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Finally

Decides to Run!

To Catch That Ice Cream Truck Before It Leaves



THIS JUST IN

Vanderbilt Squirrels Smarter than Average Squirrels

By: Agbo Ikor
Furry Freelancer

Vanderbilt zoologists announced yesterday that they have confirmed that Vanderbilt squirrels are, in fact, smarter than other university squirrels.

This report comes after *The Princeton Review* placed Vanderbilt 3rd in the nation for squirrel academics.

Yohan Gilligan, PhD. in Squirrel Studies, had this to say: "We've found that Vanderbilt squirrels have shown great strides in intelligence, dexterity, and your everyday nut handling. Indeed, the squirrels here are the movers and shakers of the woodland creature world."

Chancellor Zeppos shared his own views on Vanderbilt's squirrel population. "We only let in the best of the best. We don't want any of those stupid state school squirrels shaming our beautiful campus. This is Vanderbilt, dammit. Only squirrels with the highest GPA and SAT scores should be able to get in."

Indeed, last year's entering class of squirrels had an average SAT score of 1540 and an average GPA of 3.7. Still, some people seem to disagree with Vanderbilt zoologists.

"Vandy squirrels aren't special. Harvard squirrels are the real geniuses. I knew a squirrel who got into Harvard who interned with Disney in high school. He met fucking Bambi. Vanderbilt squirrels can't even come close to that kind of merit," said Crimson-Wave64, a commenter on the *Princeton Review* website.

Chancellor Zeppos again vouched for the aptitude of Vanderbilt's squirrels: "Last year alone we admitted a squirrel who found a way to increase nut revenue by ten percent."

Though still finalizing their research, Vanderbilt zoologists are hopeful for the future of Vanderbilt's squirrel population. "Honestly, judging from this year's batch of critters, I can tell that Vanderbilt only admits the best of the best," says Gilligan. "I expect we may have the next Rocky in our midst."

Man's New Haircut Sucks

By: Steve Harris
Hairy Herald

Vincent "Vinny" Battaglocchio has come under fire in recent weeks due to his recent change of hairstyle.

Starting last Thursday, Battaglocchio has officially begun forming his hair into several large, upward pointing spikes every morning.

Battaglocchio was quick to respond to criticisms in a press conference held last Thursday.

In a prepared statement, Battaglocchio said, "While I do respect the criticisms against my new haircut, I still feel that large, oil soaked spikes are the best possible way to adorn the top of my head. I will not back down on this issue."

Later in the press conference, Battaglocchio attempted to answer some questions from the press about the mechanics behind his new hairstyle.

"My stylist, and I have worked out a regime for me which involves using several different products in tandem to produce the desired levels of spikiness, shine, and appar-

ent wetness. That is the only information about my hair routine which I am able to divulge at this time."

One of Battaglocchio's good friends told us he is reconsidering his relationship with the man now that he's changed his haircut. "I'm embarrassed to be near the guy anymore. He just looks so stupid. He looks like a hedgehog that is also a douchebag."

Neal O'Grady is the president of the National Anti-Douche Haircut Group. He has been very critical of the new haircut in public, saying "Mr. Battaglocchio's haircut is not just ugly, it is dangerous. Our records show that now more than thirty people per year are injured by overly spiky hair."

Other critics of the new hairdo have been quick to denounce it as everything from "silly" and "ridiculous" to "a crime against all that is holy and good."

In a video released to *Slant TV*, Paul Battaglocchio, Vincent's older brother, announced that in response to the new haircut he would step up random noogie attacks in the area of Vincent's head by fifty percent.

Dining to Sell Unused Breadsticks as Dildoes

By: David Johnson
Dildo Dominator

Vanderbilt Dining recently announced that they will be selling Tortellini Tuesday's untaken breadsticks to Miranda's Adult Store, where they will be marketed and sold as edible dildoes. The university has taken this course of action in response to the growing number of complaints from the student body, including tweeted complaints such as, "I do not like these breadsticks," "Get rid of these breadsticks - I'm allergic to horrible shit," and, "What comes out of my ass is more edible than these breadsticks."

The breadsticks will be branded as BreadDicks, according to sources close to management, and will be available as early as November 2011.

A sorority member who participated in the beta testing for the product said, "These BreadDicks are the best thing ever! They are hygienic because they're disposable and edible, and they are so cheap!"

Another beta tester said, "It's great! It benefits the

school, the students, and any ladies out there looking to pleasure themselves on a budget. The best part," he adds with a smile, "is that you can eat out while you eat her out."

Vanderbilt sexologist Richard Grande says the move benefits the university a great deal. "Their shape and hard, stale texture already resembles an erect, human, penis, and the butter applied to the breadsticks serves as an all-natural lubricant." When asked if he would buy one for his wife, he declined to comment, but vigorously nodded his head up and down, winked several times, and began pantomiming various sexual acts with, presumably, his wife. The charade lasted several minutes.

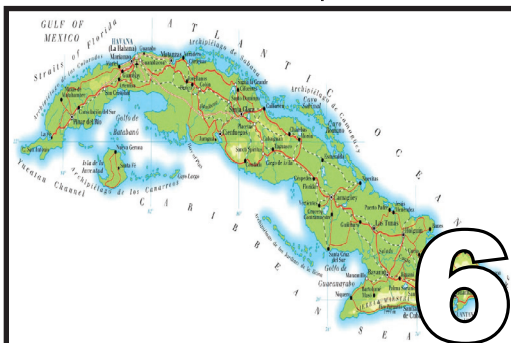
The release date could be delayed due to unforeseen complications. The physicians overseeing the beta testing have noted that BreadDick users have an unusually high frequency of yeast infections. Similar results were drawn by the FDA, who said they had not had that much fun testing a product since the release of Nestle's Wonderball.

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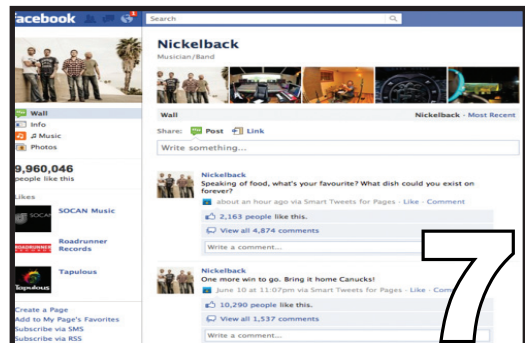
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Munchy Mart to Add '10 Items or less' Lines



Cuba Lonely, Sources Say



Nobody in the world willing to admit to creating Nickleback fan page on Facebook

FROM THE EDITOR:
THOUGHTS ON THE MLB PLAYOFFS



DAN KING

Abbott: Well Costello, I'm going to New York with you. You know Bucky Harris, the Yankees' manager, gave me a job as coach for as long as you're on the team.
Costello: Look Abbott, if you're the coach, you must know all the players.
Abbott: I certainly do.
Costello: Well you know I've never met the guys. So you'll have to tell me their names, and then I'll know who's playing on

the team.
Abbott: Oh, I'll tell you their names, but you know it seems to me they give these ball players now-a-days very peculiar names.
Costello: You mean funny names?
Abbott: Strange names, pet names... like... Well, let's see: we have on the bags, Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know is on third...
Costello: That's what I want to find out.
Abbott: I say Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know's on third.
Costello: Are you the manager?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: You gonna be the coach too?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: And you don't know the fellows' names?
Abbott: Well I should.
Costello: Well then who's on first?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: I mean the fellow's name.
Abbott: Who.
Costello: The guy on first.
Abbott: Who.
Costello: The first baseman.
Abbott: Who.
Costello: I'm asking YOU who's on first.
Abbott: That's the man's name.
Costello: That's who's name?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: Well go ahead and tell me.
Abbott: That's it.
Costello: That's who?
Abbott: Yes.
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Costello: Look, you gotta first baseman?
Abbott: Certainly.
Costello: Who's playing first?
Abbott: That's right.
Costello: When you pay off the first baseman every month, who gets the money?
Abbott: Every dollar of it.
Costello: All I'm trying to find out is the fellow's name on first base.
Abbott: Who.
Costello: The guy who gets the money.
Abbott: That's right.
Costello: Who gets the money?
Abbott: Of course he does, he's entitled to it! Sometimes his wife comes down and collects it.
Costello: Whose wife?
Abbott: Yes.

Fucked Image



Is it just me or is Charlie Sheen looking TERRIBLE this year on Two and a Half Men?

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CULTURE CORNER!

New Internet Trend Called "Armed Robbery" Sweeping the Nation

By: Dan King
Robber Baron

The latest internet trend has begun to sweep the nation with hundreds of teens across the country rushing out to film themselves in hopes of reaching YouTube stardom. Following the spread of similar trends like "planking," "owling," and "bat-manning," this new fad, which is known as "armed robbery," has come under fire by those who allege that it is dangerous to all involved.
In a lot of ways, the trend is simply a new offshoot of "planking." To participate, two teenagers enter any place of business. Then, one of them films while the other draws a weapon and demands that the cashier empty the register. Once they have the money, the kids run away and upload the video to YouTube so everyone can view and comment on it.
Detractors from the trend say that "armed robbery" is dangerous, and caution everyone against participating in it. But fans of the trend dismiss these claims.
Bill Montgomery has uploaded over fifteen videos of himself armed robbing under his YouTube username, "Robba4Eva." Bill says, "Everyone who's losing their minds right now clearly just doesn't get the internet. Armed robbery is all about fun and community, and about using the internet to form social connections with other people. Sure, doing armed robbery could be dangerous, but as long as you're careful and all of the bystanders keep quiet, everything will be OK."
Michael Kohrs is a new-media expert and clinical psychologist. He has been studying the people who participate in trends like this and has found that, "The people who engage in armed robbery, much like the people who plank, don't do it for the money or even the rush of shoving a gun in someone's face...

they do it for fun and for the social interaction they get from the internet. Who could argue against that?"
Several parents' groups have come out against armed robbery in recent weeks. The website for "Parents Against Internet Mayhem" contains the story of Michelle Neals. Neals says that her daughter was injured while armed robbing a McDonald's near their home in Kentucky. "She had done the robbery just fine, but then on the way out, she tripped on a parking barrier and broke her ankle. It was absolutely traumatic for her," said Neals.
This story seems unlikely to deter many people from armed robbery.
The Slant spoke to one teenager from Belle Meade who said he loved to do armed robbery with his friends every weekend. He tells us, "It's just a fun thing to do... not just while we're stealing the money, but then later, when we get together and post the video online, and we get to see the reactions from everyone on YouTube, we love it."
When told about Michelle Neals' story, the same teenager simply replied, "Well, I guess anything can be dangerous if you do it wrong. I don't think it says anything about armed robbery as much as it says something about this one girl!"
While kids seem to be universally in favor of armed robbery, many adults are baffled by the growth of the fad.
John McCain, AARP member and senator from Arizona, said in an interview, "Jesus Christ, what are these kids doing these days? I mean, if someone walked up to you and just said 'go lie down on the ground over there' or 'go rob that store,' you'd say no. But if he's got a camera and says he'll upload it onto the internet, all of a sudden anything goes!"

Here are some other internet trends poised to break out into the mainstream this year:

- **Gaming binge:** Cutting off all social contact and staying inside all weekend playing *Call of Duty*.
- **Hitting it and quitting it:** Having sex with a girl once and taking a picture of yourself deleting her number out of your phone
- **Stalking:** Follow someone around and take pictures of them constantly. Don't put the pictures on the internet or ever share them with anyone.
- **Porning:** Two or more people have sex and video tape themselves and then sell the video on the internet.
- **Footballing:** One teenager curls up into a ball and then two other teenagers use said ball to recreate the football kicking gag from the *Peanuts* cartoons.
- **Prostate examining:** Just like a normal prostate exam, but you take a picture and put it online.
- **Dog showing:** There are a bunch of videos online of something called "dog shows." I have no idea what's going on, so I'm assuming it's some kind of internet trend.
- **Angry bearing:** A teenager walks up to a stranger and pretends to be an angry bear by viciously attacking the stranger and trying to eat him.
- **Brad Pitt-ing:** For some reason, there seems to be a small army of people who make it their business to take pictures of everything Brad Pitt does and to share these pictures with the world.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Slant* does not now and will never ever condone participating in any of these internet trends, committing any crimes, using the internet or rooting for the Detroit Red Wings.

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Bastard Confession



"I'm really sorry, guys. I had been involved with the protests on Wall Street, but then a kind young conservative explained to me that I am responsible for my own prosperity. Thanks to his help, I realized that with just a little hard work, every single person in the world can be a part of the top one percent. Now I see the error of my ways, and I've stopped protesting for good! Did I mention that I'm not great at math?"

-- Reformed Protestor

Lois Lane Diagnosed with Cancer as a Result of Super-Peeping

By: Rachel Lundberg
Peeping Pro

Daily Planet journalist Lois Lane told colleagues yesterday that she had been diagnosed with cancer caused by radiation from Superman's x-ray vision. Dr. Brian E. Acton, head of research at the Metropolis Cancer Institute, reported that his entire team was in agreement with the findings.

"I always figured he'd been looking through my clothes," says Lane. "But I had no idea it was literally all the time. I'm flattered. Pissed, of course, but flattered."

Lane conspicuously neglected to mention what type of cancer she was diagnosed with, a point that quickly became the subject of some speculation. Perry White, Planet editor, was confident in his conclusion: "It's gotta be skin cancer. When you walk around dressed like that, what do you expect?"

Superman was immediately skeptical of the

Cancer Institute's findings and had to be convinced that cancer is in fact "a real thing," and not a temporary side-effect of radioactive materials from distant planets. "I thought it was just one of those things, like how pink Kryptonite causes PMS," says Superman.

Though still firmly denying the allegations, Metropolis' hero expressed remorse for the possibility that he had caused Lane's infirmity. "I would never intentionally hurt Lois, and especially not if it would diminish her hotness. But it's like this: say you're me, and you have x-ray vision. A babe like Lois, why would you ever choose to look at her with her clothes on, if you had a choice?"

Many Metropolitans were similarly unconvinced by the diagnosis. "It's too soon to make any conclusions," says Clark Kent, Lane's fellow Planet reporter. "How do we know that Superman's x-ray vision actually causes cancer? What if it really just makes the cancer more apparent, thus allowing it to be treated? I propose using Superman's x-ray sight on hot potential cancer

victims. We need to do whatever we can to save lives."

Superman was quick to comment. "I like Kent's idea."



Lois was too pretty for her own good.

BCC to Provide Free Lotion to Ashy Students

By Peter Linck and Kelly Hines
Lotion Lovers

All twelve black Vanderbilt students were elated when the BCC announced earlier this week their plans to install a large lotion pump for the upcoming winter months. The center was able to set aside funding for the project this fiscal year by cutting funding for organizations that weren't garnering interest, such as the seventeen black a cappella groups on campus. The center is happy to make the announcement after many years of demand from some of the university's ashiest students.

"It's about damn time," said Mahdi Umbiso, Nigerian A&S sophomore. "I don't pay \$60,000 a year to have chalky elbows for four months. The ladies call me black velvet. I gotta stay smooth." Another student, Keisha Noir, noted "The dry, cracked heels are the worst part. It makes for an awkward spring when sandal season comes around. And the knee-caps? Instant swag killer."

When asked to share her opinion on the change, Director of African American and Diaspora Studies Prof. Sharpley-Whiting commented: "I think this is definitely a step forward for our people. How can students be expected to perform at their highest ability if they are concerned with the moisture content of their

skin?" Melanin-gifted students of other ethnic and racial backgrounds are also celebrating the new moisturization station. MLC representative, Malika Kappuswami, stated, "Not gonna lie, I'm pretty excited about this. Hell, I didn't even know we had a black cultural center, but if they're giving out free lotion, that's where you'll find me."

Despite the excitement the plan has caused, it has also sparked a debate over what type of lotion to use. Most negro students seem to favor cocoa-butter or aloe vera, while ashiest students are calling for "straight up vaseline."

"I really don't care what you put in there," commented Peabody junior, Jamal Jones. "I just need some help! Last week, my roommate asked me where I bought my socks. I was bare-foot." The plan has also caused some confusion among non-black students. Caucasian senior Lily White said about the plans "What's ashy?"

Installation of the pump is scheduled for late November, while students are away for Thanksgiving Break. The installation has been tagged on the BCC's website as, "Something to be truly thankful for." In the meantime, all students of color continue to cross their fingers for a mild autumn.



Prepare yourself for the harsh Nashville Winter

Dasani Announces New Line of Bottled Air

By: Jim Gillin
Insane Inhaler

The Coca-Cola company, under pressure to provide more healthy choices in its product lines, has announced that it will begin selling air under the Dasani® brand, its bottled water company.

The premise is this: in light of the success of selling bottled water in America, where everyone has access to free tap water, Coca-Cola decided to spread out into different markets of things which are normally free. Dasani® Air comes in a bottle similar to Coke's soda bottles, but with a valve which allows the easy consumption of air while preventing leakage.

Dasani® Air will debut in four airy flavors: original, seabreeze, and LA summer, plus a sugar-free version of original flavor. Dasani® Air is scheduled to arrive on shelves and in vending machines starting first quarter 2012.

To give us more background on why Coca-Cola decided to sell air, Coca-Cola's EPA liaison, Victoria Stewart, gave the Slant some insight into the product:

"Coca-Cola strives to stay green while delivering the highest-quality sugar water and sugar water substitutes. To that end, our new Dasani® Air provides a healthy and green way to get refreshed. Most Dasani® Air products have fewer than 50 calories per bottle, and all are manufactured using recycled by-products from the making of our beverages."

When asked how she expects the product to fare, Stewart said:

"Dasani® water was wildly successful with the people-who-think-they're-too-good-for-normal-water demographic, and with its minimal production costs. Well, Dasani® Air is even cheaper for us to make, the light weight saves gas in our delivery trucks, and focus groups loved it!"

The bottles are still made out of that crinkly plastic, which is made with 30% plant-

based materials.

Coca-Cola advertising director, Brett Ewers, described the marketing campaign for Air:

"Just like all that propaganda we launched making public water seem dirty, we're planning a fear campaign to make public air seem unhealthy. Soon you'll see suckers carrying two Dasani® bottles around instead of one—one for water, one for Air. I just can't believe they fall for it!"



Uhh, is this water trying to be sexy?

VUPD Handing out Golden Tickets to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory

By: Arian Flores
Wonka Wannabe

Some Vanderbilt students have recently been finding the rare and highly valuable golden tickets to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory around campus.

These golden tickets have written on them the famous words: "Greetings to you the lucky



Looks like we've got another one for the tour!

finder of this golden ticket from Mr. Willy Wonka... Present this ticket at the factory gates at ten o'clock in the morning of the first day of November and do not be late!"

VUPD has taken responsibility for the golden tickets claiming that Mr. Wonka had Vanderbilt print the original five tickets due to the university's trademark on the colors Black and Gold.

"We just felt that Willy Wonka was being selfish in only sending out five golden tickets out so we printed a few more," says chief of Vandy police August Washington. "Why should only five children enter into the world of pure imagination?"

Most of these tickets were given to violators of parking regulations set on campus and for those lucky few to have racked their bikes in the wrong staircase or bench.

"I was just rushing to class to hand in a paper in Garland, when I got back to my bike and saw the golden ticket," stated Ryan Smith, sophomore in the College of Arts and Science. "I can't wait to meet Mr. Wonka and have a drink out of that chocolate river!"

Senior engineer student, John Haul Jr., who found three of these golden tickets on his Cam-



HUSTLE FUCKIN' HARD

ry parked in the wrong zone last week, had this to say: "Awesome, looks like it's gonna be a three-some for me!"

Students have expressed frustration with VUPD for only handing the tickets to violators of parking regulations.

"When I park my Ford Probe I make it fit in the spot, no matter how tight it is, even if I have to oil it up and ease it in nice and slowly," says Mike Rogers, junior student in the school of

Arts and Science. "Screw that, I want in on that factory, even if I have to park my car on top of Kirkland."

Upon hearing the news of the reproduced tickets Mr. Wonka sent out his head umpa lumpa from the factory to make a statement: "Umpa lumpa umpadi do, VUPD is gonna get sued. umpa lumpa umpadi do, August Washington is gonna be the one to pay."

The little orange man continued to condemn Mr. Washington and his VUPD officers in sweet rhyme for another fifteen minutes.

When asked about his rebuttal to the umpa lumpa's statement (that was really more of a catchy song), Mr. Washington stated, "I remain adamant on my original statement. I believe students at Vanderbilt will only be enriched by taking a look into how a successful business in the America works today: using cheap foreign labor."

What is to become of the tickets reprinted for those Vanderbilt parking violators is still awaiting confirmation from Mr. Wonka who refused to comment for the Slant and will not come out of the chocolate factory until early this November.

Take Note, Other Media Outlets:

I can tell by the fact that you're reading *The Slant* that you appreciate great journalism. That is, after all, what we are striving for here. I'd like to think that every media outlet aims for this same goal. But as anyone who's tried to consume media in the past few years can tell you, this is just not the case.

Those hacks down at *The New York Times* or *The Washington Post* seem to have forgotten that a newspaper isn't about just putting up whatever content you think will best appease your slovenly readers; it's about working hard to bring the truth to the people.

Did you know that *The Slant* has a motto? Because we do. If you flip over to page two and look down in the bottom corner, you'll see the words "In

Vanum Laborat Qui Omnibus Placere Contendit." These latin words were spoken over two thousand years ago on the floor of the Roman senate by the legendary leader Cicero. Translated into English, they mean "The people's right is to be informed, and it is the duty of the leaders to bring them the whole truth."

This is the credo that guides everything we do here at *The Slant*.

Whenever there is news happening, *The Slant* is there to learn all we can about it. And when we've got all the facts, we bring them to you, our loyal readers.

For this issue, we've decided to kick the reporting up a notch. We took our small staff of dedicated reporters and scattered them all across this great

country. Their mission was to find the truth, and find it they did.

Some of the things they brought back made us laugh. Others tugged at our heartstrings. Some of the stories on this page made me weep openly like a little baby girl.

Sure, we could have cut out some of these harder truths, but we didn't. Because the truth isn't about what is easy. It isn't about what is fun or what is pretty. It is about the rights of the people and the duty of their leaders.

So enjoy, fellow lovers of truth, I hope you learn something from our labors.

And to all the leaders of our fellow news outlets: Take note. This is how real reporting is done.

Hail Cicero!

Salt Lake City, Utah: Los Angeles basketball team sold to Utah; becomes the Great Salt Lakers.

San Francisco, California: Arnold Schwarzenegger impersonator not fooling anyone.

Bolder, Colorado: College humor newspaper misspells "Boulder."

Mexico
Jan Brew
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Right Thing Done for Wrong Reasons

By Christian Whitmer
Morality Manifest

A local woman, who had momentarily lost control of her legs in the middle of a crowded intersection, was heroically saved by Oscar Skaggs on Monday afternoon.

Running behind schedule, Skaggs had flagged down a taxi in order to make it to his son's playoff game. But the taxi, which reeked powerfully of body odor and pesticide, was too much for him to bear.

"He's a hero," said taxi driver Michael Yamur, "he was clearly anxious to get out of the cab, get to the game on time, but when he saw that poor lady, he didn't even hesitate."

Shoving a twenty-dollar bill at the cab driver, and telling him to keep the \$14.70 in change, Skaggs raced to the girl's side.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," said Skaggs' long time friend, Robert Sanderson, of Skaggs' heroics. "We used to do the same thing in high school to try to pick up chicks."

"We called it the Grope-a-Gimp."

Skaggs didn't stop there, accompanying the lady to the hospital and badgering doctors to make sure that her longterm prognosis was

positive.

"When he found out she had nobody to accompany her to the hospital, [Skaggs] took it upon himself to make sure she was okay," said a paramedic impressed with Skaggs' selflessness.

"She's single, dude. You know what that means. She will be alone and in need of emotional support in this trying time," Skaggs was overheard saying in a phone conversation to his brother. "Just pick up Timmy after the game. No, you don't actually have to watch him pitch. Why the hell do you think I'm here?"

Skaggs was hesitant to call himself a hero, asking reporters to focus on "what really matters."

"Seriously," he said, "you guys are reporters. Can one of you do your job and find out if she's going to walk again, so I know whether to give her my number or not?"

Even in such a hectic time, Skaggs' loved ones were on his mind. "Don't tell my wife I'm at the hospital. She'll probably freak out, especially if she hears I'm with a girl again."



Seen here: Skaggs, delivering pizza

Tweet Tweeted

By: Dan King
Clever Correspondent

Last night at 9:37 PM EST a tweet was tweeted.

Sources confirm that the tweet was created by Twitter user Marissa DelRio, who had been spending the day with her mother and stepfather.

Marissa's mother, Suge Greene, said she was very excited that her daughter had once again used this fantastic social networking tool.

"When I heard about Marissa's tweet, I was just ecstatic. My daughter is now part of the world's biggest real time information network. I'm excited just to think about what kind of impact her tweet will have on other people."

Sources close to the tweet indicate that DelRio spent a considerable amount of time composing herself before entering into the public information stream. DelRio apparently spent well over five full minutes working on different drafts of the tweet before tweeting it.

No one has yet been able to ask DelRio what she plans to do with any early drafts of the tweet, though several collectors and museums have expressed interest in purchasing the work.

The tweet indicated that DelRio had been tweeting from her mobile device, a third generation iPhone which had been given to her by her stepfather, Craig Greene.

Mr. Greene says, "I gave her the phone as a gift for being one of my favorite stepchildren. I figured she would use it to make phone calls and listen to music, but I never could have guessed that she would use it to enter into a data sharing network that connects businesses, communities, and social networks all across the globe. I'm so proud."

DelRio's many business associates, social contacts, and community members were all glad to hear about the recent tweet.

Stephen Rupertus is a part-time worker at a frozen yogurt stand frequented by DelRio. "I enjoyed reading her tweet. I really got a lot of information about Marissa that will aide our relationship and help me learn how to better meet her frozen yogurt needs," says Rupertus.

Actor Neal Patrick Harris, whom DelRio follows on Twitter, released a statement through his publicist showing his support for the tweet. The statement reads in part, "My Twitter-based relationship with Ms. DelRio has been a long and positive one. By exchanging facts and details about our lives I've learned how to be a better actor for her while she has learned more about me.... I am overjoyed to learn about Marissa's latest tweet and I will be sure to read it at my convenience."

Harris went on to hint that he would perhaps be interested in retweeting the tweet if it meets his own standards for retweeting.

Harris has been known to take advantage of retweeting, a tool offered by Twitter to allow users to further the sharing of tweets which they find to be particularly vital to the public discourse.

Twitter founder Jack Dorsey says he was happy to hear the news of DelRio's tweet. "Twitter can do all sorts of things for people, and this tweet is a great example of that. By tweeting this tweet, Marissa has connected herself to a thriving community of millions of people, businesses, and social causes who are sharing and exchanging their information to make the world a better place."

Not all reactions to the tweet have been positive, though. Nick Carbone is *The Slant's* head twitter critic. He found the tweet to be "The very epitome of banality. Right now we're seeing some incredible tweets coming from a lot of young tweeters, especially those in the vanguard Rocky Mountain Twitter-sphere. DelRio's tweet was a sad reminder that not everyone has yet moved on from the mundane 'real tweet' style that dominated spring of 2010."

Another twitter user, Kyle McCallister, has alleged that DelRio's tweet may be a shameless rip-off of a tweet he tweeted last month. "Look at the two tweets! There can be no doubt that hers completely rips off the form that I pioneered in my September 23rd tweet. I feel that I deserve to be both acknowledged and compensated for the clear impact I've had on Marissa's tweet."

DelRio has not yet addressed these allegations, but a source close to her has told *The Slant* that the claims are unfounded. The source, who wished to remain anonymous, said "It's crazy. Obviously DelRio is aware of the tweet Mr. McCallister is referring to, after all the two are both members of a large and efficient information sharing network. But DelRio's new tweet has little in common with McCallister's; there is no issue here."

In a press conference following the tweeting of the tweet, DelRio told her many fans and followers that "While I am proud of this tweet, I am by no means content. I will not rest on my laurels. I plan on beginning work on another tweet right away... The lack of exciting things going on in my life will not stop me from keeping up my consistent tweeting."



Twitter and news are the same thing, right?

This Is How Reporting Is Done

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: High school Romeo *actually* content to remain "just friends."

Michigan: The Michigan "hand" breaks a nail.

Toronto, Canada: Racist baseball fan accidentally calls Jose Molina by correct name.

Burlington, Vermont: Dying phone battery treated like dying person for some reason.

Cleveland, Ohio: Local politician takes a bold stand against everything everyone hates.

Greenville, South Carolina: Child announces plans to continue trying to learn drums without actually owning drums.

Orlando, Florida: Vacationing couple somehow finds over 600 things to photograph in Orlando.

City, Mexico: Despite ever's best efforts, Mexico s to exist.

Odessa, Texas: Fans watching high school football game apparently don't realize that all the players are children.

Memphis, Tennessee: Ads aired during *Whitney* conclusively determined to be funnier than *Whitney*.

An Interview with Basketball Business Genius AJ Ogilvy

By: Michael Hogue
Lockout Lookout

With a truncated or non-existent 2011-2012 NBA season rapidly approaching, several NBA players have received lucrative contracts from European basketball leagues. Derron Williams, point guard of the New Jersey Nets, recently agreed to play in Turkey for five-million dollars. Superstar Kobe Bryant has even been offered one to two million dollars to play a single game for an Italian basketball club, Virtus Bologna. However, according to some, players such as these are in contact with European teams a little late in the game.

For a unique perspective on the NBA's lockout, or "high-stakes hissy fit," *The Slant's* sports section decided to interview former Commodore center, AJ Ogilvy. Ogilvy played on Turkey's Besiktas Cola Turka alongside NBA wash-up Allen Iverson for the 2010-2011 season.



G'day mate, time to play some basketball!

The Slant: You recently tweeted that you foresaw the NBA lockout, and planned accordingly. How did you know the contract negotiations would go so poorly?

AJ Ogilvy: I saw this coming a mile away. It's pretty simple, really. A bunch of street criminals grubbing for money from a bunch of white-collar crooks that hoard money was gonna end badly sooner or later.

TS: Your decision to hire an agent and declare for the NBA draft was originally met with controversy by the Vanderbilt student fan-base who described you as "a weird-ass Australian who couldn't get a rebound" and "some douche with highlights who wouldn't jump to block." However, in light of the NBA's current predicament of poor negotiation, your career strategy in 2010 has now been described as "guided by foresight and an over-sized ego."

AJO: Yeah, I got a lot of shit for hiring an agent at the time, but hey, I got to hit up Istanbul with AI. AI! So, yeah, people hated on me, but I could just text Allen Iverson and be like, "Hey, you wanna hang?" And then we could just meet up at Bayoolu and jam. Plus, like it or not, I'm a professional basketball player now.

TS: Do you think you'll ever play in the NBA? Should the league continue its pathetic existence?

AJO: Nah, I don't think the NBA is for me. I'm not a big fan of improving my game. It's like, I can make it here in Europe with the marginal talent I have naturally. Look at Dirk. I don't see the point in putting in so many years of tireless work just so you can be remembered as the German guy who shut up three arrogant assholes who couldn't finish a game.

TS: We hear that you recently signed with Spain's basketball team, Power Electronics Valencia. What does this contract mean to you?

AJO: See, I'm supposed to say that this is "an exciting opportunity to enhance my career and contribute to the great basketball scene of Spain," but really, you just gotta take what you can get. I mean, hopefully both the Gasol brothers will stay in the states in case the NBA comes back. That way I can be the big center on campus.

As NBA owners and players continue to argue over millions of dollars for a sport that was invented to pass the time while it wasn't football or baseball season, the prospects of a 2011-2012 season look grim with the first two weeks of games already cancelled. Ironically, former washout AJ Ogilvy might wind up playing with the NBA's best after all.



Opinions!

Welcome to The Slant's Opinion section, with the most opinionated opinions this side of the Delaware River



What Exactly Do Dogs Think?

By: Justin Barisich

Canine Cognition Consultant

A question for all those dog lovers out there: What the fuck do dogs think?

I've never owned a dog before, so placate me here. My parents used to have two when I was a little kid, and when I say little, I mean really little, as in "one year for Halloween I dressed up as a cowboy and rode our golden retriever around the neighborhood like he was a horse" kind of little, so I haven't really given it much thought until now.

While visiting my older brother for Fall break, I met his newly adopted dog and watched my brother's girlfriend, a trained veterinarian, as she daily enjoyed playing a game with the dog that essentially equated to "jovially slap the dog in the face a few times and immediately afterward demand a kiss." Yes, she is an educated professional in the animal world. I've seen her white coat.

It was in this moment of witnessing this quadruped getting repeatedly smacked in the snout and then gleefully licking its slapper's face like nothing had happened that I couldn't stop asking myself, "Dog, are you dumb? Doesn't that hurt? Don't you know what the five fingers said to the face? If you didn't before, you should by now."

Granted, this is the same dog which months before had managed to bite off half of her own damn tail so that now she only waggles a nub. She's a beautiful black lab, but she's obviously not the paramount of doggy acumen. But, if I were the dog, I know for damn sure what I'd be thinking: "Bitch, you slap me one more time and I'll bite off six of your fingers. Try eating that whole sandwich you never give me a piece of after that."

However, the bark-translator collar, like Dug the Dog's from Pixar's UP, hasn't been invented yet, and so we're left to ponder what the bitch-slapped pooch was really cognating until all the spots fall off the 101 Dalmatians...or are we?

Over at Duke University, one mutt-loving professor founded the Canine Cognition Center more than 15 years ago. Yep, that's right. Vanderbilt invents the



What is going on in your adorable little brain!?

first automated bionic leg; Duke studies Lassie's erratic brain sparkles. (Cone of shame for you, Duke.)

Here's what lead researcher and director Dr. Brian Hare had to say about the lab lab: "The last decade of research has shown that dogs are more than mere learning machines: they have a rich understanding of their world, which allows them to be flexible problem solvers. Some of their skills even resemble those we see in young children."

To paraphrase, your fat and flabby bulldog, who we'll call Cletus in this example, is leaps and bounds smarter than the fat, flabby, young child, who we'll call Percival, of the most well-to-do Yuppie couple. The so-ugly-he's-funny smile plastered on Cletus' face is because even though he can't speak human, he can still walk and intuit signals before Percival ever gets his thumb out of his ass.

Okay, but what about when their human owners are gone? To quote one of my professors, English extraordinaire Michael Kreyling, without his prior knowledge and approval of my doing so, who had a like-minded query, "Whenever I come home from the grocery store, I wonder if my dog starts jumping all over me with excitement because she was just thinking that I was dead right before I walked in the door. What, does she think something like 'Oh, I can't see him anymore, so he must have been hit by a bus' whenever I leave the house?"

Never satisfied with simply trusting the information spread by a blue devil poking around in canine craniums, I sought a second opinion elsewhere. I read the first chapter of the book *Inside of a Dog* by Dr. Alexandra Horowitz, and knowing that the rest of you are too busy to read it – or don't care about what Fido thinks as long as he fetches the morning paper for you – I've summarized and extracted the true meaning of her work.

Here's the watered-down gist of her shared wisdom: "Hey people, dogs are not people, so quit anthropomorphizing them. They couldn't give two shits about you when you leave them trapped inside all day as you go off to work or leave to find a tolerable human substitute for them. In fact, they may have shat on your expensive oriental rug simply out of boredom. When you find the contents of your kitchen trash can spewed all across the house, you can bet your candy ass that the dog is sleeping soundly in his own bed."

Like humans, dogs don't really "think" too much. They rely on internal biological rhythms ("Boy am I hungry. Isn't it time to eat yet?") and react to external stimuli conditioning ("Hey, Pavlov, disable your doorbell, man! I'm tired of always salivating for no reason."). If canines spoke instead of barked, your child would be far dumber than your dog until the kid reached the age of four.

Unlike humans, evolution didn't give dogs the capacity to perceive the invented structure of time. The magical ability of episodic memory ("Sallie-Anne, didn't we make a baby 'round this time last year?") is something that enables our species to recall the reasons why we continue to hate our mothers-in-law and still run from the angsty bully who stole our lunch money last week.

Thus, what can we conclude about the thoughts of Cletus the bulldog and Percival the Yuppie child? Puppies are cute; children are annoying; both are pretty stupid. And if all else fails, just distract them with shiny objects and sugary treats.

The Slant Sucks!

By: Robert Hilland

Suck Specialist

People always tell me, "Hey Robert, you're funny. You're in Tongue N Cheek (Come see our show on the 28th, by the way). You should write for the Slant!" So I thought, "Sure. I'll do it." They definitely needed my help. So for the last issue, (You know, the one with the clock on the front for no reason.) I took time out of my busy schedule to co-author an article with my boy Brendan Gray about a beer shortage. The thing was gold, and if you didn't read it you should have.

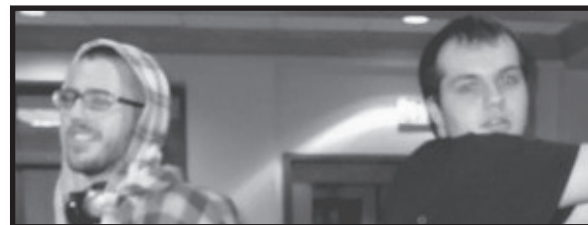
Now, you should know, the only reason I went through with it was to see my name in print. And guess what? THE FUCKING EDITORS MISPELLED IT! What the hell? I mean, I grace this shit publication with my considerable talent and they can't even take the time to check the spelling on my last name? I mean, Jesus; it's only six letters. Even more, it's just two one syllable words put together. Hi. Land. Not that hard people.

The Slant is a model of unprofessionalism, and it starts at the top. You know Dan King, the editor-in-chief? What a hack. And look at that picture of his by the "from the editor" section. Go ahead, look. I'll wait.

Oh, cool, you're back. Took you long enough. How long does it take to flip a few pages? Anyway, back to my point: the guy looks like a child molester. I think it's the crazy look in his eyes. Or maybe the fact that he isn't wearing a shirt. And I heard he wants to be a teacher. I'm not sayin'...I'm just sayin'.

And then there was that article about Tom Green on the first page. What a piece of garbage. You can't think of a better subject of an article than Tom fucking Green? The guy whose biggest accomplishment was called *The Bum Song*? And since when has three days only been 36 hours? Invest in a fucking calculator, for God's sake. Twenty-four times three is seventy-two. You don't have to be an engineer to do math at a third grade level.

You may ask yourselves, "Hey Robert, if you hate *The Slant* so much, why keep writing for it?" First off, mind your own damn business. You don't know my life. But actually, I'm glad you asked. I did it for the same reason James Franklin took the head coaching job for the football team. Anyone can be great when there is already a tradition of excellence. Legends, however, make their own history. And that is what I plan on doing. I am going to turn this piece of shit publication into comedy gold. So keep an eye out for future issues. I figure my stories will be featured more and more until I'm basically writing this whole thing by myself. Then, in a few years, I'll hide off into the sunset. And by that I mean I'll go write comedy professionally and *The Slant* will fall back into obscurity.



Editor's Note: Fuck you too, Rabert.

Letter to the Editor

Dear *Slant*,

How come you're still single? What ever happened to that nice girl you were seeing last year? What was her name again?

Anyway, I liked her. What happened there?

You know what your problem is, sweetie? You're too picky about the ladies you see. At your age, you've got to be looking for someone to settle down with. I mean, my God, by the time I was your age, your father and I had already been married for three years!

I'm not trying to be mean, sweetie; I just don't want to see you end up alone, like uncle Frank.

Hugs and kisses,
Your Mother,
Susan Slant
Nashville, TN

Point Counterpoint



Point: Get This Damn 3D Out of My Movies!

By: Alec Jordan

Two Dimensional Character

When I go to the cinema, my goal is to view a movie. I don't plan on being thrust into the action, nor do I expect to jump in my seat as my childhood is literally thrown in my face. Yeah, that's right – *The Lion King 3D*, and all 3D at that, is a completely insane idea.

What does it say about us as a society that we are no longer content to VIEW engaging, dramatic SCENES without some degree of boredom? It is pathetic.

Movies are art; 3D movies are like watercolor Monets designed for the lowest common denominator. Redesigning classics like *The Lion King* into 3D for a quick buck and cheap satisfaction is a slap in the face to anyone who values the integrity of the original masterpieces.

Soon, we will be further insulted when even subpar movies are reincarnated into 3D. Just imagine; it will only be a matter of time until *The Lion King 2: Simba's Pride* is rereleased in

3D, and we, as a consumer base with rapidly declining standards, will probably flock to see it, despite knowing what a flop it was the first time.

Need more proof? Consider some of your favorite movies from over the years. *Star Wars*, for instance, because everyone loves *Star Wars*. Right now, we have people complaining that the remastered versions of Episodes IV – VI are losing integrity just because of modernized graphics on lightsaber clashes, lasers from ships, etc. What would happen if they tried to implement 3D, with Star Destroyers flying out at the audience and so forth? The franchise would collapse under all the criticism.

People may say they are pro-3D, but when it actually affects something they care about, they realize how it could actually ruin everything loved about cinema and the movie theatre. The thought sickens me, just as watching films jump off the screen at me does. You can keep your hypothetical profits and silly-colored glasses; I will not be going to see any 3D movies.



Counterpoint: 3D Movies Rock!

By: Jim Gillin

Dirty, Dirty Dog

Going to the cinema has been way cooler since 3D movies started coming out. I have only seen a few dozen 3D movies so I'm no expert, but I could never see enough fireballs coming straight at my face! It gets me every time. Movies like *Resident Evil: Afterlife*, which would otherwise just be the latest sequel in a series, really stand out from the others by including a zombie carrying a huge axe just so it can fly at my face.

3D hasn't even reached its prime yet. As the technology evolves, more and more genres are getting released in 3D. Who knows how soon it will be until we see 3D porn, where the jizz flies right at you? Just imagine Jenna Jameson's boobs popping out—even more than they already do—while it looks like her bra is coming straight toward your face!

It's not just porn, though; we can also expect rom-coms in 3D within a year or two, where the sexual tension seems to really be right

there in the room with you, thanks to the miracle of 3D moviemaking.

I also love how Disney is rereleasing its old movies in 3D now. *Lion King 3D* is just the tip of the iceberg; if we're lucky, soon Disney will 3D-ify other gems such as *Lion King 2: Simba's Pride* and *Cinderella III: A Twist in Time*, and I'll be at the premiere for all of them! I'm pretty sure there's no movie which wouldn't look better in 3D.

And who doesn't love those sick 3D glasses they give you at the theater? I have 20 of those at home, and I wear a pair wherever I go. I usually drive home from the movie in them; tail lights and traffic lights look awesome in 3D, and give a pretty unique challenge.

Sure, 2D movies are still good. They're not the best they could be, though! After *Avatar* took my 3D-ginity, I've been hooked on 3D. From riding on a dragon's back to racing on a light cycle, 3D makes cinema much more fun. With 50% more Ds, how could it not?

Power Struggle Threatens to Throw Anarchist Student Org into Anarchy

By: Andrew Snow
Anarchist Antichrist

The Vanderbilt Anarchist Union is in disarray after shocking comments made by founder and president, Keith McClellan.

Last Tuesday, at the group's weekly meeting in Room 202 of Peabody Library, McClellan announced that the club would not officially support the Occupy Wall Street protests. The decision was met with immediate dissent, but he defended the position, characterizing the protesters as "dirty hippies pleading for the state to save them."

Although McClellan has long identified as an anarcho-capitalist, fellow club member and anarcho-collectivist Kate Thompson says neither she nor the other members knew that he was an "apologist for the corporatist fascism," before the outburst. "At such a crucial time, we need to throw the full weight of both our political influence here at Vanderbilt and our \$212 budget behind the protests," she added.

Not all members are upset by the move. "The [OWS] movement is but a petulant child devoted to some mishmash of banal yet vague leftist sentiment," argues Eli Steiner. When asked about his own views, the self-styled anarcho-egoist gave an exhausted sigh and replied that his "philosophy is not so unrefined that it could be compressed into a few sentences or simple phrases."

While a majority of the club's six members

believe that McClellan needs to go, there is a snag: the Anarchist Union's by-laws do not provide a mechanism to remove him. "I looked up the charter he wrote for us, and it essentially makes him king," Thompson revealed to a secretly convened meeting last Thursday. "Toward the bottom it even claims to grant him sovereign dominion over Sarratt!"

In response to the revelation, Morgan Baker, a pan-anarcho-syndico-primitivist, has resigned from her post as vice-president and has formed the Free Collective Association of Anarchists of Vanderbilt. She says the new organization will focus on "maintaining true to the spirit of anarchist values against the temptations of pragmatic humanism that so plague the left. Neoliberals and industriophiles hiding behind some unattainable ideal of the so-called free market need not apply."

Now, the rest of the group has to decide where they stand. For one homeless man who has been with the group since he wandered into their first meeting and started referring to himself as "The Anarch," the decision is a tough one. "Central to this struggle is a dialectic in which the subject seeks to recognize himself and his humanity in opposition to the object of his struggle. The conflict is an externalization of an internal deadlock in the subject, masking the impossible lack at the heart of revolutionary desire itself," the Anarch explained to me over a flex meal at CT West.

Phone Manual is Disturbingly Well Written

By: Clay Christian
Manual Overrider

A shocking discovery rocked the literary world last Thursday as Tom Radnerson, an everyman from Spokane, WA, found the instruction manual for his new phone, the Samsung Galaxy S II, was the most well written piece of English that he had read in his entire life.

"I was curious to see that it came with a booklet at all," Radnerson said. "You know, so many companies these days cut costs by putting it online. But this thing was at least 200 pages long! At first, I thought it was just because it was in English, French, Spanish, all those gobbly ones... But no, it was a story! And a damn good one too!"

When asked to summarize the book, Radnerson stated that "he absolutely could not," fearing that he "wouldn't do the work justice."

The Samsung Galaxy S II instruction booklet, the only known copy of the text, is untitled and unaccredited to any author. Scholars that have had the rare opportunity to delve into the magical prose have dubbed it "The Big One" or "Life and Death at 4G Speeds."

"Whoever wrote this masterpiece has most certainly explored the longest reaching fathoms of the human emotional spectrum," touted English professor Chip Buttovski said. "From the earliest onset of describing the Samsung Galaxy SII's model numbers, GT-I9100, the reader automatically knows that this text will be the most enjoyably difficult read of the 21st century."

"My favorite chapter was the one describing

the battery life," book enthusiast Linda Lindell said. "It brought me to tears to realize that even a freshly charged battery will lose a little bit of life with every plug-in. That's just like you. That's just like me. We're human and breakable, just like the Samsung Galaxy S II."

The search for the author has been a hotbed of contention by literary analysts.

"Why should we plague this man or woman's desire to be left alone?" said Nobel Laureate and proud owner of a Samsung Galaxy S II, Orhan Pamuk. "Can't we just appreciate the work for its beauty and get rid of all the celebrity?"

With Samsung being a gigantic company, many believe the author to be hidden away under the massive corporate structure. Samsung CEO Lee Kun-Hee was not amused by the requests for the employee's name.

"Who cares about books?" Lee said. "I don't care what you read, as long as you read it on a Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1."

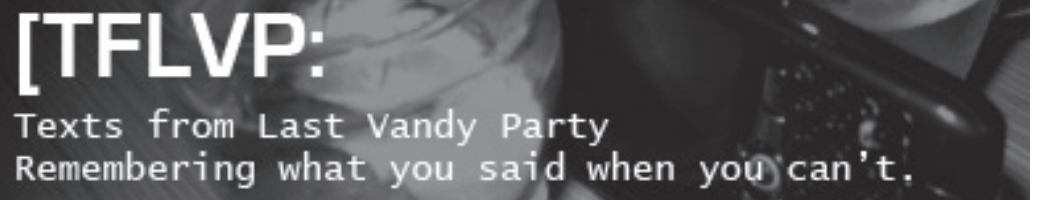
The raw, moving power of the Samsung Galaxy S II manual has also redefined the scholarly appeal of technical writing.

"The only time writing like that of the Samsung Galaxy S II made me cry was the first time I really dug into the iTunes End User License Agreement," Sociology professor Marcus Portsmith said. "I never thought man could top section G's 'You also agree that you will not use these products for any purposes prohibited by United States law, including, without limitation, the development, design, manufacture or production of nuclear, missiles, or chemical or biological weapons.' The Samsung Galaxy S II made that phrase look like 'See Spot Run.'"

brochures, lest the school be sued for false advertising. Elsewhere on campus, the Vanderbilt Music Group has given up on appealing to broader student musical tastes and will instead be booking deadmau5, Foo Fighters, and Skrillex for all Rites of Spring and Commodore Quake concerts in the foreseeable future. Vanderbilt's Public Relations Society also featured nothing but Ralph Lauren at its recent annual fashion show.

The results come as no surprise, however, to the 4% of students who actually are unique, though most of them are chain-smoking, indie-wannabe assholes anyway. Self-actualized sophomore Chris Realington said, "I've considered transferring, but my friends from back home say their schools are just as barren. I guess people just suck."

In an attempt to help promote individuality, the university is planning many events to broaden students' horizons, including listening parties of not-top-40-songs, film screenings of not-box-office-hits, and lectures on how you don't have to think like your parents.

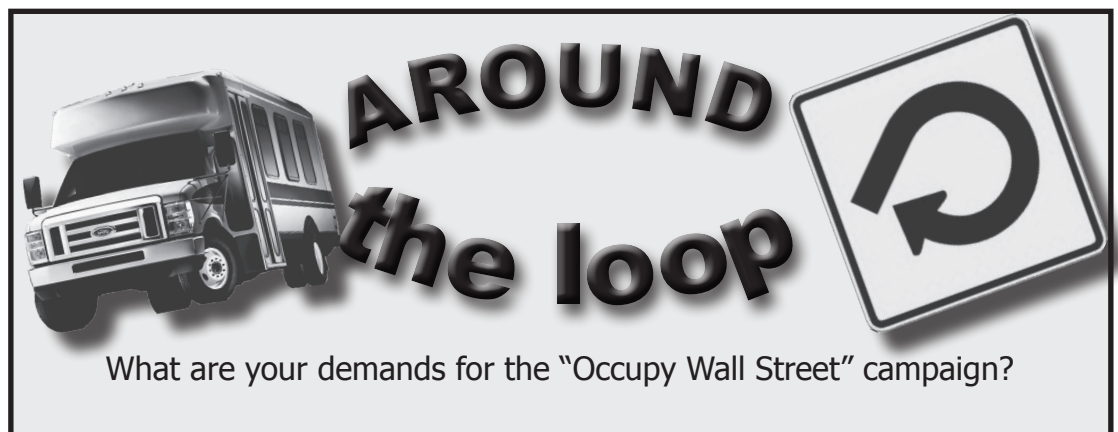


(872): No, I'm not busy. I'm just in class.

(127): Oh my gosh, is that the guy from LMFAO?!
(434): No, just a fat creep. It's tough to tell what the difference is.

(297): Was that an earthquake?
(545): Maybe. We should probably have sex just in case.
(297): What?
(545): You know, in case we're the last people on earth.
(297): We're not, I can see people out my window.
(545): Are they people? Or are they zombies?

(530): You know Halloween isn't for another two weeks, right?
(603): Right....
(530): I was just checking because I saw you were wearing your 'dirty drunk whore' costume.

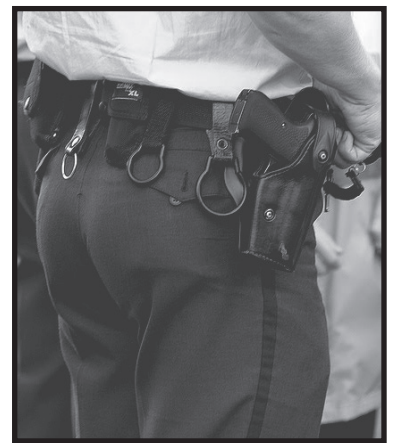


College Student



Lower tuition! Affordable loans!
Environmental accountability! Fuck the police!

Police officer



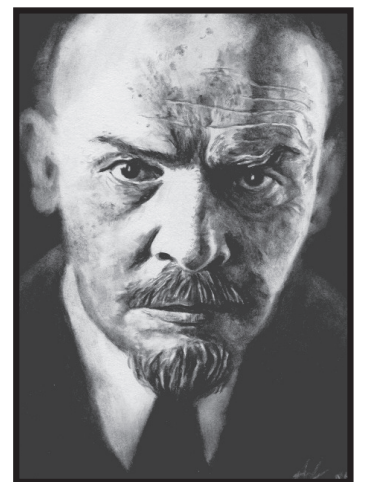
For all this to end so I can get home and "occupy" my wife! This overtime KILLS!

Grumpy Old Man



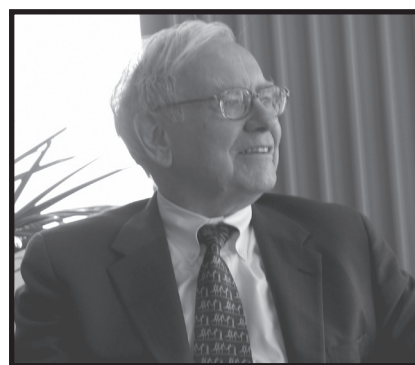
I don't give two shakes! Just occupy off my lawn!

Lenin



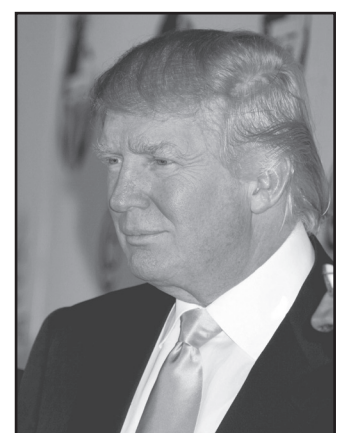
Dictatorship of the proletariat! Death to the bourgeoisie!

Warren Buffet



Higher taxes for the rich! Really, a slight redistribution of wealth would do wonders for families and small businesses in this country.

Donald Trump



You mean this isn't the line for John Mayer tickets?

Westboro Baptist Church



Same thing we've always wanted: Fewer fags in government! And... not in government.

God



Peace, love for your brothers and sisters, and no, I never did want the rich to get tax breaks.

96% of Vandy Students Indistinguishable from Each Another

By: Peter Linck
and Christian Whitmer
Very Unique

It has recently come into the collective Vanderbilt consciousness that 96% of Vanderbilt students share the exact same interests and characteristics. The revelation is spreading throughout campus after a random, run of the mill student suddenly noticed that everyone's hobbies, sense of humor, taste in music, and fashion sense are identical.

One student said about the idea, "I think I'm pretty unique. I like culture that's easily digested. It just means less critical thinking for me."

Possibly another student said, "I think I'm pretty unique. I like culture that's easily digested. It just means less critical thinking for me." Professors campus wide claim to have noticed the phenomenon before, noting especially the difficulty in learning students' names.

The results came as a surprise to admissions officers who wrongly assumed that not all students look and act the same. Vanderbilt's admissions office is now focusing its efforts on accurately depicting students in informational

TOP TEN
The Fast and the Furious films

- 10 The Fast and the Furious
- 9 Fast Five
- 8 Less Fast but Just as Furious
- 7 2 Fast 2 Furious
- 6 T8he 8Fa8st 8and t8he8 F8ur8ious8
- 5 The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift 2: Jackie Chan Edition
- 4 Fast & Furious
- 3 Animal Planet's Fast and Furry: Cheetah Tales
- 2 The Hasty and the Disgruntled
- 1 Fasting Furiously: Yom Kippur Adventure

Eevee-Lutions

A Comic by Kristen Mason



US News and World Report to Add Best Dressed Category

By: Elise Lasko
Fierce Fasionista

As of this Monday, US News and World released their new "Best Dressed" category of university rankings, deeming Vanderbilt University third only to UMASS Amherst, and Virginia Tech. Chancellor Zeppos proudly said to the press that "we are thrilled to have met the mark for this newest category. This year's students really are more fashion-forward than I have seen since I began my time here."

Having beat famously well-vested schools such as Parson's New School of Design and Howard University, different explanations for our placement as #3 have been gathered from students and faculty. Jim Gillin '13 believes it's all in the rain boots: "I have never seen another college bookstore that sells school-brand boots. I've seen nearly as many dudes wearing them as girls."

An exclusive interview with poetry and creative writing professor Robert Shubert sheds light on the faculty's opinion of the ranking and suggestions to join the fashion bandwagon: "As a fashion-conscious professor, I find you can never go wrong with monochromatic ensembles, mostly black and olive. They're both



Careful, ladies. You could get lost in those eyes.

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slimming and just tickling to behold."

Many liken the sea of khakis in frats and pearls in sororities to living in a Ralph Lauren catalogue. Guys wearing jeans stick out like Tom Cruise in church and girls wearing sweatpants to class, even when off-handedly apologizing with various excuses, are spit upon with a condescending vengeance.

When asked about Vanderbilt's ability to maintain its new standards, Associate Dean of A&S Francille Bergquist commented, "As of this year, we are requiring our applicants to send us a detailed description of their closets and a photo album featuring the student's styles for each season. We haven't previously taken into consideration this aspect of our potential students, but we now have a reputation to uphold, and I will be damned if UMASS beats us again next year."

Emergency Exit Used For Actual Emergency

By: David Johnson
Emergency Entertainer

At 2:56 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th, A&S junior Michael Hall did something that has not been done since the summer of 1979: He used an emergency exit for an emergency.

A fellow Kissam resident placed a frozen entrée in a communal microwave immediately before the event, but apparently struck one too many 0s and set the timer for 40 minutes instead of 4. "I was wondering why it was taking so long," he would relate later. Vanderbilt's own experts on electromagnetic radiation estimate that the microwave caught fire after 12 minutes, 45 seconds, and 96 milliseconds of operation.

Upon hearing the fire alarm, Hall quickly found the nearest emergency exit, and then did the unthinkable; he used the door to escape the emergency. Statisticians estimate that Hall's legitimate use of the emergency exit door might be the only instance of its proper use for the next 23 years if the current trend continues.

When asked why he did it, Hall responded, "What? Are you asking me why I used the emergency exit?" After an affirmative, Hall continued, "Are you people stupid? I used the emergency exit door because I heard the fire alarm go off. When

you hear a fire alarm, you get out of the building. Welcome to 1st grade."

Blair student Michael Travaris said hearing about the event was a learning experience for him. "I've always seen that sign, you know, 'Emergency Exit,' but I didn't know it meant anything until now." The interview would have continued, but Travaris was running late for his Remedial Counting class.

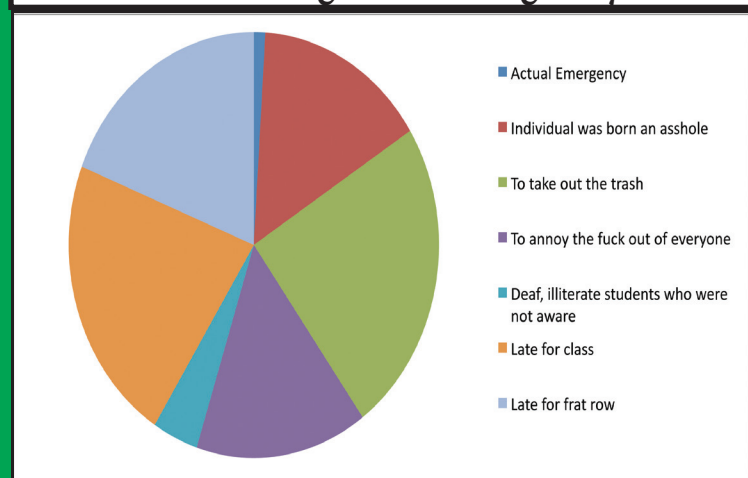
One administrator was thankful the school's funds were being put to good use, as she had forgotten why the emergency exits were installed in the first place. "Every year I review

the budget, and every year I am so confused as to why we spend \$63,567 on the installation and maintenance of these things called 'emergency exits.' I'm glad Mr. Hall's life was saved as a result of our actions... assuming his life proves to be worth \$63,567." When asked to elaborate on these seemingly excessive emergency exit expenditures, the nameless administrator Carey Williams declined comment.

In writing this article, several students directed me to certain individuals who use the emergency exits

for sheer convenience to exit the building faster. I tracked these people down, but found they were nothing but assholes, and in response to my questions, could do nothing but fart in my face.

How are we using our Emergency Exits?



Join The Slant!

By: Jessica D'Angelo
Duchess of Drole

Hey there, Slant reader! First off, I hope you have chuckled at least once at this issue's content. We find great joy in spreading laughter and humor to the Vanderbilt campus. Want to return that joy? Then come be our friend and write for us!

I know your type. You've read almost every Slant issue since you have been at Vanderbilt. You "waste" time every night reading through sites like the Onion and Cracked.com. You've always wanted to give this kind of writing a shot but never took the initiative to find an outlet. Well, here we are to help you get over the procrastination hump and personally invite you to come write for us. No sign up fees, no long term contracts, no hassles.

You don't look convinced. I was hoping the headline alone would entice you to join, but unfortunately that doesn't seem to be the case since you're still reading/looking for persuasion. Well, ask and you shall receive! Pros and cons (none) comin' atcha.

Bogged down with schoolwork? Irrelevant! The time commitment is so minimal if you can find time to eat three meals a day you have time to write an article per issue. Did I freak you out there? Don't be scared, because there is no minimum requirement of writing. Come write what you can and when you can.

Work better in groups? Perfect, so do we. Our meetings include brainstorming sessions and comedy tutorials so you're never alone in your Slant endeavors.

Are you a Science Major? Fantastic. You probably need to break up the humdrum of equations and vectors. It's really important to use the other side of your brain every now and again.

Have funny but borderline politically correct article ideas and scared they could jeopardize your chances of getting elected governor of Massachusetts someday? You can write under a pseudonym, so don't let your political aspirations hold you back.

Real talk. You only have the opportunity to write for a college newspaper once in your life (unless you're that creepy guy who lingers years after graduation...). Think about it. How cool will your grandchildren think

you are when you dust off a box of old Slant issues with your articles printed in them? If you won't do it for yourself and you won't do it for us, do it so someday you can be the coolest Gangam or Popop on the block.

Our next meeting is Thursday, (date) at 7:00 in Sarratt Room 130. We look forward to seeing you there!

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