



Women's VU

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Don't Miss It!

Speak Out! Against Sexual Assault

Thursday, April 6th,
12:00-1:30pm, at Rand Terrace

There will be music, dance and a keynote speaker. Members of the audience will be invited to the microphone to speak out against sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence. Information will be available about sexual assault, resources for survivors, and ways to get involved to stop the violence.

This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Peer Educators of Project Safe, MPAS, Vandy Fems, and Project Safe. For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

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The Cause of Sex Trafficking is the Demand

When I offered to write this article, I thought I would just sit down, research, and write an article about sex trafficking and how prevalent it is in the United States. This was not the case. The more I researched sex trafficking, the more I realized it was another area where victims are held accountable for the actions of others, to the point that international laws do not even protect these women. Sex trafficking has always been seen as a problem in other countries, but never in the United States. We fail to recognize the issue, and in many ways we handle sex trafficking in the same way that we handle other forms of violence against women.

In my research, I found that some lawmakers argue, if a woman gives consent, she should not be covered under the legal definition of sex trafficking. Similarly, in a study conducted by Janice Raymond and Donna Hughes in March 2001 by the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, some advocates believe that when a woman agrees to provide sexual favors in return for transportation to the United States, she has given her consent to be used as a prostitute, forfeiting her legal rights. However, others question if true consent can be given when threats, coercion and false promises are used to influence an individual's decision. This discrepancy between consent and coercion left the United Nations without a concrete definition for sex trafficking for many years.

Raymond and Hughes' research shows that many recruited women come from poor families and are preyed on by recruiters, traffickers

and pimps. Many of the countries these women come from have oppressive conditions where girls are seen as burdens and liabilities, and they lack family support. These countries also lack the ability to provide sufficient economic opportunity for these women. For some of these women, the head of the family is the one pressuring them to join the sex industry. These family members are given large amounts of money if they convince the girls to go with them. The girls are promised that they will no longer live in poverty and will be able to provide for their families. Traffickers also advertise employment opportunities as a way of trafficking women. By promising them jobs, they convince these women to migrate to a new city or country where they will be isolated and abused. Many hide their trafficking industries through legitimate mail-order bride agencies. All of the women are presented with false promises, or are coerced into believing that going with the trafficker will lead to a better life. When we really look at what is being promised to these women, and the fact that traffickers prey on women's vulnerabilities, we must ask ourselves, "do these women really have a choice and can they really give knowledgeable consent?"

If we look at the history of violence against women and how we have created an environment where the actions of women are scrutinized and judged instead of the actions of the perpetrator. We are more inclined to ask a woman why she keeps going back to the battering relationship, rather than asking why her partner is beating her. *continued on page 3*

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Staff Says Farewell to Robin

As a student worker I have the unique opportunity to view the inner workings of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center from two very different perspectives. Both of these have allowed me to develop, in different ways, an amazing relationship with our Office Manager, Robin Van Arman. Now that she is leaving I find myself already missing not only a mentor and co-worker, but also a dear friend.



I'm not sure that anyone can truly understand and appreciate what it means to be Office Manager of a place like the Women's Center. Each of the staff in the building is dedicated to bettering the campus and being available to all members of the Vanderbilt community, meaning that at any given time everyone is running in five different directions and tackling ten different tasks. Robin has been a blessing in her ability to keep track of everyone while simultaneously managing the most central part of the organization. I don't quite know how we'll survive without her.

Robin has been an amazing friend and mentor to me, as well as the other student workers at the Women's Center. It is a striking testament to her tender and compassionate nature that in the midst of all the business she manages to help keep US calm. Not to mention that she is the very embodiment of optimism. To say that we will all miss Robin greatly is a complete understatement. We are grateful for her dedication, her spirit, and the relationships we each have with her. Good luck Robin and all the best!

-Emily Baunach

**Editor's Note: "Ditto to all the above! I will miss you, friend!"*

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MCWC's Mary Jane Werthan Award Goes to...

The winner of the 2006 Mary Jane Werthan Award is...

Rebecca Spires, Assistant Director of Wellness Program!

Becky Spires personifies each of the three characteristics recognized by this award: vision, persistence, and extraordinary skill in interpersonal and institutional relations.

In addition to the exceptional job that she does in bringing wellness information and activities to the Vanderbilt community, Becky also reaches well beyond her job description to benefit women at the University. She was part of the original team that provided the vision and person-power to develop the Hand in Hand Program. She worked closely with Hillary Forbes, the former Assistant Director of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center



and Christina, an undergraduate student, to design this educational program that has now trained over five hundred students to respond to peers affected by sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Becky also designed, created, and facilitated the first Eating Disorders Task Force that convened in February of 2000. This task force, composed of students, faculty, and staff from across the Vanderbilt campus, worked for several years to raise awareness of the overwhelming problem of negative body image and eating disorders that faces the Vanderbilt community. Over time, Becky helped the student members of the task force to create a self-sustaining student organization dedicated to raising awareness about positive body image and the consequences of negative body image and eating disorders. Becky continues to advise IMAGE, and to support all of its activities including IMAGE Week.

Becky is an extraordinary asset to the Vanderbilt community, and especially to the women here. She is their champion, their confidante, and their advocate. Becky has pushed for innovative programming -such as Hand in Hand and IMAGE - that empowers students to proactively address the issues that affect them the most. She is an incredible leader who uses a blend of intelligence, wit, and graceful determination to accomplish her goals.

Becky was officially recognized for her contributions during the Margaret Cuninggim Lecture on March 28th.

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Rarely do we stop to think that in many violent relationships, the batterer has all of the economic control; they use many different forms of violence including threats, coercion and isolation to disempower the woman to the point that she feels like she has no choice but to stay. With this in mind, it makes complete sense why members of the United Nations would struggle with the idea that many times women cannot give true consent, because they do not have power at a personal, micro or macro level.

After the hard work of many advocates and social change agencies, the June 2000 draft *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime* was created in which sex trafficking was defined as:

"Trafficking in persons shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by the threat or use of force, by abduction, fraud, deception (inducement), coercion or the abuse of power, or by the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation (irrespective of the consent of the person); exploitation shall include, at a minimum, (the exploitation of prostitution or other forms of sexual

exploitation), forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery (or servitude)."

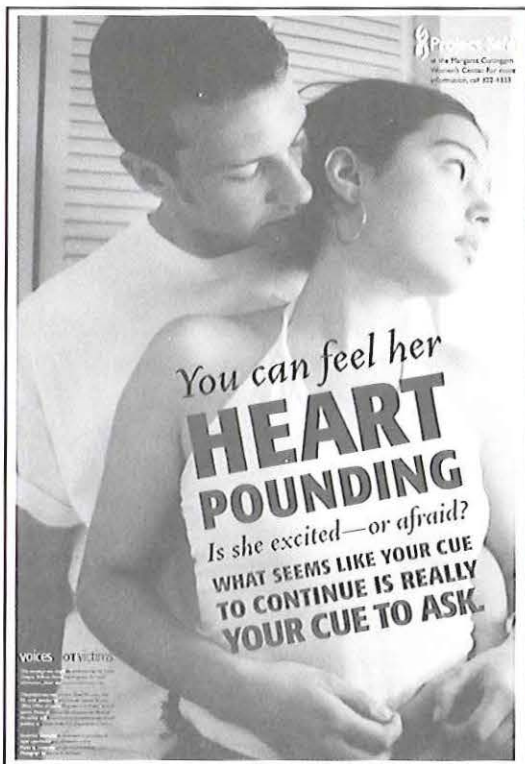
This definition provides protection to all those who are trafficked, including those who cannot prove that they were forced. In this definition, exploitation, rather than coercion, is the operative concept. This definition was finalized and approved by the United Nations in 2001.

According to Deborah Rhode, in her article "The 'No Problem' Problem," "our most common strategy is to individualize the issues" just as with violence against women, "whatever the cause of such inequality, we make individual women responsible for the remedy" (p.13). We must acknowledge that the cause of sex trafficking is the demand for it if we want to eliminate it. As in all forms of violence against women, we need to shift the responsibility from the victims to the perpetrators. I invite you to become part of the shift to end all forms of violence against women because it is never about sitting down and writing the article, it is about awareness and action.

Join Project Safe, Peer Educators, MPAS and Vandy Fems during April to raise awareness about sexual assault and sex trafficking. For more information about the events, please refer to our calendar of events on page 7.

Submitted by Vicky Basra, Director, Project Safe.

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Feminist Environmentalist Sandra Steingraber To Speak

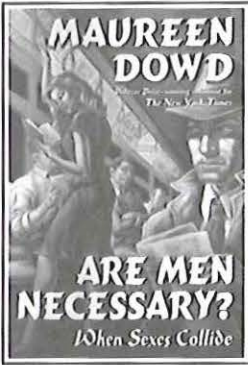
Thursday, April 20th, 6:00 p.m.
at the Belcourt Theatre

The event is free to those with a Vanderbilt ID; for those without an ID, tickets will be available at the box office for \$10. The talk is titled, "**Contamination without Consent: How Chemicals in Air, Food, and Water Violate Human Rights.**"

What: Women's and Gender Studies presents Sandra Steingraber, the author of *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* and *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*. Steingraber is an Ecologist, Cancer Survivor, internationally recognized expert on environmental links to cancer and reproductive health.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email women-studies@vanderbilt.edu

Are Men Necessary? and Female Chauvinist Pigs



Many newspaper readers are familiar with Maureen Dowd's witty columns in *The New York Times* and other papers. The latest book by the Washington-based Dowd is *Are Men Necessary?: When Sexes Collide* (Putnam, 2005), a light-hearted look at gender conflicts and sex roles today.

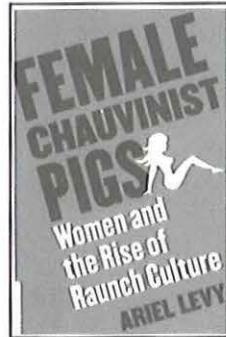
The title has two meanings. Some scientists speculate that the Y chromosome and men may eventually disappear as males will no longer be needed for reproduction. Dowd, who humorously declares that she doesn't understand men or even what it is about them that she doesn't understand, also questions whether males are really necessary for the smooth running of human society. Her conclusion is that they seem to be essential.

This amusing study of feminism and gender is a collection of observations, thoughts and anecdotes on many topics that concern feminists and other scholars. Dowd raises many interesting questions and does not criticize or blame either men or women consistently; she points out that there are many faults and foibles common to each gender. Many readers will be amused to read statements such as: "There is a growing school of thought among those who study the American political landscape that men may be biologically unsuited to hold political office and leadership positions." She remarks that men have raging hormones every day while women suffer from this problem only a few days each month.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning writer has been reporting and commenting on politics for many years and is a political insider who tells many fascinating tales about politicians of both parties. She discusses the achievements of feminism, the backlash against it and the confusion about gender it seems to have generated. In some ways many women today appear to be regressing and acting in ways that seem contrary to what feminists fought for at least a generation ago. For example, many young women flaunt their sexuality and are happy when men pay for their dates and vacations. Some people wonder if the women are being greedy ("fem-free-loading") or desire not to upset what they consider to be the dating ritual. Everyone seems confused.

The chapters cover a wide array of topics, including the difficulties educated women have in finding suitable mates; sex discrimination; sexual harassment, particularly in politics; how female power may be perceived as threatening; gender bias in the media; both women's and men's obsession with beauty and youthful appearance; the growing use of tranquilizers; as well as many tales and scandals from the world of politics.

Journalist Ariel Levy, a young feminist born in 1974, has been concerned for some time about many aspects of today's



popular culture. In the lively *Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture* (Free Press, 2005) she examines many situations she finds disturbing

and the contradictions involved in the behavior and thoughts of many women. Among the topics she ponders are: why girls and women wear such tight and revealing clothing; why they are attracted to pornography and sex work and are happy to patronize clubs featuring female strippers; why they often idolize those women, such as Paris Hilton, who have worked in pornography; why raunchy caricatures of female hotness are accepted as normal; why middle-class college students are so ready to flash for the cameras or for an audience; why sex-drenched television shows that demean females are so popular among young women; why so many women and girls are eager to have breast implants; and why young girls often have sex mainly because it makes them seem cool rather than because it is something that they really desire.

Most of the young women believe that behaving in provocative or stereotypically female ways is empowering and shows that they are liberated. They believe that they are doing what they want to do, and don't feel that they are pleasing others or doing what men want to see. These women want to be one of the guys and would hate to be considered prissy or uncool. They do not seem to notice all the consumerism involved in popular culture. Many such women claim to embrace feminism, but certainly not the feminism of earlier generations. Levy believes that they are confusing sexual power with real power and she shows how the swing toward pervasive raunch grew out of unresolved conflicts between the women's movement and the sexual revolution. In the past men who treated women like sex objects were labeled male chauvinist pigs. The writer considers that the women who make sex objects of themselves and of other women must therefore be Female Chauvinist Pigs.

Levy, who understands that change won't come quickly or easily, has no quick solutions but realizes that womanhood must be destigmatized and that women need to be true to themselves and should not attempt to ape others. She concludes that "If we believed that we were sexy and funny and competent and smart, we would not need to be like strippers or like men or like anyone other than our own specific, individual selves. That won't be easy but... the rewards would be the very things Female Chauvinist Pigs want so desperately, the things women deserve: freedom and power."

In the Library



Barbara Clarke
Women's Center
Librarian





Unless otherwise indicated, all groups and events are open to the public and are held at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at 316 West Side Row on Vanderbilt University's campus.

April 2006 Calendar

SPECIAL EVENTS

Women, Wal-Mart and the Bottom

Line: Presenting authors Liza Featherstone and John Dicker
Thursday, April 6, 6:00pm, in Wilson Hall, Room 103

What: Liza Featherstone is a contributing editor at *The Nation*. She is the author of *Selling Women Short: The Landmark Battle for Worker's Rights at Wal-Mart*. John Dicker is the author of *The United States of Wal-Mart* (Tarcher, 2005). His writing has appeared in *The Nation*, *Salon*, *The Boston Globe* and numerous alternative weeklies. A reception and book-signing will follow the talk.

Who: This event is free and open to everyone. It is co-sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Women's and Gender Studies, Department of Sociology and Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies.

For more information, contact rory.dicker@vanderbilt.edu

On-going: Artist Exhibition

Seedpod Senescence: works by Patricia Jordan

What: Patricia Jordan utilizes biological and metaphorical imagery in charcoal drawings, prints and collages to deal with the "change of life" for women—an exploration of the possibilities for this new life stage. The show runs February 6 through April 28. To see the show, call 322-4843 for viewing times and directions.

Women in Academe Series

The Dual Career Couple

Tuesday, April 4, 4:10- 5:30pm, Buttrick Hall, Room 206

What: This session will explore the trials and hardships that come with academics vying for positions at the same institution. Some of Vanderbilt's own dual career couples will discuss the issues they've encountered in their job searches and share advice on how to mesh personal and professional lives. Co-sponsored with the Career Center.

Who: This event is free and open to anyone who is, or who is considering, becoming a graduate student.

For more information, contact vanessa.k.valdes@vanderbilt.edu

Pay Equity Awareness Event

Wednesday, April 19th (all day)

What: Pay equity day is the day in the new year (2006) that it takes women to earn as much as their male coworkers in the previous year (2005). This year's pay equity awareness event will be a conscious raising campaign to speak out against this

inequity in pay. In the course of one year, women have slipped six more days behind men, a discrepancy that is further enhanced when race is added to gender.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Vandy Fems. For more information, contact contact ac.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu.

REGULAR GROUPS/ MEETINGS

Sistahs Reading Sistahs

Wednesday, April 5, 12:30pm-1:30pm (Meets the 1st Wednesday)

What: A book group for everyone interested in reading African-American women authors. This month the group will be reading *A Lover Like No Other* by Kathy Thomas.

Who: This group is free and open to everyone!

For more info, please contact regina.snell@vanderbilt.edu

Making Connections: A discussion group about body image

What: Come join a discussion group to learn about making closer connections with others, your body, and most importantly—yourself. Topics may include body image, intimate relationships, self confidence, managing anxiety and stress, and many others. Come check it out. Confidential.

Who: Free and open to anyone with an interest in these issues.

For time, location or more information: call Pamela Fishel-Ingram, Ph.D. 343-3561 or email pamelaingram@vanderbilt.edu

Creative Life Planning Group

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:30am-1:00 pm (Meets every Tuesday)

What/Who: A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.

For more information, call 322-4843.

Creative Writing Group

Tuesday, April 12, 5:30pm-7pm (meets the 2nd Tuesday)

What: The Creative Writing Group is open to new members! We look forward to hearing your piece. No writing experience necessary. You can bring a piece or create one at the group.

Who: This group is free and open to everyone. It is led by Anna Sir who will be doing some writing instruction as well as facilitation of the group. For more information, or to RSVP to the group, contact annasir@bellsouth.net

Vandy Moms

Thursday, April 13 and 27, 11:30am-12:30pm (Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays)

What/Who: Moms of any age! Women who juggle!

Superheroes! Open to all mothers, part-

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nered or single. This is a support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities. It also provides programming to inform, empower and enrich. *The April 13th meeting will feature Mary Early-Zald on time management skills.* To RSVP, contact misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu or call 343-4367.

Book Group

Monday, April 10, 5:15–6:15pm (meets the second Monday)

What/Who: The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. The book group will read *The Dark Room*, by Rachel Seiffert.

For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at jdubose@bellsouth.net or Carmen Gherman at cggherman@yahoo.com.

Vanderbilt Feminists (Vandy Fems)

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 5:00–6:00pm (meets every Wednesday)

Who: Open to all students of any gender.

What: A student group concerned about women's issues on campus, and promoting equality between genders.

Contact emily.c.baunach@vanderbilt.edu or katie.protos@vanderbilt.edu *Or just come to a meeting!*



Peer Educators of Project Safe

Meets Sunday nights, 6pm

What/Who: Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women. For more information, contact katie.protos@vanderbilt.edu or kasie.r.luttrell@vanderbilt.edu



Men Promoting a Solution

Meets Monday nights, 6pm, Sarratt 112

What/Who: A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change. New members are always welcome! For more information, contact steve.frooman@vanderbilt.edu



Support Group

What/Who: A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential time and location, all information shared is kept confidential.

For more information, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or 322-1333.

Middle Tennessee Needs You to Help Prepare Our Community for the Next Disaster!

This information is being offered as a public service announcement for our community:

What: On April 7 and 8, 2006 the Metro area will be involved in a disaster simulation. The "Emergency Preparedness Challenge" is the nation's largest local disaster exercise since Hurricane Katrina. The exercise will simulate a series of incidents and their impact on our community. We need community participation and volunteers to make it a learning experience for first responders AND the entire community.

Who: Groups and individuals are needed to help play injured and exposed adults and children. You will be given all necessary training onsite. We encourage groups (clubs, congregations, etc.), families (children must be over 11), people with different abilities to participate.

When: Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8, 2006.

Opportunities are available during the day and evening on both days.

Where: Sites in Davidson, Williamson, Sumner, and Wilson counties, depending on your preference.

Why: Because your community needs you. Because you can make a real difference in just a couple of hours. Because you owe it to yourself to be informed. The events of 9/11 and the hurricanes in the Gulf taught us an important lesson.

Emergency preparedness is a partnership between first responders, volunteers and the community. We must work together to be prepared. We need community participation and volunteers to make it a learning experience for first responders AND the entire community. The exercise will require over 2000 volunteers to help us test the emergency systems.

How do I register to volunteer? You can register for the exercise on Hands on Nashville's Web site. Just go to www.hon.org and sign up like you would for any other Hands on Nashville project. All the projects, times, etc. are on our website.

For more information on the official website of the emergency preparedness challenge, go to www.HSD5exercise.org. Questions? Please call (615) 298-1108 or email exercise@hon.org.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Calendar of Events

These Hands Don't Hurt

Monday, April 3rd, 11:00-1:00pm, at the Wall on Rand Terrace

What: This program is an activist project asking men in the community to show their support for ending violence against women by signing their hand prints on a sheet that is put on display during various events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Information will also be available for what men can do to help stop violence against women on campus.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Men Promoting a Solution (MPAS) and Project Safe.

For more information, contact steve.frooman@vanderbilt.edu

The Clothesline Project

Monday, April 3rd, 11:00-1:00pm, at the Wall on Rand Terrace

What: This event is an activist project designed to raise awareness about the number of individuals impacted by sexual violence. Individuals are encouraged to make a shirt according to a specific color code representing different forms of violence. The shirts are then hung throughout the month to demonstrate the different forms of violence that have touched the lives of women and men on campus. Information about the project, about the meaning of each color, and about resources available for survivors on campus will also be available.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Peer Educators of Project Safe.

For more information, contact ac.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu

World on Wednesdays: Sex Vacations

Wednesday, April 5th, 12:10-1:00pm, in the Student Life Center, Classrooms A&B

What: Kacy Silverstein, Associate Director of Project Safe, will be speaking on the complex issues surrounding sex vacations.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Peer Educators of Project Safe and Project Safe.

For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

Sex Trafficking Panel

Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00-8:30pm, in Wilson 121

What: A group of experts in the area of sex trafficking will discuss what sex trafficking is and what part the United States plays in continuing the epidemic.

Who: This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Project Safe.

For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

Speak Out Against Sexual Assault

Thursday, April 6th, 12:15pm-1:30pm, at Rand Terrace

What: This event is the keynote event of Sexual Assault

Awareness Month. The speak out will begin with an address by a keynote speaker. Members of the audience will be invited to the microphone to speak out against sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence. Information will be available about sexual assault, resources for survivors, and ways to get involved to stop the violence.

Who: Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

Movie Event

V-Day Documentary: Until the Violence Stops
Wednesday, April 19th, 7pm-9pm, Furman, 114

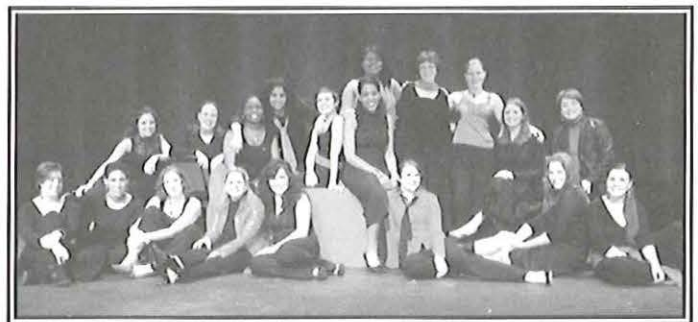
What: This Sundance Festival favorite chronicles the V-Day movement that grew out of Eve Ensler's hit off-Broadway solo show, *The Vagina Monologues*. V-Day, the international grassroots movement aimed at stopping violence against women and girls has been going strong since its inception in 2002. *Until the Violence Stops* is "a celebration of community awareness that leaves us with the hope that change can happen."

Who: Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or call 322-2774

2006 Vagina Monologues A Great Success!

This year's production of *Vagina Monologues* was a great success. While the production raises awareness about sexual assault, violence against women and women's issues in general, the proceeds are always donated to a women's organization in the community. Of this year's funds, \$5736 will go to the Domestic Violence Hardship Fund; \$574 will go to the V-Day Spotlight on "Comfort Women." A total of 715 seats were sold for this year's production.



This year's cast of *Vagina Monologues*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN) meets the 4th Monday of the month, April 24 at the Nashville Peace and Justice Center behind Scarritt Bennett at 7pm. This meeting is open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For more information, contact CynthiaNashNOW@aol.com, tennesseehow@comcast.net or 269-7141.

NASHVILLE CABLE's next meeting will be April 12 at City Hall in the Gulch area from 11:30am-1pm. The featured speakers are Karen Davis and Thelma Kidd, who will present the topic, "Don't Take 'No' for an Answer." Guests are \$35. Reservations can be made by calling the CABLE office at 255-1951 or online at www.nashvillecable.org.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMODORES! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vanderbilt is hosting the 2006 Southeastern Conference Championship at our home course, the Vanderbilt Legends Club, **Friday-Sunday, April 14-16**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the tournament, and of course, to come and support your Commodores!!!

The SEC is an extremely competitive conference, and many of the SEC women's golf programs are ranked in the top-25 nationally. Besides having the opportunity to watch an incredible tournament field that consists of all your favorite SEC rivals (Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina, and Tennessee), it is a great chance to support your Commodores as we compete for the SEC title on our home course. It will definitely be an exciting event, and one that you don't want to miss!

We need volunteers to assist with live-scoring. Scorers will be stationed every third hole; as the players walk off the green, they will communicate their scores for the previous three holes to the scorer. The scorer will then radio these scores to scoring central for entry into GolfStat where the scores will become available for immediate viewing on the internet. A shift as a scorer will last about 5 to 6 hours (basically the time it takes for all the golfers to make it past your designated hole). If you don't know much about golf, you can still volunteer--someone from scoring central will prepare you for your position.

All volunteers will receive a light breakfast, lunch, t-shirt, hat, and a great opportunity to watch some outstanding golf. If you are interested in volunteering for any one of the three days of competition, please contact Renee Mackin, the Volunteer Coordinator, at 615-343-4499 or renee.mackin@vanderbilt.edu.

BOOK SIGNING WITH LAURA CARPENTER

Thursday, April 6, 4-5:30pm, Vanderbilt Bookstore (Rand Hall)

Join Dr. Laura Carpenter in a celebration of her recently released book, *Virginity Lost: An Intimate Portrait of First Sexual Experiences*.

Dr. Carpenter is a professor in the Sociology department and is an affiliate faculty member with Women's and Gender Studies. For more information about her book, please read the following release:

<http://www.nerve.com/screeningroom/books/virginitylost/>

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email l.carpenter@vanderbilt.edu



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