



As Spring Begins, Crawfish Spearhead New Chik-Fil-A Ad Campaign



THIS JUST IN

Advice From a Senior: Frosh, Respect Your Elders

By: Real Name Snide Specialist

Seniors, while our time at Vanderbilt is drawing to a close, passing advice on to the next crop of "Vandy's Best and Brightest" is a practice we all should get into before leaving campus. Every day, eager-faced prospective students walk around Vanderbilt with questions – questions that you can help answer! With all that being said, I'd like to pass on some of the best advice given to the prospective students as they make their rounds:

"Your hallmates will totally think it is the funniest thing ever if you take a dump in the middle of your freshman dorm hallway!"

"Eat that Branscomb Breakfast every weekend, man! It's so good - especially with the extra sausage gravy on the eggs! Don't worry about the frosh fifteen – it's just a myth."

"Don't bring real money downtown. Cab cash is legal tender for pretty much everything in Nashville."

"Feel free to talk about that awesome job you have waiting for you after graduation. Don't worry about keeping quiet in your class full of second semester seniors. They'll be cool with it."

"Kissam is totally the best place to live. All those people talking about mold – ignore it. And the whole homeless guy thing? Only happened twice. This year."

"The pre-med kids think it is the funniest thing ever when you bring up the MCAT during second semester."

"Buy your NCAA tourney tickets as soon as they go on sale. I mean, travelling for March Madness is always worth it!"

And above all:

"Go ahead and criticize *The Slant*. They'll just laugh it off. I mean, they are a humor newspaper."

New Staplers Usher in New Era for Engineering

By: Clay Christain Engineering Specialist

On March 24, 2010, the Vanderbilt School of Engineering announced the biggest news update in the college's history. At approximately 4:44 PM central standard time, VUSE undergrads received an e-mail from office assistant Michelle Fernandez that the wait was finally over: after years of oppression, Featheringill Hall is now equipped with brand new staplers.

Initial reactions to the news were met with excited pandemonium. Professors were unable to control their classes, and a flash-mob parade broke out in between Stevenson and Featheringill.

"It's taken us a long time to get here," senior engineering student Kelvin Reynolds said. "It's 2010. Anything is possible. Healthcare reform passed, gay marriage is still kind of illegal, Lori Murphy was elected VSG president despite an all-Greek ticket, Coke Zero has real Coke taste with none of the calories, and now we have new staplers around Featheringill."

Despite initial celebrations, some students were disturbed by the latter part of the notification e-mail that stated that the staplers in FGH 104, the engineering office, were no longer available for student use.

"Who do they think they are to keep any staplers from us?" junior Malcolm Marcos said. "This is America. Our rights to free staplers are protected not by the constitution but by years and years of case law resulting from the civil rights movement of the 1960s. This is no different than keeping certain people off golf courses."

"I'm not sure what the big deal is," apathetic freshman Abigail Spoffman said. "I don't want to know what happened to that office stapler to keep kids from using it again."

An independent research team has been assembled by the university's chapter of Staplers Without Borders to undercover the truth about the office stapler in lieu of recent developments.

"We have no reason to believe that the new staplers are simply a cover up," private investigator Milton Swingline said. "But you can never be too careful. Security footage shows the stapler in question was last taken into one of the private bathrooms. That's all we know."

Regardless of the outcome of the investigation, local staple enthusiasts are promising to protect and cherish their new devices by promising not to give their little beauties any tough love.

Mitt Romney's New Book *No Apologies* Sends Bad Message to America's Youth

By: Dan King Sorry Specialist

Mitt Romney, the former Governor of Massachusetts and currently the most famous Mormon in the world, has gotten some heat over his new book's controversial message regarding apologies.

Despite debuting at the top of the New York Time's Best Seller list, many parents groups have spoken out against *No Apologies*, which they say will undo centuries of progress towards getting their kids to say "I'm Sorry."

Parental group PFAC (Parents for Apologetic Children) says that Romney's anti-sorry stance goes against every lesson about manners that children are taught.

"How can I tell my son Jeremy to say sorry to his sister, when his idol Mitt Romney is telling him to never apologize?" PFAC spokeswoman Jane McGinty said.

According to sources close to the politician, Romney rarely, if ever, apologizes during his day-to-day life.

"He never admits it when he does something wrong, he doesn't excuse himself when he burps or [passes gas]. Last week, he almost hit me with his car, and he didn't even flinch," one aide who wished to remain anonymous said.

According to Romney's wife of 41 years, Ann Romney, this lack of any remorse has been a constant throughout Mitt's entire life.

"Back when we first got married, Mitt wouldn't even leave a note when he finished the carton of milk, ahh those were the years... those angry, hate-filled years," Ann recalled.

Keeping with the theme of his work, Romney had no apology for his critics.

"If you don't like this book, then you can cry me a river, build me a bridge, and suck it [gestures towards his own crotch]," Romney said.

In an unexpected turn of events, Romney's book has also had a significant impact on board games sales. The Parker Brothers toy company reports that sales of its flagship game "Sorry!" have plummeted since Romney's book appeared on shelves.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Little Man	You
Don't say "Drink"	Me
Speak in an Accent	Floor
Dance Party when I Say	Guys
Don't use articles	Chicks
Question Master	Heaven

YES upgraded to YEAHHHH!!!

New VUT play "In a Dark Dark House" to have very simple, inexpensive light design

FROM THE EDITOR



MERYEM DEDE

I can't believe it's already here—this is my last issue as editor-in-chief of *The Slant*. It's the end of an era... well, it's at least the end of my reign. Every year, it's tradition for the next year's editor-in-chief to put together the last issue of the current year. Thus, in two weeks time, the last issue of

The Slant for this year will publish, but you won't see my beautiful face in this spot. You won't even see the beautiful partly obscured top-half of my face. However, with any luck, next year's EIC will look just as stunning.

This past year has been absolutely amazing. From Llamapalooza and sustainable development plans for third-world countries to having a staff writer pose in a speedo for our Halloween cover, the year has been full of awesome. We raised almost \$300 for Heifer International, we published an image of a middle finger coming from a grave, we pushed our own personal agendas (well, I did), and we had fun. I can't imagine a better sophomore year, and although I'm sad that it's over, I also think it is time to pass on the torch.

EIC is a lot of work, and the reason for having next year's EIC put out this year's last issue is only about 25% that I can help the new EIC dip his/her toes in the water, and 75% that after putting out a new issue every 2-3 weeks, I need a break.

Next semester, I will be studying abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia as *The Slant's* new Foreign Correspondent, so don't fear that I am leaving forever. Next year, I will be hanging with the Communists and the spies (that's what Russia's like, right?). In many ways, it'll be very appropriate after having spent a year with *The Slant*, as in Russia they have a tendency for false reporting as well. But don't worry; although Pravda has its perks, my heart will always remain with *The Slant*. So here's to a terrific year ahead (although, not as good as mine, no one likes to be outshone). HUZAZH!

Fucked Image

The active registration term is SUMMER. Your school has designated today for COURSE REQUEST activities.



So long, OASIS. Looks like it's time for you to head to that great command prompt in the sky. You'll always be my wonderwall.

Actually Inside This Issue

- BASTARD CONFESSION:** Purple Pimp Suit.....2
- FUCKED IMAGE:** Bittersweet Symphony for you....2
- CENTER SPREAD:** "Cool-er" Renaissance Art.....4-5
- AROUND THE LOOP:** Get your Vitamin D, Sun.....7
- FLOWERY FIELDS:** Bring your Claritin.....7
- PIZZA COUPON:** Would we lie to you?.....8
- TOP TEN:** Scrambled Cadbury Eggs.....8

Lesser-Known Listservs Revealed

By: Claire Shavzin
Communications Specialist

Every Vanderbilt student knows the feeling. You get so excited when you open your email and see five new messages. A closer look, however, reveals that all of them are crime alerts, boring lectures going on in your major, or announcements from that club you didn't really want to sign up for. The solution? Sign up for these amazing listservs that will brighten your day and provide information that is actually useful.

1) Free Food Listserv

found at <nom_nom_nom@list.vanderbilt.edu>

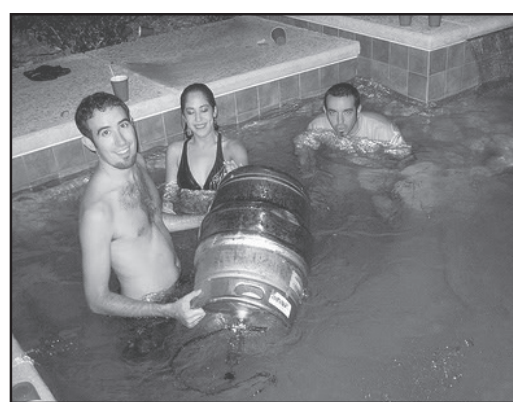
This mailing list consolidates all the events where free food is provided. You can cruise around campus attending lectures, meetings, and parties for a million different organizations and save on meal money! It also gives you the optimal times to sneak in, grab food, and take off before you have to participate. The only downside: sometimes you may get stuck at a meeting or lecture and be forced to learn something new or help out with a worthwhile organization.



The best way to get your student org noticed.

2) Awesome Parties Listserv

found at <playhard_24/7@list.vanderbilt.edu>



This party appears to be shaping up!!

This mailing list is a useful resource if you're bored on a Friday or Saturday night... or any night of the week, honestly. You will receive updates about parties going on around campus from the frattiest of frats to the chilliest house parties. Don't worry if you and your friends don't know the hosts; just explain to anyone who asks that you're a friend of "Ryan" or "Zack," and you should be all right. The obvious advantage here is the free booze. The disadvantage? If you need this mailing list to have a social life, you may be a loser. Don't worry though; just drown your sorrows in all the free booze!

Note: *The Slant* does not advocate alcohol as a solution to your problems – it's only the rest of Vanderbilt culture that does.

3) Weed/Other Fun Stuff Listserv

found at <dude_whoa@list.vanderbilt.edu>

It pays to be discreet if you're on this super secret mailing list.

However, pot may be legalized in California really soon, so it's just a matter of time. With this mailing list, you'll be able to find a dealer right away. The only downside is that the demand for weed will skyrocket this April because of 4/20 and Rites. Sign up for this listserv now so you don't miss out!



The founder of VSD, Vandy Student Dealers.

4) Blind Date Listserv

found at <desperate@list.vanderbilt.edu>

Are you looking for Mr. or Ms. Right instead of Mr. or Ms. Drunken Hook-Up? You just have to put a brief profile out on this listserv, and you'll soon meet a ton of great people. And by great people, of course, I mean creepers.



So, I think my blind date last night was with someone who graduated 15 years ago... He still gets those e-mails??

5) The Slant Listserv

found at <theslant@list.vanderbilt.edu>

Join *The Slant* mailing list, and you'll be kept up to date with all our amazing meetings and top secret plans. If you join *The Slant*, you'll be funny, and funny people are awesome. Sometimes there's free pizza. This is the only listserv that's actually legit, sadly, so join *The Slant*. JOIN THE SLANT!



Who's a good Slant... Yes you are...

MASTHEAD



Ensuing Hilarity... since 1886.

188 Sarratt Student Center
2301 Vanderbilt Place
VU# 351504 Station B
Nashville, TN 37235

Phone (615) 322-2424
Fax (615) 322-3762
Website www.theslant.net

STAFF

- Editor-in-Chief Meryem Dede
- Managing Editor Justin Barisich
- Editor Emeritus Brendan Alviani
- Webmaster Andrew Ligon
- Copy Editors Clay Christain, Rachel Robison
- Designers Kyle Hope, Dan King, Caitlin Meyer
- Contributing Staff Billy Bunce, Austin Caroe, Ada Desmond, Karl Echiverri, Kathryn Edwards, Charlotte Fraser, Jim Gillin, Jojackson Igietseme, Alec Jordan, Guy Kopsombut, Ethan Messenger, Caitlin Meyer, Jonathan Newkirk, Matthew Preston, Dena Rose, Claire Shavzin, Amit Shintre, Claire Stanley, Abigail Stavrand, Justin Tardiff, Matt Thumser, Chris Watkins, Richard Williams, Zach Wright, Rudy Wu, Matt Radford, The entire VSC gang

Special Thanks To

POLICIES

Back Issues

Back Issues can be ordered by sending \$5.00 and a description of the issue desired (volume number and date, if possible) to the address above. Some issues are no longer available. For a back issue please e-mail backissues@theslant.net.

Subscriptions

Mail subscriptions available. \$30.00/year or \$20.00/semester. E-mail subscribe@theslant.net. Postmaster please send address changes to 2301 Vanderbilt Place, VU# 351504, Nashville, TN 37235-1669.

DISCLAIMERS

This publication is a work of humor, parody and satire. None of the subjects or writers are intended to represent real people, unless those people are public figures. You must be over 18 to read *The Slant*. This publication and the content thereof does not always reflect the opinions of Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc. Each member of the Vanderbilt community is entitled to one copy of this publication; additional copies are five dollars each. If *The Slant* offends you, do not read it. Support our advertisers.

Copyright © 2010, *The Slant*. All rights reserved.

IN VANUM LABORAT QUI OMNIBUS PLACERE CONTENDIT

Bastard Confession



Photo by Chris Homball

"I play with balls! And pins! And glow-in-the-dark objects...in bed!"

-- Juggleville's The King of Clubs

Campus Organizations and Offices at the Top of their Game

By: Meryem Dede
Acfee Economist

Over the past year, I have ridiculed and mocked and applauded and gawked at events, organizations, and offices on, around, and nearby campus, America, and the world.. However, there are four events, organizations or offices on campus that I don't feel like I have covered to the extent to which they deserve. Below, I give you the best goddamn organizations, events, or offices on this campus!

Vanderbilt Global Education Office (GEO):



The GEO won't even accept your application until you utterly shame yourself.

Here at Vanderbilt, we are all smart(-ish). Because we are smart, or like to think we are, we appreciate puzzles. Sudoku lovers and completers of crosswords in the middle of Economics lectures, look no further for your next riddle fix than the Global Education Office (GEO). These guys love to perplex, baffle, and stump the internationally-minded students of Vanderbilt. Unlike a Sudoku where one fills in numbers, at GEO you fill in your name, financial information, social security number, dog's name, mother's grandmother's cousin's place of birth and everything else about yourself. After you have completed the forms, there are

whole new series of hoops (and not the delicious fruity kind) to jump through before you are finally ready to turn in your application. Even this process can be baffling, as there are multiple due dates, and the secretary at the front tends to get them confused. Now, what makes this better than just doing a jigsaw puzzle? At the completion of a jigsaw, you get a short surge of pride before you realize you haven't been outside in 3 days. At the completion of your GEO application, you get to go to Honduras! ¡Buena suerte!

Vanderbilt Commodore Card Office (CCO):

One of my favorite things about Vandy is the obvious socio-economic superiority that all of us have. However, every now and then someone of a lesser caliber gets in. The Commodore Card Office is one of the best establishments on campus for then crushing them. Want to wash your clothes? Swipe. Want to print

your paper? Swipe. OMG, you're out of meal money? SWIPE.

When students don't have automatic monies added to their Commodore Card from their parent's bank accounts, the only way to add Commodore Cash is to go to the Card Office itself, which has inconvenient hours. This is in contrast to richer students, who can add Commodore Cash online, conveniently charging student accounts or credit cards. To make matters better, the CCO doesn't accept credit cards or debit cards from poor students and limits people to add \$20 a day. Thus, the less fortunate of our community are forced to wear dirty clothes (there are no change machines by any of the laundry facilities on campus), and pay more for printing (Commodore Cash payments for printing are several cents cheaper than using cash). Thus, the divide in socio-economic levels prevalent in our community is thankfully maintained. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer... and smellier.



I've had to rob so many wishing wells just to wash my freakin' underwear.

Vandy Fanatics Student Organization:

The point of this club is to increase Vanderbilt student attendance and enthusiasm at sports events. What makes them awesome is that instead of "Fanatics," they should really change their name to "Free Stuff." At a recent Vanderbilt Baseball game, Fanatics gave out free Snuggies at a tailgate that was scheduled to start 30 minutes before the game. Fanatics then let people get tickets claiming their spot to get a Snuggie over 2 hours before the game. The students thus left and then came back at the appointed tailgate time to grab their Snuggie, only to once again leave soon after. The five people who actually went to the baseball game sat uncomfortably in the bleachers, cold and Snuggie-less. As someone who just isn't that into sports, I can't think of a better dynamic. Vandy Fanatics are fanatical but only about free t-shirts, Snuggies, beer koozies and jerseys. Go 'Dores!



These fine young gentlemen were certainly enjoying themselves a baseball game at Hawkins Field, and immediately after it ended, they used their complimentary booklights to go home and study their organic chem textbooks.

Move-Crew:

Move Crew is one of those rare Vanderbilt-organized events that really just deserves a standing ovation. Every year, hundreds of upperclassmen come back to campus, glowing faces in anticipation for the free food and people-watching extravaganza of frantic freshmen parents and more-than-slightly embarrassed freshmen students. And then Vanderbilt shanks these volunteers in the back! It's a brilliant plan—Vanderbilt entices students to come back early with calls of school-loyalty and bribes like "T-shirts!" and "We'll give you lunch!" However, what they don't mention, is that meal plans won't start until 5 days after you've arrived, there is only enough work for at most 50 students (compare this to the 50+ per house that show up), and your free t-shirt will be ugly, the wrong size, or a girly color (or ALL of these attributes).



Wear this, because it's what's on the inside that counts.

iPad Revolutionizes Pad Industry

Five Innovative Uses for iPad

By: Alec Jordan
Macintosh Apathist

The release of the iPad this past week has caused lots of buzz among consumers. Those who have not already bought one have lots of questions such as, "Are they just as awesome as they sound?" or, "Are they just as big of a waste of money as I expected?" or even, "Was it all a big April Fools joke?" Those who do, in fact, already own iPads are simply going around with smug grins. Y'know, like Mac users, or something to that effect.

Because of all of this hype, I have come up with five extra uses for the iPad for owners, regardless of whether or not they feel truly enthralled with their new toy and want to expand its use, or if they are secretly disenchanted and are looking for a way to validate their expenditures.



The Nintendo iPad came out in 2004 with a revolutionary touch screen and such killer apps as Mario and Pokemon.

4. **Paperweight** – Why use something small and unobtrusive to hold down your papers when you can have a potentially loud, obnoxious, multi-hundred dollar piece of technology to do it? I'm no expert, but I don't even think this one requires an app to work!

3. **Hammer** – Disregard this. It's generally ineffective and actually may harm your new sleek and sexy hunk of plastic and circuits.

2. **Weighted Frisbee** – Ultimate Frisbee is popular, but you're not that great at it. Now, however, you have a way of practicing that could hypothetically increase your skill level exponentially! This heavier version of something slightly resembling a Frisbee will cause tons of difficulty when you use it, but you'll be better off for it. I promise.

1. **Tax Write-off** – By buying an iPad, you helped the economy! Yay, you! Because you helped this great nation in a time of need by buying a questionably useful home accessory, tell the government about it! This selfless act obviously deserves a tax write-off.

5. **Very large Coaster**

– Instead of using those classic coasters that are always hard to fit together because of their silly round shape, use an iPad! You can fit up to a few drinks on one, and as long as you lay it on a flat surface, stay away from it and keep it out of the way of air drafts, your drinks might not even spill! Success!

iPad Easy Target for Haters

By: Kyle Hope
iSpecialist

Apple's release of its new iPad has renewed a conflict that has been simmering since the release of the first iPod years ago: Techies vs. "Apple-o-philes." However, do not confuse Apple-o-philes with the small yet vocal portion of the population that will defend to the death the healthy and nutritious cereal Apple O's as their breakfast of choice. Tech geeks have always made fun of those people who are unashamedly in love with everything touched by Steve Jobs, but with the release of Jobs' newest must-have gadget, techies everywhere seem to have had enough.

"It doesn't even support Flash! For God's sake – even my non-smartphone cellular device does that!" cried one Apple opponent at the crowds lined up for the chance to buy their iPad.

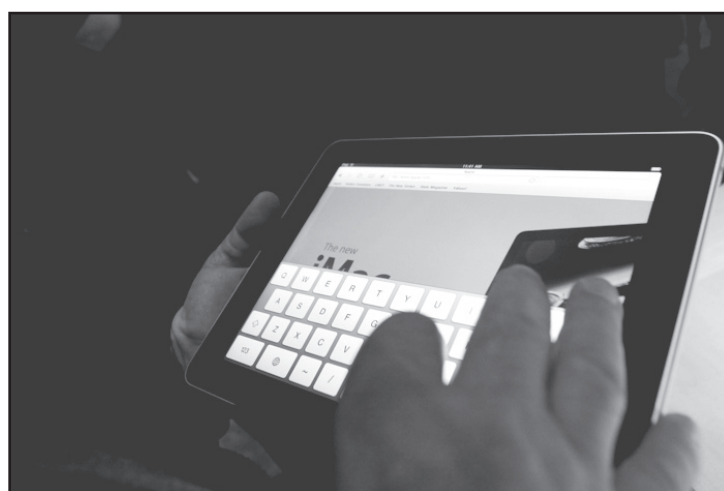
Other antagonizers shouted sayings such as, "How can you justify spending that much on a coffee table paperweight!?" and, "LACK OF TABBED BROWSING IS ARCHAIC!!!"

Upon asking the Apple-loving crowd, however, a different view emerges.

"They just hate to see normal people become proficient at using a computer," stated Bethany Zales, a prominent Vanderbilt Apple-o-phile. "Plus, they don't like to use it because the iPad's lack of camera, USB ports, and printing capabilities really makes it hard for those nerds to obtain, manage, and export their porn. And while Apple lovers do adore all that Mr. Jobs has done, they [dorks] are just as bad in their obsession with Bill Gates."

Other Apple-lovers around Ms. Zales agreed and were quick to point out the idiot-proof main screen navigation, lack of windows cluttering the screen, and seemingly unlimited apps available for iPad users to purchase and download.

In any case, it looks safe to say that with such devoted supporters buying the new iPad, Steve Jobs won't be out of a job any time soon. Plus, that would make my job as a humor writer just too easy.



Developers are rushing to create the first girl-touching app.

iPad Appeals to Giant Demographic

By: Brendan Alviani
Jolly Green Gigolo

In a move Saturday heralded as an extraordinarily large step forward for Big People across the globe, Apple Computers released their Giant iPhone.



He may have his giant iPod Touch, but he doesn't look so jolly in grayscale...

"Finally!" said troll Craig McKraath. "With these giant hands and that tiny screen, how was I supposed to Twitter while finding that hot sushi joint? Impossible! I still can't use most of those apps or even get a cell-phone out of the deal, but now I can do what I've always wanted to do— read books! Just like I've always been able to do. Just electronically. Just for the hell of it."

For years, fawns, ogres and titans the world over have bemoaned the trend towards smaller and lighter.

"Blackberries are devilishly difficult," said behemoth John Taylor Haagwadeeth. "No, really. I was talking to Satan the other day about how he designed that tiny QWERTY keyboard to be just big enough to look attractive, but small enough to frustrate even the most text-crazy 8 year-olds."

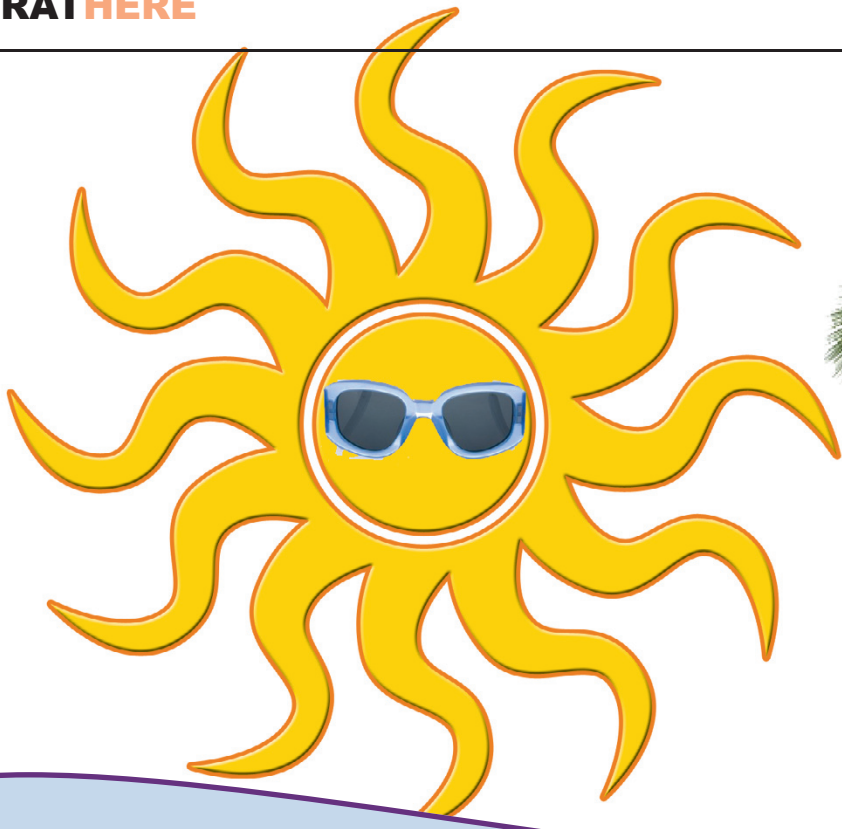
Some fans have seen this as the next step for Apple.

"OMG, like, I'm totally their biggest fan! No, really, I'm like 10' 9" and 950 pounds. But like, the Giant iPhone is so totally Apple! You know, they just make it simple and like work, you know? So like, I totally don't have to think about it. Yeah, just like, no thinking at all."

Although, not everyone is so enthusiastic; critics claim that Apple has done nothing except expand the iPhone and strip functionality.

"As someone who has unusually large testicles," said colossus Hung Fo Sho, "I was impressed by the balls of Steve Jobs for releasing something that doesn't multi-task, can't play flash videos, has no camera and requires typing on a screen. Those balls are the only things that allow Steve Jobs to be called a "god."

Perhaps, however, the biggest problem is not within the sleek black case of the iPad. "Wait a minute, what did you say for the Giant iPhone was called? Oh man, you had me going there for a second. I mean, I literally have my head in the clouds all day, but even I'm not oblivious. Hahaha, the iPad, that's a bloody stupid name."



A Slant Guide to...

Frat Fo

Cooler ideas that will rock your socks off

Vineyard Wines

Camo Cooler

Scooter Cooler



If you want to be really unoriginal, sunsets are always in. By the way, these are two different coolers.

Sunrise, Sunset Cooler

Some models are even come with remote-controls. This is a WIN.

Show your date that you're intellectual while also giving your cooler an added function. Checkboard print is ALWAYS in.



Check Mate Cooler



Sexy Cool



First Aid Kit Cooler

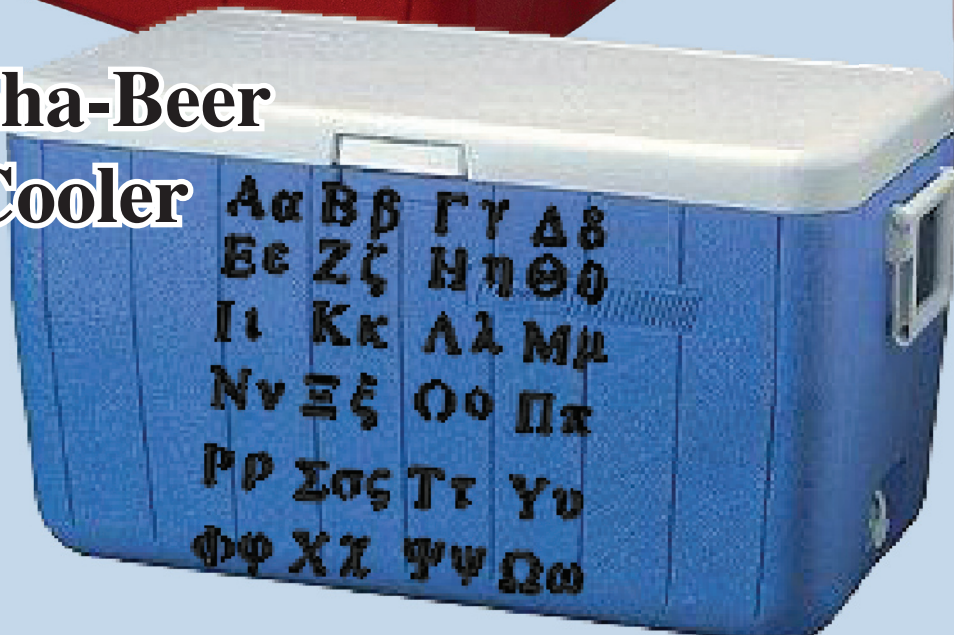
The most practical cooler you could ever make. Complete with band-aids, Neosporin, Advil, and condoms.



God Bless this Cooler

Sometimes it's hard to think of a good cooler design idea for Gattin-berg. Go for a classic, go for America.

Alpha-Beer Cooler



Ever have the problem that you're just so god-damn popular that you can't remember which Frat's formal you're going to this weekend? With a Greek alphabet cooler design, you don't have to.

Grey Rocks!



Grey like a rock. I rock, you rock. Your fraternity rocks. Simple and to the point.

Formals



No Problem



Kalashnikov vodka. This is real, although it is unfortunately not for sale in the United States.

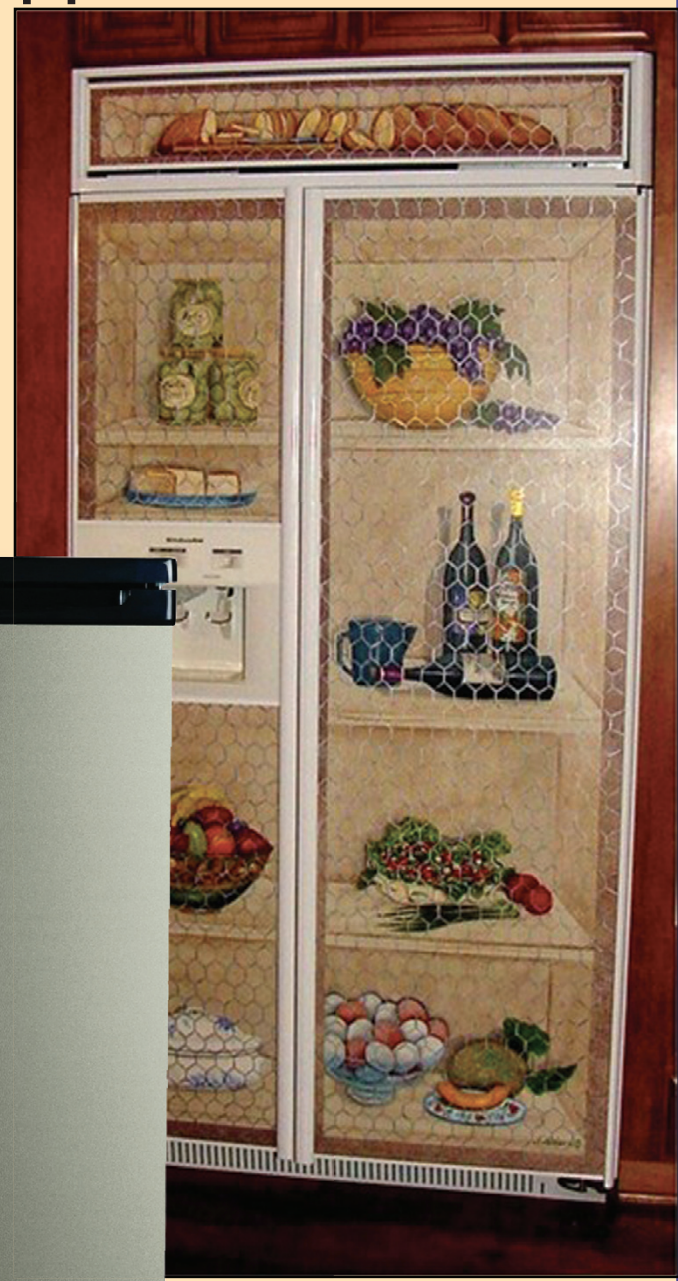


This way you'll know for certain that you won't be the only whale on the beach.

Because you don't have to be on a beach to get trashed.



If you're not very confident in your acrylic paint skills, go for camouflage and you will easily be able to hide your embarrassment of a cooler.



So you didn't get invited? No problem: paint your fridge. It's even better than going to formal, because it keeps your drinks colder much more effectively than a cooler, and that shit won't chip off sitting in your dorm room.

BYX Formal?



Tired of all the beer and booze designs on traditional frat coolers? Go for something more trans-substantial.

The Lazy Ideas

with a mud-flap girl design, your cooler will leave all the other ones in the dust.

Lazyish Cooler



Why spend all that time decorating a cooler to look like a case of beer when you can just get a case of beer?

If you just get enough booze, you won't have to worry about the damn cooler.



Paint it Black



If you don't like your date, this black cooler will make all his drinks warm at a faster rate than other colors! Muhahahaha!

Fuck it all.

Everyone Surprised by Duke's Win

By: Dan King
Over-Cat Specialist



Why did Mr. Peanut have the NCAA trophy? We don't know. But we love it.

This year's NCAA basketball tournament went out with a bang as Cinderella story Duke University captured its very first NCAA title this decade. Those following the tournament were already thrilled to see the formerly unknown school reach the Final Four for the first time in well over five years. On Monday, the Blue Devils finally reached their story-book ending

when they took down perennial goliath Butler University. According to Blue Devil fans, simply making it into this year's tournament was a victory in and of itself. Coach Mike Krzyzewski recalls, "The whole campus went nuts on selection Sunday. I mean, it had been almost 364 days since any Duke team had made it in to the big dance... they were just ecstatic."

When the tournament got underway, the Blue Devils had only one goal: to prove that they could hang with the best in the nation. The players were all a little star-struck as they took the court against Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the first round, but they were able to overcome the stage fright and somehow put together a 29-point win.

Center Brian Zoubek says that victory boosted his team's confidence greatly, "I mean, after we saw that we could play with Tavaris Washington and the rest of the Golden Lions, we started to feel like we really belonged here."

As the tournament wore on, many began to wonder just when the clock would strike midnight for these Cinderellas, but somehow the Blue Devils kept on winning. They squeaked past Baylor by only the slimmest of double-digit margins to make it into the elite eight. Looking back on the tournament run, Coach Krzyzewski recalls, "This is where I really started to feel like, you know, this is really happening. I mean I've only got 12 elite eight trips under my belt, and only 11 of those resulted in a final four bid... I had no idea how to approach this situation. This was uncharted territory for all of us."

But the basketball gods were smiling on Krzyzewski and his ragtag team of incredibly talented athletes. After making it to the Final Four, Duke prevailed over West Virginia in a nail-biting, nerve-wracking, heart-attack-inducing, no-overtime, 21-point victory that is sure to go down as one of the greatest tournament games of all time.

Heading into Monday's game, Duke players and fans alike were more nervous than ever. They knew that history was not on their

side, as the Butler Bulldogs had never before been defeated in NCAA final's history.

The Blue Devils managed to reverse this trend though, upsetting the Bulldogs 61-59 in a game reminiscent of another famous Bulldog loss. Georgetown mascot, Jack the Bulldog, could not help but be reminded of his team's 1985 loss to Villanova in the NCAA finals. Jack could only send his condolences to the Butler players saying, "I can imagine what those guys are going through, I'd say that this upset is about on par with our '85 loss, both in shock value and in overall devastation."

Butler coach Brad Stevens says if he could do it all again, he would have done much more to prepare for what his team thought would be an easy win. "I mean, when you're going up against some unknown team like Murray State or Duke, it's really easy to just look past them and be thinking about the next game. We really underestimated these guys, but what can I say, with these smaller schools, you never know what you're getting into."

This victory tastes especially sweet to all of the Duke players who passed up scholarship offers from other more established programs to play in Durham. Guard Jon Scheyer said, "Sure, back when I was in high school, I had been recruited by all those great teams I watched as a kid, like Butler and Lehigh and even East Tennessee State... but there was something about this Duke program that really attracted me. I don't know what it was about Coach K, but something told me that even though I had never heard of him, this man knew how to win an NCAA tournament. It may have been those four championship rings he wore during practices... whatever it was, I sure am glad I decided to come to Duke."

Last Week's IMPACT Explained

By: Jim Gillin
Politics Specialist

Last week, I was lucky to be among hundreds who saw Ralph Nader and John Stossel talk about capitalism. While the subject matter was only mildly interesting, and the event lengthy, everyone was rewarded with what they came to see—two old geezers doing epic battle on stage and, of course, a glimpse of the legendary, iconic John Stossel mustache.

The event was structured with some talking from each speaker and then several other friendly categories, such as swimwear and a talent portion. It got more competitive with a Super Smash Brothers Brawl best of three, a game of croquet, and Not Repeatedly Losing Presidential Races, all of which were swept effortlessly by Stossel.

However, Ralph Nader, in his own words, "pwned that noob [Stossel]" in the speeches and Q & A despite a slow start. Ralph, at age 76, gave a sluggish speech that criticized various forms of dickery in government and business, which was followed up by a tight, well-practiced speech by John that amounted to a bunch of cheap shots at Nader (hey, that's our job!). Stossel's digs at Nader got him quick early points with the audience, but his advantage quickly disappeared when the audience was allowed to ask questions. At this point, Nader perked up and said "What, people were actually listening to me?" and used the thirteen years of wisdom and four failed campaigns he has on Stossel to wow attendees.

In the typical politician's style, both speakers totally ignored each question and seized the opportunity to drive home his one good point: "Mr. Nader, what is your favorite color?"—and instead of yelling "GREEN!" and being done with it, he spent a while complaining about the trouble he was having getting Medicare to pay for his electric scooter. His difficulty concentrating in the face of such a brilliant mustache can be understood, though. Such a brilliant... thick... dreamy... fluffy... mustache... mmmmmmm..... Oh, I just wanna rub my face all over it... mustacheeeee...

Stossel's answers to questions mostly consisted of "let the consumer show their support to whoever provides the best product" which the audience took to heart when they erupted into applause for all of Nader's comments. John put up a good fight but just could not rally the audience to his side. He totally missed a response to one question and looked pretty ill when the moderator extended the time for questions. Good thing he's a capitalist and OK with owning lots of things, so he felt comfortable getting owned so hard by Nader at public speaking. Seriously, who saw that coming from someone older than John McCain?

The talk ended with a simple question: to give Obama a rating. Stossel responded quickly with "F" for fruitcake," while Nader apparently got confused and spent several minutes whining about the environment before giving his predictions for LOST and commenting on the weather.

A packed Langford Auditorium made the event a huge success. We all learned a little about capitalism thanks to our ironically free tickets and saw some old guys go cane-to-cane on a hot issue. Mitt Romney even spoke the next night to wipe up for conservatives after Stossel's brutal defeat, so all views ended up getting fairly represented. Mustache.



Screw debating skills, the victory goes to the funniest face.



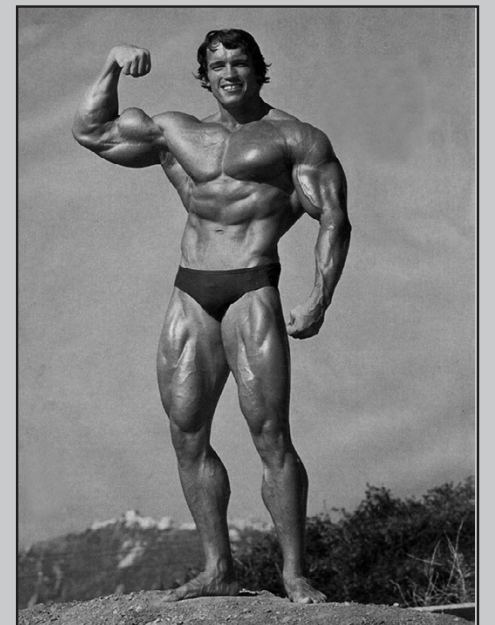
Photos by Justin Menestrina

During this year's IMPACT Symposium former Green Party candidate and badass Ralph Nader prepares to backhand his moustached assailant, John Stossel. All Stossel had to say in response to the assault was "Give me a break!"

Future IMPACT: Next Year's Speakers Announced

By: Andrew Ligon
Conflict Management Major

This most recent IMPACT Lecture Series had an excellent lineup. Every speaker contributed in his own unique way this year. John Stossel allowed all of Langford auditorium to bask in his mustache's aura, and Mitt Romney gave us an extra ten pounds of reading material. Ralph Nader even presented the audience with definitive proof that he was indeed still alive (and occasionally kicking Stossel's ass). In sum, next years IMPACT will undoubtedly fall painfully short of this year's event, and whoever is in charge next year is doomed for failure. But never fear! The Slant has been conducting tireless research for at least two hours to determine who could possibly live up to next year's hype. Here is our current short(-er than John Stossel) list:



Arnold would rely on his obvious charm and wit to win the debate.

Arnold Schwarzenegger vs. Jesse Ventura

Ladies and gentlemen, we here at The Slant present not only two great action hero's but also two great politicians. Only in America can you co-star in an action movie about an invisible alien hunting people for fun and then become leaders of millions of people's lives. I would expect any debate between these two be only SLIGHTLY less violent than their action movie, *Predator*, and if we play our cards right, it could involve even more weapons! Between all the gun fire, Austrian accents, and "WTF did politics do to his beautiful face," moments, I would rate this showdown a 7 out of 10 mustaches on the John Stossel scale.

Reverend Al Sharpton vs. Ann Coulter vs. Howard Dean

Did these speakers come to IMPACT in 2005? Yes, but I think the formatting for this event was all wrong. What should 2011's format be? Two words: cage fight. I'm taking bets now on who will be the least maimed. --Odds- 5:1 Al Sharpton (the man is past his prime), 2:1 Ann Coulter (she will fight dirty) and 3:1 Howard Dean (YEEEEEAAR-HGH!!!!). Normal Fight: 6 out of 10 mustaches. Someone goes to the ER: 9 out of 10 mustaches.

George W. Bush vs. Bill Clinton

This would be entertaining regardless, but I think one little addition to this debate would really step up the game. It's the word every college student lives for: pre-game. Of course I don't mean the audience pre-gaming, I mean the former presidents. I want at least eight shots in each of their bodies by the time they take the podium, and then I want them to be required to finish off a six-pack of Natty before they can get off the stage. There is no way this debate fails. I can already hear the sexist statements, curse words flying, and the inappropriate passes at each other's wives. Ladies, for your own safety, please don't sit in the first three rows or wear anything revealing.

--8 out of 10 Mustaches, assuming of course someone passes out on stage.

So there you have it, a little preview of the possible IMPACT debates next year and their hopeful outcomes. It will never be able to measure up to Ralph Nader extending the debate just to cock-slap John Stossel, but we can always strive for that ideal. And strive we shall!

Flower-Print Dresses Get All the Stamens Erect

By: Justin Barisich
Goddess-Plant Expert

My fellow students, spring is upon us. Though not in the dog-humping-your-leg kind of upon us (well, not yet at least), the excessive amount of sniffles and throat-clearings ironically act as the cacophonous symphony for the natural introduction to the season of seduction.

As college students, we have the great opportunity to be surrounded by attractive co-eds, all of whom are living within the prime years of their lives. With the temperatures rising along with the frequency of beautiful, sunny afternoons, we have to do nothing more than simply open our eyes to the cornucopia of human allure that walks in front of us on the way to class or plays Frisbee scantily-clad on Alumni Lawn.

On a purely physical level, I'm not looking forward to having to leave a college campus for the summer just to be rudely confronted by people who are old, ugly, or obese. The real world can be so harsh sometimes. Perhaps I should just walk around without wearing my glasses for the whole summer and thereby blur reality so that I don't develop any withdrawal symptoms. Ignorance is bliss, and bliss is blur!

Yes, Vandy men, I understand your plight of wanting to take in the sights without looking like a creeper. And although the Rolling Stone's "Paint it Black" may not best describe what desires arise from such visions, I too see the girls walk by in their summer clothes and must also turn my head until my darkness goes. However, when I did this last week, what I didn't expect to see was the excessive amount of floral patterns being worn...by a dude!

This wardrobe choice made by girls who are wearing cute, summer dresses with floral designs is more than acceptable, and a summer breeze does, indeed, make me feel fine. But fellas, the most floral you can get away with before your manhood must be checked is the Hawaiian hibiscus flower swimsuit, and that's only because of its phallic symbolism prominently displayed by the plant's natural structure. But if you own more than one of those, you're pushing it.



This in no way looks like a penis.

However, this kid was rockin' a pair of flower pants that looked like he stole them from the 60's section of his dad's closet that his poppa likes to refer to as his "glory days" department. Moreover, homeboy was wearing a t-shirt overrun with a field of blooming pansies. Now I'll give a lot of leeway for creative t-shirt designs in the name of "art," but a field of pansies is just asking for incertitude about which way you swing.

The only acceptable flower shirt that men should be allowed to wear in public must contain on it the manliest flower ever: the Venus Fly Trap. Why is it the manliest and most badass flower, you ask? Well, because it's freakin' car-

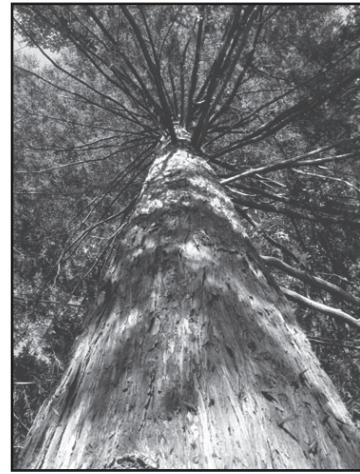
nivorous! The Venus Fly Trap lures in its prey with a sweet scent, and when bugs are within striking distance, it clomps down on them and digests them for nutrients.



The plant kingdom's BAME.

You may be wondering just how effective this method truly is. "Wouldn't the plant have to wait a while for its prey to come to him? And why would any man want the annoyance of another busy-body buzzing around his head anyway?" Well, unlike some of you girly-flower outfit-wearing "men" out there, let's just say that this flower never goes hankering for something sweet to sink its teeth into, as it has mastered the art of attraction.

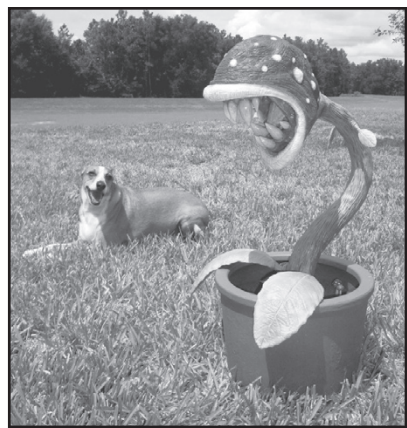
Also to help further your cause, men, you might want to consider wearing a shirt expressing a more substantial image such as that of the Redwood Tree. Known for its permanence and unwavering stance, the Redwood weighs in at a max height of 380 ft and a max diameter of 26ft, and nothing else in the plant kingdom says "Yep, it's that big, and I can last for up to 2,000 years too," quite like a Redwood. Once the apple of your eye makes the connection, she'll be more than excited to get close to your bark while climbing your limbs.



The ladies love a nice, girthy brown trunk.

So, maybe it's about time you learned something from nature and took a page out of the Venus Fly Trap's and the Redwood Tree's books: get your desired one to come to you. Only the smart survive the game of

love, gentlemen, and dressing up like a pansy is just plain stupid.



Girls, if you want attention, I suggest a piranha plant floral pattern.



(615): I don't know who that guy is in that bed. I don't trust him, but I trust you.
(717): Dude, that's your roommate.

(502): My words sound perfect when I think them in my head. It's the coming out that's the hard part.

(602): You put enough estrogen in those babies, and they will lactate.

(843): I woke up surrounded by 30 solo cups and 48 cans of Natty Ice.

(865): Laundry is easy. Two washers. Two dryers. Every two months.

(225): Happy Jesus-respawning day...which we now celebrate with egg-laying rabbits?

(504): I guess zombie-saviors are better than savior-zombies.

What is your favorite warm weather activity?

Really Allergic Dude



That feeling of being indoors.

Computer Science Major



C++. It's that time of year again!

Tree



It really isn't easy being green.

Mike Krzyzewski



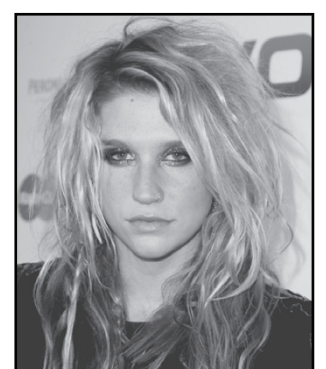
As much as I love Duke, which I do, I picked Kentucky to win.

Overwhelmed Student



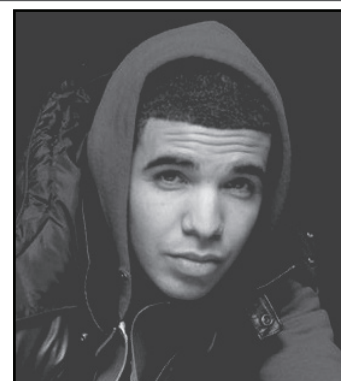
I'm not sure whether to go to class or to lie down outside on a beach towel.

Ke\$ha



I enjoy nice, wholesome afternoons of lawn darts and PB&J sandwiches.

Drake



I think I have to be somewhere near the end of this month... I can't remember. Must not be important...

Horny Student



Sex outside!

This Week at Vandy

A glimpse at the more interesting current events on campus.

Wednesday(today) 12-1 p.m.
Thinking Out of the (Lunch) Box - "Civilizing" Haiti: Representation, and its Discontents

Eat a free lunch (first 300 people) while hearing about the poorest country in this hemisphere. Irony and a lunch, 12-1 in the Nashville Public Library, Conference Room #1

Thursday (4/8), 7:30-9 a.m.
CTP Leadership Development Breakfast featuring Gordon Peerman

I don't know why all these events have free food, but at the same time, I don't see this as being a problem. Peerman's talk is entitled "Hiring the Bandits as Bodyguards: Intra and Interpersonal Martial Arts for Leadership." Register online for a bad ass breakfast.

Thursday (4/8) 4:10-5:50
How to Tell a Bunch of Employees They're Fired and Other Diplomatic Writing Challenges

If George Clooney's role as himself in *Up in the Air* didn't educate you enough about "career reassessment," then now is your time to brush up on your bullshit. Admirals' Club access not included.

Saturday (4/10) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
abor del Mundo

We here at *The Slant* are always promoting free food. Literally, this means "flavor of the world" in Spanish, but something tells me that the whole world will be terribly under-represented.

Week of April 12
Vanderbilt Student Employee Appreciation Week

Where would we be without our loyal reeves who sit there and do their homework? Give them a hug next time. I swear, she won't think you're creepy!

Monday (4/12) 8:00-9:30
Blair Percussion VORTEX Concert

The Blair School of Music is putting on its annual show consisting entirely of NERF Vortex howlers whistling overhead. Pretend you can throw a football really far and enjoy the noise!

Tuesday (04/13) 12-1 p.m.
Geriatrics and Gerontology Interest Group Lunchtime Lecture Series: Mia Alexandra Lee Rosenfeld, Ph.D.

It has the word "lunchtime" in its title - a dead giveaway that food will be distributed.

Sunday (04/18) 2 p.m.
March for Babies Walk
B.Y.O.B. with I.D.

Thursday (04/22) 7:30-9:00 a.m.
The Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions - "Women in Leadership" Breakfast

Breakfast? I know it's probably early, but it's probably better than Rand. Bonus snacks if you are female.

TOP TEN
Places to Hide an Easter Egg

- 10 In a basket full of other Easter eggs.
- 9 Next to the bacon in a frying pan.
- 8 Within a carton in the Kroger dairy section.
- 7 Inside Cadbury tin foil.
- 6 Within reach.
- 5 Inside Rocky's glass.
- 4 Around a vegan's house.
- 3 In a Grin's cookie.
- 2 In China, because it's a really big country.
- 1 Back inside the chicken.

The Slant

would like to thank the

*Class of
2014*

for making our diplomas

worth that much more.

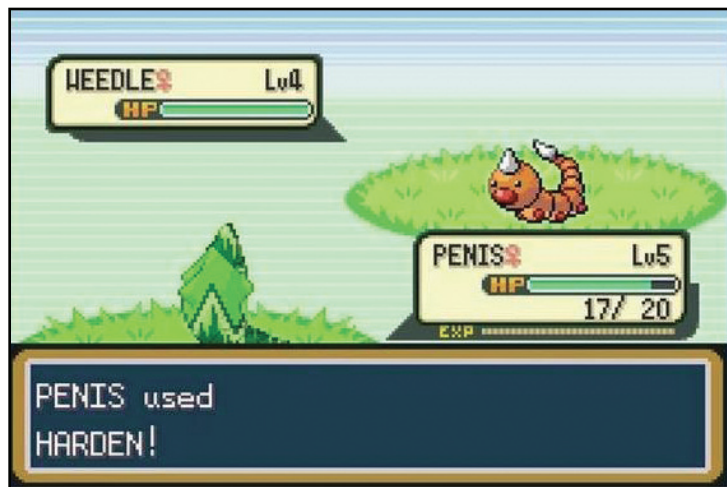


This isn't actually relating to Graduation, these are flying hats.

\$1.00 LARGE PIZZA!!!
Two toppings, any crust.

This coupon can be honored at any participating restaurant that claims to have a lower price than its competitors.

Walk-in only. Taxes extra. No cash value. One coupon per order. Not valid with any other coupon or offer. No phone orders. Must present coupon when ordering. Coupon expires December 24, 2012. Coupon Code: 55718



Nerdy at Vandy Don't tell about the future!
#6 : Tips from a senior 3 Guy Kopsombut
www.thespiffyflife.com



Get to know your professors. Their experience is very valuable.



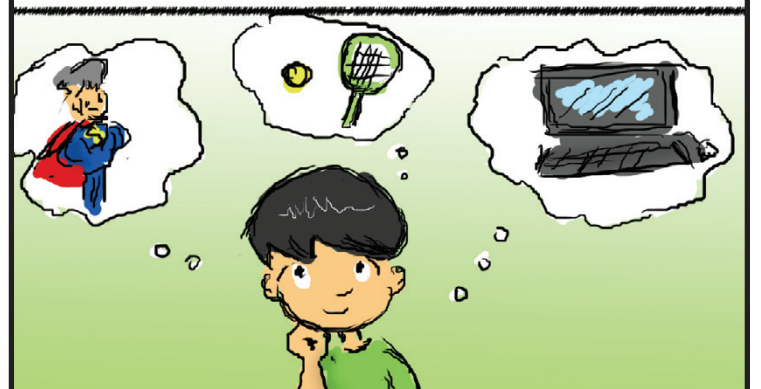
Never be afraid to market your talents. Opportunities are everywhere.



Make friends, create memories, and TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES.



Stop and smell the flowers. IT DOES GO BY FAST.



Take an hour and figure what makes you happy and plan how to get there.

Assignment Difficulty Scale

Easy



HOD Paper

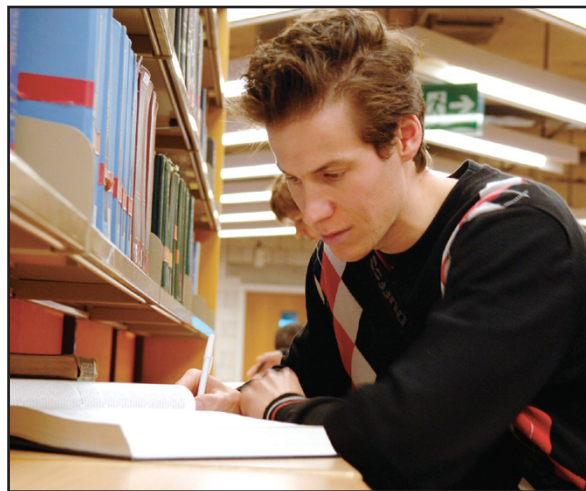
Drawing Assignment

Quiz



The best way to prove to your HOD classmates that you don't fuck around.

MIDTERM



You are about to reach the apathy point of no return. You can retake a class, but you can't relive a party... or remember it.

Final

Thesis Statement

THESIS



What is life's equivalent to the break-in-case-of-emergency condom keychain?

REAL JOB

Hard

