



## DIVERSITY

## Students promote African awareness

*Week of events begins today.*

By Nicole Floyd  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Several student organizations will come together for the first time to sponsor African Awareness Week from Nov. 13 to Nov. 17.

The week is organized by Students for Kenya in conjunction with the Department of Medical Health and Society, the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, the International Awareness Committee, Students Taking Action Now: Darfur, the African Student Union, United Planet and the Global Health Council.

In an effort to raise awareness, these organizations will hold an information fair on Nov. 16 from 11-2 p.m. in the Sarratt Promenade followed by a lecture series in Buttrick that will feature Dale Cockrell, professor of musicology, Sten Vermund, director of Vanderbilt's Institute for Global Health, and Larry Zwiebel, professor of biological sciences.

The professors will speak about their own involvement in Africa as well as how students can become more active in the area.

The week's events are part of International Education Week, a larger effort initiated by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education in order to acknowledge global exchange between the United States and other countries.

Senior Dani Buscariollo, president of Students for Kenya, said the idea for African Awareness week came after she and others realized the need for awareness in the Vanderbilt community.

"Basically, there are a bunch of organizations on campus that are dedicated to issues in African countries," Buscariollo said. "We thought it would be a good idea to bring everyone together and bring awareness in the Vanderbilt community about how students can get involved in global issues, especially in Africa."

Although the main focus of the week is awareness, Students for Kenya also hopes to raise money for the continued construction of a medical clinic in Lwala, Kenya, through the sale of t-shirts.

Students for Kenya was founded last year to facilitate the efforts of Milton Ochieng, a third-year medical school student, who is from Lwala.

Last summer Ochieng began construction on a medical clinic so that people in his home village could have access to primary health care as well as testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS, services that were previously unavailable in Lwala and the surrounding area.

The structure of the clinic is already complete, but members of the organization hope that the money they raise throughout this week will aid in well-digging, the acquisition of supplies and staffing of the clinic.

Buscariollo believes that devoting a week to African awareness is important, especially at Vanderbilt.

"It provides a bridge between what is going on in Africa and what we can do," she said. "It seems so far out of reach, but we wanted to tell people that there are things they can do to make a difference." ■

## STUDENT LIFE

## Masala-SACE celebrates Diwali



Senior members of Masala-SACE strike a pose as they conclude their performance. This year's events, which celebrated the Hindu holiday Diwali, were themed "My Big Fat Indian Wedding."

NATHALIE MIQUEL-ELCANO / The Vanderbilt Hustler

## ADMISSIONS

## Vanderbilt ranks fourth nationally in recruitment of black students

By Harish Krishnamoorthi  
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt has the fourth highest percentage of black students among top national universities, according to the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education.

Black students comprise 9.4 percent of the Class of 2010 at Vanderbilt, behind the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, Stanford University and Duke University.

"I'm kind of shocked by these numbers," said freshman Daniel Howell. "They're better than I thought they were. I didn't know that there were that many black freshmen here."

Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen said he sees the ranking as an affirmation of Vanderbilt's commitment to diversity.

"We recognize that top students can be found among all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, and our recruiters work hard to identify them and to make them aware of the opportunities available to Vanderbilt students," he said in a press release.

However, some students, such as freshman Mark Phelan, said they feel these numbers could be higher.

"Coming from California, I would have thought that there would be more black students," he said. "Coming from a place where the contrast is so low, I expected the percentages to be higher. It seems pretty diverse even though the numbers seem low."

Krish Vigneswaran, president of the Multicultural Council, said the ranking is a success for Vanderbilt.

"Recently, last Thursday, we sat down with Chancellor Gee and discussed diversity on campus," he said. "One thing we brought up was the success Vanderbilt had with recruitment of minority students. Currently, the constituents of the Vanderbilt community represent the country as a whole."

Vigneswaran said he sees the high percentage of enrollment of black students as just one of the many factors displaying Vanderbilt's commitment to racial diversity.

"The students have to take the next step to start mingling with each other," he said. "The administration has made

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## 'Wit's End' debuts at Neely Theater



MASON HENSLEY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshman Leslie Kelly, playing Juana, and freshman Brian Collura, playing Luis, rehearse "Wit's End" in Neely Theater. The remaining shows will be performed Nov. 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$8.

## ALCOHOL

## Dean of Students' policy punishes off-campus drinking

*University statistics show decrease in total alcohol and drug violations.*

By Ryan Farha  
STAFF REPORTER

The total number of assigned sanctions, or punishments, for alcohol and drug violations has decreased to 139 this semester, down from 153 in 2005, according to university statistics.

Typical sanctions may include reprimands, probation, suspension, community service or writing assignments.

Statistics from Aug. 15 to Oct. 15 show that sanctions imposed by the residential conduct system have declined by approximately 70 percent since last fall.

However, of the 139 total sanctions, the number imposed by the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, which now regulates off-campus alcohol use, has increased from 49 to 109.

Freshman Chris Popa said he believes these statistics reflect changing attitudes among students.

"It's pretty obvious that they show that we're becoming less risky on campus but more risky off campus," he said.

The number of students placed on probation has increased from 24 to 66, but "immunity rule" cases, in which students seek medical treatment for intoxication or overdose to avoid punishment, have decreased from 28 in 2005 to eight this year.

## COMPETITION

## Beerpong association sponsors tournament

*Seniors Picoli, Gambling win contest at Buffalo Billiards.*

By Darcy Newell  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Seniors Andrew Picoli and Will Gambling are the best beer pong players at Vanderbilt.

The pair, both members of Delta Kappa Epsilon, won the tournament sponsored by the American Beer Pong Association of America last Thursday at Buffalo Billiards, earning themselves credits to Buffalo Billiards and numerous other prizes.

More than 300 people turned out to play or watch, and about 20 to 25 teams participated, Picoli said.

"The majority of teams were students from Vanderbilt, although I think the frats could have participated a little more," he said. "There were only about three or four fraternity teams."

Picoli and Gambling played 12 games and won all but one of them.

"We played really well," Picoli said. "We lost our fourth match but ended up winning our next seven or eight."

However, the team said that despite their success, the competition at the event was very good.

"There's overall very good beer pong at Vanderbilt," Gambling said. "It definitely wasn't a cake walk."

Kyle Linger, a 2006 Vanderbilt graduate, founded the ABAA along with 2006 Duke University graduate Christian Kunkel.

"About a year and a half ago Christian and I were playing beer pong, and we had

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## QUOTABLE

**"One of my most significant frustrations to read time and again is the mistaken myth that student-athletes are not good students. The federal government confirmed something we've known for a long time— that student-athletes are good students. There really is no excuse for getting this information wrong."**

—NCAA president Myles Brand

The latest federal graduation rates show athletes are more likely than the general student body to earn a diploma and that female athletes continue to post higher numbers than their male counterparts.

Source: AP

## NOTABLE

Former presidents, George Bush and Bill Clinton, addressed the National Association of Realtors convention on Saturday in New Orleans. Together, Bush and Clinton have raised \$130 million to help the region recover from Hurricane Katrina.



Source: CNN

## WEATHER FORECAST

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In the Friday, Nov. 10 issue, the Dodecaphonics photo on page 2 was incorrectly attributed to Jonathan Dietz. Brett Kaminsky is the correct photographer.

## TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Nicole Floyd

### Wattles Fellowship applications due today

Applications for the Wattles Fellowship are due today by 4 p.m. in the Career Center.

### Dance Marathon hosts party at Children's Hospital

Dance Marathon will be hosting a party for the patients at the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on Tuesday at 3 p.m. The party will be held upstairs near the stage in the hospital and should last about 30 minutes.

### Asian American Student Association hosts 'Taste of Asia'

The Asian American Student Association will host "Taste of Asia" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The event will allure your taste buds into celebrating the diverse Asian cuisines found here in Nashville. "Taste of Asia" will take place in the Student Life Center, Ballrooms A and B. Tickets are \$5 for dinner and can be purchased on The Wall.

### Teach for America documentary viewing held Tuesday

There will be a viewing of the CNN documentary on Teach for America on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Calhoun 203. The documentary explores challenges of our education system by following four new Teach for America teachers working in some of the nation's toughest schools. Food will be provided.

### Freedom Ride 2007 applications now available

Apply now for Vanderbilt's Freedom Ride 2007 - January 27-28. Join Dr. James Lawson, Bernard Lafayette, Congressman John Lewis, John Seigenthaler (First Amendment Center), Jim Zwerg and other veterans of the historic 1961 Freedom Riders in a once in a life time tour of Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama Civil Rights era sites. Open to ALL Vanderbilt students. Application deadline: December 1 by 5 p.m. The application is available online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs).

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## BEERPONG: 2006 Vanderbilt graduate founds beerpong association

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gone 16-0 for the night," Liniger said. "We were having a great time, and all of a sudden I turned to Christian, and I was like, 'We should do this for a living.'"

"I think I turned to him and said, 'I know you're half joking, but I'm really serious, and I'm going to hold you to it,'" Kunkel said.

Upon graduation, Kunkel and Liniger moved to Hawaii, where they finalized their plans for the tournaments, booking bars and finding sponsorships.

"People always ask us, 'Did you really mean to say American Beer Pong Association of America?' and we always say, 'Beer pong is for America, and America is for beer pong,'" Kunkel said. "We say America twice for emphasis."

Kunkel and Liniger also conducted research to unify and standardize the rules of the game.

"We took a survey of over 250 universities to standardize the rules of beer pong --terminology, table

size, general rules," Kunkel said. "We came up with a 12-page PDF file that can be found on our Web site. That's how we can say we are an authority. We have heard every different way you can play."

The duo then began their trip across the country, beginning in the Northeast and making their way through the South.

Along the way, the organization has attracted the attention of numerous publications, such as Sports Illustrated, U.S. News and World Report and collegehumor.com.

"Vanderbilt was our 10th stop," Liniger said. "We normally target schools that have enrollment of over 12,000 because we have a better chance of a good turnout, and bigger schools also promote the partying atmosphere."

"Our main goal is to promote beer pong in a safe, competitive manner," Kunkel said. "We like to emphasize the fun over the beer. There is a stigma that beer pong is about

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—Christian Kunkel

over-consumption, but that really isn't true. Most competitors in our event only drink about two beers."

Students who are interested in participating in other tournaments across the country or learning about the ABAA's official rules can visit the Web site at <http://www.theabaa.com>. ■

## ALCOHOL: Dorm violations decrease

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"I think the way they're putting it across to scare kids works," he said. "It is effective."

Hassberger, however, said that he does not think the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity should be able to pursue disciplinary cases involving Vanderbilt students whose violations occurred off campus.

"Once you leave campus, I don't think Vanderbilt should be able to punish you, unless you represent a Vanderbilt organization," he said.

Hassberger is a member of the men's rugby club, which was suspended indefinitely in mid-September after it was discovered that members of the team drank on a Vanderbilt bus.

Hassberger said he believes the university is using the club to demonstrate its new, stricter stance on alcohol, and that the club would not have faced the same scrutiny several years ago.

"It feels like we're being made an example of," he said.

Bandas said that the new policy helps Vanderbilt students put forth a positive image off campus.

"We really want Vanderbilt students to be responsible members of the larger Nashville community," he said. ■

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## RECRUITMENT: Students react to rank

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the numbers good for that.”

Some students, such as freshmen Geriana Kneeland and Jalencia Burchett, said they feel the statistics show that Vanderbilt is heading toward a positive direction.

“I think it’s kind of inspiring, that they would go and try to be more diverse,” Kneeland said. “I think it’s a huge accomplishment going from tenth to fourth, getting not just the smart students but also the diversity.”

“I think that to see that we are progressing toward diversity is great,” Burchett said. ■

## November Rounds kick off sorority recruitment



JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler  
Junior Katie Appel and senior Ashley Cornforth welcomes freshmen to the Alpha Delta Pi house Saturday morning for November Rounds. The informal rounds mark the beginning of the recruitment season for prospective members. Formal recruitment begins Jan. 8.

## THE COMMONS: InsideVandy Podcast Series

**Do you think the Commons don't affect you? Think again.**

Plans are proceeding apace for the freshman Commons, the foundation of Vanderbilt's residential college system which will bring together first-year students in a community of 10 "houses" on Peabody campus. The first step in implementing a residential college system at Vanderbilt, the Commons will open in fall 2008.

InsideVandy recently interviewed Dean of Commons Frank Wcislo. In a series of 11 podcasts to be posted every day this week, he discusses various aspects of the Commons project, from how the Commons will affect housing, discipline and Greek life to his own personal reflections on leading one of the university's most ambitious undertakings.

**TODAY'S PODCAST TOPIC: Timeline for Commons completion**

Wcislo outlines the steps that must be completed before the first freshman class moves into the Commons in August 2008. These steps include: the opening of a new dining facility on Peabody, the construction or renovation of residential houses, the selection of faculty heads of houses, and the formation of a council to oversee Commons programming.

Want to know more? Listen to excerpts from Wcislo's interview on InsideVandy.com this week and post your feedback online. Stay tuned for more Commons podcasts after Thanksgiving break.

### PHILANTHROPY

## New organization Vanderbilt Students for Students raises scholarship funds

By Sydney Wilmer  
STAFF REPORTER

The new, student-run scholarship program Vanderbilt Students for Students will meet for the third time tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Baseball Glove Lounge.

The group is encouraging all members of the community to join, as most of its membership is now composed of cross country team members, said sophomore Rob Whiting, founder and president of Vanderbilt Students for Students.

The group, founded to help a low-income student from Nashville attend Vanderbilt, hopes to sponsor a five-kilometer road race to fund a \$5,000 scholarship through entry fees.

“We want to do something like the Habitat for Humanity run, but we want to involve the entire community,” Whiting said.

The group has created a Vanderbilt Donations Committee and a Community Donations Committee so everyone within the Nashville and Vanderbilt communities has a chance to donate, said sophomore Michael Nordlund, vice president of Vanderbilt Students for Students.

“We want 50 percent of the donations to come from Vanderbilt students, faculty and alumni,” Whiting said. “We want students at Vanderbilt to be a part of this because it opens up their eyes to problems with lower incomes.”

Whiting said when he arrived on Vanderbilt's campus as a freshman, one of the first things he noticed was a lack of socioeconomic diversity.

“When I came to Vanderbilt, it seemed like most people came from middle- to upper- class families,” he said. “I know for me, even coming from a middle-class family, it was a given that I would go to college. For a lot of students, they don't even consider college.”

The group, which has already collected \$3,000 in pledges, accepts donations in a number of ways—through textbooks, money and time.

While the group plans to focus on the financial aspect of its mission this year, it hopes to sponsor mentoring programs in the future.

“A lot of kids at lower income high schools, like Pearl-Cohn here in Nashville, have never even seen a college application,” Whiting said. “It would be great to get some first-generation students applying to college to break the cycle. We want them to consider options like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.”

Another unique aspect of this program is that anyone who donated to the scholarship will have input on who receives it, Whiting explained.

“We want Vanderbilt to feel involved in the process,” he said. “Everyone will be actively discussing who they think should get the scholarship and why.”

Both Whiting and Nordlund said their main goal was to help students get to college.

“We want to help students in a broad way by getting them in college,” Whiting said.

The scholarship will eventually be “just one part of making Vanderbilt aware of low-income struggles,” he said. ■

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### PEABODY

## Event celebrates diversity of Susan Gray School

Children learn about nine holiday traditions at Saturday's celebration.

By Ryan Farha  
STAFF REPORTER

Children at the Susan Gray School had the chance to experience nine different holiday celebrations from around the world Saturday evening during the annual Holidays Around the World event.

The event featured several classrooms decorated to represent celebrations from Thailand, the Ivory Coast, Italy, Scotland, Morocco, China, America, Mexico and Costa Rica and received donations from over 60 local businesses and organizations.

Following the children's discovery of different celebrations, they decorated gingerbread houses and an Angel Tree and received a visit from Santa Claus.

“It's been a big success,” said Betty Douglas, a teacher at the school. “The children have been seeing everything, coming from room to room.”

Located on the Peabody campus, Susan Gray offers early education to children from birth to 5 years old and serves developing children as well

as those with disabilities.

The event draws on the school's economically and culturally diverse student body, which includes students from such places as Afghanistan and Argentina, said instructor Jane Hussain.

“It's taking advantage of the diversity of our student body,” she said. “Vanderbilt is a very diverse place, and the school is (as well).”

Hussain teaches the school's youngest students, the oldest of which will turn 1 next week. She said her classroom commemorated the King of Thailand's birthday celebrations, which take place on Dec. 5.

“The reason we chose Thailand was one of our little girl's parents are from Thailand,” she said.

Barbara Fiser attended the event with her two children. She said that her 4-year-old daughter, Juliana, who attends Susan Gray, enjoyed experiencing the different holidays.

“It's been a good time,” she said. “Her big brother is 7, and he's even enjoying it, too.”

Over 200 children were expected at the event, along with their families, friends and teachers. ■

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## OUR VIEW

## List serve mistake presents opportunity

If you had the opportunity to share anything you wanted with virtually the entire campus, what would you choose to say? That is the dilemma facing the many students on the commodore-card@list.vanderbilt.edu list serve. Some are choosing wisely, but most are not.

It began at 12:19 p.m. on Saturday. A sophomore girl, quite innocently, attempted to contact the Commodore Card office in search of a convenient time to come and have her malfunctioning card fixed. Unfortunately, instead of contacting said office via a link on their Web site, she inexplicably sent her inquiry out over a list serve of commodore card owners.

This set off an e-mail chain of responses that, by Sunday afternoon, already exceeded 40 messages and displayed no signs of letting up. From that one e-mail evolved an open forum in which people could promote or discuss any topic of their choice. Because someone else set off the e-mail chain, the stigma of appearing pushy or random was virtually erased. People were free to express themselves and have some fun.

However, to date, only a few students have exploited this anomaly to its full potential. One student promoted a Facebook group he had created. Another took the opportunity to provide a link to www.oured.org, which promotes higher quality education for all children. Yet another student, in the longest message sent on the list serve thus far, provided a brief history of how the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles got their powers. Activism, opportunities, lessons in pop culture – this list serve has it all.

Unfortunately, messages of this sort have been in the minority. Dozens of students have foolishly sent requests out to hundreds of other students, none of whom control the list serve, asking to be removed from it. In one particularly odd case, a male student even pleaded with everyone else to have his girlfriend removed.

Actions of this sort only add to the length and redundancy of the e-mail chain, presumably the primary reason people want to be removed. They also demonstrate an embarrassing ignorance of both how list serves work and the difference between the “reply” and “reply all” buttons in e-mail servers. Worst of all, these messages requesting removal are wasted opportunities.

Opportunities to entertain, educate and connect with such a large number of students are rare. Instead of bemoaning the existence of this new chain, students should, as some already have, be taking advantage of it. At the very least, they could just delete the e-mails, instead of dragging down the whole chain with repetitive complaints that have already proven futile. Conversely, if they could just sit back and enjoy the interaction with fellow students, what a wonderful world this would be.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Mainstream news media should not be serving as platform for terrorist speech

### To the Editor:

I am disturbed that news media are propagating Al Qaeda's ideologies by offering them a free platform to disseminate their press releases (e.g., Reuters, “Al Qaeda gloats over Rumsfeld”). Do the media carry the Ku Klux Klan's latest press releases on what their capabilities are or how they feel about black people running for political office? Of course not. Most importantly, terrorist press releases and media events (as terrorists have said themselves) are their strongest and most effective weapons of war; their press releases are rhetorical Trojan horses welcomed by media outlets looking for sensation. I am miffed at how long Al Qaeda has dominated our mass media outlets. Does anyone realize that the first and most important tactic in defeating

a terrorist group (or any enemy for that matter) is to destroy their weapons capabilities? Clearly, since Al Qaeda is not physically in the United States, silencing their messages in U.S. media is entirely feasible. Media outlets could adopt no-publish policies on terrorist speech, telling Al Qaeda: “Talk to the hand.” Perhaps college media leaders can invite discussion, debate and implementation of this type of policy on their campuses. I'm sure a lot of great ideas would come from such discourse.

**Sam Jones**  
Class of '05

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Slant writer apologizes for controversial article, disaffiliates from publication

### To the Editor:

Sometimes writing satire goes awry. Its purpose, of course, is to make light of real events. In the last week's issue of The Slant, I was the writer of ‘McTyeire Hall: Living Among the Natives’, in which I hoped to parody my peers. I never intended for this article to be taken seriously. Since I am a resident of McTyeire, I felt that I was making fun of myself at the same time.

Yet there was one young woman who lives in McTyeire that I made light of whom I didn't even know. I had never met her until she visited my room just a moment ago. With a restraint I deeply admire, she told me that she that she had no respect for me and despised my publication. Though I told her that this conversation would never reach the pages of The Slant, I must mention it here to relay the apology I could not give in the few moments we talked. When I saw her stand up for herself one evening, I took it out of context, and in doing so, belittled her, adding insult to injury by adding fictional references that I thought would enhance a joke. When I

wrote my article, it never occurred to me that anyone would think badly of her, but rather only laugh at an overblown caricature of that moment I was describing.

By meeting her in person, I realized that even though the Vanderbilt community as a whole might never learn her name, she recognized herself, and my words hurt her deeply. I would like to tell the Vanderbilt community that it was never my intention to bring pain to anyone. First, to my hall mates, I am sorry if my thoughtlessness has caused you distress. I am taking this opportunity to end my two and a half year affiliation with The Slant. I take full responsibility for my article.

Finally, I hope the young woman who visited me earlier today will see me again. I still do not know her name, and I would like to know it so I may apologize properly in person. Thank you.

**Thomas Joseph Broderick IV**  
Junior, A&S

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## COLUMN

## Gay marriage not an issue of voters' morality

Election Day was bittersweet because, while we restored important checks in the government, many states have voted to enact laws promoting personal moral judgments on what constitutes family and who deserves the legal rights of

and while I do not ignore the power of democracy, there is an argument which I believe has not been heard.

In certain circumstances, appealing to popular opinion in a democracy is not the best course. I believe it's the best course when it comes to something such as electing our president, but in terms of the rights of a highly maligned and degraded minority fighting for equal rights, the best course of action is either legal or through protest.

On one hand, marching in the streets in the steps of Martin Luther King Jr. is a noble route to take. However, considering the current rise in religious conviction throughout the United States and the world, as well as the most common religious views pertaining to homosexuality, my faith in the prospect

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**CHRISTOPHER McGEADY**

marriage. While I am not a homosexual, what people do in the privacy of their own homes should be no one else's business as far as I'm concerned. However, it is a fact that certain legal rights granted to heterosexuals are denied to homosexuals,

# McGEADY: Rights should be granted to all

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of a majority coming to terms and agreeing with the idea of same-sex unions starts to dwindle. Legal challenge is the best course of action, and I take the basis for my argument straight from the Constitution.

It is a well known fact that marriage was a religious institution between heterosexuals long before it became a matter of law. There is nothing in the Constitution that in any way even implies that a heterosexual union, with or without children, is the basic unit of society—an argument often employed against same-sex marriage. However, there is the First Amendment to the Constitution: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion...” Would it not be logical to say that recognizing a religious institution such as marriage is an infringement of this establishment clause? And the First Amendment goes on: “...or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” Would it not also be logical to say that legislating what constitutes marriage—a religious institution—is a violation of free exercise? Should not marriage be left to the authority of religion alone?

This argument may upset a lot of people who were hoping I'd argue in favor of same-sex marriage. I don't believe the state has any place in religious issues except what is said in the First Amendment, though the state does have a vested interest in fairness, as evidenced by the text of the Fourteenth Amendment, which says, “...nor shall any State...deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

I argue that “equal protection of the laws” could be the transfer of power of attorney to a homosexual's partner and not necessarily to their next of kin or to the government. It could also be the right of inheritance in cases where a will is not in effect, such as if a partner has died unexpectedly. It could be the right of visitation in the event of incapacitated hospitalization. It could be any right granted to heterosexual married couples which is denied to homosexuals because they are forbidden from entering into a union the state has no business recognizing or legislating to begin with.

The solution is simple: since marriage as a legally recognized union would be impossible,

in order to preserve marriage's sanctity as a religious institution and the state's non-establishment of religion, the answer is to create the legal definition of civil union which extends to all persons per the Fourteenth Amendment. Thus, the rights of marriage as we have them today would be granted to all couples regardless of their sexual orientation, but marriage would retain its character as both a religious and, in many cases, a strictly heterosexual institution conferrable only by religious authorities. Priests, reverends, rabbis and the like could marry couples, and Congress or the states could work out ways for it to be simultaneously recognized as a civil union, but civil unions performed by government officials or between homosexual couples would not be recognized as marriages.

Is this legal hair-splitting? Of course. The law is a subjective field open to interpretation. The Constitution was deliberately vague in order to leave room for societal progress; considering how intelligent men like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were, there is no way they could not have seen that society changes over time. Now we must recognize this institutionalized injustice and live up to our claim to be the freest and fairest country in the world.

—Christopher McGeady is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science

“**Election Day was bittersweet because, while we restored important checks in the government, many states have voted to enact laws promoting personal moral judgments on what constitutes family and who deserves the legal rights of marriage.**”

## THE RANT



What is on your mind? The Rant is your place to anonymously sound off on any issue you want. Send in your rants to with the subject “Rant” to:

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“Leggings are NOT pants! And wearing them with UGGs does not make them legitimate either!”

“Can someone please tell DKE to stop playing obnoxiously loud music all the time? Playing AC/DC and bad rap music at 9 a.m. on a Saturday does not make me want to go there. Who is up at 9 a.m. on a Saturday anyway?”

“Have Vandy girls not gotten the memo? Cowboy boots with skirts or dresses went out with last spring's garbage.”

“Despite my political preference, I am almost glad Harold Ford lost the election because his campaign's ineptitude cost me my first chance to vote.”

“Please take me off this list serve!!!”

“Ever since they installed the Quizno's, everything in Morgan smells like oregano, and that just sucks.”

“If the graduation requirements system is so complicated that not even advisers can tell you if you're good to go or not, maybe it's time to simplify the system instead of irritating everyone twice a year.”

“Why do book indexes sometimes tell you to look at another entry to find the page number? I don't want to “See Camptown Races” if I want the page number for “De Camptown Races.” Doesn't it take more space to print such a detour than just printing the page number in the first place?”

“This really is not a very pleasant smelling campus. Unless, of course, you find the scent of sewage pleasant, in which case I guess you would say it is.”

“Why is it so hard to get a boyfriend at Vanderbilt? I thought Vandy was known for being a place to get an MRS. Degree.”

“Tests at Vanderbilt are so subjective. I can easily argue that my answers are correct on every test I take.”

“Good job idiots who stole Kissam's foosball table and getting it ruined in the rain. Now no one can play.”

“Vanderbilt Visions sucks!”

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## Michael B. Keegan Traveling Fellowship Information Session

Monday, November 13, 2006  
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Sarratt Student Center

Find out about the **\$15,000 fellowship** awarded annually to one *graduating senior* to pursue an idea or an issue through *world travel*.

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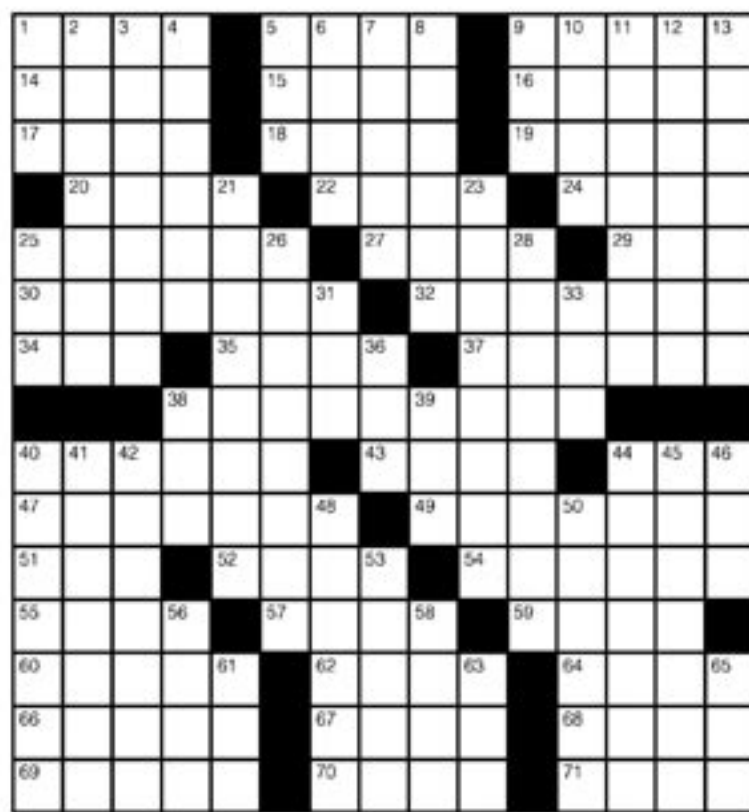
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## OFFICE OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION OFFICIAL NOTICE

TO: The Residential Community  
FROM: Jim Kramka, Senior Director of Housing Facilities, Operations, & Mgmt  
Tina Smith, Senior Director of Residence Life and Residential Education

SUBJECT: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thanksgiving Break extends from November 18, 2006 – November 26, 2006. During the break, all undergraduate residence halls will close. Residence halls will close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 18, and reopen on Sunday, November 26, at 9:00 a.m. Card access for all residents will be turned off during break.

**DON'T PANIC! READ ON.** Students needing to stay in ANY of the residence halls for any part of the break may do so if they register by midnight, Wednesday, November 15. Students may register online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ResEd) anytime during the period November 6 - 15.

Please post an "Occupied" sign on your door when you are in your room during break. "Occupied" signs will be available from all main desks.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During break it may not be possible to provide residential staff in a particular building, or to provide staffing of information desks in a particular building. Because card reader access may be the only means of entry, compliance with the registration procedures above is essential. In addition, remaining students should take even greater care regarding their personal safety and security.

During the break, maintenance and housekeeping personnel will be working in student rooms. Please make sure that maintenance personnel can easily access the air handling unit by your window as well as kitchen and bathroom appliances and plumbing fixtures. Please move furniture and personal belongings away from the air handling units. Work crews will be inspecting rooms between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- Execute a full backup of data on your computer. Turn off the power, and unplug the power cord from the wall or power strip. If the computer is turned off and disconnected from its power source, it need not be disconnected from the network.
- Defrost, clean out, turn off, and unplug refrigerators to prevent damage from power surges and outages.
- Turn off and unplug all other appliances. (Note: television channels on some sets may have to be reprogrammed when the power is restored.)
- Remove fish from, drain, and clean out aquariums.
- Carry your trash to the dumpsters. Do not pile garbage or trash in the common area or bathroom where it will remain until the residence hall reopens. Clean out your recycling containers.
- Set your thermostat midway between the "warm" and "cool" settings. If we are experiencing cold temperatures during the break, heat in the halls will be set at a moderate level.
- Move your bed a short distance from the wall if it is directly below a window. Condensation sometimes forms on cold windows and might find its way to bedclothes immediately below.
- Do not leave belongings on the floor of your room. If freezing temperatures strike causing broken pipes, flooding may occur in affected areas.
- Lock your door and take your key with you!

### RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY AND SAFETY

- During break, residential staff will perform safety and security checks in student rooms. Violations of University policy will be documented and students may face disciplinary action.
- Be sure to close and lock your windows, open the curtains or blinds, turn off all lights. Carry your key with you and lock your doors, including private bedrooms in suites and apartments. If you live at ground level, make certain no valuables are visible from the outside. Please move bikes into your room or another secure area to reduce risk of theft.
- Do not leave jewelry or other valuable items in your room. Vanderbilt University will make every effort to keep the residence halls secure during the break period, but cannot assume responsibility for your possessions. You should, therefore, take appropriate measures to safeguard your valuables.
- Residence halls will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2006. Students returning to campus before this time must register by midnight, Wednesday, November 15. Unless you have registered, do not arrive on campus prior to November 26, 2006 and expect to be admitted to a closed residence hall.

Please plan now for the closing of these residence halls. If this causes a problem for you and you are unable to find a suitable solution, please see your RA or AD for assistance.

HAVE A GREAT BREAK!