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college media association

NATIONAL GROUP HEADQUARTERS MOVE TO VANDY

College Media Association, the organization representing the people who advise the nation's collegiate media, in July moved its headquarters from the University of Memphis to Vanderbilt Student Communications on an interim basis. VSC advisers staff make up the interim management team for CMA, which serves thousands of students and advisers with two annual conventions, summer workshops, an academic journal, an online discussion, and a website at collegemedia.org.

"It's an honor for VSC to be selected by CMA to serve as the national organization's interim headquarters," said Chris Carroll, director of student media at VSC and interim director of CMA. "Anything we can do to support the association in turn supports college media at campuses across the country and here at Vanderbilt."

ORLANDO IN 2011



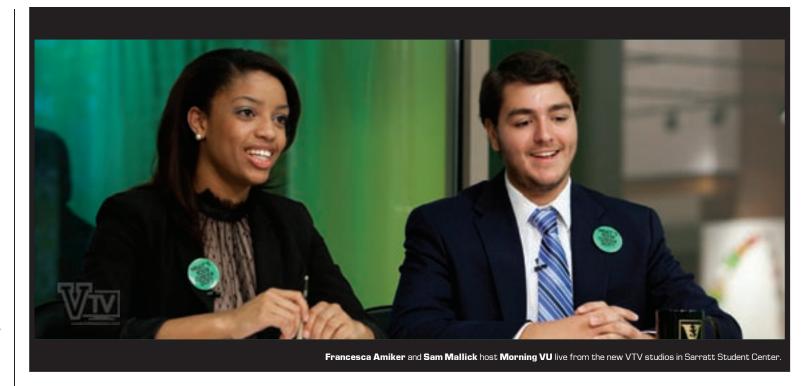
Eight Vanderbilt students, representing The Hustler, VTV and InsideVandy.com, attended the fall National College Media Convention presented by Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Association Oct. 27-30 at Renaissance Sea World in Orlando, Fla. During the convention, students met media professionals and fellow students working in media at other schools. The convention provided educational sessions that provided training and creative solutions to common challenges faced by college media organizations. The Vanderbilt Hustler was named a 2011 Pacemaker Finalist at the convention.

WRVU TO SXSW

In March 2012, students working at WRVU will attend the SXSW (South By Southwest) Music and Media Conference in Austin, Texas. The students will attend musical performances by notable artists along with panels, workshops and interviews on subjects such as DJing, Internet radio, social media marketing, event production and careers in the music business.



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vanderbilt television

by Andrew Kirkman, senior, VTV station manager

In the past few years, Vanderbilt Television has seen tremendous growth. Since fall 2010, when we moved into our brand new studio in Sarratt Student Center, we've developed an unprecedented number of new shows with remarkable student involvement. During the fall 2011 semester, VTV aired more than 85 episodes from 14 different shows — a stunning feat for our staff.

The new studio is in the heart of Sarratt, with glass walls that let the Vanderbilt community see into our space. The studio has several cool new features, like an iPad that is mounted to the wall, allowing us to shoot remote spots live across the campus. No doubt about it, this high-tech new studio is definitely one of the reasons we have seen so many shows on VTV.

One of the most popular shows over the past few years has been Morning VU, a morning news and talk show that airs two days a week, live at 8 a.m. Since its inception, Morning VU has aired over 120 episodes, featuring interviews with students from many other campus organizations along the way. This interaction with the community has helped grow VTV's viewership and has created new partnerships all over campus. Two other news programs VTV is currently airing is VTV News and Points of VU. VTV News is a weekly newscast that looks into the top news stories of the week. Points of VU is a political news show that dissects local and national issues and holds on-air debates and discussions between opposing points of view.

VTV also has several entertainment programs, like The Scoop, which dissects and discusses entertainment news, making recommendations as to what's hot and what's not. Also, a new show this fall is Reel to Real, which airs videos and short films made by Vandy students. Another new show this fall is a cooking show, Kithenventions. One of the most professionally shot shows on VTV, Kitchenventions has wowed us with the look of the show and the food they've made.

VTV's longest running show, Sex Rx, is still going strong. Diving into topics like dating, relationships, and, yes, sex, Sex Rx is one of the most popular shows, with students having the ability to call in during the live show

and ask their questions to VIV's "sexperts." VIV also has several other programs, like the game show Vandy Feud and VU Sports Wired. Every week, the VU Sports Wired guys break down all things Commodore sports in an engaging and entertaining way.

We also covered five live events across campus. One of those live events was a joint event with WRVU, known was WAVE: WRVU and VIV Experience. WAVE was a four-hour live event that was multi-cast on VIV and WRVU. The event featured several VIV shows, WRVU DJs, as well as performances from other student groups and local bands. It was a fantastic event that, after months of planning, really paid off.

It is an exciting time for Vanderbilt Television. With our new studio and lots of new shows, the future looks very bright.

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Andrew Kirkman is a senior from Darien, Conn., majoring in Communication Studies. After graduation, he is pursuing a career in broadcast journalism.

WRVU Going Global

By Cayla Mackey '12

The spirit of solidarity was apparent this fall as students involved with radio sta-

tion WRVU transitioned to primarily online streaming following an agreement to sell Vanderbilt Student Communication's terres-

trial FM license to Nashville Public Radio.

Robert Ackley, general manager of WRVU and a junior at Vanderbilt, said the WRVU staff has turned its focus to the possibilities of online media.

"While we continue to remain locally relevant and engage with Vanderbilt students

and our listeners in Nashville, we also recognize that our new predominant presence online effectively expands our surrounding

community to one that is global," Ackley said.

Nashville Public Radio began on June 7 broadcasting classical music on

WRVU's former spot on the dial, 91.1 FM, using new call letters WFCL. The parties are currently operating under a lease management agreement that stipulates the conditions of the \$3.35 million sale must be

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bright lights an alumni column

Reflections from a young political reporter

by Michael Warren, Class of '10



One Tuesday evening in late November, I found myself in a Victorian era opera house in Newberry, S.C., a small city several miles north of Columbia (or several miles south of Greenville, I can't remember). I'm still not sure why there is a Victorian era opera house in a town of just over 10,000 people, and as I sat back in my seat and waited for Newt Gingrich, I started to wonder what the both of us were doing in Newberry.

Yes, Gingrich was the frontrunner for the Republican nomination for president campaigning in an early primary state, and yes, I was a reporter for a weekly political magazine. Given our current roles, we were probably right where we needed to be. But it wasn't too long ago that the idea that Newt Gingrich had a real, honest shot at the GOP nomination seemed about as likely as, well, my becoming a professional journalist.

It was an awkward entry into the race last May, and Gingrich stumbled first by criticizing the Medicare reforms authored by congressman Paul Ryan and passed by his own party in the House of Representatives, the past speaker's old haunt. News reports of an outstanding line of credit at Tiffany's and the dramatic departure of most of his senior staff sent Gingrich into the doldrums at the bottom of the national polls, where he remained the whole summer and part of the fall.

But a string of good debate performances, with Gingrich pulling off his best Churchill as the party's elder statesman, and dissatisfaction with the field among the Republican ranks suddenly put the former congressman from Georgia back in the running. As of this writing (Dec. 13), Gingrich is polling 12 points ahead of erstwhile frontrunner and self-admitted chocolate milk addict Mitt Romney. On my first reporting trip with him, in Iowa, even Gingrich seemed surprised at his change in fortune.

As for me, I arrived the esteemed halls of Vanderbilt—Lupton Hall, to be specific—a wide-eyed freshman in 2006. I had always liked writing and politics, but I had figured I was most likely going to leave Vandy with an extra 20 pounds of beer weight and a liberal arts degree, bound for law school. I have the pounds and the degree, but my experiences working in student media slowly but surely led me away from law and toward journalism.

I had spent hours writing and editing and laying out the monthly issues of conservative and libertarian magazine The Torch, and later lived my entire semester as editor of The Hustler in the basement of Sarratt. (It smelled better than the ATO house.) I had internships at publications in Washington. I cofounded The Torch's blog and started a companion WRVU radio show. It was a blast.

I thought about doing what I loved, reading and writing about politics, for free, and then considered the fact that there were some people crazy enough to pay me to do it. I applied for a yearlong fellowship that placed me at the Weekly Standard in Washington, working for executive editor Fred Barnes as his assistant. From Fred I received opportunities to report on Capitol Hill and on the 2010 elections, plenty of sage advice, and, most importantly, a full-time job at the Standard. I've been a reporter

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Euchner teaches new students

in VSC's Media Immersion program

returned to campus Aug. 17-19 to serve as the writing instructor for VSC's annual Media Immersion journalism and media education program for new students. Euchner, an accomplished author and educator, led multiple sessions on writing, sharing techniques from The Writing Code, a system he developed to help people improve their writing.

Twenty-four new students were selected through a competitive application process to participate in Media Immersion. Students worked in teams and received instruction on writing,

Charlie Euchner (B.A., 1982) video, design, photo and online media from returning student leaders and VSC advisers. The content produced by participants was featured in various Student Media outlets and seen by classmates, faculty and staff as they returned to campus at the start of the school year. Vanderbilt first-year students who participated in the program since 2006 have reported live on MSNBC as freshmen, worked as interns with media such as The Washington Post, NBC, CNN, ABC News, BBC, and currently hold multiple leadership roles within Vandy student media operations.



Reconnecting: Vandy Sty



Memphis on Dec. 31.



Chuck with Vandy students, freshman Stephen Firestone and sophomore Natasha Abdullah, both of Houston, when they were attending the Romney rally late Monday, Jan. 2, in the Des Moines suburb of Clive. Photos courtesy of www.Offenburger.com

By Chuck Offenburger '69

COOPER, Iowa - So here I am, an old Vanderbilt alumnus, living out in rural west central Iowa, a state where there are too few other VU grads to have an alumni club. (However, I may form one because I just thought of a good name – the "Vanderbilt Caucus in Iowa.") It gets a little lonely almost always being the only Vandy person in any crowd around here.

But what ho! Recent events have given me two fun opportunities to connect with a whole lot of Vanderbilt folks.

The first was when the Commodores were invited to play in the Liberty Bowl in Memphis on Dec. 31. A bunch of us from the Class of '69 stay in touch via an email group administered by our leader Douglas T. Bates III, of Centerville, Tenn., and we all got excited about going to a bowl game, since we didn't get to do any of that back in our student days. So our pals who are National Commodore Club members bought a bunch of extra tickets, we persuaded our spouses and children to come along or at least not stand in our way, and we had a ball on Beale Street and elsewhere in Memphis.

You know by now that more than 30,000 Vanderbilt fans bought tickets and packed our half of the Liberty Bowl stadium. Imagine me being in that crowd. It was surreal! I learned how to do the new hand signal ("VU" with the thumb and first two fingers on your right hand). I sang "Dynamite" until I was hoarse. I led our group in a rendition of the great Vandy cheer from the late 1960s: "Yeaaaaaaaay, RAH! Whole damned team!"

Yes, the Commodores got beat by a fine Cincinnati team, 31-24, but as I wrote on our Internet site www.Offenburger.com, there were 12 seconds of football ecstasy in the fourth quarter that made our four days of travel and several hundred dollars of expense worth it. That was when quarterback Larry Smith threw a long bomb to Chris Boyd, who dived into the end zone for a 68-yard touchdown that put Vandy back in the lead. Vanderbilt coming from behind to take a lead in the fourth quarter of a football game? What a concept! We cheered and sang for a good 10 minutes, through the TV timeouts. Then when we finally had to kickoff, after only 12 seconds had

elapsed on the game clock, that Cincy kid ran the ball back 90 yards. One thought got me through the rest of it: At least this isn't Tennessee doing this to us. (UT was not bowl eligible, you know.)

My wife Carla and I grabbed a couple of Moon Pies and hit the road early on New Year's Day to drive back to Iowa, where our whole home state was in a frothy fit over politics. Our famed Iowa Precinct Caucuses were set for the evening of Jan. 3. I needed to be here because I was chairing my own rural precinct's Republican caucus. But, even more important, I wanted to get back to meet 19 current Vanderbilt students and three university staffers who devoted five days of their holiday break to coming to Iowa for a "rolling seminar" about the caucuses.

You'll be happy to know they were very highprofile while they were in Iowa. Everybody was talking about them being so enthused, curious and involved. They scattered from Ames to Atlantic and all over the Des Moines area, meeting candidates, attending rallies, talking politics with campaign staff, volunteering in the campaigns' headquarters, attending political talk shows, and chatting up the political press corps at every opportunity. We Offenburgers joined them at a couple events the night of January 2. And the students connected with several other Vandy alums who had key roles in the campaigns and coverage - a press secretary in the Mitt Romney campaign, Willie Geist (B.A., 1997) of the MSNBC "Morning Joe" show, and others. The students were all "Tweeting" about the experience, they were interviewed frequently, and they gathered lots of material for a group presentation they'll do later on campus.

Bowl game, Iowa caucuses trip – what those two experiences told me is that my alma mater is still out-performing nearly all other universities when it comes to giving people opportunities, students and alumni alike.

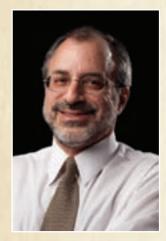
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(The author was editor of the Vanderbilt Hustler in the fall semester of 1968 and, always one to stir the political pot, then and now, caused a bit of an uproar in the VU community by endorsing Dick Gregory for Issue 15 · Fall 2011



THE 2011 CLASS

- Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame -



Fred Buc



Terry Eastland



Frye Gaillard



Tyler Repner



Neil Skene

Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame on Oct. 21. The induction ceremony and celebratory reception were held in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

The inductees included Frye Gaillard, writer-in-residence at the University of South Alabama who has written extensively on Southern race relations, politics and culture; Terry Eastland, publisher of The Weekly Standard and political writer; Neil Skene, vice chairman and legal counsel for MedAffinity Corporation and historical writer; Fred Buc, general manager for WRLT-FM, Lightning 100;

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and Tyler Kepner, national baseball writer for The New York Times.







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distant voices alumni updates

A glimpse into a few lives that helped shape student media at Vandy

Jerry Niles Jordan ★ B.E., 1949

(Commodore yearbook, Vanderbilt Masquerader) Jordan lives in Dallas, TX, and said: As I sit here with my computer I think back to the time when Jane Bandy and I were co-editors of the Commodore in the fall of 1946. We looked for photographers who had access to flash bulbs because flash bulbs were so hard to find. I was taking a picture two days ago with my daughter's camera with the flash installed and noted that the camera could take another 341 pictures. No Flash bulbs required! Four years after my work on the Commodore one of my jobs as a legal intern was to shave the wax cylinders so that the attorneys could use them on their dictation machines. The advances in technology are amazing. It still takes dedicated people however to bring the publications to life. Two of those with whom I still am in contact are S.P.McCutchen, business manager of V-Square circa 1950 and Bob Moody who was business manager of the Gadfly (literary magazine) in 1948-49. Bob reminds me that that year the Gadfly made a profit of \$400 which was split between him and the editor, Jane DeLoach. We use email...no stamps to lick. My retirement years are spent in large part in working with guests sent to our community by the State Department. Now I can read reports from Pakistan in an English language paper written by such a guest as easy as I can read my local paper. How lucky we are to have such tools available. One thing that does not change however is the continued need for integrity on the part of the media. Hopefully those working on campus now with the various publications are fully cognizant of their ethical responsibilities regardless of what technology is being used.

1956

M.S. Brad Stanford Northwestern

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Stanford lives in Arlington, VA, and said: I work for the Office of Naval Research (an outgrowth of NROTC at Vandy) as a financial and acquisition manager (aided by an MBA from Xavier of Ohio). I continue to suffer from a compulsion to correct spelling, grammar and usage errors, stemming from my experience as Copy Editor of the Hustler, and love to see headlines in Hauser Script. Is there anyone else from the Hustler staff of the 1950's



Walter Rowe Courtenay * B.A., 1956

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Courtenay lives in Gainesville, FL, and said: I'm a retired biologist with over 100 published, nearly all peer-reviewed. Still into photography as I was during my years at Vandy.

John Harris Hatcher ★ B.A., 1956

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Hatcher lives in San Jose,



Hatcher

Costa Rica, and said: I still enjoy living in Costa Rica. I hear from old friends at Vanderbilt, but would be happy to hear from more so if you want to chat, call me at my USA phone number in Maryland and it will ring in Costa Rica. (Please

email paige.clancy@vanderbilt.edu for Hatcher's phone number.)



1957



Robert Jackson Miller B.A., 1957

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Bob Miller lives in Mount Vernon, IL, and said: New for me is teaching in the local high school part time and enjoying it thoroughly. I am also working on some interesting consulting

jobs and don't want to travel, retire, or move to Florida. Many new friends here in Mt. Vernon keep me laughing.

John E. Ingle ★ B.A., 1957

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Ingle lives in Lovettsville, VA, and said: Widowed in 2006; retired in 2007.

1960

Chuck Nord ★ B.A., 1960

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Publications Board) Nord lives in Bradenton, FL, & Nashville, TN, and said: I am still active as an independent insurance broker, and have no intention of retiring. My wife (Laurie Ford, '60) is a pre-school music teacher. We divide our time between Nashville and Bradenton. We have four children and seven grandchildren. Besides staying in close touch with our family, we find a great deal of pleasure visiting with old friends, many of them from our Vanderbilt undergraduate days. There is a bond with members of our own generation which is impossible to replicate with those either younger or older: something about similar frames of reference. I count myself fortunate in having experienced Vanderbilt when I did. I would not trade places with today's undergraduates. I sincerely hope today's VU students are as challenged by their professors as was I.

1966

Margaret (Maggie) Johnson Tarpley ★

(WRVU) Tarpley lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Currently work in surgery education at Vanderbilt and am the liaison for a general surgery elective in Kenya. Serve as web master for the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. Have 3 married sons who reside in San Diego, Toronto, and Switzerland. Am on an international library committee and travel to Africa each year--Zimbabwe is the Feb 2012 destination.

Jan Aitkenhead Carter ★ B.A., 1968

(Commodore yearbook) Carter lives in St Louis, MO, and said: I am recently retired after serving 43 years as a Deputy Juvenile Officer for the 22nd Judicial Circuit-Juvenile Division in St. Louis, MO. I look forward to spending time travelling and playing with my grandchildren.

Christy Tate Smith ★ B.A., 1968

Smith lives in Brownsville, TN, and said: Eighteen years of journalism provided a great transition to my new work as a disaster consultant for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Writing about vulnerable people in a variety of situations was providential preparation for disaster

1969

Jim Rosenblatt ★ B.A., 1969

(Publications Board) Rosenblatt lives in Ridgeland, MS, and said: Jim Rosenblatt-Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law-received the Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice's award at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Bar.

Ingrid Lundahl ★ B.A., 1969

(Commodore yearbook) Lundahl lives in Telluride, CO, and said: I moved to Telluride as a corporate dropout in 1978. I had been writing commercials and print ads since I graduated Vandy. When I settled in, arguably, the most beautiful place in America, I hung a shingle as a photographer. That's how I've stayed alive these many years, other than breathing the fresh, clean air at 8745 feet. Right now I'm bored in Dallas, where I am helping my mom, for the next 6 months. Please contact me if you remember me and are in the area. (Please email paige.clancy@vanderbilt.edu for Lundahl's phone number.)

Douglas Thompson Bates III ★ B.A., 1969

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Bates III lives in Centerville, TN, and said: I am still practicing law in my home town where I have been since 1974 Just loving what our football team has done this year. Marvelous.

Julia Malone ★ B.A., 1969

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Malone lives in Washington, DC, and said: After many years covering national politics and the federal government as a news reporter, I am now a consultant to the non-partisan Americans Elect (.org). The group will be conducting a nationwide Internet-based convention to choose a "third choice" presidential ticket, which will be on all 50 state ballots. Americans Elect was featured recently at a forum moderated by journalist John Seigenthaler at Vandy's Center for Independence.

1970

Bill Livingston ★ B.A., 1970

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Livingston lives in North Olmsted, Oh, and said: Sports columnist for Cleveland Plain Dealer since 1984, currently specializing in Ohio State coverage. I am probably familiar with every Marriott property in Columbus, Ohio, and somewhat acquainted with those in every Big Ten town. My book, "Above and Beyond" about Tim Mack, 2004 Olympic pole vault gold medalist, won three national awards. Several projects in the works, including a novel about the NBA, a league I have been around since 1974, and which I covered for six years at the Philadelphia Inquirer when Dr. J played for the 76ers.

Brad Sabel ★ B.A., 1970

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Sabel lives in Bronxville, NY, and said: I'm a partner of Shearman & Sterling advising on financial regulation. My Hustler experience was invaluable.

1972

Peggy Shaw * B.A., 1972

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Shaw lives in Decatur, GA, and said she



in the country. She also owns her own editorial business, Wren Cottage Writing & Editing. Her latest children's books are Sesame Street's "Giggles and

is director of pub-

lic relations at Holy

Innocents' Episcopal

School, the largest

Episcopal day school

More" from Dalmatian Press and "This Little Piggy Goes Green" from Piggy Toes Press.

Charles (Chuck) M. Myer III \star B.4 1975

(WRVU) Myer lives in Cincinnati, OH, and said: I have remained involved as a board member of the Alumni Assn. and served as reunion chair with my wife Ginny in 2010. I am the the Otolaryngology program director and Vice Chair at the University of Cincinnati. We have enjoyed the Hall of Fame inductions each year and encourage everyone to attend or view the website (vandymedia.org)!

1977

George Pallas * B.S., 1977

(WRVU) Pallas lives in Columbus, OH, and said: Since graduating from Vanderbilt in 1977, I have worked in Information Technology and have not been directly involved with media. However, my stint at WRVU in the mid-1970s provided many of my happiest Vanderbilt memories.

1978

F. Scott Anderson * B.A., 1978

(Versus magazine) Anderson lives in Bloomington, IN, and said: I'm now working happily as an RN near here at the Residence at McCormick's Creek in Spencer, IN. This is not what I had in mind while frequenting the Tunnel for Versus over 30 years ago! The highlight of those years has to be the "Vanderbilt Hamster" we brought out in '77 or '78. When I started selling ads in '76 and then was given the title of Advertising Manager and later Business Manager, it literally gave me a tiny office in which to hang out, for which I will ever be in Rich O'Neill's debt. Iim Leeson (RIP) also provided wise counsel, especially when I almost resigned over an interview with Dr. Hunter, Shakespearian prof extraordinaire.

Kevin Read McDonald ★ B.A., 1978

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Vanderbilt Undergraduate Review) McDonald lives in Waban, MA, and said: I continue to work as a Partner at McDonald Lehner. One of our recent projects is a new reporting service about corporate governance in Brazil (http://www.mcdonald-lehnerreport.com). Our daughter is about to get her degree in broadcast journalism at USC, and our son is a sophomore also at USC.



McDonald and wife, Diana, about to swim in Crystal Lake just before Thanksgiving Day, water temp in the 40s.

Jason Sagerman ★ B.S., 1979

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Sagerman lives in Philadelphia, PA.

1980

Elizabeth Phillips * B.S., 1980

(WRVU, Versus magazine) Phillips lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: This past summer I visited Greece with fellow classmate and Student Media Alumni, Christie Mullen (BS 1980). My husband, Michael, is Greek and his hometown is located about 2 hours from the village where Christie's mom grew up. Christie and I had tried to find the village of about 500 people by ourselves back in 1983, but it was very remote and way off the tourist path. Christie and her sister came to stay with us and we took her to the village to find her relatives that she had never met. It turns out we arrived on the day of the largest festival of the summer and found several of her relatives were in town! We spent the day with them and it was a wonderful experience. It was good to see her again and share more fun times



Elizabeth Phillips and Christie Mullen_enjoying wonderful Greek food seaside on St. George Bay,

1981

Alice Baxter Griffiths ★ B.S., 1981

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Griffiths lives in Brooklyn, NY, and said: My freelance business-editing/ ghostwriting business, Alice Writes LLC, is now in full swing, with a number of repeat clients and increasing numbers of invoices actually paid! I also have a website, which is ready for sharing at www.alicebgriffiths.com. I'm very glad to be writing and editing full time, and hoping to throw in a little essay writing too. Just like being back in English class — but with paychecks!

Kevin M. Kendall ★ B.A., 1981

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Kendall lives in Durham, ME, and said: I am now Medical Director of LifeFlight of Maine; I have published extensively on air medical, EMS, and other medical issues. My son made Eagle Scout this year and will be

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graduating at the top of his class and attending St.Olaf College. Regretfully, he wanted a small college instead of a wonderful university like Vanderbilt!



Kathy, Evan and Kevin Kendall

James Arthur Orr ★ B.A., 1981

(Commodore yearbook) Orr lives in Lexington, KY, and said: I married Kang WenChun, now Winnie Kang Orr, on June 4, 2011 in Beijing, China and I have a 7 year old step-daughter named LeLe.



Jim & Winnie Orr with LeLe - Married in Winnie's Christian church in Beijing, China

1983

Lisa Collins Huddleston ★ B.A., 1983

Huddleston lives in Lebanon, TN, and said: Lisa remains a lifelong learner called to act on the truths God reveals and to encourage others to do the same. She is a certified Life Coach, a veteran



Huddleston

home school teacher, a freelance writer, and a soon-to-be graduate of Union University's Master of Christian Studies program (2012). Lisa lives with her Renaissance man, Chuck (also class of '83), one sweet junkyard dog, and five cats on a Century Farm in Tennessee.

Chuck and Lisa have three grown children, Chad, Sarah, and Nick, the first two of whom are engaged to marry in the summer of 2012. Life continues to be a joyful journey!

Bruce E. Peoples * B.A., 1983

(WRVU) Peoples lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I had a good year building my marketing research business. I do qualitative research, the most common form being focus groups. I talk to customers



Peoples conducting a focus group among college stu-dents in **TN**.

panies. Ironically, my biggest project that really got me going was in Tennessee, for a community college. My clients have included the Home Depot, Publix, Arby's, and the American Cancer Society. The trait that led me to WRVU - a

on behalf of com-

curiosity about many things and current affairs (my first gig was reading the news), still serves me well. as I work for so many different types of organizations. I guess I've come to realize that learning is continuous, so you might as well enjoy it.



The cover of Gazala's latest release, the e-book "Trust and Other Nightmares."

Richard Gazala B.A., 1983, J.D., 1986

(WRVU) Gazala lives in Vienna, VA, and said: I've just released my second book, "Trust and Other Nightmares." It's an anthology of a handful of scary short stories. Published exclusively as an e-book, it's available worldwide for all e-readers. The e-book includes "Trust," without which a murder-suicide pact is merely revenge's favorite recipe; "Rougarou," where a terrified boy learns it's never easy to tell monsters from saviors in a desolate Louisiana swamp; "Frankie's Last Affair," in which we're taught that if a thing is truly art, someone has to suffer for it: "Canis," a post-apocalyptic tale where the wolves in sheep's clothing have no lock on cross-dressing, and "Showtime," a tale about a famous television psychic medium whose dirty secret is he knows there's no such thing as ghosts. Learn more at www.richardgazala.com, and at the Gazalapalooza blog, www. rgazala.blogspot.com.

1984

Sanford S. Sharp * B.S., 1984, M.D., 1988, fellowship, surgical pathology

(WRVU) sharp lives in Chattanooga, TN, and said: Currently a pathologist at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, TN with an interest in breast and cytopathology. I continue to love finding new music and fulfill my DJ'ing inclinations by assembling obscure playlists for the spinning class I teach.

1986

Thomas W. Mullins ★ B.A., 1986

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Mullins lives in St. Petersburg, FL, and said: I am a managing director in the investment banking division of Raymond James, based in our HQ in Tampa Bay. The practice group that I run conducts our transaction work in the transportation and environmental services sectors Married to Andi Nolan Mullins since 1997, with 2 kids.

1988

Daniel W. Gehr * B.A., 1988

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU) Gehr lives in Fairfield Township, OH, and said: I am starting my 14th year of private general law practice, focusing on fam-



Daniel W. Gehr, Attorney

ilv, criminal and probate matters. My wife, Angela, and I have two children. My son is a freshman in high school and my daughter is in 5th grade. We're very busy with their activities, which include

lacrosse, Boy Scouts, ballet and music. I'm presently serving as Vice-President of the Fairfield Lacrosse Club, a local non-profit organization established for promoting the growth of lacrosse in our area. Fairfield Lacrosse runs teams from 3rd grade through high school to compete against other local schools and club teams. I manage two websites, one for my business (www.dwgehr-law. com) and the other for the lacrosse club (www. fairfieldlax.org).

1990

Bruce K Negrin ★ B.A., 1990

(WRVU) Negrin lives in New Rochelle, NY, and said: Isn't it odd how a student who hosted the "Rhymin' and Stealin'" show as DI B-NICE on WRVU can come full circle and now host a Top 20 Country Countdown on WVIP 93.5 HD3 or countryhitshd.com. A NYC kid doing a country show?



Well that's the Nashville influence compounded by the fact that some dorm mates next door to me at Branson constantly played Clint Black and Hank Jr until I knew all the words. So if you get the chance

check out the Top 20 Country Countdown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10 am & 10 pm eastern on countryhitshd.com or 93.5 WVIP HD3 on In Tune radio app for the mobile phone. I will be looking for you!

1991

Laurie Houston ★ B.A., 1991

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Houston lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: I'm currently an Associate Producer on the documentary series "Snapped," which just celebrated its 150th episode on the Oxygen network. Also had a great time coming back to campus in October for Reunion and attending the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Beth Evans Vessel ★ B.A., 1991

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Vessel lives in Brentwood, TN, and said: I am a partner in the corporate group at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP in Nashville. My husband Todd and I live in Brentwood with our 6 year old daughter Olivia and our 2 year old daughter Julianne.

1992

Brennan Tennesen Price ★ B.A., 1992

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Versus magazine, Slightly Amusing) Price lives in Arlington, VA, and said: I have been the Chief Technology Officer of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association of amateur radio operators in the United States, since September 2008. In this capacity, I advocate for continued and enhanced access to radio spectrum on behalf of more than 700,000 FCC-licensed hams (an all-time high). I was named chairman of the International Telecommunications Union Working Group for the amateur and amateur-satellite radiocommunication services in November 2011. My work requires fluency with regulation and technology and an understanding of the potential and limitations of each. For me, these skills were developed through work well before I became a radio amateur, in radio broadcasting, starting as high school student taking CHEM 102A&B in the Summer of 1988, when I volunteered to do hourly newscasts at WRVU. Over the next four years, in addition to producing radio content, I had the chance to delve into the rules governing FCC-licensed broadcast stations and help the staff comply with them. I continued this role at Georgia Tech's WREK and was held to compliance standards (administered by folks with seniority) at Atlanta's news/talker WGST before starting at ARRL in 2000 as a regulatory specialist. My professional career path is directly traceable to me placing my nose in the relevant chapters of the Code of Federal Regulations in the office of WRVU. My experience managing a regulated radio station was as invaluable and as memorable as any song I ever played, any news story I ever wrote or read, or any phone call I ever took on a talk show. It shaped who I am and what I do, and I'm pleased to report I'm doing pretty well.



Brennan Price, A'92 (at right), in a meeting of the Working Group for the amateur and amateur satellite radiocommunication services at the International Telecommunication Union. Price succeeded Kenneth Pulfer (center) as chairman of the Working Group in November 2011.

Kelli Staples Burns ★ B.A., 1992

(Commodore yearbook) Burns lives in Lutz, FL, and said: I am happy to announce that I was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor at the University of South Florida. I also serve as the head of the public relations sequence. My research in the area of social media has given me many opportunities to speak to industry groups, appear on local news programs and be an expert source for news stories.

1993

Joe Peebles * B.S., 1993

(WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Peebles lives in Washington, DC, and said: I hosted the WRVU 91 Rap and R&B show on Saturday nights during the summers of '91-'92. Also hosted Vandy Rap, Rythm and Blues video show on VTV during the spring of '93. I still deejay as a hobby in the Washington, DC area; mostly weddings and anniversary parties. twitter @wodierock

1996

Chad Gervich ★ B.A., 1996

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Gervich lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: Chad has spent the last year writing on "After Lately," E!'s Chelsea Handler mockumentary. He also writes on Food Network's "Cupcake Wars," and teaches TV writing classes at Cal State Fullerton and at various workshops and conferences around Los Angeles. In addition, Chad is co-president of Vandy-in-Hollywood, Vanderbilt's professional alumni network for VU students and grads working (or hoping to work)

in entertainment. You can learn more at www. vandvinhollywood com

1997

Langdon Shoop ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Shoop lives in Lexington, KY, and said: Was excited to get together with John Dugan (1997), Michael Bruno (Hustler, class of 1997), Peggy Vazquez (1998), Abby Marateck (1998), John Parker (1999) and Dave McTaggart (1998) to watch Paul Richter (1998) marry his lovely new wife Katie in Cleveland, Oh.



Submitted by Shoop

Michael Bruno ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt Television) Bruno lives in Arlington, VA, and said: Michael continues to ride the waves of tumult in national and foreign affairs, as well as the continuing upheaval in the media industry, at Aviation Week where he is now managing editor for defense, space and security. His team's articles and blogs have won Jesse H. Neal business journalism awards and continue to be widely cited. His beautiful wife Mary Jean will give birth to their boy in April. Langdon Shoop (A&S, 1997) to be godfather.

1998

Tony Divino ★ B.E., 1998

(Commodore yearbook) Divino lives in Washington, DC, and said: Been living in DC since graduation, not a lot of new things going on but just returned from an amazing trip to Iceland and Greenland!



Divino in Ilulissat Greenland: It was a brutal -20 degrees with a 20 mile an hour wind but well worth getting some amazing Northern Lights

1999

Justin Seibert * B.A., 1999

(Vanderbilt Television) Seibert lives in Wheeling, WV, and said: Major 2011 accomplishment: appearing in without ruining the wedding of my former co-host. Frank Pufall, who was married in November in Wisconsin.



Ben Rose (far left) with Texans Coach Gary Kubiak and PCA-**Houston Board Chair at** the Positive Coaching Alliance scholarship

Ben Rose ★ B.A., 1999

(Vanderbilt Athletics Sports Information Department) lives in Houston, TX, and said: After five years working for the NFL Houston Texans, I've been Executive Director for the Houston Chapter of Positive Coaching Alliance, a non-profit dedicated towards teaching life lessons through sports, for the past three years.

Morgan Fitz McDonald ★ B.A. M.D., 1999

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) McDonald lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Brent and I have two busy little ones and are somewhat surprised to find ourselves both having made it back to Vanderbilt. He is in hospital administration and I'm in medical education. It's been fun to run into people all over again.

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2000

Abby Beckel ★ B.A., 2000

(Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member) Beckel lives in Takoma Park, MD, and said: It's been an exciting year for me. This year the non-profit literary publishing company I co-founded—Rose Metal Press-celebrated five years of operation. We've published 14 books of poetry, short short fiction, and hybrid genre work by more than 140 authors, with more to come. More information about Rose Metal at www.rosemetalpress.com. I also got married this fall! Jay Schwarz and I were married on October 1, and are now living in Takoma Park, Maryland, in metro Washington, DC. 2011 has been a wonderful year!

2001

Daniel Vo * B.S., 2001

(Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review) Vo lives in Philadelphia, PA, and said: I finished Pediatrics at Columbia University in NYC in 2009 and then started Anesthesia at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. I will finish this year and stay on to do a Pediatric Anesthesia fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I just recently got engaged and we're loving life in Philly.

Dan Wolken ★ B.A., 2001

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Wolken lives in New York, NY, and said: After four years with the Memphis Commercial Appeal, Dan Wolken last December accepted a new job as the national sports columnist for The Daily, News Corp's national iPad newspaper. The Daily launched in February, and it has taken Dan to nearly every major sporting event in the United States including the Super Bowl, World Series, NBA Finals and U.S. Open golf tournament. Dan is now based in Manhattan.

2002

David Schiff ★ B.A., 2002

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, Vanderbilt Television) Schiff lives in Washington, DC, and said: I'm working for a Navy shipbuilding program in Washington, D.C., volunteering for the Newseum, and getting ready to marry my wonderful fiance, Autumn!



Schiff with fiance. Autumn

Andrea Sims Frankenfeld ★ B.S., 2002

(Commodore yearbook) Frankenfeld lives in India and said: My husband and I continue to work for a Christian organization in India preparing media in the form of brochures, print content for websites, photos and videos. It is very fulfilling work for us, but we look forward to returning to the US for about 9 months next April.

2003



Julia. Justin and

Pirrung Julia Douglas ★ B.S., 2003

(Commodore yearbook) Douglas lives in Chicago, IL, and said: Julia Pirrung ('03) married her Vandy college sweetheart, Justin Douglas ('02), in August 2008 and they welcomed their first child, daughter Sloane Burgess Douglas, in March 2011. Professionally,

Julia continues to operate Jet Set World Travel, a luxury travel and concierge service she founded in 2005 after returning from two years of working in London for Lloyds.

Zhubin Parang ★ B.S., 2003

I thought about doing what

I loved, reading and writing

about politics, for free, and

then considered the fact that

there were some people crazy

enough to pay me to do it.

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Orbis) Parang lives in New | Dan George and Laura Bermdez

York, NY, and said: Zhubin Parang currently lives in New York, where he is a writer for The Daily Show With Jon Stewart. He also regularly performs and writes for stage venues around New York.

2004

Laurel Staples * B.E., 2004

(Spoon magazine) Staples lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I graduated with a mechanical engineering degree and worked in the corporate world for a while before realizing that I was definitely meant to be an entrepreneur. Today, I am a Certified Health & Nutrition coach with my own private practice in Green Hills. I work with clients who want to lose weight, gain energy, or reduce stress through diet and lifestyle changes. I specialize in working with women who want to heal their thyroid problems using a holistic approach. In addition, I present health-related workshops around Nashville, teach cooking classes and organize a women's health-based Meetup group.

2005

Daniel Irwin George * B.S., 2005

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) George lives in Chicago, IL, and said: Daniel George is engaged to Laura Bermudez, B.S. Peabody 2005, and are planning a Summer 2012 wedding in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We both live in Chicago and work as consultants for Accenture.



Elizabeth Ashley Opderbeck * B.S.,

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook, VSC Board member) Opderbeck lives in San Diego, CA, and said: Currently studying to get my 2nd bachelor's degree - in Web Design and Interactive Media. Will be graduating in March 2012 and getting married in May 2012.

Danielle Throneberry * B.A., 2005

(The Vaderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook, Orbis, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member) Throneberry lives in Nashville, TN, and said: D'nelle Throneberry, A&S 2005, is finally devoted full-time to running her digital marketing firm, Berry Interesting Productions, which she started in 2006. She still happily resides in Nashville.

Robert Caldwell * B.S., 2005

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, VSC Board member) Caldwell lives in St. Louis, MO, and said: I play around St. Louis in the cheeky, rocking, Black Bears band. I am an attorney, and I do class actions, employment discrimination, criminal defense, and I am trying my best to get into entertainment law.

2006

Taylor Smith ★ B.A., 2006

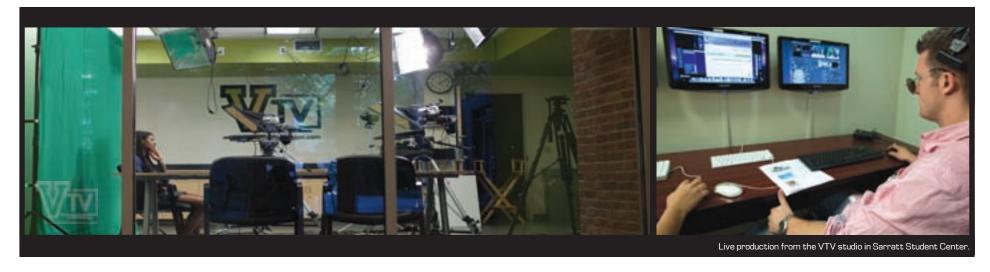
(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Smith lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and said: After living in New York City for the past two years working at a Non-Profit, I am now living in Ann Arbor, MI with my wife and dog. I currently attend business school at the University of Michigan but try to make it back to Vandy as much as possible.

2007

Monika Blackwell ★ B.A., 2007

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, InsideVandy.com) Blackwell lives in College Station, TX, and said: Monika Blackwell is currently a Communications Specialist with the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University where she helps with media relations and recruitment publications.





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there ever since.

There's been plenty of on-the-job training. My first time reporting in the Capitol, I spent the better part of an hour waiting for one senator, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, to leave a policy luncheon so I could ask her a question. Gillibrand, I knew, was short and young and

blonde, so I waited as old man after old man filed out. Finally, I found my target: short, blonde, young. I raced over as a crowd of reporters swarmed the senator. With my slight height advantage and deep voice, I grabbed her attention as I began my question, "Senator Gillibrand, do you—"

interrupted me. "Landrieu," said Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. It was

immediately clear that she was not also Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. The veteran Hill reporters laughed and moved on. Meanwhile, I contemplated applying to law school in whatever place was farthest from both New York and Louisiana.

A more seasoned and experienced journalist these days, I now know the faces of most of the people I cover,

and some of them may be getting to know mine. During the aforementioned trip through South Carolina with Gingrich, I spent most of my time at one site pushing my way through supporters and other reporters to get to the candidate. He had answered a couple of my questions cheerfully and without protest. An hour later, after

> finishing a speech, I waited for Gingrich to leave the podium and asked him a question as soon as I could.

"Can I ask you about your position on health care?" I asked, thinking that the man who had seen me two weeks prior in Iowa and had even granted me a lengthy phone interview would be happy to let me posit one more innocent query.

"No," Gingrich barked. "We're done." That settled

But later in Newberry, there was one question for Gingrich that was much better than the one I had planned on asking. The interrogator wasn't a reporter but a resident named "Bulldog" Burke. In a charming, clipped Southern drawl, Burke asked Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House and presidential candidate, a question on a subject much more impactful on the lives of Americans than the staggering national debt or the threat of a nuclear Iran.

"In light of the recent events," Burke said, deliberately, "who do you think will win the SEC championship?"

The question brought down the house, and I scribbled it down on my notepad to use for color in my piece. I thought about how only a fan from an SEC school like Vanderbilt could really appreciate such a classic snapshot from the trail. I was right where I wanted to be.

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WRVU: "We also recognize that our new predominant presence online effectively expands our surrounding community to one that is global."



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completed by December 2012.

The VSC Board of Directors said it plans to use the sale proceeds to create an endowment that will help fund WRVU and all Vanderbilt student media in perpetuity.

The transaction has generated controversy, primarily from anonymous sources using online outlets, and prompted the formation of WRVU Friends & Family, a nonprofit

created by some alumni and community members who aim to block the sale.

"The entire staff but especially the executive staff - was very vocally opposed to the license sale," said senior Program Director Scott Cardone.

Cardone, who recently resigned from the board of directors of WRVU Friends & Family, said he didn't believe there is as much interest in Internet streaming as there is in radio, a condition WRVU is working to change.

"Our challenge, then, is marketing," he said.

As part of the current management agreement, WRVU now broadcasts on HD3 radio channel 90.3 as well as online. To smooth the over-the-air transition for listeners, WRVU has sponsored giveaways of HD radios, Cardone said.

During the past 18 months VSC has invested in a number of improvements and programs designed to keep student interest in WRVU at high levels.

This fall featured the WAVE event at The Ingram Commons on the Peabody campus. WAVE, which stands for the "WRVU and VTV Experience," targeted first-year students and showcased student performance groups, student and local bands, and WRVU DJs. VTV simulcast the event.

Increasing visibility is a new endeavor, according to junior and WRVU Events Coordinator Caitlin Meyer.

"We've been really making an effort to have more of a presence on campus, which is kind of funny because radio has historically been the media choice of people who are camera- and attention-shy," Meyer

The creation of a new, stateof-the-art studio in fall 2011 also helped WRVU gain student attention. Named Studio C, this glass-

fall, and an additional 30 students have completed the training necessary to DJ next semester. Even with these changes, as both Cardone and Meyer point out, WRVU is about the people.

"Working with the station has defined my college career," Meyer said.

Ackley agreed, saying, 'WRVU has made an indelible impact on my life. It's not only been an

enjoyable extra-curricular but has decidedly set me on the path of pursuing a career in music and media. ... I've made a great group of friends with whom I share so many similar tastes and interests. I'm sure we'll be

these portable streaming platforms,

individuals can listen to WRVU on

off. Sixty DJs were involved in the

These efforts appear to be paying

the go wherever, whenever.

in touch for years to come." According to Ackley, WRVU provides students with practical experience in areas such as marketing, social media, blogging, live production, content editing, people and resource management, communications, and music journalism.

Still at the heart of WRVU is a diverse array of interesting programs. Notable shows include The Funk Trunk, Pollock's Playlist and Blues Afternoon alongside sports programs and talk shows.

Programming and events continue to span genres, working to support WRVU's mission to provide Vanderbilt University and the surrounding community with the best in new, non-mainstream music.

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enclosed space is located in a hightraffic area near a popular study spot and coffee shop on the first floor of Sarratt Student Center.

As a multi-function studio serving multiple platforms, Studio C facilitates collaboration between VTV, WRVU and the rest of student media. For example, live performances and interviews with WRVU in Studio C also can be aired live on VTV or recorded for future broadcasting or online distribution.

Designed to increase awareness, participation and listenership, Studio C makes DJs visible to people walking by in hopes that more will tune into the online station at WRVU.org.

This past August, a newly designed WRVU website launched with new content, an embedded streaming player, relevant news content from InsideVandy.com, local concert listings, program schedules and blogs.

Ackley said he wants to "generate the sort of interactivity that the Internet fosters." WRVU.org takes advantage of audience interaction with information and music by including links to WRVU's presence on Twitter and Facebook.

Applications for iPhone and Android also make WRVU accessible for smartphone users. Through



BY THE NUMBERS

Undergraduate student DJs by the year

2007...**50**

2008...**52**

2009...46

2010...86

2011...90



Top 25 universities with online-only student radio stations

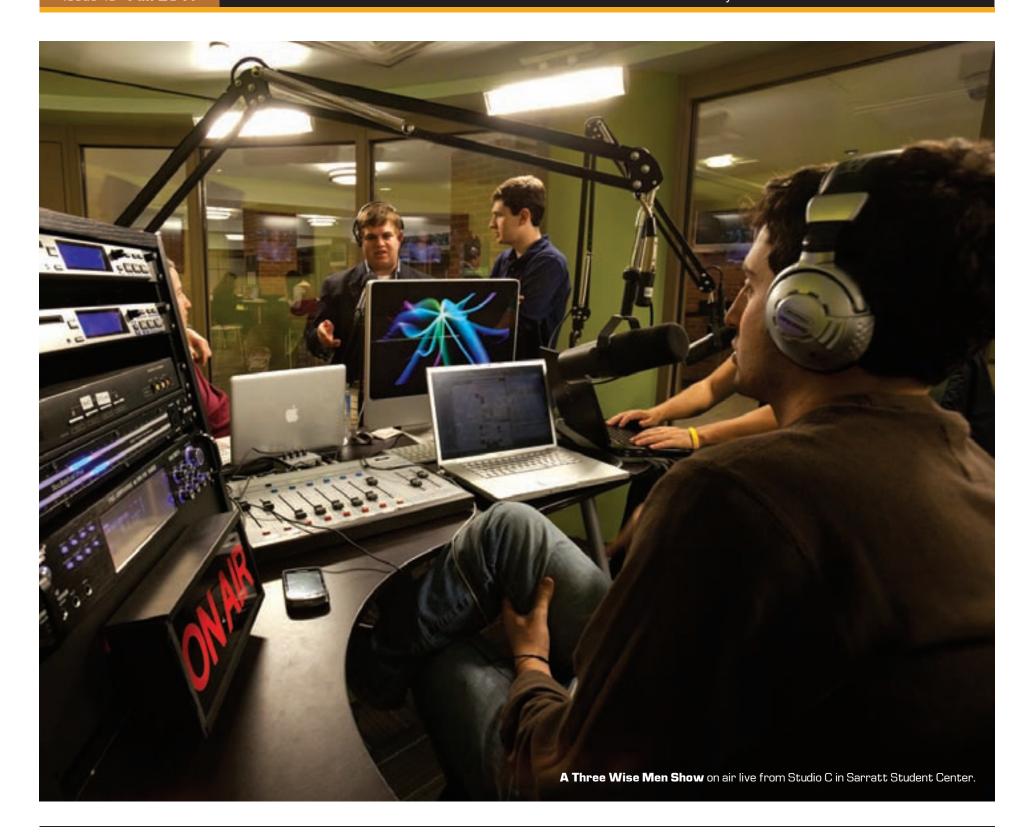
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WRVU rank among Live 365 streaming stations

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Nominee Information:

- Name of nominee
- Nominee's class year or approximate
- Vanderbilt student media organization(s) in which nominee worked
- Dates (or approximate) when nominee worked in Vanderbilt student media
- Please describe your knowledge of how the
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- Please describe how the nominee has achieved outstanding personal or professional accomplishments and/or made distinguished and lasting contribution to his or her field and/ or society in general

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