

Vanderbilt Catholic will not seek official status over nondiscrimination debate

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NEWS EDITOR

Vanderbilt Catholic will not re-register as an official student organization for the next academic year due to the university's enforcement of a nondiscrimination policy that requires registered groups to open leadership positions to all students, regardless of belief.

"Vanderbilt Catholic does in fact have faith-based qualifications for leadership, and so to sign this policy would be dishonest on our part," said Vanderbilt Catholic President PJ Jedlovec. "It would be to lie to the administration and to ourselves about who we are, and this is something that we cannot in good conscience do."

The decision, announced Sunday, is a significant loss for the university, which is in the process of bringing select student groups into compliance with the policy.

"We are deeply disappointed in Vanderbilt Catholic's decision to not re-register as an official student organization for next academic year," said Beth Fortune,

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NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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iii. Gender expression is everything we do that communicates our sense of identification to others ★



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ABC and NPR analyst Cokie Roberts speaks in Langford Auditorium Wednesday night.

Women the answer to partisanship in Congress, says Cokie Roberts

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Electing women to Congress will increase leadership and compromise in Washington, D.C., says ABC and NPR analyst Cokie Roberts.

"Data shows women in Congress by and large are more bipartisan and more pragmatic than men," Roberts said.

Roberts drew on a historical tradition of women fostering civil discourse in the nation's capitol, starting with Dolly Madison. Yet, she pointed to the deterioration of a congenial environment in Washington, D.C. as a root cause for partisan divisions in Congress.

"Men in Washington used to be friends, and that's when they crossed party lines and accomplished something for the country," Roberts said.

The former co-anchor of "This Week with Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts" on ABC delivered a keynote address on the "Insiders' View of Washington, D.C." Wednesday night to an audience of around 100 people.

In her speech, Roberts cited the media and partisan redistricting as the causes of increased polarization in politics.

"Generally, in our history, we have been more partisan than not, but nothing like today. Polarization is driving people to distrust institutions," Roberts said. "Remaining pure to your district is more important now than accomplishing something for the country."

During the question and answer session, Roberts weighed in on the Supreme Court case challenging the individual mandate component of President Obama's health care reform law.

"I love watching reporting on the Supreme Court, because the truth is, no one has a clue," Roberts said. "If I had to put money on it, I would say the mandate will be ruled unconstitutional, but the law will not completely fall." ★

Keep calm and Occupy on



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Occupy Vanderbilt tents are seen in front of Kirkland Hall Wednesday afternoon. Students have been occupying the space since March 19 in protest of university investment practices, worker compensation and community input into university policies.

Club Hockey faces off with UT at Bridgestone Arena



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Document shows wide range of salaries for adjunct professors

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STAFF REPORTER

Joshua Boldt, an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia, started an online spreadsheet in February for adjunct professors throughout the world to comment about their salaries and working conditions. As of Tuesday evening, 1,574 adjunct professors in the United States and many more from other countries had entered their information on the spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet, which professors can edit anonymously, includes information about salaries, online courses, contracts, benefits, retirement programs, governance and committees and unions.

An adjunct professor of anthropology at Vanderbilt, the only entry on the spreadsheet from Vanderbilt, reported earning \$6,000 per 3-hour course, reported contracts as lasting for one semester, and answered "no" to online courses; benefits;

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Provost Richard McCarty, left, and Vice Chancellor for University Affairs David Williams, right, during a town hall meeting to address the nondiscrimination policy Jan. 31.

CATHOLIC: Group feels it has no choice in going off-campus

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vice chancellor for public affairs, in a statement. “We also regret that Vanderbilt Catholic believes its decision is one forced upon them by the university.”

Rev. John Sims Baker, chaplain of Vanderbilt Catholic, said the university has forced the organization’s hand with the policy.

“How could we sign such an agreement?” Baker said. “Our purpose has always been to share the Gospel and proudly to proclaim our Catholic faith. What other reason could there be for a Catholic organization at Vanderbilt? How can we say it is not important that a Catholic lead a Catholic organization?”

According to Fortune, the university does not view its policy as hostile to religious freedom.

“Vanderbilt’s policy does not mandate whom student organizations should elect as leaders — it simply allows for anyone to be eligible for membership and to seek a leadership position,” Fortune said in a statement. “Student organizations do and will always have the right to elect the leaders of their choosing.”

The university published an updated written policy in early March.

University officials began reviewing the constitutions of all student organizations last spring, following the allegations made against Beta Upsilon Chi that an openly gay member was asked to leave the

group because of his sexual orientation.

Upon review, administration officials found a number of student groups in noncompliance with the university’s nondiscrimination policy because the groups required leaders to hold the religious beliefs of the organization.

The nondiscrimination policy, which administration officials refer to as an “all-comers” policy, requires all registered student organizations to allow any student to be eligible for membership and leadership.

Vanderbilt Catholic was not one of the organizations found in noncompliance with the policy upon initial review, but the organization has taken a principled stance on the issue.

“It has become quite clear to the Vanderbilt Catholic students that we either stand for something or fall for anything,” said Rev. Baker in a written statement. “We choose to stand for Jesus Christ, and we expect that our leadership do the same.”

Baker said Vanderbilt Catholic will reorganize and remain a presence as an unregistered student group on campus.

“With Bishop Choby’s complete support, we will continue to serve the students of Vanderbilt as an independent ministry. We are going to open our doors wider in order to make a greater effort to reach out to all Vanderbilt students and all college students in Nashville,” said Baker. ★

NEWS BRIEFS

BY ANN MARIE DEER OWENS VU NEWS SERVICE

CRITICAL ELECTION ISSUES FOCUS OF CAL TURNER PROGRAM EVENT

Key issues at the intersection of religion and American society — including health care, taxation and immigration — will be explored March 29 during a symposium sponsored by the Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership.

“Religion and Politics 2012” will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Divinity School, 411 21st Ave. South. Breakfast and registration begin at 7:30 a.m.

“The Cal Turner Program seeks to equip leaders to be more effective in partnering with others to make progress on issues of deep moral significance,” said Graham Reside, executive director. “These questions — how can we ensure human flourishing for all, how can we fairly and compassionately share our resources together and how should we treat the stranger among us — are perennial religious ones,” he said.

Robert P. Jones, CEO and founder of the Public Religion Research Institute, will deliver the opening address, “God and Politics: What Public Opinion Tells Us about the Role of Religion in the 2012 Elections.”

Jones has written two books: “Progressive and Religious: How Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist Leaders are Moving Beyond the Culture Wars and Transforming American Public Life” and “Liberalism’s Troubled Search for Equality.” Also a columnist, Jones writes the column “Figuring Faith” that is published in the Washington Post’s “On Faith” section. Jones earned a doctorate in religion from Emory University, where he studied sociology of religion, politics and religious ethics. He also holds a master’s of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Attendees will rotate through three breakout sessions during the conference:

- Health Care, led by the Rev. Linda Walling, executive director of Faithful Reform in Health Care;
- Immigration, led by Stephen Fotopulos, executive director of the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, and Robert M. Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics and EthicsDaily.com;
- Taxation, led by Susan Pace Hamill, professor of law at the University of Alabama.

The closing address will be delivered by James Hudnut-Beumler, the

Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished professor of American Religious History and dean of the Vanderbilt Divinity School. His books include “Looking for God in the Suburbs: The Religion of the American Dream and Its Critics, 1945-1965” and “Generous Saints: Congregations Rethinking Money and Ethics.” He also completed an economic history of American Protestantism from 1750 to the present, titled “In Pursuit of the Almighty’s Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism.”

Hudnut-Beumler earned his master’s and doctoral degrees at Princeton University. He also holds a master’s of divinity from Union Theological Seminary. He is currently working on a volume on the future of mainline Protestantism.

“Our objective for the conference is to provide good information about the realities of these political and religious challenges so that religious leaders can more effectively bring their religious conviction to bear on some of society’s deepest challenges,” Reside said.

Registration for the conference is \$25 per person. The fee covers breakfast and lunch. Contact Michelle Bukowski at michelle.bukowski@vanderbilt.edu.

Mo Rocca chats with Vanderbilt students

SAM McBRIDE
STAFF REPORTER

Comedian, writer, journalist and host Mo Rocca made an appearance at Vanderbilt’s Sarratt Cinema Monday night to talk with Vanderbilt students about breaking into the entertainment business, the direction of news media in today’s world and fun facts about alpacas.

The talk, moderated by Vanderbilt Professor of Sociology Laurie Woods, took on an informal air, which began with Rocca sharing facts about alpacas he learned during a recent report for CBS Sunday Morning and ended with Rocca, an amateur gymnastics enthusiast, doing a one-handed cartwheel while holding a glass of water.

In between, Rocca shared experiences from his wide array of jobs in the entertainment and news industries. He has done just about everything — from editing and writing for the adult men’s magazine “Perfect 10” to writing and producing the children’s show “Wishbone.” He has also been a correspondent on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart,” hosted “Food(ography)” on the Cooking Channel, served as a panelist on NPR’s “Wait Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!” and acted on Broadway. However, he maintains these jobs are not so different as they might seem.

Rocca said, “People told me (about moving from The Daily Show to CBS Sunday Morning) ‘You’ve gone from fake news to real news.’” However, he said his field reports for both shows were very similar, and his mocking of bad field journalism on The Daily Show prepared him well for “real” news.



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Humorist, actor and writer Mo Rocca speaks at Sarratt Cinema on Monday.

The theme of learning from every activity and applying that knowledge to other aspects of life recurred throughout the one-and-a-half-hour talk. At one point, Rocca shared a story about visiting every presidential gravesite and home, and continued to explain how that experience turned into his first reports for The Daily Show.

“Pursuing this curiosity without a concrete career plan got me to a very good place,” Rocca said.

Rocca also criticized the current emphasis in the news media on opinion-based journalism.

“There’s not a lot of news gathering anymore,” said Rocca.

Brought in by VenUe, Vanderbilt Programming Board’s “late-

night” committee, Rocca entertained the crowd with random bits of humor and a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of useless trivia, such as how Ougadougou is the capital of Burkina Faso. Rocca’s wide range of experiences gave him a plethora of information to share with Vanderbilt students.

“We specifically chose Mo Rocca because of his diverse and impressive biography, as we thought this would make him a perfect fit for our focus on pop culture,” said VenUe co-chair Peter Blumeyer. ★

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Dalhousie to leave for position in D.C.

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Dr. Mark Dalhouse will leave Vanderbilt at the end of the semester to serve as president and chief executive officer of the Washington Internship Institute, located in Washington, D.C.

Dalhousie, the current director of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service and lecturer in the history department, is well-known on campus for serving as faculty head of East House on the Commons and coordinating student internships for the Vanderbilt Internship Experience in Washington.

"I will miss the people at Vanderbilt — my students and colleagues. That is the biggest loss," Dalhousie said.

The Washington Internship Institute is an organization that partners with colleges to provide a vehicle through which students



KEVIN BARNETT / FILE PHOTO

Professor Mark Dalhouse leads a discussion regarding the importance of 9/11 on the upcoming presidential race on Sept. 27, 2011.

can find and obtain internships in various fields, while providing housing to students who are accepted. As president, Dalhousie will hold a range of responsibilities with the office.

"It will be a mix of administra-

tion and working with students. My job will be recruiting students to the program and recruiting schools that don't have Washington programs," Dalhousie said.

Dalhousie starts his new position on July 1. ★

Tenn. has Stand Your Ground self-defense law

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee is one of at least 20 states that have the "Stand Your Ground" self-defense law that has been at the center of a national debate since a neighborhood watchman killed an unarmed black teenager in Florida last month.

The laws, which are sometimes called the "Make My Day" law or the "Shoot First" law, say people have no duty to retreat from confrontations outside their home and can use deadly force to protect themselves.

Supporters of Tennessee's law and others like it say the statute is necessary so law-abiding citizens can defend themselves when confronted by criminals. Opponents of the law say it gives the legal blessing to commit murder and innocent people, like Florida teen Trayvon Martin, are often the ones that wind up dead.

The law here says people can use deadly force anywhere — inside or out — provided they have "a reasonable belief that there is an imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury."

People can be mistaken about the nature of the threat but it has to be "believed to be real at the time" of the confrontation and based on reasonable grounds.

State law has long said that people have no duty to retreat when threatened in their homes. What the Stand Your Ground

laws have done is remove the duty to retreat when confronted outside the home, legal experts say.

"We teach to always remove yourself from a situation if you can," said Nashville attorney John M.L. Brown, who is a licensed firearm instructor. And while it's generally advisable to retreat, it may not always be possible or safe, he said. "I'm not sure the government needs to tell me that I need to retreat or I need to stand my ground."

The legislature changed the law in 2007, with broad bipartisan support and the backing of the National Rifle Association, to extend that same treatment to people inside businesses, other buildings, cars and even tents.

"Our current law doesn't change anything with respect to the presumption of fear," Nashville attorney David Raybin said. "Home, car, business — whatever you want to call it — you have a presumption of fear with somebody breaking in and you can shoot him."

The 2007 law also made it clear that law-abiding citizens had no duty to retreat if they were confronted outside in a place they have a right to be. However, the law requires that people have good reason when they use force to defend themselves, one west Tennessee judge said.

"You can only use deadly force if you have a legitimate fear of serious bodily injury or death," Shelby County Criminal Court Judge Chris Craft said. ★

ADJUNCTS: Adjuncts looking for more fair compensation

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retirement programs; governance and committees; and unions.

There is a wide range of salaries reported on the spreadsheet. An adjunct professor of English at South Suburban College outside of Chicago reported earning \$600 per 3-hour course. A foreign languages adjunct professor at Belmont University reported earning \$100 per person per credit. An adjunct professor of economics

at Harvard University reported earning \$9,500 per 3-hour course.

As of Tuesday evening, the highest reported salary on the spreadsheet was that of an adjunct professor of international relations at Syracuse University's Maxwell School, who reported earning \$10,000 per 3-hour course.

After seeing the response to his online spreadsheet, Boldt formed the Forum for Adjunct Instructor Reform at the University of Georgia.

"We have accepted that what's best for the ruling class is what's best for us," Boldt told The Chronicle of Higher Education in an interview last month. "We as adjuncts and anybody involved in higher education are giving consent to this power structure by passivity, by standing by and allowing it to happen."

More information can be found at adjunctproject.com. ★

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Feel like making love

Love and dating at Vanderbilt are problematic



JAMES CRATER
COLUMNIST

It's been a while since I've gone on a things-that-annoy-me-type rant, so I feel the need to vent again. Bear with me readers. I'll entertain you — I promise. Also, ladies, please note that I'm not picking on you, but I am writing from a male perspective. I do not mean to imply girls cause these issues; guys are just as guilty of this stuff. Most of it, anyway.

The six most annoying/ridiculous aspects of love and dating at Vanderbilt:

1. Facebook hypocrisy

I know every single one of you Facebook stalks. You think I can't see all those open laptops, loaded with images of people you may or may not know, but I sit in the back row; I see everything (insert evil cackle here). So why is it that so many people act like that's weird? Is it weird to show interest in another person? Is curiosity really that creepy? Is meeting new people that much of an issue?

Also, why does someone have to have a reason to add you? I feel like life would be so much easier if it was acceptable to just message someone and

say, "Hi, you seem like an attractive, interesting person. I want to meet you."

2. Irrelevant connections

You know what I'm talking about. It's that annoying instance in which you can't pursue someone because it will offend someone with even the most remote connection to the situation. A common example: "No, you can't ask Becky to formal. Her little once saw you in line at the Pub and said that she liked your hat. Clearly you'd be devastating Becky's little." Stupid.

3. Arbitrary communication rules

I hate how it's frowned upon to contact people soon after meeting them. Supposedly, you're expected to allow for some grace period before talking to someone so as not to seem too eager. "You met her last night? Wait two days before texting." But again, why? The fact that someone is interested in talking to you right now should be a compliment. Acting like you don't care for a couple days is pointless.

4. Greek stereotypes

Not that these are the kind of people I'd want to hang out with anyway, but I know plenty of people who will actually allow the reputation of someone's Greek organization to affect the way they act toward that person. "I mean, yeah, he's a good guy. He helps sick orphans in Africa, makes straight A's and he saved my grandmother from a burning building — twice. But let's be real; he's in (insert your least favorite fraternity here). I mean like, ew. Right?"

Please, just go back to middle school. You'll be cool there.

5. "I want to be asked on a date"

I'm not sure if The Hustler allows mild profanity, so I'll try it anyway. This is bulls**t (Editor's note: nope). How often have you heard a girl complaining that a guy only invites her over to hook up? "I want to be treated like a lady," they say. I understand this desire, but I think most girls are lying when they say they want to be taken out. I have asked plenty of girls on dates, and almost every time I get a look that seems to ask, "Um ... seriously?"

I know what you're saying to yourself. "Well James, that's because you have terrible game." Valid, but ladies, let's try to be a little more understanding. If a guy plucks up the courage to ask you on a date, give him a chance. At the very least, you'll get a free dinner out of it.

6. Restriction of expression

This one might not relate to you, but it is by far the most annoying social constraint I've experienced. Everyone has feelings and opinions about the people they meet, whether they're good, bad or indifferent. I cannot stand how it is considered bad taste to tell someone what you actually think about him or her, especially when what you have to say is positive. People shouldn't have to hide their feelings, and genuine, well-meaning opinions should be welcome, not looked on with disdain.

Guys and gals, the moral of the story is that we constantly allow pointless social expectations to dictate our lives. Live your life and stop letting pressure from other people get in the way of your happiness.

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Defending our freedoms

Vanderbilt defends freedom of assembly and expression for Occupy Vanderbilt



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COLUMNIST

Despite my past quibbles with the Vanderbilt administration over its policies regarding free speech on campus, I must praise Vanderbilt for allowing the group known as Occupy Vanderbilt to set up their encampment, consisting of about two dozen tents, in front of Kirkland Hall.

Since Monday, March 19th, the student occupiers have been camping out overnight in an attempt to reach their three goals: 1. End poverty for dining workers; 2. Ensure that our endowment money is invested in a socially responsible manner; and 3. Give community members a real voice in all decisions that affect them. While I agree with their last goal and wish that Vanderbilt students and staff had more influence, I remain skeptical of the likelihood of Occupy Vanderbilt achieving their first two goals.

Regardless of my opinion of Occupy Vanderbilt, the interesting story here is the Student Handbook contains at least two sections that allow the university administration the discretion to prevent Occupy Vanderbilt from

Occupy Vanderbilt has had a safe start with the university even going out of its way to accommodate the peaceful assembly of students.

remaining outside of Kirkland 24/7.

Under the title "Freedom of Expression," a line labeled "Disruptive activity," states that "Vanderbilt students engaging in disruptive action or disorderly conduct are subject to University disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion. Vanderbilt students and others may also be subject to criminal prosecution." Surely, a loose interpretation of disruptive action could have been used to oust the occupiers and even inflict disciplinary action upon the organizers.

Under the same title, a line labeled "Limitations on meetings," states that "The University may restrict the times and places of organization meetings in campus facilities. A campus organization denied permission to sponsor an assembly may appeal the decision to the Dean of Students or the dean's designee." Luckily, Occupy Vanderbilt seems to be welcomed by the Dean of Students, whose staff even helped the group set up their tents on the first day.

In addition, it seems that the university is also providing security at no charge. A Vanderbilt University Police Department officer watches over the camp as the occupiers sleep at night, and patrols are often seen passing by during the day and night.

Much praise should be awarded to the administration's restraint in this matter. Unlike the incident at Occupy UC Davis last fall, when seated students were brutally attacked with pepper spray, the protest by Occupy Vanderbilt has had a safe start with the university even going out of its way to accommodate the peaceful assembly of students. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a new era at Vanderbilt during which students' rights will be protected regardless of the viewpoint or content. Nevertheless, there is still work to be done before Vanderbilt's official policies are compatible with such an era.

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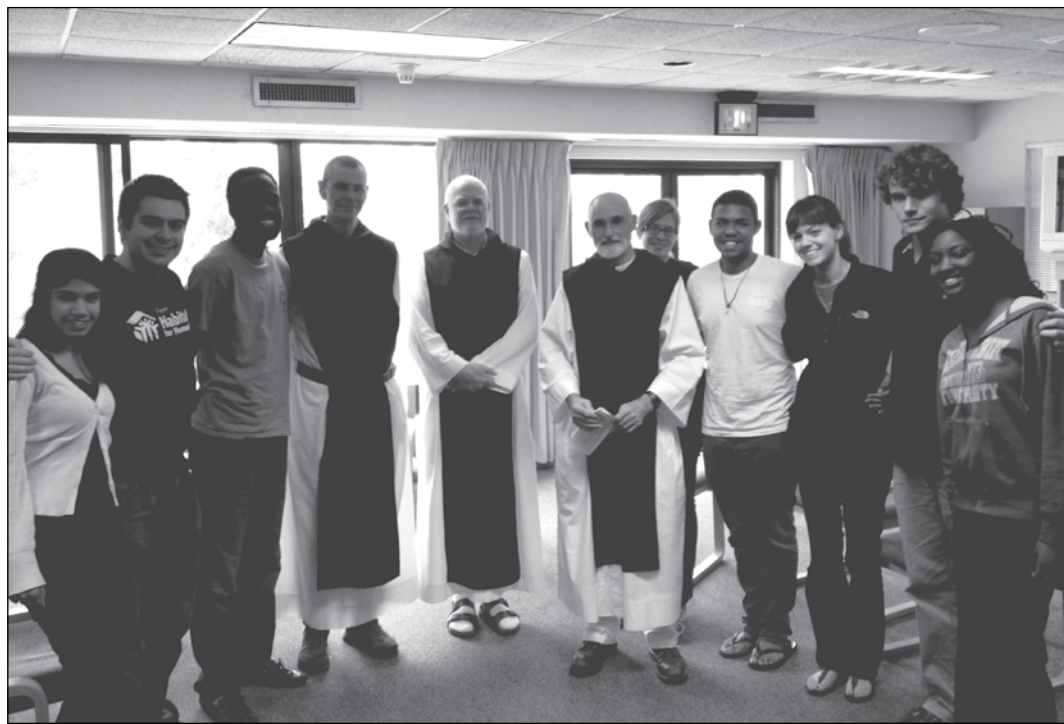
Interfaith dialogue advances



BEN WYATT
COLUMNIST

My last weekend was one of the best experiences I've ever had, and it was largely spent in the company of old, taciturn men who wake up when most college students are beginning to go to bed. I was visiting the Abbey of Gethsemani, a Trappist monastery roughly one hour south of Louisville, as part of an interfaith retreat cosponsored by Vanderbilt's Interfaith Council. You see, the Abbey of Gethsemani was the home of Thomas Merton, a beloved spiritual writer and pioneer of interfaith dialogue. To continue that tradition of interfaith work, the monks of Gethsemani invited a group of Vanderbilt students to Gethsemani for a retreat exploring the meaning and purpose of interfaith dialogue.

I believe this sort of exploration is important for many reasons — especially since interfaith work is so easily misunderstood. Interfaith dialogue doesn't mean much, after all, if it is used as justification for the bland (not to mention patently false) proverb that "all religions are basically the same." Nor is it useful as a pretext for the sort of unthinking syncretism in which people fashion their own personal religious beliefs by taking the aspects of each religion they find most compelling without paying attention to the intellectual and social milieu in which those beliefs and practices exist. Interfaith dialogue does mean something, however, if it provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of other religions, and if it aims to find common moral values and spiritual disciplines between them. And these commonalities do exist, as our hosts proved. One of the monks, Brother Paul, has been a practicing Roman Catholic his entire life, having entered the monastery when he was 17. Yet he recently chose to memorize the 99 Beau-



BEN WYATT / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Participants at last weekend's interfaith retreat.

tiful Names of God, a list of the attributes ascribed to God in the Quran. Another monk told the story of a powerful religious experience that facilitated his conversion to Christianity — and it happened in the middle of a Zen meditation!

No doubt those stories will ring hollow to some readers; sure, these monks have an appreciation for other religions, but if all their interfaith experiences eventually lead them back to Christianity, then their stories might seem a little mercenary to those who don't share those religious beliefs. Yet one of the most compelling aspects of the monks' perspective on interfaith work was to "dig where you are standing." In other words, a friendly and serious study of the world's religions is done most effectively from the religious standpoint you know best, and interfaith dialogue will do far more to nourish a faith you already hold than to encourage religious diletantism. For the monks, that standpoint was obviously Christianity, but there was

no indication that everyone else needed to be a Christian in order to benefit from interfaith work.

And, for a group of retreat-goers that represented Catholicism, Protestantism, Hinduism and Baha'i traditions, that was a very good thing. In its own small way, I think this retreat showed that in a time when religious competition is on the rise and the loudest voices seem to be those of hatred and intolerance, cooperation, mutual recognition and respect among the faiths are not only possibilities, but realities — both for students at Vanderbilt and the cloistered monks of Gethsemani.

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Blair student takes flight with 'Grounded'



Vanderbilt student debuts original one-act musical

KELLY HALOM
STAFF REPORTER

Being grounded has never been so much fun.

"Grounded," brainchild of Ryan Korell, Vanderbilt senior, and Teresa Lotz, current first-year graduate student at the Tisch School of the Arts in New York City, will be making its debut in Sarratt Cinema March 30.

Director of the musical, sophomore Jessica Ayers, offers a brief synopsis of the production: "It's a story of seven people who are trying to get on a plane in Miami on the way to LaGuardia, but really it could be going anywhere. It's the story of what these seven people are forced to confront or forced to not get to because they are stuck in this airport. It's a lot about time. It's a lot about what happens either when you run out of time or when you have too much time."

The summer after his sophomore year, Korell took a summer

class in musical theatre writing at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. During the class, Korell met Teresa Lotz. The two hit it off and ultimately decided to write a musical together. With Lotz's home in Baltimore, the two had to resort to long-distance writing between Nashville and Baltimore. "I don't recommend it," Korell said. "It's like a long-distance relationship. It's just harder."

Lotz and Korell started writing in the fall of 2010. Korell said, "It kind of started off as a song cycle more. We had songs and characters, but there wasn't much tissue between them, which is not the way you should go about writing a musical, but it's the way that we did it."

After the script began to solidify, Korell began approaching singers with whom he worked before to fill the roles in his piece. Korell then sought a director, finding Ayers through their mutual involvement in The Original Cast.

The minute she knew it was set in an airport, Ayers said that she knew she wanted to do it. "I just love that environment. It

JON MUNOZ/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Senior composition major Ryan Korell performs with the Original Cast at Fourth Friday on March 23.

affects your behavior. It affects how you deal with other people. It affects your patience. I've always really liked bottle episodes of television and it's almost like an extended bottle episode."

With the directors, cast and orchestra in place, this semester has mostly entailed putting everything together. Chuckling, Korell said it has been "Jess and I working on getting it off the ground."

As far as the future of the musical, Korell says that it is still a work in process. Though the musical has become a full production, Korell says, "I think of this as a workshop. I don't think of this as being completely finished. This is like our first real test."

To see this one-of-a-kind production, come to Sarratt Cinema Friday, March 30 from 7-8 p.m. for this free event. There are no tickets and admission is open to the public. ★

Weekend preview



NICOLE MANDEL/ FILE PHOTO

A student uses a water hose to refresh and wash off paint at Masala SACE's 'Holi' last year.

With Multicultural Leadership Council's Multicultural Awareness Month drawing to a close, this weekend is packed with events from all reaches of campus designed both to entertain and to educate.

KRISTEN WEBB
LIFE EDITOR

"Grounded": An original one-act musical
Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.
Sarratt Cinema

For one night only, senior composition major Ryan Korell and collaborator Teresa Lotz present the original musical "Grounded." The entire show was written and directed by Korell with help from Lotz, and the cast, crew and orchestra consist of 25 talented Vanderbilt performers. The event is free and open to the public, but the show does contain an explicit language warning.

InVUsion 2012

Saturday, March 31, 12 - 3 p.m.
Alumni Lawn

This year's event, presented by the Multicultural Leadership Council, will feature free food, booths with carnival style games from different campus organizations, as well as performances by groups such as VIDA, Original Cast and Vandy Taal. The hosts of the afternoon will be VSG President Adam Meyer and MLC President Trevor Geller. Attendees who donate \$5 or more will enter a raffle and be eligible to win an iPad, a Rites of Spring package and other prizes. All proceeds go to the local Nashville non-profit Nashville International Center for Empowerment.

Masala SACE presents: Holi

Saturday, March 31, 3 - 6 p.m.
Wilson Lawn

Immediately following the Multicultural Leadership Council's InVUsion on Saturday, Masala SACE will host their annual festival of colors and springtime, Holi. The event will feature paint wars, water balloons, music and even a slip-n-slide. Admission is free, so be sure to wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little extra colorful. ★

Facebook relationships: It's complicated

MICHELLE MALTAIS
MCT CAMPUS

For everything, there is a season. And for every relationship, it seems, there is a status update on Facebook.

The gatekeeper of most things personal these days took a look at when users seem to be hooking up and breaking up with all of those declarations of love. Using relationship data of U.S.-based users from 2010 and 2011, they evaluated how different times of the year affected the blossoming and wilting of relationships.

The hot summer months appeared to have a chilling effect on relationship changes shared on the social networking site. "Across age groups, the summer months are bad news for relationships," the Facebook Data team wrote in its note. "In 2010 and 2011, May through August were clearly lower than the other months of the year, suggesting the daily net change in relationships reaches a low during the summer."

February was a high time for new relationship revelations. That was boosted, the data team said, by the boom on Valentine's Day, which showed the

highest rate of relationship notifications — 49 percent more than splits. Christmas was right behind it with 34 percent more connections boasted on Dec. 25.

The data team said they saw gains in relationship updates after the weekend, with Sunday, Monday and Tuesday the biggest days for new updates. Relatively more break-ups were revealed leading up to the weekend, peaking on Friday and Saturday among older age groups.

Certainly, Facebook's data on relationships isn't precise. Not everyone reveals their relationships immediately — or at all. And it's a little amusing that the data team describes their data in definitive terms as relationships actually forming or falling apart, as opposed to those realities simply being revealed.

And we all know, it's not real until it's on Facebook. Couples aren't really couples until they are connected by status update, even if they've been married for decades.

Really and truly, when it comes to Facebook and any revelations on relationships, we'd prefer to check "It's complicated." ★



As Student Body President Adam Meyer prepares to leave office and hand the reigns over to President-elect Maryclaire Manard, the Life staff sits down with the man behind the title to discuss what a typical day is like for the VSG president.

CAROLINE ALTSHULER
STAFF REPORTER

Many would scoff at the idea of an on-call, full-time job that comes with no pay — and yet outgoing Student Body President Adam Meyer appears to love it.

Of course, being the face of VSG and an active advocate for the undergraduate community isn't easy. A majority of his long day consists of numerous meetings with administrators and responding to countless emails.

"I receive anywhere from 100-125 email chains per day, and each chain can have anywhere from 2-30 replies," Meyer said.

Besides the substantial amount of time he spends on his computer, which incidentally died twice this year due to overuse, Meyer con-

stantly works on accomplishing initiatives on his platform as well as giving a voice to the student body.

"(A majority) of the big initiatives that we accomplished, like the downtown shuttle, Smoothie King and portable card readers began in the summer," Meyer explained. But to keep track of everything else, he uses a program called followupthen.com, an email system that sends him reminders on designated days to accomplish tasks.

"(What a lot of people) don't understand is the time that goes into back-end stuff such as the design for the new Sarratt building or working with the athletic department and Rec center with the new updates and working with the provost and his office with the new Kissam," Meyer said.

Regardless of all the demanding work, the president really loves his position, as evidenced by his strides to make a difference on campus. In reflecting upon his term in office, Meyer imparted some words of advice for VSG President-elect, Maryclaire Manard.

"You'll learn a lot more about yourself than you thought you ever would," Meyer said. "It's a lot more demanding than a lot of people think it is or even I thought it was. My advice is to find a way to enjoy it, find people you love spending

VSG president



CHRIS HONIBALL/ FILE PHOTO

VSG presidential candidates Adam Meyer and Maryclaire Manard debate during last year's elections on Jan. 26, 2011.

time with and when those overlap it becomes less of a position or job or on-campus leadership experience and more of a passion. When you can hit that switch, you don't mind waking up every morning to go to the gym to be in (Sarratt) by 9 a.m. and to leave by 11 p.m. and then do it all again the next day." ★

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I-40 FACEOFF

One final skate for Vandy trio

MEGHAN ROSE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Vanderbilt club hockey team closes out its 2011-2012 season with Saturday's I-40 Face-Off against Tennessee. The Hustler caught up with the team's three senior captains Matt Kaminsky, Brenden Oliver and Tom Trepanier to talk about the atmosphere of Bridgestone Arena, Vanderbilt's third-place finish at the 2012 South Eastern Collegiate Hockey Conference Tournament and how important a victory on Saturday would be.

Vanderbilt Hustler: Can you describe the feeling of beating Georgia to claim third place at the SECHC Tournament last month?

Matt Kaminsky: We lost a close one to Alabama that could have gone either way. I think if we played them again, we'd win.

Brenden Oliver: Even though we got third place, we deserved second place because we played a close game with Alabama, and Florida got absolutely destroyed in the championship game.

Tom Trepanier: Seeing where we came from freshman year and sophomore year, getting killed by Alabama every time we played them, I think we were really happy with the result. Deep down, I think we all know that if a couple of different bounces had gone our way, we definitely could have won that game.

VH: How does the stage of Bridgestone Arena compare to the other rinks you've skated on this season?

MK: Well it's a big stage. There are some guys on our team who thrive in that kind of environment. The stakes are higher, and we like to play for the fans. The emotions are higher, and the celebrations are more creative.

VH: How important is a win over Tennessee to close out your career with Vanderbilt club hockey?

MK: I think that Tennessee has always been pretty solid, but that we've just gotten so much better. That just magnifies the fact that they might not have their strongest team.



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One thing that their team does have is toughness, so it's going to be a very scrappy game.

BO: So the first game I ever played in with a Vandy sweater, I went in half-way through the game, and we lost 15-2 to Tennessee. I would give anything to go out and beat them the same way in my last Vandy game.

TT: I think an in-state rivalry game is an in-state rivalry game regardless. This is the seniors' last chance to step on the ice, so we're all definitely looking forward to it.

VH: The team received its first-ever invitation to regional

tournament in Columbia, S.C. Although Vandy decided not to attend, can you talk about that honor?

MK: It was just a testament to the growth of the organization. It's something that wouldn't even have been thought of when we were freshmen, and now we're a powerhouse in the SEC. Timing wasn't good and funding was low for us, but if it was something we were able to do, we definitely would have loved to have gone, and we probably would have gotten some W's too.

BO: You can't really top that. We're 20-7 and counting. Regionals would have been awesome, but we re-

ally didn't expect that it was going to happen.

VH: How's the team dynamic this year compare to the other years you've been a part of Vanderbilt club hockey?

MK: This year, more than any other year, we weren't just a group of guys that like to go play hockey a couple times a week. We're a team. This year you really felt like you put on the Vanderbilt sweater, and you're playing for a team and the guys around you in the locker room.

BO: It didn't matter what 20 guys showed up each week; you knew that each one could play and fill in.

TT: This is definitely the most diverse team in terms of personalities over the four years. We have a lot of characters this year, so it's been a lot of fun.

VH: Is there anything that you want to tell students that have never been to a Vandy club hockey game about why they should come out this weekend?

MK: If you want to see some of the best athletes on Vanderbilt's campus just dominate on the ice and have a great time and cheer on your school, then you should come to this game.

BO: Make some signs, it never hurts. ★

Club hockey meets Vols in Bridgestone

JACKSON MARTIN
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a 20-7 record and a third-place finish in the SECHC tournament, the Vanderbilt club hockey team will play its first game in more than a month Saturday when the Commodores host the Tennessee Ice Vols at Bridgestone Arena.

"It's nice to get rewarded in a big game like this at an NHL arena with a ton of fans after a lot of hard work during the regular season," said junior forward Kyle McCann. "Even though this is just an exhibition game, it's the game everyone gets the most excited for."

The game will be the second annual "I-40 Face-Off," named for the highway that connects the campuses of the two schools. The Commodores won last year's matchup by a score of 6-2. Vanderbilt also swept the Ice Vols this season, winning 6-4 and 7-2 in two games that took place in January.

"We've come a long way from last year by beating some tough teams like Georgia at the end of the season to put us in a good position for the SEC tournament," said sophomore defenseman Mike Nisbet. "We planned a more aggressive schedule this year and the team really rose to the challenge. Playing at Bridgestone is a great experience. Skating on the same ice as the Preds in a game against a rival team brings a great atmosphere to the game."

The last time the Commodores played they defeated Georgia 5-2 in the third-place matchup of the SECHC tournament. That win followed a 4-2 loss to eventual SECHC champion Alabama in the semifinals. The Ice Vols, who went 2-15 in the regular season, lost to Florida 14-3 in the first round of the tournament. Vanderbilt was invited to play in the regional championships for the first time in

team history, but had to decline due to cost and previously made plans by many members of the team.

"After being ineligible for the playoffs last year, it was great to go to the SECHC tournament this year and take home third place," McCann said. "It was nice to get the invitation to regionals, but we decided we would be better off going to Mardi Gras that weekend instead."

The winner of the game will receive the Culpeper Jefferson Memorial Trophy, named for the legend of a famed whiskey distiller from Davidson County whose slogan was "Iced is better." A team of engineers from Princeton salvaged cedar planks and an Interstate-40 sign from the demolition of the Jefferson's 125-year-old estate and crafted the trophy.

Following the 1 p.m. game, the Nashville Predators will take on the Chicago Blackhawks at 7 p.m. Admission to the Face-Off is free, but those wishing to stick around for the Predators game will have to buy a separate ticket.

"We've been getting fired up for the I-40 since day one," said McCann, who scored two goals in last year's I-40 Face-Off. It should be pretty intense. There were around 45 penalty minutes when we played them earlier this year, which is a lot for one of our games." ★



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I-40 FACE-OFF:



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COMMODORE BUZZ:

With just over a week until MLB opening day, former Vanderbilt pitcher Mark Lamm pitched a scoreless 10th inning for the Atlanta Braves against the New York Yankees in a spring training matchup on Wednesday afternoon. He recorded one strikeout in the 5-5 tie. Lamm was drafted in the sixth round of the MLB Draft last summer. ★

South Carolina in town for key weekend series

GEORGE BARCLAY
SPORTS REPORTER

Heading into this weekend, the Commodores have been playing their best baseball of the season. After a rough beginning to the spring, Vanderbilt has won three games in a row, two of which allowed the Commodores to capture their first conference series victory against Georgia.

The Commodores will look to build even more momentum as they prepare for a three-game weekend series against No. 11 South Carolina. Perhaps the only team in the country who could argue losing more talent to the 2011 MLB Draft than Vanderbilt, the Gamecocks (18-7, 1-5 Southeastern Conference) prospered earlier this year with an easy nonconference schedule. However, South Carolina has struggled mightily against Florida and Kentucky, the Southeastern Conference's two best teams at the moment.

Currently occupying last place in the SEC East Standings, the Gamecocks will try to reassert themselves on a regional level. South Carolina is led by a well-coached pitching staff possessing just a 2.75 team ERA, a phenomenal defense with a .980 fielding percentage and a productive offense averaging just over four and a half runs per game. While the Gamecocks do not possess the big hitters of teams such as Florida, their 333 total bases and .401 team slugging percentage truly highlight their dangerous batting lineup.

For Vanderbilt, offensive execution will be crucial in this series, especially against a very strong core of South Carolina pitchers. The Commodores (10-15, 2-4 SEC) have scored 16 runs over their last three games and have dramatically improved their hitting as a team. While Vanderbilt has been led by juniors Anthony Gomez and Mike Yastrzemski at the plate all season, the team has seen clutch hitting of late by sophomores Spencer Navin and Conrad Gregor.

Yet, as effective as the recent offensive firepower has been, the Commodores need sophomore Tony Kemp to return to last year's level of play in order to be successful against the Gamecocks. After winning SEC Freshman of the Year last season, Kemp has dealt with a bit of a sophomore slump, just hitting .283 in his second season. If Kemp can get on base against South Carolina, his speed and base running abilities could be a major catalyst for the Vanderbilt offense.

Pitching will also be extremely important for the Commodores this weekend. All season long, Vanderbilt has struggled to string together quality outings from its starters. Fortunately for the Commodores,



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Anthony Gomez, right, and the Commodores welcome the South Carolina Gamecocks to Hawkins field this weekend for a three-game series.

help is on the way. After undergoing Tommy John surgery last year, sophomore T.J. Pecoraro made his return last weekend against Georgia. While head coach Tim Corbin will not look to overuse Pecoraro, the young right-hander could be very handy in relief against the Gamecocks. In addition, highly-touted freshman Tyler Beede has been on a roll of late, especially in regard to strikeouts. If Pecoraro and Beede can perform well this weekend, Commodore ace Kevin Ziomek will have plenty of help against South Carolina.

Ultimately, this weekend presents a golden opportunity for Vanderbilt. If the Commodores can take at least two games against the Gamecocks, they will inch even closer to the .500 mark, a record necessary for a trip to the NCAA Tournament later this spring. While many have already counted Vandy out of a trip to Omaha, the road has not completely closed yet. ★

Around the bubble

Bowling earns NCAA Championship bid



BEN SOLOMON / VU MEDIA RELATIONS

On Wednesday, the Vanderbilt women's bowling team was selected as a member of the eight-team field set to compete in the 2012 NCAA Championships. The Commodores earned their seventh consecutive bid to the tournament, which will be held from April 12-14 in Wickliffe, Ohio. Vanderbilt will be joined by Arkansas State, Nebraska, Sacred Heart, Valparaiso, Central Missouri, Fairleigh Dickinson and Maryland – Eastern Shore. The Commodores will participate in a day-long qualifying event on Thursday, April 12 to establish the championship bracket. ★

Lacrosse falls to New Hampshire, 12-11



NICOLE MANDEL / FILE PHOTO

Wednesday's contest against New Hampshire didn't quite end in the Commodores' favor, as Vanderbilt fell to the Wildcats 12-11 on the road. Senior Kacie Connors paced the Vanderbilt offense with three goals, adding two assists of her own. Ally Carey and Carly Linthicum scored two goals apiece for the Commodores in Wednesday's loss. Vanderbilt has dropped its last three games after starting the season 5-1. The Commodores host Johns Hopkins this Sunday at 1 p.m. CT. ★

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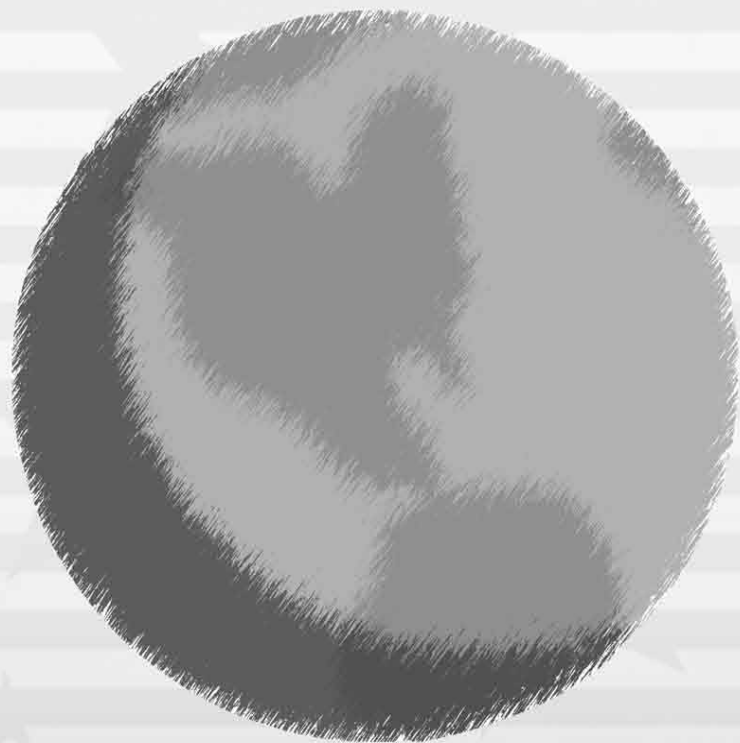


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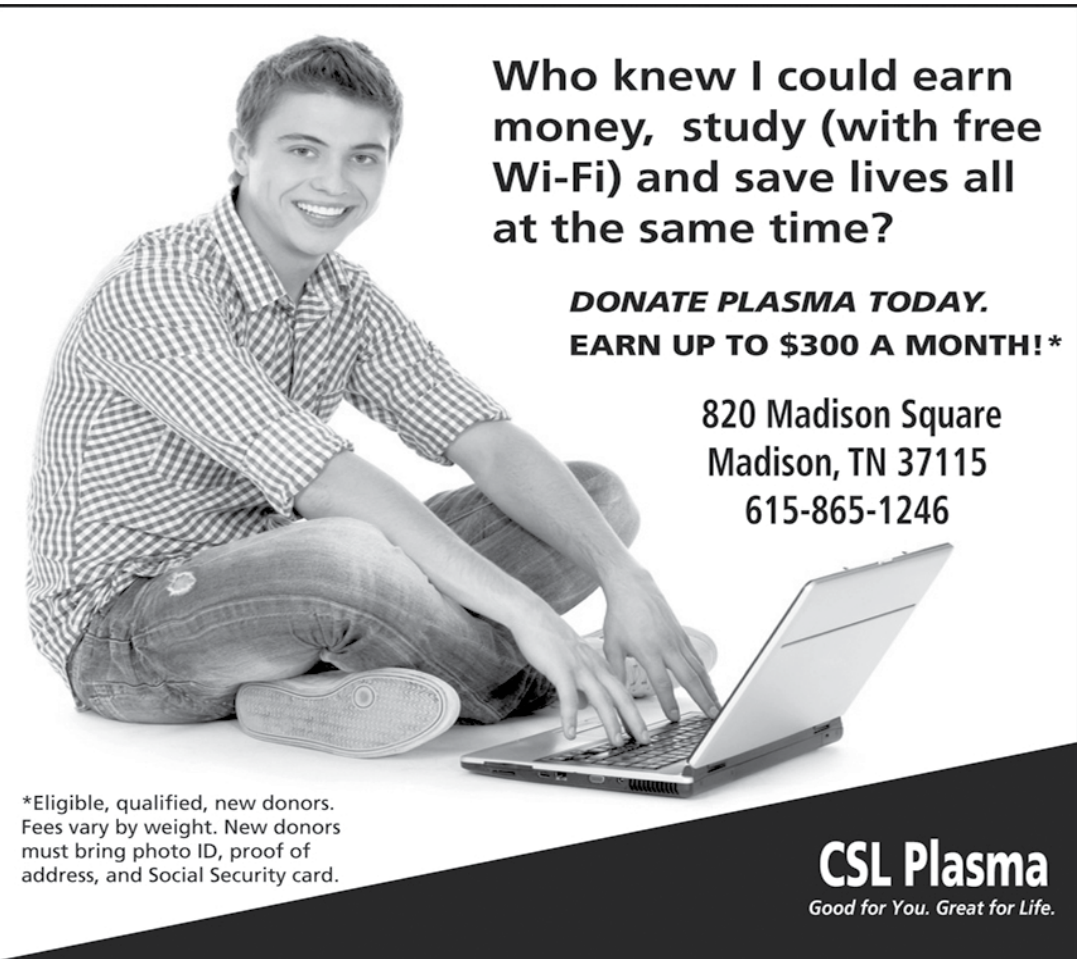
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