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A publication for alumni of student media at Vanderbilt University



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INTRODUCING...

The Vanderbilt Political Review

Nonpartisan political discussion is the focus of *The Vanderbilt Political Review*, a new VSC publication that launched in the fall. **Jadzia Butler**, a junior in Arts and Science, started the political journal to feature academic



Butler during an appearance on MSNBC.

essays written by students, faculty and alumni. Alumni contributors have included **Sen. Lamar Alexander** (B.A., 1962) and **Willie Geist** (B.A., 1997), co-host of "Morning Joe" on MSNBC. Butler invites alumni to send questions, comments and submissions to vanderbiltpoliticalreview@gmail.com.

Vanderbilt Fashion Quarterly

Students with a passion for fashion have a new outlet for expressing their interest in style and design. *Vanderbilt Fashion Quarterly* is a new publication started by **Lauren Elizabeth Junge**, a sophomore in Arts and Science who plans to create a VFQ website and publish a printed version quarterly. The magazine will include features, fashion photography and columns such as "What's Hot/What's Not" and "Vandy Style." Alumni interested in contributing to VFQ can email Junge at lauren.e.junge@vanderbilt.edu.

GEIST Philosophy Journal

Spencer Montalvo, a junior in Arts and Science, is working to launch *Geist*, a biannual publication of philosophical research, academic critique and discussion. The undergraduate journal of philosophy will feature essays by students from academic institutions across the country and interviews conducted by members of *Geist's* editorial board.



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CELEBRATING 42 YEARS IN 2009



Olney speaks with a few members of *The Vanderbilt Hustler* sports staff in the Student Media Newsroom during a recent visit to campus.

Olney visits different campus

by **Tim Ghianni**, Journalist-in-Residence for Vanderbilt Student Communications

Vanderbilt's increasing student diversity, its tolerance and outreach have made **Buster Olney** much prouder of his university than when he was a student here.

When he came here from a Norman Rockwell-style New England upbringing, one of the first things with which he had to cope, or at least to overcome in his naïve soul, was the hate and prejudice he encountered.

Olney arrived on campus in the fall of 1982, chasing his dream of becoming a sports writer after his interest was piqued when he tried to win the Grantland Rice Scholarship. The school also was home of another sports writing legend, **Fred Russell**, who went from playing baseball for the Commodores to becoming a nationally revered columnist based at the *Nashville Banner*.

"I knew when I was 15 that I wanted to be a sportswriter," says Olney. "I thought it would be a pretty cool way to make a living."

Even though he was a runner-up for the scholarship, he came to Vanderbilt. His first day as a student was the first time he saw the campus.

He spent about six years here -- taking leaves of absence to make money to finish his education. "I had friends in nine graduating classes," he says, explaining those friendships included the freshman, sophomore and junior classes from when he was a senior.

Much of his time here, Olney was a self-described "Tunnel Rat," a sports writer, editor and humor columnist who buried himself among the piles of papers and decaying

ham sandwiches in the basement of Sarratt. He graduated in the spring of 1988.

Now Olney is in the upper reaches of his profession. After beginning at the *Banner*, he worked as a baseball beat writer for papers in San Diego, Baltimore and New York City before settling in as a writer and commentator for ESPN.

From that vantage, he's been able to keep track of -- and be proud of -- the change at VU. He also makes regular visits to his alma mater and in mid-January he stopped by *The Hustler* newsroom to entertain staffers about his adventures in the wide world of sports, its highs and lows, and the journalism profession in general.

After that visit, he sat down for a few min-

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Destiny leads Etheridge to 'Breach'

by **Tim Ghianni**, Journalist-in-Residence for Vanderbilt Student Communications

Eric Etheridge always has enjoyed talking with people. That's what led the 1979 Vanderbilt University English major to achieve success as a writer and editor for the likes of *Rolling Stone*, *Harper's*, the *New York Times* and *George*, the latter co-founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr.

It's also what led to Etheridge's interest in the Freedom Riders, the brave souls who traveled from near and far into the Deep South -- including his home state of Mississippi -- to make their cases for racial equality at great personal risk.

"I'm a sucker for talking to people and getting their story," he says. "When that story involves going to Mississippi and getting arrested and being thrown in Parchman, it's even better."

Parchman, or Parchman Farm, is the name and location of Mississippi's most infamous prison.

And it was the destination for many of the subjects Etheridge photographed and interviewed for his book, *Breach of Peace*:

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Etheridge

bright lights *an alumni column...*

News and Personalities

by **Mary Elson**, Class of '74



Mary Elson

I was a 20-something general assignment reporter at the *Dallas Times Herald* in 1977 when Tony Dorsett, who would become one of the most decorated of all NFL players, came roaring into the city as the newest member of the Dallas Cowboys.

I was fortunate enough to be given the assignment to do the color story on Dorsett, visiting him and a half dozen of his buddies at his new place in Dallas. I remember he scoffed at the furniture

that had been delivered, saying he had ordered it hastily and was sending it back. The leather upholstery in his Cadillac convertible outside the apartment glistened, I wrote, under "the rampaging Texas sun."

Dorsett was a large personality and gave me plenty of nice material for a page 1 Sunday story.

As it happened, that same weekend, President Jimmy Carter's younger brother, Billy, another outsized personality who had been keeping his elder brother on edge with his highly publicized antics, came reeling through the Dallas-Ft. Worth International airport on that production night.

I was dispatched to the airport to chronicle the scene, dictating a story on deadline and getting home, if I recall, sometime after 4 a.m. And so it was that I wound up – for the first and last time in my reporting career -- with two stories on the front page of the Sunday newspaper.

It all seemed so, well, familiar – being up all night, writing multiple stories on deadline, handling disparate subjects, scrambling to get a stories under strenuous circumstances. Of course, it was because I had learned a lot of that by working 40 hours a week at the *Hustler*, traveling to the production plant in Murfreesboro often two nights a week and also taking five classes each semester at Vanderbilt.

I had literally learned to hustle to get almost anything required for a story and was able to draw on writing skills enhanced by some of the best literature professors in academia.

I had never taken a journalism course – and haven't since.

That's not meant as a dig at journalism schools, which have produced plenty of outstanding journalists. Yet I can't help thinking that I was fortunate not to have planned to go into journalism in high school, because I might have picked a different college. Instead I headed off to Vanderbilt after high school (in Oak Ridge, Tenn., "Atomic City, USA"), thinking I would become a microbiologist or a lawyer.

Serendipitously, I lived across the hall from a girl who worked on the *Hustler*, and she introduced me one evening to a world that would become my profession.

I came to believe that attending a renowned liberal arts school such as Vanderbilt with an independent award-winning campus newspaper was the near-perfect combination (at least for me) to enter journalism as a career. On the *Hustler*, I was surrounded by brilliant, curious, creative people who devoted untold hours to the paper not because they would get college credit or complete a degree but because they were captivated by putting out a newspaper. They were learning the nuts and bolts of journalism on the job and learning about the world and politics and history in

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utes to talk more personally about his Vanderbilt experience, including his early dismay about racism.

"It has been so wonderful to see and feel the evolution of the school and know you can have an African-American, like David Price, taken in the first round of the draft, from Vanderbilt. And Pedro Alvarez," he says.

That is in stark contrast to his time here, when black faces were met if not with hatred then at least with apprehension and disregard.

"My time here was very difficult, because I came from a small town in Vermont and had never been exposed to any kind of racism," he says.

"And there was a lot of racism here at the time I was going to school. It was very difficult.

"When I was here, I knew African-American football players who wore T-shirts that said 'Vanderbilt Football' all the time, because otherwise they would be stopped by security."

He admits he had heard the "N" word used in conversation in his mostly white farm town. And while it never was a good word, "It was used in a benign manner, like you were describing someone from New Hampshire."

It wasn't until he got here and heard some over-fueled fellow dorm dweller holler it that he became upset.

"It was said with such maliciousness. It was very

difficult."

Things have evolved here over time. And while following the successes of the football team, the baseball team, the men's and women's basketball teams, he's also been able to keep track of that evolution.

He says one of the high points of recent years was looking across from Memorial Gym and seeing a banner proclaiming "Vanderbilt for Israel." He was so dumbfounded and excited he called his best friend from college who lives in Yonkers, N.Y. It was not a sign seen on the campus when he was a student. Far from it.

His voice cracks when he compares the then to the now.

"It's very emotional for me, because it was really hard for me back then. The things I saw were so confusing to me. I didn't understand them."

Then he smiles. "Coming back year by year by year, I have seen the diversity in the campus change, and it has been good. I feel more strongly now about Vanderbilt than I did then." ❀

Tim Ghianni, who spent more than 33 years as a writer, columnist and editor for various daily newspapers, is working as VSC's journalist-in-residence this year, coaching students who work for The Hustler, Versus and InsideVandy.

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Portraits of the 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders.

The basic premise of this document is that Etheridge, working from the mug shots of those who were arrested in the cause, tracked down and interviewed 80 of the Freedom Riders, shot new photographs of them and ran the mug shots and the new portraits side by side.

Etheridge, who quickly points out that he was "a *Versus* man" when misidentified as a *Hustler* alum, is proud of his time at Vanderbilt, which he attended from 1975-79.

"I started at *Versus* when I was a freshman and then in my senior year I was the editor. It was where I hung out," he says of the office of the campus arts publication that in 2008 was transformed into a weekly entertainment guide. "Those crazy kids," he says, with a laugh, during a phone interview from the home in Manhattan's West Village that he shares with his wife and 7-year-old daughter.

He notes he never had any black friends at Vanderbilt.

As a native of Mississippi, it truly may have been his destiny to produce *Breach of Peace*, but he basically stumbled on the idea.

"I was looking for a photographic project to do. I had an idea. I had seen projects other people had done with historical images. It was a clever idea and in general they were well done," he says.

It was while he was mulling this that he went home to Mississippi for the holidays in 2003.

"I flashed on the Sovereignty Commission files," he says. That commission was formed in the 1950s with the basic goal of protecting the state from "federal encroachment" into state affairs. In other words, the organization was founded to stave off U.S. mandates for integration, suffrage and basic civil rights.

Those were just the causes advocated by the Freedom Riders when they arrived in Mississippi between May 24 and Sept. 13, 1961.

Local authorities reacted with force. When the Freedom Riders were arrested, their mug shots were stored by the Commission and were finally made public in 1998.

"I knew the files had been made public. I'd never seen them. Never looked at them," he recalls. "I thought what if maybe there's some pictures in those files."

He made some calls and found out that, yes, there indeed were photographs – mug shots of civilians – in those files.

"Once I heard there were mug shots, it very much piqued my curiosity," he says.

For the native of the small town of Carthage, Miss., the seed of his photographic history book had been planted.

"I started it in 2004," he says. In the files, "they had a complete set of (police mug shots of) everyone arrested in Jackson. They were pretty compelling images, especially considering the providence of them taken shortly after they were arrested and they were preserved by the people who were trying to defeat them."

Etheridge decided his project would be to track down those in the infamous mugs and shoot current portraits of them.

"I've located about 120 of the 328 I have mug shots for," he says. "About 80 of them are featured in the book."

He hasn't given up on the collection, either. As he finds about more of the Freedom Riders, he ponders perhaps adding them to a paperback version of the book or a new edition.

In many ways it is completion of a circle he didn't know even existed. "To be honest, I really got into it at the beginning because the history aspect appealed to me and the story of the Freedom Riders is a great story."

It was only later that he decided he was "learning my own history" as a son of Mississippi.

"I was too young to know," he says of the violence. "I always

understood that race was the sort of overarching issue above everything and the town was very segregated.

"The movie theater was segregated. And my doctor's office, but I didn't know about the politics of it."

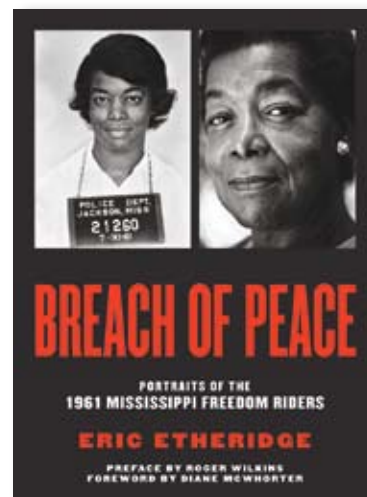
He says that by the time he was able to understand what had happened in his state, the old mug shots were basically gathering dust in the state archives.

"It became a chance by interviewing these people and taking their pictures, to learn my own history as a Mississippian. That became very rewarding."

And he has found more fulfillment now that the book is published, now that he is on book tours and taking part on panels where he can "take these mug shots back to the public and try to spread the story."

He has traveled all over the country to collect these interviews and images and takes a certain delight in knowing he's reopening chapters of heroism for new generations.

"It's a great story," he says. "Every person on the rides has their own particular details of how they ended up there, what motivated them to go." ❀



The cover art of Etheridge's "Breach of Peace."

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

1943

Eugene Reese Bogle ★ B.E., 1943

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Bogle lives in Audubon, PA, and said: Even after 65 years I find the current Vanderbilt media publications refreshing and very enjoyable. You are doing a great job and are an asset to the University. Keep up the good work. Reese Bogle

1947

Edyth Lasky Malin ★ B.A., 1947

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook, Vanderbilt Masquerader*) Malin lives in Wayne, PA, and said: **Mort Malin** and I were married on June 8, 1947 and were on our honeymoon instead of attending our graduations. He received an M.A. in History. We lived in Chattanooga for two years. Mort was the historian at Chickamauga Battlefield Park. I worked briefly for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department. In 1949 we moved to College Park, MD, as Mort began work on his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. After one year in the U. Md. Chemistry Department as a lab assistant, I went in 1950 to the American Chemical Society in nearby Washington, DC, first as a writer on *Chemical and Engineering News* and then, in 1953 after the birth of my first child, as a manuscript editor for ACS applied publications. Several years later, I joined the staff of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Bethesda, MD, where I prepared annotated bibliographies



Malin

for special conferences. In 1967, when the youngest of my three children was in first grade, I enrolled at American University, Department of Chemistry and received an M.A. in chemistry and information science in 1969. Later in 1969 my husband accepted a job in Philadelphia, and we moved to the suburban Main Line area. I continued graduate school and received a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Organic Chemistry from Bryn Mawr College in 1975 and spent 2 years as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In late 1977 I went to work at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Wyndmoor, PA, first as a Research Associate and then as a Research Chemist. I retired in 2003. During my career at USDA I conducted both basic research (modeling the structure of milk proteins) and applied research (developing low-fat cheese for school-lunch pizza) for which my group and I received many awards. Currently I serve as a Director of the Delaware Valley Science Council and as a member of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Chapter, Association for Women in Science.

1948

Carolyn Southgate Sartor ★ B.A., 1948

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Sartor lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Retired landscape architect licensed in Tennessee and Georgia.

Mary Wade Sutton ★ 1948

(*Commodore yearbook*) Sutton lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I think the 1948 *Commodore yearbook* was a very significant *Commodore*. I co-edited with **John Barton**. I became so enamored with the Ole Miss Rebel that I asked artist **Tom Griscom**, who later became a fine sculptor, and he designed the *Commodore* mascot, which appeared throughout the yearbook. Our photographer **Kenneth Spain**, an engineering student, went to every one of the events pictured in the yearbook, and he was faithful in his commitment. I asked **Tom Allen** to sketch the buildings on campus; he later became a famous children's book illustrator. We were a great group, we had a ball, and we have remained friends for 60 years. I have great pride.

Charles White Stockell ★ B.A., 1948

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Stockell said: Colonel U.S. Army, 30 years, four Purple Hearts, 12 Medals WWII (Omaha Beach and The Bulge). Later: M.A. American U.) and Russian Ph.D. under ranking Soviet defectors. Twenty years Soviet Intelligence Director in four major military headquarters, briefing the White House and writing Natl Intelligence Estimates. Afterward (1972-87), professor of Russian Studies USCB editor and publisher of *Beaufort, S.C., Magazine* (subscribers in all 50 states and seven foreign nations). Manager of Beaufort Chamber of Commerce 1974-87. Author of autobiography "Soldier's Story - While Hunting and Fishing in 71 Foreign Nations." Live in Russia, Germany, UK, Laos, Thailand.

1950

Franklin T. Evans ★ B.A., 1950

Subsequently earned M.D. degree at Harvard Medical School, 1954. Internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, U.S Public Health Service (1955-60), psychiatric residency at Yale University School of Medicine (1960-63), psychiatric practice in Annapolis (1963-81), inventor of BEDDERS, medical director at Sinai Hospital Drug Dependency Program (1983-95), part time at Custom Research Organizations (1997-2002), medical director at REACH Mobile Health Services (2002-07). Poems published in various publications, among them: *River Styx, Annapolis Anthology, Gay Paper, Cooke Book, and Weavings 2000, the Maryland Millennial Anthology*. Poetry readings in various locations, among them: The Angel Tavern, Minas' Gallery, Saint Mary's College of Maryland, Carroll Community College, Washington College (where I also was invited to give a lecture on Dr. Merrill Moore, a famous doctor/poet; and to read some of his sonnets along with some poems of mine). Plays: Three so far. One about Judas Iscariot; my first, subsequently revised. Second with a friend who spent most of WWII in Japanese prisoner-of-war camp, but survived to tell his story. Third about King James I of Bible fame, reincarnated into our television, evangelistic, and electronic age. Wind energy: Currently developing a patented wind-driven machine for generating electricity locally without relying on the "grid."

1952

Ken Berryhill ★ B.A., 1952

(WRVU) Berryhill lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Ken Berryhill was the subject of a documentary in Nashville's recent Film Festival about his lengthy TV/radio career, where he reconnected with actress Patricia Neal, having first met her on the set of the 1957 movie "Face in the Crowd." Ken was the role model for the character played by actor Walter Matthau, a Memphis TV producer/director. Matheau's character had, in the movie, even Ken's nickname at that time: "Old Vanderbilt!" Berryhill aided in that part of the movie which was filmed in Memphis. Ken Berryhill, while a student, founded Vanderbilt's now-famous WRVU radio station and is on-the-air there weekly.

1953

Anderson Spickard, Jr., M.D. ★ 1953

Spickard lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I am retired now and have an office in the Emeritus Professor's offices in the Oxford House.

1955

Raphael Ford Smith ★ B.A., 1955

(WRVU) Smith lives in Nashville, TN, and said: After VU, received MD degree from Harvard, post grad training Mass General Hospital, then Navy duty, initially at Naval Aerospace Med Institute Pensacola, FL. Later recalled during Desert Storm, serving in Middle East. Served on VU Med School faculty as a cardiologist during most of my career; retiring from the full-time faculty in 2005 as Professor of Medicine.

1956

Sheldon Hackney ★ B.A., 1956

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Hackney lives in Philadelphia, PA, and said: I am in "phased retirement" at Penn, teaching History in the spring semester, and spending summers and falls on Martha's Vineyard. Two children, eight grand children, and a tolerant wife, **Lucy**, brighten my days. I am, as usual, at work on a book.

Walter R. Courtenay, Jr. ★ B.A., 1956

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook*) Courtenay, Jr. lives in Gainesville, FL, and said: I've been retired from a 36+ career in academia since December 1999 but remain active

Help us identify Student Media alumni

Please take a moment to email paige.clancy@vanderbilt.edu with a list of names and approximate Class Years of alumni who worked in Student Media at Vanderbilt. The university maintains a great alumni database at www.Dore2Dore.com, and we want to add information to identify alumni who were involved with Student Media.

as a volunteer Fishery Research Biologist with the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey after relocation to Gainesville. I remain active in research and publishing scientific papers and book chapters. In September 2007, I received the Resource Conservation Award from the American Fisheries Society (a lifetime achievement award), and will be listed in *Who's Who in America* in its 2009 edition. I'm still active in photography as I was during my wonderful years at Vandy and involvement with the *Hustler* and *Commodore* yearbook.

1957

Michael G. Wagner ★ B.A., 1957

(WRVU) Wagner said: Fifty years of sales and management, various industries.

1958

David Halpern ★ B.A., 1958

(WRVU) Halpern said he is splitting his time between Tulsa and Santa Fe. His latest book, *Pilgrim Eye*, showcases more than fifty years of photographing the American landscape. (The following is from a review:) "The images are accompanied by a self-revealing essay providing insight into the motivations and philosophy of a sensitive photographic artist. Halpern has served as a National Park Artist-in-Residence eleven times and has taught photography in classrooms and workshops since the 1970s."



Pilgrim Eye, book by David Halpern, photographer/author

1963

Roy Blount, Jr. ★ B.A., 1963

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Spectrum*) Blount, Jr. lives in Mill River, MA, and said: My latest book, *Alphabet Juice*, was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in October. The book before that, *LongTimeLeaving: Dispatches from Up South*, comes out in paperback (Counterpoint Books) this month. I'm into my second term as president of the Authors Guild and have been inducted into the Fellowship of Southern Writers.



Blount, Jr.

1964

Lynn Currey Mayes ★ B.A., 1964

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Mayes lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: Lynn Mayes has studied at the Art Students League in New York and with several studio artists at the Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg, TN. She spent two summers on the island of Samos, Greece, studying with Yannis Ziogas at the Art School of the Aegean. Currently she is studying with **Martin Daws** at the Cherry Lion sculpture studio in Atlanta, GA. Since 1994, she has devoted her professional life to painting with oils and mixed media. Her subject matter ranges from figures to the landscape; sometimes the two are combined. She has participated in a number of group shows in Nashville and Atlanta.

1965

Don DeGeorge ★ B.E. M.S., 1965 1967

(WRVU) DeGeorge lives in Ellicott City, MD, and said: Now retired, I volunteer with non-profit musical organizations specializing in chamber music in Howard County, Maryland: The Orchestra of St. John's in Ellicott City, Sundays at Three in Columbia, and the Candlelight Concerts in Columbia.



Don DeGeorge in his media room.

1967

Walker Todd ★ B.A., 1967

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU*) Todd lives in Cleveland, OH, and said: Still occasionally write op-ed articles on current economic (primarily financial) topics. I had a commentary on Bretton Woods II and the possibility of a return to an international gold standard in the *Christian Science Monitor* dated November 17, 2008. Also, on November 18, *International Finance*, a journal of the Council on Foreign Relations, published online for its Summer 2008 edition an article on the Federal Reserve's objectives and current handling of the financial crisis, co-authored by **Anna J. Schwartz** and **Walker F. Todd**, *Why a Dual Mandate Is Wrong for Monetary Policy*.

1968

John Albert ★ B.A., 1968

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU*) Albert lives in Nashville, TN.

Robert Charles Rodgers ★ B.A., 1968

(WRVU) Rodgers lives in Olympia, WA, and said: After years of being lost in the wilderness, I have finally discovered my true love. I have returned to my radio roots which were grown at Vanderbilt in the sixties. I now do regular interviews with people who have Parkinson's Disease. My guests share their stories about what they are doing to restore their health. People connect to my teleseminars through the internet, so my radio broadcasts are no longer limited to the Nashville region. I have thus gone international, a step up from my broadcast days at Vanderbilt. Robert Rodgers, Ph.D. 1968



Rodgers

1969

Donald Martin Wolfson ★ B.A., 1969

(*Commodore yearbook*) Wolfson said: Three children: **Kymberly** (28); **Erin** (25); **Lance** (23). Erin graduated from Vandy. Wife: **Karen Read-Wolfson**. Work: President, Carperks LLP - national automotive internet marketing company representing over 5,000 dealerships and over 22 million full time employees nationwide. 2005-07 Mayor, City of Atlantic Beach, Florida. Served as board member and chairman of the Zoning Board of Neptune Beach and the Community Development Board of Atlantic Beach for 27 years collectively.

James Rosenblatt ★ B.A., 1969

(Publications Board) Rosenblatt lives in Jackson, MS, and said: As dean of the Mississippi College School of Law, I have the opportunity to work with the publishers of a student newspaper, a yearbook, a law review, and a branch of the law school that publishes legal treatises. My experience on the Publications Board at Vandy has been helpful in this work. However, we do not have a radio station! Note: I have four years (1965 to 1969) of bound *Hustlers*. Anyone have a need for them? Second Note: I am always on the lookout for bright Vandy students who were involved with publications and who are interested in attending law school. Write me at Jim.Rosenblatt@mc.edu Dean Jim Rosenblatt '69

1970

Truett K. Smith ★ B.E., 1970

(WRVU) Smith said: WLAC-TV (Nashville - now Newschannel 5/WTVF) 1968-1975. Opryland Productions/The Nashville Network (TNN)/Country Music Television (CMT) 1975-2001 - Engineering Manager Media/Broadcast Integration and Technical Services, Inc. (M/BITS) 2001-present - Founder and President. National Emmy Award - 1976 - videotape editing for 1976 Montreal Olympics.

William Eugene Livingston ★ B.A., 1970

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Spectrum*) Livingston lives in North Olmsted, Ohio, and said: I will be honored at the National Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev., Jan. 2-3, as their U.S. Media Person of the Year for my new book, "Above and Beyond -- Tim Mack, the Pole Vault and the Quest for Olympic Gold" (Kentstateuniversitypress.com and Amazon.com). It is a biography of the Cleveland-born-and-bred 2004 Olympic gold medalist and a popular history of the event. It has consistently been in the top 25 for Olympic books and in the top 100 for track and field books and running/jogging books in Amazon.com sales. My other new book, "The Great

Book of Cleveland Sports Lists," has been in the Amazon top 50 for general sports reference. I continue to write a 4-times-a-week sports column for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

1971

Steve Jones ★ B.A., 1971

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Jones lives in Summit, NJ, and said: Steve Jones is managing editor for product development for Dow Jones Newswires in Jersey City, NJ. Steve has worked for Dow Jones for 27 years, including 13 years in Asia as a reporter, news editor and managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal Asia*. In recent years, based in New York and New Jersey, he has focused on internet publishing at the *Online Journal* and at Dow Jones Newswires and is now working on ways to make the news readable by computerized trading programs.

1972

Trudy Day ★ B.A., 1972

(*Commodore* yearbook) Day lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: Trudy Day moved to California in 2001. I am currently the Associate Dean in the Graduate School of Education at Alliant University in San Francisco, working with new teachers in urban settings in the Bay Area. I return to Nashville every summer and always make a



Day

stop at Vanderbilt to recall how beautiful the campus was and still is.

Kathleen Gallagher Kemper ★ B.A., 1972

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, VSC Board member) Kemper lives in Tabernash, CO, and said: Whitney (L'73) and I retired in August 2007 and moved to Tabernash, CO, a ramshackle, unincorporated town near Winter Park and the western edge of the Rocky Mountain National Park. We have sweeping views of the Continental Divide and lots and lots of snow. We've recently traveled to China, Italy and Ireland (where Whitney ran the Belfast Marathon), but now we're staying home, hiking in the mountains and roasting marshmallows with our two grandchildren, who recently moved to Denver with our daughter Gwendolyn and son-in-law Carlos Gomez. Son Whitney Jr. and his wife, Hana Hattori, have moved to New York to pursue her fashion design career and the joys of big city life while still in their early 20's and child-free. Whitney (Sr.) is pioneering a LEEDS-certified residential building in Denver, and I am tutoring local students on writing skills, which is not that much different from dragging stories out of reporters.

Steve Kendall ★ B.A., 1972

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Kendall lives in Harvard, MA, and said: Since selling my advertising agency and retiring in 2004, I've been traveling, reading, working out, cooking, writing an art theft mystery, landscaping our yard and working with builders to create the *Boston Globe's* 2006 Home Addition of the Year. Most gratifying, though, has been my volunteer work -- as president of the board of an organization that teaches at-risk teens how to start and operate their own businesses; as an instructor and mentor to women who are starting their own businesses; and as the chairman of the long-range planning committee for a day camp.



Steve Kendall and his wife, Betsy, by one of the two ponds they created--part of their home addition that won the *Boston Globe's* 2006 Home Addition of the Year award.

1973

Patrick Joseph Nolan ★ B.A., 1973

(WRVU, *Commodore* yearbook, VSC Board member) Nolan said: I had the most fun in recent months being the official Class of 1973 blogger for our recent (October, 2008) 35th Class Reunion at Vanderbilt. The blog, (check it out at: <http://thevcentennialclass.blogspot.com>),

includes postings of a lot of pictures from the *Centennial Commodore*, *The Hustler*, music videos from YouTube, as well as memories of classmates and myself of those special times we all had together on campus in those days. Having worked at WRVU certainly helped me remember some of the interesting and historical things that occurred back then. We also posted some period TV news clips and ads courtesy of the Vanderbilt University TV News Archives to further add to the experience. Hopefully, it encouraged folks to come to reunion and enjoy themselves.

William Hays ★ B.E., 1973

(*Versus* magazine) Hays lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Presently a transportation engineer at Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, Inc., Nashville.

1974

Cecil Ross ★ B.A., 1974

(*Versus* magazine) Ross said: Army officer, 1974-78. Ph.D. in American History, Notre Dame 1982. Law Degree from Ole Miss 1985. Held several judicial clerkships and various low-level state lawyer jobs. Currently with the Office of General Counsel, Bureau of TennCare. Married Peggy Wall (a Vanderbilt Classics Ph.D.). Together for 32 years. We've raised three sons more or less successfully.

Ann Carroll ★ B.A., 1974

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU) Carroll lives in Washington, DC, and said: Ann Carroll is currently the Series Producer for "The Real Cowboys," on the History Channel. Ironically, she also recently finished a special on the Iroquois Indians for Discovery, entitled "America's First Nations."

1975

Scott Davis ★ M. DIV., 1975

(WRVU) Davis lives in Chesapeake, VA, and said: I am a retired Navy chaplain, now working as a financial planner in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area. Beginning in January 2009 I will be President of the Hampton Roads chapter of the Financial Planners Association. My wife, Myra, and I have 2 sons currently in college. The youngest is a freshman at James Madison University and the oldest is a senior at the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation next May he will be commissioned an officer in the United States Marine Corps. Last summer I visited Vanderbilt alumnus Mike Anzek at the radio station he now owns in Alabama and broadcast the morning drive show with him. That was fun, just like the old days at WRVU.



Davis sponsored a golf tournament that raised \$30,000 for a local high school football program.

Lee Hall ★ B.A., 1975

(WRVU) Hall lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: After graduating from college radio to the professional world, I spent many (mostly) happy years in radio news, both on-air and as a newsroom manager. Some of my fondest memories are of that cold upstairs WRVU studio in old Neely Auditorium. There were many days we wondered whether anyone was listening. And they probably weren't. Nowadays, I'm director of corporate communications for Scripps Networks (HGTV, Food Network, DIY, Fine Living Network, GAC, SN_Digital) in Knoxville; married with two grown boys. Kudos to those at VU who keep the presses running and the transmitters humming!

Charles Austin Heffernan ★ B.A., 1975, M.B.A., 1977

(WRVU) Heffernan lives in Hagerstown, MD, and said: Owner - Royal Aircraft Services www.royalaircraft.com

1976

John E. DuBois ★ B.A., 1976



DuBois

(*Versus* magazine) DuBois lives in Albuquerque, NM, and said: 32 years later and I still cherish my days with *Versus* magazine. It was a great experience. Magazine journalism fills in that important gap between newspaper journalism and literary reviews.

Irvin Muchnick ★ B.A., 1976

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Muchnick lives in Berkeley, CA, and said: Since 2005, Irv Muchnick has led an effort by objecting freelance writers to the settlement of a landmark class-action copyright suit against publishers. At this writing, the Supreme Court was deciding whether to hear an appeal. One of the ironies of the dispute is that it places two old friends and former *Hustler* editors -- Muchnick, '74-75, and Roy Blount Jr., '62-'63 -- on opposite sides. (Roy is president of the Authors Guild, which helped negotiate the settlement. Irv is a former assistant director of the National Writers Union who has been a copyright litigation consultant.) For details, see Irv's blog (<http://freelancerights.blogspot.com>) and his recent letter in the *Wall Street Journal* (<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB12278336589063095.html>).

1977

Mary Dare ★ B.S., 1977

(WRVU, VUT) Dare lives in Severna Park, MD, and said: Hey all! First, I must say that Vandy looked wonderful last fall for my 30 year class reunion, and I'm very honored to be associated with such a fine university. As for me, I've spent most of the time since graduation working and/or volunteering in live sound reinforcement and music performance and ministry while handling marriage, divorce, home ownership, and single parenting. The best thing is, my son is



Dare

a heavy metal musician who excels at audio production so we get along really well. I've also been fortunate to have played a major role in the building of a performing arts center at Annapolis Area Christian School, my son's high school alma mater. Hopefully I'll see some of you again at VU.

Bill Nettles ★ M.S., 1977 Ph.D., 1979

(WRVU) Nettles lives in Jackson, TN, and said: Professor of Physics and Chair at Dept. of Physics, Union University, Jackson, TN.

1978

Steven Michael "Mike" Powell ★ B.A., 1978

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Powell lives in Franklin, TN, and said: I have served in the Navy since shortly after graduation from Vanderbilt in 1978. The past 18 years, I have been in the Navy Reserve. Last March, I was mobilized to active duty to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am a Captain stationed in Baghdad where I live and work in the International "Green" Zone. I am the Program Manager for the Security Assistance Program with the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior which oversees all local and national police forces. We use Foreign Military Sales, a huge US bureaucracy which sells military equipment to countries all over the world, to help the Iraqis equip their forces. Iraq is a special case because they are allowed to purchase non-standard military equipment like police cars and trucks, Russian weapons and ammo, and much more. It is our job to manage these approximately three-dozen cases. I work at Vanderbilt in my civilian job, which is where I will return when my tour ends in March 2009. I am an administrative assistant in the Dept of Biological Sciences where I have been since 1999. Also, I recently self-published a novella entitled "The Islamabad Delivery" which can be found at lulu.com and amazon.com. Mike Powell News editor and Sports editor, *VU Hustler*, 1976-78.



US Navy CAPT Mike Powell at Forward Operating Base Phoenix in Baghdad, Iraq, where he is serving a year-long active duty tour as the Program Manager for the Security Assistance Program with the Iraqi Ministry of the Interior which oversees all local and national police forces. He helps administer the Foreign Military Sales Program to police forces, helping them purchase equipment, weapons and ammunition in order to help them become self-sufficient.

William M. Akers ★ B.S., 1978

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine) Akers lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I've been teaching screenwriting and filmmaking at Vanderbilt for thirteen or so years. Parallel to that, I write movies and television for the fine people in Hollywood. Three of my screenplays have been produced, which is not a bad average for somebody living outside Los Angeles. Currently I'm writing a script for folks in New York about a London cop who goes to Norway to recover a stolen painting, rewriting my script about the fall of Saigon for producers in Los Angeles, and have optioned my coming of age screenplay about a sixteen year old girl in Mississippi to producers in Nashville. Inspired by my years of teaching, my book, *Your Screenplay Sucks!*, came out in August and is getting lovely reviews, thank you very much. If you know any wealthy, divorced men who want to make the world a better place for men in the throes of divorce, send them to me. I've got a script I want to make that echoes the Norman Mailer line, "You never know a woman until you meet her in divorce court..." Mercifully, not based on my life. I've got a wife, two kids, two dogs and no house note, thank God.



William M. Akers

1979

Roger D. Hyman ★ B.A., 1979

(WRVU) Hyman lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: Married to Elsa L. Hyman; three children - Cristina (17), James (7) and Julia (6 mos.). News and air personality WKDA/WKDE, Nashville, 1978-79. Graduated from Univ. of Tenn. College of Law 1984. Program Director WBIR-FM, Knoxville, 1979-80. Assistant attorney general for State of Tennessee, 1986-95. Now chief manager/senior partner of Hyman, Carter & Patel, PLLC (attorneys). See our website at www.northknoxlaw.com.

Richard Chenoweth ★ B.S., 1979

(WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Chenoweth lives in Princeton, NJ, and said: Richard is an architect and artist living in Princeton, NJ, with his three children. In 2001, Richard won a national design competition for the Washington, DC, Metro Canopy Program (see photo). He and his partner built 28 of the steel and glass canopies throughout the region for the Washington



L'Enfant Station Metro Canopy Design, Washington, DC.

Metro Area Transit Authority. Currently, he is creating computer visualizations of the 1814 United States Capitol for use in a documentary movie on architect Benjamin Latrobe. This work includes research, drawing, computer modeling, animation and video production. Richard would be glad to talk with potential sponsors for his work on the Capitol. The movie will be hosted by WETA Washington.

1980

Emmet J Schwartzman ★ B.A., 1980

(WRVU) Schwartzman lives in Key Biscayne, FL, and said: I had the pleasure of visiting WRVU in April 2008, accompanied by Fred Buc (WRVU, Class of 1979), now at Nashville's Lightning 100. (I was in Nashville for the Aviation Insurance Association's annual meeting.) I was impressed with the operation and the tremendous improvements in both technology and comfort. I continue to practice law as a shareholder at Carlton Fields in Miami, with a focus on aviation defense litigation. I live on Key Biscayne with my wife Jill and children Alec (16) and Catie (9).

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1981

Mary Beth Pendley Ray ★ B.A., 1981

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Ray lives in Washington, DC, and said: Living in Washington, national political campaigns are part of our daily news cycle. But the 2008 presidential election really came to life for me because I was asked to provide almost daily commentary for *The Independent*, a London newspaper. My comments appeared both in print and online. Having been accustomed to asking the questions rather than answering them, it was eye-opening to see what they printed and what they cut! The experience reinforced



Mary Beth Pendley Ray, chairing An Evening of Music for Mission.

for me just how small the world is-- a neighbor came home from London and said she read my comments every day while she was there. Another friend in Malta emailed to say that her daughter had brought her several of my articles from London! I wouldn't say that my comments changed the course of the election, but I think there may be some blogging in my future.

1982

Geof Huth ★ B.A., 1982

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Huth lives in Schenectady, NY, and said: This year, Geof Huth edited a selection of visual poetry for the magazine



Photo taken just off US Highway 1 in Marin County, California, on 21 August 2008.

Poetry, which was the first time the magazine included color between its covers. Three books of his poetry came out this year: "Longfellow Memoranda" (from Otoliths in Australia), "a book / of poems / so small / I cannot / taste them" (from ntamo in Finland), and "textistence" (with mIEKAL aND, from Xerox Sutra Editions in Wisconsin).

1983

Philip Tate ★ B.A., 1983

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Commodore* yearbook) Tate lives in Charlotte, NC, and said: I'm currently serving a two-year term on the national board of directors for the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), the world's largest organization of communications professionals. As senior vice president at Luquire George Andrews, a full-service marketing, advertising and public relations agency in Charlotte, I work with such notable clients as the Carolina Panthers, National Gypsum, Blum and Alcan. My wife, Brenda, and I are enjoying life with our two teenage daughters, Meredith and Morgan. I still enjoy following the Commodores, especially football, baseball and men's and women's basketball.

1984

Erin Maloney ★ B.S., M.P.P., 1984

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Maloney lives in Ankara, Turkey.

Thomas Mark Hodges ★ B.A., 1984

(WRVU) Hodges lives in Taipei, Taiwan, and said: Since 2007, I've been the Public Affairs Officer of the American Institute in Taiwan, which the newspapers call "America's de facto embassy in Taiwan." A big part of my job is liaison with the feisty media of Taiwan. It's a fun and interesting job.



Thomas Hodges (BA 1986, WRVU alum), now Public Affairs Officer at the American Institute in Taiwan, talks to members of the media in Taipei.

Marianne Savalli Vanness ★ B.S., 1984

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook, VSC Board member) Vanness lives in Orlando, FL, and said: Things are hectic here in Orlando, as always. I have just returned to the work force full-time after 15 years of being home with my children. I am teaching 3rd and 4th grade at our local elementary school, which I love. But must say, teaching full-time and taking care of my family is way harder than I ever thought it would be. We have had a fun year -- we were able to take a trip to New York City over the summer -- our daughter Grace is in the Florida Young Artists Orchestra, and they played at Carnegie Hall!! Very exciting. We were also able to spend some time in Pennsylvania, and got to see Vanderbilt friend Kathy Hoffman. We would love to see any and all Vanderbilt pals -- so drop in if you're ever in Orlando. (Make sure to call first so I can attempt to clean the house.)



Ian, Lizzie, David, Marianne and Grace Vanness on the Brooklyn Bridge, summer 08.

1985

Tom Rushton ★ B.A., 1985

(*Commodore* yearbook) Rushton said: After bouncing back and forth between Nashville and Tampa, I found a job at Marshall University as a professor of Infectious Diseases. I am married to Catherine and have two wonderful children, Fiona and Ian. In my spare time I still do photography with a 4x5 camera and film.

Gardner Landry ★ 1985

(VSC Board member) Landry said: I was a VSC board member under the tutelage of Leon Helguera and Jim Leeson until the spring of '85, when I graduated from Vanderbilt. As fate would have it, I ended up in the communications business. My company's website has just gone live: www.gardnerlandry.com

Gary D. Gerson ★ B.S., 1985

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Gerson lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and said: Still teaching high school in Michigan and raising my three lovely children. Just wrote a book including my Vanderbilt football experiences called "Scoring Points: Love and Football in the Age of AIDS" and it can be found on amazon.com (just search by title or with my name, Gary Gerson). Just stepped down as head football coach at Cranbrook to raise my family. GG



Gary Gerson carrying young son Eli (4 in that pic) at the camp we help run (for children with bleeding disorders).

Robert Franke ★ B.A., 1985

(*Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook, VSC Board member, Film Committee Chair) Franke lives in Nashville and Los Angeles and said: As a Film/TV screenwriter with the William Morris Agency, it has been a tough 18 months during and after our WGA strike in late 2007. Studios have cut way back on production development, especially as SAG still looms as another strike. Nonetheless, in the last two years, I have been commissioned to adapt the comic book *Brodie's Law* for a feature film by Machine Made Ent., asked to write the film adaptation for the 1980's TV show *Equalizer* by the Weinstein Group, sold my spec script *Brace* to OGO Films and am currently adapting the best selling book *Go-Go Girls of the Apocalypse* into a feature film for director Malik Bader.

1986

Bob Black ★ B.E., 1986

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Black lives in Moorpark, CA, and said: My book, *Lunar Pioneers*, has been named to the "Best of the Moon 2008" list at the space advocacy website, "Out of the Cradle" (<http://www.outofthecradle.net>). I also appeared as a guest on the internet



Bob Black signs copies of his books at the Indiana Historical Society's Holiday Author Fair, December 6.

radio program, "The Space Show" (<http://www.thespace-show.com>), talking about *Lunar Pioneers* and about writing for Nickelodeon's "You Can't Do That On Television" while I was at Vanderbilt. More recently, I participated in the Indiana Historical Society's Holiday Author Fair, which was held December 6 in Indianapolis. You can find out more about all my books, including how to order them, at my author website, <http://www.rablack.com/>.

Lisa Dorsey Glass ★ B.A., 1986

(WRVU) Glass lives in Irvine, CA, and said: After graduation, I left my Cincinnati hometown and spent many wonderful years in Virginia and Connecticut. Now reside and work in SoCal as Managing Director for Babson Capital Management raising two children, 13 year old son and 16 year old daughter.

Brian Bomstein ★ B.A., 1986

(WRVU) Bomstein lives in Cooper City, FL, and said: Brian is currently the General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Bayview Asset Management in Coral Gables, Florida (www.bayviewfinancial.com). He resides in Cooper City, Florida with his wife Laurie and two sons, Spencer and Dylan. When not working, he spends time on the tasting committee for the Scotch Malt Whisky Society of America (www.smwsa.com).



Brian and Laurie Bomstein

1987

James Edward Keeley ★ B.A., 1987

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Keeley lives in Laytonsville, MD.

1988

William H. Schmitt ★ B.S., 1988

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Schmitt lives in Redwood City, CA, and said: I am a managing director at Cambrian Partners, a technology focused boutique finance and strategy advisory firm. We are in the San Francisco Bay area.

Clark Parsons ★ B.A., 1988

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Parsons lives in Berlin, Germany, and said: Eleven years after moving to Berlin, I'm now the Managing Director of the Berlin School of Creative Leadership, an executive MBA program and business think tank for the creative industries (all the ones you find in the tunnel). The bigger news is that my wife Alexia and I have now welcomed a new daughter, Helen, into the family. She joins her six year-old brother Peter, whom I hope will one day decide to go to Vandy so I can have an excuse to visit. Oh, and Hell has frozen over: Alonso is in Facebook.



Me and Helen in the Berliner Charité clinic last July 10.

Jim Patton ★ B.S., 1988

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Patton lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I was the *Hustler* Business Manager in 87. I own a small IT consulting company in Atlanta. I live in the Buckhead neighborhood with my 5 year old son Jackson and my wife Heather. I just enjoyed a great 20 year reunion in Nashville.



Heather, Jackson and Jim Patton VU88 Nov 1988 in Highlands NC.

1989

Amy Ellen McGowen ★ B.S., 1989

(*The Vanderbilt Review*) McGowen lives in Jupiter, FL, and said: Amy McGowen, class of 1989 and former Editor of the *Vanderbilt Review* was married to Robert S. Stubbs, Jr. (class of 1978 at the University of Florida) on October 18th at the Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida. The couple will reside in Jupiter, Florida. Amy is the President / Owner of McGowen Displays, Inc, a store fixture / custom woodwork company celebrating 30 years in business. Bob is a Cabinet Maker / Finisher for the Cypress Collection, specializing in custom golf pro shop fixtures.

1990



Amy McGowen and Robert Stubbs wedding photo!

Bruce K Negrin ★ B.A., 1990

(WRVU) Negrin lives in New Rochelle, NY, and said: It has been an interesting year. My wife Gina and I have been blessed with a wonderful baby boy named Ryan and another is on the way. During this tumultuous time I decided to run for public office seeking a seat on the New Rochelle City Council. I was unsuccessful in my bid but my experience at WRVU made me a pretty good/dangerous public speaker. Who knows what the next year will bring. Good luck to us all.



Bruce Negrin - Looking Good.

Jeff Martindale ★ B.A., 1990

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Martindale lives in Collierville, TN, and said: In addition to my full-time job at FedEx World HQ, I'm a freelance writer and author of a humor column on fatherhood - "Confessions of a Confused Dad" - that appears regularly in *The Collierville Herald*. For more information, read my blog at <http://confessionsofconfuseddad.wordpress.com/> or visit my web site: <http://www.jeffmartindalebooks.com>.



Jeff Martindale with sons, Jack (left) and William.

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1991

Christine J. VanDeWege ★ B.S., 1991

(Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook VSC Board member) VanDeWege lives in McHenry, IL, and said: Christine VanDeWege, Commodore Editor-in-Chief 1991, found herself with a yearbook editorial staff of all women except for Photo Editor Andrew Newman. Now, she finds herself



The VanDeWege Batt Family: Mom Christine, Dad Jeff, Nathan, Matthew, Will Christian and baby Rhodes.

in an opposite scenario as the mother of four sons. She and husband Jeff Batt welcomed baby Rhodes Joshua VanDeWege Batt on August 28, 2008. Big brothers Nathan, Matthew and Will Christian are thrilled. Professionally, Christine continues to serve as the Senior Director

of the Kellogg Cancer Care Centers at Evanston, Glenbrook, and Highland Park Hospitals for NorthShore University HealthSystems.

Eric Franc Sterbenk ★ B.A., 1991

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook) Sterbenk lives in Corning, NY, and said: Teaching screenwriting at Ithaca College. Married, two kids, house, cats, and white picket fence. Writing the great american screenplay when not teaching, chasing kids, or updating my facebook status.



Sofia and her Thanksgiving Pumpkin Pie.

1992

Shawn M Meredith ★ B.E., 1992

(WRVU) Meredith lives in Kernersville, NC, and said: I've learned a ton since I've DJ'd at WRVU. After graduating in 1992, I've joined the commercial vehicle development industry and the U.S. Army Reserve. Between the two organizations, I've made a couple of careers. I married in 1996 to Tanya and we are proud parents of two fine boys. I've also managed to tack on two graduate degrees in the process. I'm extremely proud of my Vanderbilt days and look back on those WRVU benefit events with fond sentiment.



Here I am at Armor Officer Basic Course in 2005.

Anne Michelle Manzo ★ B.A., 1992

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Manzo lives in Brooklyn, NY, and said: Anne Michelle Manzo and David McNeel were married July 2008 on the shores of Lake Tahoe, California. Both work as editorial directors at WebMD in Manhattan and reside, with one cat, on a quiet street in Brooklyn.

John S. Kim ★ B.A., 1992

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt Television) Kim lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: Coordinating Producer with Turner Sports New Media. Editorial Director of PGA.com.

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1993

Joe E Peebles, Jr ★ B.S., 1993

(WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Peebles, Jr lives in Washington, DC, and said: All is well in the nation's capitol awaiting the new president and hope that things will get better. I'm still deejaying local events for friends and family when I have time from work and spending time coaching my two boys, Tre (6) and Josh (4) in soccer and basketball.



Joshua Peebles, Tre Peebles



Shelley Lynn Jarrard ★ B.S., 1993

(The Vanderbilt Review) Jarrard lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, and said: Business and Life Coach with SoulSalt, Inc.

Shelley Lynn Jarrard

1994

Julie La Barba Miggins ★ B.S., 1994

(WRVU) Miggins lives in San Antonio, TX, and said: After graduating, I lived in Deauville, France teaching ESL to French elementary students. I later returned to Texas to attend medical school and completed a Pediatrics residency with a special interest in children's nutrition. My husband is Robert Miggins, and we now have 3 children: Lily(6y), John Carlo(4y), and Patrick (18 mo) as well as one more on the way in May 09! All are



Julie La Barba Miggins and husband, Robert Miggins, celebrating completion of residency in Paris.

happy and healthy. I am always so grateful for my Vanderbilt experience and look forward to seeing the new WRVU digs one day!

1995

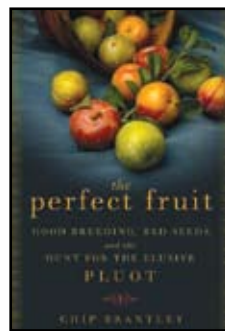
Ronald Slomowicz ★ B.E., 1995

(WRVU) Slomowicz lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Still spinning on WRVU (91 Dance / 91 Out of the Closet). I am also touring the country as DJ/VJ. As the first entertainer in the US to use Arkos GrandVJ software, I use a dual laptop system to beatmix and blend music and video and export it to GrandVJ where I add layers of visuals and effects - literally remixing the videos live for club sets. With this setup, I have been featured in national magazines - Club World, DJ Times and Remix Magazine. This year marked my fifth anniversary as Guide/Editor of dancemusic.about.com - the number one dancemusic website (according to Google and many other search engines.) I am also part of the production team,



DJ Ron spinning at Play Dance Bar in Nashville, TN. Photo credit Michael Tyler.

Piper, which hit number one on the Billboard Club Chart this year with remixes of Kimberley Locke's singles "Fall" and "Band of Gold." NARAS invited me to Los Angeles to be on the panel for the Grammy Selection Committee for the dance/electronic awards. Club gigs brought me to San Antonio (opening for George Acosta) and heading gigs in Hartford, Orlando, and Memphis. 2008 was a busy year and 2009 looks like it's going to be even bigger!



Chip Brantley ★ B.A., 1995

(The Vanderbilt Review) Brantley lives in Montague, MA States, and said: My first book, *The Perfect Fruit*, will be published in July 2009 by Bloomsbury. Last year, I co-founded a food and cooking website called Cookthink. We're growing fast and have been featured in *Self*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Times* and on ABC News.com. Drop by and say hello at www.cookthink.com.

Brantley's first book, *The Perfect Fruit* (to be published by Bloomsbury in 2009).

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Jennifer Peebles ★ B.A., 1995

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Versus magazine, VSC Board member) Peebles lives in Houston, TX, and said: In the worst economy in a generation, at a time when jobs in print media are as hard to find as gold dust and my colleagues fret about buyouts and layoffs, I have taken the most sensible step: I quit my newspaper job. I left *The Tennessean* this September -- after 14 years -- to work for two former *Tennessean* co-workers in Houston who have started an online-only nonprofit journalism venture called *Texas Watchdog*. We're at www.texaswatchdog.org. I'm reporting, writing, editing, crunching numbers, doing computer maps and creating Google maps, sending FOIA letters, blogging and, strangely, getting interviewed by the mainstream media. I'm really enjoying it. Any former VSC alums in the Houston area, please holler at me. I'm at jennifer@texaswatchdog.org.



Peebles: It's just a plain old boring mugshot of me, though it was taken on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City about 2 years ago.

House this November and is currently available in all major bookstores across the country. Chad spent most of 2008 writing for "Reality Binge," Fox Reality's comedy sketch/clip/variety show... and executive producing "Spellbound: The Real Witches of Orange County" for the Weinstein Company. Chad also writes "Script Notes," "Writer's Digest's" screenwriting blog and contributes regularly to various publications such as "Daily Variety" and "Orange Coast" magazine. In addition, he continues to run Vandy-in-Hollywood, Vanderbilt's professional organization connecting alumni working in entertainment and providing internship and employment opportunities to current VU students and graduates. (You can check it out at vandyinhollywood.com; username: vanderbilt, password: commodores)

1996

Chad Gervich ★ B.A., 1996

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Vanderbilt Television, VUT, SGA) Gervich lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: Chad Gervich's new book, "Small Screen, Big Picture: A Writer's Guide to the TV Business," came out from Random



House this November and is currently available in all major bookstores across the country. Chad spent most of 2008 writing for "Reality Binge," Fox Reality's comedy sketch/clip/variety show... and executive producing "Spellbound: The Real Witches of Orange County" for the Weinstein Company. Chad also writes "Script Notes," "Writer's Digest's" screenwriting blog and contributes regularly to various publications such as "Daily Variety" and "Orange Coast" magazine. In addition, he continues to run Vandy-in-Hollywood, Vanderbilt's professional organization connecting alumni working in entertainment and providing internship and employment opportunities to current VU students and graduates. (You can check it out at vandyinhollywood.com; username: vanderbilt, password: commodores)

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Katherine (Kady Rowe) Numerick ★ B.S., M.Ed., 1996/1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Numerick lives in Manhattan, KS, and said: Currently serving on active duty at Ft. Riley KS after 10 years in the education field with the Missouri Department of Education. Have a 7 yr old son. My husband, Nick, works for the Dept of Homeland Security but will be going on his fourth deployment to Iraq in 2009-10. My journalistic work consists of orders and directives these days! Eventually I'll get off my duff and fin-

ish my doctorate in Policy Analysis through the University of Missouri-Columbia.

1997

Heather Ebert ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Ebert lives in Spring Hill, TN, and said: I'm back in Nashville after living in the San Francisco Bay area for seven years and spending a year in Washington, D.C. Now I'm working for Parthenon Publishing, a custom publishing agency founded



Heather Ebert in Sydney, Australia, with the Passion World Tour.

by a fellow Vandy alum. This past year I traveled quite a bit, including trips to Kampala, Uganda and Sydney, Australia, as a volunteer with Passion Conferences.

Langdon Shoop ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Shoop lives in Lexington, KY, and said: Still a GM/Chrysler Dealer as of Dec. 2008. Taking a sailing trip with Michael Bruno (*Hustler*- class of 97 also) this new years to the Virgin Islands. Rooting for



This photo is of me and a couple friends I met at the Playboy club in Las Vegas a few weeks back...

VU to win a bowl game for the first time in my lifetime this Dec. Go Dores!!!

Willie Geist ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Geist lives in New York, NY, and said: Host, MSNBC's "Morning Joe"

1998

Tim B. Peterson ★ B.A., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Peterson said: Career in management consulting followed by graduate school in business at Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern U.). Followed by a career in mergers and acquisitions and private equity investing in the Washington, D.C., area.

Kirby Hopkins ★ B.A., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member) Hopkins lives in Houston/The Woodlands, TX, and said: Working hard, playing hard. Recently enjoyed 10 year reunion. Trying to forget Duke game. Senior Associate at a small law firm outside my hometown, Houston. Escaping work for ten days during the holidays to sail the British Virgin Islands. Married in 2006 to high-school newspaper and tennis classmate. Reading mysteries and dreaming of writing.

Bil Childress ★ B.A., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Childress lives in Spokane, WA.

Graeme Dennis ★ B.S., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Dennis lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Graeme Dennis accepted a position as Drug Discovery Scientist in the Department of Pharmacology at Vanderbilt.

1999

Denise Courtney Wesley ★ B.S., 1999

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Wesley said: I went to law school at the University of Mississippi immediately after graduating from Vanderbilt. After law school, passed the Bar exam and was admitted to practice in the Mississippi Bar. Have been an associate attorney with the law firm of Currie Johnson Griffin Gaines and Myers, P.A., since May of 2002. However I am currently in the process of changing my full-time career from that of an attorney to a teacher. I have accepted a teaching position with the Hazelhurst City School District and hope to begin teaching there in January of 2009.

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Andrew C. Staiano ★ B.E., 1999



Photograph taken in eastern Afghanistan near Ghazni.

(*Commodore* yearbook) Staiano lives in Clinton, NJ, and said: Recently promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army, Andrew Staiano is currently a full time graduate student at Rutgers University in New Jersey. He and his wife returned to the US from

Germany in order for Andrew to complete a Master's in Environmental Engineering for the US Army Corps of Engineers. In June, after completing his degree, MAJ Staiano will be stationed with the Corps of Engineers completing projects for the Federal Government around the world.

2000

Doug Jennings ★ B.A., 2000

(*Versus* magazine) Jennings lives in Jackson, MS, and said: After working in private practice in Nashville for nearly a year, Doug returned to his hometown of Jackson, Mississippi, and is currently serving as the Senior Attorney for the Mississippi Secretary of State's Policy & Research Division.

Kara Smith ★ B.E., 2000

(WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Smith lives in Sunnyvale, CA, and said: I've traveled to many places this year including Vietnam, Japan and Argentina. The trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina was especially fun because I joined fellow alumna Tamika Burrus on this trip.



Kara Smith and Tamika Burrus in restaurant in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Brooke Everley ★ B.A., 2000

(*Versus* magazine) Everley lives in Birmingham, AL, and said: I am an attorney with Bradley Arant Rose & White, LLP, doing estate planning and corporate law.

Jackie Ross ★ B.A., 2000

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Ross lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: Jackie Ross has officially re-branded herself as a "West Coaster" after moving to San Francisco this summer. She recently joined World 50 as a Program Director, initiating and facilitating influential conversations among the world's top executives. Jackie also serves as a mentor with Upwardly Global, a nonprofit organization that helps highly qualified immigrants navigate the US professional culture.

Trevor Foley ★ B.A., 2000

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, Vanderbilt Television, VSC Board member) Foley lives in New York, NY, and said: I reside in New York City and work at Macquarie Group, a global financial services firm headquartered in Sydney, Australia. I'm a Product Manager in the firm's asset management business, Macquarie Funds Group. I also chair the Board of Directors of viBe Theater Experience, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization co-founded in 2002 by Chandra Thomas (A&S '00) that provides educational and developmental programs in the performing arts to disadvantaged teenage girls attending New York City's public high schools who have decreased access to creative and positive outlets (www.viBeTheater.org).

Erika Huddleston ★ B.A., 2000

(*Versus* magazine) Huddleston lives in Austin,



Huddleston at a tree farm.

TX, and said: I am in the Masters program at University of Texas for landscape architecture, studying the incorporation of green space into urban areas. I am using skills honed at *Versus*! We must defend our work in studio to jurors at pin-ups and I remember picking art for the magazine and having specific reasons for the selections. I am also painting quite a bit for commission which is fun.

Sarah Creekmore Woodall ★ B.A., 2000

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Woodall lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Sarah Woodall married Jay Woodall, MBA '99, in May 2008. They live in Nashville.

2001

Erin Hancock ★ B.A., 2001

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Hancock lives in Misawa, Japan, and said: Erin Hancock is now a Captain in the Air Force. She was recently transferred to Misawa Air Base, Japan, where she will reside for the next 2 years. Erin is a flight commander in her squadron, overseeing human resource and quality of life programs for base personnel. She is enjoying traveling around the world and living life!

Dan Wolken ★ B.A., 2001

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Wolken lives in Memphis, TN, and said: Dan is in his third season as the college basketball writer at *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, TN.

Alicia Robbins ★ B.A., 2001

(Vanderbilt Television) Robbins lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: I am currently living and working in Los Angeles as a freelance Director of Photography and Union Camera Operator.



Shooting feature "Made in Brooklyn" in New York.

I came out here to earn my MFA in cinematography from the American Film Institute. My most recent projects include shooting 2nd unit cinematography for the new Mike Judge film, "Extract," camera operating for HGTV shows such as *Designed to Sell* and *Hammer Heads*, and camera operating for web based music videos for Yahoo Music for artists such as Fall Out Boy, Alanis Morissette, Jewel, and many more! I have been the Director of Photography for three features as well as two documentaries, one of which I traveled throughout Ghana and Malawi for an entire month. I am thankful that I am able to make a living doing what I love! And I have to say, Vanderbilt Television is where it all started!

2002

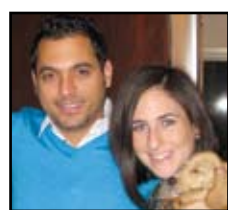
Adrian Hill ★ B.A., 2002



(Vanderbilt Television) Hill lives in Chicago, IL, and said: Currently living in Chicago with wife Carol and daughter Katie. Preparing to move to LA for 6 months to pursue a career in acting.

Me, Wife Carol Hill (also a Vandy alum), and daughter Katie.

Missy London Chicre ★ B.A., 2002



Alfonso (my husband), Missy and Mimi (new puppy) celebrate Thanksgiving 2008.

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Chicre lives in Minneapolis, MN, and said: I returned to Minneapolis in the summer of 2003 after completing a one year teaching fellowship in Spanish at a boarding school in Massachusetts. My academic and professional journey has been an interesting one over the past several years, ranging from earning a Master's degree in Hispanic Literature, to change management consulting to my current role as the Diversity & Inclusion Lead at the Best Buy corporate offices in Richfield, MN. My husband Alfonso and I got married in the summer of 2005 and we just got a new puppy, Mimi, so she is our first "child." I stay connected to Vanderbilt by doing alumni interviewing for prospective high school students in the Twin Cities!

David P Schiff ★ B.A., 2002

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, Vanderbilt Television) Schiff lives in Seattle, WA, and said: Hey y'all! I'm happy to say that I'm back in touch with many of my fellow *Hustler* editors (Joanna Pluta, Jackie Ross, Neil Vigdor), and have seen



Me and my girlfriend, Autumn, in Leavenworth, WA for Oktoberfest!

others on occasion (Will Tomlinson)... After 5 years in the Navy as a supply officer, serving on an aircraft carrier based in Japan and a submarine based near Seattle, I decided to give Corporate America a try. I own a home in Seattle now, am dating a wonderful woman, and am taking advantage of the tremendous natural beauty of the Pacific NW. I have so many fond memories of Vanderbilt, but more specifically of production nights on the *Hustler*. I hope all of my former colleagues are doing great and still writing!

Jonathan Lander Drew ★ B.A., 2002

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Drew lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I'm overseeing 13 states and a handful of editors during the evening hours as The Associated Press's South Region night supervisor. Over the past six years, I've worked for The AP in Phoenix, Ariz.; Columbus, Ohio; New York and now Atlanta.

2003

Justin Stephen Smith ★ B.A., 2003

(Vanderbilt Television) Smith said: Continuing work in television production, in both reality and specials. Work in '08 included stops at Logo, MTV and CMT, where I returned to Nashville for *Gone Country Season 3*. The year ends (or to be more exact "begins") Jan. 1 as I help produce the NHL's winter classic that transforms baseball's Wrigley Field into an ice rink for Blackhawks/Red Wings.

Melanie Faulkner Shepard ★ B.A., 2003

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Shepard lives in Nashville, TN, and said: This is my 3rd year of teaching sophomore English at Centennial High School in Franklin, TN. I love it! I am also teaching classes at University of Phoenix. My husband, Philip, and I live in the Crieve Hall area - no kids yet except our dogs, Maggie and Waylon. Would love to catch up with any of you still in the Nashville area!

2004



Jacob Grier

Jacob Grier ★ B.A., 2004

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *The Slant*, *The Torch*, VSC Board member) Grier lives in Portland, OR, and said: Freelance writing in Portland, OR and blogging at www.jacobgrier.com

Jodi Edelstein ★ B.M., 2004

(VSC Board member) Edelstein lives in Komatsu,



Jodi at the local Kimono Fashion Show.

Ishikawa, Japan, and said: As part of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, I am now teaching English to Japanese High School students in Komatsu, Ishikawa, Japan. It is a wonderful program and I recommend it to all. I also recently passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam. I am currently a licensed by the Vermont Bar.

Jay Williams ★ B.A., 2004

(WRVU, VSC Board member) Williams lives in Washington, DC, and said: In the past year, I graduated from law school (American University Washington College of Law), took and passed the Maryland bar exam, and started work at Venable LLP, a DC law firm, as a litigation associate. Additionally, as if it wasn't a busy enough year, I got married on February 23, 2008. My wife



This is me making a new friend on our honeymoon in Nevis.

Corinne and I are now happily settled on Capitol Hill in DC!

Robert Lawrence Shaw ★ B.A., 2004

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, Vanderbilt Television)



Rob Shaw In Action.

Shaw lives in New York, NY, and said: I'm now a Sports Anchor for OPENSports Network who enjoys covering the Mets, Jets, Giants, and Knicks. Earlier in the year, I conducted a report on the unique Vanderbilt University Athletic Department for CBS.

Alex Arnett ★ B.S., 2004

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Commodore* yearbook) Arnett lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I just recently bought my first house. It's been a lot of work, but a lot of fun. I hope to buy a drum set soon to celebrate getting out of the condo/apartment life. I'm working in commercial real estate as my day job, but getting back into photography as I was into at the *Hustler* and *Commodore*. I've started shooting portraits, weddings, and concerts around the Atlanta area and hope it can eventually lead to a steady income and get me out of cubicle-land. I also play bass in a band hoping to release an album this spring. We'll see where that leads...

2005

Danielle L Throneberry ★ B.A., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Commodore* yearbook, *Orbis*, *The Vanderbilt Review*, VSC Board member) Throneberry lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Danielle Throneberry, A&S '05, is still hanging around Nashville, causing trouble as the Operations Director for The Princeton Review, a national test prep and tutoring company. On any given night she can be found either hanging out with her dog and a skinny latte, working up a good case of dehydration at Hot Yoga Nashville, or working on her fledgling corporation, Berry Interesting Productions, Inc., which provides web management and e-marketing services.

Ashley Mallinson ★ B.A., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Mallinson lives in New York, NY, and said: Robert Verdi Inc, Director of Events Working for celebrity stylist at boutique



Ashley Mallinson and Sherry Bromfield

creative services company. Director of events department, includes running our private luxury event space, event planning, creative consulting, client relations, marketing, brand partnerships and strategic alliances.

Alex Kwak ★ B.A., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Kwak lives in Chicago, IL, and said: I moved to Chicago in August and am working at the University of Chicago as Assistant Director of Direct Response in the Office of Philanthropic Affiliation.

Evan Mayor ★ B.A., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Mayor lives in Washington, DC, and said: I plan on graduating from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., in May. I have accepted a job in Los Angeles, California, as an associate at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, where I will be practicing entertainment/media and general corporate litigation. I plan to start my job in September after I take the California bar exam.

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2006

Taylor Smith ★ B.A., 2006

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Smith lives in Surabaya, Indonesia, and said: Soon after graduating Vandy, I moved to New York City to be part of the Teach For America program. I taught 3rd grade Special Education in the Bronx and got my Masters in Teaching. I am currently living in Indonesia on a Fulbright Scholarship teaching English and plan to return to America in the summer of 2009. I am also engaged to fellow Vanderbilt alum **Carissa Lucyk** (BS '05) and of course I miss staying up late in the *Hustler* office typing in the box scores for the sports section and trying to think of clever headlines for the front page.

Andy Lutzky ★ B.S., 2006

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Lutzky lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: After I graduated in 2006, I spent two seasons with the PR staff of the San Francisco 49ers. After my first year with the team, I was lucky enough to get selected by the NFL to be the US PR Manager for one of their six international teams for their summer league in Germany. I led the PR efforts for the



Lutzky on the field before working a 49ers game.

team in Berlin, spending four awesome months abroad for the League. In my final season, I was the team's publications coordinator, serving as the editor for the team's yearbook, media guide, newsletters, and more. I now work at A&R Edelman, the top technology firm in the tech-rich Silicon Valley, where assist with Hewlett-Packard (HP)'s public relations.

Zachary Michael Norton ★ B.A., 2006

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine) Norton lives in New York, NY, and said: Zach recently took a job as an editorial coordinator with McGraw-Hill Higher Education. In his spare time he writes freelance and performs comedy at several venues in Manhattan and in the surrounding boroughs.

Gosha Khuchua ★ B.A., 2006

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, VSC Board member) Khuchua lives in New York, NY, and said: Gosha is working at a joint venture between two ad agencies, Ogilvy and JWT, handling all digital media for several national and global clients. He lives in the city and regularly hangs out with fellow *Hustler* and WRVU alums who have also made the move to NYC.

2007

Mike Burns ★ B.A., 2007

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, VSC Board member) Burns lives in Washington, DC, and said: Mike is a second-year law student at Georgetown University Law Center.

2008

Reeve Hamilton ★ B.A., 2008

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Hamilton lives in Austin, TX, and said: After finishing up a thrilling internship with *The Nation* magazine, I am spending my time covering the Texas Legislature as a legislative intern at *The Texas Observer*.

Emily Lemmon ★ B.A., 2008

(*Commodore* yearbook) Lemmon lives in Lawrence, KS, and said: As a brand new college graduate, it was important for me to do something different—namely, not being in school for the first time since I was four. I also did not want to move back home to Georgia. I moved out to Kansas and got a low-paying restaurant job just to see what that was like. My relatively radical break from my own tradition has proved quite serendipitous in providing me with opportunities to explore sides of life previously kept hidden, and to put some old ideas of 'what I might want' to the test. I also



Lemmon: My Kansas - from the park near my apartment.

get to stand on my own two feet like never before. I like Lawrence (Kansas turned out to be really beautiful), and I've recently become a substitute teacher in the district. The impetus for this was that (among other things) I may want to be a Latin teacher someday, and the local high-school Latin teacher was planning a three-week leave of absence. I am currently standing in for him so I can see if this is what I really want. So, while I can't boast of great advances in my field, or life at my new and prestigious graduate school, I must say this post-graduation life is new, and exciting, and thoroughly enjoyable. Taking a year off never sounded like a better plan than now, in the midst of doing it.

Ellen Tremaine ★ B.A., 2008

(*Versus* magazine, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Tremaine lives in New York, NY.

Glenna DeRoy ★ B.A., 2008

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *InsideVandy.com*) DeRoy lives in Washington, DC, and said: I've been at *USA Today* for just about six months. I spent the summer there as part of the Gannett Talent Development Program and then was hired permanently in August. My job has continued to evolve since then. Right now, I edit the *USATODAY.com* homepage on weekday mornings, choosing stories and layouts and handling breaking news for the online face of *USA Today*.

Madeleine Frances Pulman ★ B.A., 2008

(*InsideVandy.com*, *Commodore* yearbook, Advertising) Pulman lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: After graduating in May I have been working at the Nissan North America regional headquarter

in Atlanta, in the marketing department. I can honestly say that I love coming to work every morning and as a first job out of college this position has been a dream come true. One exciting part of my position is that I get to travel around with the Heisman trophy! Nissan is the official sponsor of the trophy along with the SEC and

Big Ten conferences and as a result of this we have the trophy in our office for the entirety of the football season! It is so much fun. We set up displays and events with the trophy around the Southeast and I recently got back from a week-long roadtrip of Florida with the trophy. There are many more aspects of my position and this is only a small part of what I do but it is something that I will always remember!



Pulman and co-worker (and friend) Katie in Florida with the Heisman Trophy!

Lillian Gu ★ B.A., 2008
(*Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Gu lives in Durham, NC.

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(*Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Gu lives in Durham, NC.

Meredith Trezise ★ B.A., 2008

(*The Torch*) Trezise lives in Pensacola, FL, and said: I am currently in flight school in the Navy training to be a Naval Flight Officer.



BLOG ROLL...

We are hoping to gather lists of alumni blogs for future issues of *Tunnel Vision*. If you have a blog and would like for us to include it, please email to paige.clancy@vanderbilt.edu the title of your blog, web address, your name, year/class at Vandy and a brief description about the topic of your blog.

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class.

In making my way through the media world – *St. Petersburg*, *Nashville Banner* (Al Gore was in the D.C. bureau of the *Tennessean* at the time. Gore was an investigative reporter at *The Tennessean* from 1971-1976.), *Times-Herald*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Chicago Tribune* – I worked as a reporter, feature writer, copy editor, writing coach, Chicago bureau chief, deputy metro editor, assistant Sunday magazine editor, associate managing editor/features and other positions. At some point, I had worked virtually every shift and every day of the week, including weekends.

I concluded that being a good journalist, more than anything, boiled down to being a good observer, knowing a lot of stuff, talking easily to people about it, and organizing all of it quickly and compellingly or directing others to do the same.

It was not unlike the skills needed to synthesize a complicated class assignment at Vanderbilt – or to get the *Hustler* to bed each week.

While still in Dallas, I was dispatched with a group of rowdy Texas politicians on the inaugural flight of Braniff Airlines from Dallas to London. The next day I had an interview scheduled with the sculptor Henry Moore, traveling to the countryside outside London to tour his studio and breathtaking sculpture gar-

den. It was an indelible experience, all the more so because I was familiar with Moore's work. I had amassed enough credits at Vanderbilt for a major in art history and knew many of his works by title and artistic period.

I have covered a baby seal hunt in Newfoundland, a cruise ship accident



Irv Muchnick, Skip Bayless, two *Hustler* staffers (if you know who they are, please let us know), Bob Gillespy, Rosalynne Harty, John Bloom and Mary Elson.

in Alaska, Bill Clinton as governor of Arkansas, election of the first female mayor in Chicago, actor Charlton Heston at the University of Chicago ("Big man on campus"), the H.L. Hunt-family bigamy trial, high-profile murders, the implications of artificial intelligence, Chicago policemen serving drug warrants, hand models, Anita Bryant and White House pages (a pre-Monica Lewinsky scandal).

An interview I did with the last surviving member of the famous photo of Marines raising a flag on Iwo Jima during World War II wound up in a recent memoir that reportedly figured into the background for Clint Eastwood's movie.

My current job is managing editor of the syndication and licensing division of Tribune Media Services, a unit of Tribune

Co. in Chicago. We edit and distribute more than 150 features of commentary, political cartoons, advice columns, horoscopes, comic strips and other features each week. We represent *Rolling Stone*, *New York* magazine, the *Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *US Weekly* and other magazines and sell their articles to major publications overseas.

I recently supervised production of a special TMS commemorative Inaugural edition using the talents of Garrison Keillor, Arianna Huffington, advice columnist Amy Dickinson, travel host Rick Steves and others whom we represent.

Barack Obama's chief political strategist, David Axelrod, was a reporting colleague of mine at the *Tribune* in the 1980s.

In other words, after all these years I'm still dealing with news and interesting personalities -- on deadline and with entertaining colleagues. Familiar? Of course. That's how it all started in 1970 when I first entered the *Hustler* offices on the top floor of Alumni Hall. I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Mary Elson (B.A., 1974) lives in Evanston, Ill., with her husband, Jim Mahan (B.A. 1973), who played football for Vanderbilt and works in the commodities business in Chicago. They met years later in Evanston and were married in December 2004. Mary has two children from a previous marriage, Madeleine, 26, and Russell, 17. Mary is managing editor of Tribune Media Services, the syndication and licensing division of Tribune Co. She can be reached at melson@tribune.com.

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