

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 4
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
September 15, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

4:00 p.m. Softball (complete announcement below)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Relevant Religion Series -- Scarritt Bennett
Dr. Douglas Meeks (information below)
7:20 p.m. -- 9:05 p.m. GAYPLOITATION: A Panel Discussion
Alumni Hall 203 Open to the Public (information below)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service, All Faith Chapel
In the PCUSA tradition at 10:10am in All Faith Chapel. The message --
REDEEMING LANGUAGE & SPEECH -- will be given by our new
homiletics professor, John McClure. Plus, the VDS choir will sing "Those
who Sowed with Tears" by Eric Law. It should be a truly sacred and
special time together.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 - 1:00 Common Room - Naval Recruitment (information below)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:10 Community Coffee - Common Room

Monday, September 15

7-8:30 p.m. Vanderbilt at Scarritt-Bennett Relevant Religion Series. Sept. 15, 22, 29
and Oct. 6. "What Can We Hope for Now? Christian Faith, Terrorism, and the
Global Economy." Douglas Meeks. \$50. Scarritt-Bennett Center. 340-7543,
spiritus@scarrittbennett.org,
<http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/div/index.html>.

Monday, September 15

7:20 p.m. -- 9:05 p.m. GAYPLOITATION: A Panel Discussion

Open to the Public Alumni Hall 203

The Black Student Alliance, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated are cosponsoring GAYPLOITATION: A Panel Discussion. It will explore the issues facing the gay community, as well as mainstream pop culture as we see a surge in the popularity of gay subculture within the mainstream. Points of interest include the new Bravo TV shows, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy and Boy Meets Boy, as well as Queer as Folk which are all on cable television and the network TV show Will and Grace. Other points of interest are the new public high school in NY generated for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, as well as the recent appointment of a gay Episcopalian bishop. Come discuss this explosive topic with other students, faculty, and administrators! For more information, e-mail Mia Howard at mia.l.howard@vanderbilt.edu or Candace Chatham at candace.chatham@vanderbilt.edu

Thursday, September 18

INTERESTED IN NAVY CHAPLAINCY?

Brenda Bradley Davila, a recruiter with the U.S. Navy will be in the Common Room from 9:00 - 1:00 on Thursday, September 18 for conversation with students who may be interested in learning more about this unique career opportunity.

SOFTBALL

Our first softball game is today at 4:00 pm on the intramural fields next to the student recreation center. Please come and enjoy time with your friends. If you have a baseball glove, please bring it. If you have an extra baseball glove, please bring it. However, do not let the absence of a glove deter you from coming to the game. We will be able to swap and share with the each other and the other team. We are playing on Field #5. If you are not sure where that is, just ask someone. Please try to arrive around 3:30 so that we can get somewhat organized. Remember, this is just for fun! So, come on out this afternoon. Nate Brown

September 25

As part of employee celebration month Scott McDermott will be giving a lecture on Thursday 9/25 at 189 Sarratt at noon. The topic is "The Founding Fathers and the Catholic Political Tradition."

September 25 4:00 p.m. Divinity G-23
Same-Sex Unions as a Christian Question
Mark Jordan, Professor of Religion at Emory University
Sponsored by The Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Saturday, September 27 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Divinity G-23
Leadership Morality and the Black Church
Dennis Wiley and Christine Wiley, Covenant Baptist Church, D.C.
Sponsored by: Kelly Miller Smith Institute

September 29-30, 2003 The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee announces
the Nashville visit of Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy President The Interfaith
Alliance, Washington D.C.

Schedule of Events (open to the public)

Monday, September 29, 2003

5:00 p.m. Reception at the Vanderbilt Divinity School Tillett Lounge
Hosted by Dean James Hudnut-Beumler
Parking available in Wesley Garage across 21st Ave. for a fee

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Address by the Rev. Dr. Welton Gaddy
Election Year Challenges for Religion and People of Faith
Blakemore United Methodist Church 3601 West End Avenue, just SW of I-440
(also music by Gene Cotton, songwriter and entertainer)
Parking in church lot and in park lot across from Bowling Avenue entrance
Cost: Reception and Dinner - \$25 Dinner only - \$10

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Presentation by the Rev. Dr. Welton Gaddy
Church-State Separation: What's At Stake
(sponsored by The Interfaith Alliance, Americans United for Separation of
Church and State, and the American Civil Liberties Union)
Blakemore United Methodist Church 3601 West End Avenue
Cost: Breakfast - \$7.50

11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. 5th Annual STOP THE HATE VIGIL

Practicing Hospitality in Nashville
Church Street Park, Downtown Nashville between 6th & 7th Ave. on Church
Street Join us as we celebrate the rich cultural, racial, ethnic and religious

diversity of the immigrant population in our city. Featuring Rev. Dr. Welton Gaddy, community & immigrant leaders, and music of Marcus Hummon

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

*In case of rain the vigil will be held at the Downtown Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall) ? 154 5th Ave.

To make reservations for the Monday Reception and Dinner, and the Tuesday Breakfast you may fax this form to (615) 383-5785 (paying at the door) OR mail this form with a check (payable to IAMT) to: The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee, 1016 18th Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37212.

Please make reservations by Wednesday, September 24, 2003 if possible.

Name(s)

Address

Telephone _____

TOTALS

1. Reception and Dinner (Monday, September 29th) \$25 X _____ \$

Dinner Only \$10 X _____ \$

2. Breakfast (Tuesday, September 30th) \$7.50 X _____ \$

Please indicate dinner choice:

_____ Meat OR _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

For further information, call Dan Rosemergy, IAMT Chair at (615) 333-0462
Dan.Rosemergy@vanderbilt.edu

SAVE THE DATE!

A Workshop for the Religious Community on Domestic Violence
It Begins At Home...

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003 -- 8am-12:30pm

Location: Scarritt Bennett Center

Guest Speaker: Mark Wynn

Look for upcoming registration materials, go to www.save.faithsite.com , or for more information contact Beth Lowry at 615-202-5252

If you are a clergy, chaplain, youth director, church counselor, parish nurse, lay leader or other religious professional, you won't want to miss this seminar!

A collaborative effort between S.A.V.E. (Survivors Against Violent Environments) and the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence

University Calendar Events

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Thursday, September 18

4:10- 5:10 p.m. Program in American and Southern Studies. "Toward a Black Pacific." Gary Y. Okihiro. 109 Calhoun.

<http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/amstud/home>.

Saturday, September 20

All Day. Department of Mathematics First East Coast Operator Algebras Symposium, Sept. 20-21. Featured speakers: Vaughan Jones, Dirk Kreimer and Henri Moscovici. 4309 Stevenson Center.

<http://atlas.math.vanderbilt.edu/~ecoas03>.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Campus and Nashville

Tuesday, September 16

8:30-10:30 p.m. Dyer Observatory Mars Viewing Night. Telescope viewing, weather dependant. 1000 Oman Dr., Brentwood.

<http://www.dyer.vanderbilt.edu>.

Thursday, September 18

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Vanderbilt Employee Celebration Month Event, Free Frist Thursday. Frist Center for the Visual Arts. Vanderbilt ID required; children under 18, free; guests ages 18-65 pay \$6.50; and senior citizens over 65, \$4.50. Free shuttle service, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations required (before Sept. 15). 343-3921, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/employeecelebration>.

7 p.m. Film. "Mystery Science Theatre 3000." Sept. 18-20. 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Sarratt Cinema. \$3, students; and \$5, community. 343-6666,

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sarratt/cinema>.

7:30-9:15 p.m. Vanderbilt University Orchestra Concert. Robin Fountain, conductor. Ingram Hall. 322-7651, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/blair>.

Saturday, September 20

8 p.m. Blair School of Music Concert Series. The Songs of Hugo Wolf. The Blair School Voice Faculty and pianist Melissa Rose. Turner Recital Hall. \$12; adults; \$10, Vanderbilt faculty/staff; and \$5, students/seniors. 322-7651, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/blair>.

If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu All information must be received by noon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.