

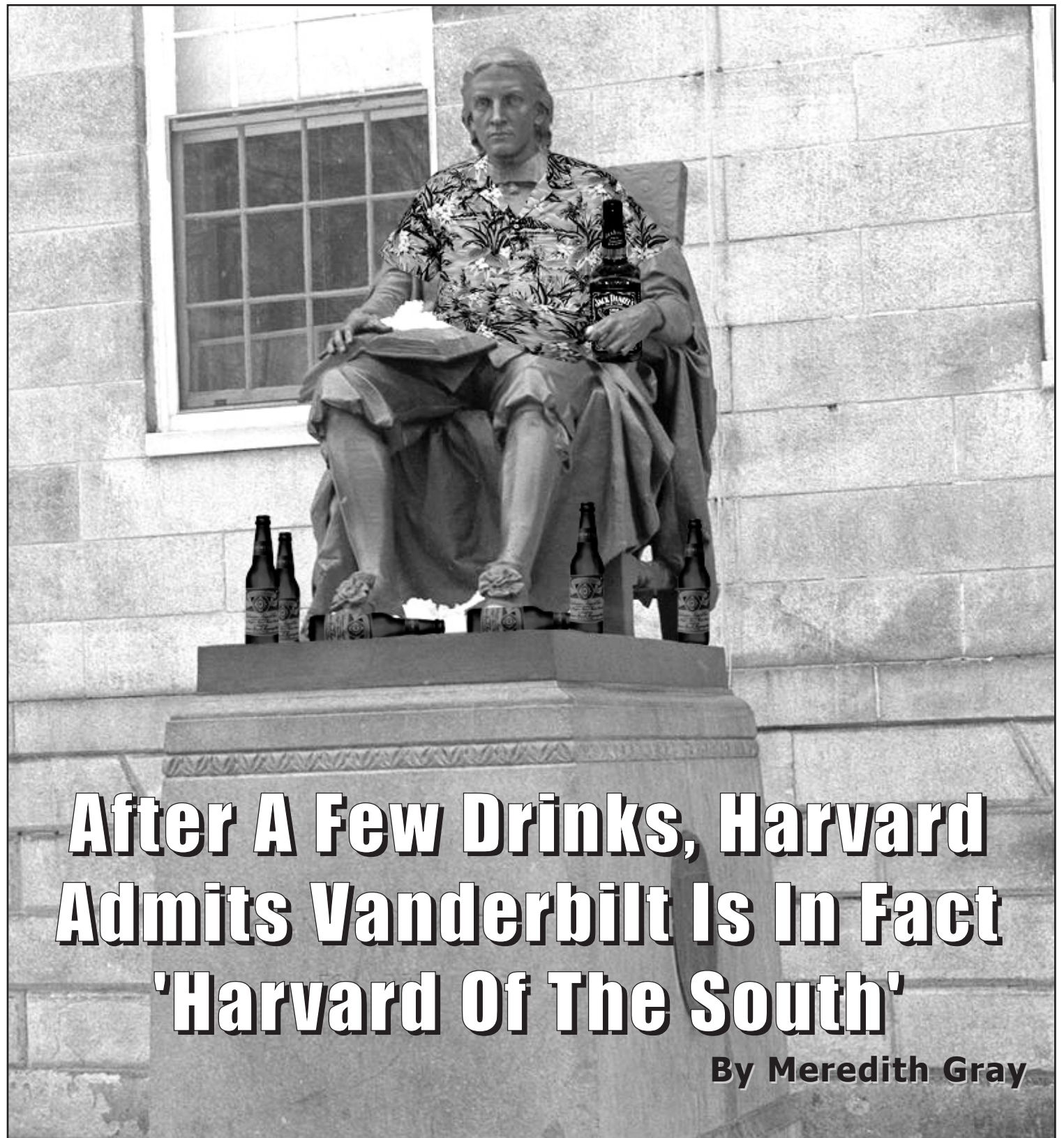
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By Meredith Gray

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Archaeologists working near Mount Ararat have stumbled across a scroll they believe to be the missing first page of the Bible. Printed underneath the publishing information (Bible, The - God, et al) was the unexpected disclaimer: "All persons represented in this work are purely fictional. Any resemblance to real persons, either living or dead is purely coincidental". Religious denominations have not been available for comment, though a source in the Vatican conceded that this discovery may have some grave implications for organized religion.

Peabody Student Disappointed That Someone Already Circled All The Waldos

Peabody student Clara Montello expressed disappointment and anger when she checked out the Peabody library's only copy of the newest book in the *Where's Waldo* series. Clara said she was looking forward to a peaceful afternoon finding Waldo in a variety of zany and unbelievably overcrowded situations, only to find her hopes shattered by some other inconsiderate Waldo enthusiast. The Dean had no comment.

Honor Council To Investigate Whether CS Major Lying About Having Girlfriend

Another student referred CS Major Ronald Upton to the Honor Council last week on suspicion of lying about having a girlfriend. Ronald raised eyebrows when his alleged girlfriend was unable to make it to the Speculative Fiction society meeting for the fourth consecutive week due to homework woes. Friends of Ronald said, "He's a nice guy, but lying to your friends about a girlfriend is clearly a violation. The first couple times she didn't show up, we were like, 'ok...' But the fourth time, he used the exact same excuse. He still won't even tell us who this 'girlfriend' is. He says he wants to surprise us. I just wanna know how long this shit will last. She obviously ain't comin'."

Kappa Society Not Quite Capped

The Administration is looking into reports that the banned fraternity, Kappa Alpha might be operating unofficially off campus under the pseudonym "Kappa Society". Greek adviser Clayton Arrington was quoted to say, "Damn, how are we supposed to destroy the Greek System in time for Residential Colleges if they just move off campus?" *The Slant* will report on further developments in this story.

Slant Reader Just Now Realizing All This Shit Is Fake

Avid Slant reader Michael Collingwood allegedly believed *The Slant's* articles to be entirely factual until sometime last week, when he was informed of his error by friends. "Mike kept getting offended and appalled and all this shit. When we asked him why, he just stared at us wide-eyed like he couldn't comprehend how he found it offensive." Eventually his friends realized that Michael actually thought all this shit is real, and set him straight, after which Michael let out a big "oooooooooooh."

Slant Writers Inspired

After reading Andrew Mutter's recent opinion piece urging *The Slant* to examine the offensiveness of its content, its writers have become inspired to take Mutter's advice and "go around getting girls pregnant and then leaving them to raise the children." Prior to reading his column, we had no idea that this was legal. "Frankly it has opened worlds of possibility for all of us," said Slant writer Andrew Banecker.

The Slant's Vandy Sporting Event Coverage Template

Students had a strong reaction to Saturday's (win/loss) against _____. Most students reported (celebrating/mourning) the (victory/defeat) by getting drunk. The students allegedly drank way too much in their attempts to (party widely/forget the horrible loss).

He-Man To Undergo Sex Change

He-Man, a hero of the 1980s and embodiment of manliness, reported that he has made a decision to undergo a sex change. "Listen, I simply can't put out the level of masculinity that society has deemed necessary for me. I need to tap into my...other side." When asked about what he would call himself, He-Man said, "Oh, the possibilities are endless: She-Man, He-Woman, She-Male, He-She, Ru Paul II... that'll be the fun part!" Industry experts worry that He-Man may start encroaching on She-Ra's markets.

Omega Phi Pi to join Vanderbilt Greeks

A new fraternity, Omega Phi Pi, will establish its first Southern chapter on the Vanderbilt campus this year. Students have reacted positively to the announcement, quite pleased and excited about Omega Phi Pi. At the recent press conference, a reporter asked Chancellor Gee, "you down with OPP?" to which Gee answered, "Yeah you know me."

Gee's wife Constance then shouted from the back, "Who's down with OPP?" to which Gee replied answered, "Every last homey."

MSNBC Breaks News, Hearts

During last Tuesday's MSNBC news broadcast, anchorperson Ashleigh Banfield broke the latest news to the American public, as well as breaking several young men's hearts. "The moment I heard her talk about the latest sniper updates, I felt secure about my connection with Ashleigh," said Timothy Harrison, a Nashville resident. "But then she talked about her husband, and I lost it. What a heartless bitch."

Nudists Pissed Off At Having To Be "Shirts"

In a recent game of pick-up basketball, local nudists Peter Simon and Ray Giardano were picked by the captain of the "shirts" team. When a requested trade to the "skins" team was denied, they took their balls and went home.

Racism Latent In Laundry Practices

In a bizarre twist of fate, Johnny Cochrane's maid's vacation week coincided with his need to do laundry. Cochrane, puzzled by the different washing instructions on each of his designer shirts and undergarments, phoned his maid, who informed him that all he needed to do was "separate the whites from the coloreds." Immediately, Cochrane became outraged at his maid, citing *Plessy vs. Ferguson* and claiming "I am shocked and stupefied at the racist-a-fication of my laundry." Adding, "Separating black from white just ain't right." Mark Furman could not be reached for comment.

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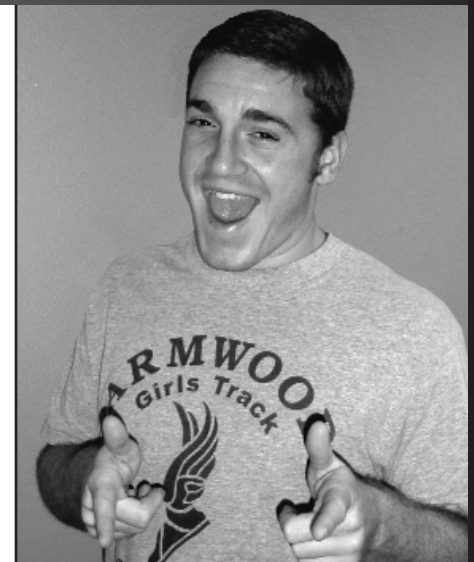
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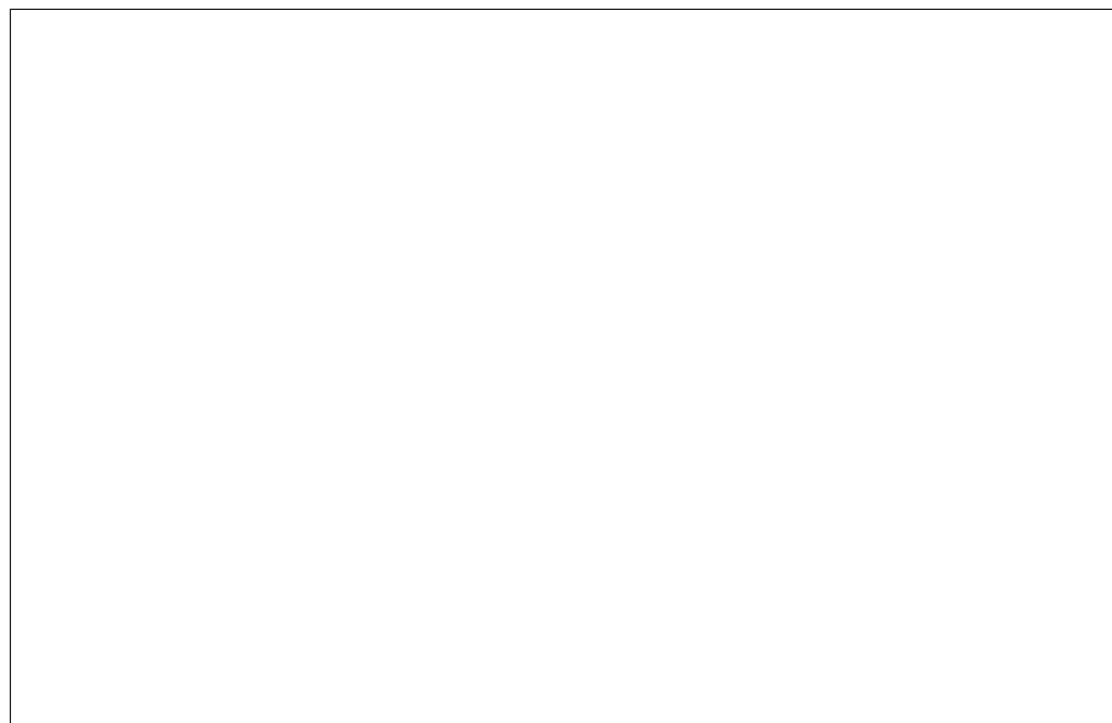
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Which way should I lead my life

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After A Few Drinks, Harvard Admits Vanderbilt Is In Fact 'Harvard Of The South'

By MEREDITH GRAY

Late Friday, after a game of quarters at Vanderbilt's off-campus condo, venerable ivy-league university Harvard admitted that Vanderbilt is, in fact, the "Harvard of the South." Harvard reportedly put his arm around Vanderbilt, and slurring his words in a thick Boston accent said, "Man, you southern bastards don't get no respect. You're the Harvard of the South."

Vanderbilt, touched by Harvard's show of support told Harvard, "Man, y'all are the Vanderbilt of the Northeast." Harvard reportedly collapsed in giggles, sounding according to Vanderbilt, "like a young Teddy Kennedy."

Harvard went on the say, "Yeah, and

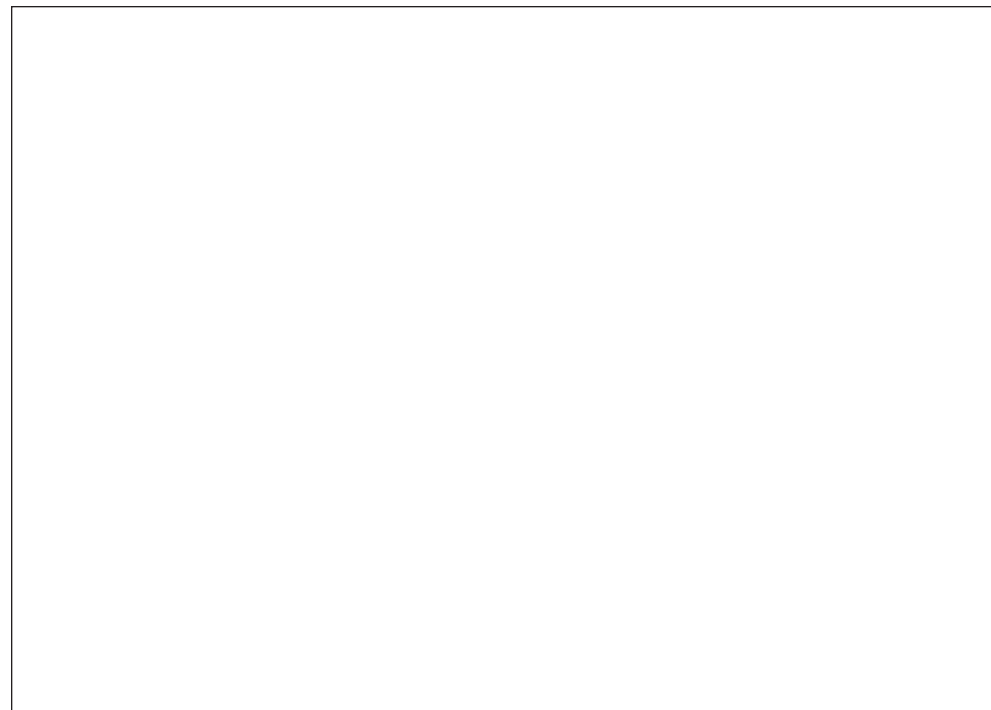
Alabama... is the Harvard of my ass," and then started laughing hysterically.

Following this exchange, Vanderbilt was reported to sucker punch Harvard, spilling beer and whiskey onto each of their respective pink Polo shirts. "Geez, man, look was you did to my little horsy," Harvard was heard to have muttered. However, after a few more drinks and an apology from Vanderbilt, Harvard once again admitted, "No no no, you're, uh... yeah, you're the Vanderbilt of the, uh, no, the Harvard of the South."

The repercussions of Harvard's claim have been widespread and diverse throughout both campuses. Senior Nathaniel Benchley remarked, "Dude, this makes it so worth the money...like the same amount my parents would have paid had I not slept through the math section on the SAT and gotten into Harvard." Sophomore Emily Ritter was not so happy with the news. "Who is this Harvard, making the crass assumption that we're all children of rich people and asshole politicians, too?" Chancellor Gordon Gee has even commented on Harvard's concession, saying, "Thank God we weren't drinking with Brown this weekend, who knows what could've happened."

Students at Harvard have reportedly been abuzz with comments about their school's announcement, but have been far less eager to share with reporters from The Slant. "Harvard of the South?" said Harvard Junior Bothwell Harrison von Glastine III. "Pure unsubstantiated poppycock. I shall call father, the most vociferous litigator of the East to debunk this vile, vile rumor." Most other Harvard students reacted in a similar manner. Sophomore Hillary Banks-Feldenstein commented, "Harvard was just drunk, he didn't mean it. He wouldn't say a school in uh, Texas is as good as us." When approached for his opinion, international student Vladislav Zubcheno Vehrhovsky said, "I don't care about this Vanderbilt, just please don't send me back to Kazakhstan."

Another venerable southern university, Duke, has also joined into the commotion that Harvard's drunken admission has caused. "I was understandably hurt by this news, y'all," said Duke, sitting behind a large mahogany desk in his father's plush law office. "Why wasn't I invited to this



Students at 'The Harvard of the South'

Staff Photo

get-together? I could have made my famous mint juleps, and we could have talked about all the freshmen at Vanderbilt who didn't get into Duke, and all the freshmen at Duke who didn't get into Harvard," Duke said tearfully. "Now that Harvard is hanging out with Vanderbilt, who am I going to hang out with? Princeton? Come on, I have standards." Upon hearing this, Princeton snorted and rolled his eyes. "Like I would hang out with Duke," he said haughtily, "what would we do, sit on the porch of his tobacco plantation with his hunting dogs and play hearts?"

Duke University president, Nannerl O. Keohane, made an official statement regarding Vanderbilt's now official designation as the 'Harvard of the South.' "We are all shocked and saddened at Harvard's remark, considering that Duke University has long been considered the 'Harvard of the South.' As a result, we have decided to correct the mistakes of the past, and we are reclaiming Furman Hall, the building meant for Duke, accidentally built at Vanderbilt. From what my sources tell me, this will cripple students' ability to get vending machine products if they have class in Wilson Hall." Vanderbilt freshman Elliot Roberts responded to

President Keohane's threat. "No more Sobe?" he asked, his voice quivering with emotion. "How will I so-be me?"

Many have asked how Emory University has taken Harvard's announcement, considering the university has also been a longtime contender for 'Harvard of the South' status. When Slant reporters traveled to Atlanta to interview the university, he just slumped over in a chair in the corner of his room, looking downtrodden and sullen. "This is just another instance of The Man getting me down," he said, and rubbed at the little alligator embroidered on his breast pocket. "What the hell, they're all tools anyway."

The University of Alabama also had an opinion. When reached for comment concerning Harvard's now infamous "ass," remark, Alabama leaned against his truck, spit tobacco juice into his Big Gulp cup and said, "Well, I just don't know whether to take that as a compliment or if them's fightin' words. After all, Harvard's ass is Yale." Upon hearing this, Yale junior Barbara Bush, daughter of president George W. Bush, leapt in the air with joy, knocking over the beer-pong table on her way down. ■

John Harvard after a few drinks

Staff Photo

Daughters Of The Confederacy Having Sex With Cousins Of The Confederacy

By ROB HILTON

In the middle of the controversy over renaming Confederate Hall, it was reported earlier in the week that the Fathers of the Confederacy have thrown the Daughters of the Confederacy out of Confederate Hall.

After some investigation, it was revealed that the Fathers allegedly threw the Daughters out after discovering that the Daughters had been having relations with the Cousins of the Confederacy.

The Mothers of the Confederacy advised that the Fathers not be so harsh, reminding the Fathers that as young cousins at their Daughters age, they already had two Children of the Confederacy together. The Fathers then allegedly hit the Mothers with the Whiskey Bottles of the Confederacy, and then demanded that the Mothers make them some Eggs and Grits of the Confederacy.

The Daughters said that they have decided to have the Babies of the Confederacy, but the Cousins don't have a Job in the Confederacy.

When the Cousins heard that the Daughters were not going to visit the Clinic of the Confederacy and abort the Fetus of the Confederacy, they dumped the Daughters, leaving them to raise the Babies of the Confederacy alone.

Response to this scandal has been varied within the Family of the Confederacy, causing bitter disagreement. The Family is afraid of possibly starting another Feud of the Confederacy. The Uncles of the Confederacy are apparently offering the Daughters shelter at their home in the Trailer Park of the Confederacy.

However, the Grandparents of the Confederacy now refer to the Daughters as the Whores of the Confederacy, asking where the Values of the Confederacy have gone. The Grandparents also say that back in their day, they would never stand for the bearing of illegitimate children, the prohibition of smoking indoors, the civil rights movement, or the renaming of a college building just to appease the Sons and Daughters of the Slaves of the Confederacy. ■

There Was An Election Or Something Yesterday

*Vander-populus
uncaring, unaffected,
unaware*

By ANDREW BANECKER

In current political news, there was an election or something yesterday. Apparently the offices of governor, Senator, and others were up for election on Tuesday November 5th, 2002. This realization sent shockwaves of apathy and indifference throughout the politically stagnant campus of Vanderbilt University as students all over campus realized that it doesn't really affect them at all... unless they live in Tennessee or something.

These mid-term elections, while not determining the office of the presidency, still decide the highly contested offices of Governor in some states, and Senator in nearly all states. Even though an election of this magnitude could dramatically affect the balance of power in the House and Senate, Vanderbilt students just don't give a damn.

Stated Sophomore Louis Grabowski, "Who the hell care's if Phil what's his name or that Van something guy is elected Governor. Nothing they do will change the fact that Organic Chemistry is raping me violently, or that my girlfriend is a cheating whore. Oh yeah, also I'm from New Jersey, who the hell cares what happens to these yokels in Tennessee?"

Head of the Political Science department at Vanderbilt, Prof. James L. Ray, disagreed. "An election year of this magnitude, especially in Tennessee where the high offices of Senator and Governor are being decided, could have gargantuan effects on the lives of residents of Vanderbilt. Students must remember that eventually, they will graduate and have to deal with property taxes, income taxes, and when they have children, the public school system."

Although Professor Ray's points are valid, and there should be a level of interest in this year's election, there just isn't... at all. Vanderbilt students, when questioned about their feelings toward the overall ignorance and apathy shown on this campus with regards to the 2004 elections, responded with, "Don't know, don't care."

When asked whether he had voted, sophomore Cole Davis feigned regret, claiming, "It's a funny story. You see, I had

this very difficult examination this morning. So, I stayed up all night Monday. I was pretty tired, let me tell you. So I came home and hit the hay. I woke up about noon, got some lunch, and went to this intense study session with my TA. 5 hours later I'm turning on "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" when I remembered that I hadn't voted. I felt so stupid and non patriotic and... what? There's no extra credit for voting? Oh, then I was just getting high and playing Madden '03. Terrell Owens kicks ass in that game!"

More surprising, however, may be the amount of students who are completely oblivious to the fact that there was an election yesterday.

Even Junior Political Science Major John Masterson was completely unaware of the election and who, in fact, the candidates were. When shown the ballot, he stared with a quizzical look on his face, confirming that he did not, in fact know who the hell either Phil Bredesen or Van Hilleary were. When he reached the candidates for Senate, he perked up, his face gleaming with confidence, and stated, "I know the Republican candidate for Senate." When asked to explain exactly who Lamar Alexander was, he replied, "Isn't he that Reading Rainbow guy? Yeah, that's him, he

was awesome in Roots too. Kunta Kinte... yeah."

Sadly for Masterson, the man he was referring to was not Lamar Alexander. Rather, the guy from Reading Rainbow, Star Trek, Roots, and the voice of Kwame, the African kid on Captain Planet was actually Lavar Burton, not senatorial candidate Lamar Alexander.

Such mix ups and confusion with respect to who in God's name these people are was not limited to one Junior Poli Sci major; in fact, nearly all the residents of Tennessee throughout Vanderbilt's campus who managed to wake their lazy asses up in time for the election voted for Van Hilleary, the Republican gubernatorial candidate.

Seemingly, this would imply that Vanderbilt possesses a strongly Republican minded populace. While this may be somewhat truthful, when questioned on their choice, a resounding 85% of students claimed that they liked that new National Lampoon movie "Van Something-er," and wanted a candidate who knew how to partay. Added Freshman Jake Miller, "Are you kidding man? What better qualification for governor is there than banging Tara Reid?" ■

Infographic

University To Charge Students For Toilet Paper

Costs rising due to 'increasingly large number of assholes on campus'

By MEREDITH GRAY

University officials announced today that students will henceforth be charged for toilet paper in bathrooms in both residence halls and academic buildings. According to the official statement, card readers will soon be installed next to all toilet paper dispensers on campus as part of the "swipe and wipe" programs. The price per square has currently been fixed at 8 cents, a price comparable to most off-campus rates.

Thus far students have reacted uniformly with anger and disgust. Sophomore Katelyn Carrera said, "Ok, so we pay like, \$40,000 a year to go here, isn't that enough?"

Of the 100 students questioned about the issue, 99 responded with the very same answer, though the quote for tuition ranged between \$28,000 and \$50,000. Taylor Kensington, the only person interviewed who did not give some variant of Carrera's answer said, "Well, I guess that's reasonable. Isn't that what toilet paper costs anyway? Our

maid buys it, I don't know."

Some students suspect that it isn't the administration behind the move, but Interhall. "Look what happened to the washers and dryers," said Junior Joe Moore, "All so that we can watch 'Sex and the City' and 'Steel Magnolias' whenever we want. I know why they're doing this - it's to get that all-Oprah channel. Oprah and Interhall - they're both behind this. Definitely."

In a reaction to the outcry among students, SGA has vowed to fight the university's plan to charge for toilet paper. "Doing whatever we can that does not require actual effort, or giving up our reserved parking spaces," said an administrator who wished to remain anonymous.

As of press time, thriftier students have been stealing and stockpiling toilet paper from bathrooms in preparation for the upcoming shift. Sources have also reported students fighting with the groundskeeping staff, wildly attempting to snatch leaves from the ground before they can be blown into a pile, then blown into another pile, then raked into a neater pile, then put onto a cart.

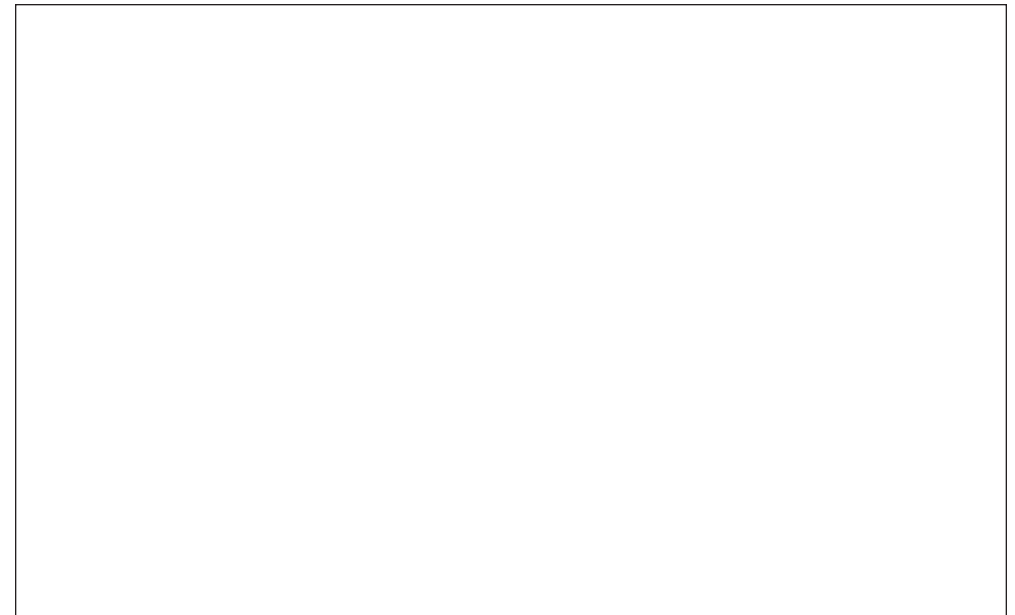
In an official statement, Chancellor Gee has attempted to rationalize the decision to charge for toilet paper. "In our current eco-

nomie situation, it is a necessity to charge for such luxury items such as toilet paper. Money is tight - you know, students may even have to supply their own caddies when using the golf course we just acquired."

After further explaining why charging for toilet paper will make Vanderbilt a better place, Gee concluded by saying, "The bot-

tom line is that Vanderbilt is using more toilet paper than ever before. We highly suspect that it is a result of the increasingly large number of assholes on campus."

In a totally unrelated note, Rand has announced that for the next two months on the dinner plan, only chili will be served. ■



Students stockpiling toilet paper

Staff Photo

Area Student May Have Already Won

Sophomore excited, curious about recent email

By MIKE MOTT

Monday started as an ordinary day for sophomore Eric Joyner. After hitting the snooze button on his alarm five times, he rolled out of bed and crawled to his desk to check his email. What awaited him was an email promising more than he could have ever hoped for.

"I opened up my e-mail and it said, 'Eric Joyner, you may have already won!'" said Joyner. "Suddenly I

was wide awake. I screamed so loud I woke up my roommate."

Joyner's roommate, fellow sophomore Jacob Rearden, recalled being angry at first. "I heard this loud yell and jolted out of bed. Then I saw Eric jumping up and down like crazy. I was like, 'Dude, what the fuck?' but then he told me he might have won and I had to jump out of bed to see what was up. Needless to say, I was ecstatic too," concluded Rearden.

The roommates immediately invited several hallmates in and began speculating as to the nature of the prize.

"I thought it might be something really cool, like a million dollars or a free ski trip," explained Joyner. "Maybe it's tickets to the Super Bowl or something. How incredible would that be?"

Rearden and the other hallmates were hopeful for something more useful to the community as a whole. "It would be nice if it were a year's subscription to Playboy

or Penthouse. That's something everyone can enjoy," said Rearden.

In spite of past disappointments, Joyner remains optimistic about his chances this time. "Yeah, once I got an e-mail from Frederick's of Hollywood promising me a free panty wardrobe, but they never delivered it."

Joyner received other exciting e-mails as well. For example, he was excited to learn he could add up to six inches to his penis size and sustain an erection all night long thanks to the miracle of herbal Viagra. "Now all I have to do is get a girlfriend," said Joyner. "Hey, maybe that's what I won!"

He was also elated over the possibility of receiving help paying his back child support. "These people who send these e-mails are just so thoughtful," said Joyner. "I don't know where my life would be without them. They provide a ray of hope in an otherwise bleak existence." ■



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White House Concerned That Iran No Longer Evil Enough To Maintain Axis Membership

US to offer advice, dynamite to help Tehran remain a pariah state

By TIM BOYD

Following the long drawn out build up toward war with Iraq and the recent announcement that North Korea has been pursuing an active nuclear weapons programme, the White House has voiced concern that Iran, the third member of the axis of evil, is not keeping up in what President Bush has described as "evil doings."

The problem was discussed in a televised address by the President last night. Speaking from the Oval Office, Bush warned of the danger of allowing Iran to renege on its axis membership. "Iran is a clearly designated member of the axis of evil on account of it being a religious theocracy that is unwilling to sell us oil at discount prices," said Bush. "I want to stress that there are no immediate plans to alterfy

that, but recent raising of the stakes by Iraq and North Korea have yet to be matched by the Iranese government."

The President went on to draw attention to the threat to international stability if the axis was allowed to break up because of what he termed Iran's selfish refusal to perpetrate more evil acts. "We cannot afford a world," Bush emphasised, "where a state decides it is going to ignore its obligations to the international community purely to satisfy the shortsighted demands of its domestic political system. Well, maybe one – but there's no way we can afford two."

At a press conference after the statement, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer elaborated on the President's proposals to

offer the Iranians help to get out of this problem. "We're not saying come and get us," said Fleischer. "But should Tehran need directions to a convenient US army base to

bomb, or maybe a consulate, we would be happy to provide them with that information. This is a sacrifice that America must be able to make for the greater good of global international tension."

Asked why it was so important that Iran continue on its path to evil, Fleischer stated that "the White House's entire re-election strategy and programme for world peace depend on a clearly defined objective, in the shape of the President's 'axis of evil'. We know from our Cold War experience that a stable enemy is of great value to the defence industry, and if

pariah states simply start converting to passive respectability on a whim, there will be utter chaos."

Reaction from other axis members was dismissive both of Iran's efforts to keep evil and US offers of help. Speaking from Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said, "We knew those pseudo-terrorists would never be able to hack the pace once we really got going. As soon as Bush compared us with Iran, we warned him that Tehran would never have the stomach for a proper fight. They can't stand the heat, and they should get out of the kitchen."

President Bush confirmed that if Iran did not meet the required level of evil despite US help, its membership would be withdrawn. "We would then have to look for a replacement third member," the President explained. "Iraq and North Korea will need the support of a partner who is willing to engage in a reckless ideological crusade to destroy everything the US stands for. We're considering either Cuba, Sudan, or maybe a Democrat." ■

*"If pariah states simply start converting to passive respectability on a whim, there will be utter chaos."
-President Bush*

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This War Is In The Bag

*United We Stand, Divided We
We Still Stand*

By RICHARD GREEN

Over the past year, President Bush has been telling us the great lie of the day, that lie being "United we stand, divided we fall." This lie has brought us all to be together in peace and harmony or in other words, the lie has kept those "damn whiny liberals" quiet. That phrase would mean we need unity to challenge our enemies.

Well, Bush failed to realize that no matter who we go against in war, economics, football, or anything else important, we will not only win, but will totally DOMINATE. He failed to realize we don't need to be together or anything. We can give 50, 25, or hell even 5 percent - a real half-ass effort - and be successful.

Because of the US's badass abilities, there should be a new motto we live by. People of America, we are soon going to war with the nation big daddy Bush messed with awhile ago in Desert Storm:

Iraq. In this war, the truth and reality of the situation is, united we stand, divided we still win. We pretty much got this war thing rigged.

You heard it here first: Forget being united. Liberals can go back to their "whining" or their upholding of the constitutional values for minorities by having a general

understanding and sympathy for people, whatever you want to call it. For liberals, this would be the best thing to happen for them since hippies and Ellen the Generous. Gotta love those pot-heads and lesbians. We all love lesbians. Now we can all go a-Bush-Bashin' at will. President Bush-Bashin' you one tracked minded bastards.

In this war, liberals and everyone can do all the whining they want. Hell we don't even need to buy flags. Proceed with your violent protests, pillage, do whatever you want; We'll still end up winning. Just don't

mess with Texas. Damn, I love that phrase.

Our well-placed faith in our ability to be divided in our views should not end in just saying that. We could take the idea to the next level. To even up the war, we should give Iraq some of our best. Seriously, I think we can give them up to 49 percent of our total army skills force and/or funding and still win for sure. We can give them, maybe, those green beret guys. That'll spice things up. Maybe even include the Coast Guard, and, oh yeah, Vanderbilt's ROTC, cause the war will obviously require lots of flag folding.

We could call this "Operation Fat Guy in Football". Its like this, we are two sandlot neighborhood football teams. One team has a bunch of skinny, slow, nerdy unathletic guys while our team has all the athletes including the neighborhood fat kid of legend who no single person can tackle. So before the game, we recognize the teams are unfair, so, to make it even, we send Fat Kid over and still kick ass. That way, the game is fun challenging and less predictable. We all did this back then, we should do it now. There's no difference at all, trust me on this one.

Not only should we do this, it will work, too. We whooped up on who current president Bush would call "Sad Hussy" in 100 hours. That's why for this war we should even the stakes and get this to be a good bit longer and be a more newsworthy

war. I mean let's face it, those last few wars were just boring. They were nothing like the movies like Black Hawk Down or Saving Private Ryan. We need better war goals.

Just remember that united we stand, divided, we still win. If you want to get back to your renaming of offensive buildings, go ahead. We don't need to be united anymore. All we need is 51 percent and Operation Fat Kid in full force to win and to have fun while doing it, and we can all get back to expressing our built up inward hatred towards each other and each other's views. ■

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A Look Into The Inner Workings Of The Slant

By ANDREW BANECKER

Vanderbilt students of all kinds really enjoy and often become avid readers of The Slant. They see the finished product every other Wednesday, take an hour or two out of their day, and smile. But these funny articles just don't write themselves, there is actually a complicated, time consuming process each article idea must go through before it reaches the stands and makes its way into our collective hearts.

It all starts innocently enough with an online submission from one of our writers. In this case, let us look at an article entitled "Stumbling Home," by Greg Champoux:

"Stumbling Home"

Once, I was walking a girl back to her room and we started kissing so I asked her if I could come inside. Next thing I knew, some RA was waking me up in the Kissam Lobby at noon. I was like, "I live in Lupton, man."

After this, all of the other writers and editors of *The Slant* access the website, read the idea, and leave their suggestions. Often these suggestions are helpful to the writer... often not. Instead, it usually turns out to be a forum for The Slant writers to crack jokes and demean the writer of the idea. For example, these were the comments on Stumbling Home:

Greg: *A sad but true story.*

Andrew: *Was this saturday... cuz I saw you at like 3am*

Greg: *Well Andrew, I have to protect the details of this story and can not risk offending some of my lady friends, so all I can say at this time is yes.*

Liz: *Gee, was it Friday? Because I could have sworn some kind girl walked you back to your dorm since you could hardly walk, but she didn't let you get near her. Or do you have a whole harem at Kissam?*

Greg: *Well no, it was Saturday, as I implied in my earlier comment, though I believe I actually had a lot more fun with that girl on friday, though I wasn't actually trying to do anything with her. That would have been the wrong thing to do with such a sweetheart. About the Kissam harem - it's a work in progress.*

Chancellor Gee: *Greg, you really should learn to respect women. I treat each and every one of my wives with the love and respect she deserves as a woman.*

Andrew: *Yeah, but Greg, I saw you at like 3:00am with a freshman guy and talking to a frat boy. Where, pray tell are you manufacturing a girl out of this?*

Greg: *Fuck off, I hooked it up later. You know this, man, I am a pure playa. Do you doubt my pimpin skillz?*

Tim: *Surely the easiest way to find out which poor soul it was is to check the E.R. admissions at the Medical Centre on Sunday morning for any blind girl suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder?*

Greg: *Tim, don't you have to pass some sort of spelling test to get into this country? Go back to Britain... ass.*

Chris: *Damn, I didn't know you were into women, I thought you were gay.*

Greg: *I'm definitely not putting that in, you asshole.*

After the idea has been submitted, and the staff writers and editors have provided the writer with the inspiration, encouragement, or, in this case, humiliation necessary, the idea either gets expanded into a draft, turned into an "Other News" item, or completely neglected. In this case, the editors chose to get drunk and throw things off of high rise buildings just to watch them splatter. The idea then dies a gruesome death, and the writer, Greg Champoux in this case, is left with the options of cursing out the editors, crying himself to sleep, or vomiting watermelon all over my bathroom. He obviously chose (d). All of the above.

Never fear, though kids, for an idea never dies, rather it gets buried in the immense pile of rejected ideas where, perhaps someday, a kind soul will discover it and find a way to make it both funny and printable. Until that day, children... until that day. ■

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When Choosing Between Competing Products, I Trust The Experts: Basketball Stars

By DAVID BARZELAY

When I'm deciding which products are worth spending my hard-earned money, I want nothing but the best. I don't want to waste any of my cash on substandard quality, after all, I'm on a budget. That's why I always do my research before laying down any dough. Unfortunately, I don't always have the time or knowledge to find out all about the products in question, which is why I look to the experts: current and former basketball stars.

These days, people are so busy. It's just such a hassle to cook my own food, clean my house, and research products. We've got fast food for the first problem, maids for the second, and basketball stars for the third. I think it's wonderful that the NBA is providing this service to its faithful fans - when was the last time you saw a hockey player acting faithfully as consumer advocate, or a rugby player informing you of which sport drink, in their expert opinion, will give you the boost you need to succeed?

Some people worry about the motives

of the basketball stars telling us about products. They say that the stars can't be objective since they're being paid. In my opinion, anyone that says something like this is being way too cynical. I trust the basketball players. Why would they lie?

Shaquille O' Neal would never ever endorse a product he didn't have complete faith in. He would never advertise a clothing brand he didn't genuinely believe, based on scientific data and personal experience through extensive product testing in stressful and high performance situations, was not only the best performing brand, but was also priced at a cost well worth the value and within the economic means of his fans. In fact, I would go so far as to say that if a product did not exist that met his rigorous criteria, he would go the extra mile for his fans and create his own product line, putting his name boldly and confidently on each item as visual evidence of his honorable guarantee and noble intentions.

How would I know to obey my thirst and consume Sprite if it weren't for the Lakers star guard Kobe Bryant informing me of

this right? Sure, it seems kind of intuitive, but I might question whether perhaps I'd prefer 7up to Sprite, were it not for Bryant's face appearing next to a Sprite logo.

And certainly, I am indebted to the 76ers' Allen Iverson for his endorsement of Reebok brand sneakers. Allen's love for the game of basketball is clearly demonstrated each time he takes the court. Similarly, his love of honesty, open information, and his fans is evident whenever I see him on the television screen informing me of what I should buy.

These stars are the picture of integrity. An NBA star cares not for money, nor succumbs to the temptations of obscene stardom. A true star uses his fame to help the people of the world. What better way for them to do this than by informing me how to choose between products competing for my purchasing dollar? Trust the experts. If they didn't know what they were talking about, then the unbiased, not at all greedy, entirely fair media wouldn't put them on television. ■

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Top Ten Subjects That Just Aren't Funny

By ANDREW BANECKER

10. Starving African Children With AIDS (Starving African children were funny until they got AIDS. Now they're tragic).
9. Child Molestation (Unless involving Catholicism, and even then, often not funny).
8. Abortion (Never funny, even if used in conjunction with the word 'wiggle').
7. The Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (Still too touchy of a subject to joke about).
6. The Killing Fields of Cambodia (Mass genocide is only funny when perpetrated on clowns or mimes).
- 6(tie). The Holocaust (Jews are funny. Jews dying aren't).
4. Underage Drug Addicted Prostitutes (Even the term 'crack-whore' can't save this subject).
3. Menstruation (good subject for Japanese porn, bad subject for humor).
2. Children With Cancer (well, we had a story about this, and it was funny... but normally, no).
1. Old people doin' it (unless the old people in question don't remind you of your parents... and they always do). ■

Ask Pete The Pothead

Dear Sir Smoke-A-Lot,

You finding any dank in Nashville? I mean, I keep buying this schwag-ass shit with all these piney hairs and fucking beaners. Where the fuck can you get some quality Northern Lights in this fucking city?

Pothead But Not Pete

Dear Not Pete,

Maybe if you were Pete, you'd know that Pete doesn't smoke pot. Just cause I have crazy hair and a thrift-store wardrobe doesn't mean I'm a pothead. I've never even tried the stuff. I suggest you look elsewhere for answers to your question, or for that matter, quit smoking and get a job.

Pete The Pothead

Dear Pothead Pete,

Is it just me, or do you find that smoking pot prevents you from others with coherently communicating?

Stoned in Stapleton

Dear Stoned,

My not being able to write for shit has to do with using the same spellchecker as the Hustler, not smoking pot, because I'M NOT INTO THAT STUFF.

Pissed-Off Pete The Pothead

Hey Peacepipe Pete,

I've always viewed getting high not just as a pastime, but also as a religion. Toking up is just one of our sacraments, you know what I mean? Problem is, my RA won't accept this argument. What are your opinions on this, and how have you dealt with your RAs?

Devout in Dyer

Dear Devout,

Dude, that's absurd. It's not a religion just cause it's important to you. As for dealing with your RAs, I've got one suggestion: DON'T SMOKE POT. As for myself, I've never had any problems with them because, as I keep telling everyone, I DON'T SMOKE POT. Jesus Christ.

Pete The Pothead

Hey Pete,

You feel like hitting up the hooka? It's got to be 4:20 somewhere, right?

Stoned in Scales

Dear Stoned,

If I knew what a "hooka" was, I'm pretty sure I wouldn't wanna "hit it up." But I don't

know what it is, so I can't really make a decision about that. For instance, if by some chance "hitting up the hooka" means "remaining sober and staying in for a night of studying and never ever smoking weed" then yes, I do feel like doing that.

Pete The Pothead

Sup Bro,

What is the best way to obtain an altered state? Water-based or non-water-based apparatuses? Also, have you seen my car keys?

Thanks,

Tom Dank

Dear Tom,

In my experience, the best way to obtain altered states is sober, lucid introspection. That means not being high.

As for your car keys, maybe if you weren't so stoned it would be easier for you to keep track of them.

Pete The Pothead

Dear Pete,

Do you have a good recipe for weed brownies?

Munchies In Mayfield

Dear Munchies,

Yeah, you make the brownies, and then you bake them without any weed in them.

Pete The Pothead

Hey Pete,

I am an aspiring dealer and want to know what the nuggz-buying public prefers when getting lifted. What should I concentrate on importing, Indica or Sativa breeds? Or should I work a hybrid?

Capitalist Corruptor in Cole

Dear Corruptor,

I don't know anything about different breeds of marijuana. I didn't even know there were different breeds. I also don't know why everyone thinks I am somehow a smoker, let alone one so notable that I would be a source of advice and inspiration for doing so. I DON'T SMOKE.

Pete The Pothead

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I should have advertised in The Slant

