

College reforms 'goody-two-shoes'

I wanted to start my column by saying that it is silly for us seniors to dwell in the past. But for the same reason we sit around the dinner table to reminisce, save old trinkets from places we've visited and keep old newspapers, we have senior columns. We like to remember.

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I remember when I was in high school. I was never very experimental — I was much too prude and righteous to do anything that could possibly be conceived as "immoral."

The "goody two-shoes" reputation and attitude was hard to shed. But I think I can pinpoint the beginning of my "fall" during the last few weeks of my freshman year at Vanderbilt University.

At a class party, my English instructor — the one who had in-

spired me to become an English major — offered me a drink.

Naive and innocent as I was, I said, "But you do realize that I am underage?" The look she returned made me realize that I had better start drinking up. So, my first drink ever was a Zima. Feeling buzzed was an interesting experience (and yes, I am a lightweight).

I remember my first few years at the University of Oregon. I had transferred from Vanderbilt because my college funds had run low. So logically I signed up to live in the posh University Inn, where I met some of my best friends — many of whom are still my friends today.

We all live in different places now, but I think in spirit we are still in the University Inn cafeteria, pointing out the various physical oddities of our hallmates.

I remember the successful courtships and the unsuccessful ones — either way, they would annoyingly become the topic of dinner conversation. Thank you

very much Adrian, Sarah, Shaughn, Sam and Rob.

These friends are sure to remember my dry wit, my cheapness, my propensity for being a bastard and, of course, my old Vanderbilt T-shirts.

I remember the hell of core biology, organic chemistry and the numerous tedious labs (alas, how wretched they were!). The experience so disillusioned me that I am now going to law school. The disillusionment was so great that I am also continuing to work for University Housing.

Of course, I will always remember my Housing career: how wonderful it feels to have residents feel they can trust you and learn from you, to give gifts to needy children, and the dynamic people I have worked for and with. At the same time, I try to forget the death threats and the mystery casserole.

And I will always remember the time I have spent at the Emerald. There are some old newspapers (and memories) there that I want to keep.

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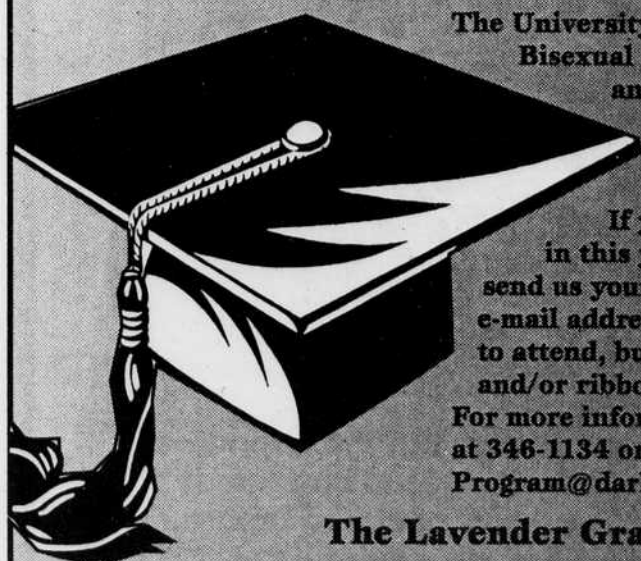
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