind.




One of several collectible buttons passed out at this year’s Flulapalooza festival.

“Spanish was the headliner then, and Swine is the headliner now, and I really feel like that’s for a reason,” Berg stated early on Wednesday. “Swine’s breakout album in 2009, *H1N1*, was a really big hit, and it was definitely a carrier for the same style and themes of Spanish – traditional, all-encompassing, and just in general drop-dead gorgeous music.”


Berg, a self-proclaimed “musick” fan, was pleased with the presence of Flulapalooza in the Vanderbilt environment.

“I’ve always loved these festivals – the Christian music festival, Egyptian Doors, was always one of my favorites growing up, and of course I always loved when Sneezier came into town for Hooked on Bubonics. There was always this degree of infectious excitement in the air, and I’ve really missed having that.”

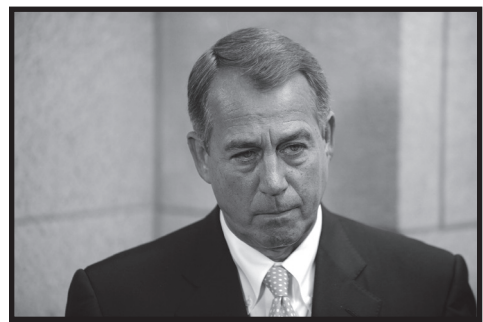


AROUND the loop ?

What are you going to do when the government shuts down?



John Bohner



Return to Hades from whence I came.

China



Call in all the US’s debts.

Vanderbilt Student



I have a chemistry test Thursday, and then a paper due Friday.

President Obama



Fuck off.

Bill Clinton



Probably get laid....interns with time on their hands- that’s kinda my wheelhouse.

American Citizen



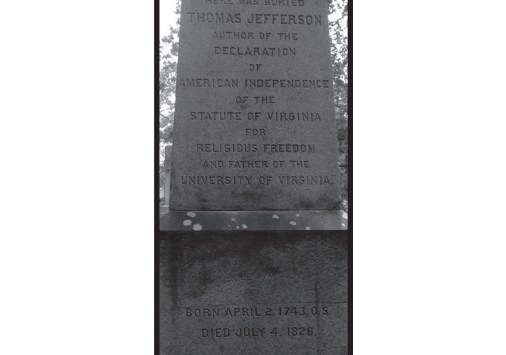
Continue to fight off untreated cancer until I can purchase health insurance on the exchanges.

Investment Banker



Snort some coke, make millions of dollars, choke a hooker. Same as usual.

Thomas Jefferson



Shit a brick.

Student Health Discovers Mucinex is 'Miracle Drug'

By: Michael Greshko
Drug Dude

NASHVILLE, TN—Research led by investigators from Vanderbilt's Zerfoss Student Health Center suggests that guaifenesin, commercially sold as the expectorant Mucinex, may be a "wonder drug" that can eliminate the symptoms or directly cure nearly all diseases caused by bacterial and viral infections, autoimmune disorders, or environmental irritants.

The study, appearing in the November issue of *The Lancet*, further suggests that the drug, advertised by anthropomorphic globs of mucus in print and on television, could play a key role in the future development of stable pluripotent stem cell lines, chemotherapeutic drugs, and next-generation prostheses.

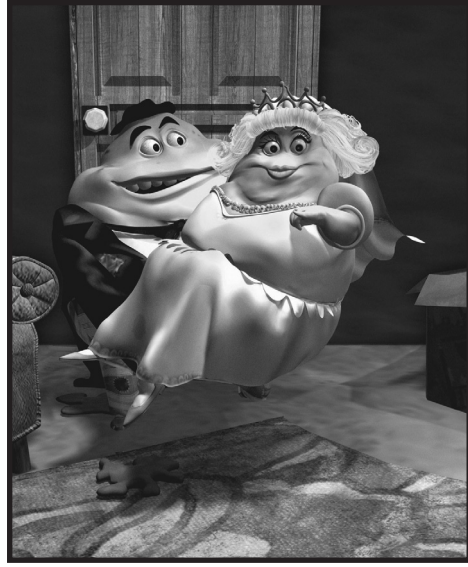
Nurse practitioner Delilah Campbell, the study's lead author, began her work into the amazing properties of the drug after prescribing it to a first-year student who shattered his left fibula and jaw in a bicycle accident. "Back when I started here, we'd just give it to people with allergies or maybe the flu," she said, "but slowly, we began to realize just how powerful this medication really is." The student, who spoke to *The Slant* on the condition of anonymity, healed from his wounds in eight days.

Soon, double-blind clinical trials conducted by Campbell and colleagues demonstrated that undergraduate visitors to Zerfoss healed 82 percent faster and had 67 percent fewer recurrences of symptoms after taking Mucinex when compared to the control, regardless of the ailment listed in their initial diagnosis. Some results were especially dramatic: Three trial participants were successfully cured of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Crohn's disease, and sickle-cell anemia, respectively.

Guaifenesin, a heavily modified propanediol, is thought to operate by both improving the volume and viscosity of tracheal and bronchial secretions and relaxing muscles without analgesic or consciousness-influencing effects, resulting in elevated blood oxygen concentrations, reduced

inflammation, boosted immune responses, and accelerated repair of damaged tissues. "For a lot of these cases, though, the important thing is that we just prescribe it," Campbell added. "Simply getting told that you should get Mucinex is often enough to begin the healing process."

Reckitt Benckiser, the cleaning supply, mustard, skin care, medicine, and condom conglomerate that produces Mucinex, issued in a statement earlier today that "this study demonstrates the truly remarkable potential that modern medicine and scientific inquiry holds for the future of man." In a gesture of gratitude to the Vanderbilt researchers, Reckitt Benckiser has announced its intent to donate a ten-year supply of the medication to Zerfoss, in the hopes that it will expand its program of prescribing Mucinex to combat all ailments and maladies reported by undergraduates.



Student with full-blown hepatitis. Prescribed Mucinex and called it a day. God I love being a doctor.

Olive Gordon's Restaurant Now On the Card

By: Katherine Klockenkemper
Italian Innovator

The newest addition to the Taste of Nashville program is Olive Gordon's, an authentic Italian restaurant in Midtown across from Chuy's. Olive Gordon's joins Roma's Pizza and Pasta in the off-campus dining Italian options.

The tiny, tucked-away façade is reminiscent of an Italian ghetto, but the rustic appearance isn't the only authentic touch of the eatery. Owner and head chef Olive Gordon, who immigrated to Nashville from a small town in Sicily in 2012, promises that her small, rotating menu of home-grown delicacies rivals dishes made in her motherland. She also claims that the prices will appeal to college students.

"I want students to be able to taste Italy," Gordon said via translator. "I'm already overwhelmed by the high volume of customers and inquiries I have received about my restaurant."

One such customer is sophomore Sam Whittle, who visited Olive Gordon's last Friday night.

"I was planning on a big night of drinking with the bros, so I thought some mediocre pasta would hit the spot," said Whittle. "Boy, was I wrong. I could compare my alfredo to a religious experience. I wasn't even hungover the next day. My respect for Olive Gordon's has skyrocketed."

Senior Maria Ross agrees. "I'm a huge fan of Italian restaurants like Macaroni Grill and Carabba's. So I was thrilled when Olive Gordon's opened so close to campus so I can finally get my chicken marsala fix."

Students' high praises share a common theme: the food is so exquisitely authentic that it almost

tastes "too good," according to Ross. Gordon is pleased at the positive reception, but is also puzzled by some adamant requests that do not reflect her menu's rustic selections.

"Where I come from in Italy, we don't eat 'bread sticks.' I have heard that people expect these sticks to be served with unlimited servings of soup and salad. We just cannot do that. I must preserve the integrity of my restaurant," Gordon stressed in Italian.

Gordon's English is limited, so when it came to naming her establishment, she decided to keep it simple.

"This restaurant is an extension of who I am, and represents my life's work. I thought, this is me, a true Italian cook. This place is Olive Gordon's."



Pasta dish topped with signature Olive Gordon garden olives.

Zeppos to Install Campus-Wide Balance Beams and Parallel Bars for Shawn Johnson

By: Julia Ordog
Gymnastics Guru

Chancellor Zeppos announced at a press conference on Tuesday that Vanderbilt will be installing balance beams and parallel bars around campus for retired-Olympian-turned-college-student Shawn Johnson.

After the first month of classes, Zeppos realized how underwhelming Johnson's reception had been and decided that immediate action was necessary. "She was excluded from the VUcept experience and doesn't get to live on the Commons," Zeppos said. "She must be feeling very left out of the real Vandy experience. We haven't done a very good job of making her feel at

home here."

Zeppos' method of integrating Johnson into the community includes installing 417 balance beams and 250 sets of parallel bars throughout campus, covering all routes of Johnson's class schedule, and cutting paths to the dining halls. Many classroom buildings have also been renovated to include pommel horses, uneven bars, and spring boards as well. Zeppos elaborated, "What better way to help Johnson adjust to life on campus than to bring gymnastics to Vanderbilt in the biggest way possible?"

Zeppos pointed out that the web of equipment will also help Johnson get to

class on time. "She's just too short... walking is so slow. If she can flip and tumble and fly to class, it will be way more convenient for her."

Zeppos intends to personally oversee the installment of the equipment around campus this coming weekend. Johnson has declined to comment on the issue.

Freshman Walking from Commons to Main Campus Experiences Jet Lag

By: Sophie To
Weary Writer

Freshman Ben Kloch suffers from a rare condition called Acute Superjetlag Syndrome (ASS). Though it has remained mostly dormant throughout his life, ASS began to act up when he came to Vanderbilt.

Students always wonder why the clocks on Commons run two minutes ahead of those on main campus. Actually, this is because they are in different time zones. For Kloch, this means great difficulty adjusting as he walks from Commons to his classes every day. On days that he can make it at all, he is so exhausted that he sleeps through most of them.

"I'm thinking of switching to Peabody because then the majority of my classes will be in the same time zone as Commons. ASS can really be an ass sometimes," Kloch, currently a student in the Engineering School, said. "But I'm glad my friends here have all been so supportive."

"I thought Big Ben was really cool at first because he'd come back every afternoon and just pass out on the bed—I thought he was always drunk so I got excited about his alcohol connections," explained Kloch's roommate, Austin. "And then I thought he had narcolepsy, which would've been cool too because he would've been like River Phoenix in *My Own Private Idaho* and River Phoenix was pretty cool, you know, until he died."

On the bright side, Kloch is able to use his condition to obtain mates. "At some party, I whispered into this one chick's ear, 'I would walk across time zones just to be with you, no matter how tired I get,' and I didn't feel bad saying it because it was the truth! She fell for it right away!" Kloch said proudly.

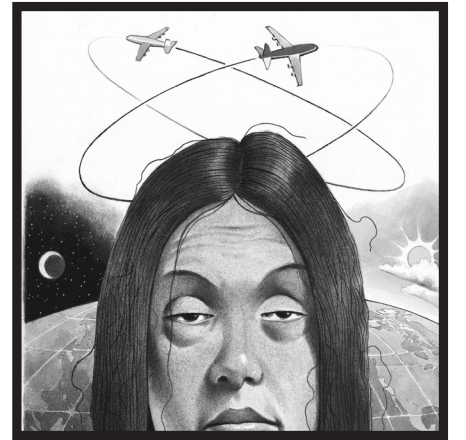
Later that night, however, as the pair was walking back to Commons, ASS got the better of Kloch, so the girl had no choice but to leave him sleeping on Alumni Lawn under the sprin-

klers.

Kloch has tried to seek help for his ASS at the Student Health Center, but so far, he has missed all of his scheduled appointments by stopping for a quick nap on a nearby bench and then oversleeping.

Historically, there has been just one other documented case of ASS: Jesus Christ, who allegedly said upon his ascension to heaven, "Dude, I can't handle this. Let me just lie down on a cloud or something." Prior to that, he had experienced an ASS attack after resurrection, falling asleep instantly because he was so unaccustomed to living-people time. In fact, he is thought to have nearly missed his Greyhound to heaven because of this power nap. Jesus Christ, that was a close call.

Regrettably, Kloch could not be questioned further. (During his interview session, he excused himself to go to the bathroom and did not come back; he was subsequently found sleeping on a toilet.)



Rumored fellow jet-lag sufferer, Dave Grohl or Alanis Morissette.

Overheard at Vanderbilt Shuts Down, Was Actually Performance Art

By: Douglas Lee
Exhibit Entrepreneur

In response to recent revelations that popular Twitter account @Horse_ebooks was neither a spambot nor a horse, Facebook group Overheard at Vanderbilt announced that it was all an elaborate art experiment.

The announcement post reads, "Overheard on Facebook—'Overheard at Vanderbilt' is shutting down. It's been fun, but it's time we come clean. We are not a disparate group of disgruntled Vanderbilt students posting the same five shitty things every day. In fact, we are even more soulless than those Buzzfeed guys who ran @Horse_ebooks: Three members of VPB with a shitload of Facebook accounts. We consider this entire experience art, and we'd all like you to come to Commodore Quake featuring Kendrick Lamar and Wale, October 3 at Memorial Gym. Doors open at 7 and the show starts at 8."

The trio simply called themselves "The Herders" and set up an installation at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts with a PowerPoint displaying various Overheard posts. The exhibit was well-attended and attracted several journalists, such as *The Atlantic* columnist Pretan Shuse.

"Over the course of its surreal run, Overheard at Vanderbilt has redefined not just the Vanderbilt University experience, but the very definition of college life, and even life itself," Shuse wrote in a piece for the magazine. "It seemed as if students had come together to air their grievances around campus, creating a completely organic, transcendent, out-of-body experience. Now it is time for the curtain to be pulled, revealing the three immensely creative artists behind this truly innovative conceptual art piece."

On Facebook and campus, however, the response was less positive.

"FUCK THESE FUCKING FUCKS," Facebook commenter John Davis wrote. "I CANT FCUKING BELIEVE THIS SHIT. OVERHERD WAS AWESOME AND NWO IT SUKKS BALLS."

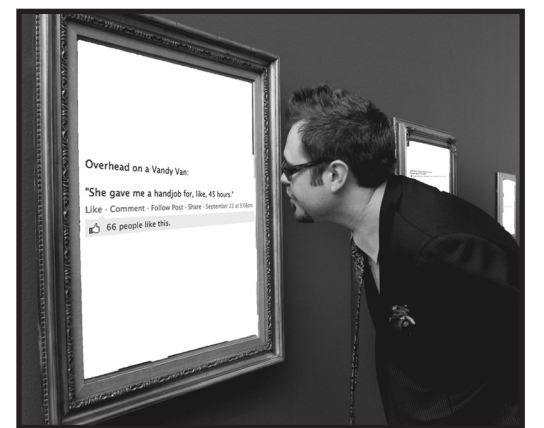
"Overheard hasn't been funny in, like, forever," a student was overheard saying. "I bet it actually was people submitting shit until those three assholes took over."

"Did you guys actually think it was a bunch of Vandy kids?" Facebook commenter Mark Travis wrote. "I mean, come on, that's impossible. I knew it was fake all along."

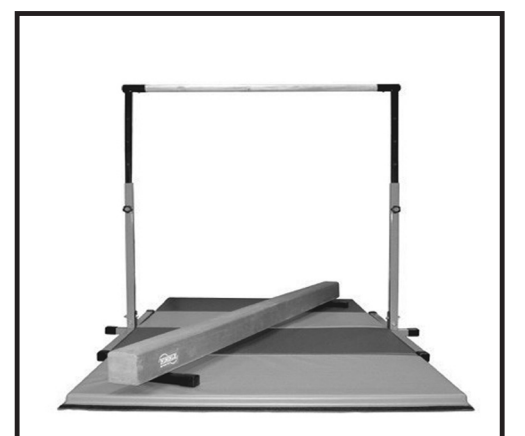
Shortly after Overheard's announcement, a large group of students formed a protest in front of Dank New Rand, now simply called Rand Lounge because Dank New Rand is, in the words of one student, "a shitty-ass name the Overheard guys tried to force down our throats, and we went along with it like idiots."

At the Frist exhibit, one of The Herders claimed he was not surprised by the vitriolic response from students, and in fact welcomed it.

"Getting people in a hissy fit is what art is all about," the Herder said. "It's proof that we are on the edge of avant-garde, independent from larger interests. Also don't forget to go to the Homecoming BLOCK PARTY at Kensington Place, Friday October 3 at 7:00."



FRISKY AT THE FRIST: A patron of the Overheard exhibit analyzes the deep meaning behind "She gave me a handjob for, like, 45 hours."



Seen here are the renovations to Alumni Hall made to help accommodate Shawn Johnson.

TOP TEN REASONS PEOPLE DO COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 10 Court mandate
- 9 They convinced you at ASBBQ
- 8 Accidentally
- 7 Karmic footprint
- 6 The voices in your head told you to
- 5 You're sick and tired of hurting people
- 4 It's what Jesus would do, presumably
- 3 It's what Avalokitesvara would do
- 2 Because you've always wanted to visit Detroit
- 1 Because you care

JOINTHESLANT

By: James Cross

"I write for *The Slant*, ladies." Drop that line and they will get weak in the knees and insects in their stomach. You trying to nail that sorority girl down the hall? Hell yeah you are. She's a natural blonde.

Since I started writing for *The Slant*, I was given the "Makin' Love Manual," written by the first Slant member to lose his virginity, Brother McLaidlot. Now, rather than nervously talking to girls, I let my Slant articles do my talking for me. Last week I cut out my article that made the bottom right corner of the second to last page. Then I wrote my digits on the bottom, made 35 copies, and nailed the article on the doors of the 35 cutest girls on campus. Was I successful in my quest to get laid? Let's just say that since then, I have made good use of *The Slant's* self-made "It's either this paper bag or nothing" condoms.

I know what you're thinking: are these paper bags biodegradable? They are, but that is neither here nor there. All you need to know is if you're looking to get lucky, email Rico Suave at peter.g.linck@vanderbilt.edu. Also, if you are looking for a solid girl-to-guy ratio, come by our weekly meetings on Wednesday at 9pm in Sarratt 130. I go to pick up chicks, but the writing is a nice perk.



Here: James "Ahh sorry guys, I don't have ANY pictures of myself" Cross

Nation Has Officially Forgotten About Bath Salts

By: Bryson Howard
Salty Surveyor

A report released yesterday afternoon from the desk of Thomas R. Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, confirms what people have unknowingly assumed for months: nobody remembers bath salts. The attacks the report calls "horrendous" and "irrational" that once left all of America saying "What the fuck?" now elicit nothing more than a frank "What the fuck are you talking about?"

On May 26, 2012, Rudy Eugene ate the face and ripped out the eyes of Ronald Poppo, leaving all of Florida in fear for upwards of 12 days – a new record at the time for Florida scandals. Survey administrators polled Floridians about the issue, finding that nine out of ten responders can't remember the abhorrent acts of violence. Unfortunately, the data was skewed by outliers as 100% of the victim's family members still vividly remember the terror of that day. Accounting for that systematic error, it's safe to say the wounds of the past have been completely covered by scarred facial tissue and skin grafts, as officially no one remembers bath salts.

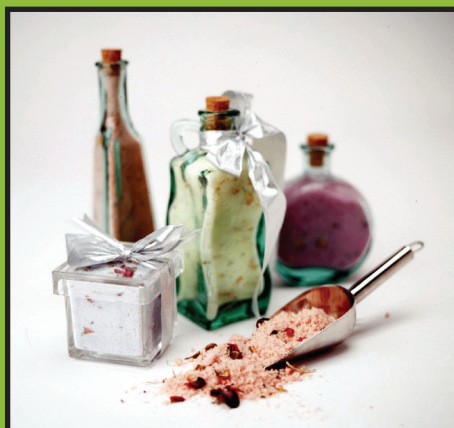
A team was recently sent to Apilachicola, Florida to investigate the panhandle. The cultural mecca of the state was still unaware that bath salts are a thing. When the city's mayor, Van Johnson, was asked if he remembered hearing about people having their faces peeled off like papier-mâché masks, he summarized in a response very telling of his character, "No, I don't really watch Game of Thrones."

How could millions of people completely forget about one of the times that Satan possessed Florida? Director Frieden hypothesized in his report that local events, such as Trayvon Martin's death, along with international turmoil and fears of

economic melt-down, have caused people to hardly remember zombie-Floridians ripping the flesh from the bones of their panhandle red-neck neighbors like bark from a cabbage palmetto, the state tree of Florida, while possessed by a chemical cocktail concocted by the Prince of Darkness himself.

Mayor Johnson added some perspective, saying, "I keep hearing about a debt-ceiling, whatever the hell that is, but I gotta say, a Chick-fil-A did open next to a Zaxby's not long back, and the whole town's basically just been in a civil war ever since." When asked if he was asserting that fast food is more powerful than human strife, the publicly elected mayor emphatically summarized, "People sure do love their chicken!"

Perhaps the only place that hasn't forgotten about bath salts is Bath and Body Works in Opry Mills Mall, and they want to remind you that they're having a fall sale.



Bath salts are commonly referred to by their street names: Satan Powder, Zombie Dust, and Aromatherapy.

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Slant Album Review: Zeppos Shows Off His Gold with Debut LP

By: Grant Paton
Dubstep Degenerate

Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos is best known for his instrumental role in bringing Vanderbilt University international prominence, but he may be known for a different kind of instrument after the release of *Zepposable Thumb*, his debut LP.

The dubstep - folk crossover album expertly captures the work hard, play hard mentality so prevalent on campus, blending thumping bass lines with witty lyrics and word play.

The first track, "In Rand," is a beautifully executed homage to Flock of Seagulls that uses the synthesizer to wax poetic about the joys of being in Rand "all night and day." "In Rand" then drops into "Sarratchet," a crunk-style jam that makes Lil' Jon seem like the Little River Band.

Zeppos delivers a magnum opus from beginning to end, never taking his foot off the creative gas pedal. The true gem of this album lies in "Twerkland Hall," a catchy, bass-thumping dance

number that is destined to become a frat house staple and can get even the most modest of girls to "show off that Buttrick".

Zepposable Thumb is not all bass and beat however. Zeppos is equally adept at writing poignant and moving lyrics, backed up by guitar work reminiscent of The Band. For example, the raw frustration and power of the vocals on "Lost in Stevenson" are breathtaking, and the crooning love ballad "Martha," with its bluegrass style guitar track and Conway Twitty-esque delivery, could bring a tear to the most macho man's eyes.

When asked what he plans to do after *Zepposable Thumb* reaches the top of the charts, Zeppos shrugged off ideas of national tours, claiming "I have too much to do around here to give it all up for the groupies and drugs."

Zeppos did however hint at the possibility of a Rites appearance, saying, "I went up there with the Flaming Lips, who's to say I can't do that again?" Regardless of whether or not we see him on tour, I give the album two Zepposable Thumbs way up.



Chancellor Zeppos folk-dubbing with the Flaming Lips

Q&A WITH SWITCHFOOT

By: Peter Linck

Despite having been in the industry for 17 years, rock band Switchfoot is still going strong. Their newest project 'Fading West' includes a tour, documentary, EP, and full length album. *The Slant* sat down with bassist Tim Foreman to talk about the future of Switchfoot.



The Slant: You all played a show in Franklin on Tuesday. Is there anything in particular you're looking forward to in visiting Nashville?

Tim Foreman: Um, we're actually not Switchfoot, we're Story of the Year. But we have played shows in Nashville before and we're really looking forward to seeing the city again on our ten year anniversary reunion tour.

The Slant: You guys really have a diverse sound that really covers a lot of sub-genres: surfer rock, alt rock, and Christian rock. Is that the sound you were all striving for when you started out back in San Diego?

Tim Foreman: It sounds like you're thinking of Switchfoot again. My name is Adam Russell and I am the bassist for the band Story of the Year. But anyway, I do think that our sound is pretty diverse and that's something we've always wanted. We try and combine elements of emo, hardcore, and alternative in a really unique way.

The Slant: So I've heard that your band name comes from when you switch feet on a surfboard. Has your relationship with the band name changed over the years?

Tim Foreman: I'm not sure why you think I'm from Switchfoot. I am from Story of the Year, a completely different band. We were originally called Big Blue Monkey, but we changed our name when we discovered a blues band with the same name.

The Slant: What was the inspiration behind 'Fading West,' and how is it different from your past albums?

Tim Foreman: I'm assuming that's the name of the new Switchfoot album. I have nothing to do with that band or the music they produce.

The Slant: Even after all these years, do people still shout out requests for "Dare You To Move" at all your shows?

Tim Foreman: This interview is over.

-SlantLeaks-

Mark Russell, ~~Random Ass Person~~

From: The ██████ NSA
Sent: Monday September 23rd 2013
To: Mark Russell
Subject: Re: Asking Out Rachael
Hey Mark,

Listen, I'm telling you this as a friend. You have to ask out Rachael soon. It doesn't have to be a big deal--just ask her if she wants to get drinks this Friday or something. Don't be nervous, don't even think about it. Seriously, we're like 99% sure that she's into you. She was gushing about you to her friend Karen. You should have heard the way she was talking about you--it was hot!

If things go well, chances are high that she'll invite you over to her apartment. We should probably let you know that she's into some weird stuff. Still, we don't think any of it will be a problem for you. We know you have some unusual "interests" as well (just look at your Google search history--haha.) Make sure to bring both pairs of handcuffs with you.

I don't want to get you too hyped up. I know I've given you some bad advice in the past. Remember three years ago, back in college? ██████ like 2:30 in the morning and I told you to text that girl you liked, "Wanna go to Jack in the Box and then maybe take some shots in my room?" And she texted back "Haha noooo". You were so embarrassed!

Anyway, like I said, that won't happen with Rachael. I guarantee it. In fact, I'm so confident it will go well I want to know exactly how the date went. Get back to me by Sunday. Actually, don't bother. I'll know how everything went after you text one of your friends.

Your Friend,
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