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2007 Vagina Monologues: Women in Conflict Zones and Reclaiming Peace

by Vicky Basra, Director, Project Safe

Each year V-Day creates a Spotlight around a particular group of women who are experiencing violence and resisting it with courage and vision. The goal of the spotlight is to put a worldwide media spotlight on the issue, and to raise funds and awareness to aid groups who are working on it. This year's spotlight is on Women in Conflict Zones and Reclaiming Peace.

Through the spotlight, V-Day is hoping to ensure that wartime sexual violence remains in the media and public eye. War exponentially increases the crimes of violence against women and girls and, in equal measure, the strength and resilience of women rebuilding their communities and leading governments to peaceful solutions must be celebrated. As patterns of wartime rape and sexual violence continue today in places such as Sudan, Congo, and Iraq, it is of paramount importance to expose

and condemn these crimes through international media coverage and public outcry and efforts in our communities themselves.

Each year V-Day allows organizers to donate the proceeds from their productions to a local organization working towards ending violence against women. It is with great pleasure that the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and Project Safe announce Amnesty International as this year's beneficiary of the 2007 V-Day College Campaign Production of *The Vagina Monologues*.

In 2004, Amnesty International launched its global Stop Violence Against Women (SVAW) Campaign to help break the silence around the human rights scandal of violence against women and to create a world where women and girls are afforded their basic human rights.

Across the globe, including our local Amnesty group in Nashville, TN, Amnesty

International members have joined forces in working towards making women's human rights a reality. With this campaign, Amnesty International is showing that the right of women to be free from violence is integral to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Amnesty International works to prevent violence against women by bringing about awareness of the pervasiveness of violence in communities through education and connecting women to educational, health, and counseling resources so that the cycle of violence doesn't begin (or quickly ends), among other methods. *continued on page 3*

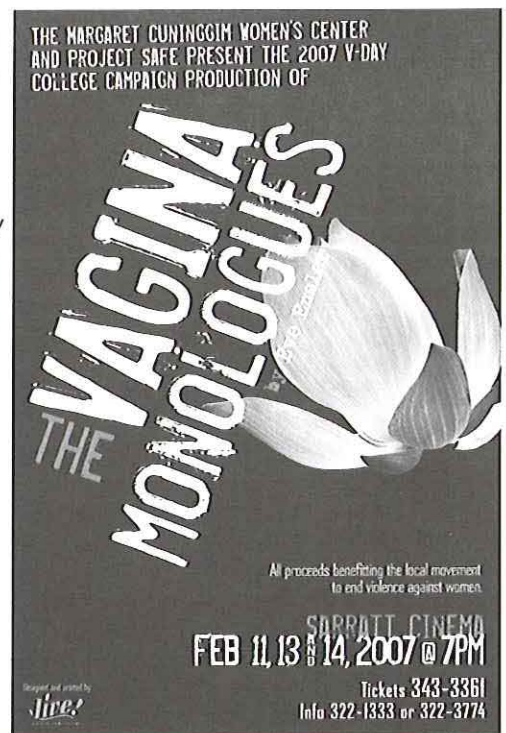
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MCWC Staff: Seen and Heard

In January several members of the staff were invited to share views of the changing landscape of women's issues.

At the January WoMcNet conference, held at Tennessee Technological University January 19-20, **Stacy Nunnally**, director of Gender Matters programming, presented a paper entitled "The Right to Fight: Should Women Be Allowed In Combat Positions In the U.S. Military?" She also led a panel discussion on the status of girls in Tennessee.

At the same conference **Vicky Basra**, director of Project Safe, and **Kacy Silverstein**, associate director of Project Safe, led a panel discussion called, "Choosing A Course: Prevention Of Violence Against Women Versus Risk Reduction." **Kacy** also presented a conference paper entitled, "Reimagining Radical Feminism: A Nod To The Past And Hope For The Future."

Misa Culley, editor of *Women's VU*, was asked to write a guest editorial for *The Tennessean* on January 9 on whether Speaker Nancy Pelosi's new position would open opportunities for women in public office.

At the **3rd Annual Women's Economic Summit**, held October 23, 2006, at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, Tennessee, several staff members were lucky to meet Helen Thomas, Former White House Bureau Chief, and keynote speaker at the Summit. From left: Stacy Nunnally, Vicky Basra, Helen Thomas, Kacy Silverstein, and Linda Manning.



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Deadline for newsletter: Submissions are due on the 1st of the month preceding publication.

Women's Center Seeks Superstars! Submit Award Nominations Now!

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is currently seeking nominations for several awards given annually to recognize achievements by and in support of women at Vanderbilt University.

The Muliebrity Prize honors an undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership in activities that contribute to the achievements, interests and goals of women and girls, or that promote equity. Self-nominations are encouraged, as well as nominations by faculty, staff, advisors, friends and peers. The award will be announced at the annual Magnolia Awards Dinner (4/4/07), where the honoree will be presented with a cash award of \$100 and a certificate.

Deadline: If you know someone who is deserving of this recognition, please submit your nomination by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007**.

The Mentoring Award honors a member of the Vanderbilt University community who fosters the professional and intellectual development of Vanderbilt women. The award will be announced in April, when the honoree will be presented with a special gift and certificate.

Deadline: If you know someone who is deserving of this recognition, please submit your nomination by **FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2007**. Curriculum vitae of the nominee are also welcomed as well as up to three additional letters of support for the nominee.

The Mary Jane Werthan Award is given annually to honor an individual who has contributed to the advancement of women at Vanderbilt on a systemic level. It is named in honor of Mary Jane Werthan, the first woman member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust.

Deadline: Nominations should be sent in the form of a letter to Linda Manning, Director, and any supporting materials should be included by **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**. The award will be presented during the annual Margaret Cuninggim Lecture in the spring.

Past honorees have included Rebecca Spires, Assistant Director of the Wellness Program (2006), Barbara Clinton, Director, Center for Health Services (2005), Dr. Alison Piepmeier, Women's Studies (2004), Dr. Ronnie Steinberg, Women's Studies (2003), Gay Welch, University Chaplain (2001), Gary F. Jensen, Professor of Sociology (1997).

Nominations will be accepted via email, mail or in person. Send nominations *via email* to stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu. Send nominations *via mail* to: Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Vanderbilt University, Box 351513, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235. Also, check our website at www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter for more information or to download the nomination form.



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Locally, they have developed a pilot program that offers victims of domestic violence the opportunity to become advocates on behalf of women in other countries, who have endured the tragedy of gender-based violence. Throughout the SVAW campaign, Amnesty International is calling on governments and armed groups to end impunity for violence against women during times of conflict and post-conflict.

For some countries, Amnesty International is demanding that governments abolish discriminatory laws and practices that perpetrate violence against women in the family and in the community. In others, they are calling for the adoption of new laws and policies to provide women protection from violence. They support women's human rights defenders, and are urging governments to ratify the Treaty for the Rights of Women (CEDAW) and its protocol without reservations. They believe this focus is another opportunity for local victims of domestic violence to become aware of the international importance of women's rights and the fact that all women everywhere are represented in a treaty specifically addressing the issues they face because of their gender. Amnesty International believes that just the knowledge that something like this exists is powerful and placing pressure on Congress to make its ratification a priority would be a great way to both further the campaign as well as empower these women to proactively work on issues that have affected them personally.

In the U.S., Amnesty International has worked in support of anti-violence legislation and other national initiatives to stop violence against women and have actively engaged in supporting specific legislation in Tennessee. They have worked to increase public awareness of violence against women as a global human rights issue and to contribute to efforts to challenge attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate violence against women.

During 2006, activists have focused campaigning efforts around violence against women in Darfur, Sudan, the murders of women in Ciudad Juarez in Mexico and in Guatemala, human trafficking, domestic violence in Russia, among other targets. This year, a lot of emphasis will be put on sexual assaults against Native American women.

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center and Project Safe invite you to the 2007 V-Day College Campaign production of *The Vagina Monologues* on February 11, 13 & 14 at Sarratt Cinema to show your support for Amnesty International and ending violence against women. All proceeds will benefit Amnesty International. Tickets are available at Sarratt Cinema Box Office. For more information, contact vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu or call 322-1333.



In Search of Home: Growing Up with Domestic Violence

A Training for Students, Faculty, and Professionals

Project Safe is excited to bring nationally renowned trainer and author Lydia Walker to the Vanderbilt campus. Ms. Walker will discuss the impact of growing up in a violent home and strategies for preventing child physical and sexual abuse.

Lydia Walker has worked in the Battered Women's Movement since 1981 and is a nationally renowned speaker, trainer, and author. Former Steering Committee member of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (1983-1987), she served on the Executive Committee for two years and was co-chair of both the Child Advocate and Rural Task Forces. She is author of *Reaching Rural Battered Women* and contributing author to *Then We Went to A Safe Place* and *Naming the Violence*. Some of her articles, such as "Signs of Battering Personality," are extensively used across the United States. She is well known for her humor and down-to-earth training style. An outstanding speaker, she is hired again and again by groups who have heard her presentations.

**Wednesday, March 14th
10:00am-4:00pm
Lunch will be provided**

The cost of the training is \$50.00 (If fee prevents you from attending, please contact Project Safe for possible scholarship opportunities; CEUs are available. Ms. Walker's training has limited space availability, so please send your registration and payment ASAP to:

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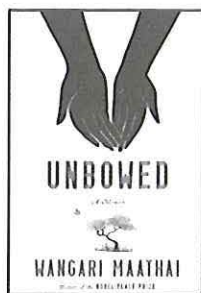
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SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION NOW!

Unbowed: One Woman's Journey



In April 1940 a baby girl, a member of the Kikuyu ethnic group, was born in a mud-walled house in rural Kenya. This child, who became known as Wangari Muta Maathai, was destined to become a prominent figure and to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Her fascinating autobiography, *Unbowed: a Memoir* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2006), gives us an insight into the thoughts and accomplishments of a brave and enterprising

African woman.

Maathai was born in the village of Ihithe near Nyeri, to the second of her father's four wives and she was the third of her mother's six children. Her childhood was a happy one. She loved being outdoors and was glad to help her mother plant seeds and tend crops. Families always had enough to eat. The land in the area was lush and fertile, with abundant rain, clean water and many shrubs and trees.

Her older brothers were attending school and one day one of them asked their mother why Wangari did not go with them. Their mother agreed that eight-year-old Wangari should attend school, a decision that changed her daughter's life. It was unusual then for rural girls to be educated. The child excelled at school and later attended Catholic boarding schools where the students were taught in the English language, which had to be spoken at all times. A high school teacher encouraged Maathai's growing interest in the sciences.

Following graduation in 1959 she received a scholarship to study at a Catholic women's college in Kansas. In 1966, after obtaining a master's degree in science at the University of Pittsburgh, Maathai returned to Kenya, which had gained independence a couple of years earlier. As she looked for a suitable position she was disappointed to encounter both sexism and tribalism. She found work at a college of veterinary medicine and commenced work on her doctorate.

In 1969 Wangari married Mwangi Mathai, a businessman who later entered politics. The couple had three children and after they divorced Wangari changed the spelling of her last name. In 1971 she became the first woman in East and Central Africa to receive a doctorate and she eventually became an associate professor of anatomy at Nairobi's School of Veterinary Medicine. She and another woman became aware of the discrimination against female employees and worked for equal rights and benefits for women.

Educated Kenyans like Wangari were replacing Europeans in many organizations and she joined an environmental organization and several other groups. It was becoming increasingly obvious that environmental degradation was a problem in much of Kenya. The countryside near Ihithe looked nothing like it did when Maathai was a child. Most trees had been cut down to make way for exotic timber or tea and coffee plantations, resulting in landslides, the loss of topsoil and the drying up or fouling of streams. Families were no longer

growing the traditional crops and malnutrition had become a problem. Wangari felt that she could do something to remedy this situation and founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977. Initially this involved the planting of seedlings and young trees by women, who were paid a few pennies for their efforts.

The writer details Kenya's rampant political and judicial corruption and the early struggles of the Green Belt Movement. This developed from a tree-planting movement into one in which ideas were planted. Communities participating in the program were encouraged to take responsibility for their own lives and not to rely on the corrupt government to help them. Maathai did not endear herself to many of those in power, who did not like to see a creative, independent and educated African woman. Over the years her activism caused her to be detained in jails and she was beaten and threatened and held under house arrest. There were many setbacks and disappointments.

By 1983 Maathai and the growing Green Belt Movement were being honored with local and international awards. Soon the organization was registering voters and lobbying for constitutional reforms. "In this way, the Green Belt Movement was not only an environmental, women's, and human rights movement, but also part of the broader movement for democracy."

In 1989 Wangari and members of the movement worked to prevent a huge high-rise building from being constructed in one of Nairobi's major parks. The political situation in Kenya continued to be unstable and in some rural areas the different ethnic groups were fighting over land. The writer realized that this was not random tribal violence but the result of political maneuvering. She visited the areas where clashes were occurring, sometimes with members of the foreign press who documented what was happening. Maathai details another successful campaign she and others waged against plans to give public land in the Karura Forest to wealthy political allies of the government; the land was to be used for private homes and offices. As co-chair of the Jubilee 2000 Africa campaign she tried to persuade Western nations to forgive the crippling debts owed to them by Kenya and other Third World nations.

In 2002 Maathai spent a semester coteaching a course on sustainable development at Yale University and upon her return to her homeland finally won a seat in Parliament in the new democratic Kenya. Two years later she was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. As a result of her efforts over 30 million trees have been planted in Kenya and she continues to work for the environment and human rights. The Green Belt Movement has a website at: www.greenbeltmovement.org

In the Library



Barbara Clarke
Women's Center
Librarian



denotes Project Safe programming



February 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Don't Miss These Upcoming Events!

LAW OF ATTRACTION: WHY FENG SHUI WORKS

(Sponsored by Vandy Moms)

This informal workshop will focus on basic feng shui principles and why/how they work. This session will cover general tips to help areas flow with vital energy ("chi"), resulting in better health, better relationships and often more prosperity. Nashville Feng Shui practitioner, Holly Tashian, will lead this session. For more information about her or feng shui, visit her website at www.tashian.com/fengshui. This session is sponsored by the Vandy Moms group and is open to all faculty, staff and students. RSVPs encouraged but not required. Lunch will NOT be provided, but feel free to bring your lunch with you to the session.

Date: February 22, 2007; 11:30am-1:00pm

Location: Sarratt 116

For more information or to RSVP for the session, please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu or misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu

IMAGE Week February 19-23, 2007
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February 2007 Calendar of Events

EVENTS, SERIES AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS (Events listed chronologically)



V-DAY: UNTIL THE VIOLENCE STOPS

Documentary film highlighting the rise of V-DAY and The Vagina Monologues around the world.

Date: February 6th; 6 p.m.

Location: Furman Hall 114, Vanderbilt University

For more information or directions to the event, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu.

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Date: February 6, 2007

Location: TBD

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IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND WHAT MINISTERS NEED TO KNOW

Sponsored by the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, this will be an afternoon of exploring such questions as: What worldview deems violence against women acceptable?; How does religion contribute to that worldview?; How might religion challenge that worldview?; How do we care for victims of violence?; How do we preach about this issue? Speakers include Brad Braxton, Amy-Jil Lavine, Linda Manning, Barbara McClure and John McClure

Date: Friday, February 9th

Time/Location: Presentations and discussion, 1-5pm, Diviity G-23; Reception, 5-6pm, Tillett Lounge



THE 2007 COLLEGE CAMPAIGN PRODUCTION OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

Eve Ensler's Award-winning play presented by Project Safe. All proceeds benefit a local organization working to stop violence against women.

Date: February 11th, 13th and 14th; 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sarratt Cinema, Vanderbilt University

Tickets: Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at the Sarratt Cinema box office (Vandy card, cash or check accepted) or by will call at 322-1333. For more information, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu.

WOMEN IN ACADEME SERIES: WOMEN GRADUATE STUDENTS AND THEIR MALE ADVISORS

Date: February 16th; 12:10pm-1:30 pm

Location: Sarratt 112; Vanderbilt University

RSVPs to attend are welcome, but not required. For more information, please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu.

COOKIES ON CAMPUS

Teen Girl Scouts will be on campus selling cookies on "the Wall" at Rand during lunchtime. The troop is here to learn more about the Vanderbilt campus and will be visiting with the KD sorority for a campus tour. They will also visit the Women's Center. The troop is selling cookies as a way to increase their knowledge of financial management and entrepreneurship. They use the money to pay for events, programs

and trips for their troop. Be sure to have cash or check on you for the cookies! (Note: Girl Scout cookies are no longer made with trans fat.)

Date: February 19, 2007; 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: "The Wall" at Rand

For more information, please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu.

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Location: Sarratt 116

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REGULAR GROUPS AND MEETINGS

(Groups listed alphabetically)

BOOK GROUP

February 12th; 5:15- 6:15pm (Meets the 2nd Monday of each month)

What/Who: The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. In February, the group will be discussing "The Bone People" by Keri Hulme, led by Susanne Hicks. For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at jdbuse@bellsouth.net or Carmen Gherman at cggherman@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE LIFE PLANNING GROUP

February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; 11:30am-1:00pm (Meets every Tuesday)

What/Who: A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; Vanderbilt University. For more information, call 322-4843.

DISSERTATION WRITERS GROUP

February 12th and 26th; 3:30-4:30pm (Meets every other Monday)

Who/What: This support group meets to provide women Ph.D. candidates with objective reactions and fresh perspectives, as well as a place to unwind during the dissertation writing process. It is for women in any stage of the dissertation-writing process.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact rory.dicker@vanderbilt.edu.

IMAGE GROUP

February 8th, 22nd; 5pm (Meets every other Thursday)

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Who: Free and open to any students interested in these issues.

What: IMAGE is an organization dedicated to supporting positive body and self-image issues in the Vanderbilt community. It provides a forum for interested community members to advocate the adoption of healthy body-image concepts and the reduction of eating disorders.

Where: Sarratt 110

For more information, contact reagan.m.bush@vanderbilt.edu.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd; 5:45–6:45pm (Meets every Thursday)

Who: Free and open to anyone with an interest in these issues.

What: A discussion group to learn about making closer connections with others, your body, and most importantly, yourself. Topics may include body image, intimate relationships, self confidence, managing anxiety and stress and many others. The group is facilitated by Dr. Fishel-Ingram and is completely confidential.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center

For more information, contact pamel.ingram@vanderbilt.edu or (615) 343-3561.

MEN PROMOTING A SOLUTION

February 12th and 26th; 8:00pm (Meets every other Monday.)

Who/What: A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change.

Where: Sarratt 114; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact Tim Lonergan (t.c.lonergan@vanderbilt.edu).

PEER EDUCATORS OF PROJECT SAFE

February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; 7:00pm (Meets every Wednesday)

Who/What: Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women. The Peer Educators facilitator training will be held on Sunday, January 21st. Please contact reagan.m.bush@vanderbilt.edu for details about time and location.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact reagan.m.bush@vanderbilt.edu.

SISTAHS READING SISTAHS

This group is looking for one or more individuals to lead/coordinate the group. No meeting is currently scheduled for February. The group typically met on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

What: A book group for everyone interested in reading African-American women authors. The group is currently recruiting members for the group and needs one or two women to coordinate the group. This group is free and open to everyone!

For more information, contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu.

SUPPORT GROUP

What/Who: A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential time and location; all information shared is kept confidential. For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or 322-3774.

VANDERBILT FEMINISTS (VANDY FEMS)

February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; 5–6:00pm (Meets every Wednesday)

Who/What: Open to all students of any gender. A student group concerned about women's issues on campus, and promoting equality between genders.

Where: The Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; Vanderbilt University

For more information, contact sarah.c.dean@vanderbilt.edu or taylor.l.davis@vanderbilt.edu.

VANDY MOMS

February 8th and 22nd; 11:30am–12:30pm (Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month)

What/Who: Open to all mothers of any age, partnered or single. This is a fun support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities. It also provides programming to inform, empower and enrich. The February 22nd meeting will feature a session on *Feng Shui* with Holly Tashian and will be open to the Vanderbilt community. For more information on this session, please see page 5.

Where: February 8th meeting will be at the Gallery at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center; February 22nd meeting will be in Sarratt 116. RSVPs are appreciated, but not necessary. For more information, contact misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu or call 343-4367.

IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS:



Violence Against Women and What Ministers Need to Know

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Speakers:

• David Johnson, Associate Professor of Humanities and New Testament • John W. Collins, B. Rhodes and Linda B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies • Scott Swain, Director of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center • Deborah Johnson, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology • Dr. Elizabeth Charles G. Finley, Professor of Homiletics, Chair of the Graduate Department of Religion, Fellow in the Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

Friday, February 9, 2007

1-3 p.m. Presentations and Discussion, O'Connell 0-23

3-4 p.m. Reception, Tillam Lounge

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN) meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Nashville Peace and Justice Center behind Scarritt Bennett at 7pm. This meeting is open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For more information, contact CynthiaNashNOW@aol.com or 269-7141.

The next **Nashville CABLE** meeting will be February 14 (2nd Wednesday of each month) from 11:30am-1:00pm at City Hall, 405 12th Ave. South. Program is "Ordinary Heroes." For more information, contact nashvillecable.org

As **Nashville CABLE** continues to support women in their attainment of professional excellence we are pleased to provide the CABLE scholarship to active CABLE members. The scholarship is designed to make continued membership available to CABLE members with limited financial resources. The number and amount of scholarships available shall be determined by the CABLE board on an annual basis.

Any scholarship awarded will be valid for one year from the award date. A scholarship award is a one-year commitment only. A scholarship recipient may not reapply for a future scholarship. CABLE board and advisory members are ineligible to apply or receive a scholarship while serving on the board.

Decisions regarding the award of scholarship shall be made at the sole discretion of a scholarship committee. The committee shall be appointed by the CABLE president and shall consist of not less than three and not more than seven members. The scholarship committee will determine the award of the scholarships based on (1) financial need and (2) recipient's participation in CABLE. The scholarship

committee will meet and award scholarships quarterly. Applications must be received by the following dates for consideration: February 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, 2007.

All scholarship applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, gender, religion, national origin, physical disability, or age. To apply, please mail your completed scholarship application, together with a cover letter, to Scholarship Committee, c/o CABLE, P.O. Box 23148, Nashville, TN 37203.

LIFE, CHOICE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Women Law Students Association hosts a panel discussion entitled Life, Choice and Women's Rights in the 21st Century: A Multidisciplinary Panel Discussion on Feb. 1 at 5:30pm For more information, please contact marissa.d.lydick-kaslow@vanderbilt.edu

VOLUNTEER FOR BETTER DECISIONS

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