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Everett Moran Fails to Get Sorority Bid

Vanderbilt Senior Everett Moran, a male student who recently gained notoriety for his attempt to be elected homecoming queen, failed to get a bid to a single sorority last month for the fourth year in a row. Everett declared that this was simply another instance of a conservative group of people refusing to be open minded about the situation. Tri-Delt Jennifer Hanson said, "That was a guy? That's news to me. We didn't give him a bid because of his complexion and unfeminine gait." We at The Slant got him a bid at Lambda Chi, which we thought might be more appropriate considering he has a penis. He wept with tears of joy. We think.



Bush To Switch From Briefs To Boxers To Emphasize Message Of Freedom

In order to get his second term off to a running start, President Bush has announced that he will from now on wear boxers rather than briefs, saying it was important to show that, "supporting freedom means supporting freedom everywhere - even in my pants." The President continued, "When I'm sitting in my Oval Office command center with the fate of the world in the balance, I don't want to be distracted by my balls chafing against the tight fit of a pair of briefs. Bring it on!"

Race Begins To Dump Girlfriends Before Valentine's Day

With the commercially contrived annual festival of coupling fast approaching, the male population on campus is facing a race against time to dump their girlfriends and thereby avoid major romantic and financial pressure on February 14th. Many are facing the delicate balance of squeezing as much sex as they can out of the relationship without leaving it too close to the big day to break things off and feel guilty because of it. "This is the fourth year I've had to deal with this," said Mike Charlton, "And it doesn't get easier. There's always tears and recrimination - but it's OK; once I find someone else to have sex with later, I'll feel better again."

Family Values Group: "Jesus, Spongebob, Quit Being Such A Fag"

Following up his claim that the children's TV hit character Spongebob Squarepants is promoting "the evils of homosexuality" in a recently released appearance in which the irritatingly chirpy moisture-absorber speaks about embracing "tolerance", leading "Family Values" campaigner Dr. James Dobson has demanded that Spongebob "prove his straightness." Dr. Dobson, who frequently advises the White House on social matters, commented, "If, as his creators claim, he's not gay, and hates gays like any true American TV character, he should prove it. Angelica from "Rugrats" is a pretty foxy chick - if he wants to set the record straight, let's have them get it on."



Nashville Marks Anniversary of Battle with Vietnam Re-enactment

VietNam war enthusiasts descended on Elmington Park in West Nashville on Saturday

to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the Tet Offensive with a re-enactment of the battles of January 1968. Other features of the celebration included a scaled replica of the Hanoi Hilton prisoner of war camp along with authentic hash bars and heroin dens for American GIs. The re-enactment also included an area for anti-war re-enactment demonstrators. The event has attracted participants from many cultures. "Not many roles for Asians come up in the deep South, and I was intrigued by the complexity of the character," said Nashville engineer Dan Pho Nguyen, 37, who plays Vietnamese military genius Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, "though I have to say I'm a little uneasy about the decision to use actual napalm. Boy, that stuff burns."



Democratic Iraqis



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Days until we come up with something else for this space.



Kentuckians Can't Get Enough KY Jelly

Supplies of lubricant in the state of Kentucky have dwindled drastically in the wake of recent discoveries by residents of the Bluegrass State. "This delicious jelly, named after our fair state, perfectly complements the taste of our state delicacy, Kentucky Fried Chicken," explained Governor Ernie Fletcher. "If only the Colonel were here to see it." Fletcher then shook his head ruefully for a moment before squeezing the contents of an entire tube of KY Jelly into his mouth.



Students Could Be Sex-Deprived

A recent poll among Vanderbilt students indicated that 1 in 10 undergraduates are not engaging in enough sexual activity to perform at optimal levels. "Students are coming into class, bleary-eyed and at low energy levels," one professor reported. "It must be all those nights scouring the frats for easy chicks or crying to sleep at 6 AM after an unsuccessful night on the town." Experts recommend trying to establish a mutual sex schedule, so that sex without commitment can be arranged between two sexually deprived individuals for the sake of their health.

Biennial Slant PR Disaster A Rousing Success

The Slant staff commented, "Well fuck, we sure did it this time guys."

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Americanization of Iraqis Hurt by Turnout

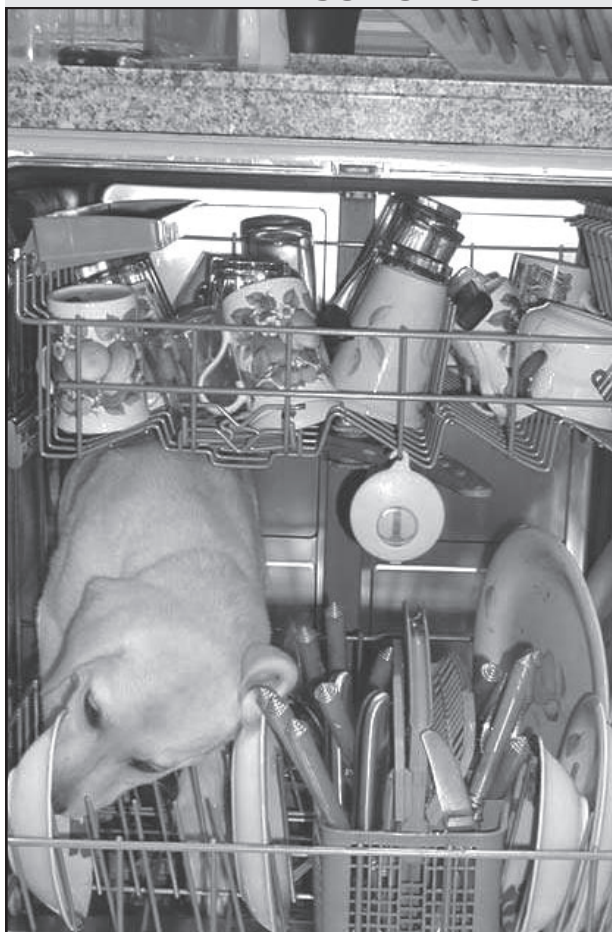
Following disturbing reports of a turnout of 72% in the Iraqi election, President Bush has vowed not to let such un-American levels of political participation deter the US from its mission. On the ground in Iraq, chief US Election Observer Norman Oswald told a press conference, "You would have thought the risk of imminent death would have made these people say sense and stay at home. And the two other factors which generally work to deter American voters - bad weather or something good on TV - just didn't happen." Oswald continued, "If these people actually show up to vote, this entire war will have been for nothing. If we can't get them to accept our way of life, how will we ever get them to buy our stuff?"



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Corrections:

In the previous issue we listed one of our columns as having been written by Jim Phillips. This was a pseudonym and in no way was meant to represent Vanderbilt senior Jim Phillips. We apologize for the confusion.

Also in the previous issue, we did not write the title to the article about Madonna in bold. This has something to do with Kabbalah.

The masthead in the last issue read Copyright 2004. We were lying. It really was Copyright 2005. So don't make bootlegged copies. Please.

FROM THE EDITOR



COLIN DINSMORE

As many of you probably know, our last issue contained a naming mistake that led to a fiasco which can only be described as being of “Tequila Shot Contest” magnitude and consequence. I can merely say that it was indeed an accident and we are sorry about it.

We have taken a number of steps in order to prevent this from happening again. All made up names will now be

searched in both People Finder and in Google in order to make sure we do not accidentally associate someone with an article unwillingly.

In addition, we have discussed implementing further steps as a check to Google and People Finder and to make sure no one with a generic sounding name in the Greater Nashville area is offended.

First of all, we would check the name with several of the various white pages searches available on the Internet. This would assure that no one else in the United States has the same name. It might miss a few unlisted people, but what are the odds folks like Ted Kaczynski would read *The Slant*?

If a name did appear, we would be forced to go further and bestow upon our fictional character a title of nobility. Let's take the name Marcus Smith, who does not have a people finder listing, but does have an identically named counterpart in the Nashville area listed in Google. This persona, for instance, would become Sir Marcus Smith or Duke Marcus Smith. If we really felt strongly about the article or wanted to give the Duke some extra importance, he might become Grand Duke Marcus Smith.

With a name like Marcus Smith, a special step can be taken. Because Smith is also a real word in English, we can translate it into other languages. Our general translation policy for common words in names would be to translate them from English to German to French to Greek. He is now Grand Duke Marcus $\nu\alpha$ σφυρηλατήστε.

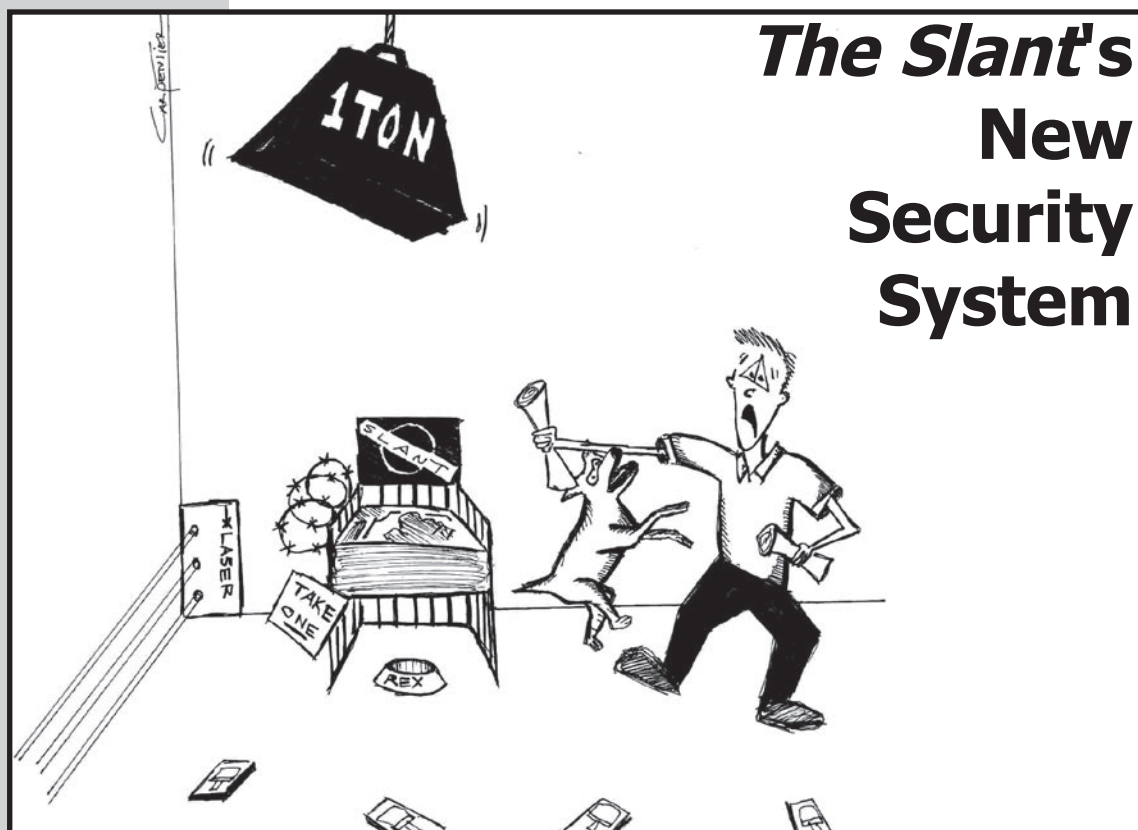
On the off chance that there is a Grand Duke Marcus $\nu\alpha$ σφυρηλατήστε somewhere in the world who would read *The Slant* and subsequently take offense, we can just add letters or numbers to the end of his name. So now he's Grand Duke Marcus $\nu\alpha$ σφυρηλατήστεXQTG III, esq. There are probably only a couple of those guys out there, four at most, seeing as the last name uses letters from two different alphabets and all.

We at *The Slant* will weigh the benefit of these additional levels of protection in future issues against our ever-increasing apathy. (And to any Grand Duke Marcus $\nu\alpha$ σφυρηλατήστεXQTG III, esq.'s out there, we apologize in advance.)



Fucked Image

Nope. No safety hazard here.



Carpentooning by Jason Carpentier

COBRA Seizes Control Of The United States of America

Moveon.org breathes sigh of relief

by **ANDREW COLLAZZI AND MIKE MOTT**

Efforts toward global domination came closer to fruition last Wednesday as the evil terrorist organization known as COBRA launched an all-out attack on the United States. Despite COBRA Commander's repeated orders to retreat, the COBRA forces quickly swept across the country, meeting little to no resistance.

President Bush made a plea to Congress Wednesday afternoon for permission to defend the United States from COBRA's unprovoked attack.

"We must dispatch G.I. JOE immediately to properly defend us from COBRA," reasoned President Bush. "We all know that G.I. JOE will stay till the fight's won. G.I. JOE is perfect for this operation. They are an elite fighting unit and they never get killed by COBRA forces." However, this reasoning met with swift and vicious resistance from Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill. "Terrorism is merely an ideology! How can we attack it?" asked Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) while stirring a martini with his pointer finger. "Everyone knows there are many different forms of protest. I, for one, believe COBRA's initiative may lead us to a bright new future."

Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) agreed with Senator Kennedy: "We support the President but our first loyalty is to America. We believe COBRA to be better suited to governing the nation. I mean, seriously, we all know that Republicans are just

as evil. At least COBRA is honest regarding their intentions." Senator Boxer then resumed her personal hand recount of every vote from the state of Ohio.

In an almost unprecedented groundswell of grassroots support, left-wing organizations took to the streets. George Soros, well-known financial supporter of MoveOn.Org, issued a press release, saying, "It is quite obvious that this is all President Bush's fault.

If John Kerry had been elected, our foreign allies would have returned to our sides, the markets would have surged, America could once more be a valued member of the community of nations, and the lower classes would now be using gold leaf for toilet paper. Sending the likes of G.I. JOE to COBRA's headquarters is just going to inflame terrorists around the globe." The MoveOn.Org masses gathered

below Soros's balcony agreed, with a roar of "NO JOE!"

The numerous protests immediately afterward were a star studded event, with celebrities such as Jared Fogle joining the picket line. Said Fogle, "If the guy who really won the 2000 election, Al Gore, were president, and we all ate more sandwiches, none of this would have happened!"

The National Organization for Women joined the cause under the banner of equal opportunity. "Just look at [G.I. JOE]!" cried spokesperson

Lucille Whitmore. "They're 95% men! And the few women they have promote a completely unrealistic image of femininity. Now the Baroness! There's a woman you can respect. She chooses to associate with snakes rather than men. I think I agree with her."

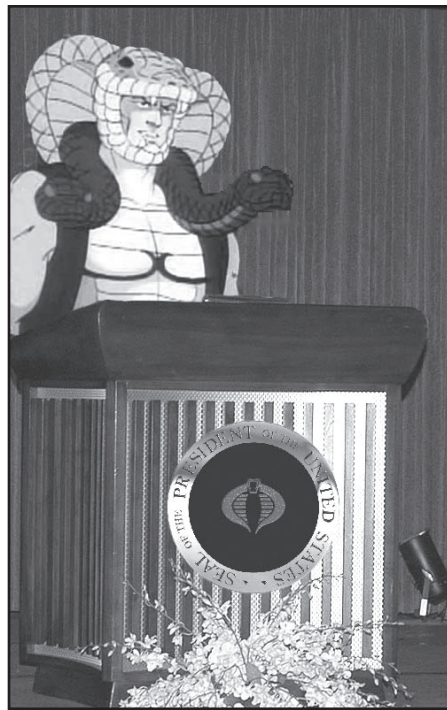
General Hawk spent much of Thursday afternoon pleading with Congress. General Hawk reasoned, "We must fight for freedom over land

and air. I guess sea too, but you need to talk to Wet-Suit about that."

On Friday, COBRA officially took control of the White House. Serpentor, emperor of COBRA, made a speech outlying his new plan for America. "Welcome to the bold new age of a welfare state!" announced Serpentor. "Unfortunately, none of you will live to see it. As decadent Americans you are all obviously worthy of death. This I command!"

Shortly after the speech, Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) approached Serpentor to inquire about education reform. Serpentor responded to Lott's request by impaling the unfortunate senator with a snake javelin. The New York Times praised Serpentor's initiative, lauding him for his efforts to restore partisan balance in the Senate, but expressing concern over the overlord's unorthodox methods. "Serpentor has done his part to restore power to the American people; there's actually a precedent for such action, although Brooks used a cane rather than one of those gaudy serpent javelins," wrote controversial left-wing columnist Maureen Dowd.

As of press time, COBRA forces have declared martial law in every major city, forcing many to protest or to show their support for the new regime elsewhere. It should be noted that Serpentor has already announced that COBRA will be indiscriminate between their defenders and their detractors when launching their final assault upon all Americans.



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The Slant To Strive To Become Less Offensive, Like *The Hustler*

More Nazis, More Rape, and Fewer Names

by ROBERT DIXON IX

With all the controversy surrounding campus publications over the past three weeks, *The Slant* still managed to surpass all to be the most offensive. This was shown by the fact that it was the only publication pulled off the stands. The director of VSC, Chris Carroll, explained "We only give our consent to publications getting pulled off the stands when they are exceptionally offensive. We use a fairly strict definition, but the last issue of *The Slant* clearly qualified - and believe me, those guys set the bar pretty high, what with the tsunami coverage, the organic pussy column and on top of it all, that horrible satire on Chinese history."

Following these events, editor in chief of *The Slant* Colin Dinsmore explained what the publication plans to do to avoid being quite so offensive in future. "I suppose our best chance

is to emulate some of the less offensive publications on campus, like *The Hustler*."

Dinsmore then went on to explain how *The Slant* plans to accomplish this task. "*The Hustler* managed to be considered less offensive than we were even while including articles comparing groups with differing moral views to Nazis and an article justifying rape. Because of this, in our next issues we plan to include more articles justifying rape and more Nazi comparisons."

Many *Slant* writers are happy about this new approach to satire. "With our new mindset on what articles are offensive and which are not, maybe I'll finally be able to get my 'Jews, the Nazis of Jesus,' 'Civil Rights Movement, Ethnically Cleansing the Klan,' and my 'Rape, Best When It's in the Family' articles published," explained excited *Slant* writer Amy Fruehwald. "Thank God for VSC, finally seeing the light."

Not only is *The Slant* planning to include more articles defending rape, but the publication also plans to take the next step up from justifying not only rape, but also all sorts of other "crimes." "I am working on an article about how wives shouldn't leave their violent husbands if they don't want to be murdered" said misogynistic foreigner Tim Boyd, "Maybe it won't be funny, but it is true. Nicole Simpson was asking for it."

Furthermore, to avoid getting the same reaction that the tsunami cover of the last issue received, *The Slant* also plans to avoid any mention of major news events. Specifically, the next issue of *The Slant* plans to include a cover about either the Puppy Lady of Peoria or Principal Jacobs of West Louisville Middle School getting fired for misallocating funds. "These covers should avoid offending anyone," explained Dinsmore, "well, except those crazy Illinois cat people."

Some members of *The Slant* disagree with its new attitude, saying they think the whole thing is being blown out of proportion. One writer commented "Those damn fascists. They're raping my right to free expression." The writer declined to be named, but added that he was concerned that the heat taken by *The Slant* represented a double-standard compared to what happened with *The Hustler*. "*The Hustler* could publish just about anything without penalty but *The Slant* makes a single mistake and it gets pulled off the stands."

Chris Carroll dismissed allegations of a double-standard "It's not a double standard. Sure, some of the stuff *The Hustler* prints is borderline criminal, but if it's not on the crossword page, who's going to read it? We know people read *The Slant* cover-to-cover, so we have to be a little stricter. But it looks like those scamps have learned their lesson." ●

Dispute Over Electronic Ballots Ruin 'Perfect' Election In Iraq

by RICHARD GREEN

Having now existed for a modern Middle Eastern record of nearly two years without either a secular dictator or government by rabid theocracy, Iraq took the next step on the road to democracy on Sunday. Elections, the first in Iraq since the 1950s, were held for the 275 seats of the National Assembly and certain provincial councils. However, even in this moment of great historical progress, several Iraqis are worried about whether or not their elections went as smoothly as planned.

Specifically, several Iraqis were worried about the widespread use of electronic ballots. "I was voicing my concerns over this issue to an election official at the polling station," said Rukan Sulayman, "Unfortunately, he was blown up by a car bomb just as he started to respond and everyone was forced to evacuate the area, so I didn't feel that my concerns were really addressed."

Several other voters claimed that the electronic ballots confused the elderly computer illiterate Iraqis such as Fudil Al-Kubaysi. Al-Kubaysir, a Kurd,

explained. "I am roughly 72 years old so naturally, I have never really used a computer - in Iraq, we don't really have them. After hearing about what happened in Florida, I am afraid I might have accidentally voted for the wrong candidate. I intended to cast my ballot for Jalal Talabani of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, but after reading about how people in Palm Beach accidentally voted for a 'Pat Buchanan' now I'm concerned that I might have done something similar. Except that instead of this 'Pat Buchanan', I might have voted for a dangerously nationalistic religious zealot."

Also causing concern is the fear many Iraqis have that there were ample opportunities to tamper with the votes that were being calculated electronically. "What if my vote is subsequently changed without my consent" stated concerned Shia Kumal Al-Duri. "Sure, I was forced at gun point to vote for the Death to Great Satan Party because my polling station was overrun by insurgent forces, but I would have one less thing to worry about if I had got to pull the lever, not simply click a screen."

The use of electronic ballots was just one of the several complaints many Iraqis had about the election. Many felt their voting process was not inclusive enough. "I am old enough to carry an AK-47 as a lieutenant in a guerrilla group but I was not old enough to vote" complained 12 year old Iraqi youth Jamal Abdullah. "How is that fair?"

Residents of the Sunni Triangle, where much of the pre-election violence has taken place, also expressed their concern about whether they would be adequately represented in the new assembly. "I am really upset about the fact that my district in Iraq, Greater Fallujah, only got 11 percent of the assembly seats even though 15 percent of the total Iraqi population live here" complained Muhammad Abid. "Even with the roughly 16 percent of the voting population that has been killed or who have emigrated since that poll was taken, that would still leave us with 13 percent of the total. What happened to the principle of One Person One Vote?"

Some worries about the electoral process will be familiar to observers of US elections. Especially the fear that several

candidates enjoyed substantial fund-raising advantages over their opponents. "I donated 2 dinar to Naseer Al-Chaderchi, the candidate I support, roughly forty percent of my daily income but my wealthier friends who support Abdel-Aziz, his opponent, were able to donate 5 dollars of their incomes" clarified Walif Hamid. "Of course, Al-Hakim will probably win overall, because he's the candidate of the rich. One of our first priorities has to be campaign finance reform. And money in general, of course - boy, I wish I had enough to be able to afford to eat at least twice a day."

However, even with all these setbacks, the very fact of being able to hold even the semblance of a peaceful election left most Iraqis cautiously optimistic about the future. "We have a lot to be thankful to America for" said Izzat Gharib, "They are helping us to build our own fragile democracy, so that maybe one day we can emulate the mature democracy of the US itself. Boy, I can't wait until we're lucky enough to get a 98% incumbency rate and a political system which is totally dominated by corporations and trial lawyers!" ●

VUPD Locates Six Foot Tall Black Man

Atwood: 'The era of campus crime is over.'

by **CEAF LEWIS**

A period of criminal activity unmatched since Prohibition came to an end on Monday as VUPD officers took Leroy Hoobler, an African-American of average height, into custody.

"This marks a new golden age in Vanderbilt history," remarked Director of Crime Prevention Andrew Atwood. "All this time, an African-American from 5'2" to 6'10" with weights from 110 to 350 pounds has been committing crimes on the Vanderbilt campus. Now, we've finally caught a man who fits that description completely. It's true that there have been reports of Caucasian, Hispanic, Native American, and Pacific Islander criminals, but such reports can be chalked up to poor eyesight on the part of witnesses."

As the VUPD continued to celebrate, Atwood resigned his post and burned his official Director of Crime Prevention sash, stating that his position was no longer necessary at Vanderbilt.

Kirkland Hall followed Atwood's announcement with an email to the student body, noting that the capture of the criminal mastermind meant "an end to the age of locked doors and being careful where one leaves his possessions." According to Chancellor E. Gordon Gee, "the capture of Leroy Hoover marks the beginning of a wondrous time for Vanderbilt society. Never again will we have a crime on this campus."

Reactions from Vanderbilt's student population have been positive, for the most part. "It's great that when I'm walking around naked I can leave my door open so I can reach my burn kit in the event I spill soup on my lap," explained McGill resident Harold Cantilever. "If they'd caught this bastard sooner, my constantly exposed genitals would be much less scarred

today."

There are those, however, who doubt both Hoobler's guilt and the VUPD's crime fighting prowess. "I, for one, am sick and tired of Vanderbilt's racist policies," wrote Nobel Prize for Literature-winning Hustler assistant opinion editor Pascha Brown. "It's time that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day receives the status of an official holiday at Vanderbilt. Oh, and if Chancellor Gee doesn't demand Leroy Hoobler's release as soon as is humanly possible, I will resign my post and never write another column!" As of press time, Kirkland Hall has yet to offer a response.

Hoobler himself has denied his guilt throughout the ordeal. "I was just going to buy a cup of coffee when a bunch of campus cops jumped out of the bushes and handcuffed me. I thought they'd let me go when they realized they had the wrong guy, but apparently they're charging me with 7,536 counts of petty theft and 287 muggings. I guess I'll be free in 2078 if anyone wants to have lunch or something."

Meanwhile, as his resignation continues to be processed, Andrew Atwood continues to deny reports of continuing campus crime. "This one freshman said his laptop went missing. I'm sure he just left it in his friend's room or something. Then this girl claimed her BMW was stolen. Why, it's probably just under her pillow. And this other guy claiming a hobo held him up at knifepoint? It was probably just a bad dream all along. Oh, these kids."

Despite such rumors of illegal activity on campus, rumors officials call "preposterous," students are basking in the warm glow of matriculating while on "the safest campus in the United States." Exclaimed Chancellor Gee, "Now I can leave my Armani bowties wherever I damned well please." ●

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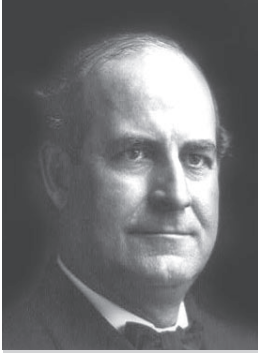
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Welcome To The Nebraska Hall Of Fame, Johnny!

by WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
Free Silver Columnist



I guess there's still plenty of people upset at your recent death, Mr. Carson, but I can tell you that while I appreciate all that you did for the late-night talkshow,

I'm looking forward to inviting you to join me here at the Nebraska Hall of Fame - where all us Nebraskans who've made it out there in the big bad world gather together in our own Valhalla for Cornhuskers. Boy, it's been lonely up here these past 80 years - but now, at last, there's going to be at least two of us that people have heard of. Take that, Wyoming!

And just think of the fine example we'll be able to present to future generations growing up in any of our 93 counties, or our majestic and world-famous cities like Wheeler,

Ashland or even Norfolk. No more will they have to be content with hoping that they never have to live next to a giant mountain of burning manure. Now they too can dare to dream of bigger things - of changing the world, perhaps, or of interviewing people richer than they are. Some little boy

may even be inspired to make a name for himself fighting for social justice and progressivism only to throw it away and become a laughing stock for refusing to believe crackpot theories like evolution.

And, who knows, someday that little boy may even join us up here himself. But he better do something special, because as you can tell, we're a pretty exclusive club. I had to run for President and lose 3 times before I even got into

consideration, and the people in the state capitol up in Omaha have turned down some pretty heavyweight applications. How they turned down the great movie directors Darryl F. Zannuck, I'll never know - who could forget the 1956 classic *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*?

Nick Nolte also tried to get in, but he failed the mandatory drug test. Strangely, he failed without even taking it. Also, every now and then I have to veto certain suggestions. I mean, Gerald Ford? Give me a break. Granted, playing football for the University of Michigan is respectable, but running for President on the Republican ticket? In Nebraska? No chance - we're a solidly Populist state.

By the way, I should mention that we have a fairly stringent catchphrase requirement, and there were some questions asked about whether yours was quite up to scratch. I mean, I'm standing here by a plaque that says "you shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold," and from what I hear the best you've got so far is "Here's Johnny!" It's not bad, but you might want to work on that.

But that's just minor details.

Together we can now stand as part of the rich history of Nebraska. A history which features not just individuals, but great historic monuments and marvels - who can not stand in awe at the wonder of "Carhenge" in Alliance? What ingenuity and creativity to replicate an ancient Druidic sacrifice circle using our nation's finest automobiles. And

what more could people want than the delights of our regular "Bagels and Bach" events in Omaha. I could go on, but why should I need to brag more about a state that is widely known in Nebraska as a 77,000 square mile museum without walls!

Anyway, I look forward to formally welcoming you here into the Hall of Fame. And remember our motto - Nebraska: we're not as dull as Kansas!



Why Won't This Lorax Leave Me Alone?

by CEAF LEWIS
Columnist

I wish I'd recycled that paper the other day instead of just throwing it into the pile of trash in the corner of my room. "See you in hell, important class syllabus!" I said as I crumpled it and threw it. I tried to go back to my work, but I felt a tugging at my sleeve.

I looked down, and some animal thing with a bushy mustache was staring at me. Before I could tell it to get the hell out of my room, it spoke in a musty voice.

"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees!" I tried to tell this "Lorax" fellow to piss off and go bother my hallmates about the pile of vomit they left in the hall, since they used sawdust to soak up the liquid components, but instead the little busybody looked at my bed and frowned.

"That's right, Lorax," I said, "that's a Thneed, a Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need. Do you have a problem with that?"

"But the factory that makes Thneeds hurts the poor Bar-baloos, who happily lived eating Truffula fruits!" the Lorax huffed, as if I cared about those pests.

"Oh, I remember those Bar-baloos. I'm pretty sure they're serving them in Rand tonight. They're better than the usual Rand food, not that that's saying much."

"But what about the poor Swomee-Swans, who can't sing a note?"

"I thought that irritating bird noise had stopped lately. Sweet."

With that, the Lorax grew quite angry and I thought he was going to attack me. I don't know who that little fucker thought he was, but he

quickly calmed down and sat in the corner while I worked on my paper.

It was a long night, and when I woke up after a couple of hours of sleep I grabbed my backpack and left for class. I was sitting in my European Studies class when the Lorax unzipped my bag from the inside and stepped out.

"I repeat, I am the Lorax, and I speak for the trees."

"Mr. Lewis, you can step outside if you're going to interrupt the lecture." The professor frowned. I glowered at the Lorax. Thankfully the little bastard decided to stay quiet for the balance of the class period.

But the trouble didn't stop there! I tried to ask a girl to a movie, but the Lorax wouldn't shut up! I went to go see a speaker, and the Lorax's stupid rhymes got me

thrown out! I tried to get elected an officer of the College Republicans, but his stupid pro-environment message got me banned from all future meetings! This situation is intolerable!

So, fed up with the Lorax, I looked up the definitive text on the subject, Seuss's *The Lorax*, and tried to find a way to make him go away. Surely, I reasoned, if I do what the Once-ler did, it will drive the Lorax away once more! At that point, I took my trusty axe and tried to find a tree on campus to cut down and then waste in order to make stupid shit. VUPD stopped me, the fascists.

I swear, if this asshole Lorax doesn't stop trying to make me plant trees and stop eating meat, I'm going to barbeque him. I'm not sure how Lorax tastes, but at least my life will be back to normal. Then nobody will speak for the trees.

And that's the way I like it.



Lorax, Annoying Fuck

Ein Little Respect, Please?

By **JOCHEN VON ALBRECHT**
S.S. Columnist



Normally, I wouldn't comment on the politics of a campus student newspaper. Frankly, the whole American system offends me to my very core, so I try not to get

involved. On my occasional visits to Vanderbilt (I have a rolling agreement to train the new officials in Traffic & Parking at the start of every year), I look around campus and I am horrified by what I see – hordes of communists, hippies, liberals, moderates, conservatives and other subversive groups have taken over everywhere. Nowhere is there any group dedicated to the maintenance of Aryan supremacy – KA used to care, but their hearts have really gone out of it in recent years.

So my usual approach on these visits is to grit my teeth, hum the Horst Wessel Lied to myself under my breath and just try and get the damn thing over with. But this week, I happened to pick up a copy of *The Hustler*, and what should catch my eye but a column by Michael Wilt entitled "The American Holocaust". My initial reaction was joy. I thought maybe the US had finally seen the light and I would never have to endure another Woody Allen film.

But then I read on and my enthusiasm turned to disappointment and then to anger. It turned out Herr Wilt was talking about abortion and how those not 100% opposed to the practice were "no better" than the German Volk during World War II. First of all, I couldn't help but feel that Wilt was using "Nazi" in something of a pejorative way (we have feelings too, you know – highly controlled, Teutonic feelings I grant you, but feelings nonetheless), but more importantly I felt he was belittling the sheer importance of our historical legacy.

I suppose I shouldn't really care – after all, you're only kids with no real

understanding of history or political thought – but still, I'm getting mighty sick of our finely thought out political ideas being banded about in this cavalier fashion. You don't want to clean your room? Your RA's a fascist! The state don't want to legalize drugs? They're Nazis! Religious fundamentalists want to teach abstinence-only? It's the first step on the way to the Third Reich!

You think we were only concerned with trivial matters like that? Damn it, we had a carefully constructed political program, for Christ's sakes – we didn't just endorse any old rubbish! And what's more we took the trouble to ensure that it was all written down – you think Adolf Hitler was just passing time in prison when he wrote *Mein Kampf*? No! He was setting out in careful detail a highly sophisticated policy agenda which was to be implemented in order to end the Jewish-Bolshevik dominance of world capitalism and eventually to significantly boost German emigration to Argentina.

Herr Wilt, couldn't you at least have taken the trouble to read *Mein Kampf* to see if your accusations were valid? Could you point to one instance in that book when the Fuhrer deals with the question of abortion? The extermination of the Jewish race, the extension of German territory to the East for *Lebensraum*, and an unhealthy obsession with leather uniforms, yes – but a woman's right to choose? Give me a break.

But, perhaps what bugs me most of all, is that this constant misuse of the word "Nazi" is doing serious damage to our credibility. It's getting to the stage where it has been used to decry so many causes that people assume whoever uses it is nuts and just smile benignly at the silliness of it all. People - Aryan supremacy and the glory of the German Volk is no laughing matter!

We put all that effort into constructing a totalitarian state dedicated to a Manichean scheme of world domination and leading to the extermination of just shy of 6 million people, and now we're enough to make anybody who invokes our name seem ridiculous? Is that fair? Is that reasonable? Is a little respect too much to ask? 🍌

When Will *The Torch* Get Off The Dole?

By **EDWARD H. CRANE**
Syndicated Columnist



Dear
Editors of
The Torch,

Welcome
back to campus! I hope that as you return from your winter break and jump into the new year that

you are prepared to set a bold course for this nation.

As President Bush strives for ideological purity in his cabinet, so, too, must we examine in our daily lives our transgressions against what is Good and Right.

I believe the children are our future, and you are the those children's future leaders. It is you who will shape their values and outsource their jobs. Therefore, you must set an example by being beyond reproach.

That is why I call upon you as Vanderbilt's libertarian voice to stop suckling at the teat of Vanderbilt Student Communications (VSC). How can a newspaper whose editorial values call for free markets in the marketplace of ideas as well as goods and services, in good conscience, continue to accept welfare handouts from other students?

It's time for *The Torch* to stop living off handouts and pull itself up by its bootstraps!

I realize that a significant portion of your funding comes from inde-

pendent sources. But by accepting any payments from VSC to publish your most Worthy newspaper you perpetuate a system that taxes the student body and redistributes those funds for all manner of purposes not directed by the individuals whose money it rightfully is. More importantly, you sully the good name of Libertarians everywhere.

AcFee is the epitome of tax-and-spend liberalism and the antithesis of Libertarian values. By accepting these misbegotten funds, you create an environment that legitimizes receipt of such funds by liberal rags like *Orbis* and amoral claptrap like *The Slant*. Accepting these funds does more harm than good for the Vanderbilt student body and, ultimately, the World.

Have Courage and Faith in your Ideals, young men. Your Ideals will lead to Freedom for all the people of earth and beyond. Cutting the umbilical cord of AcFee money will mark for your first step to independence and allow you to lead the march of History untethered by logical inconsistencies.

On behalf of the Cato Institute, I extend to you my warmest regards and best wishes for a productive semester.

Sincerely,
Edward H. Crane
President of The Cato Institute

P.S. I encourage you to visit our online store, at <http://www.catostore.org/>, where you can buy libertarian books and athletic apparel at a significant savings. 🍌

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6. Unique people.
7. Parties.



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An Apology

My administration would like to apologize for a regretful error on our part in our last term. We mistakenly attributed several articles of indictment regarding violations of international law to Iraq, intending it as a joke.

We did not mean to give the impression that Middle Eastern country Iraq was responsible for those actions. Iraq did not violate international law, nor has it ever violated international law, and we deeply regret any embarrassment or damage caused to it by our mistake.

We have since taken measures to ensure this does not happen again.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush
President

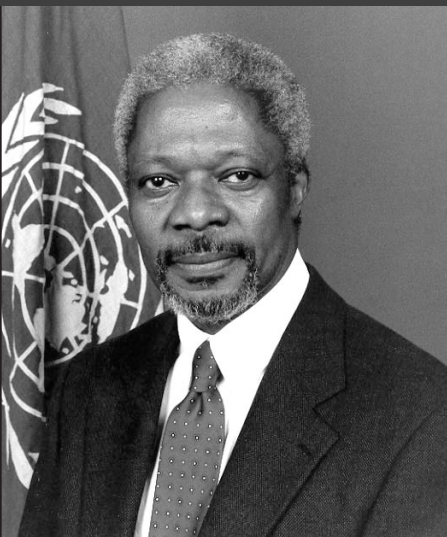
Richard Cheney
Vice President

Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of
Defense

Colin Powell
Former
Secretary of State

Condoleeza Rice
Secretary of State

Bastard Confession



"Yeah, you know that new jukebox in the UN cafeteria? Oil For Food, bitches!"

- Kofi Annan


AROUND THE LOOP

The President of Harvard said that women are biologically unsuited for scientific careers. Do you agree?

Emily Swann, Sarcastic Senior


“Oh, of course. I mean, what do I know about numbers and stuff? I don't have a brain of my own, I'm just made of sugar and spice and all things nice. Ivy League Jackass.”

Bengt Samuelsson, Nobel Prize Chair


“Absolutely. God - you'd think after a century of stubbornly ignoring the hundreds of meaningful contributions they've made to scientific progress, those chicks would finally get the hint.”

Marcus Johnson, Sophomore


“Not entirely - I mean, cooking's kinda scientific, isn't it?”

Charles Levin, President of Yale


“Oh great. This is just a typical ploy by those damn Crimson's to get all the media attention again. Now I'm going to have say something horribly offensive about darkies just to balance things out.”

Michael Simmons, Junior


“No way, man - have you seen Misty Mundae in 'Dr. Jekyll and Mistress Hyde'? Boy, she was biologically suited for that, let me tell you!”

Mandy Jamieson, Freshman


“Wow, that's offensive - is he saying I'm not cute enough to be a scientist?”

SLANTHOROSCOPES
Aquarius: (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)

Foucault had his pendulum, but you have your obsession for all things Patrick Swayze.

Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)

You will spontaneously combust at sunrise tomorrow just after you realise you forgot your Ray-Ban sunglasses.

Aries: (March 21—April 19)

You will finally get your cells to take up that plasmid this week. Unfortunately, the plasmid codes for a gene that induces loss of bowel control.

Taurus: (April. 20—May 20)

If you stay mad forever, your face is going to freeze like that!

Gemini: (May 21—June 21)

A probe recently landed on Saturn's moon Titan, over a billion miles away, which kind of makes your big trip from the couch to the refrigerator seem insignificant.

Cancer: (June 22—July 22)

We the people, in order to form a more perfect union, reserve the right to wiretap your phone.

Leo: (July 23—Aug. 22)

In order to avoid the Catcher, you head through the wheat field. Unfortunately there's a lesser known Catcher in the wheat, too.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)

You've seen London and you've seen France, but you won't see the grain silo that falls on you tomorrow.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)

You will complete your collection of Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts, only to have them shrink in the dryer.

Scorpio: (Oct. 24—Nov. 21)

You never thought you'd ever meet Yao Ming. Especially in court.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)

By its very nature, royal authority claims all glory for itself and goes in for luxury and prefers tranquility and peace.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)

You will discover *The Hustler* opinion page's horrible secret and it will drive you insane. On the bright side, that qualifies you for the position of opinion editor.

Top Ten Search Phrases That Get Monitored By The Government

- 10** Bush kill fuckstick
- 9** Vote Nader 2008
- 8** Heroin condom up ass how to
- 7** Online Koran for kids
- 6** Little girl explosion landmine
- 5** Walker texas ranger sucks
- 4** Civil rights
- 3** Al-Jazeera "Best-Of Beheadings"
- 2** France Citizenship Application
- 1** *The Slant*



Ask The CIA

Dear CIA,
Why are you doing an advice column? Aren't you all supposed to be all secretive?

Confused in Currey

Dear Confused,
I would love to answer your question, sir, but that information is classified.

The CIA

Dear CIA,
My husband loves to complain about how much money we're spending, and this includes eating out. Our anniversary is coming up and I know we'll go out to eat, but I have a feeling I won't appreciate it when my husband knifes the waiter when he charges us full price for the wine. What should I do?

Unhappily Married in Morgan

Dear Unhappily,
Well, you could strangle your husband with piano wire like we did with a couple of Latin American politicians- I mean, you should let him die completely of natural causes. Yes, sir, strangled with piano wire completely of natural causes. Nothing to see here. Move along, citizen.

The CIA

Dear CIA,
I've just enrolled in an Introduction to Islam class and I was wondering how I should study for the first test in a couple of weeks.

Memorizing in Memorial

Dear Memorizing,
I'm sorry; we can't really help you there, for a number of reasons. We are, however, offering only slightly outdated Soviet bloc information at low, low prices!

The CIA

Dear CIA,
My boyfriend wants me to enlarge my breasts to a more backbreaking size. I don't particularly want to do this, but if I don't, I'm sure he'll sleep with some hooker and I'll end up with syphilis again. Any advice?

Not Quite Chesty in Cole

Dear Not,
Next time he says something about it, coat your vagina with this special agent the boys in the lab cooked up. Actually, it's not so much an agent as it is Crazy Glue, but at least you'll know everywhere his dick's been for a few days.

The CIA

Dear CIA,
Was it true you were planning to assassinate Fidel Castro with one of those stupid exploding novelty cigars?

Theorist in Tolman

Dear Theorist,
Well, yes, but you'd be surprised how hard it is to wrap tobacco leaves around a five ton nuclear device. If you can suggest a better way to do it, we'd like to hear it. Thanks for writing.

The CIA

Dear CIA,
I realize we're not on the best of terms these days, but could you possibly see fit to honor our agreements from our time together in Afghanistan? I mean, those were some good times, man, and I could really use the cash right now to pay off these soldiers outside my cave.

O.B.L.

Dear Osama,
We just put the check in the mail. Oh, and it's perfectly normal for registered mail to tick like that. Don't worry about a thing.

The CIA

Hey, I may be a worthless freshman who does little but wear a box on my head and decorate the office with my awesome new widescreen laptop that mommy and daddy bought me for high school graduation which makes Tim scowl in envy of my superior American technology, but I go to meetings nonetheless, and you should too. We need writers, copy editors, layout people, and photoshoppers. Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Sarratt 315.

~Rachel, Crazy

