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A publication for alumni of student media at Vanderbilt University

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Several of your former staff members and classmates give a glimpse into their lives since the Vanderbilt days ...

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TUNNEL NEWS

BROADCAST AWARDS FOR VANDERBILT TELEVISION

Vanderbilt Television's Nov. 11, 2011, episode of VIV News won in the Best Newscast category in the recent Tennessee Associated Press college broadcast awards. VIV also received honorable mention as a finalist for the Best TV News Story, and rising senior Harrison Drees received honorable mention as a finalist for the Best TV Feature Story.

NATIONAL GROUP HEADQUARTERS MOVE TO VANDY

The College Media Association (formerly College Media Advisers) Board of Trustees has chosen Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc. to serve as the Association's headquarters for the next five years.

CMA Hall of Fame member Chris Carroll, director of Student Media for VSC, will serve as CMA executive director. His VSC colleagues Jeff Breaux, who will be CMA's financial director, and Jim Hayes, who will serve as technology director, will assist him.

The board voted at its summer meeting in Nashville May 29-31.



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VANDERBILT STUDENT MEDIA HALL OF FAME

THE 2012 CLASS

by Ann Marie Deer Owens, (B.A., 1976)

Three Vanderbilt Student Media alumni who demonstrated leadership as student journalists and then achieved remarkable success in careers that include sports writer, television anchor and overseas financial reporter will be inducted into the Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame on Oct. 26.

Those selected for the 2012 class are **Willie Geist**, MSNBC morning show host and contributor to several NBC programs; **Clay Harris**, London-based journalist who spent much of his career at the Financial Times; and **Lee Jenkins**, senior sports writer for Sports Illustrated.

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★★★ Induction Ceremony to be held Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt ★★★

bright lights *an alumni column*

A funny thing happened on the way to my career

by **Zhubin Parang**, Class of '03



Parang

On a rainy day in the spring of 2003, I stepped off of Vanderbilt's campus a wide-eyed graduate, clutching a diploma and ready to take on the world. I was 22 years old, and I thought I knew all there was to know about life.

Nine years later, I look back on that day and see that I was right. Frankly, life plays itself out fairly predictably. You meet a bunch of jerks, spend most of your time doing paperwork, and eventually die. Any 22-year-old can see that.

But did I truly foresee how successful I myself would become? Again, yes. As the son of upper-middle class professionals and graduate of an elite university, my odds of failure were practically non-existent. I mean, worst-case scenario, I'd just become a consultant.

But instead, I write for television, which by the standards of modern American society ranks me among the most wildly successful graduates in Vandy history. (I stand only behind MSNBC host **Willie Geist**, who is on-camera and is therefore better.) By day I rub elbows with the Hollywood elite on studio lots, while my nights are a blur of rubbing elbows with the Hollywood elite at various award ceremonies. Weekends I relax at one of the French Caribbean islands, rubbing soothing ointment on my chafed elbows.

Which is not to say I predicted that my success would be through television writing. Initially I intended for my career to be spent as an attorney representing the disadvantaged poor, which evolved after graduation to a career representing corporations disadvantaging the poor. But from the start, my experiences at Vanderbilt guided me inexorably to what the French call "creative expression" when they're speaking English.

For one thing, my experience writing for *The Hustler* and *Orbis* taught me the value of aggressive, quality page-one news reporting, in that it provides a protective shell for the valuable opinion columns on page four. The reporting itself is mostly worthless, beyond allowing readers to safely spill Rand hot sauce on the investigative piece exposing tuition embezzlement on their way to reading what a freshman thinks about abortion.

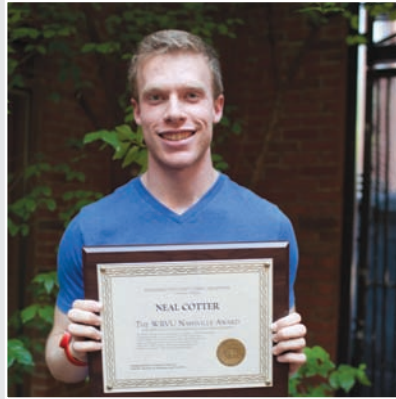
As a television writer – which I am, I write for television – I use this knowledge to comment on society in a way that minimizes an audience's thought and maximizes its emotion, ideally in a form of patriotic but titillated outrage. It's the best way to attract advertising revenue, at least until the final triumph of the world socialist revolution over the United States renders money obsolete and ushers in a bikini paradise.

But Vanderbilt was also instrumental to my personal development. My views on relationships were forged in the crucible of Vanderbilt, when Kelly and I first started dating freshman year, and then in junior year mutually agreed to mutually break up in a very mutual way. Since then I have dated many, many beautiful women, all of whom have definitely agreed that Kelly is missing out. You made a huge mistake, Kelly. A huge mutual mistake.

But from this I learned the many ways that men and women are different, and my work in television writing – that is my

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Student Media Awards 2012



Annual VSC reception in Sarratt 189 Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The reception recognized incoming and outgoing student media leaders, in addition to awarding the WRVU award to sophomore Neal Cotter (left) and the Charles Forrest Alexander Award in Journalism to senior Andrew Kirkman (right). photos by Chris Honiball

The Alexander Award in Journalism

Graduating senior Andrew Kirkman received The Charles Forrest Alexander Award in Journalism, which also was awarded during VSC's April 18 ceremony. The award is presented annually to a student who has achieved distinction in Vanderbilt student journalistic projects.



Media students look on during the annual VSC Awards Reception.

Kirkman first participated in Vanderbilt Student Media when he attended the Media Immersion training program in August 2009. He immediately developed, produced and hosted VIV's first morning news program, Morning VU, which has since produced more than 150 episodes. Kirkman resurrected VIV News and developed it into a meaningful operation with weekly broadcasts covering a range of campus events. During his two-year tenure as station manager, the number of original shows tripled, as did the number of student participants.

Kirkman anchored live coverage of the heated Vanderbilt Town Hall meeting in January. He also produced multiple live events on campus, including the Lambda Drag Show, Spoken Word, MOSAICS, VIV Live on the Commons,

WAVE, VIV's annual studio kickoff show, The Battle of the Bands, and Dance Marathon.

His crowning achievement came when he secured the exclusive announcement of the 2012 Rites of Spring lineup for VIV. Kirkman produced a show that was watched by nearly 1,000 people online, along with many more watching on cable channel 6, making it by far the largest audience ever for a live program on VIV.

After graduation, Andrew is headed to a job at CBS News in New York.

The selection criteria for the Alexander Award include the degree of participation in student journalism, objectivity and thoroughness, regard for journalistic ethics, and the impact of journalistic activities on student life at Vanderbilt.

WRVU Award

The WRVU Award for Dedication to Excellence in Radio was presented to Neal Cotter during VSC's annual year-end awards ceremony on April 18. Cotter served as the WRVU training director, and his unique approach to this vital position at WRVU was revelatory. He not only held a first-of-its-kind group training session in Studio C, but also recorded and posted several training videos that will serve as a resource for new trainees for years to come. He also hosts the popular "Mercury Retrograde" show and served as office manager prior to taking over as training director midway through the fall semester.

The WRVU award was endowed in 2007 by former WRVU General Manager Dr. Jamie Noble, and is presented annually to an undergraduate Vanderbilt student who is a current WRVU DJ, a member of the executive staff, and one who has shown excellence beyond expectations for their position in their dedication to WRVU either in listenership, programming, music education of the public, engineering, or financial support.

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Hall of Fame Induction details set Alumni are invited to attend the 2012 induction ceremony

A ceremony and reception to honor the fourth class of inductees is scheduled from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt. The event will be held during Homecoming/Reunion weekend. The Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to honor Vanderbilt University alumni who have achieved outstanding personal or professional accomplishments and/or have made distinguished and lasting contributions to their field and/

or to society in general.

Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor Vanderbilt Student Media can bestow on its former students. To be eligible for recognition, alumni must have worked as a student staff member at least 10 years prior to the Hall of Fame induction date.





THE NEW GLASS

HALL OF FAME, continued from page 1

WILLIE GEIST

Geist is the host of MSNBC's "Way Too Early with Willie Geist," co-host of "Morning Joe" and a frequent fill-in for Matt Lauer on the *Today* show. He has a video blog on MSNBC.com called Zeitgeist.

Geist grew up in Ridgewood, N.J., and had the distinction of being captain of both the Ridgewood High football and basketball teams. As a Vanderbilt freshman, Geist tried out for the men's basketball team. That didn't work out, but he found his way into Memorial Gym by volunteering at the women's basketball practices.

He was first a staff sports writer and then an associate sports editor for *The Vanderbilt Hustler*. "I had never covered sports because I'd been playing them my whole life," Geist said. "Sports writing kept me close to the games in college. My classmate Tyler Kepner, who was a Fred Russell-Grantland Rice Sportswriting Scholar, was a great friend and editor at *The Hustler*. It's been exciting to watch him reach such great heights."

Geist was named a contributing editor of *The Hustler* his senior year. Meanwhile, his interest in American, and particularly Southern, politics deepened with classes from political scientists like John Geer, Bruce Oppenheimer and John Kuzenski.

Geist earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1997. He jumped into sports television as an editor and producer for CNN/Sports Illustrated, a 24-hour sports network based in Atlanta. "Starting as a production assistant, I learned every inch of the television business," Geist said. He later became a producer and writer for Fox Sports Net.

In 2005 Geist joined MSNBC as a senior producer for "The Situation with Tucker Carlson." His newsroom banter with Carlson became a regular feature of the program where Geist would report and offer his unique spin on the day's news. Geist's big break came in 2007 when he was named co-host of *Morning Joe*, which has grown to become arguably television's most influential political show.

"I encourage students to focus on liberal arts and to simply get smart," he said. "Take political science, history, economics and whatever else interests you. That base of knowledge will prepare you to think critically about the world. We can teach you the ropes of journalism later." Geist lives in New York City with his wife, alumna Christina Sharkey Geist ('97), and their two children.

LEE JENKINS

Jenkins, like Geist, started off covering sports at the *Hustler*. Another similarity between the two inductees is that they both have fathers who are journalists. Geist's dad reports for *CBS News Sunday Morning* while Jenkins' father is a columnist for the *San Diego Union Tribune*.

Jenkins grew up in San Diego and was awarded the Russell-Rice Sportswriting Scholarship in 1993. "Tyler Kepner assigned me my first story for the *Hustler* on Vanderbilt baseball player Josh Paul, who later went pro, before I had finished moving into my dorm," Jenkins said.

Jenkins served as *Hustler* editor-in-chief, which he calls "the best job I ever had." He remembers pasting up copy and pulling all-nighters on Sundays and Wednesdays to get the paper done. "We would finish around 6 a.m. and head to Pancake Pantry," he said. "The staff had tremendous energy and spirit as we challenged each other to improve. I can remember writing wonderfully long stories, some with only two quotes in them. We were testing the limits of what we could do."

Jenkins, an American Studies major, said certain professors were sympathetic to the long hours of putting out the paper. Classes that he took with Professor of English Kate Daniels and the late Walter Sullivan were among his favorites.

Jenkins recommends student journalists read extensively and take time to absorb the words on the page. "You might tend to mimic other people's voices at first, but eventually you will find your own voice," he said. "Strive to grow as a writer."

After graduation, Jenkins covered UCLA basketball and football for the *Orange County Register* and the *Colorado Avalanche* and *Denver Nuggets* for *The Colorado Springs Gazette*. In 2003 he joined *The New York Times*, where his assignments included being the beat reporter for the New York Mets.

Jenkins' numerous honors include first place in the New York Press Association (Sports Reporting) category and the Football Writers Association of America (Best Game Story). In 2007 he was named senior writer at *Sports Illustrated*, where he has covered everything from the Super Bowl to the NBA finals, with an emphasis on feature writing. Jenkins lives in Los Angeles with his wife, alumna Elizabeth Cook Jenkins, and their two children.

CLAY HARRIS

Harris, who grew up in Tampa, Fla., came to Vanderbilt as a national merit scholar. The university's lack of a journalism school actually attracted him to campus, as he preferred to focus on the liberal arts. Harris majored in history and economics.

Among Harris' mentors at the *Hustler* was editor Jeff Davis, who had no problem marking up reporters' copy with a red pencil. After Harris tried writing in "stream of consciousness" for a story about Impact speaker Allard Lowenstein, Davis advised him not to try that again. "In a remarkable way we were self-taught. None of us was a journalism major," said Harris, who was editor-in-chief his senior year. "We learned that journalism was not only reporting and writing stories. There was also an industrial process that required us to go to Murfreesboro to oversee the offset printing."

Harris competed with some 1,200 applicants for a *Washington Post* internship after his junior year and won a coveted slot with the *Los Angeles Times/Washington Post News Service*. Harris was hired by the *Tampa Times* after graduation. In '73 the *Washington Post* offered him a position in London, where he would select and edit stories for their syndication clients.

"This was long before the Internet and email so we were dealing with satellite windows, ticker tapes and telex operators," Harris said. During that time Harris met the man of his dreams and they have been together for more than 38 years. That relationship was a deciding factor in Harris' decision to settle in London and build his career there.

In 1979 Harris became a news editor at the *Financial Times*, which was launching its first international edition. "The stories needed to be written in 'neutral' clear English without ideological bias – meaning that they could be understood just as easily to readers in D.C. as to those in Paris or Bonn," Harris said.

He stayed at the *Financial Times* for nearly 30 years in a variety of reporting and editing positions and created *Mudlark*, a financial diary column, before retiring in 2007.

Harris is now a freelance columnist for *Securities & Investment Review*. He said that a liberal arts education was integral to his success. "I would not be where I am today without a Vanderbilt education or the *Hustler*," he said.

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The WRVU CD Sale in Sarratt 189 on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 to benefit the W.O. Smith Music School. photo by Chris Honiball

distant voices *alumni updates*

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

1958

David Halpern * B.A., 1958

(WRVU) Halpern lives in Santa Fe, NM, and said: Continuing a long career as a photographer of the



Doorways in Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Culture National Historic Park, New Mexico

American landscape, I've moved to New Mexico where I'm photographing places important to Native American cultures, serving on the board of the New Mexico chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers, teaching photography workshops and writing a blog about photography @ <http://www.davidhalpern.com/blog.html>.

1959

Jim Dunn * B.A., 1959

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Dunn lives in Chesterfield, MO, and said: I retired from "regular work" as a corporate executive in 1999. I was with Eastman Kodak, Corning Glass, Swiss Aluminium and Boeing. I believe my time at The Hustler, along with a number of other factors, helped me later in my career. Since 1999 I have had a number of other activities that I always wanted to do. These include teaching chemistry (at Missouri Baptist University) and a heavy dose of volunteering. My wife Mary Jo and I live in a St. Louis suburb and enjoy lots of grandchildren. I enjoy interviewing prospective Vanderbilt students for the CoRPs program each year. Attending my "Quinq" Reunion in 2009 was a great experience.

1960

Chuck Nord * B.A., 1960

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, VSC Board member) Nord lives in Bradenton, FL, and said: My wife (Laurie Ford, '60) and I divide our time between Bradenton, FL and Nashville, TN. I am still active in the life and health insurance business and have no plans to retire. We spend as much time as possible with our four children and seven grandchildren.

1964

G. Marc Hamburger * B.A., 1964

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Hamburger lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: An antique car owned by Marc Hamburger, BA '64, "stars" with six Hollywood actors in the Prohibition-era movie, "Lawless," to be released August 31, 2012. The car, a 1931 Pierce-Arrow,



1931 Pierce-Arrow Model 41 Club Sedan (LeBaron)

transports a mafia-related whiskey mogul to Franklin County, Virginia, described in a non-fiction book by Matt Bondurant as "The Wettest County in the World." Starring in the movie are Gary Oldman, Shia LeBoeuf, Tom Hardy, Guy Pearce, Jessica Chastain and Mia Wasikowska. A trailer for the movie can be seen now on the Internet. Marc, a retired Coca-Cola Company exec, was told by his wife Deedee: "At least someone in the family is working."

1969

Mary Margaret Oliver * B.A., 1969

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Oliver lives in Decatur, GA, and said: Currently serving as State Representative for the 83rd District of Georgia. Appointed by Governor Nathan Deal to serve on the Special Council on Criminal Justice Reform which led to the passage of a sweeping Criminal Justice Reform Bill in the 2012 Legislative Session. In 2011, in honor of the 175th anniversary of Emory University, was named one of 30 women out of 175 Emory History Makers. Practicing law in Decatur.

1970

John Donaldson * B.A., 1970

(Commodore yearbook) Donaldson lives in Alexandria, VA, and said: In December, 2010, I retired after 16 years doing External Affairs for the World Bank Group. This was part of a communications career of more than 40 years in Washington, including time working in the Legislative and Executive Branches of government, as well as for an international public affairs company. I am now taking on a bit of consulting, but also enjoying volunteer work with Little League Baseball and other groups.



Truett Smith, BEEE 1970, President of M/BITS

Truett K. Smith * B.E., 1970

(WRVU) Smith lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I started Media/Broadcast Integration and Technical Services, Inc. (M/BITS) in 2001. We have now completed 10 years in business and specialize in working with television broadcasters and other clients who use professional broadcast equipment. We offer design, consulting, and integration services that help our clients migrate from analog to high definition platforms. Besides TV broadcasters, our clients also include Vanderbilt University as well as many other sports venues belonging to professional sports teams and universities. We expanded our staff last year and are looking forward to a robust 2012. All this began with my being a staff engineer for WRVU in the sixties when it was a carrier current AM radio station. It has been an exciting career!

1972



Wild

Watkins "Noggin" Guice Wild * B.A., 1972

(Commodore yearbook) Wild lives in McComb, MS, and said: Owner of ERA Wild Realty. Currently serving as state president of the Mississippi Association of Realtors.



Shaw

Peggy Jo Shaw * B.A., 1972

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Shaw lives in Decatur, GA, and said: Director of Public Relations, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School. Children's books author. Owner: Wren Cottage Writing & Editing.

1974

Cecil Ross * B.A., 1974

(Versus magazine) Ross lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Since leaving Vanderbilt I've been an Army officer, a grad student (PhD in American History) and finally a lawyer currently working for the State. For about a year and a half I had a

column about politics and culture for an "alternative alternative" paper here in Nashville, but it folded owing me about \$800 and, except for office memos and court briefs, I haven't written a lick since.

1976

Irvin Muchnick * 1976

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Muchnick lives in Berkeley, CA, and said: My rebranded website, <http://concussioninc.net>, is a go-to place for journalists and opinion-makers seeking info on the backstage political maneuvering and cottage industries emerging from the football concussion crisis. I regularly am interviewed on radio and TV, and I have published five ebooks: three from the "Concussion Inc." imprint, plus histories of the Signature Pharmacy steroid prosecution and of the USA Swimming youth coach sex abuse scandal. A revised edition of my 2009 book from ECW Press, "CHRIS & NANCY: The True Story of the Benoit Murder-Suicide and Pro Wrestling's Cocktail of Death," will be published this summer. My new book, "The Concussion Inc. Files," will be published in early 2013.

1977

Ned Pillersdorf * B.A., 1977

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Pillersdorf lives in Van Lear, KY, and said: Practicing law in Prestonsburg Ky. Campaign manager for Court of Appeals Judge Janet Stumbo. Janet is seeking to return to the Kentucky supreme court. The election will be held 3 days after Janet and I celebrate our 28th wedding anniversary.

Jefferson Perry Knight * B.A., 1977

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Vanderbilt Review) Knight lives in Miami, FL, and said: August 2011 appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the Judicial Nominating Commission for Judges of Compensation Claims. April 2012 appointed General Counsel of Republican Party of Miami-Dade County.

1979

Richard Chenoweth * B.S., 1979

(WRVU, Versus magazine) Chenoweth lives in Princeton, NJ, and said: I have launched my



Jefferson inspects the roof framing of the Capitol. Digital painting by Richard Chenoweth.

movie project on Kickstarter.com. Go there and search the title, "The Most Beautiful Room in the World." Contribute to this project and help give back this amazing lost history to the American people! It's the story of how Benjamin Latrobe built the Capitol during the Jefferson Administration. This period of construction was all lost when the British burned the building during the War of 1812. I've painstakingly researched and rebuilt everything based on drawings and letters. The Hall of Representatives was thought to be one of the most beautiful chambers in the world, but I won't be able to tell the story until this movie gets made. Richard

1981

Troy Wigginton Ball * B.S., 1981

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Ball lives in Asheville, NC, and said: While at Vanderbilt I was the Business manager for the Vanderbilt Hustler. After helping my special needs son to publish a best selling book in 1999 and doing a national media tour which included appearing on the Oprah Winfrey Show, we moved to Asheville, North Carolina in 2004. Today I am one of four women in the country that has founded and owns a distillery - Asheville Distilling Company. I studied the art of fine moonshine making for real mountain men, as opposed to the rot gut type that many have encountered, and have



Troy Ball, photo taken by Rachel MacIntosh at the Old Fort Farm.

brought to market the award winning Troy & Sons Platinum Moonshine. This summer we will release Troy & Sons Oak Reserve which is a moonshine that has been mellowed in bourbon barrels. Our products are made using a white heirloom corn that was virtually extinct, which I found growing on one family farm in Old Fort, North Carolina.

Greg Alldredge * B.A., 1981

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Alldredge lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: Employed with Scripps Networks as Director of Business Affairs since 2006.

1983

Lisa Marie Collins Huddleston * B.A., 1983

Huddleston lives in Lebanon, TN, and said: Lisa recently graduated from Union University with a Master of Christian Studies degree (MCS, 2012) and is working as a life coach, freelance writer, and a volunteer at the Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy Center. She is looking forward to an exciting summer with two of her three children getting married--Sarah in June and Chad in July. (Nick has to wait his turn--not this year!) She and her husband, Chuck Huddleston (BS '83),



Huddleston

are enjoying the mostly empty nest and having a great time biking, kayaking, and enjoying dinners for two on the town or the patio.



Monroe

Daniel H. Monroe * B.A., 1983

(Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Poetry Review) Monroe lives in Birmingham, AL, and said: Our agency, Cayenne Creative, (www.cayennecreative.com), which just saw its 8th birthday, has recently been notified

that we've won three National ADDY® awards, two for pro-bono work we did on behalf of The Birmingham Education Foundation (Ed), and one for a self promotional gift. I was up in Nashville for the District ADDY awards, where we took Best in Show honors for the Ed work and gold and silver ADDYs for a number of other efforts, and enjoyed a trip down memory lane along with various downtown diversions. I was amazed to see all of the changes at our alma mater!

1984

Steven David Hall * B.S., 1984

(WRVU) Hall lives in Fort Myers, FL, and said: This past December, I turned 50! Hard to believe how the years have passed quickly. My wife and I celebrated our 20th anniversary just over a year ago. My son just turned 18 this year, too. I work for Ericsson as an area manager and live in Fort Myers FL.

Stephen Andrew Kennedy * B.A., 1984

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Kennedy lives in Dallas, TX, and said: Stephen Kennedy continues to represent clients in intellectual property matters, primarily in litigation. He has represented recording artist Don Henley in a right of publicity case and numerous authors of artistic



Kennedy

works in copyright and trademark matters, such as photographers adverse to ESPN and Walt Disney for copyright infringement; artists adverse to art galleries for commission rights; architects in copyright infringement matters; and a Western artist famous for creating championship rodeo trophies and buckles whose artistic work was infringed by numerous silversmiths across the country. He continues to represent regional and international software companies in copyright and patent infringement matters. In the past, he has represented the sole true inventor of the patent covering PRK or Lasik; has represented



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a SOX whistleblower against Berkshire Hathaway; and has represented investment bankers in complex commercial litigation. Mr. Kennedy continues to oppose Vanderbilt's admissions policy of admitting students regardless of their ability to pay for tuition as an unsound financial decision for the school which has the further adverse effect of teaching entitlement-mentality economics to this nation's future leadership.

Nadine Samter ★ B.A., 1984

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook) Samter lives in Seattle, WA, and said: I am an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission for a long time now, enforcing federal consumer protection laws. My husband is an arborist (tree guy) for the City of Seattle and we have a ten year old daughter who keeps us very busy and honest.

1985

Adam Dread ★ B.A., 1985

(WRVU) Dread lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I am a managing partner at a boutique law firm in Hillsboro Village (right around the corner from our old favorite watering hole, Faison's.) I've been doing quite a bit of entertainment law including being involved in the removal of celebrity sex tapes from the Internet. I also handle a lot of DUIs (when you visit Nashville, be aware of two DUI traps; one near Vandy across from the Holiday Inn, and one at I-440 and 21st Avenue. Slow down there...) Rarely a week goes by when some client or lawyer doesn't hear my name and mention the old "Happy Camper Show" on 91-ROCK. I still run into Webb Wilder and members of the multitude of local bands who graced our studio. Most of my escapades are on Facebook.



This photo was taken on Nantucket for the newspaper when I released my second book, entitled "You've Obviously Spent Time On Nantucket If... ACK't II"

or lawyer doesn't hear my name and mention the old "Happy Camper Show" on 91-ROCK. I still run into Webb Wilder and members of the multitude of local bands who graced our studio. Most of my escapades are on Facebook.

1986

Thomas Hodges ★ B.A., 1986

(WRVU) Hodges lives in Vienna, VA, and said: Thomas Hodges is brushing up on his Chinese in preparation for his August assignment as Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Gregory Mayback ★ B.E., 1986

(Commodore yearbook) Mayback lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and said: I was selected by the editorial staff of Florida's Daily Business Review as the "2010 Most Effective Lawyer" for Intellectual Property for the work that I did in a patent infringement suit by an inventor against Home Depot, in which the plaintiff inventor won an

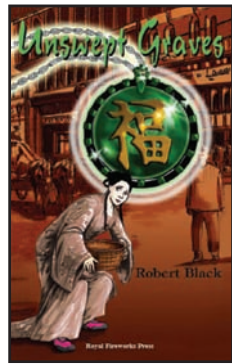


Catherine Hoffman is my wife and law partner. This is a photo of counterfeit bags our firm seized before they were destroyed.

award of almost \$25,000,000. For the past seven years in a row, I was selected in the list of Florida's SuperLawyers and was featured in the 2010 edition of the magazine. Florida Trend Magazine named me as a Florida Legal Elite for the past five years in a row. Since I became a Registered Patent Attorney, I have been involved in the issuance of over 1,250 U.S. patents. In September of 2011, I was a member of a private team that built and launched a rocket, named "QU8K" that rose to over 121,000 feet and, during the flight, took on-board video. The videos have been viewed over 1,300,000 times by YouTube viewers. The team was recognized as winning a \$2,500 partial prize in the \$10,000 Carmack Challenge - a challenge requiring participants to send their private rocket to over 100,000 feet, obtain GPS tracking, and recover it intact. This is a photo of counterfeit bags our firm seized before they were destroyed.

Robert Black ★ B.E., 1986

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook, The Vanderbilt Review) Black



Here's the cover for my new book, Unswept Graves.

lives in Moorpark, CA, and said: My new book is out! Unswept Graves, a historical novel for middle school readers about Chinese immigrants in 1898 San Francisco. This is my fourth book overall, and my second with publisher Royal Fireworks Press. You can find out more at my author website, <http://www.rablack.com/>.

1987

Beth Rives Chesterton ★ B.S., M.Ed, 1987

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU) Chesterton lives in St. Louis, MO, and said: In addition to recent radio voice over work (which was fun) and partial ownership in a great local publication, Town & Style, I've recently launched Chesterton & Co., a new company that designs coaching and personal development programs for individuals and companies. I've spent the last 20 years working with Fortune 500 companies training leadership teams based on Dr. Kathryn Cramer's book "Change the Way You See Everything" through asset-based thinking. Of course, working with Vanderbilt alums is some of my favorite work!

Tonny Kennedy Kohn ★ B.S., 1987

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Kohn lives in Columbia, SC, and said: After 21 years as a journalist, most recently managing editor of The (Columbia, SC) State, I left that profession and attended the University of South Carolina School of Law. I am currently the law clerk for South Carolina Circuit Court Judge Clifton Newman and plan to open a general law practice later this year.

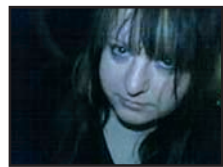
1988

Trey Beasley ★ B.A., 1988

(WRVU) Beasley lives in Nashville, TN, and said: In the summer of 2007, my wife, Vanessa (VU Class of '88), and I were both fortunate enough to get jobs at Vanderbilt. She is an Associate Professor in Communication Studies and I am in Vanderbilt's Treasury Office after 15 years at JP Morgan Chase Bank. Our oldest son, Adam (14), will be a freshman at University School of Nashville next fall, and Charlie (9) will be entering 3rd grade at his school. In addition to enjoying time with my wonderful family, I love officiating high school basketball here in Nashville--and cheering for the Commodores!

1989

Marleen (Marlena) McClure ★ B.S., 1989



McClure

Nashville Film Festival, and recently started at The Ranch in Nunnely, Tennessee. I have two guinea pigs.

(WRVU) McClure lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I'm still living in the Belmont/Hillsboro Village area, cobbling together various part-time positions, working for entertainment attorneys, the Nashville Film Festival, and recently started at The Ranch in Nunnely, Tennessee. I have two guinea pigs.

1990

George Bevington ★ B.A., 1990

(Versus magazine) Bevington lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I am the academic dean of the Walker School in Marietta, Georgia, and am expecting



Kathleen and I on the Ponte degli Scalzi in Venice, July, 2011.

a baby boy with my lovely wife Kathleen, some time around Bastille Day, 2012. We were married on June 25, 2011, in Chicago, then ventured to Italy for our honeymoon.

1992

Serdar Uckun ★ Ph.D., 1992

(Versus magazine) Uckun lives in Palo Alto, CA, and said: Serdar Uckun is Founder and CEO of CyDesign Labs, a rapidly growing Silicon Valley software company developing tools for the design of complex systems such as automobiles and aircraft.

Andrew Maraniss ★ B.A., 1992

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Maraniss lives in Brentwood, TN, and said: After



Eliza Maraniss looks cute in her Easter dress, but dad Andrew is also impressed with her ball-throwing skills.

14 years with McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations in Nashville, I became a partner at the firm in February. I'm continuing to write a biography of former Commodore Perry Wallace, with 17 chapters done and about six more to go. Most important, my 18-month-old daughter, Eliza, appears to be developing a rocket of a throwing arm and I look forward to the day we take to the softball field together.

1993

Shelley Lynn Jarrard ★ B.S., 1993

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Jarrard lives in Salt Lake City, UT, and said: Head Women's Basketball Coach at Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

1995

Jessica Ehrlich ★ B.A., 1995

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Ehrlich lives in St. Petersburg, FL, and said: I am running for U.S. Congress in my hometown of St. Petersburg,



Ehrlich

Florida (FL-13). After graduating from Vanderbilt, I worked in international business before attending law school at Southern Methodist University and transitioning to a career in public service. I have worked as an attorney for members of Congress on some of today's most pressing issues: Social Security, the budget, and financial sector regulation. Since returning home to care for my ailing father, I've seen how my neighbors, family, and friends are struggling as a result of the recession. I decided that now is the time to get off the sidelines and make real change. I am running for Congress to be an advocate for the people of Pinellas County. To learn more about my campaign, I hope you will visit my website at www.EhrlichforCongress.com or check out my campaign on Facebook ([facebook.com/JessicaEhrlichforCongress](https://www.facebook.com/JessicaEhrlichforCongress)) and Twitter (@JessEhrlich).

1996

Chad Gervich ★ B.A., 1996

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Gervich lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: I recently finished writing/producing on "After Lately," starring Chelsea Handler, and am now writing for "Dog With a Blog," an upcoming sitcom on the Disney Channel. I'm also working on two new books, "Psych's Guide to Crimefighting for the Totally Unqualified" (a tie-in book with the TV show "Psych"), and "How To Manage Your Agent," a Hollywood how-to book. Both come out next spring. I also continue to run Vandy-in-Hollywood, Vanderbilt's professional network of alumni and students working in (or interested in working in) Hollywood. You can learn more about us at www.vandyinhollywood.com.

Sovana Paul Moore ★ B.S., M.D., 1996

(Commodore yearbook) Moore lives in Murfreesboro, TN, and said: My husband, Steve Moore (B.S., 1996), and I are living in Murfreesboro, TN. I am practicing OB/GYN at Women's Health Specialists. We have one child, Shelby. We miss the days of meeting friends at the wall in between classes and hanging out with everyone at Rand Hall.

1997

Tim Peterson ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Peterson lives in Washington, DC, and said: Tim and Danielle Peterson welcomed the birth of Brynn Catherine Peterson on April 26th. Big brothers Owen (5) and Cole (3) are pretty excited about their new sister. Tim and family continue to live in the DC area where Tim is a Principal at SunBridge Capital leading the firm's private equity investing.

Langdon Shoop ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine) Shoop lives in Lexington, KY, and said: Very excited to be headed back to Vandy this fall for the 15 year reunion. Looking forward to seeing some old friends, and seeing what is etched into the picnic table these days at McGill.



This photo was taken in Cleveland at Paul Richter's wedding (VU class of 1998, Versus) Left is John Parker (VU class of 1999). Middle is me. Right is Paul.

Linsey Lewis Hasenbank ★ B.A., 1997

(The Vanderbilt Review) Hasenbank lives in Franklin, TN, and said: This summer, my family is moving from my hometown of Houston to Franklin, Tennessee! I never imagined I'd return to Tennessee, but we're super excited about living a simpler, slower paced life on a small farm. I'll continue designing custom Christmas cards (www.LLHdesigns.com) and my husband will start a new sports chiropractic clinic in Nashville (www.DrHasenbank.com). I hope to see lots of you at the reunion!

1998

Lauren Schmitzer ★ B.A., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Schmitzer lives in Nashville, TN, and said: My first stageplay had a great 2nd run this May in Nashville. "Chlamydia is Not a Flower (and other love lessons I missed)" debuted as the finale of the TN Women's Theatre Festival in 2011 and was a critic's pick in the Nashville Scene for this run. Hope to bring it to the festival circuit and/or other great city theaters this year.

Julie Petersen ★ B.A., 1998

(The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review) Petersen lives in Petaluma, CA, and said: Vanderbilt alum Julie (Landry) Petersen and husband Troy Petersen welcomed Zadie Rae Petersen to their family on March 16, 2012 in Petaluma, CA. She joins big brother Zachary James Petersen, age 3, who's thrilled to have her around!



Zadie Rae Petersen on her first walk, March 2012

2001

Kedron Thomas ★ B.A., 2001

(The Vanderbilt Hustler) Thomas lives in St. Louis, MO, and said: In November 2010, Pete (Benson) and I had a baby boy, Emmanuel Blair. He's now a year and a half old, walking, talking, and keeping us very busy. In the past year, I also finished my PhD in social anthropology at Harvard University and accepted a faculty position in the anthropology department at Washington University in St. Louis, where Pete also teaches. A big hello to all of my former colleagues at the Hustler.

Fernando J Suarez ★ B.A., 2001

(Vanderbilt Television) Suarez lives in London, UK, and said: CBS News London bureau producer covering foreign news for all CBS platforms, primarily the CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley.

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2002

Adrian Hill ★ B.A., 2002

(*Vanderbilt Television*) Hill lives in Chicago, IL.



Hill with wife Carol, daughter Katie

2003

Justin Wood ★ B.A., 2003, J.D., 2006

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Wood lives in Raleigh, NC, and said: Justin married Kelly (Atkinson) Wood on December 4, 2010. Groomsmen included Brad Golder ('03) of the *Vanderbilt Hustler* and *Vanderbilt Television*, and Matthew Saul ('03) of *Vanderbilt Television*. Justin and Kelly now reside in Raleigh, NC where he is a lawyer with Troutman Sanders LLP.

2004

Kate Zabbia Stuart ★ B.S., 2004

(*Versus magazine*) Stuart lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Kate (Zabbia) and JD Stuart welcomed their first child, Margaret "Maggie" Stuart, on February 24, 2012.

Robert Lawrence Shaw ★ B.S., 2004

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt Television*) Shaw lives in New York, NY, and said: I head the broadcast business for Bloomberg Sports while also leading our content generation. I still do some on-air work as a sports analyst on Bloomberg TV, Bloomberg Radio, as well as syndicated segments on regional sports affiliates and USA Today. Enjoying life in NYC with my wife of two years Jennifer and our little pug Butch Huskey. You can follow my sports tweets: @RobShawSports



Rob Shaw Covering Sporting Training for Bloomberg Sports in Jupiter, FL

Meredith Gray Gray-Grener ★ B.A., MFA, 2004

(*The Slant, Spoon magazine*) Gray-Grener lives in Nashville, TN, and said: After a great year in which both of us taught in the English department back at Vanderbilt, my husband (Adam Grener, '04) and I are moving to Baltimore, where he is an ACLS New Faculty Fellow at Johns Hopkins University. First, though, I'll be spend-

ing the semester as the Fall Writer-in-Residence at Interlochen Academy for the Arts in Michigan.



Cara Bohon, photo by Jill DiMartino

Cara Bohon ★ B.S., 2004

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook*) Bohon lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: Cara Bohon will begin work at Stanford University in July 2012. She will be an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

2005

Jennifer Carlisle Dillard ★ B.A., 2005

(*Orbis, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member*) Dillard lives in Washington, DC, and said: Joel Dillard (*Orbis*) and Jennifer Carlisle Dillard (*Orbis, Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member*) would like to announce the birth of their baby girl, Junia Peace Dillard, on April 27, 2012. Joel is an attorney at the National Labor Relations Board, and Jennifer is an attorney at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Elizabeth Ashley Opderbeck ★ B.S., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook*) Opderbeck lives in San Diego, CA, and said: Getting married May 19th, 2012. Graduated in March 2012. New job at Miva Merchant - e-commerce solutions - in San Diego, California.

Matt Galante ★ B.E., 2005

(*Vanderbilt Television*) Galante lives in New York, NY, and said: Matt Galante '05 recently moved out to New York City to work as a Premium Experience Consultant for the New York Yankees. Matt is excited to be in the Big Apple and will focus on Client Services for season ticket holders with premium seats at Yankee Stadium. Previously, Matt had worked for the Denver Broncos for four seasons in Club Seat Services and Partnership Activation.

Robert Caldwell ★ B.S., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, VSC Board member*) Caldwell lives in St. Louis, MO, and said: Slowly climbing up the St. Louis music scene, attorney and defender of constitutional rights. Robert Caldwell's band Black Bears has become a well known and recognized St. Louis band. Check them out at www.facebook.com/blackbears.band.



D'nelle Throneberry ★ B.A., 2005

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook, Orbis, The Torch, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board member*) Throneberry lives in Nashville, TN, and said: After starting her own marketing company in

2006, D'nelle is finally dedicating herself full-time to running Berry Interesting Productions, Inc., providing digital branding development & consulting services to small businesses.

2006

Jodi McShan ★ B.S., 2006

(*Commodore yearbook*) McShan lives in Dallas, TX, and said: Jodi McShan is now a family law attorney, practicing at Withers & Withers, P.C. in Dallas, Texas.

2007

Charlie Lockwood ★ B.A., 2007

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU*) Lockwood lives in Austin, TX, and said: Since graduating with a BA in English/History & Ethnomusicology at Vanderbilt University in 2007, I earned an MA in Ethnomusicology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where I played the 'ud (Arab short-necked fretless lute) in the UCSB Middle East Ensemble, directed by Dr. Scott Marcus, one of the foremost scholars of the Arab maqamat system. In July 2010, I traveled to Cairo, Egypt with the UCSB Middle East Ensemble to play a series of concerts at the Cairo Opera House. I currently hold a position as Program Coordinator at Texas Folklife, an Austin-based arts & culture non-profit organization, and play music with the "Atlas Maior" trio and "Austin Global Orchestra." www.facebook.com/atlasmaior www.texasfolklife.org

2008

Meredith Casey ★ B.A., 2008

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, InsideVandy.com*) Casey lives in Washington, DC, and said: Meredith Casey joined the Washington, D.C. office of international communications firm, Fleishman-Hillard, as an Account Supervisor in May. She works with FH clients to plan and execute effective integrated marketing communications initiatives. Meredith enjoys leveraging her background in advertising, marketing, media planning, public relations, social media, and digital in this role. If your company has needs, please contact her at meredith.casey@fleishman.com.

2010

Michael Warren ★ B.A., 2010

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, InsideVandy.com, The Torch, VSC Board member*) Warren lives in Arlington, VA, and said: I'm wrapping up my second year working at the *Weekly Standard* magazine in Washington. As a reporter, I've spent time covering the Republican presidential primary in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Florida. I also report on Congress, federal and state elections, and other aspects of American politics. I was recently awarded a 2012 Robert Novak Journalism fellowship from the Phillips Foundation. I will use the part-time fellowship to work on a reporting project about race and America politics.

Nikki Bogopolskaya ★ B.S., 2010

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, InsideVandy.com*) Bogopolskaya lives in New York, NY, and said: Nikki is currently working in adver-



Bogopolskaya

tising for IAC, managing digital advertising for Match.com, Evite, Barnes & Noble, Sparknotes.com and more. She also writes the humorous lifestyle blog SewFetch.com. In her free time, she enjoys the pursuit of Manhattan's perfect charcuterie.

Lewis F Saettel ★ M.S., 2010

Saettel lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I am currently employed with Vanderbilt University School of Engineering as the Facilities Manager for Featheringill Hall and Science and Engineering. Featheringill Hall is the flagship for engineering and is an eleven year old renovation with beautiful classrooms, conference rooms, and seminar spaces.



Lewis F. Saettel, FASM Featheringill Hall, School of Engineering

2011

Chris McDonald ★ B.A., 2011

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, InsideVandy.com, VSC Board member*) McDonald lives in Lexington, VA, and said: Chris McDonald just finished his first year of law school at Washington & Lee University School of Law. He will be spending the summer back in Nashville



Chris McDonald '11 (Right) with Charlie Russell '11 and Anthony Vizcarra '11 at Homecoming

as a legal intern for The Honorable Juliet Griffin, United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee.

Aimee Sobhani ★ B.A., 2011

(*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Orbis*) Sobhani lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I just finished my first year of law school at Emory University School of Law.

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job, writing for television – allows me to use the light of my specific experiences to explore the universal longing of the human condition, and through the art of situation comedies to seek answers to the most elemental questions of the heart: Who is man? Who is woman? And how do they relate to each other? Of course, for ratings purposes, the answers to those questions are: a relatable slacker, a gorgeous twenty-something, and through quips and pop culture references. But whatever nuance is lost in the editing bay, the important thing is that a piece of me remains on the screen, for enough episodes to attract a lucrative syndication deal.

And so I have remained humbly grateful and faithful to my Vanderbilt roots, even as my achievements as a successful television writer – television writer – have catapulted me to the elite strata of American society. I have met Mitt Romney, and have learned that, contrary to common perception, he is not a robot but a live human

being, with real feelings and tears. He is visibly hurt by the public's ignorance of this, and during our brief encounters I saw real pain in his eyes as he pinned me down and forcibly cut my hair.

But despite his difficulty connecting with voters, Romney remains within striking distance of President

As a television writer - which I am, I write for television - I use this knowledge to comment on society in a way that minimizes an audience's thought and maximizes its emotion, ideally in a form of patriotic but titillated outrage.

Barack Obama, thanks to the vast propaganda apparatus wielded by the political right. Operating over multiple media outlets including Fox News, talk radio, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the emails your aunt forwards to you, this apparatus employs the most sophisticated techniques of viewer manipulation, from leggy blondes phrasing accusations as questions to aging Irishmen phrasing questions as accusations.

Arrayed against this media Wehrmacht is Rachel Maddow, whose concentrated smugness is the left's only hope for Obama's re-election. The match is uneven, to be sure, but the stakes are high. Securing a second Obama victory is the only way we can be assured that

our nation will not return to the dark era when it was choked in the grip of an imperial president who executed suspected terrorists with impunity and commanded lawless prison camps while drowning us in debt.

Who knows which of these men will win in November? I do: President Obama. Again, it just seems fairly predictable, and I've been batting a thousand on these predictions so far. But in a larger sense, the answer is irrelevant. So long as our great nation is populated by successful Vanderbilt graduates who are television writers, we're going to be alright.

Kelly, if you read this, give me a call. Facebook keeps blocking my friend requests for some reason.

★★★

Zhubin Parang is a writer for *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*. His work has been published by *McSweeney's* and *The Onion*. Parang graduated in 2003 from the College of Arts and Science with a B.S. in political science and sociology, and was the 2003 Sociology Major of the Year. He contributed to *The Vanderbilt Hustler* from 2000-2002 and to *Orbis* from 2002-2003. Parang lives in New York, NY.

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 Station Manager
 2012-2013 Academic Year



InsideVandy
Kion Sawney
 Director
 2012-2013 Academic Year



The Vanderbilt Hustler
Eric Single
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year



Vanderbilt Television
Rachel Abeshouse
 Station Manager
 2012-2013 Academic Year



The Slant
Jim Gillin
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year



The Torch
Sam Adkisson
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year



The Vanderbilt Review
Nicole Burdakin
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year



Orbis
Maria Ochoa Vargas
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year



HerCampus
Jessica Pawlarczyk
 Editor-in-Chief
 2012-2013 Academic Year

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André Rouillard
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Kelly Halom
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Chief Copy Editor
Angelica Lasala
 2012-2013 Academic Year



WRVU Program Director
Scott Cardone
 2012-2013 Academic Year



VTV Program Director
Scott Head
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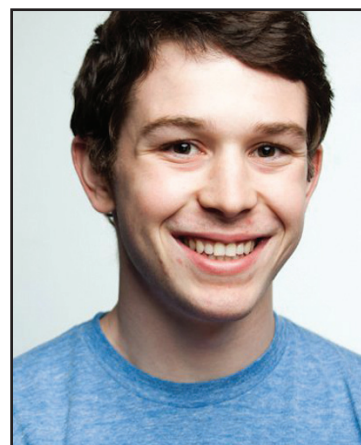


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Murphy Byrne
 2012-2013 Academic Year



Social Media Director
Ellen Horne
 2012-2013 Academic Year



Design Director
Kristen Webb
 2012-2013 Academic Year

Happy Trails, Matt...



Matt Radford at Riverwood Mansion.

After six years of working in Student Media at Vanderbilt, Art Director Matt Radford stepped down from his position at the end of the spring semester. He and his wife Kimberly are taking over ownership of Riverwood Mansion, a successful wedding and events facility in east Nashville. The 9,200 sq. ft. home was built in the 1790's and hosts an average of 65 weddings a year, as well as additional corporate events and school functions. He will be helping in all aspects of day-to-day operations and is looking forward to re-branding the business, updating its website and establishing a stronger web-presence through social media.

"I'm excited about my new career opportunity but leaving Student Media is bittersweet. I am humbled by and grateful for the chance to have worked with such talented and inspiring students and staffers over the past few years. I plan to stay in touch and look forward to seeing Vanderbilt Student Media evolve in the coming years as much as it has in the short time I've been lucky enough to have with this amazing organization."

Matt and Kimberly were married in Savannah, GA last October and are also expecting their first child this fall.

distant voices *alumni spotlights*

Foundation supports families dealing with cancer

Jon Albert (B.S., 1984), a WRVU alumnus, founded Jack & Jill Late Stage Cancer Foundation as a "lasting and meaningful tribute"



Albert

to his wife Jill and their children Jamie and Jake after he lost Jill to breast cancer in 2006. Albert said JAJF was honored as the 2010 Humanitarian of the Year, sponsored by American Airlines, and in 2011 as the Avis National Spirit recipient at Yankee Stadium. JAJF has sent hundreds of cancer-inflicted families on memorable vacations to help take their minds off their troubles and create lasting family memories.

"Sadly, it is just too easy to find young moms and dads in their 20s, 30s and 40s dying from cancer leaving behind their children, despite the advances in cancer research as you appreciate," Albert said. "We are the only organization of its kind in the nation serving this overlooked population nationally. We receive our families strictly from Vanderbilt, Sarah Cannon, Emory, Moffitt, Duke, MD Anderson, City of Hope, UCLA, Sloan-Kettering, Cornell and other leading Oncology Centers/Hospitals throughout the United States."

Derr pens Russell bio

Andrew Derr (B.A., 1996) recently published his book "Life of Dreams: The Good Times of Sportswriter Fred Russell," the first complete biography of Vanderbilt alumnus Fred Russell, called one of the all-time stars in sports journalism. Derr was Vanderbilt's 1992 recipient

of the Fred Russell-Grantland Rice TRA Sportswriting Scholarship. He lives in Maryland and works as a part-time freelance journalist with a full-time career at Deloitte Consulting.

Remembering Kim Chapin

Kim Chapin (B.A., 1964) died Nov. 23, 2001, and was memorialized by Vanderbilt classmate Richard McCord (B.A., 1964) in a reflection published in *The Santa Fe New Mexican* on Nov. 27. In "Kim Chapin: A loving husband and father, an extraordinary journalist,"



Chapin

McCord wrote of meeting Chapin, a Grantland Rice scholar, when they were freshmen working at *The Hustler*. After college, the duo shared an apartment in Atlanta, where Chapin covered stock-car racing in the early years of NASCAR in the late 1960s.

"Kim next went to New York to write for *Sports Illustrated* magazine," McCord wrote. "There he found that the editors had a snooty attitude toward stock-car racing, considering it a lowbrow pastime for rednecks and moonshiners. (To a large degree it was, back then.) But Kim lobbied for his sport, and prevailed. Soon long feature articles, with his byline, began appearing on equal footing with big-time baseball, football, tennis and such."

McCord wrote that he and Chapin remained friends and both found their way to the Santa Fe community, where they reconnected closely. He wrote, "But suddenly Kim is gone. Not real yet. There is a hole in my life. Goodbye, and rest in peace, old friend."

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Sarratt construction moves Student Media during summer

Students and advisers at Student Media love to see alumni visitors in The Tunnel, the nickname for Student Media's space on the ground floor of the Sarratt Student Center. But this summer might not be the ideal time to pay a visit. Along with several other offices in Sarratt, Student Media has relocated and is operating in temporary office space for summer 2012 due to a major renovation in Sarratt and Rand Dining Hall.

The renovation required Student Media to completely vacate the newsroom space and the advisers' offices so workers could access the ceilings in those areas, which otherwise won't be affected by the renovation. Construction is expected to be complete in early August, and Student Media advisers are eager to move back so they can prepare for students' arrival for the fall semester. As always, alumni visitors are welcome, too.

Sarratt will have a lot more to offer students when construction is complete, according to the university, "Sarratt's first

major renovation in more than a decade will feature enhanced meeting and rehearsal spaces for student organizations, new offices and conference rooms and an expanded Varsity Market. Rand Dining Hall and the former Vanderbilt Bookstore space will have a completely new layout and look, including overall circulation improvements."

Years ago, Student Media operated out of nearby Alumni Hall, which also is under construction. The university has said, "significant renovations to Alumni Hall will create a new classroom, music lounge, exercise room, writing center, faculty office suite, café and expanded outdoor terraces, while maintaining the integrity of the building's historic architecture."

To learn more about the many construction projects on campus this summer, read the university's construction roundup online at news.vanderbilt.edu/2012/06/summer-construction-projects.