

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Referendum to dissolve Interhall and SGA to begin Thursday

Students' votes to determine future of VSG.

By Darcy Newell
ASST NEWS EDITOR

The student referendum to dissolve the Student Government Association and Interhall into Vanderbilt Student Government will take place over e-mail this Thursday and Friday.

VSG, jointly proposed and supported by members of SGA and Interhall, awaits only the student body's approval.

The constitution, which has been approved by SGA and Interhall, was amended and discussed several times in order to represent the ideals and goals of both organizations.

Voting begins at 10 a.m. on Thursday and ends at 2 p.m. on Friday.

In order for the vote to pass, a majority of students who vote must support VSG.

"This is a really important change for our campus," said Interhall President Devin Donovan. "It's something that will really make student government and its resources more effective and more available to students."

Students will be sent a link Thursday morning in order to access the voting page, and computers will be stationed throughout Sarratt on both days for voting purposes.

Since the constitution was approved, members of both groups have begun educating the student body about VSG's structure and objectives.

"We've been trying to disseminate information through this process," Donovan said. "Also, we have been taking suggestions in terms of making this vote and this organization as accessible as it can be."

Donovan said Interhall and SGA are attempting to get out the vote in several ways.

"In addition to the numerous articles we have graciously had in The Hustler and in Versus and The Torch—really all of the on-campus publications—we have met with about ten different student organization councils."

Such councils included Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, VUcept and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, among others.

Donovan said these meetings were particularly important because increased communication among these councils is one of VSG's goals.

Members of SGA and Interhall have visited sororities and fraternities to discuss the pending changes, and students will receive postcards in their mailboxes encouraging them to vote.

"Another big push is, in every residential area on campus, there will be a program Tuesday or Wednesday, in which Interhall and SGA representatives will be there with information about VSG and what it means to dissolve the two organizations," Donovan said. ■

BASKETBALL

VANDY GAMEDAY: FURMAN 70 VANDERBILT 62

Commodores stunned by Furman



Vanderbilt point guard Jermaine Beal pushes the ball up court in his team's 70-62 loss to Furman at Memorial Gymnasium Tuesday night.

BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Poor shooting plagues Vandy as team connects on just two of 17 three-point attempts.

By Will Gibbons
SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER

There was a smattering of boos from the Vanderbilt crowd. There were looks of shock and disappointment on the faces of the players.

Tuesday night's 70-62 loss to Furman certainly wasn't the cordial visit from former assistant coach Jeff Jackson that the Commodores were expecting.

Shooting just 2-for-17 from three-point range and missing all nine attempts in the second half, Vanderbilt

struggled all night to get its offense going. Shan Foster and Derrick Byars, normally the two most reliable scorers, shot a combined 5-for-25 from the field. The team shot 41.3 percent overall, while the Paladins connected on an even 50 percent.

"We've got great shooters," said coach Kevin Stallings. "We have guys that can make lay-ups. We have some good players. We didn't have enough guys playing well to win tonight. My job is to get them playing well."

It was a seesaw battle for much of the night. Early on,

the Commodores looked sluggish and fell behind by 11 points on three different occasions, the last at 22-11 with just under nine minutes left in the half.

Then Dan Cage, who finished with 11 points, sparked a Vandy rally with a 16-foot jumper, a steal, a lay-up in transition and a three-pointer to bring the Dores within five. The Commodores used a 13-0 run to take a 24-22 lead on JeJuan Brown's 18-footer with 3:30 remaining in the first half. A Shan Foster driving lay-up just before the half gave Vanderbilt a 32-28 halftime lead.

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Students accessorize in support of cancer research



Sophomores Henry Manice, Wil Keenan and Jade Morales (left to right) exhibit their wares at the Accessorize for a Cause showcase as a customer considers making a purchase. Fashion for a Cause's event raised money for breast cancer research Tuesday night in the Student Life Center.

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STUDENT LIFE

Audiology student continues study despite deafness

Cochlear implants correct total hearing loss that resulted from accident.



SISLER

By Sydney Wilmer
STAFF REPORTER

When Allison Sisler discovered she was hard of hearing at age 8, her family asked to her to make a promise to herself.

"Promise me, you will never let this be an excuse," they told me," Sisler said. "They told me to go after my dreams."

Sisler, a candidate for a clinical doctorate in audiology at Vanderbilt's Bill Wilkerson Center, took this advice to heart and with the help of hearing aids, pursued a career in audiology. Although initially unsure of how effective she could be due to her hearing impairment, she was encouraged to pursue her dream.

"They told me there were lots

of ways that I could help," she said.

As a basketball player in college, Sisler said that although still a "big challenge, by no means did impaired hearing define me."

Then, in 2004, Sisler's hopes of becoming an audiologist were jeopardized after a traumatic car wreck.

As the result of an

unknown anomaly in both of her inner ears, cerebrospinal fluid began to leak, progressively causing complete hearing loss.

At first, she did not realize the severity of the accident's effects.

"I was having a lot of trouble with memory and inner-cranial pressure; this just seemed like another problem at first," she

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Senior John Jumper receives prestigious Marshall Scholarship

Student hopes to continue physics studies at Cambridge.

By Ellie Atkins
STAFF REPORTER

Vanderbilt senior John Jumper will head to England after graduation to pursue his doctorate in physics as one of the recipients of the prestigious Marshall Scholarship.

Each year approximately 40 American students are selected for the scholarship, which funds their studies for a degree in England.

After graduation, Jumper hopes to study theoretical condensed matter at the University of Cambridge.

"I have always intended to gain a Ph.D. in physics, and certainly Cambridge is a very good university," Jumper said. "Truth be told, I didn't go abroad as an undergraduate, and I thought this would be a very good opportunity to live in London."

Jumper said his passion for physics has been with him for most of his life and

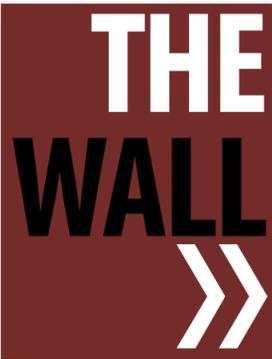
attributes some of his interest to the fact that both of his parents were engineers.

"I don't think I had an epiphany moment, but I have always been interested in mathematical and scientific things," Jumper said. "I have always been fascinated with the idea that you can describe the world mathematically. I had this curiosity about everything down to the most fundamental level."

Jumper, a student in the College of Arts and Science, has already received enough graduate credits to leave Vanderbilt with a master's degree.

After using advanced placement credit to skip some introductory courses and surviving continuous rigorous schedules, he was able to complete graduate courses in both physics and math.

"I went very quickly through the standard sequence," Jumper said. "I was taking two or three physics courses each semester." ■



QUOTABLE

"This is bad bad news for Kerry. Americans know who he is and have pretty much decided they don't like him."

—Peter Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute

The institute conducted a poll released on Monday on the likeability of 20 top American political figures. Democratic Sen. John Kerry, considering a second bid for the U.S. presidency, finished dead last.

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican, ranked first with a mean score of 64.2, followed by Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, 58.8, and McCain, 57.7. All three are potential presidential candidates.

Source: AP

NOTABLE

Researchers at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico said they trained honeybees to stick out their proboscis -- the tube they use to feed on nectar -- when they smell explosives in anything from cars and roadside bombs to belts similar to those used by suicide bombers.

By exposing the insects to the odor of explosives followed by a sugar water reward, researchers said they trained bees to recognize substances ranging from dynamite and C-4 plastic explosives to the Howitzer propellant grains used in improvised explosive devices in Iraq.

Source: AP

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY

Partly Cloudy, 75/61

THURSDAY

Isolated T-Storms, 74/41

FRIDAY

Showers, 52/32

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Allison Smith

World AIDS Awareness Week to feature 'Rent' screening

Join the World AIDS Awareness Committee and watch the movie "Rent" on Nov. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Stevenson Center 4327. This is in conjunction with other events going on this week, HIV/AIDS Awareness Week on campus.

'An Inconvenient Truth' series to be held in Sarratt Cinema

Come join us for a free viewing of the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" today from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Sarratt Cinema. After each viewing we will have a discussion led by Vanderbilt faculty on one of four key global warming issues: the science, the ethics, the politics and the economics of global warming. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the facts, myths and issues surrounding global warming.

China Business Forum meeting to present

The Vanderbilt China Business Forum is presenting attorneys Tom Tong and Cheng Wang who are with the Tong Law Firm in Houston today. They will speak on "Doing Deals in China: A legal view of corporate finance in China."

Freedom Rides application due Friday

Students are invited to join Professor James Lawson, Congressman John Lewis, John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center, and other participants in the historical 1961 Freedom Rides for Vanderbilt's own tour. Students will visit the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Rosa Parks Museum and the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery, Ala. Applications are available online at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs/freedomride.html> and are due Dec. 1.

Sign up for spring break climbing, camping and hiking trips

The deadline is today to sign up for the spring break 2007 trip to Joshua Tree National Park, Calif., with the Outdoor Recreation Center. The price is \$865 and the pre-trip meeting is Monday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. Throughout the week there will be four climbing/bouldering days and two hiking/exploring days.

Participants will fly to California and then ride in a van to the park, spending the week car-camping. If you want to enjoy the warm "SoCal" sunshine in a beautiful National Park over spring break, then this trip is for you. This trip is limited to six participants, and prior climbing experience is preferred. Cost includes all transportation, food while camping, group equipment, climbing gear (except shoes), camping and entrance fees. To sign up for the trip, you must come to the Outdoor Recreation Center, located on Children's Way behind the Student Recreation Center.

Pi Beta Phi to host wellness program

Pi Beta Phi will hold a wellness program addressing skin cancer and sun damage in Wilson Hall 103 on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Two residents from the Department of Dermatology at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center will speak at the event and will be joined by a skin cancer survivor. Free product samples from Neutrogena, Coppertone and Oil of Olay will be distributed.

Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

VUPD CRIME LOG

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There is no crime to report.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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COCHLEAR: Disability gives new perspective

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said. "They gave me steroids and stronger hearing aids."

Over a period of about a year, though, these aids only amplified unintelligible noise.

"I got to a point where I could detect that people were talking, but it was just a dull roar."

One day, as she was making a phone call to her family, Sisler realized that she could no longer hear.

"I was scared to death," she said. "At first I thought the phone wasn't working."

"When I called my parents to tell them I couldn't hear anymore, I had to use relay system," Sisler said. "Not being able to speak to my family was one of the hardest parts of losing my hearing."

Sisler continued school, using typing to do her schoolwork.

"The biggest thing was that it killed my confidence," Sisler said. "I had gotten to point where I was comfortable both personally and professionally. I don't know what I would have done without the support of faculty and classmates helping me."

Despite her frustration, Sisler's family said she remained strong.

"Ally had such fortitude and spirit, even in that initial phone call," said Sisler's mother, Gayla Sisler. "She had a strong spiritual side, saying to her dad and I that this was what God had chosen her to do. You can only imagine how hard it was for a parent, though. It came completely without warning."

After a year of deafness, Sisler was ready to try something new.

"Someone I knew asked me if I had thought about a cochlear implant," she said.

Sisler was told the implant was her only choice if she wanted to continue her study of audiology.

Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology Robert Labadie, M.D., Ph.D., said although Sisler was an ideal candidate for a cochlear implant, she was "tentative about the surgery." Sisler underwent surgery in October 2005.

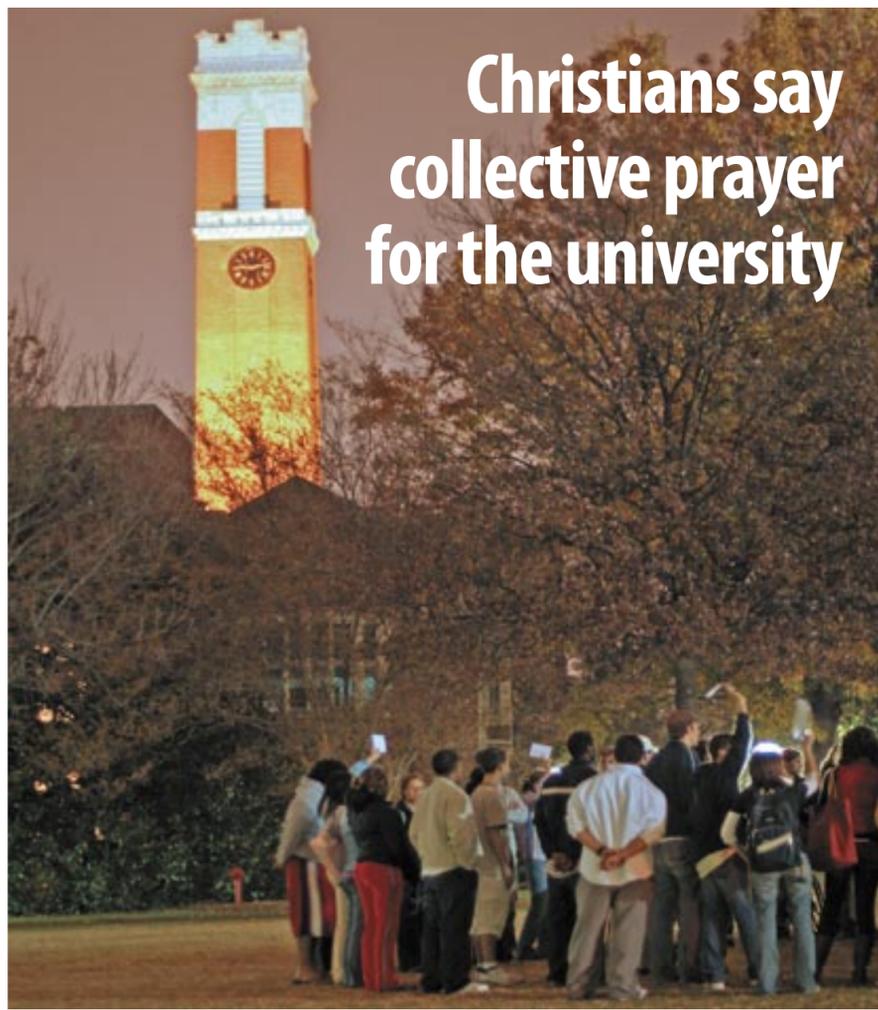
"I decided at this point in my life pursuing bilateral cochlear implantation would help me conquer my goals," she said.

Despite the trials of the surgery, Sisler considers her loss of hearing a gift.

"I think I will be able to understand my patients so much better now," she said.

"I think it is kind of ironic," Labadie said. "This will affect her understanding of patients profoundly and take her to a whole new level of understanding. Maybe that's the divine plan, to have her experience all of this so she could better understand."

"She is one incredible young woman," Gayla Sisler said. "She looks at it as a gift. Somebody has a greater purpose for her. Never once did she feel sorry for herself. She was my hero through that whole process." ■



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To celebrate the national Day of Prayer, every Christian organization on campus participated in a prayer service on Alumni Lawn Tuesday night.

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Romeo serenades Alpha Kappa Alpha



Freshman Michael Romeo auditions Tuesday night for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s talent showcase, AKApollo, to be held today at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center to benefit the Eta Beta Scholarship Fund for a local high school.

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LOCAL

MTSU students push for removal of 'confederate' from campus building

Petition creates controversy similar to Vanderbilt's.

By Eve Attermann
STAFF REPORTER

The Middle Tennessee State University Student Government Association voted to rename a university building named after a Confederate general.

The resolution, which is currently being considered by the MTSU administration, was announced after Amber Perkins, an MTSU student, presented a petition bearing 205 names that requested the action.

This is the second time in recent years that a Tennessee university has tried to remove a confederate tribute. Vanderbilt recently lost a similar legal bid to remove the word "Confederate" from Confederate Memorial Hall, a residence hall on Peabody campus.

The courts ruled a name change illegal because it would violate contracts with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which donated one-third of the cost of the building in 1913.

Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld declined to comment on this issue.

The issue is divisive among students and brings up the issue of historical tribute and its relation to modern sensitivity.

"As a university, we 'fought the good fight' in terms of our bid to have the name removed," said Frank Dobson, director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center. "Clearly, the name 'confederate' is still an issue for many on campus, such as the members of the BSA and others. That said, we as a

university should perhaps hold some kind of annual forum around the issue, since the very word 'confederate' is a source of friction for some."

Most sophomores living on Peabody campus have remained apathetic about the issue surrounding the hall.

Some, such as sophomore Andrew Smith, find the name inoffensive and feel it is a part of Southern history.

"I don't think it's offensive at all," he said. "Just because the Confederacy discriminated against black people doesn't mean that a hall named Confederate Memorial discriminates against black people."

Other students, such as sophomore Diane DeTrizio, noted the offensive nature of the name but felt that the Daughters of the Confederacy had a right to the building's name due to their monetary donation.

"Since they endowed the money for it, they have the legal right to name it," she said.

Junior Tristan Watkins said he found the name "personally offensive and bothersome" but added that because the Daughters of the Confederacy donated the money, the name should be kept as it is.

However, despite the legal claims to the name of the hall, some students remain outraged that the name remains.

"The change wouldn't hurt anyone, and if there is a movement against the name obviously people are offended by it," said sophomore Amanda Stevens. "We should change it because we don't want to ostracize students." ■



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Poetry reading held on campus



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Poet Mary Leader, author of "Red Signature" and "The Penultimate Suitor," read an excerpt of her work Tuesday night in Buttrick Hall. The event was sponsored by the English department.

STUDENT LIFE

Student groups unite to promote AIDS awareness this week

Free HIV and STD testing available from Metro Health.

By Linda Vongkhamchanh
STAFF REPORTER

The Office of Active Citizenship and Service will team up with several student organizations this week to promote AIDS awareness with several events, culminating in World AIDS Day activities on Friday.

"There is not very much awareness here, so people kind of ignore it," said Daniela Buscariollo, president of Students for Kenya, one of the organizations involved with the week's events. "(AIDS) is still a problem. Even though it is not a localized problem and more of a global problem, we shouldn't forget that it is still an issue and take action, which is the main focus of this week."

The highlight of the week is the free, confidential HIV and STD testing, conducted by Metro Health on a first come, first served basis, available Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Partnership House.

This is the first year that Vanderbilt has offered free testing for students. The purpose of the free testing is to promote community health by making testing more accessible to the community, Buscariollo said.

"We want to do away with the stigma of being tested and make it more routine," she said.

The week began Monday with an informational panel led by speakers such as Milton Ochieng, a Vanderbilt medical student whose efforts to build a clinic in Kenya led to the creation of Students for Kenya.

Other events include a showing of "Rent" tonight in Stevenson Center 4309 from 7 to 9 p.m., and a coffeehouse event that will be held Friday in the Branscomb Recreation Room from 5 to 8 p.m.

Representatives from several student groups will be on the Wall and the Sarratt Promenade to pass out pamphlets and promote AIDS awareness with bracelets and pins. ■

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

The Hustler Gift Guide



In the coming issues before Winter Break, The Hustler will bring you holiday tips to help you enjoy the season.

By Sara Tabor
STAFF REPORTER

For her

Friend

For your friends, gifts can be more personalized and represent things the two of you have in common. Some of the best gifts are compilations of small things that make a more personal present.

• Jewelry

Shop at Pangaea or Fire Finch for a great selection of fun earrings to wear out on the weekend or to class.

• Lip gloss

Chanel has a great combination for the holiday season: a mini glossier lip trio for \$49. Bath and Body Works also has a great tinted lip gloss from C.O. Bigelow and can be purchased in flavors ranging from root beer to mint for only \$7.

• Clutches

A great clutch is the perfect gift for a friend you enjoy going out with at night. Some of the best clutches around are HOBLO clutches and can be found at Fire Finch and Boutique Bella.

• Gift certificate for a manicure and pedicure

After a long semester and the grueling week of finals, your friends might appreciate a manicure and pedicure more than anything. Local nail places include Venus Nails and Apex, and they all offer gift certificates.

Girlfriend

For your girlfriend, gifts can be a little harder. A girlfriend will appreciate any present that you put time and effort into. Try to think of a fun date you can take her on that has meaning for the two of you, and then surprise her with a thoughtful gift. The most popular gifts for this season range from cashmere to leather.

• Cashmere

Look at local boutiques to find a great cashmere sweater or scarf, depending on your price range. As the weather starts to get colder this will prove to be useful as well as beautiful.

• Jewelry

With a Tiffany's just opened in Green Hills, what better way to say happy holidays than a nice silver piece from the Frank Gehry or Elsa Peretti collections. Tiffany's accommodates a variety of price ranges, and this season's jewelry makes quite the statement.

• Leather

A nice jewelry holder is always useful, especially for traveling over the holiday season. Purses are nice gifts as well, and some of the most sought after purses this season include Michael Kors quilted bags.

• Picture frame

A great gift idea is to give a picture frame with a picture of the two of you in it. Some great leather and silver picture frames are available at www.potterybarn.com, and they can be engraved with names and personal sayings.

For him

Boyfriend

Shopping for gifts for your boyfriend can be hard but start with the basics and think about what he wants.

• Wallet

Wallets are a great gift because they can range in price and in style. Make sure you know what your boyfriend wants in a wallet and look for it at different stores such as Brookstone or Coach. Men's wallets can be found all over, but the important thing is that the wallet fits his needs.

• Ties

For the true Vanderbilt fan, you can get a great gold tie in the bookstore, but if you want something a little nicer consider Vineyard Vines' collection of ties and bowties. These make a great gift and range from \$45 for bowties to \$65 for ties and can be purchased in a variety of patterns, including holiday patterns.

• Jacket

A great gift for the weather in Nashville, a jacket such as the North Face Summit Series raincoat is perfect for the boy who is unprepared for the weather. A fleece jacket from Mountain Hardwear is also a great gift for the mild winters.

• Watch

A well-made watch looks great on any guy, and there are so many to choose from. Check out department stores and even Tiffany's for a variety of watch selections.

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OUR VIEW

Accusations warrant discussion

Before Thanksgiving break, The Vanderbilt Hustler received an opinion piece addressing the discrepancy between Vanderbilt University policies and actual practices. Unfortunately, the author of the editorial insisted on anonymity, which, due to Hustler policy, prevents us from printing it. However, the arguments raised in the column merit discussion.

The author argues that the lack of enforcement of Vanderbilt's disciplinary policies, specifically drinking and hazing policies, forces students to "choose between respect for the law and our popularity too often."

With regards to the fraternities' B.Y.O.B. policy and the outlawing of drinking games, the author writes, "I don't recall drinking any of my own beer during the hundreds of games of beer pong I played at the fraternity parties I frequented." He says the campus-wide ban on kegs "certainly hasn't stopped me from drinking from a keg or two in a Towers suite every now and then." These scenes are probably familiar to most students, who probably do not spend much time considering the campus policies while they are partaking in such activities.

According to the column, the real loser in this system is the resident advisor "who respects the rules and is thusly demonized by his or her residents and is forced to deal with the additional hassles associated with reporting violations," as opposed to the RA who disregards policy and does not report any violations, making their residents and Student Life happy and their own lives easier. It seems that this leads to a victimization of those that respect the rules the most.

Most disturbingly, the author, a junior who is active in the Greek system, claims that, despite the school's anti-hazing policy, "there is a systematic abuse of pledges that goes completely under the radar of the campus administration." He specifically cites scavenger hunts at four in the morning, pledges who wait hand and foot on the brothers in their house and the paddling of pledges as examples that gounnoticed, and unpunished, by the Greek Life office.

It is important to be wary of writers that refuse to attach their names to their assertions. However, it is understandable that this author would be nervous that being recognized as the author of such a column could be very damaging, especially to his relationship with his fraternity, which lends credence to his claims. Though the column cannot be published, the issues it raises warrant consideration and discussion by other members of Vanderbilt's student community, who, hopefully, will be able to weigh in on the truth and validity of the argument.

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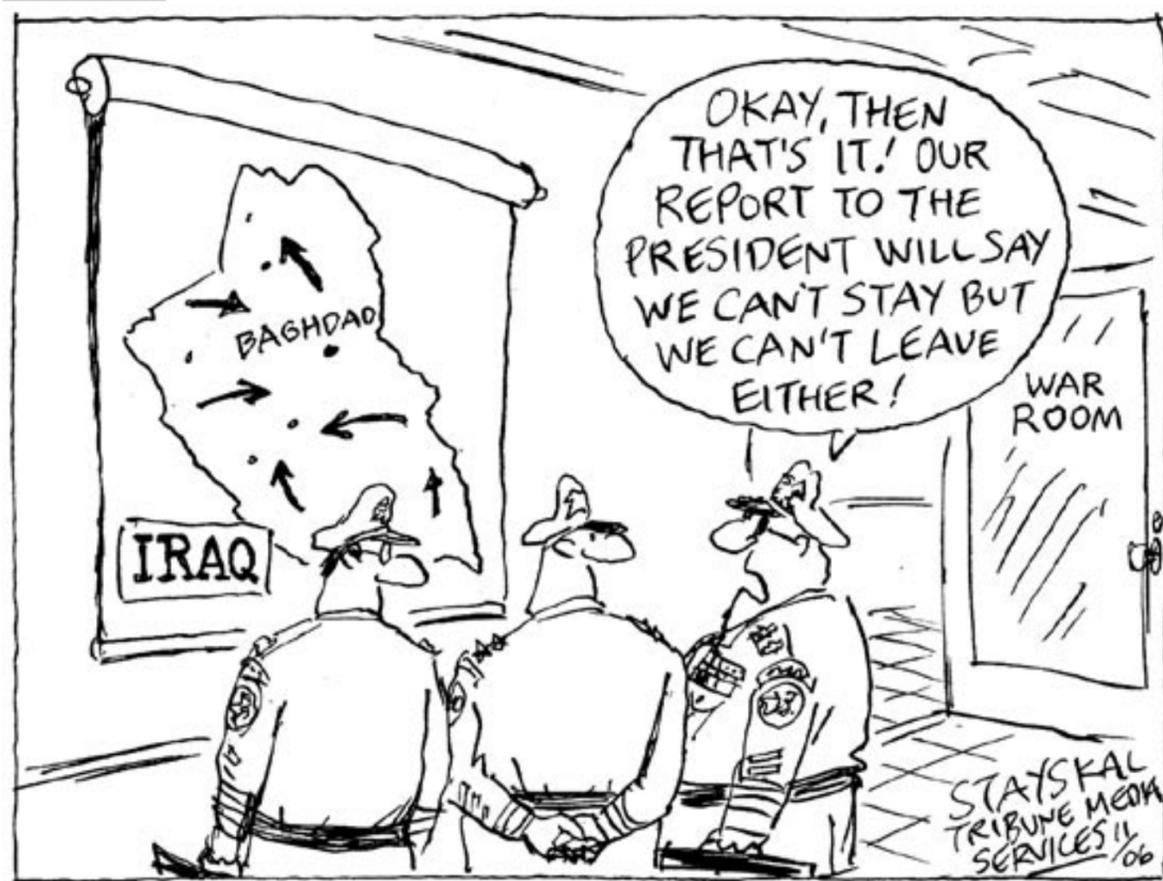
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students urged to vote yes on VSG referendum

To the Editor:

Tomorrow students will make an important decision in regards to your Student Government representation on this campus. For as long as most of us can remember, Interhall and SGA have worked independently and collaboratively to bring forth such programs as Vandy Vans, Dinner Discussions, DoreWalks and many more. However, each year it becomes harder and harder to define the line between Interhall and SGA.

When reflecting on the state of our campus it appears we are a campus under construction. Not just on new residence halls or a new Studio Arts Center, but every day the continued work of constructing a new chapter of the excellence that is Vanderbilt awaits us. Because of the overlap, redundancy and inefficiency of the current structure, student government and representation must also undergo a construction.

After much discussion and debate Interhall and SGA members passed the proposal on which students are now called to vote. VSG was established by students for students, ensures the maintenance of strong representation and emanates efficiency.

The importance of this transition cannot be stressed enough. The unification of resources and representation will improve and increase student services and input in University policies. The inefficiencies currently found in duplication of efforts between SGA and Interhall will no longer be a drain on the valuable resources and time of student government leaders. Also, students interested in participating or lobbying for specific issues will no longer waste time wondering to which organization they should look.

With so much on the line to benefit current and future students of Vanderbilt, we simply ask that tomorrow when they get the e-mail regarding the VSG referendum, they vote yes. Vote VSG.

Boone Lancaster
SGA President

Devin Donovan
Interhall President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LIVE's actions breed hostility, not dialogue

To the Editor:

I'd like to express my support of the editorial board's view of LIVE's actions on Nov. 16. Storming the Board of Trust meeting was irresponsible and looked more like a juvenile stunt than the act of an organization that is truly concerned with Vanderbilt's wage policies.

If this is going to be "the first step in a series of last resorts," as LIVE claims, then I fear for the future of their goals. Actions like this do not promote dialogue; they breed hostility in the very people that LIVE needs to interact with. Chancellor Gee was absolutely right to refuse to talk with LIVE's members during their unscheduled appearance. Vanderbilt is in the middle of enormous changes, and Chancellor Gee has done his best to

make difficult transitions go smoothly. His job also involves dislodging bureaucratic inertia at the university, and changes like the ones LIVE wishes to see happen require patience and careful dialogue with the administration, both things they chose to forego that Thursday by waving press releases in the face of the Board of Trust and demanding acquiescence to their wishes.

I have seen the living wage movement at Vanderbilt grow immensely in the four years I have been here, and it saddens me to see its current leaders throw away the work of their predecessors in favor of a stunt like this.

Jonathan Rigsby
Senior, College of Arts and Science

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anti-abortion insert has educational value

To the Editor:

This is in response to David Amouyal's letter to the editor on Oct. 26, where he argued that The Hustler should not have included Human Life Alliance's Stop The Madness advertising insert. Amouyal argued that HLA's "accusations leveled against the pro-choice movement and the manner in which they were delivered have no business in a widely circulated college newspaper." Considering the fact that most abortions occur when a woman is 20 - 24 years old, I would strongly disagree with him. There is nothing wrong with distributing literature. It is called "education."

Abortion is the No. 1 cause of death in the African-American community. HLA works to expose this injustice. To learn more about the "Negro Project," go to www.blackgenocide.org. Eugenic ideas are continually permeating our culture through abortion on demand, increased testing to discover fetal anomalies such as Down syndrome earlier in the pregnancy to allow abortion, and increased interest in genetic testing with in vitro fertilization so as to ensure a "perfect" child.

Amouyal claimed that our "supporting 'facts' were tenuous

at best." We stand behind everything in our publications. HLA uses sources such as the Center for Disease Control and the Alan Guttmacher Institute (research arm for Planned Parenthood) to reach a common ground with all of our readers.

The population of the United States is growing due to immigration and because older people are living longer. The birthrate is below replacement level in the U.S. Rather than being concerned with overpopulation, we should be concerned with the deficit of young people available to care for an aging population.

If you have any questions or comments about what you found in Stop The Madness, please feel free to contact me directly at campus@humanlife.org or (615) 484-1040.

Jillian Roemer
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COLUMN

TV cannot replace parents

With Hasbro's new ION Educational Gaming System, children ages 3 to 7 play video games watching "real-time" images

Assistant Opinion Editor

KATIE VICK

of themselves on a television screen. While these high-tech games provide genuine entertainment and some education value, the exponential growth of the games and the message of advertisements tempt parents to hand over too much of the responsibility of their children's development to technology.

A February 2005 press release said the purpose of the game was to allow children to "control action with their bodies rather than through traditional game controllers," combining physical exercise and education, as though to absolve parents of any lingering guilt they might have over letting children sit for long periods of time in front of the TV or computer screen.

But can watching the screen image of yourself block a soccer ball as the real you reaches to the air on the right, as in one of the ION games, ever replace stopping a real soccer ball with Mom or a friend? While this is a good substitute on a rainy day when Mom is busy, even the most advanced technology cannot replace real human interaction and nurturing.

Some games do not seem designed in children's best interest, but rather as a gift to parents to keep their children quiet and out of the way. Children play ION's version of Simon Says not by listening carefully, following instructions and moving around, but by not moving at all. This is supposed to "challenge" young children who have difficulty keeping still.

No one can expect 5-year-olds to

realize what they are missing with ION, but their parents should, and advertisements and PR for these games should not send the message to parents that their games can replace, in large part, parent-child interaction and act as babysitters for the kids.

Besides the temptation that games offer parents to let the game do too much of the parenting, advertisements and PR make the video and other electronic games seem so entertaining and educational that the latest games seem superior to not only earlier video games, but also to parents and games that do not require electricity.

"All of us — not just children — learn best when we can engage multiple senses and our entire bodies," said developmental psychologist and ION game designer Dr. Erik Strommen in the same February 2005 press release. "Kids playing the ION exercise their minds and their bodies as they duck, dodge, tag, tickle and really move, while mastering letter and number skills and more. This system engages the whole child in a way most learning technologies do not."

Such an "amazing," almost magical, system really sets the bar higher for parents who try to entertain their children without the aid of technology.

A moving image of yourself five feet away on a television screen with your favorite cartoon characters can mesmerize a child aged 3 to 7, but parents should not share their children's enthrallment. No matter how many high-tech bells and education whistles video games may offer, the result is still a child in front of a TV — a TV that can never begin to replace other experiences and, most importantly, the child's parents.

—Katie Vick is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

COLUMN

Brazil needs affirmative action

In a recent article by Kofi Gyasi in The Talented Tenth, he discusses the issue of affirmative action in Brazil. Although this

Guest Column

ARIVALDO SOUZA

article is not in direct response to what was written, it is intended to provide the Vanderbilt community with some information to refute some of what was said in the article and also allow members of the community to form their own opinions about the issue.

The Brazilian transition to democracy is still unconsolidated. Today, activists for racial equality in Brazil struggle against the legacy of racial democracy, the powerful mythology that the country has no racial problems even though there is much evidence to the contrary. In today's Brazil, blacks earn a fraction of what whites do, are much more likely to be victimized by crime or the police, have a much lower life expectancy, are essentially barred from most professional jobs or higher education, face myriad forms of everyday discrimination, remain largely concentrated in poor urban neighborhoods, and lack effective political representation.

There are many ways in which this population is especially vulnerable and its human rights are violated: through abuse, violence and death at the hands of the police, as documented by international human rights reports on police violence, torture and summary executions; through the violation of rights to religious freedom where houses of worship of Afro-Brazilian religions are routinely attacked by mobs with tacit approval from authorities; and through more subtle kinds of discrimination — in public

services, in stores and at places of employment. It remains a large gap today between the formalization of universal human rights in Brazil and access to them and the formal institutions that are supposed to guarantee them.

The thesis of reparation and compensation that mobilizes the speakers for affirmative action is justified through some historic facts. Brazil, like the United States, lived intensely the past of colonial enslavement of African population. Brazil provided the creation of powerful theories of white superiority and also changes the faces of racial exploitation in order to adapt nowadays. The denial of the right to vote and ownership for blacks, along with the old device of the Brazilian Constitution of 1937 that proclaimed as one of the Brazilian republic's objectives the whitening process of the population as only possible way to develop the country, are two of the roughest examples of legal racism that oriented the development of racial relations in that country.

Actually, until very recently, any discussion of discrimination, racism or affirmative action, whether in Brazil's formal public sphere or within parliamentary institutions, was itself considered racist. In 1988, a new anti-discrimination constitutional order was passed in the midst of a transition from a military dictatorship to democracy. The current Brazilian constitution makes racism and discrimination a non-bailable crime and displays some kinds of affirmative action to women, handicaps and blacks in its text.

Attempts to deal with these problems include racial quotas in some civil service jobs and some public universities in the 1990s and a racial reparations bill named the Statute of Racial Equality. We can

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understand these initiatives as two steps toward the decolonization process. Yes, the colonial Portuguese legacy plays a role in maintaining a social hierarchy based on race, and the Brazilian African Diaspora experience still holds the signs of the enslavement of Africans and of a process that has practiced oppression and inequality for entire centuries. The adversaries of the affirmative actions programs say Brazil has a social problem but is not racial, or even that there are no Blacks, but there are Brazilians. They try to hide that blacks in Brazil are poor

because they are black, whereas the black movement struggles for recognizing racism as strategy to achieve its end.

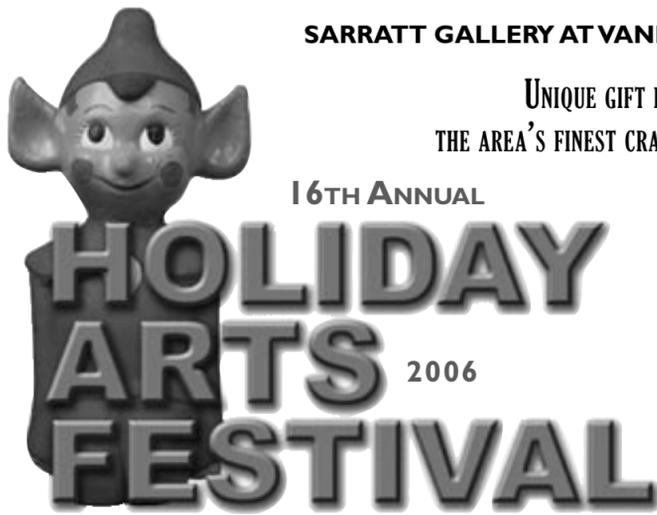
If these projects are passed and applied, Brazil might have a higher status in international affairs, and it might start an important movement toward development, as now there are no development possibilities for almost half of Brazilian population.

—Arivaldo Souza is a senior in the College of Arts and Science and an international student from Brazil.

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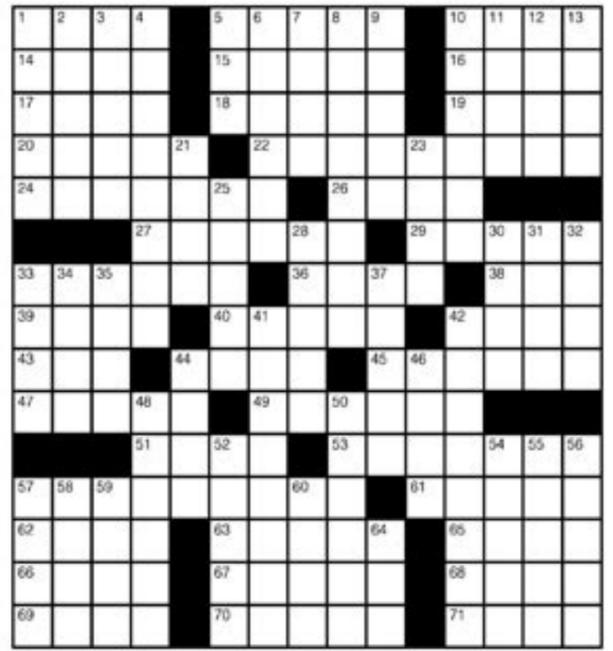
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PLEASE NOTE: During break it may not be possible to provide residential staff in a particular building, or to provide staffing of information desks in a particular building. Because card reader access may be the only means of entry, compliance with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

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

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

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

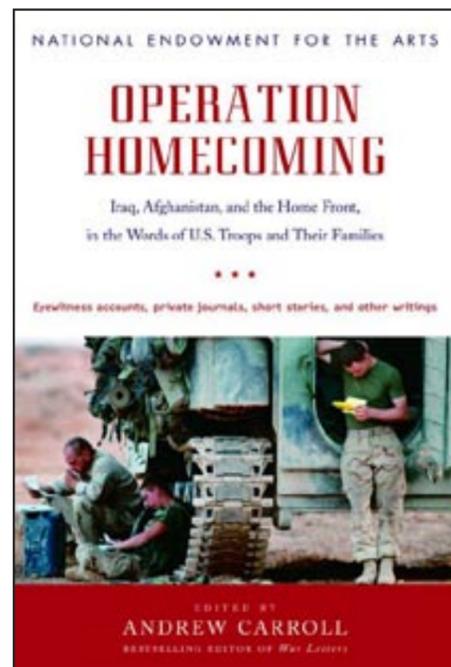
RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY AND SAFETY

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

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

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