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A publication for alumni of student media at Vanderbilt University

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HUSTLER ALUMNI REUNION OCT. 12

Who: Alumni of *The Vanderbilt Hustler* (Friends, significant others, spouses, family members and other VU alumni welcome.)

What: Please join your fellow alumni in Nashville on Friday, Oct. 12, for Homecoming weekend and a special *Hustler* Reunion at the Flying Saucer.

When: 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 ... mark your calendar!

Where: Flying Saucer restaurant and bar, 110 10th Ave., S., behind Union Station Hotel

Help: Please spread the word to other alumni to update their info on Dore2Dore.com, Vanderbilt's alumni database, AND email VSC at vandymedia@gmail.com with the student media group(s) in which they participated. It's the best way for us to stay connected and receive information about events like the *Hustler* Reunion. VSC and Alumni Relations are planning to email alumni and mail invitations, but that effort will be much more successful if we all check and update our contact information on Dore2Dore.com.

FYI: Flying Saucer, the location for the reunion, will admit only people over the age of 21 by the time of our event. This restriction is related to a new smoking ban in Nashville, and Flying Saucer's decision to be 21-and-up means it will still allow smoking.

We'll provide more details as needed in the invitations we will send by email and mail.

Also, if you have an account on Facebook.com, search for "*Hustler* Reunion 2007," an event page created by former *Hustler* editor Laura Creekmore (B.A., 1993).

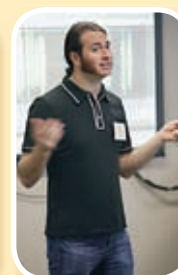
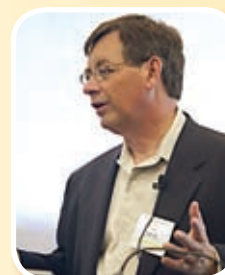
Many thanks to another former editor, Emily Faye Abbott (B.A., 2003), for kickstarting this whole thing. ☺

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Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc.
Celebrating 40 years



Photos from first CICM national workshop, March 2007.

centering innovation

Vanderbilt Student Media helps launch national digital media think tank

As the home for a new institute, Vanderbilt Student Communications has expanded its focus on digital media from the campus to a national stage.

The non-profit Center for Innovation in College Media launched this past fall as a division of VSC to support students and journalism educators as an

idea incubator, education provider and resource for emerging media techniques and solutions.

VSC Director of Student Media Chris Carroll co-founded the CICM along with advising colleagues Ralph Braseth from the University of Mississippi and Bryan Murley from Eastern Illinois University.

"The new media revolution was at our doorstep and those of us working in college media advising could choose to do one of three things," Carroll said. "We could deny that change is happening and either eek our way to retirement or

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Online convergence delivers successful first year

Vanderbilt student media forged ahead with online convergence in Spring 2007, improving its breaking news and multimedia coverage, tripling the number of visitors to InsideVandy.com, and earning recognition as a national leader in online media.

VSC embarked on a bold experiment in August 2006 with the launch of *InsideVandy*, which combines news, features, commentary, photos and video produced by student media with community journalism and participation.

This spring students and staff were rewarded for their efforts when *InsideVandy* was named **Best College Web Site in the Southeast Journalism Conference** and

an Associated Collegiate Press Online Pacemaker Finalist.

"I'm very proud of how far VSC has come," said Anne Malinee, *InsideVandy's* founding director, who graduated in May.



Student Media's online community
www.insidevandy.com

"We have had our share of difficulties, but I think the newsroom has made great progress

towards the goals of convergence and online content delivery."

Some highlights from Spring 2007:

- Print reporters began producing audio slideshows, podcasts, maps and videos. For example, *Versus* writers produced 'Faculebrity' profiles of popular professors, publishing interviews in the magazine and creating audio slideshows for the Web. Reporters picked up video cameras for the first time to give students a "behind-the-scenes" look at campus, from the university power plant to

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expanding the tunnel

a director's note...

Sailing in a new direction

by Chris Carroll, Director of Student Media



Carroll

A couple of years ago at a seminar in Atlanta a student approached me for an interview about the future of journalism. At the time I was principal among a tiny group of educators initiating a movement to reinvent college media.

Before I could answer a lyric popped in my head — those of you of a certain age will appreciate the source — from Jimmy Buffett's *A Pirate Looks at Forty*. It was, "I found my occupational hazard being my occupation's just not around."

As someone who had made a living in and around journalism, particularly newspapers, for 20 years, I was convinced the industry as I knew it was nearing its end. It was time to change or die.

And recent reports are no cause for optimism for traditional media.

"A perfect storm," is how one analyst in a July 18 *Wall Street Journal* story described the convergence of factors causing the accelerating tailspin in newspaper stocks, the decline in ad revenue and the rash of restructuring and consolidations of media companies.

Despite the insulation college media enjoys from most modern market pressures, the struggles the commercial industry is suffering have undoubtedly crept onto campuses across the country.

Given this climate, what is the current state of VSC with its long, laudable history of student media excellence?

You may recall in this column in Fall 2005 I promised bold changes and a strategic plan designed to position Vanderbilt as a national leader while preserving opportunities for the next generation of students.

As you'll read in this edition of *Tunnel Vision*, we're making good on that promise. While we haven't unlocked all the answers with this work in progress, the students and staff of VSC have made significant strides.

InsideVandy, our new student-centered, collaborative news and community networking website was honored in its first year with a Southeast Journalism Conference "Best of the South" award and named an Associated Collegiate Press *Pacemaker* finalist.

Much of the concept, software and functionality of the site is unique among college media operations. It is often pointed to as a model within these college ranks.

We also created The Center for Innovation in College Media, a new think tank and training center that has attracted the attention and cooperation of the nation's leading experts in new media giving our students networks and training they wouldn't receive otherwise.

I recently heard a Pulitzer-Prize winning photojournalist refer to the dramatic changes in media as the end of a chapter, but not necessarily the end of the book. Those of us in VSC welcome the challenge of helping write the next chapter in journalism and communications. We're eager to share our experiences along the way with you, our alumni, and we invite you to join us, whether as guest instructors, coaches, cheerleaders, readers or viewers. We love to hear from you and always appreciate your support. ☺

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Chancellor Gordon Gee's Kirkland Hall office.

- Reporters also produced more and better breaking news coverage of events such as living wage negotiations, the Virginia Tech tragedy and Rites of Spring. Sports editor Jarred Amato filed stories from both coasts as he chronicled the men's basketball team's whirlwind trip to the Sweet Sixteen. News editor Ally Smith broke the news of Chancellor Gee's divorce from wife Constance in March, beating the *Nashville Post* by 11 minutes and earning kudos from the pros for her hustle.

- *InsideVandy* attracted the attention of journalism students at Belmont University, a few of whom began freelance writing for the site.

- Spurred by greater cooperation and cross-promotion between online and print, particularly in the *Hustler*, the number of visitors to *InsideVandy* more than tripled, with almost 35,000 unique users logging on in March.

Student media met with success as it tackled the challenge of producing coverage for both print and the Web, but the transition to a converged newsroom was not without its difficulties. Like many journalism professionals, student media editors struggled to find their roles, manage print and Web content and establish clear lines of accountability.

"The growing pains *InsideVandy* and *The Hustler* went through were just that—painful," said rising senior Glenna DeRoy, who edited the *Hustler* this spring. "We started the year as two entirely separate organizations that rarely communicated. We knew

we were supposed to converge and cooperate, but we didn't know how. Putting the two entities in the same office was not all convergence required."

Although *InsideVandy* and the *Hustler* began the spring semester with separate online and print editors, by mid-semester it became clear that a more streamlined structure was needed. By spring break, *Hustler* section editors had taken on the duties of assigning and editing content for print and the Web with the support of a smaller *InsideVandy* multimedia staff.

"This change, in itself, presented one of the largest challenges yet, truly pushing formerly print-only editors to think about the news in a variety of ways," DeRoy said. "We still have a lot of work to do, but the hard work of our editors and reporters to make convergence a reality has been astounding so far."

This fall DeRoy, who will edit the *Hustler* again, and sophomore Chris Thompson, who will take over for Malinee as *InsideVandy* director, said they plan to expand online coverage.

"I think a lot more Web-only content that grabs their attention is really what we need to focus on primarily," Thompson said. "If we can regularly produce content that people look at and say 'wow I always wanted to see something about that,' I think we can really pull people in."

"Moving student media along toward total convergence—encompassing a Web site, newspaper, magazine and television station that operate as one — is my overarching goal," DeRoy said. ☺

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bail out of the profession before it leaves us in its wake.

"Another choice was to play it safe and slowly learn new tricks, watching what everyone else in the herd was doing. Or, we could take risks, embrace the experiment, and lead," he said. "We chose to lead."

The Center's mission is based upon the premise that college media should be the engine of innovation in new media. Students working in college media represent the next generation of professional journalists, so it is essential they possess the skills necessary to succeed and lead in a rapidly changing commercial media marketplace.

The CICM aspires to serve as a resource by sharing information freely online at www.collegemediainnovation.org and by providing practical training at regional and national workshops.

More than 100 students and their advisers from 30 college and universities in 17 states attended the first ever CICM "Future of Journalism" workshop held at

the First Amendment Center on campus in March 2007. Participants included a contingent of Vanderbilt students.

Attendees immersed themselves in an intense three days of hands-on learning taught by some of the nation's experts in new media.

Jennifer Carroll, vice president for new media content for Gannett and the principal architect of the company's pioneering information center concept served as keynote speaker for the event. She was joined briefly by legendary journalist, editor and First Amendment Center founder John Seigenthaler.

Video interviews about new media with both Jennifer Carroll and Seigenthaler are available on the CICM blog, as are interviews with other national new media leaders.

Other guest instructors included Jason Levine, a software expert with Adobe; Angela Grant, a multimedia producer for the *San Antonio Express-News*; Jack Lail, multimedia managing editor for *The Knoxville News-*

Sentinel; Lee Clontz, a journalist/web developer for *The New York Times*, CNN and Emory University; and Rick Burnes, a journalist who worked with *NYTimes.com* and Google.

"I can say without qualification that this was the best workshop I've attended in 25 years of teaching," one attendee said following the event. "I've been busy since I got back sharing what I learned with my very amazed students."

The CICM is active this summer planning its next workshops, developing partnerships with organizations such as the National Press Photographers Association, the Associated Collegiate Press, and state press associations, and working with media foundations to secure funding to expand training opportunities, Carroll said.

The CICM is committed to promoting the fundamental principles of journalism excellence while being a catalyst for change in journalism's delivery and interaction with the community, he said.

"I'm confident that Vanderbilt students will benefit from the network of experts and exposure to training that the CICM's presence on campus will bring." ☺



bright stars student honors...

The 2007 Alexander Award winner

Anne Malinee
InsideVandy, The Torch

Director of *InsideVandy.com* and graduating senior Anne Malinee was awarded the Charles Forrest Alexander Prize in April.

Malinee received a \$400 reward for this honor. The Alexander award is given annually to a student who has "achieved distinction in student journalistic projects."

"I'm really honored, and it's nice to be recognized," Malinee told *The Vanderbilt Hustler*. "I love journalism, and I love journalism at Vanderbilt.

Student media is a big part of my life, and I'm so grateful it was something I could be a part of. Here at Vanderbilt, we really have the online stuff right. Other schools look to us at the model. Hopefully this will continue in coming years."

Prior to leading *InsideVandy* in 2006-07, Malinee was editor-in-chief of *The Torch*, a special-interest publication offering conservative and libertarian commentary, during her sophomore and junior years. ☺

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The Vanderbilt Hustler Editor-in-Chief

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WRVU Station Manager

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 - Michael Ward**, Media Council Rep



Innaugural WRVU Nashville Award winner



Annie Weisner
WRVU

The first winner of the WRVU Nashville Award for Dedication to Excellence in Radio Broadcasting is Annie Weisner. Annie is an A&S sophomore who serves as the underwriting director for WRVU. The award 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. The award was created in Fall 2006 by Dr. James Noble, a 1997 A&S graduate and former WRVU general manager. ☆

bright lights *an alumni column...*

Reel talent in Stapleton

by **Lindsay Miller**, Class of '06



Miller.

On the city's western border, reared against the sky, proudly stands the VTV sign. Proudly, if somewhat awkwardly. There's an arrow pointing directly into the ground, which some find confusing, but is actually accurate, as the television station lives underground. VTV is a partitioned room in the basement of Stapleton, filled with cameras, computers, furniture, and equipment that wheezes continuously. There are no windows.

Though lacking the more obvious beauty of the rest of campus (rich red bricks contrasted against lush green grass, leggy blondes, etc.), this dungeon of sorts was my spot, my zone, the place to which I would steal away when I sought the excitement and energy others found above ground. I secretly reveled in the mystery and intrigue of this lair of mine. Despite the unrivaled brilliance of the shows VTV had at the time, most students didn't even know we had a TV station, or if they did, they thought it was called VUTV, or even if they knew we had one and knew what it was called, they never watched it. Freshman year, I created a TV show called *SexRx* with a group of friends, and we kept it going until I graduated. (It is my hope and expectation that it will be resurrected, and if no one does it I'll either have to turn forceful or come back for more degrees and do it myself.) There was something magical about being on air, knowing that thousands of people could be watching you, but that maybe two dozen actually were. There was a freedom in this, one that kept me involved in the station throughout my four years at Vanderbilt, culminating in a triumphant run as general manager (admittedly having run unopposed) my senior year.

I presented proposals in front of real, live adults who comprised a real, live Board of Directors. Real dollars were spent. Thousands of them, based on decisions I helped make. This was equal parts terrifying and exhilarating, and I'm grateful for this type of experience, as it's come in handy in this real world I now supposedly inhabit. I conquer job interviews. I cold-call with the best of them.

I'm a grown-up now, with a grown-up job. Kind of. I'm an assistant editor at a trailer house in Hollywood (the "COMING SOON" kind, not the double-wide kind), which is just about as awesome as it sounds. My resumé tends to confuse people. I majored in psychology and Russian and had a philosophy minor. I was initially bothered by the fact that my instincts were pushing me toward a career that seemed wholly incongruous with my courses of study. Then I started noticing the similarities between my imagined life of psychology research and my actual life of film editing: long hours, exacting detail, process and routine combined with creativity and generativity...

My instincts made me choose Vanderbilt over other schools at which I might have felt more at home, for reasons I still can't quite articulate. My instincts (along with filming and editing skills honed at VTV) guided me on a whim to enter a contest Dove was holding. My 30-second body wash commercial aired during the 2007 Oscars to an audience of 40 million people.

I relieved myself of the pressure to make effect match cause, to make my career be the logical follow-up to my undergraduate experience. Sure, I've had to play catch-up to the people who've had more extensive film education and technical training, but do they know the difference between Frege's *sinn* and *bedeutung*? Our instincts rarely lead us astray, at least not without good reason. ☆

Miller on making the Dove winning national commercial...

I heard about the Dove Cream Oil Body Wash ad contest from a television spot featuring Sara Ramirez. I got my camera out within the hour and started working on my first commercial, which took me forever. I later talked myself into doing another one, which I'm pretty glad I did, as it was the one that got chosen.

It took me 25 minutes to film it (my mom was the camera op) and two sit-down sessions to edit it. I didn't find out that I won until the other 40 million people who were watching did, which made for a pretty overwhelming moment.

While this was an amazing experience on its own, I am hoping that this will be the first of many accomplishments as an editor. My goal is to edit trailers, music videos, or commercials. I think it will be the confidence and validation that has come from this, rather than the connections, that will help me achieve my goals or discover something I love even more. ☆



distant voices *alumni updates...*

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

1943

Harry Howe Ransom ★ B.A., 1943 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt Masquerader*) Ransom lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: My article "A Half Century of Spy Watching," was published in Loch K. Johnson, STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE, Vol. 5, pp. 183-193. Westport, CT., Praeger, 2007.

Eugene Reese Bogle ★ B.E., 1943 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Bogle lives in Audubon, Pa., and said: I was news editor of *The Hustler* working with Charles Lipscomb in the early '40s. My wife and I are now living in a large retirement complex in Audubon. The best reunion I attended was my 45th, and lots of classmates attended that one. Vanderbilt does know how to hold excellent reunions!

1951

Lee E. Preston ★ B.A., 1951 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Vanderbilt Review*) Preston lives in College Park, Md., and said: Since leaving Vanderbilt and finishing a Ph.D. at Harvard, I have published about 200 academic books, monographs and articles in the fields of economics, marketing and management — and one poem in *The Vanderbilt Review!* I am currently writing up some biographical material for the benefit of my descendants. I am now a professor emeritus, but also working part-time on some university problems.

1954

Sonya "Toni" Davidson Harris ★ B.A., 1954 (*Commodore* yearbook) Harris lives in El Paso, Texas, and said: After all these years, there is really nothing "new" to report; I'm glad to say that all is well and life is good! Living in El Paso has been happy but far removed from Vanderbilt activities. I send my best regards to all my classmates.

1955

Ormonde Plater ★ B.A., 1955 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Plater lives in New Orleans, La., and said: I went on to get a Ph.D. in English at Tulane University. Then, in 1971, I was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church, and most recently, in 1997-2005, I was Archdeacon of the Diocese of Louisiana, in charge of the deacons of the diocese. I have written several books on ministry, liturgy and Cajun dancing. I am now retired and enjoying America's least boring city.



▲ Ormonde Plater, giving a talk to deacons in the Diocese of Kansas

1958

David Halpern ★ B.A., 1958 (WRVU) Halpern lives in Tulsa, Ok., and said: In the last edition of *Tunnel Vision*, you used information from an advance press release concerning my new book, "Pilgrim Eye." I thought people might like to see what the book looks like. It was released in March 2007. ISBN: 987-0-9788165-0-6. It can be ordered through any bookstore or online.



1963

Roy Alton Blount Jr. ★ B.A., 1963 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Spectrum*) Blount lives in Mill River, Ma., and said: My book "Long Time Leaving: Dispatches From Up South," was published in May. It's a collection of things I've been writing for years, mostly in *The Oxford American*, about being a Southerner in the North.

1965

Robert J Murphy ★ B.A., 1965 (WRVU) Murphy lives in Maryville, Tenn., and said: When I was business manager for the campus radio station it was still WVU... the 'R' came not long after. From Vandy I went to Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati for 7 years, leaving as a brand manager. I returned to my hometown of Maryville, Tenn., to a sequence of careers: RV dealer (served as national president of dealer association in 1980), then on to residential property development, single family and condominiums. After that, some specialized association management jobs. I have one daughter Lisa who lives nearby with her fine family.



1966

John Butcher ★ B.A., 1966 (WRVU) Butcher lives in San Diego, Calif.

Ellen Eisendrath McGeady ★ B.S.N., 1966 (VUT) McGeady lives in North Charleston, S.C., and said: I retired down to South Carolina from Flossmoor, Ill. I have four children and two grandchildren. I did work in community theater while in Illinois, but have not done anything since then. I hope to resume that activity. The nursing class of 1966 is in the process of getting a book together or individual contributions to be used as a fundraiser for worthy nursing persons. I am a contributor to that effort.

1968

David Sproul ★ B.A., 1968 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Sproul lives in Houston, Texas, and said: Investor and former business owner in Houston. My wife Cindy and I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



▲ Cindy and David Sproul

K. Gregory Tucker ★ B.A., MBA, 1968, 1971 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Tucker lives in Readyville, Tenn., and said: Greg Tucker, retired Washington trial attorney and cattle farmer, with his youngest of three children now a senior engineer at Vanderbilt, is pursuing a new passion for dancing and will tour Germany this summer performing with the Cripple Creek Cloggers. His latest media activity includes books on rowing and on motorboating published by the Boy Scouts of America.

Paul M. Kurtz ★ B.A., J.D., 1968, 1972 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) I have just finished my 32nd year on the faculty at the University of Georgia School of Law and my 16th year as associate dean. I continue to serve on the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council which operates the indigent criminal defense system in our state; I also am a Commissioner on Uniform State Law representing Georgia.

David A. Bagwell ★ B.A., 1968 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Bagwell lives in Point Clear, Ala., and said: David is a lawyer who practices in Fairhope, Ala., a lovely small 1870s utopian colony on Mobile Bay, a "Single Tax Colony" following the principles of Henry George. Much of his practice is antitrust, his office is on Fairhope Avenue, and it is interesting that the show "History Detectives" recently discovered that the board game Monopoly originally had roots to the Single Tax Movement, and that one property on the original board was Fairhope Avenue. Fairhope Avenue might have been a cheap property back then, but it is not cheap now.



▲ David Bagwell, with a nice fish he recently caught from his kayak

1971

Mackie Morris ★ B.A., 1971 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Morris lives in Plano, Texas, and said: A TRA-Grantland Rice Scholar while at Vanderbilt, Mackie Morris had a long and successful career as a newspaper and television journalist, was a tenured faculty member and Chairman of the Broadcast News Department at the University of Missouri School of Journalism, worked as a news and media consultant for television networks around the world, and founded Mackie Morris Communications in 2001 as an international media and "Fortune 200" communications consultant. He has two grown children, Matt and Jennifer.



◀ Mackie Morris

Bruce Williams ★ B.S., M.D., 1971, 1975 (WRVU) Williams lives in Shreveport, La., and said: I was a reporter, disc jockey and station manager of WRVU from 1968-71. During my tenure, the change from broadcasting through the wires on campus to airwave broadcasting was

initiated, equipment bought, license acquired and installation began. Also, plans were drawn for the construction of the new station to be placed in the new student center. Currently am a pathologist in a private practice in Shreveport, La. I have been president of the medical staff, president of the Shreveport Medical Society, vice speaker, speaker and president of the Louisiana State Medical Society, and currently am chairman of the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation, College of American Pathologists, which oversees the inspection and accreditation of over 6,000 laboratories in the United States and around the world. Am married to an alumna of Vanderbilt, **Susan Williams, M.D.**, a rheumatologist, and father of three children, **Rob, Katherine** and **Ben** and have two grandchildren, **Will** and **Elizabeth**.

Nanci Moverly McCrackin ★ B.A., 1971 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) McCrackin lives in Peterborough, N.H.

1972

Steve Kendall ★ B.A., 1972 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore* yearbook, *Versus* Newspaper) Kendall lives in Harvard, Ma., and said: I have settled smoothly into early retirement. I am volunteering for four organizations and was recently named as a board member for the Young Entrepreneurs Alliance, which teaches low-income teens how to run businesses. Last December my wife and I won the *Boston Globe's* 2006 Home Addition of the Year Award.

1973

Patrick (Pat) Joseph Nolan ★ B.A., 1973 (WRVU, *Commodore* yearbook, VSC Board) Nolan lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: Pat Nolan remains one of Nashville's leading political analysts. *The Time of London* recently sought him out for comment over the possibility of a **Fred Thompson** for President campaign. As an on-air analyst for Newschannel 5 (WTVF-TV, channel 5), Nolan is frequently quoted in state and local media on political issues and campaigns including the upcoming race for Mayor of Nashville. For the past year, Pat has hosted a weekly political interview show called "Inside Politics." It airs several times each weekend on Newschannel 5 Plus, Comcast channel 50, throughout Middle Tennessee. For the past six years, he has also produced a weekly on-line political column entitled "Capitol View" for Newschannel 5's Web site (www.newschannel5.com). Pat is a senior vice president at Dye, Van Mol & Lawrence Public Relations, of the largest public relations firms in the South.

1974

Marie Fajardo Ragghianti ★ B.S., M.S., 1974 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Ragghianti lives in Ellijay, Ga., and said: After graduating from Vandy as an undergraduate, I went to work for the Office of the Governor of Tennessee, Ray Blanton. Eventually I was appointed to chair the Tennessee Board of Pardons and Paroles, which led to a series of events recounted in the book "Marie: A True Story" by Peter Maas, and the MGM motion picture "Marie" starring Sissy Spacek and former U.S. Senator **Fred Thompson** (also a Vanderbilt alumnus). During those years, I obtained a master's degree from Peabody College; thereafter, I obtained a master's from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Currently I am in the finishing stages of a dissertation for a Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland. During the nineties I was appointed as chief of staff for the U.S. Parole Commission, and, subsequently, vice chair of the Commission. I have maintained a writing avocation, and have been published in a number of periodicals (e.g., *Parade Magazine*, *Reader's Digest*, *The New York Times' Op Ed* page, *Woman's Day*, etc.). I have been nominated for a couple of awards for this writing, and managed to win the Goldsmith Award for journalism at the Kennedy School. I have received more than my fair share of honors along the way, but by far, my greatest achievement was as a parent and now grandparent. My grandson **Dante Ragghianti III** is currently applying at Vanderbilt, and my fondest hope is that he will attend, and thus secure our ties to Vanderbilt for another generation (or two)!

Bo T. Carter ★ B.A., 1974 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore* yearbook) Carter lives in Carrollton, Texas, and said: Bo Carter has left the Big 12 Conference after 10 years and remains as executive director of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in the Dallas area as well as doing consulting for the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, founded in 1947 by famed VU alumnus **Grantland Rice**, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and



▲ Bo Carter—still working in and around college athletics after starting as student assistant at Vandy athletics in 1970.

Mary Elson ★ B.A., 1974 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Elson lives in Evanston, Ill., and said: After working for newspapers in Nashville, Florida and Texas, I spent a number of years at the *Chicago Tribune*, beginning as a writer/reporter and moving to editing positions, including Chicago bureau chief, metro writing coach, deputy metro editor, associate managing editor/features. Two years ago I became managing editor of Tribune Media Services, the syndication and licensing division of Tribune Co. I am now married to **Jim Mahan**, a former VU football player and futures broker in Chicago. My daughter lives in Charleston, S.C., and my son is a freshman in high school.

1975

Robin Raborn ★ B.A., 1975 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Raborn lives in San Francisco Bay Area, Calif., and said: A word to the wise: On my first resume seeking a job with my MBA from Thunderbird and my B.A. from Vanderbilt, I included "Arts Editor of *The Hustler*." I had no idea that a magazine existed with that name such a Pollyanna was I. When it was brought to my attention by a rather amused and somewhat surprised executive interviewing me, I rushed to a newsstand to look for the magazine. The first page I saw when I opened it was truly disgusting, not simply erotic. I then revised my resume. Anyone else have a similar reaction to the name of our campus newspaper? It did provide a laugh after the interview.

Margaret Jeffries Huey ★ B.S., 1975 (*Commodore* yearbook) Huey lives in Kissimmee, Fla.

James Phillip Davis, Jr., M.D. ★ B.A., M.D., 1975 (*Commodore* yearbook) Davis lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., and said: I worked on the *Commodore* yearbook during my first two years at Vandy after being editor-in-chief of my high school yearbook for two years. After my undergrad years I then marched across campus and spent 4 years at Vandy Med School. After residency at Wake Forest, I have lived the last 25 years in the Chattanooga area. I am in a group practice of anesthesiology. My wife **Vicki** and I have two grown sons. The youngest is a rising junior at Vandy in A&S. We love to travel and I've included a picture of our African photo safari of 2005. The picture was taken in the country of Botswana.



▲ Vicki and Phil Davis on our African photo safari 2005 in Botswana.

1976

Douglas B. Swan ★ B.A., 1976 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Swan lives in Oaklyn, N.J., and said: After two decades of managing restaurants, I went to law school and am now licensed in three states. Ironically, I have learned that most lawyers say that they have always wanted to run a restaurant.

James Alfred Clark ★ B.A., 1976 (*Vanderbilt Poetry Review*) Clark lives in Wilson, N.C., and said: Jim Clark is the Elizabeth H. Jordan Professor of Southern Literature and Writer-in-Residence at Barton College in Wilson, N.C., where he directs the Barton College Creative Writing Symposium and is an editor of the literary magazine *Crucible*. He is currently the Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet for eastern North Carolina, a position he has held since 2006. He was the recipient of the Jefferson Pilot Outstanding Faculty Member Award for 2002-2003. He has published two books of poems, "Dancing on Canaan's Ruins" (Eternal Delight Prod., 1997) and "Handiwork" (St. Andrews College Press, 1998), and edited "Fable in the Blood: The Selected Poems of Byron Herbert Reece" (The University of Georgia Press, 2002). In June 2002 his first full-length play, "The Girl with

the Faraway Eye," was given a public staged reading at the Portland Actors Conservatory Theatre, Portland, Ore. He released a CD of original poems and Appalachian folk music, "Buried Land," in September 2003. A second CD featuring Wilson with his band The Near Myths followed in October of 2005. His stories and poems have appeared in numerous anthologies and in journals and magazines such as *The Georgia Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *Negative Capability*, *Asheville Poetry Review* and *Rolling Stone*. Forthcoming in 2007 is a collection of prose, "Notions: A Jim Clark Miscellany," and a second CD by The Near Myths, "Words to Burn."



▲ Jim Clark

Home Page: <http://home.nc.rr.com/clarkja/> The Near Myths: <http://thenearmyths.com/>

1977

Robert D Butters ★ J.D., 1977 (*Vanderbilt Law Review*) Butters lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and said: Completing my tenth year as a partner in the Chicago law firm of Arnstein & Lehr LLP.

1978

Jack R Lavette ★ B.A., 1978 (*Versus* magazine) Lavette lives in Birmingham, Al., and said: Attended law school at UNC and now practice in Birmingham in real estate-related litigation. Married, divorced, two kids, two dogs. Healthy not wealthy but wiser from wear.

David Lee Deehl ★ B.A., 1978 (*Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Deehl lives in Coral Gables, Fla., and said: David Deehl is a lawyer practicing civil accountability law in Coral Gables with the firm Deehl and Carlson, PA. He also teaches litigation skills and has lectured extensively on trial techniques, including the recent joint American and Montreal Bar Association seminar for young lawyers in Montreal, Canada.



▲ David Deehl demonstrating cross examination in May, 2007 in Montreal with an assistant public defender from Atlanta, Ga.

1979

Fred Buc ★ B.S., 1979 (WRVU VSC Board (member)) Buc lives in Nashville, Tenn.

David C. Peeples, B.A., 1979 (*Versus* magazine) Peeples lives in West Memphis, Ark., and said: I have been the city attorney for West Memphis for the past 20 years. My wife and I have two children: a daughter who graduated this year from St. Benedict's in Cordova, Tenn., and will be attending Samford University, and a son who is a sophomore at West Memphis High School.



▲ David Peeples, Channing Peeples, Leslie Peeples

1980

Fred Katz ★ B.A., 1980 (WRVU) Katz lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: Fred started a marketing company 10 years ago to promote the practices of financial planners. The company has grown into a multi million-dollar operation. Fred is an invited speaker to marketing trade conferences to share his ideas and techniques. He is seen as one of the leaders in his field. While he dabbles in radio news still, it's basically only during presidential election cycles — freelance where he has worked some of the top markets and won awards.

Dan Brown ★ B.A., 1980 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Brown lives in Atlanta, Ga., and said: Following a short career as a reporter for the *Jackson Sun* (Tennessee), I attended law school and therewith sullied my reputation and honor in perpetuity and forever forthwith and screwed up my writing style too. I

practiced for 16 years in Nashville, first with the Tennessee Attorney General's office, then with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, and then in-house with GAMBRO Healthcare. In 2000, I moved with my wife and three daughters to Atlanta, where I practice healthcare and corporate law at Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Still craving external verification that only a published by-line can satisfy, I write a lot on the laws affecting sleep disorders labs (yawn). Look for my most recent work, "Legal Implications of Sleep Apnea," published in the two-volume medical text, *Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Clinical Issues, Diagnosis, and Treatment*. Really — I'm not making that up.

Jay Coogan ★ B.A., 1980 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Coogan lives in Philadelphia, Pa., and said: I have found that life is pretty busy for corporate lawyers with three young children. As a result, my pleasure writing is limited to contributing to saintsreport.com, a fan-run Web site dedicated to my beloved New Orleans Saints, as well as a weekly Saints e-mail letter to a circle of friends, mostly New Orleans expatriates, during the NFL season. It's enough to curb my sportswriting joneses without getting me in too much trouble. The e-mails have helped me stay in loose contact with a couple of old late '70s Tunnel colleagues who are actual productive journalists and academics such as Alex Heard and Charlie Euchner, and I'd look forward to hearing from anyone in the *Hustler/Versus* crowd from our era.

1981

Steven Bash ★ B.A., 1981 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Bash lives in Chicago, Ill., and said: I was one of the first three communications majors, from before there was a department. Upon nearing graduation, I rushed to the alumni placement office to find out that they couldn't help me get a job in journalism, PR, advertising, corporate communications, TV, radio...you get the idea. They say out west the pioneers are the ones with the arrows in their chests. I graduated into the height of the worst recession since the Depression. Took over a year for me to get me first position (secretarial, not doggy). Eventually worked my way up in advertising. Wrote ads, PR, corporate communications and the dislike for about 10 years. Then, for about 15 years helped build and run [into the ground] a full-service incentive marketing company. (Sales and employee motivation programs, merchandise and travel rewards, etc.) Since closing the doors there, I am doing intensive research into the relative value our society places on middle-aged white males. Have been out of



▲ Bash. During my formative years at Vanderbilt.

Tom Rowe ★ B.S., 1981 (*Commodore* yearbook) Rowe lives in Cary, N.C., and said: My two years as a photographer for the yearbook began a lifelong love of photography that I pursued semi-professionally to help get through law school. Since then, the digital revolution has changed the media for taking and displaying photos, while the birth of my children dramatically changed the subject of my hobby. The hours I spent in the darkroom were a welcome respite from studying, and are part of the art that I miss today.

1982

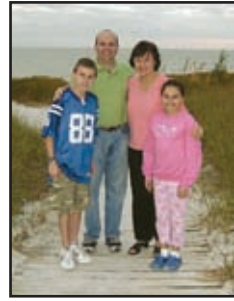
Ann Robison Del Simone ★ B.A., 1982 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Del Simone lives in Oakland, Calif.

Yuji Hirayama ★ B.E., 1982 (*Commodore* yearbook) Hirayama lives in Austin, Texas.

1983

Dees Stribling ★ B.A., 1983 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, *The Vanderbilt Review*, VSC Board (member)) Stribling lives in Schaumburg, Ill., and said: I have been in business for myself for more than two years now, specializing in commercial real estate writing. Beats working in an office any time. See also <http://deadpresidentsdaily.blogspot.com/> which is a site of mine.

Harrison S. Campbell ★ B.A., 1983 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Campbell lives in Overland



▲ Harry, Kris, Harrison (12) and Madeleine (10) on Sanibel Island

Linda Marian/Jackson Collins ★ B.A., 1983 (*Undergraduate Review*) Collins lives in Carmichael, Calif., and said: Linda's post-Vandy life has included much, but no writing. She has mainly worked the corporate life in the telecom industry. She earned an M.S. in exercise physiology and has been a part time fitness trainer. Just this year, she decided to enroll in a creative writing class, so stay tuned.



▲ Linda Jackson Collins, hiking in Cinque Terre, Italy

1984

Robert Koch ★ B.E., 1984 (WRVU) Koch lives in Palo Alto, Calif., and said: For the past 10 years or so, I've been completely out of the music scene, but I'm now getting back up to speed with the new stuff courtesy of my kids. When not listening to music, I'm working to provide funding for start-up companies in the clean energy space, notably solar photovoltaic and biofuels companies.

Stephen Kennedy ★ B.A., 1984 From a Feb. 5 press release from law firm Davis Kennedy PC: "United States District Court Judge William Haynes awarded MGE UPS Systems Inc. (MGE), the largest contempt filing involving a copyright case and the second largest contempt filing on record, valued at approximately \$27 million. The case was against JT Packard and Associates Inc., who was in violation of his preliminary injunction and impoundment order. Stephen Kennedy, partner at Davis Kennedy PC, served as lead counsel in the proceedings. ... Over the last 20 years, Kennedy has successfully represented clients in matters ranging from small NASD arbitration and employment matters to software copyright infringement, high-tech patent infringement cases, copyright misuse, patent-antitrust, and litigation and counseling concerning IP transactions. He has represented a number of international, national and regional corporations in the development and execution of appropriate litigation strategies and IP transactions."



▲ Kennedy (left) and Tim Warnock

1985

Martin "Party" Valk ★ B.A., 1985 (WRVU) Valk lives in Merrick, N.Y., and said: After Vanderbilt, I came back to New York to attend law school. Since law school graduation, I have been working in New York as a litigator, with an emphasis in creditor's rights and foreclosures. I am married and have one son, who finds it extremely difficult to believe that I was once a DJ on an alternative rock station.

Scott D Rodes ★ B.E., 1985 (WRVU) Rodes lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Robert Franke ★ B.A., 1985 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook, VSC Board (member), Film Committee) Franke lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: I am still with the William Morris Agency (last 12 years) as a writer/producer in film/TV. I split time between Los Angeles and Nashville (about 60/40). For the past two years, I have been busy setting up film projects at Fox, Warner and Millenium Films, and I am trying to make transition to directing. Last TV show was *BLUR* for UPN network in 2004, but I primarily work in features at the studios, doing rewrites or selling my original work. Member of WGA union since 1996 — looks like we'll be on strike come October 2007.

Michael Moore M.D. ★ B.S. 1985, M.D. 1989 (VSC Board (member)) Moore lives in Denver, Colo., and said: Since completing my internal medicine residency here in Denver, I've developed an interesting career in the digital side of medicine-medical informatics. Love what I'm doing. My family has grown. I'm married



▲ Michael Moore

to Gina, and have four children aged from 4-16. They keep us busy. I'll always remember my days at Vanderbilt as a highlight in my life, and am grateful for everything I learned there and the many experiences that I have memories of. Thanks Vanderbilt!

Adam Dread ★ B.A., 1985 (WRVU, Vanderbilt Concerts) Dread lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: Councilman Adam Dread and law partner Blair Durham have formed Durham & Dread, PLC, located right in the "heart of the Vodka Triangle" in Hillsboro Village in Nashville. I'm just winding down my second term as a councilman-at-large and am enjoying my lame-duckhood for a few months. I got married last July to the former **Katherine Anderson (VU 1993)**. Yes, you are only as old as the girl you feel! With WRVU still in my soul (if I have one, now that I'm a lawyer) I do a weekly radio segment called "ASK A LAWYER" on V 102.5FM.

1986

Brad Trushin, B.S., 1986 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Trushin lives in Miami, Fla., and said: I am just a trial attorney now, but I was music director at WRVU from 1984-85, and I was DJ 1984-86. This was during the period of time that WRVU's power was substantially boosted. Overnight, we went from low power to 14,500 watts with a broadcast radius of at least 30 miles. People in Kentucky would call in to request music. Suddenly, we had an impact in the community beyond Vanderbilt. We were invited to report our playlists to *CMJ*, *Billboard* and *Gavin Report*. We put on a huge benefit concert and put out an album ("City Without a Subway") of local artists for Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. We did a listening party to introduce Kate Bush's "Hounds of Love" album, and received a personal message of thanks from Kate! We traveled together to NYC for the CMJ New Music Marathon. The DJs and staff were a great bunch of people, very eclectic and with excellent musical taste. My kids have to put up with Cocteau Twins and Japan, along with less obscure groups like Depeche Mode and The Cure, as a result of the cross-pollination of music that flourished at WRVU during this period. We also had excellent specialty shows on the blues, metal and foreign music. Judging from the "now playing" feature on the Web site, it seems the tradition lives on at WRVU. If anyone from ancient times wants to say hi or debate the meaning of "Sugar Hiccup," my Web site has a contact link.

Lisa Dorsey Glass ★ B.A., 1986 (WRVU) Glass lives in Irvine, Calif.

1987

James Edmund Versfelt ★ B.A., 1987 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook) Versfelt lives in Miami Beach, Fla., and said: I am currently residing in lala land south of the Dade/US border in "Sobe". Living the life, fine-dining chef for the last 15 years almost eight here. Married 10 years with my second wife; Colleen and our new three-month-old son Wyatt. Gave up my poetry career at 22 upon graduation "the same age as did Rimbaud shipping out to the African neverlands," though I did get to see all my literary idols, once lambasted in my youth, turned into men of letters and distinction, in my middle age; Bukowski, Burroughs, Kerouac, Verlaine, Celine (August not Dion), etc. The saxophone, record reviews and DJing fell by the wayside eventually as well, as I went to NYU film school, made a few films in Austin, Texas, just before Linklater and Rodriguez hit it big, before eventually falling into a profession that best fit my outsider, misanthropic, A-type personality and character; a chef! And now on top of the cusp for once I look back at my years in Sarrat, the tunnels "literally the steam" and McGill as some of the best in my life so far. How's that for a run on sentence, editor? A true forte of mine back in the day just ask Wendell. Anyway, it'd be good to hear from any of the '83-87 rebellion, even the cardboard box dwellers, you know what I mean. Adios.

Adrien Seybert ★ B.E., 1987 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*, WRVU) Seybert lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and said: After a few years working for the "man" in corporate media relations — known to my former journalism colleagues as the "dark side," I landed the best public relations job you could

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ever hope for — as professional “rhetoric crafter” for the Manhattan-based National Urban League, one of the nation’s oldest civil rights organizations. It’s the perfect PR position for someone like me with strong Washington, D.C., experience who’d rather get hit by a bus than live in the nation’s capital again. By night, I spend an inordinate amount of time holed up in my home studio communing with an odd and ever-expanding assortment of musical instruments. In 2005, my alter ego managed to get quoted in the *New York Post* and *Time Out New York* for a song in honor of the CMA coming to town, entitled, “Hank Must Be Rolling Around in His Grave. Thanks to CMA.” Needless to say, I’m not quitting her day job.

1988

Rachel Ricafort ★ B.S., 1988 (*Commodore* yearbook) Ricafort lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: After graduating from Vanderbilt, I went to medical school and finished my residency in pediatrics. I currently live in Nashville and practice at Centennial Pediatrics in Smyrna.

Jennifer Jasper Joplin ★ B.S. 1988, M.A., 1992 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus* magazine) Joplin lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and said: Married to high school sweetheart 15 years; mother of boys ages 12 and 13; PHR working in Human Resources management; juggling home, work, church and laundry.

Danielle Berger ★ B.A. B.S., 1988 (Founder of *The Dome*, underground newspaper) Berger lives in New York City, N.Y., and said: I have been living in NYC since graduating from Vanderbilt. I spent the bulk of my career in advertising working my way up from copywriter and art director to creative director. In 2002, I ended up founding a pharmaceutical corporation after inheriting a scientific intellectual property. In 2004, drawing on my own background, I ended up inventing a new family brand of health and wellness products. After going into production on several breakthrough formulations, today The Simpsons Vitamin Products make getting your USDA a nutritious and pleasant experience for all. Visit <http://www.st-hill.com> to learn more.

David C. Scott ★ B.A., 1988 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus* magazine, *Commodore* yearbook, *The Vanderbilt Review* VSC Board (member)) Scott lives in Dallas, Texas, and said: I am finishing a book on the formation of the Boy Scouting movement in the United States at the turn of the 20th century tentatively titled “The Scouting Party.” Additionally, with a partner, I have formed Red Honor Ventures Ltd., which is made up of two divisions: Red Honor Press and Red Honor Media. The Red Honor Press publishes inspirational and motivational works for niche and trade markets. Red Honor Media focuses on multimedia products that compliment the Press division along with tackling special archival projects.

Gregory Miles Blumenthal ★ B.A., 1988 (WRVU) Blumenthal lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., and said: I am currently a regulatory toxicology consultant. More information about my consulting work can be found at <http://www.gmb-consulting.net>.

Rosalinda Catherine Mendez ★ B.A., 1988 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Commodore* yearbook) Mendez lives in Houston, Texas, and said: I am currently the associate director of the Texas Learning and Computation Center. I use my tunnel “experience” to help create podcasts, short videos and marketing material for my center. Last year I worked directly with **Kim**



▲ Rosalinda Mendez

1989

David Weilbaecher Jr. ★ B.A., 1989 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Versus* magazine, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Weilbaecher lives in Mandeville, La., and said: I left the St. Tammany DA’s office. I’m now at the Louisiana attorney general’s office, criminal division.

Jennifer Erdman ★ B.A., 1989 (WRVU) Erdman lives in Houston, Texas, and said: Since receiving my B.A. from Vanderbilt University in December 1989, I have been working in marketing and marketing communications for over 17 years. In addition to my B.A. from Vanderbilt, I also earned my masters in business administration with a concentration in marketing and



▲ Jennifer Erdman - professional photo

1990

Lucy Lennon Hall ★ B.A., 1990 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Hall lives in Madison, Miss., with her husband, **Heath**, and their five children, and said: She loves seeing the exciting things people are up to in *Tunnel Vision*. As for her life: Brief ownership of a brain tumor in 2004 gained her entry into the exclusive world of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center’s Quarterly Visitor Program. After she got to feeling better, she returned to her volunteer work as an abortion clinic sidewalk counselor (yes, one of those people with the ugly signs). Yet, she claims she still isn’t strong enough yet to do housework or laundry or PTA fundraisers.

Karen Vaughan McManus ★ B.A., 1990 (WRVU) McManus lives in Memphis, Tenn., and said: My husband, **David**, and I live with our two-year-old daughter, **Meghan**, in Memphis, where I am a corporate trial attorney for FedEx Express.

Frank Weldon ★ B.A., 1990 (WRVU) Weldon lives in Austin, Texas.

1991

Brian Dabrowski ★ B.A., 1991 (Vanderbilt Television) Dabrowski lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., and said: Working at the Vanderbilt Television station was one of the many highlights of my Vanderbilt years. I’m now working for General Motors in finance and am married to a Vanderbilt alumna and have two kids.

Christian Shane Taylor ★ B.A., 1991 (*Versus* magazine, Vanderbilt Television, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Taylor lives in Burbank, Calif., and said: I came out to Los Angeles in 1993 to enroll in the MBA program at USC. (Prof. Walter Sullivan wrote one of my recommendations; I’ll paraphrase his response as, “Business school? Why?”) After graduating I pursued writing a few different projects, but nothing of note came out of it. In 1998 I was accepted to the Warner Bros. TV Writers Workshop, a well-regarded sort of “farm system” for TV comedy writers. It was a competitive, exhausting and ultimately frustrating experience. (Apparently, when a TV exec says he wants “edgy” material, he doesn’t mean for you to use a yeast infection as a plot beat in your “Just Shoot Me” spec.) I still write some, but mostly my time is taken by a finance job at a major studio, a Netflix subscription and an HD-TV. Finally I would like to recognize the recent passing of Kurt Vonnegut Jr., one of my literary heroes and who visited in person with my “Novel of Ideas” class taught so beautifully by **Prof. Vereen Bell**. That was truly a highlight of my Vanderbilt career, and one I will treasure forever. God bless you, Mr. Vonnegut.



▲ My sister Andie (Vandy Law, '98) & I in Vail, 2007. My toboggan is hiding a considerable amount of gray hair.

Chris R Norris ★ B.S., 1991 (WRVU) Norris lives in Marietta, Ga., and said: I’ve just bought half of a real estate brokerage here in Marietta. That has me not using my biology degree from Vandy or my master’s from Cal State Fullerton in my day-to-day business. Who knew? I would have been a C student if I had known (just kidding — I think). Other than that I’m married to **Anna King** and we have two great kids; **Zach** is five and **Rebecca** is three, and they keep us jumping through hoops. I miss WRVU and wish I had stuck with it — could have been an interesting career. I listen to WFUV, Fordham University, via the Internet and the college station always reminds me of being on the air in Nashville. Go Does!



▲ Me tarpon fishing last year with the Vandy guys in Florida.

finance from Florida State University in 1999, and since that time, have worked in various corporations in industries including insurance and software (high tech).

1992

Andrew Kravetz ★ B.S., 1992 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Commodore* yearbook) Kravetz lives in Peoria, Ill., and said: Since leaving Vandy, I have worked in the newspaper business, going from small-town papers to the big cities of St. Louis and Washington, D.C., back to smaller cities like Peoria where I am now. Picked up my master’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. At the *Peoria Journal Star*, I am the paper’s lead court reporter, focusing on state, federal and national legal issues. After Sept. 11, I became the paper’s lead military writer. Outside of work, my wife and I are avid whitewater kayakers (we met that way), and have a little boy named **Noah**.

Marni Jo Lessa ★ B.S., 1992 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus* magazine) Lessa lives in Falls Church, Va., and said: I’m an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton leading a team of instructional designers and graphic designers who produce cutting-edge video, web design, online instruction and print products for federal government clients. I have an incredible opportunity do challenging work for a variety of clients, everything from a public Web site for a government agency to futuristic videos to corporate branding. No two days are the same for me. I got my start in the production environment at *The Hustler* and learned so much there that shaped my future. I live in Falls Church with my cat, **Pixie**.

Jay Underwood Howington ★ B.A., 1992 (WRVU, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Howington lives in Savannah, Ga., and said: Living with my wife, **Cori**, and our two daughters, **Mason** and **Meg** in Savannah and loving life.

Amy Batchelder Bass ★ B.S., 1992 (*Commodore* yearbook) Bass lives in Herndon, Va., and said: I’m married to **Chris Bass (VU '98)**. We just had our first child, **William Carrington Bass**, on December 27, 2006. I’m currently working as a mortgage banker with Vanguard Mortgage.



▲ Chris, Amy and Billy Bass with Sam (Dalmation) and Oscar (Boston Terrier)

Mark Aaron Widerman ★ B.A., 1992 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus* magazine, Vanderbilt Television, *The Vanderbilt Review*) Widerman lives in Jersey City, N.J., and said: I just released my sixth original music CD (but only the fourth good one if anyone is keeping track) under my stage name **Mark Aaron James**. The CD is called “Use Both Hands.” You can check it out at myspace.com/markaaronjames or at www.markaaronjames.com. The music is also available on iTunes. I’m currently performing regularly in New York and New Jersey and on tour, heading for Nashville, Atlanta and North Carolina in August. Hope to see some of you out there.



▲ This is the back and front of the new CD.

1993

Joe E. Peebles ★ B.S., 1993 (WRVU, Vanderbilt Television) Peebles lives in Washington, D.C., and said: Not long ago, I found (and watched) some old tapes from my days on VIV — Vanderbilt Video Productions at the time. I hosted a show called “Vandy Rap, Rhythm and Blues with Joe P.” in the spring of 1993. It was an awesome time. I also hosted the same show on WRVU summer 1992-93 — another great experience. Today I deejay an occasional wedding or house party. I miss the Vandy days.

1995

Robin Crews Wilson ★ B.S., 1995 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, Slightly Amusing, VSC* Board (member)) Wilson lives in Montgomery, Ala., and said: I am an ordained United Methodist pastor serving at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. My husband **Jeff** and I are co-pastors

— check us out at www.aldersgateumc.org. We are the proud parents of **Rebecca** (5), **Eleanor** (3), and **Nolen** (1). I am currently working of my doctorate at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Jessica Ehrlich ★ B.A., 1995 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Ehrlich lives in Washington, D.C., and said: I am celebrating my first year in “The Beltway.” Since graduation, I have traveled all over the world and lived in New York, Texas and Florida. My work on *The Hustler* helped me hone my analytical skills and land my first job in public relations in New York City. I use some of those same skills today in my job as legislative counsel to Congressman Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts. I still remember the excitement of my first front-page article.

Phil A. Lepanto ★ B.A., 1995 (WRVU) Lepanto lives in Washington, D.C., and said: I am part owner in a technology consulting business that focuses on advising clients how to use online tools and strategies effectively in political, public affairs, corporate social responsibility and political campaigns. In my spare time, I enjoy swimming, biking and running as training for triathlons.

Chip Brantley ★ B.A., 1995 (*The Vanderbilt Review*) Brantley lives in Montague, Mass., and said: My book about stone fruit breeders and California’s San Joaquin Valley will be published in 2008 by Bloomsbury. For the past year or so, I’ve been working on a cooking and recipe website called *Cookthink*. We’re set to launch in June 2007. Visit us at cookthink.com.

1996

Bryan Clark ★ B.A., 1996 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, VSC* Board (member)) Clark lives in Arlington, Va., and said: I am an attorney practicing energy law in Washington, D.C.

Molly Miller Locke ★ B.S., 1996 (*Commodore* yearbook) Locke lives in Annapolis, Md., and said: After college I lived in Cambridge, England, for two years and then moved to Richmond, Va. I lived there for several years and then moved up to Annapolis. I am married to **John W. Locke, III**, whom I met in Richmond. I currently sell advertising on Comcast.

Jay Crihfield ★ B.S., 1996 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler*) Crihfield lives in Palatine, Ill.

1997

Jessica Allen ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Vanderbilt Review*) Allen lives in New York, N.Y., and said: Jessica Allen married **Garrett Ziegler** on May 16 in a civil ceremony in New York City and on May 17 in a private ceremony in Paris. The couple was also married in a Mandika ceremony in the Gambia in January. Jessica works as an editor at Spark Publishing and as a freelance writer; Garrett is a Ph.D. candidate in the department of English and comparative literature at Columbia University. They live in Manhattan.

Ben Snowden ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Versus* magazine, *Slightly Amusing*) Snowden lives in Atlanta, Ga., and said: Ben Snowden practices environmental law in Atlanta. He fondly remembers time spent in various undergraduate media endeavors, but on the whole prefers being above ground.

Felicity McKevitt Maxwell ★ B.A., 1997 (*Slightly Amusing*) Maxwell lives in New York, N.Y., and said: After a few years in Austin, and an MA communications, I’m now living in NYC. My husband and I run an Internet development firm — **Tipit Communications** — which keeps us busy.

Linsey Lewis Hasenbank ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Vanderbilt Review*) Hasenbank lives in Houston, Texas, and said: My biggest and best job is mother of two girls: **Hallie** (6) and **Laura Finley** (4), but I also design and print greeting cards and stationery — www.LLHdesignsonline.com. Who knew that all those late nights of layout and design (and countless trips to the printer) would one day become useful again?!?! I’m having a lot of fun doing things I love!



Teale Failla ★ B.A., 1997 (WRVU) Failla lives in New York City, N.Y., and said: I am now working as night manager of The New School film production department in Manhattan. I



have been working here since receiving my master's in film and media studies. In the fall, I will move to Scotland to pursue a Ph.D. in cultural and film studies at the University of Edinburgh.

◀ My former professor Dianne Bellino trying to look up my kilt.

1999



Andrew Staiano ★ B.E., 1999 (Commodore yearbook) Staiano lives in Kindsbach, Germany, and said: Engaged to Ms. Nina Sielaff.

◀ CPT Andrew Staiano & Ms. Nina Sielaff

Kelley Devereaux Kaminsky ★ B.A., 1999 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Kaminsky lives in Fort Myers, Fla., and said: Kelley (Devereaux) Kaminsky and her husband David are pleased to



announce the birth of their son, Harrison William. Born on April 25, he was 7 pounds 5 ounces, and 19 inches long. The family lives in Fort Myers, where Kelley is a middle school teacher.

▲ Harrison William is quite expressive!

Denise Courtney Wesley ★ B.S., 1999 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, VSC Board (member)) Wesley lives in Jackson, Miss., and said: I am presently an associate with the law firm of Currie Johnson Griffin Gaines & Myers, P.A., in Jackson. As a civil defense litigation attorney, I have handled medical malpractice claims, personal injury suits and premises liability actions. In my spare time, one of my favorite activities is working with the small, multi-level Girl Scout troop at my church. I'm still on a diet (haha), but I am happily living single with no kids.

2000

Abigail Beckel ★ B.A., 2000 (Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook, The Vanderbilt Review) Beckel lives in Brighton, Mass., and said: In January 2006, my grad school colleague Kathleen Rooney and I founded Rose Metal Press Inc., an independent, nonprofit literary press dedicated to publishing books in hybrid genres, such as short-short fiction, prose poetry and novels in verse. We published our first book, "Brevity & Echo: An Anthology of Short Short Stories," in December 2006 and have been hosting reading events for the book around Boston and at writer's conferences this spring. Our second book, "The Sky Is a Well and Other Shorts" by Claudia Smith, is due in June. The Web site for the press is www.rosemetalph.com. Rose Metal Press is growing quickly, and this June I will be leaving my job as a journals production editor at Wiley Blackwell Publishing to work on the Press full time for a while.

Stacy L. Nunnally ★ B.A., 2000 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Vanderbilt Review) Nunnally lives in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and said: After graduating as a non-traditional student from Vanderbilt (went from 1991 to 1993, then returned in 1999 to finish degree), I went to work in the very large non-profit field in Nashville. Since graduating in December 1999, I have worked as program director for the local Girl Scout Council, volunteer director for the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center and held many volunteer leadership positions in the community. Since June 2006, I have been working at the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center at Vanderbilt. I am director of a program called Gender Matters. I am currently on the board of Planned Parenthood of Middle



and East Tennessee and Community Nashville. I also do a great deal of work with the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. I love the work that I do and the people with whom I work. I live in Murfreesboro with my wonderful boyfriend and incredibly cute dogs.

▲ The pic is my Vanderbilt Staff headshot.

2001

Daniel Vo ★ M.D., 2001 (The Vanderbilt Review) Vo lives in New York City, N.Y., and said: Since graduating Vanderbilt, I taught mathematics at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn. I did molecular genetics research at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC, and in 2006 graduated from Washington University in St. Louis Medical School. I moved to New York City where I've just completed my intern year in Pediatrics at Columbia. Still trying to write on the side when I'm not busy enjoying the city.

Cat Opderbeck ★ B.S., 2001 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook, VSC Board (member)) Opderbeck lives in San Diego, Calif., and said: I moved back from Berlin, Germany, in August 2006 and have since been attending law school in sunny San Diego! Don't be fooled, law school is nothing like undergrad!



▲ Myself on the left with three of my law school peers in San Diego, Calif.

Elizabeth Broyhill ★ B.A., 2001 (Commodore yearbook) Broyhill lives in Nashville, Tenn., and said: Elizabeth Broyhill, B.A. 2001 will marry Rob Cohen on Oct. 6, 2007.

2002

Jennifer Whatley Ogilvie ★ B.A., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Ogilvie lives in Longview, Texas, and said: My husband Landon and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our first child, a little girl! She is due Sept. 1, 2007. Other than that big news, life and work are both good in Longview.

Parul Bhatt ★ B.S., M.D., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Bhatt lives in St. Louis, Mo., and said: Pediatric intern at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Working hard but enjoying what I do.

Tabitha (Taylor) Das ★ B.A., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler). Das lives in Atlanta, Ga., and said: I am currently a consultant for Ceto and Associates, a bank management consulting firm in Suwanee, Georgia. In 2005, I married **Rupak Das, BE 2002**, and we have three "kids": Buster, Rascal, and Cookie - all chihuahuas! I am attending graduate school in the fall with a dual concentration in Finance and Marketing. In addition to working as a consultant, I also am in the midst of writing my first young-adult fictional novel.

Jocelyn Knight ★ B.A., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Knight lives in Arlington, Va.

Maria Angela Tsagaris ★ B.A., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Review) Tsagaris lives in Atlanta, Ga., and said: I am now residing in Atlanta and practicing bankruptcy law with McCalla Raymer.

Wan Yi Francis Opel Chan ★ B.E., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, Commodore yearbook) Chan lives in Hong Kong, and said: I am going to Leeds, U.K., in September to start law school.

Jamie Landau ★ B.A., 2002 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook) Landau lives in Athens, Ga., and said: I am currently a Ph.D. student in rhetoric in the department of speech communication at the University of Georgia. In 2006, I received my master's in rhetoric from the same department at UGA. My areas of concentration include studies in media, gender, cultural and health communication. Before coming back to graduate school, I worked for two years as an editorial assistant in book publishing in New York City and as a general assignment reporter for newspapers in Fairfield County, Conn. Contact me if you are pursuing (or interested in pursuing) an advanced degree in communication.

2003

Jeffrey K Hossfeld ★ B.E., 2003 (Orbis) Hossfeld lives in Baltimore, Md., and said: I am currently working as an engineer at the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company in Baltimore.

Blanca Azucena Torres ★ B.A., 2003 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Torres lives in San

Francisco, Calif., and said: Blanca Torres, 25, is a retail and consumer issues reporter for the Contra Costa Times in Walnut Creek, Calif., the third largest daily newspaper in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her beat includes covering locally based public companies such as Safeway Inc., Ross Stores Inc. and Cost Plus World Market, and writing stories on shopping and consumer trends. She also generates a blog for the Times called Shop Talk that features her insights on shopping, retail industry news and many photos taken with her cell-phone camera. She has been with the paper since August of 2005. Before that, she worked for several other newspapers including the Baltimore Sun, where she covered career and workplace issues, and the Seattle Times, where she wrote general assignment business and workplace stories. In her free time, she happily enjoys the California sunshine and stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. She also travels frequently to her home state of Washington. She is active as an alumna of Lambda Theta



Alpha, the sorority she helped bring to Vanderbilt's campus. She expects to begin a master's in fine arts program focusing on fiction writing next fall at Mills College in Oakland, Calif.

◀ Blanca Torres

Sarah Merten Roberts ★ B.S., 2003 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Roberts lives in Chicago, Ill., and said: I currently work at Cramer-Krasselt, an advertising firm in Chicago, in account management for KeyBank. Prior to C-K, I was at the JWT Chicago office on the Nestle account.

Justin Wood ★ B.A. J.D., 2003, 2006 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, Vanderbilt Television) Wood lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Nicholas Wallace ★ B.S., 2003 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Torch) Wallace lives in Washington, D.C., and said: Living in Washington, D.C. an working in corporate strategy for Choice Hotels International, a hotel franchiser headquartered in Silver Spring, Md.

Shobhana Satyendra Gupta ★ B.S., 2003 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Gupta lives in Nashville, Tenn.

2004

Jay Williams ★ B.A., 2004 (WRVU, VSC Board (member)) Williams lives in Washington, D.C., and said: Jay Williams graduated from the American University Washington College of Law on May 20. After spending a summer studying for and taking the bar, he will begin working at Venable LLP, a Washington, D.C.-based law firm, in September, working in the firm's litigation practice group.

Brett Austin ★ B.S., 2004 (The Torch) Austin lives in New York, N.Y., and said: After graduation, I moved to New York to work in investment banking for Barclays Capital. After receiving an offer from Deutsche Bank, I changed firms and now work there in debt capital markets. Most importantly, I recently became engaged to the most amazing girl in the world (Melinda from Lattingtown, NY), and we plan to marry in May or June 2008.



▲ Brett Austin, Melinda Weinberg. This picture of us was taken while we were out one night on the Upper Westside

Jacob Grier ★ B.A., 2004 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Slant, The Torch, VSC Board (member)) Grier lives in Arlington, Va., and said: I am currently working as a freelance writer and blogger, authoring a personal blog at www.jacobgrier.com and co-writing for blogs about food, coffee, environmental policy and individual liberties.

2005

Josh Cooper ★ B.A., 2005 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Cooper lives in Decatur, Ala., and said: Cooper has spent the past eight months covering University of Alabama athletics for The Decatur Daily. A native of New York City, he moved to

Decatur following internships at Baseball America, The Birmingham News and a job covering bobsled, luge and skeleton for Olympic News Service at the Torino Olympics.

Wenyan Zhu ★ B.E., 2005 (The Vanderbilt Review) Zhu lives in New York, N.Y.

Ashley Victoria Jane Mallinson ★ B.S., 2005 (The Vanderbilt Hustler) Mallinson lives in New York, N.Y.

2006

Robert Proudfoot ★ B.A., 2006 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, Versus magazine, Vanderbilt Television) Proudfoot lives in Simitli, Bulgaria, and said: Currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteer in Simitli, Bulgaria until October 2008, Robert Proudfoot has been enjoying a slight change of pace in life, integrating with the locals and producing small projects such as a monthly youth magazine for the town. When asked what he plans to do after the Peace Corps, his response was, "That's a good question."



▲ Robert Proudfoot (left) celebrating March 1, with "Baba Marta" (Grandmother March) which is a mascot figure for a local Bulgarian festival.

Jenny Bai ★ B.A., 2006 (Versus magazine, Spoon) Bai lives in Tianjin, China, and said: After six months of having been in China, I started my own business. I am currently the CEO of The Red Connect, Your China Guide. In a nutshell, we provide business assistance for all English-speaking professionals interested in China. We have also opened a Brazil Chapter. However, business assistance is just the tip of the iceberg in the opportunities that the market provides. Currently, I am working on a big buzz marketing campaign, which will be launched in the U.S. in the fall. The plan is to raise awareness of China while branding The Red Connect. China is an interesting place, full of culture and opportunity, but the majority of America knows very little about this country beyond its reputation of Kung-Fu, "made in China" products, and dragons and Chinese



character tattoos. I'm trying to show that China will be significant in everyone's lives, because soon, globalization will affect us all. So! What would make China interesting to you? Please let me know.

jenny@theredconnect.com.

Daniel Ross ★ B.A., 2006 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, WRVU) Ross lives in New York, N.Y., and said: Still working hard and enjoying the city. I make a point to read The Hustler a few times online as well as listen to WRVU. The summer is finally here, so I am looking forward to days in Central Park. I would have loved a Vanderbilt Media get-together in the city — maybe this fall!

Ryan Denzer-King ★ B.A., 2006 (WRVU) Denzer-King lives in Alpharetta, Ga., and said: I just got married in April and my wife and I live in Alpharetta, where we teach at The Cottage School, a high school for students with learning disabilities. In the fall I'll be starting an M.A. program in Native American language and linguistics at the University of Montana.

2007

David Fotouhi ★ B.A., 2007 (The Vanderbilt Hustler, The Torch, VSC Board (member)) Fotouhi lives in Cambridge, Mass., and said: After graduation, I moved back to Oklahoma City for the summer. In late August, I will begin my first year at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass.

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VSC BRIEFS

STUDENT HONORS

Vanderbilt students took top honors in a number of categories in the Southeast Journalism Conference annual Best of the South competition held Jan. 25-27 in Birmingham, Ala.

In its inaugural year of operation, *InsideVandy.com* won the **Best College Website** award, while *The Vanderbilt Hustler* Editor-in-Chief

Glenna DeRoy was named as the *SEJC College Journalist of the Year*.



DeRoy

The SEJC includes student media outlets from approximately 40 colleges and universities in seven southeastern states.

Other Vanderbilt students who placed among the top winners in the 2007 contest were: **Allison Smith**, first place, *Best Public Service Journalism*; **Monika Blackwell**, first place, *Best Special Event Reporter*; **Reeve Hamilton**, first place, *Best Opinion-Editorial Writer*; **Zach Norton**, first place, *Best Magazine Writer*; **Jonathan Dietz**, second place, *Best Press Photographer*; **Jennifer Bennett**, second place, *Best Magazine Page Designer*; **Doanphuong Nguyen**, third place, *Best TV Journalist*; and **Alex Chrisope**, fourth place, *Best Arts and Entertainment Writer*.

NGUYEN ON MSNBC

VTV station manager and VTV6 News producer **Doanphuong Nguyen** joined the MSNBC On Campus stable of college reporters this Spring. MSNBC college reporters produce campus reaction reports to stories of national or local interest that air live on the national cable news network. This past semester Doanphuong reported on Nashville's English Only debate on February 19, the Vanderbilt Living Wage issue on March



Nguyen

1, and Vanderbilt student reaction to the Virginia Tech shootings on April 20.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESS

Vanderbilt Student Communications played host to its annual high school media conference for the fifth year on March 6, but for the first time in its role as the statewide association.

The Middle Tennessee Scholastic Press Association was transformed in 2006 after the University of Tennessee ceded ownership of the Tennessee High School Press Association to VSC.

Students and teachers from more than 65 Tennessee schools — and one Georgia school — attended sessions led by educators and local media professionals on topics ranging from broadcasting to media law.

This was the second year the association presented the Vanderbilt University Outstanding High School Student Journalist award with its accompanying \$1,000 cash prize.

The winner of the 2007 award was **Renee Riggs**, a graduating senior at Springfield High School in Springfield, Tenn.

THSPA is operated as a service division of VSC with **H.L. Hall** serving as executive director.

CORRECTION

In the Fall 2006 issue of *Tunnel Vision*, the name of **Laurie Durbrow Hyndman** (B.A., 1974) was misspelled. ☹

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