

### **THISJUSTIN**

### **Bert Gathers Courage to Ask Ernie if He Likes Him as More** Than a Friend

By: James Cross **PBS** Publicist

During production last week, Bert, the star of the hit PBS series Sesame Street, passed a note to his co-star Ernie that read, "Do you like me as more than a friend? -Bert." Ernie responded with another note saying, "You're a nice guy but I have a girlfriend and kids from a previous marriage whom I love. I think we should keep our relationship strictly business-related."

According to sources working on the set, Bert wreaked havoc in his dressing room directly following the incident. He shattered his mirror and attempted to burn his framed painting of Ernie and him with their arms around each other's shoulders. A witness said Bert eventually tired himself out. He fell to his knees and wept before his assistant came over to comfort him.

Bert and Ernie have been working together on the set of Sesame Street since 1969. Camerawoman Tiffany Katz says

there has never been a romantic relationship between Bert and Ernie. "There were speculations of a romance in the late '80s, but that was blown way out of proportion. It was fueled by the mysterious 'irreconcilable differences' that forced Ernie and his wife to divorce after eight years of marriage."

Since the incident, Bert has doubled his dose of antidepressants and now visits his therapist twice weekly. The Count said he was devastated to hear the news. "Bert has always had a tough love life," he commented in an interview this past Tuesday. "Plus, Ernie is his best friend. It would pain me to see him move out of their place at 14 Sesame St. over this incident."

Production of the show has been suspended indefinitely. Bert has not commented on the incident, but PBS released a letter of apology and assurance that Bert and Ernie will return to Sesame Street soon.

### Legalization of **Marijuana Leads to Three Deaths Across Colorado**

By: Chelsea Velaga Pot Prophecy

Earlier this month, legislation was passed in Colorado allowing non-medical marijuana to be sold via dispensaries; the increased consumption resulted in deaths in the state. Legislators are hoping to increase revenue by implementing a 'ganja tax' on all sales. On the surface, these newly opened dispensaries are a source of endless joy, paranoia, and awkward behavior. However, within the first day of the legalization, three deaths were confirmed as 'dank kush overdoses.'

The three confirmed casualties are Kenny D., Celestial Moonfire, and one man whose birth certificate revealed only characters from the Wingdings typeface. All three were confirmed as Caucasian individuals with dreadlocks; sources have also confirmed that the deceased had incorrectly translated Buddhist proverbs tattooed on their persons.

Sources recount that Kenny D. was allegedly taking bong rips until he couldn't feel his face while watching a Two and

a Half Men marathon in his grandma's basement. He allegedly called 911 by accident when attempting to order a pizza. Paramedics quickly arrived at the scene, but by that point, he had already melted

completely into the floor. The details of Celestial Moonfire's death are equally tragic, as she apparently became a rock in the deepest ocean upon smoking and consuming over two ounces of the newly legalized substance. Marine biologists have confirmed that she indeed mutated into an igneous rock and is currently stagnate in the Pacific Ocean.

third individual,  $\square \spadesuit \boxtimes \square \blacktriangleleft$ , was found at a Taco Bell just outside of Denver. A team of firefighters waded through a knee-deep layer of Doritos Locos Tacos wrappers before finally finding □◆△光□•'s body. The autopsy confirmed that the cause of death was in fact the munchies, followed by a massive heart attack. A joint memorial service will be held for these individuals, followed by a screening of The Big Leb-

### **Bayer Introduces Line of** "None-A-Day" Vitamins

By: Peter Linck Vitamin Ventriloquist

the journal *Annals of Internal* Medicine which concluded that multi-vitamins have no beneficial effect on all-cause mortality, cardiovascular disease, or cancer, Bayer announced today a new line of None-A-Day Vitamins. The daily supplements are to be "a more realistic series of vitamins" than previous iterations, noted the press release, and will "revolutionize the way people experience the placebo effect."

None-A-Days will come in a bottle that is empty except for cushioning cotton balls in the container's neck. The vitamins will be released in both Women's None-A-Day and Men's None-A-Day varieties and, with the low production cost, will retail at much less than traditional vitamins. Bottles will also continue to have child-proof lids and plastic seals to ensure both safety and quality. "You're basically just paying for the packaging," the press release went on to read, "so Bayer is taking steps to ensure it gets done right."

Said Bayer CEO Marijn E.

Following the December Dekkers in this morning's publication of a study from press conference: "We hope these new vitamins come to be loved and appreciated as much as our past products. No more hard-to-swallow pills that start to taste bad if you leave them on your tongue for too long. We're bringing the people exactly what they want: something to purchase to make themselves feel

> healthier." Users are guided to simply open the supplements once daily and pretend to ingest as they would with conventional vitamins; however, no liquid or swallowing is necessary to consume None-A-Days. Dekkers also noted that the benefits of the new pills cannot be disproved by future medical studies as they do not physically exist. "Checkmate, science," were his closing remarks at the press conference.

The new "pills" are set to be released sometime in mid-February. Sources close to The Slant have confirmed Bayer's plans to update Flintstone Children's Vitamins by making them candy in the near future

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DAMMIT WOMAN, IF I DIDN'T WANT TO CUT MY FOOD UP WITH IT THEN WHY WOULD I PUT THE KNIFE ON THE END OF THE GUN?

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### 8 Year-Old Boy Begins to Reabsorb Twin **Brother**

By: Dan King Absorption Accelerator

8 year-old Franklin resident Neil McArthur has begun to slowly reabsorb his twin brother, Eric McArthur, sources reported yesterday.

Neil's mother, Erin McArthur, says she noticed something was wrong when she could no longer hear both of her sons kicking a soccer ball against the outside of their house. Erin went outside to investigate and found that "Neil and Eric's left feet were starting

A trip to the pediatrician confirmed that the two identical twin boys were beginning the process of rejoining into one body.

The process of reabsorption usually takes place some time during the second trimester of a twin pregnancy. Doctors said that at this time they have no explanation for why the McArthur twins have begun the process so late.

The Slant was able to sit down with the monstrosity that was once Neil and Eric McArthur and found that the boy(s?) are keeping spirits high during this difficult time.

What remains of Eric McArthur's mouth told The Slant "I always liked being closer to my brother, and now we'll get to be as close as possible."

The Slant asked Eric whether his consciousness, too, was being absorbed by his brother, but the question was only met with howls of pain and shouts of regret.

Neil McArthur seemed remarkably calm throughout the inter-

view, stating his confidence that his identity will remain even after absorbing Eric. Neil went on to say he plans to research to see if he might be able to control this process and therefore reverse and begin it at will, thus allowing him to live as two people sometimes and sometimes as one.

Dr. Mick O'Brady studies the growth of identical twins. He says that it's important to clear up the misconception that in reabsorption one twin "eats" the other. O'Brady says this is a common way for people to think about reabsorption, but that it is not an accurate understanding.

O'Brady says, "No twin is doing any eating here, their bodies are simply fusing back together into one. It's as if these cells have forgotten that they're meant to be making two bodies, so now they're going to make one."

O'Brady also wanted to stress that neither of the twins "dies" during a reabsorption. "Although it is certainly much harder to make that case now... being that the boys did live 8 happy years apart before this."

As for the parents of this being trapped between singular and plural, they're keeping upbeat about things as much as possible. Erin McArthur tells *The Slant* that she never actually intended to have twins, so this reabsorbing might be a godsend. Erin says she had felt overwhelmed by the pressure of caring for two boys at once "But now all of that should be over. Plus... you know... I'm glad it's the good one we're keeping."

### Sad Year for Exposure Fest 2014

By: Almaz Mesghina Expressive Exhibitionist

According to a report recently released by its national committee, Exposure Fest 2014, a year-long

event celebrating expression and exposure of the human body, had the lowest participation rates in its entire history here in

Exposure Fest, Nashville's most profitable annual event, invites middle-aged and moderately overweight men from all over the country to openly expose themselves to the greater Nashville area. According to Exposure Fest's participants, Nashville, and more specifically, the Vanderbilt area, is "prime picking... obviously."

However, due to a recent string of police reports filed by unknowing Vanderbilt students, Exposure Fest attendees now fear what may happen if they visit our campus sans pants.

"Our attendance rates have dropped faster than our pants have," admits Exposure Fest 2014 coordinator and lifetime exposer John McCain. "People are scared to expose themselves here. Thanks to the Vanderbilt student population, our participants are being marked as criminals. Criminals! It's ridiculous."

"I don't get it," says exposer Richard Smalls Jr., who frequently participates in the yearly festivities. "Vanderbilt is supposed to be this progressive school, yet they won't accept those who opt to go unclothed? This is discriminatory."

Vanderbilt University Police Department, in an attempt to appease the underrepresented population and prevent another damaging controversy, released this statement: "Due to recent events involving exposure on campus, we ask students who en-

counter these exposers to just take brief, 3-5 second glances at the penises in order to acknowledge their existence," concluding with a reassuring, "Students, penis is okay."

Additionally, VUPD has partnered with the Psychological Counseling Center and the Women's Center to provide emotional support for any exposer who has been wrongly victimized.

"It's more than just exposure; it's expression," concluded Smalls Jr. as he stepped into his '93 Honda Accord, undressed from the waist down, and waited for the perfect moment to con a passerby into witnessing his genitalia.



One of the few daring participants of Exposure Fest 2014, presenting himself to a large crowd of fans.

### The Slant's Riddle Corner!

Place the penises in order from longest to shortest. Lengths are assumed to be at full mast.

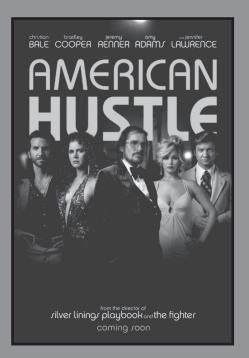
than Stephen's

B) Jim's penis is shorter than Richard's

A) Chuck's penis is longer C) Jim's penis is 3 inches longer than Stephen's

> D) Richard's penis is 1 inch longer than Chuck's

### **Bastard Confession**



"Some of us weren't born in the U.S., and we don't really move that fast"

-- Cast of "American Hustle"

### **Drake Recording Collaborative Album with Toronto Mayor Rob Ford**

By: Douglas Lee **Beat Boss** 

In an effort to show the world the true nature of Canadians, rapper

Aubrey Drake Graham announced he will release a new album, Drunken Stupors, with fellow Toronto citizen and mayor Rob Ford.

The joint announcement came after the leak of a video on Twitter with Drake and Ford together outside a Toronto recording studio. The video shows Drake smoking cannabis and Ford yelling and convulsing erratically, possibly under the influence of substances. Before the announcement, both parties denied the video's validity.

"I'm proud of what I did on that night," Ford said after admitting his role. "I was coming off a fucking wild party, when suddenly I ran into Drake. We hit it off, and we might have even made out, who knows? Man, that night was the

Drake, coming off an increasingly successful career marked with hit radio singles, widespread cultural relevance not seen since his stint on Degrassi, and an altercation with Chris Brown, was inspired by the story of Ford, who became known for smoking crack cocaine and making disparaging comments about most human beings. These events will be described in many songs on the album, including upcoming lead single "Now We

Drake and Ford said that Drunken Stupors will be a bold, ambitious concept album giving a unique perspective of life and struggle in Toronto, with lurid shared accounts of hard partying and one-sided affairs with women. Drake also said that due to the influence of Ford, the album will be extremely personal.

Outside of a few isolated, confidential incidents, studio work has been progressing smoothly, with Drake and Ford pushing themselves creatively and sometimes physically, Drake said.

"Robby's kind of like a brother of mine, the id to my ego," Drake said. "But it's a lot more complex than that, since he has a pretty big ego of his own too. Rob's where he's at because he always says what he feels is right, and I admire him for that. Recording with Kendrick Lamar or Beyonce? Nothing compared to the creative energies I get from working with Rob."

Musically, Drunken Stupors will be an organic blend of Drake's signature smooth, sensitive style with Rob Ford's unique rapping, which has been described as "visceral, breathless, and provocative" by Drake, and "sounding like the motherfucking Aflac duck" by producer Just Blaze.

"When we drop this album, it's gonna blow up the whole fucking world, let me tell you," Ford said. "I am dropping the illest rhymes, and as the mayor of Toronto I am proud of my work. Drake invented YOLO, and now I'm defining it."

Drake and Ford reported they hope to finish recording the album by the end of the summer, assuming that Ford does not die of cocaine and/ or alcohol overdose before then.



Drake and Ford announcing the album, laughing at a reporter's question about how the album is "an affront to all of mankind."

### **Ghost of Gil Scott-Heron** Disappointed to Learn that the **Revolution Will be Televised**

By: Michael Hogue Broadview Broadcaster

spirit of Gil Scott-Heron, a spoken

word poet known in his lifetime for artistically inspiring hip hop and neo soul, drew attention on social media on Tuesday by tweeting his disappointment at the news that the revolution will, in fact, be televised. The message read:

@ghostofbluesologist: "Saw the highlights on the 11 o'clock news. Saddened and outraged that the revolution will be televised after all #lookingforabrighterday"

Scott-Heron's posthumous reaction follows reports from a press conference where it was officially announced that "The revolution will be brought to you by Xerox in 4 parts without

commercial interruptions." The officials conducting the press conference went on to specify that the revolution is set to air on NBC at 8:32 and will be reported from twenty-nine districts.

"We are also pleased to inform the public that the theme song will be cowritten by Jim Webb and Francis Scott Key, and it will be sung by Glen Campbell, Tom Jones, Johnny Cash, Englebert Humperdink, and Rare Earth," revolution officials told reporters.

When reached for comment, the phantom essence of Scott-Heron told The Slant that after years of advocating for "A world in which people will not be able to plug in, turn on and cop out," he could not help but feel hurt upon learning that not only will the revolution be televised, but that "Green Acres, The Beverly Hillbillies, and Hooterville Junction will remain so damned relevant."

Opinion about the revolution appears down! to be highly divided. Scott-Heron's specter's original Twitter post garnered an impressive 563,478 "favorites" and was "retweeted" a total of 1,338,982 times. However, other Twitter users voiced excitement about the news, posting messages such as the following:

@Natalie\_Wood\_Ghost: "Great news! Revolution will give your mouth sex appeal, get rid of the nubs, and make you look five pounds thinner "putyouinthedriversseat"

The spirit of the legendary jazz poet warned that "people will now have to worry about a dove in your bedroom, a tiger in your tank, and the giant in your toilet bowl because [the revolution] will be televised."



Man, television is just another way for the man to keep you

### Senior Remains Hopeful He Can Finish **Nashville Bucket List**

By: Kelly Halom Nasty Native

Last November, senior Ted Beat stayed in one night to make a Nash-

of the activities he outlined.



Proper attire for completeing a bucket list. parking spots near Tow-

ville bucket list, but has yet to do any

Beat's project began only ten hours before his deadline to submit an application for a DAAD Fellowship, thus offering him a brief refuge from the increasing anxiety of his impending joblessness.

"I only have a short months in Nashville left," said Beat. "I'm ready to make the most of it."

Though his friends have offered support, few have agreed to accompany Beat in his endeavors. Many have found it easier to stay on campus, because ers are usually full and walking to West Garage can take upwards of fifteen minutes.

"I'm pretty content with continuing to get blackout most nights at various parties on campus," said senior Todd Johnson, a close friend of Beat. "I'm not sure this city has that much to offer me anymore. I went to a Preds game once on a Commodore Cruise, and I took my parents to Loveless when they visited. I like to think of myself as a true Nashvillian."

Despite the indifference of his friends, Beat remains optimistic that he will finally get to really know Music City. Beat's bucket list includes seeing a show at the Bluebird, participating in ANYF, visiting the Country Music Hall of Fame, and finally making it out of Towers to Beale Street one night.

"I've also heard East Nashville is pretty cool, and I'm looking to make it to Quake this year too," said Beat.

When asked about his plans for the upcoming weekend though, Beat seemed non-committal.

"I'm not sure what I'll be up to this weekend. I have some readings for Country Music, and Todd mentioned that he might want to smoke."

Though nothing has been crossed off yet, Beat has all of second semester to achieve his goals. With four day weekends this spring, he is confident that he'll get to know the city before he leaves.

"I want to make sure that when I tell people I went to school in Nashville that I really know the city I'm talking about," said Beat. "Could you imagine if I didn't make it to Graceland in my four years here?"

At press time, Beat had yet to cross anything off the list, but had added a few more items.

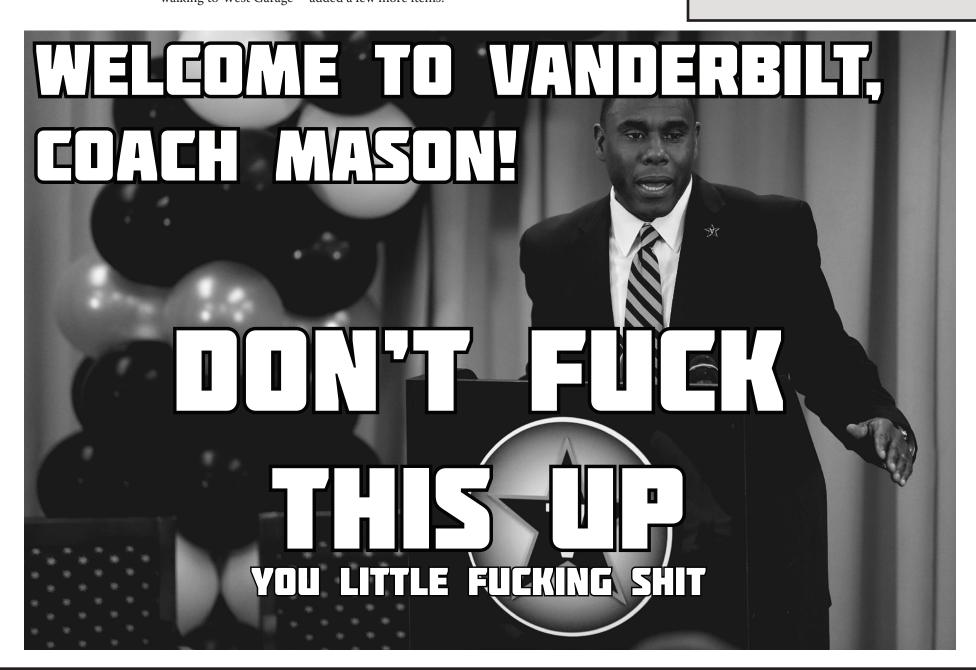


The Slant would like to heartily welcome The Vandy Rag to campus! Self-proclaimed as "the only satire in Nashville," they are a brand new humor website and Vanderbilt's very first pro-eugenics satire publication.

The Vandy Rag hopes to serve as a platform for humor and satire articles that focus on issues of social Darwinism and the genetic quality of the human population. They are currently looking for like-minded staffers interested in helping lay the groundwork for their revolutionary and hilarious organization.

> You can check them out at: www.thevandyrag.com

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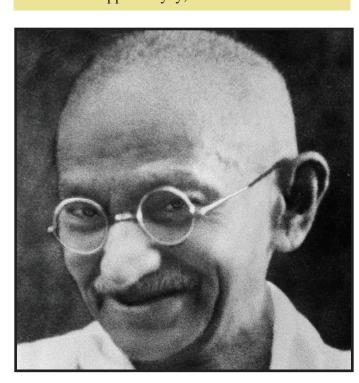
#### **Current Position: OC, Syracuse Orange**

"I have years of experience with top-tier football programs. I played, and later coached, for the Oklahoma Sooners. I believe that my tough, direct, and juvenile coaching style could help current and future Commodores maximize their potential as athletes and young men."



#### Bruce Willis Current Position: Film Actor

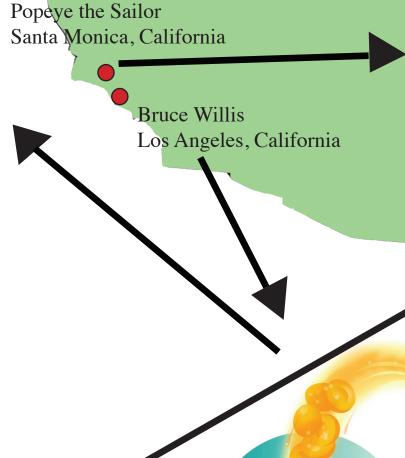
"I'm surprised by Vandy's decision. I've learned lots hand-to-hand combat from my time in action movies, and I'd pass that on to players. I'm a motivator, with a work hard, die hard mentality. I have a presence on the field, I'm not just some ghost. I'm unbreakable. And I even have a signature cheer: Yippee-ki-yay, motherfucker."

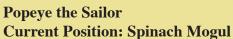


#### Mahatma Gandhi

#### **Current Position: Former Political Activist**

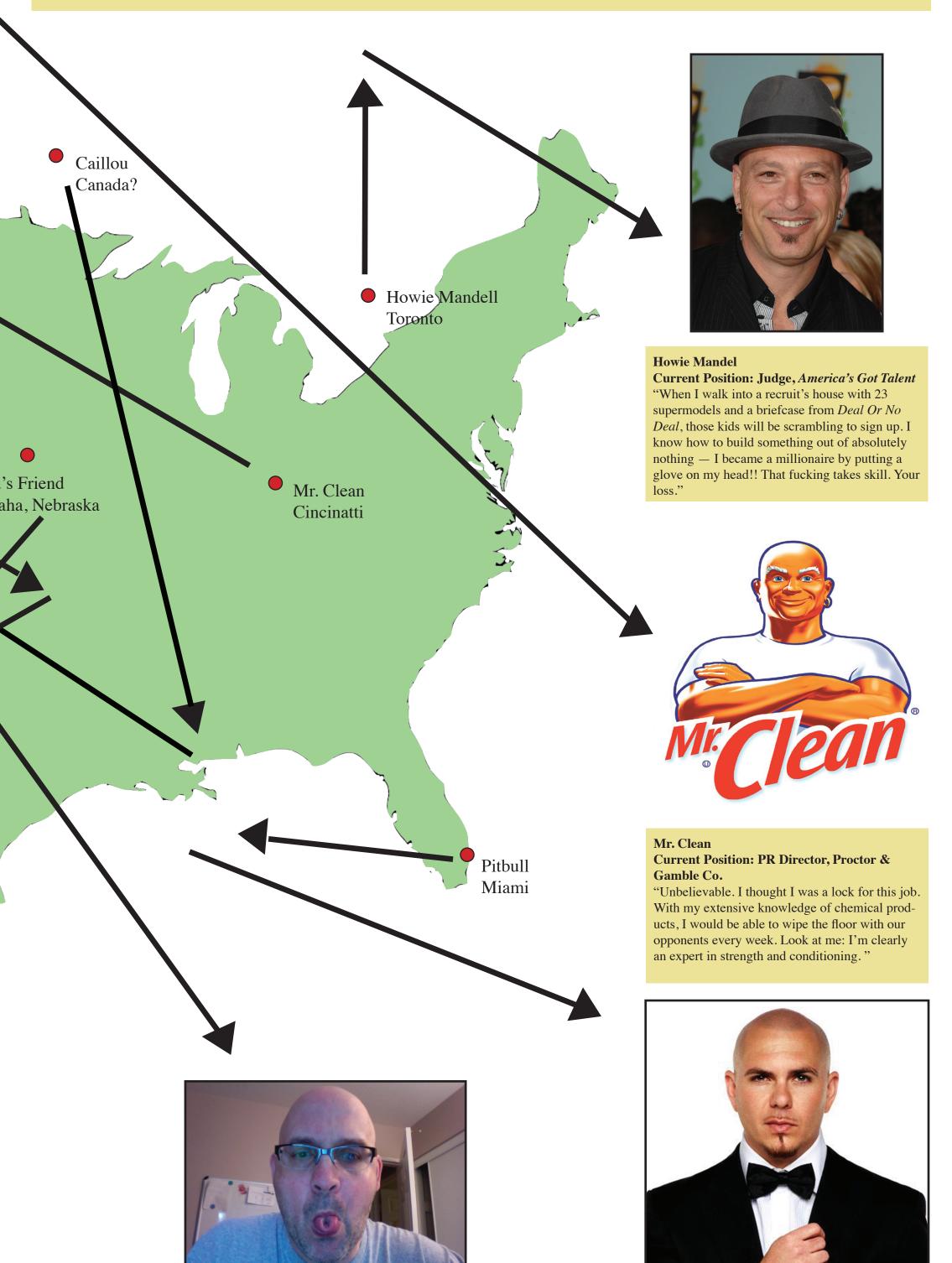
"In protest, I will no longer be eating at Rand. I led an entire nation to freedom — what makes you think I can't coach a few teenagers? As a football coach, I would be untouchable. In this life or the next, or the one after that, I will lead Vanderbilt to an SEC championship."





"Ain't nothin' worse 'n bein' snubbed. I got a fightin' spirit, just ask that no-good Bluto. And I got loads 'er experience as a seaman, just what a club called 'The Commodores' needs. An' I got these here anchor tattoos. An' I got a darn boo-tee-ful wife, Olive Oyle, the sign of a good coach."

The Slant is stunned to hear that Derek Mason has been hired as the next coach of the Commodores. Despite his impressive resume and receding hairline, Mason continues to have a beautiful head of hair, while *The Slant* expected someone with a desolate, bald head like that of James Franklin. Below are eight qualified yet overlooked candidates whom *The Slant* believes could have filled the bald spot Franklin left when he was sent to State Penn. Here are their smooth and shiny reactions.



Dad's Friend Current Position: Realtor, Hester Bros. Real

"If I can convince people to buy houses in this economy, don't you think I can sell recruits on our school? And I've been coaching my son's Pop Warner team for 4 years now. This rejection is bullshit. Don't tell your mom I said that word."

Pitbull Current Position: Mr. Worldwide

"One, two, three, four downs! Uno, dos, tres, cuatro downs! I know you want meeeeee, you know I want yaaaaaa, to be your head cooooooach, next football seeeeeason. But they probably didn't hire me, because I'm a piece of shit."



### Brother Mclaidalot's

### Sex Advice Column



By: Brother McLaidalot God Mode Forever

Hey there, cats and kittens! Brother McLaidalot here to help you get your 2014 started off right... sexually speaking. I don't know about you but I've been in a bit of a dry spell ever since New Year's. After ending 2013 with a lovely night inside a woman I met in a Costco parking lot, my righteous D hasn't been wet for going on 3 weeks now.

I've had slumps like this throughout my life, so I've had plenty of time to develop techniques for busting out of them. One good one I've discovered involves my dog, Patches. I like to take Patches for a walk in our local dog park, but before I do I smear some peanut butter on the inside of my underwear. Then I go to the park and try to find a lady to talk to. As we talk, Patches can't help but keep sniffing and poking his nose in my groin on account of the peanut butter.

From there, it's not a big jump to get the woman thinking and talking about my crotch, and once you're talking about my crotch, the deal is basically done.

Give this technique a shot the next time you're in a dry spell. And now, let's get to your let-

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Dear Brother McLaidalot,

I'm a sophomore here at Vanderbilt. I've been in a relationship with a freshman woman here since October. I like her a lot, but during rush this past weekend she was unable to secure a bid with her first-choice sorority and ended up having to go with her backup sorority. I really like this girl, but I also have a certain image that I need to protect on this campus. I mean, just about every sorority passed on her. Sure, I like her, but shouldn't the opinion of a group of strangers factor in to my relationship calculus? What should I do?

Yours truly,

Freaked-out Greek

Dear Freaky Greeky,

First of all, let's remind ourselves of this verse from Ephesians: "However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." (EPH 5:33) So let's take these words as a starting point here. Think about how you would want to be treated in this situation. Imagine that the tables were turned, and you were the one dealing with rejection from a peer group. Would you want your girlfriend to reject you too? Or would you want her to treat you with some humanity and show you that the opinion of others doesn't affect her opinion of you?

Obviously you would want her to reject you, too. Of course you would. You, like me, understand that the opinions of others are very important. Other people are good at spotting and judging things that we might miss in ourselves. So in this situation: sure, you like your girlfriend. But maybe you only like her because you're missing whatever glaring flaw prevented her from beoming a BGD sister. (I'm assuming that was her first-choice sorority.) Maybe you've never seen her in the right light to notice that her nose is weird, or that she smiles wrong. You should definitely dump her now, and once you do, make sure to call up the BGD sisters to thank them for saving you from a potentially big mistake.

Yours in Christ, Brother McLaidalot

### Disney's New Film Dusted Predicts

### **Impending Dust Bowl**

Disney meteorologists, following the runaway success of their film *Frozen*, which earned box office gold and warned of the impending polar vortex that hit the continental U.S. this January, have released their newest film, *Dusted*. The film, which will concern itself with a young princess shut away from the world for her sand-castle-building powers, indicates that the next Great Dust Bowl will follow the Great Winter of 2014. *The Slant* reached out to chief Disney meteorologist Steve Bluffs for comment.

"Well, we've always had a lot of success predicting the course of the world's events," Bluffs said. "You know, the obesity epidemic in Wall-E, France's rampant rat problem in Ratatouille, and the global helium shortage in Up — so we figured we might as well turn our eyes to the weather."

Disney weathermen and soothsayers turned their eyes to the skies and their scrying bowls early this year and saw "great clouds of dust." When asked how they could tell it was dust and not another substance, they cited "months of animating practice" and "years spent in the Sahara studying animals to get an animating job for *The Lion King* as points of reference.

ald Mackie said. "Like, super-big ones. Looks like the same ones we saw when we were planning *Frozen*, except these were yellow and stuff."

Dusted's princess, Kelsey, will be modeled almost exactly after Frozen's Floa and will have to be recovered by her younger sister.

"Oh, it's definitely great clouds of dust and sand," animator Ron-

Dusted's princess, Kelsey, will be modeled almost exactly after Frozen's Elsa and will have to be recovered by her younger sister Hannah and a traveling sand salesman, Christopher. Disney has since received criticism for this almost exact replica, but Mackie and other animators have asserted that their focus is still on creat-

*By: Sandy White*Disney Delinquent

ing the best animation possible.

"Yeah, we want to focus on the message," Mackie said in a statement on behalf of Disney. "And that message is that a fucking monster dust storm is going to hit the United States about two months after the movie is released in April."

Some conspiracy theorists claim that Disney's movies have not actually predicted these phenomena but controlled them. Roger Sinclair, former janitor for Disney Animation offices from 1995 to 2010, shared his extensive theories with *The Slant*.

"Like, dude, remember that one movie *Atlantis?* And that whole lost city and everything? That was DISNEY, dude! DISNEY sunk Atlantis! And, like, that movie *Tangled?* Do you remember the rise in shower drain clogs? That was DISNEY! IT'S ALL DISNEY! THEY'RE COMING FOR US AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN! RUN!"

Unfortunately, Sinclair refused to comment further. When told of Sinclair's theory, Bluffs laughed.

"That is quite strange that he said that. We simply do not have that kind of power. But if we did, well...the cold never bothered us anyway.

A Disney soothsayer looks into her crystal ball to see the future of awkwardly placed Slant articles.



## Students Win ResEd Desk Chair Design Contest

It's, you know... it's a nice

By: George Spelvin
Furniture Fanatic

NASHVILLE – Besting engineering and design firms from around the world, a team of Vander-

bilt students won first place in the 2014 Vanderbilt Office of Residential Education's Desk Chair Design Competition.

"I can't believe we actually won this thing," said Travis Buckwell, a senior Spanish major and leader of the three-person Vanderbilt team. "It just seems surreal."

The contest, part of a broader effort of the Office of Residential Education's efforts to "enrich the residential experience through inspired design," drew entries from 44 design and engineering firms from 12 different countries, including the famed California design

firm Brinkman + Jones, the Italian fashion house Petruzzi | Marconi, and the Swiss architecture consortium Becque & Prideaux. Entrants' submissions were then voted on by the student body, with the winners' designs produced for Vanderbilt dorm rooms starting in 2015.

"I gotta hand it to you, the students' design really blew us away," said Jim Kramka,

Vanderbilt's Director of Housing. "Their beautiful, completely out-of-the-box design will turn heads, I'm sure. I know we in ResEd thought to ourselves, 'Oh, I wish we had thought of that!' It takes your breath away."

Kramka as "a groundbreaking union of steel and imitation leather," won the student vote with a stunning 68 percent of the overall vote.

"When I look at the competition

The team's design, described by

"When I look at the competition entries, I'm still shocked we won," Buckwell added. "Literally, all we did was make a chair that fits under the desk."

"No, seriously, that's all we did," he continued. "It's not that hard, guys."



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chair.

Justin Timberlake and Robin Thicke have both been nominated for 2014 NAACP Image awards. How do you feel about that?



#### **Young Democrat**



"FUCK YES! POST-RACIAL BABY. POST-MOTHERFUCKING RACIAL! OBAMA 2016."

#### **Blind guy**



"GREAT! Those are my two favorite Black musicians."

### Klansman



"Yet another example of Whites showing our superiority. We even make better Black people."

#### Freshman



"They deserve to be nominated for this award. They certainly deserve it much more than Pharrel and Jay-Z. What have those guys ever done?"

### **Guy in Blackface**



"Wait! You mean there's an easier way?"

### Justin Timberlake



"Holy shit wait did that really happen?"

### **Robin Thicke**



"I am inventing new civil rights. All the lines are blurring. Everything fades, everything dies. But we shall live forever, my brothers."

### Sorority Girl



"Jesus, what's next, Michael Cera getting nominated for an Oscar?"

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### **Local Woman the Only Person Excited to Watch Olympic Curling**

By: Sarah Vollman Olympic Officer

RHODE ISLAND -Due to the upcoming 2014 Sochi Winter

Olympics, Cheryl Samuels, a local curling enthusiast, has been unable to control her excitement for the Women's Curling competition. "I can't wait to watch my favorite lady curlers on the ice in just a few weeks!" she shouted while anxiously clutching her "I Love Curling" mug.

Cheryl, a mailwoman with a love for slowly paced ice sports and red wine, cannot believe the Sochi Olympics are so soon. "I've waited four years for this, dedicating my life to watching curling. From the finals to the trials, I've seen it all. All that time spent is finally worth it, and the moment is finally here!"

Samuels' passion for watching curling blossomed at a young age; she often attempted to form a fantasy league in her high school. However, she experienced trouble recruiting committed fans. Whenever she managed to get people at meetings, they always wanted to talk about men's curling. "Who cares about men's curling? Nobody!"

Besides her collection of sweaters and horse art, Cheryl's most prized possession is her curling broom signed by the great Tammy "Bullseye" Patterson. "I have it on display in the living room right by the TV for good luck. Let's go USA!" Before each curling competition, Cheryl gets out a bowl of saltine crackers and says a quick prayer to the curling gods, and then she's ready to go.

No matter what the results are, Cheryl is just

A COUCH IN excited to watch the games without people or any pesky disruptions. "An Olympic gold medal is the greatest achievement an athlete can receive. A Winter Olympics gold medal in Curling is even better." After the events, Cheryl says she'll "probably call [her] mom to discuss the techniques" but often "[her] DVR has accidentally deleted it."

When asked if Samuels will be watching any other Winter Olympic games, she informed us, "My money's on Williams for the Nordic Com-



Cheryl is also an avid feeder of birds.

### WELCOME TO VANDERBILT COACH MASON! THE STAKES-COULDN'T BE LOWER. JUST BREAK .500 AND WE'LL LOVE YOU.

### **Stallings Attempts to Recruit Basketball Players in Rand**

By: Grant Paton **Basketball Boy** 

On Monday, according media reports, head basketball

coach Kevin Stallings was seen running a booth on Rand Terrace and attempting to get people to sign up for the varsity basketball team. According to eyewitness accounts, Stallings was handing out pamphlets to students who walked by, and encouraging them to sign up for the basketball team's listserv. The basketball team, which lost some of its better players in the offseason, and recently dismissed their leading scorer due to an academic issue, has struggled to find wins against tough opponents this season.

"I'm getting really desperate," Stallings admitted during an exclusive interview with The Slant later in the week. "Some of the students seemed enthusiastic about being a part of the great tradition of Vanderbilt basketball, and contributing to Memorial Magic, but I didn't get as many signatures as I expected. The XO booth next to me was selling cookies for charity... I mean, how can I compete with that?"

"I'm down to seven scholarship players. SEVEN! And two of them are white!" Stallings exclaimed during the interview between gulps from his flask. "One person laughed at me when I handed him the pamphlet. That was totally uncalled for, I mean, we almost beat Kentucky on Saturday. Sure, we don't have the festiveness of Masala-SACE or the solemn beauty of VSW, but we're not pathetic. We're not Victory A Cap-

Morris Fairbanks, a Vanderbilt sophomore who admitted he signed up at Stallings' booth,

was excited to be a part of the team. "I'm not athletic, I don't have basketball experience, and I'm not very fast, but they don't have a whole lot of other options. Plus it'll look good on medical school applications."

If you are interested in joining the basketball team, Coach Stallings can be found in his office at McGugin Center, or drowning his sorrows in Miller Lite at the West End Chili's.



Coach Stallings hopes to outshine the Hillel booth next time he's in Rand

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WELCOME TO VANDERBILT.

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### **VUMC Introduces Medical Cocaine**

By: Brendan Gray Narcotic Newscaster

Vanderbilt's Medical Center has always kept ahead of current medical policies and developments. Thus, it comes as no surprise that VUMC has recently announced its decision to begin handing out medical cocaine to students for stuffy noses.

"With the legalization of marijuana in some parts of the country, we felt that this development was an open gateway to the use of medical cocaine. This treatment could not have come at a better time,

as there has been a huge increase in the number of stuffy noses reported since the announcement, especially in the Greek community," explains one particularly energized Vanderbilt researcher, Dr.

One student who was recently treated for the sniffles reported that the treatment had been very effective. "THE TREATMENT NOT ONLY CLEARED MY NASAL PASSAGES, BUT IT ALSO IN-CREASED MY OVERALL ENERGY LEVELS THROUGH OUT THE DAY, AND HAS EVEN LED



Take two and call me in the

TO MY RECENT WEIGHT LOSS OF 60 POUNDS," the patient screamed at us from two feet away.

When asked about the possible side effects of this drug, Dr. Singh explained, "While there may be some negative side effects and slight addictive qualities to the drug, its ability to eradicate the sniffles greatly outweighs any possible issues. After all, what could be worse than that runny nose feeling where you try to sniff but there isn't actually anything there, and when you blow your nose nothing comes out, but then when you're trying to do something important or pick up some hot chick it just starts dripping out and you're like, 'Seriously, you decide to come out of my nose now?!'. I mean, the side effects of cocaine would have to be pretty bad to

One possibly connected phenomenon around campus is that Kleenex sales have skyrocketed and Varsity Markets have had difficulty stocking enough tissues to supply all of the nosebleeds being reported on campus. However, it is clear that medical cocaine has had a great benefit on Vanderbilt's campus, with a large

increase in student enthusiasm and a slight decrease in cold symptoms. Going forward, Vanderbilt hopes to take advantage of other potent substances such as using methamphetamine to alleviate toothaches.

### **New Breeding Program Reintroduces Species of Decent Jobs to Doreways**

By: George Spelvin

**Employment Executor** NASHVILLE, TN - In a scene onlookers described as a

"once-in-a-lifetime event," hundreds of Vanderbilt seniors gathered on Doreways early Tuesday morning to witness the birth of a group of job postings offering full-time, paid, entry-level positions relevant to graduates' ideal career goals.

The birth, which came without any complications, marks the first successful reintroduction of fully viable jobs into Doreways, a victory for the newly established breeding program at the Center for Student Professional Development.

This particular species of job posting, according to the Center, was already classified by the EPA as endangered due to low reproduction rates and increased human hunting in the harsh, nutrient-poor Doreways landscape. The last few years, though, have taken an especially hard toll, as invasive populations of unpaid internships and entry-level sales positions poured into the habitat and as the Great Recession obliterated the postings' nesting grounds. "They took a real beating," said Oswald "Spots" McDermott, a wildlife biologist with the National Park Service familiar with the breeding program. "They're lucky they got any of 'em into the program to begin with."

Breeding in captivity, while resource-intensive and sometimes ineffective, was a necessary risk to "jumpstart" Doreways' recovery, affirmed Vanderbilt conservation biologist Malu Jorge.

"When an ecosystem takes a hit like the one [Doreways] took, it can take years for it to redevelop and become truly resilient and diverse again."

"Usually, when an area is disrupted as severely as this one has been, you see a first wave of a handful of colonizing species, things that live fast and die hard but usually don't offer any sort of long-term stability," she continued, pointing out that Doreways had been dominated by ill-defined, sketchily described "analyst" posts at companies few had ever heard of. "Once we started to see some populations bounce back in some niches [like engineering], though, we knew the moment was right to try to reintroduce."

"Reintroducing these beautiful creatures to the wild will add a great deal of vibrancy—the soul, even—of this habitat," Jorge added.

Students agreed. "It's the first time I've ever seen jobs like this in the wild before," said an awestruck Emma Candela, a senior music performance major. "I mean, I had heard about them, but y'know, I always thought people were joking when they said that they had seen them."

"Man, I thought these were extinct," added Kyle Whorf, a senior physics major. "My parents and grandparents talk about seeing them when they were my age, and they're as beautiful as I thought they would be."

With the successful breeding program firmly established, the Center hopes to improve Doreways' diversity of employment opportunities even further by hosting job fairs for sectors of the

economy outside of finance or engineering.



This is a glove you need to wear to inseminate a job.



### **TOPTEN** THINGS OUTKAST IS **HEADLINING**

**Burning Man** 

The Daily Gazette

Teddy Fisher's Bar Mitzvah

Your next AA meeting

Woodstock, 1969

Stacy and Bill's Wedding

The Oscars

Rites of Spring fucking please oh my god I would seriously die ugggh PLEEEEASE

The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show

A Timeshare Seminar at the **Grand Rapids Marriott** 

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### Slanted Recipes: A Recipe for Success

By: Almaz Mesghina Success Surveyor

### Ingredients

- -Luck -White Skin
- -A trust fund back home
- -A father with a management-level position in a for-

profit company

- -A malleable moral backbone
- -Just a dash of determination

### **Directions**

- 1. Pour all ingredients into a large mixing bowl
- 2. Send the mixing bowl off to a top-tier four-year university
- 3. Hope that the mixing bowl does not succumb to the social pressures of young adult life
- 4. Discard any hopes or dreams that may have accumulated on the edge of the mixing bowl

#### Serves: Winners



If browning along the edges occurs, try adding a dash of hard work and leave your hands out of your pockets in department

### **Quality of Life Survey**

- 1. How long do you sleep in your 8:10 Multivariable Calculus class?
  - a) The whole class
  - b) Oh wait, you mean I actually have to show up to that?
  - c) None, I live for sleep deprivation and morning hangovers
- d) However long my dream of a romantic lunch with James Franklin is 2. What is your opinion of Highland Quiznos?
  - a) I love rat meat at lunchtime
  - b) I'm scarred by that squeezable guacamole
  - c) Food poisoning from the "lobster"
  - d) I miss James Franklin serenading me during Quiznos Happy Hour
- 3. What is your opinion on pregaming?
  - a) I don't pregame because I love drinking Kool-Aid at parties!
  - b) I pregame the pregame
  - c) I pregame the pregame before the pregame
  - d) I just drink all day with James Franklin
- 4. What should the monkeys under Wilson be called?
  - a) Snap, Crackle, and Pop
  - b) El Presidente, Cuba Libre, and Mojito
  - c) Rusty Trombone, Space Docking, and Water Sports
  - d) Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh
- 5. How has James Franklin's departure affected your experience at Vanderbilt?
  - a) The bathrooms just aren't the same
  - b) I don't have James Franklin to tuck me in at night anymore
  - c) I hope we can still make the Sweet 16 next year
  - d) We can still tailgate, right?
- 6. What did you do with James Franklin over Winter Break?
  - a) Made friendship bracelets and promised we would be together for-
  - b) Made cookies and cried together while watching The Notebook
  - c) Took scenic tours of Penn State, USC, and Houston
  - d) Stayed with him at his winter home in Destin
- 7. What has been your favorite class this semester? a) Basic Crocheting with James Franklin
  - b) Advanced Irish Jigging with James Franklin
  - c) Comedic Interpretations of Victorian Literature with James Frank-
  - d) The Life and Times of Benedict Arnold with James Franklin

Congratulations on finishing the survey! We decided to upgrade your prize of Southwest to Spirit vouchers! Enjoy your flight on this luxurious, unreliable airline!

### We're Tired of Weighting

By: Sophie To Weight Watcher Weight loss solutions for those who have tried everything.

Just weeks into 2014, a heaping spoonful of those who made weight-related New Year's resolutions has already given up. More will give up right after beach-bod season, and few will reach their goals by the end of the year. Even fewer will be able to maintain their goals in the long run.

However, there is good news: A team of scientists from Alabama (all of whom thank God for Mississippi) has recently developed a novel permanent weight-loss method that is quickly catching on. It was a grueling process, but after decades of work, the end result goes to show how much these scholars' efforts have paid off.

"This approach is graduated and versatile. What truly sets it apart is that it can help one lose weight slowly or rapidly without the entire pages of side effects that come with weight loss surgery or pills. And it is much more effective than fad diets or those frivolous vibration belts or fat wraps that they always advertise on TV for \$19.99," says a statement released by the FDA. "Those commercials lie to you, by the way. \$19.99 plus tax and shipping fees—all bullshit, in my opinion.'

Here is a chart highlighting a few specific treatments from which customers can choose depending on their weight-loss goals.

Weight Loss Goal	Treatment	Possible Side Effects
Preventative Measure	Digestive system removal	Coma and eventually death
2 pounds	2/3 liver removal (procedure must be performed at least twice a year due to the tendency for liver cells to regenerate)	Prolonged discomfort, death in extreme cases
3 pounds	Brain removal	Death
> 10 pounds	Combo package (only \$19.99): lung, kidney, spleen, pancreas removal Special offer, limited time only: remove additional organs for just \$10 apiece.	Slow, painful death
> 12% of body weight	Skin removal	Holiness And death probably

"In a time when obesity rates are alarmingly high and steadily on the rice, this treatment could very well be the one bacon of hope," the FDA wrote in the concluding remarks of its statement.

The Slant has tried to reach out to participants in the treatment, but at the time, no live participants were available for comment; dead participants politely declined.

