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Man Feels Like It Was Just Yesterday

By: James Cross
Nostalgia Notary

Last week, sources reported that Robert Kent stated that when he was at the antique car auto fair it was like it was only yesterday.

"I grew up in this town, as did my father before me. Every year we would go to the car show. I took my son this year. It was my first time back in twenty-three years. The old car smell and the roaring of the engines triggered such a nostalgic feeling. I swear it feels like it was just yesterday. Something about it made me feel like yesterday was the one before this one."

The Field County Vintage Auto Fair has been held annually since 1963. This year's attendees reported the weather was cloudy with something strange in the air. Witnesses claimed they saw Robert admiring a '63 T-bird when he stopped, made a sound that has been described as "huh," and then continued with his day. The president of Vintages Auto, Pete Tint, was getting a ham and cheese sandwich at the food stand just

three cars over from Robert. Pete told us he saw Robert squint his face and then seconds later give a satisfied grin. Robert then proceeded to walk forward. Kent's son, Samuel, expressed confusion over his father's demeanor at the auto fair. "I was excited to sit in all the sports cars, but Dad just kept sighing and looking kinda at the cars but kinda past them. And then he would nod."

"It's a feeling that's hard to describe to others," said Kent. "Someone can't tell you it. You just kind of know when you feel it. It's funny, I remember as a kid I would see grown men get misty eyed and tell me to enjoy every moment. I always told myself that would never be me. But here I am now, telling you I just got this feeling yesterday was the day last past," Kent told The Slant.

The Slant kept in contact with Robert and says he has yet to comment whether or not he suspects there was a yesterday to today, October 15th.

Boy Drops That Thun Thun

By: Almaz Mesghina
Thun Thun Theorizer

Dishonoring his family, friends, and community at large, local fourteen-year-old Devin Michaels made international news after he dropped that thun thun sometime during the early morning hours of last Monday, October 14th.

The impact of that thun thun was felt within seconds of being dropped, as seismic activity reached record-breaking levels and resulted in the single greatest tsunami-hurricane-recession-drought to hit the planet.

"It broke my Richter scale," complains geologist Richard Stout, "fucking Armageddon, man." Shortly after that thun thun was dropped, God declared a worldwide state of emergency.

The Slant sat down with Michaels to gather his reasons for generating a terroristic panic and devastating his entire family.

"But I didn't even know I was carrying a thun thun," said Michaels as his family began to pack his belongings into empty boxes and Wal-Mart bags. "He used to play forts with these boxes," recalled his mother, tearfully, as she cursed the day

her son became an "irresponsible little prick".

Michaels' neighbor, 42-year-old Phil O'Connor, described what he remembered of last Monday night's events. "I stepped outside for a smoke at about 1 and saw [Michaels] practicing some weird voodoo shit, conjuring up only God-knows-what. Next thing I knew, that thun thun was dropped, and [Michaels] vanished," recalled O'Connor. "Last I saw of it, that thun thun was convulsing, but still miraculously breathing," he continued, painfully, as he helped Michaels' mother shred all her Mother's Day cards of years past.

"Wait, it's a living thing!?" inquired the "confused" teenager upon hearing O'Connor's damning testimony.

"He was specifically told not to drop that thun thun, I don't see how that could've been any clearer," said his mother as she removed the last of his belongings out of their house and onto the street curb.

At press time, fourteen-year-old Michaels was seen walking with his belongings to the nearest motel, presumably to wreak more havoc on the unknowing world.

Girl Who Works Out Everyday Not Really Trying to Alter Appearance

By: Peter Linck
Fitness Freak

Sources at the Vanderbilt Recreation Center have reported that, despite working out for at least an hour practically every single day, twenty-one year old Valerie Tankenson doesn't seem interested in changing the way her body looks.

Tankenson, a junior who has been physically active since her freshman year, typically adheres to the same routine during each visit to the gym. "She usually hits the elliptical for like a half hour before doing a dumbbell routine and working on her core," commented gym frequenter and Vanderbilt Crew Team captain Charles Carver. "She's definitely in shape. She just doesn't seem to be progressing or setting any goals," he added.

Other regular gym users voiced confusion as to why Tankenson continues to come to the gym day after day. "I hit the gym a few times a week because I'm skinny and trying to bulk up, but I don't know why she's always here," said sopho-

more Thomas McCleary who also noted that he's gained about ten pounds of muscle since he started working out over the summer. "Why would you spend so much time at the gym if you don't want to build muscle or lose weight? It just doesn't make sense."

"I mean, I just have to go to the gym," commented Tankenson while doing her third set of tricep extensions with five pound weights, an exercise typical of her routine that has absolutely no visible effect on her physicality. "It's just a thing I have to do."

"We watch her come in the entrance all the time, and I'm actually not sure how she manages to look the exact same after all that exercise, day in and day out," said Rec Center desk worker Janelle Martin. "If I saw her on the street, I'm not sure if I'd assume she works out a lot or if I'd assume she's just naturally skinny."

At press time, Tankenson was pacing around by the Recreation Center's water fountains waiting for her favorite elliptical machine to be free.

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FROM THE EDITOR



PETER LINCK

You ever think about how a lot of the words and phrases we use are just really out of date?

The other day I was thinking about horse racing (it was a slow day) and I hopped on Google to find out the origins of the word “furlong.” Apparently

the term dates back to at least the ninth century when communal, medieval fields were divided into strips. The term referred to the length of the furrow (the trench made by a plow) in one acre of a field. I’m thankful we don’t use this antiquated measurement on roads and highways (thankfully we have the equally arbitrary mile), but if racehorses aren’t plowing then why not let them run in yards, meters, or feet?

And that’s not the only obsolete horse-related thing we say. You know that saying “don’t look a gift horse in the mouth?” Do you know how long it’s been since anyone got a gift horse? Not to mention that a gift horse is very unrealistic considering that, when that saying was first crafted, horses were probably the main form of transportation. Getting a gift horse was probably like those car commercials where the guy takes his girlfriend outside on Christmas morning to see a shiny new sedan parked in the driveway with a big red bow on top. If the horse equivalent of that commercial was around back then, everyone would’ve flipped channels just like we do today.

Speaking of automobiles and steeds, why do we keep measuring car engines in horsepower? First off, assuming that all horses are created equal despite differences between breeds, not to mention genetic variation, is just insulting to the horse as a species. Secondly, the average person has no idea how powerful a horse even is. Car engines should be measured by some unit we can actually sort of grasp. For instance, “The new Mustang has a 1,562 iPhone battery power engine” or “The new Dodge Durango, with its four cylinder, eighteen presidential power engine.” Everyone these days drives a car. If anything, we should be measuring horses by carpower.

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Wow, Buzzfeed is getting pretty dark these days.

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 -EKFÑRV and Sometimes Y Community Celebrates Sexual Diversity with National Coming Out Week

By: Kayley Romick
 Gender Guarantor

NASHVILLE—Last week, the Vanderbilt Lambda Association observed National Coming Out Week arranging special events to inform the student body about related issues and foster support for sexual minorities.

“We want to create a warm environment for people of all different kinds—these types of occasions help promote understanding between individuals with different life experiences and goals,” President of Vanderbilt Lambda, Monique Lerer, said. “National Coming Out Week is a perfect time to enlighten students about issues regarding sexual minorities.”

Major events included the Thursday night Drag Show featuring Jujubee of RuPaul’s Drag Race.

“These drag queens make me want to give up on being a woman! They do it so much better than I do!” Blair student Han Dewan said.

Formerly confused students discovered new realms of love and attraction at the What Do Those Other Letters Stand for Anyway Lecture Series.

“Nandusexuals are not actually attracted to ostriches, it’s attraction to all Hispanic people with abnormally long necks,” imported speaker Rafa Hernandez said.

Besides the main stream events, Necrosexuals took a special trip to the cemetery to visit deceased loved ones; members of the Pedosexual Worker’s Union lead seminars on workplace discrimination in the Student Life Center.

“The law misunderstands our passion for children,” PWU attorney Robin Banks said. “Rejecting applicants based on their sexual orientation undermines civil rights.”

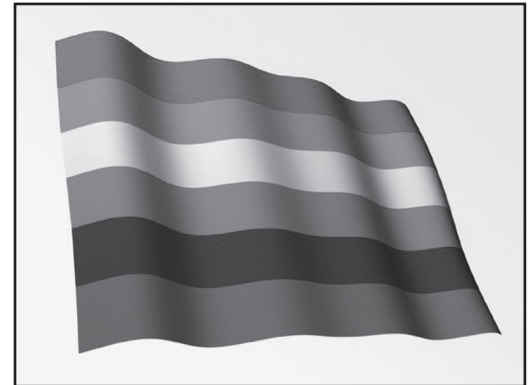
Trouble arose after a group of heterosexual students partook in rainbow cupcakes at Commons. They quickly proceeded to file an application with the International Society of Sexual Diversity and Inclusion expressing interest in adding H to LGBTQIAPCUZDØJSMNXOßWC EKFÑRV and Sometimes Y.

“Free love, free food—we want in, too!” sophomore George Michaels said.

Local disgruntled gay, Thurman Doyle, offered fervent dissent making it clear that the LGBTQIAPCUZDØJSMNXOßWC EKFÑRV and Sometimes Y Community refuses to include H.

“This is an exclusive group. We can’t just include everybody,” Doyle said. “That would be like having the African American AND EVERYONE ELSE community.”

While the H application remains pending, it’s certain that Vanderbilt’s celebration of this year’s National Coming Out Week is more memorable than the full acronym itself.



A rainbow flag, seen here in grayscale.

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The Cumberland to be Renamed Martha Ingram’s River

By: Nate Braman
 Gender Guarantor

In a public address held last Tuesday, Nashville Mayor Karl Dean excitedly revealed that Nashville’s largest flowing body of water, The

Cumberland River, will be renamed the Martha Ingram’s River in honor of Martha Rivers Ingram, former chairman of Ingram Industries and noted river enthusiast.

The name change follows Mrs. Martha Rivers Ingram’s recent contribution to the River Conservation Fund.

“Sure, ‘The Cumberland’ has done us alright since the Revolutionary War or so,” Mayor Dean explained to the crowd of citizens and press gathered at the steps of the Capitol Building. “But do you really think anyone intended that name to stick? Just who is this Cumberland fellow and how many libraries has he paid for, exactly?”

Martha Rivers Ingram, however, has made her devotion to the Martha Ingram’s River clear through her generous philanthropy. With her most recent check, she surpassed Martin’s River, Clover River, and Poor River as its number one tributary. The announcement was met by excitement from the crowd, drawn in record numbers likely due to both the exciting news and complimentary Martha Rivers Ingram bobble heads distributed to attendants. Nick Zeppos, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, was among the most exuberant audience members. “I’m just so happy for Martha Rivers Ingram,” Zeppos told The

Slant, beaming widely. “She deserves the Martha Ingram’s River. She’s one of our biggest supporters over at Vanderbilt, and is just an incredibly kind and generous human being.

“A real role model.” Zeppos paused for a moment before adding, “I tell my son all the time, ‘Look at her. That’s the kind of person you should grow up to be, Martha Rivers Ingram Zeppos.”

Despite the size of her recent contribution, Martha Rivers Ingram has made clear that her work with the river is far from over. Future restoration projects include river clean-up efforts and construction of a new river to house all of the Martha Ingram River’s first year fish.



Cumberland River Pedestrian Bridge now spans the majestic banks of the Martha Ingram’s River.

Bastard Confession



“I genuinely did not realize we were allowed to beat ranked opponents until this week. We should do this more often.”

--James Franklin

Local Salmon Feel Up a Creek, Bemoan Lack of Evolutionary Benefits

By: *Salma River*
Piscine Proponent

Salmon run is the time of year in which North America's populations of sexually frustrated salmon fulfill their biological need to swim miles upstream, spawn, and die, and despite its evolutionary necessity for the fish, several prominent salmon have issued statements regarding their frustration with the event.

"Our bodies are literally incapable of surviving salmon run," salmon president Red Salar stated earlier today. "How could evolution do this to us? It makes me wonder if evolution really exists at all, or if it's just some crazy idea a bunch of white dudes made up."

Salmon interpreter Steve Bluffs reached out to other local salmon for comment on the increased criticism of evolution.

"Do you even realize how fucking difficult my life is right now?" one salmon swimming upstream responded. "One, I am the incarnate metaphor for a hard life. I am fighting an uphill battle, and I am going to die of exhaustion or be eaten by bears. This whole fucking ordeal is to reproduce, and I don't even get to enjoy it!" That salmon was henceforth unavailable for comment due to being eaten by a bear.

Bluffs made contact with another salmon a little further upstream using professional salmon calling.

"I don't understand why I couldn't have just been born a jellyfish, for fuck's sake," the salmon declared. "They just float where ever the water takes them, they sting whoever wanders by, and then they eat them! Have you ever seen a jellyfish swim upstream? I don't think so. They don't even have a consciousness and they behave more reasonably than me."

This dissatisfaction brings back to discussion the controversy

between evolution and other theories of biological development, some of which have long been issues of contention among salmon across the North American continent. Bluffs managed to reach salmon philosopher Finnigan Lago for further insight into this conflict.

"Evolution is an intriguing topic of debate in these parts," Lago said. "It is what allows us to succeed and reproduce - in fact, it is all that has kept us here, and yet, it is also the reason that we die so young and lead such short lives. Is evolution beneficent? No one can be sure whether our lives had any meaning at all!"

Bluffs's interview with Lago was unfortunately cut short, as Lago jumped out of the water and was eaten by a large grizzly bear. As of press time, the grizzly bear population could not be reached for comment on this issue.



Local grizzly bear enjoys its evolutionary superiority during salmon season.

The Slant's Giant Rolling Paper

1. Tear along dotted lines.
2. Insert tobacco only. *The Slant* does not condone the use of illegal drugs.
3. Fold along middle.
4. Roll.
5. Enjoy!

Nashville Police Institute Game Night for At-Risk Youth to Combat "Boredom Crime"

By: *Nick Sparkman*
Crime Cataloger

NASHVILLE- Metro Nashville Police have begun a crime-prevention program in which teens identified as at-risk youth are provided the option of "Game Night" in various inner-city locations. This initiative has been started in response to the sharp spike in crimes in the Nashville area, especially in the areas of Vanderbilt's campus.

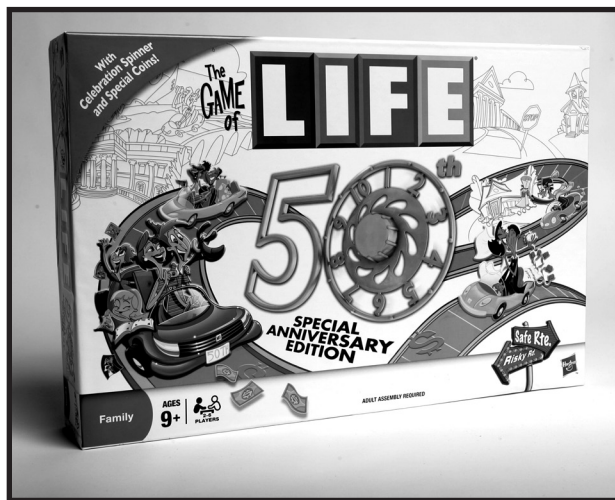
"We're finding that most recent crimes have been committed on weekday nights, when youths have little else to do but perpetrate what we're referring to as "boredom crimes," program director Sheryl Ward stated. "What we're providing them is an outlet through which they can channel into board games that energy which otherwise might develop into armed robberies."

Program participants say they have benefitted from MNP's efforts. One participant cites Monopoly as his new favorite game, saying he now prefers the streets of Park Place and Connecticut Avenue to the streets of real life.

Another youth never knew how "dope" cribbage could be, and now claims he prefers to get his fixes from the card game as opposed to illicit drugs, which he says are much more expensive anyway.

"We had no intention for the program to play the part of drug rehabilitation, but we're glad to see it as a positive side effect," Ward says.

Recent reports from the Game Night indicate that rivaling gangs have taken to using Scrabble tournaments as a safer alternative to violent scuffles. MNP is looking to expand the program and help other urban areas establish new similar ones.



Youth participating in MNP's new program are now winning at *The Game of Life*.

Slanted Weather Forecast

Monday



A cold front from came in from Canada over the weekend. Wear as much flannel as you can every day: flannel shirts, flannel socks, flannel jeans, flannel thongs.

Tuesday



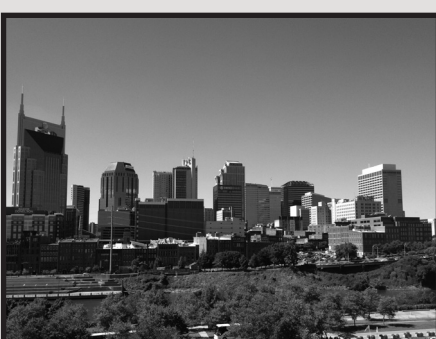
The Slant does not actually know if it will rain or not, but if it does, *The Slant* recommends building an ark or learning how to walk on water.

Wednesday



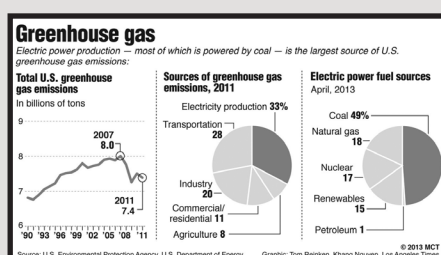
Autumn is upon us, so watch out for leaves falling from the trees. Safety first: always wear a helmet when traversing campus.

Thursday



Sunny, clear skies, with a high of 76 degrees. The kind of weather you wish you could last for all eternity. And if you're measuring on the Celsius scale, then you'll get this kind of weather every day in Hell.

Friday

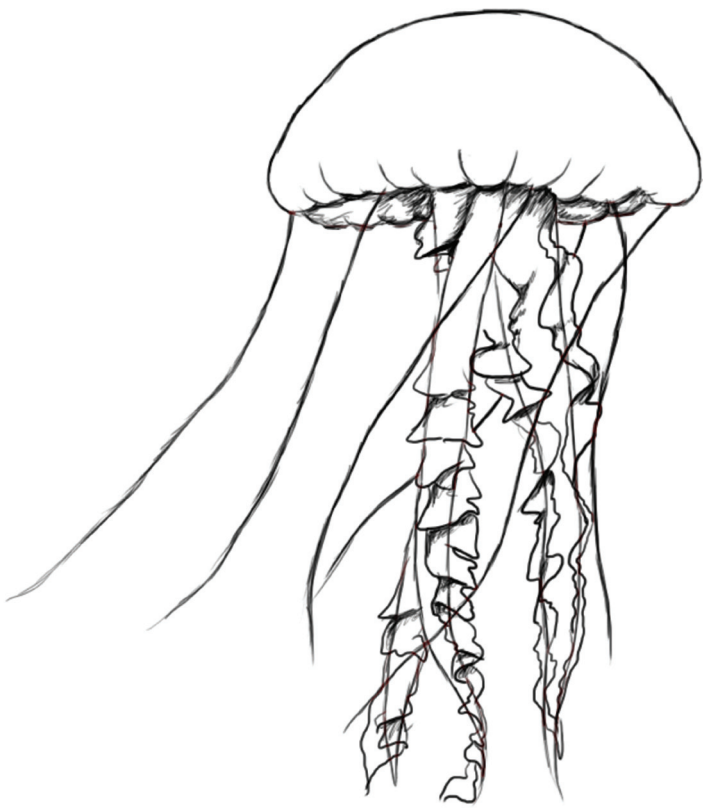


On Friday, expect to see global warming. *The Slant* urges you to reduce your carbon footprint. Climate change affects us all, whether you want to admit it or not. So grow up and take some responsibility for once in your life.

Saturday



With the onset of fall weather, the days will become shorter and the skies will be frequently overcast. That means it's time to break out the "Happy Lamp" to get your UV dosage and combat your severe seasonal affective disorder.



The Floating Invasion Swarms

While they used to be a fairly innocent species that you only saw on the beach, the jellyfish population has grown drastically in recent weeks. Global warming and our civilized society carelessly flings into the oceans have caused a crisis that would pull a fish-scented veil over your eyes to blind you from the truth. Everything *The Slant* thinks you should know about

Jellyfish Invaders Attack Major Swedish Nuclear Power Plant

OSKARSHAMN, SWEDEN- The European Counter-Jelly Resistance Movement (ECJRM) reported this past week that their forces were overwhelmed by a massive attack by thousands of moon jellyfish. Operators of OKG, a Swedish energy company, manually shut down a nuclear power plant as they trapped the tons of lethal jellyfish in the reactor coolant pipes.

"They overwhelmed us with their numbers," reported Abjörn Karlsson, a lead OKG technician. "We could not retreat. We lost many men this day. I only wish that one day we will serve ALL their descendents on toast, as our great Viking ancestors once did for their breakfast sustenance. I will seek revenge for as long as I draw breath," he added, adjusting his horned helmet and sheathing his Norse scimitar.

The ECJRM was able to trap the thousands of invading invertebrates in the reactor cooling tanks after a "fearsome and bloody" battle. Specially trained operatives, offering a brief prayer to Thor, the Norse God of Thunder, bravely parachuted into the Baltic Sea and began slashing the jelly-filled waters with their axes and maces.

"We quickly realized that our tactics were futile," said resistance leader Lief Feriksson. After rearming the soldiers with large nets, Thor and other resistance leaders watched proudly as the men were able to march forward, dragging the many jellyfish into the intakes of the central coolant reactor.

"We blasted them!!!! We heated the crap out of them!!! Never underestimate the power of Swedish engineering!!!!" yelled Mel Gibson, American representative for the ECJRM, victoriously. "And Thor. We would be lost without Thor, Norse God of Thunder. And Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior."

After feasting and celebrating the victory with the ECJRM soldiers, OKG technicians restored the plant to complete functionality within three days. As for the cause of the jellyfish attack, Karlsson speculated that the strike was a strategic ploy to cripple Sweden's energy supply, as "The coastal OKG power plant provides 10% of Sweden's power - we would be defenseless without this plant. Their forces... it could have been devastating. For all of us."

Jellyfish attacks have been striking nuclear power plants worldwide since the early 1990s, and scientists believe that these concerted attacks will not only increase in number but also in intensity. "The jellyfish have realized our dependence on energy, and their targeted attacks reflect that," says American scientist Medusa Planktoso. She adds, "The power of these spineless creatures lies in their tendency to passively float their way into destruction, rather than proactively accomplishing anything. This behavior is not uncommon in the Animal Kingdom, as is evidenced by our nation's politicians."

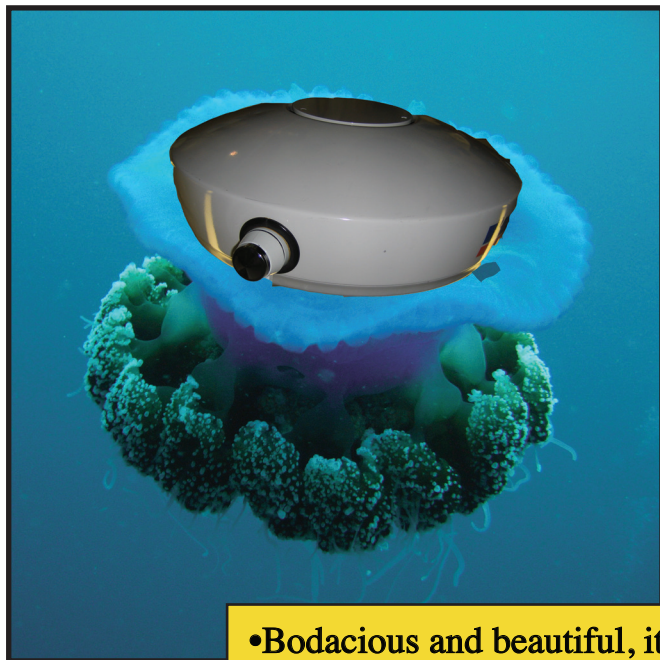
No moon jellyfish could be reached for comment.



The viking ancestors of the Swedish have clashed spears with the jellyfish for years.

Visual Comparison: Killer Jellyfish Versus Jellyfish Killer

The human resistance has developed several ways to fight back against the onslaught of predatory jelly. Experts at the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in Daejeon, South Korea have developed a Jellyfish Elimination Robotic Swarm to kill hundreds of jellyfish per hour. But others favor a more stealthy resistance; researchers at UT Dallas, UCLA, Stanford, and Virginia Tech, sponsored by the US Navy, have developed a prototype robotic jellyfish to infiltrate the ranks of the invading jellies. Below, *The Slant* compares the two techniques.

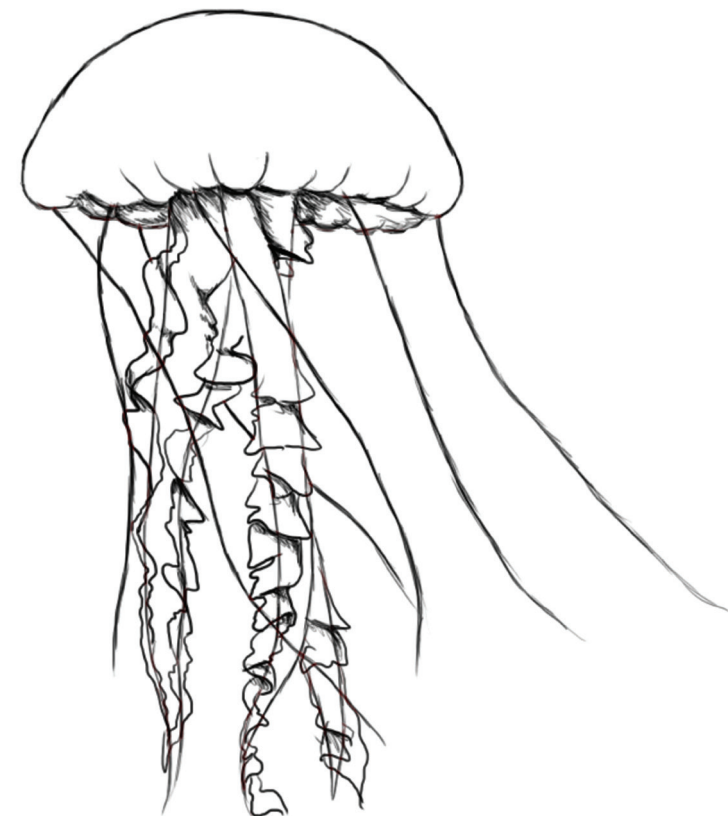


- Bodacious and beautiful, it attracts the jellyfish with promises of sensual pleasure
- Can blend in with other humans during halloween parties and comic conventions
- Attractive body allows it to double as a stand-in for your significant other on formal occasions



- Can disintegrate its enemies in a single flash of blinding laser light
- Camouflages itself among broccoli and waits for a chance to strike
- 360 degrees of visibility allows it to view all the uncovered genitalia at any pool party

Dead: Jellyfish Survival Guide



Occasionally when you went to the beach with your family, the global warming, over-fishing, and the unbelievable amount of excrement global jellyfish numbers to rise exponentially. Government officials truth, but *The Slant* will not stand for such obfuscation. Here is ev- about the mushrooming population of jellyfish.

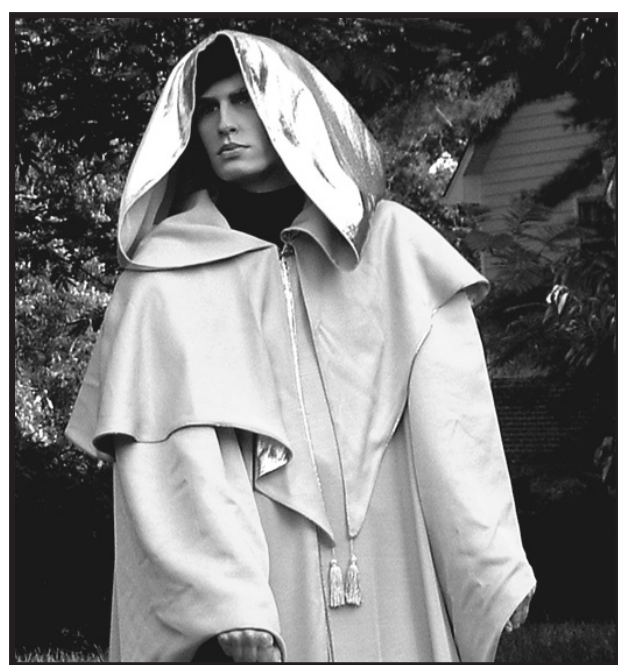


Starbucks across the country have been struggling to keep up with jellyfish demand for their coffee and baked goods.



Jellyfish can now be seen from the windows of subways in many major cities.

A Word from Brother McLaidalot



My Brethren:

I write to warn you of an unparalleled catastrophe gripping our seas. I can only say this in response to our frenzied, sex-crazed enemies: HOW BOUT DEM JELLIES, ladies and gents. We have a lot to learn from our perpetually wet comrades – these homies are about gettin’ some, all the time. “Hermaphroditism. Cloning. External fertilization. Self-fertilization. Courtship and copulation. Fission. Fusion. Cannibalism. You name it, jellyfish are doing it. And it is nasty,” according to jellyfish sexpert Ama Marina from *The Slant’s* sister media outlet *Daily Mail*. Honestly dudes, sounds hot to me.

But that’s the problem. JELLYFISH ARE WINNING THE WAR AND TAKING OVER OUR PLANET WITH SEX.

UN-FUCKING-ACCEPTABLE.

There’s only one solution to this, my friends. For the love of God, love of man, love of country, love of THIS SWEET EARTH WE CALL HOME: Ladies, toss those pills. Men, leave those rubbers at home. It is our privilege, NAY, OUR DUTY, to out-fuck these jelly bastards and regain our title as the dominant population on this planet. Not to mention the only population capable of serious shutdowns.

Yours in Christ,
Brother McLaidalot

Postmortem on the End of TV Show Marcus Johnson's Life

By: Douglas Lee
Finale Fellow

Upon dying on October 16 of a sudden case of hypothermia that had never been foreshadowed, area man Marcus Johnson reported that he regretted watching the recently cancelled 87-year-long show *Marcus Johnson's Life*, a show famous for its great potential and increasing inability to live up to that potential.

Marcus Johnson's Life first aired in 1926, with a pilot episode that was mostly praised for holding immense promise and setting up a strong cast of four family members, though it was criticized for an overly graphic and tasteless birthing scene.

Johnson stuck with the show from the very first episode all the way to its finale, though in the show's final years he watched it more out of obligation to see how it would end than for any sense of enjoyment, which had largely disappeared by the end of the 45th season, when Marcus's marriage to fan favorite Barbara broke down in a negatively received season finale.

"I hate this fucking story," Johnson said. "Every time Marcus seems to be getting something good in his life, something horrible happens to him, like a car accident or getting drafted into Vietnam, without any setup whatsoever. It's so melodramatic."

Marcus Johnson's Life has aired continuously since its premiere, despite declining ratings as well as increasingly hostile reviews from friends and family.



Marcus Johnson, American Icon, age 21.

"The eponymous main character has become immensely unsympathetic and defined by inaction," brother and successful businessman Michael Johnson said in a review of the show's 37th season, which ran from 1963 to 1964. "The show seemed like it would go somewhere in its 23rd season, once Marcus finally got a job at a pizza place after a school arc that dragged on for way too long, but neither he nor the show have made any progress."

The show received even worse reviews after its 58th season, when Marcus was both crippled with arthritis and forced to deal with his 23-year-old son Jack's death as the cliffhanger at the end of the season finale.

"For years, the show's been telling the same stories over and over again, having Marcus take his medicine, cry over a few letters from his youth and a picture of Jack, watch infomercials, and fall asleep to static," former mistress Lana Halwell said. "The show has never been that great though, aside from that brilliant arc in Season 83 when Marcus was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a plot development which had been foreshadowed decades before, during the construction arc."

At his funeral, Johnson was buried with the complete series boxset of *Marcus Johnson's Life*. A eulogy was given by acquaintance and television producer Vince Gilligan, who announced a spinoff starring Stanley Johnson, Marcus Johnson's drug addict grandson.

Nation's Paranoid Residents Happy to Finally Get Back to Being Terrified of Federal Government

By: Dan King
Schizo Skunk

The nation's many paranoid citizens were overjoyed with the end of the federal government shutdown late Wednesday night. Leading voices within the paranoid community say they are excited to finally get back to being terrified of the all-powerful federal government.

Frank Hensley, spokesman for the Paranoid Citizen's Group (PCG), says that with the government back in action he'll finally be able to go back to fearing them with every fiber of his being. "These past few weeks I've had no idea whom I should fear. It's good to have the government back so my tin-foil hat can go back to blocking their satellites."

Government officials report that, with a fiscal deal finally passed through both houses of Congress, federal agents will be able to resume their full slate of work harassing paranoid people. NSA head Susan Rice says starting Thursday "We'll be bugging the phones and homes of paranoid people nationwide, as well as dispatching agents to follow paranoid people around and turn back into trees when you look straight at them."

All across the nation paranoid citizens are getting back to the work of protecting themselves from the terrifying might of the federal government. Neil Damion says he's back to "Keeping all non-essential chatter off my cell phone and CB

radio, because that's how they get you." Damion says he let his guard down during the shutdown but now he's returning to the usual "...no more sending sensitive information through the air or the mail" and "burning all my stool before burying it so the NSA can't have it."

Dave Matthis, a paranoid business owner from Colorado, says seeing how easily the government ground to a halt this month has made him question much of his paranoia. Says Matthis, "If the government is this group of people who can't agree to a budget, then what if they also can't remotely decode and control my thoughts? What if I've been spending all my time encrypting my hard drive and scrubbing the earth of all evidence of my life for no reason?"

Some members of the PCG say they're happy to have the government back but aren't totally convinced the government ever actually left in the first place. Malik Williams told our reporter that we shouldn't trust the "Government-media nightmare" to accurately report on itself, and that if we want to know the truth we should follow the money. Williams assured us several times that the money says the government was never shut down at all.

When asked why the government would want to create an elaborate conspiracy to convince the nation of a government shutdown Williams simply said "Who the hell knows why the lizard people who control our government do the things they do? All I know is that the lizard people are still cold-blooded, so they're gonna need a constant source of heat to keep their revolution going. Pretty soon heat will be worth its weight in gold, brother. I'm stocking up."

The Slant asked several other members of the PCG what they thought about the government shutdown but our questions were mostly met with distrust and paranoia. One PCG member replied by shouting "WHO DO YOU REALLY WORK FOR, FREEMASON? I'VE SPOKEN YOUR NAME. YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER ME ANYMORE."



This citizen has designed an apparatus that will prevent the NSA from intercepting her thoughts.

Hey Slant,
How are you? Good? I'm glad to hear it.
Listen, I was wondering if you've seen a small duffie bag about one foot long and three inches wide. Dude, I'm counting on you. It's really important, okay? It's got some of my meds in it, in case you look inside. Just my meds. I have diabetes, that's why there are needles and shit. Look, man, it's super important. Don't tell anyone that you found it, or that you gave it to me, okay? I'm gonna be gone for a while, so I really really need it. Also, have you seen a piece of rubber about arm's length, and if so can you put it in the bag with the other stuff? That'd be awesome.
Also, I'd be careful opening doors for strangers for the next couple of weeks. Or going out at night. Or leaving your house in general, just to be safe. Not that I think anyone is looking for you or me or anything, but a bit of caution is always good you know? There are a lot of sketchy people wandering around these days, knocking on doors and carrying knives.
One more thing - I know you're into CSI and stuff, so I

was wondering if you know how to get rid of fingerprints and DNA evidence. It's for a friend.
Thanks a million, and hopefully see you soon,
Mark
P.S. Would you happen to have any spare cash laying around? I might have to pay some old buddies back before I leave, and I could use all the help I can get. Thanks, bro.

AROUND the loop ?

How did you respond to ATO's "Try-Hardest" email?

Fuckhead	Jack Rosenhillary	Concerned Parent	Cornelius Vanderbilt
"I can't argue with that."	"At least he opened the door for those girls."	"Cardiac arrest."	"Celebratory Natty Light shotgun with my bro Bishop McTyeire."
ATO President	Vanderbilt PR Rep	Wednesday	Westboro Baptist Church
"Fucked a bitch."	"Even worse cardiac arrest."	"My feelings were hurt."	"We found nothing inherently wrong with it."

SPORTS

Student Discovers Second Half of Football Game

By: Collier Bowling
Halftime Herald

Current Vanderbilt freshman Drung Fook fainted and was sent to ER during the Missouri game after he found out there is more than one half in a football game. To find out more about this devastating tragedy *The Slant* caught up with Fook a week after the incident.

"Yeah you know we were down at the end of the half by 18 points and I thought that that was the game," Drung Fook said. "After I mooched off my friends who made the rookie mistake of letting me know they brought their flasks and I managed to get out of my seat and head on my way back to Commons, something weird happened. When I headed into my bro's room to get ready to hit up the Tin, I saw the wackest thing about the game on TV. A phenomenon called 'half time' ended and the 'second half' began. All of the sudden the next thing I know I wake up in the hospital from HTNS or Halftime Nailer Syndrome."

Expanding on Fook's comments, recent campus surveys showed that the majority of Vanderbilt students were unaware of the 'second half.' Only twenty-five percent of respondents had actually heard of this term, while thirty-five percent of students thought that 'second half' was actually the first half of the football game, and fifty percent of students thought it was a reference to handles.

Addressing the surveys, Coach Franklin re-

leased a statement.

"I'm very concerned with the results of the survey, and I think that the football department should take steps to solve the lack of knowledge about the 'second half,'" Coach Franklin said. "Clearly the best way to solve this issue is by selling tickets from the student section and by making students line up days in advance for tickets for future games. This will definitely cause more students to show up to games and to find out more about the 'second half.'"

While steps are being made to remove the shroud of mystery that surrounds the "second half," only time will tell if students finally discover what it really is.

Make sure to check in for our next issue when *The Slant* investigates into the other hot sports topic on campus about the possibility of there being more than two quarters in basketball.



These brave innovators claim to have discovered the elusive "second half" of Vanderbilt football games.

Pirates Fans Sick of Baseball; Not Used to Watching this Much

By: Sam Wild
Baseball Buccaneer

PITTSBURGH – The Pittsburgh Pirates, after finally making the playoffs for the first time in 20 seasons, are receiving blowback from their fans who are evidently tired of watching more baseball than usual. While there was initially a great amount of exuberance in Pittsburgh, the lengthened season has led to many Pittsburghians not giving a shit.

"I've loved baseball all my life," explained Eric Korman of Wexford, PA, "but this season's gone on forever. Did you know teams played in October? It's freaking cold out."

The added games seemed to have only had the effect of boring Pirates fans, a result that has stumped the Major League Baseball office.

"It's really a curious outcome," said Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig in an interview last week, "I guess after watching baseball for six months, Pirates fans finally real-

ized how terribly unexciting our game is."

This unexpected success has confused many Pittsburgh natives, many of whom were not even aware they had a baseball team.

"The Pirates are a baseball team?" exclaimed Michael Brunell of Wilkinsburg, PA, "Like in the Major Leagues? With A-Rod and steroids and Brad Pitt and the Moneyballs?"

Still, other Pirates fans have decided if they are not going to be the worst team in the league, it just is not worth it to watch.

"The only way I know how to root for the Pirates is to expect failure. Seriously. I can't watch baseball without making snarky comments about how bad we are. It's just not fun anymore. Making snarky comments about a good team just makes me sound like a dick."

Pirates fans are sure to return in droves next year when Francisco Liriano's elbow explodes, AJ Burnett turns into the pitcher he was with the Yankees and Hell unfreezes so that the order of the world can be restored.



This young Pirates fan has better things to do with his time.

Congressional Republicans Coach Vanderbilt Football in Special Practice

By: George Spelvin
Defense Debutante

NASHVILLE, TN – Responding to what they described as an "urgent crisis," Republican congressional leaders spent three hours at McGugin Center last week for a special practice with the Vanderbilt football team's

defensive corps, in the hopes to teach the players how to "shut it down."

In a brief Q&A session before practice began, the group of lawmakers—which included top House Republicans and Tea Party-affiliated senators—promised that their visit had nothing to do with the two-week closure of the federal government's non-essential functions. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) then led the team warmup, urging the struggling defense, which had given up 51 points to Missouri at Vanderbilt's October 5 homecoming game, to "focus entirely on filling in the gaps, on stopping any progress that the guys across from you are trying to make. When you shut it down, you have to do it completely. No progress allowed, whatsoever."

"This is a game changer," Cantor affirmed, deliberately failing to mention the last-minute rule changes that prevented House Democrats from calling for a vote on Senate-drafted continuing resolutions that would have prevented the shutdown.

Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH) then split off and began working with the defensive line, which has allowed 195 yards and two touchdowns on quarterback rushes during SEC play, exclaiming during one conditioning drill: "Make 'em hurt, make 'em bleed! Most of all, you need to make 'em pay!" Boehner continued with fervor, artfully neglecting to draw a connection to his efforts to defund the expansion of health insurance to millions.

"This is our house!" Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) bellowed to the linebacking corps, which has been

all but invisible since NFL prospect Chase Garnham's injury, failing to note the irony that the issuance of mortgages nationwide had been severely hobbled as the shutdown progressed.

Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) was seen pacing down the sideline as the safeties and cornerbacks—arguably Vanderbilt's most redeemable feature on defense—worked on their open-field tackling. "Catch 'em off guard, then blow 'em to smithereens!" Lee yelled from across the field, cannily sidestepping the fact that NASA's asteroid detection program had stopped and that federal investigations into chemical plant explosions had slowed to a crawl.

Cantor and Boehner then called the defense in for a huddle, leading a rousing rendition of "Anchor Down."

With a smile, Cruz called the practice "a great return to fundamentals," adding, "I like that cheer. I might just have to take that back to Washington with me."



Vanderbilt's conservative defense "shutting it down."

Kardashian-Jenner Split Results in New Spin-off Reality Show: Bruce Being Bruce

By: Sarah Vollman
Kardashian Konnoisseur

Following Kris and Bruce Jenner's separation after 22 years of marriage, E Entertainment announced today that "Bruce Being Bruce," a new reality show centering on Bruce Jenner is in the works. Similar to "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," the show will be produced by Kris Kardashian-Jenner-Kardashian.

"I am looking forward to this new season of my life," commented Kris, "The past week has been a series of ups and down, and now we finally have a resolution I feel comfortable with."

The show will take place in Bruce's new house, depicting the former Olympic gold medalist and current dad in his usual day-to-day.

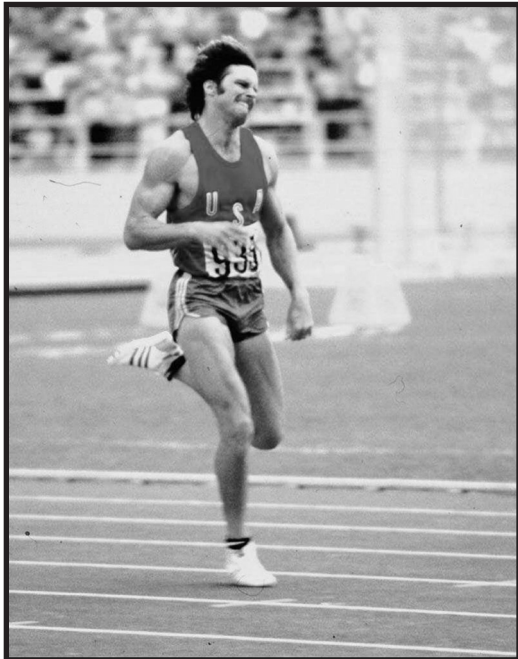
Spoilers of episode one show Bruce playing with a toy helicopter in silence for ten minutes, followed by a pretend tea party with each of his Olympic medals as guests. Bruce practices facial expressions in the mirror for the remainder of the episode, particularly struggling when attempting to raise his eyebrows.

Kris recently tweeted, "This split is for the best. I need to give Bruce space to be himself. #BruceBeingBruce #11/1Premiere #tuneiny'all" igniting responses from fans like, "Who is Bruce? Why doesn't his name start with a K?"

Kardashian super-fan Becky Stewart told *The Slant*, "Omg I watched like every season of 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians,' I'm obsessed. Can you fill up an hour with just Bruce though? Seriously. Wait, ok, will North West be in it or something?"

Following the speculations, we approached Bruce at the golf course to comment on the new show. "I don't know why people are asking me about 'Bruce Being Bruce,' yes, I am Bruce and I am being myself...what's to explain?" When we asked if he would be tuning in for the premiere November 1st, he responded, "Of 'Mad Men'? Absolutely!"

Kris, however, has been hard at work developing the new spin-off. When *The Slant* questioned how the show has been in development for a month when the separation was announced a few days ago Kris simply replied, "Oops, sorry my life is so crazy sometimes it doesn't seem real! Hahaha watch 'Bruce Being Bruce' November 1st on E?"



Bruce doing Bruce things.

Area Man Confuses Relaxation with Debilitating Apathy

By: Michael Hogue
Lethargy Legislator

NASHVILLE-Local resident Brandon Ennui mistakenly labeled the effects of his crippling apathy as "relaxation" on Sunday night.

"I had a pretty good weekend. I was able to just take some time for myself and decompress after the busy week," Ennui told *The Slant*, apparently alluding to the eight consecutive hours of *Dawson's Creek* he viewed on Netflix's online streaming service Friday night.

The 23-year old systems analyst described his weekend, during which he was completely unable to find the will power to contact any family members or friends, as "fun and laid-back," recounting in detail the series of sedentary behaviors he performed in isolation.

"Thankfully it's fall, so I was able to unwind and watch a few college football games on Saturday. There were some really exciting matchups," Ennui stated, failing to recognize that his profound inability to motivate himself to take interest in a hobby such as writing, physical exercise, or embroidery is actually the result of a devastating sense of apathy.

"It's nice to be on your own time, you know? I didn't have to dress up to go anywhere, and I had enough food here in the apartment to last the weekend," Ennui stated on record, seemingly unaware that the amount of time he spent not wearing pants and the proportion of his meals that came from boxes in his freezer were symptoms of an overwhelming level of lethargy rather than processes of "de-stressing."

"Sure, the yard needs raking, and I need to look into my options for changing my car insurance provider- oh, and I haven't finished building that wood lamp stand I started making for my mom last month- but I really think a relaxing weekend was just what I needed," Ennui told

The Slant. Ennui's comments created confusion as to whether he is in denial of how enfeebling his sense of apathy towards every aspect of his life has truly become or if he simply chooses to ignore the fact that he is utterly devoid of any form of motivation or sense of purpose.

Ennui, who spent the majority of the waking hours during his weekend performing solitary activities that required no amount of cognitive or social engagement whatsoever, indicated that he was pleased at "the chance to have some me-time and shake of the stress of the work week."



Pictured above: Ennui, relaxation incarnate.

TOP TEN THINGS A WOMAN NEEDS TO GIVE UP IN ORDER TO BE A FEMINIST

- BY JACK ROSENHILARY

- 10 Being a woman
- 9 The unlimited convenience that comes from men opening doors for you
- 8 Shaving any and everything
- 7 Wearing anything Hillary Clinton wouldn't wear
- 6 Complaining openly about menstruation
- 5 Shopping at Piggly-Wiggly. I'm not sure why but it's true
- 4 The satisfaction that comes from knowing your boyfriend thinks he owns you, body and soul
- 3 Cupcakes. That's right, girls, we'll give you all the cupcakes you can eat if you just agree not to compete with men in the job market
- 2 The ability to be a (good) mother
- 1 Getting mad when Miley Cyrus does something trappy

VSG Launches Student Hookup Site

By: Grant Paton
Spanking Sexpert

On Tuesday, Vanderbilt Student Government officially launched Spanker Link, a much-anticipated casual sex and hook-up site for students that looks to streamline the already commonplace practice on campus. VSG said in a press release that the aim of the website is to "provide all students with the opportunity to engage in passionate and emotionally unbinding sexual gratification."

Spanker Link, which requires a valid VUNet ID and password, allows each student to customize their site profile with photos, body stats, fetish preferences, and an optional timeline which chronicles past hookups. Reception to the website has been mostly positive, and according to freshman Dick Johnson, "Spanker Link has been an absolute godsend for me. I picked up a girl at a frat party this year only to find out a later that she had hooked up with my roommate the night before. Spanker Link has totally stopped that problem for me."

The site isn't rubbing all students the right way however, and several religious organizations on campus have been quick to protest, most notable among them is the Chastity Until Marriage Society. (CUMS) CUMS president Jackie Prude, in an exclusive interview with The Slant, said that "Spanker Link encourages acts that are affront to our Lord. I encourage all missionaries at the school to make sure the website has no place at Vanderbilt."

According to statistics released by VSG, an estimated 90% of students have visited the site since its launch, and the Spanker Link homepage proudly proclaims: "4,000 Commodores Served." Spanker Link has already crashed twice due to unexpectedly high traffic on the servers, and concerns have been raised over whether or not the website can handle such large loads. "It's a hard process, to be sure, but we here at VSG are already getting up to the challenge," said a VSG spokesman. "We're dedicated on ensuring that this story gets its happy ending."



A screen-shot of the new site, including advertisements for upcoming sex events.

JOINTHESLANT

By: Collier Bowling

Are you tired of your roommate blasting *How I Met Your Mother* episodes in your room on a nightly basis when you are trying to study? Are you fed up with your jars of peanut butter "mysteriously disappearing" and your roommate claiming that the cleaning ladies must be eating it? Are you tired of your roommate using your toothpaste more than you do?

If so, come down to *The Slant* and write for a publication that hasn't completely been taken over by freshmen and let your frustration out. Instead of having your posts unread by the majority of students on campus that have turned off notifications for Facebook groups like Overheard at Vandy, you can now make fun of your roommate beyond the freshmen class. Write a satire about how your roommate listens to Nickelback or how his favorite movie is *The Lone Ranger*. Even though everyone will think that your articles about your roommate were hilariously imagined, you will smirk knowing that your roommate actually does these things.

Sound enticing? If so just email Peter Linck at peter.g.linck@vanderbilt.edu. Also, if you are looking to avoid your roommate's *How I Met Your Mother* viewing sessions, then *The Slant* is perfect for you. With weekly meetings on Wednesday at 9, you will never have to be forced to listen to another episode again. Or at least we can guarantee you won't one night a week.



Pictured here is your boring life if you don't write for *The Slant*.

Student Returns Home to Find Room Rented out to Troupe of Clowns

By: Laura Mast
Clown Curator

Vanderbilt senior Steven Bonkers was surprised to find that his childhood bedroom was rented out to a troupe of 30 clowns when he returned home to Hallwood, Virginia, to visit his parents during Fall Break.

"You know, I really thought I was doing the smart thing: going home to relax, decompress after midterms, and work on a few job applications," said Bonkers, scratching his head. "I mean, I knew something was up when Mom said to expect the car to be a little more crowded, but I really had no idea..." his voice trailing off.

Bonkers originally called home a few days earlier alerting his parents he was returning for a surprise visit. "I thought I could sense some worry or something in their voices on the phone, but they were just so cheerful. And they kept making all these weird jokes, and honking a bicycle horn. Empty nesters, ya' know, I just don't ask questions anymore."

Bonkers knew something was amiss when it was not his mom's familiar, bland, oatmeal-colored Mercedes that pulled up at the airport, but a tiny red Volkswagen Beetle covered with flower decals. Bonkers reported that when his mom and dad exited the car to embrace him, "... there were suddenly just a ton of middle-aged clowns who joined our hug."

After meeting "The Gang," including Bozo, Blinky, Coco, Frosty, Buster, Crabby, Scoopy, Bud, Kielbasa, Frowny, Nixon, Asbestos, Drowny, Bummo, Ronald McDonald, Harty, Pogo, TJ

Tatters, and Big Al, the group filed into the Beetle one by one, taking care to watch out for each other's wigs and overly large shoes.

Bonkers told *The Slant* that the group went to the local Applebee's for dinner, occupying the corner booth "for old times' sake." Local waitress Silvia Gokurten went on record saying that she had never laughed so much waiting on a table, but splitting checks was an absolute nightmare. "They tried to pay me in balloon animals," Gokurten laughed before turning serious. "Funny, but this is a serious establishment. We may adopt a no-clown policy from here on out. They kept squirting other patrons with their fake boutonnières. People were laughing, but very obviously visibly distressed."

Upon arriving at their residence, the troupe went to bed to prepare for their performance the following day, and Bonkers



Get in, Loser, we're going shopping.

enjoyed a beer with his parents before turning in for the evening. "I really thought they'd be all over me about applying for jobs, but Dad kept pulling bits of string and quarters out of my ears." At press time, Bonkers reported that by the time he finally left the living room, his father had pulled nearly \$5 in pocket change out of his ears.

Upon walking upstairs to his room to retire for the evening, Bonkers found the thirty clowns all sleeping in his twin bed and the floor covered with red noses, face paint, balloon animals, wigs, and emergency rubber chickens. "My parents say it's just until the government shut down's over," said Bonkers. "Really wish they could've told me they'd rented out my room before I missed that binge-drinking trip. On that note, I need another drink."

Do It Yourself: Slanted Brookies

By: Peter Linck

The brookie has long been a staple of Vanderbilt Campus Dining's repertoire. For the first time, *The Slant* brings you a way to make the dense, chocolatey bricks in your very own home.

What You'll Need

- (5) Chocolate Chip Cookies
- (5) Brownies
- 2 Cups Water
- (Lots of) Sugar
- (Some) Milk chocolate
- (Some) Dark chocolate
- (5) Hershey's chocolate bars
- (5) Ghirardelli chocolate bars
- (5) Hershey's kisses
- Blender
- Muffin tin

(yields about 12 brookies)

Instructions:

1. Add all five brownies and cookies to the blender. Lightly chop for 10-12 seconds.
2. Add the sugar, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, Hershey's bars, Ghirardelli bars, Hershey's kisses, and water to the blender. Blend until consistency is really sludgy and disgusting.
3. Pour chocolatey sludge into completely and utterly un-greased muffin tins.
4. Preheat oven to 350 F because you forgot to do it at the start of this whole ordeal.
5. Wait for the oven to get hot. Maybe take out your trash or do some dishes.
6. Put the muffin tin into the oven and let the brookies bake until they're finished baking.
7. Enjoy your tasty treat!

(Note: There are many ways to make this dish even healthier. Instead of brownies, try heroin. For a richer taste, replace any one ingredient in the recipe with butter. For a naughty treat, don't bake the sludge in step 2 and use it as sex lube instead.)

