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A publication for alumni of student media at Vanderbilt University

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VSC OUTREACH

VSC journalism education outreach efforts going strong

CICM

The Center for Innovation in College Media, operated from within VSC, will offer its second national digital media workshop on campus March 6-8.

The event is expected to draw more than 100 students and faculty from 36 colleges and universities from 22 states.

Participants will gain hands-on experience producing online multimedia content with the instruction of national experts.

The CICM has quickly risen in prominence among national new media education associations. CICM began accepting members in October and currently includes representatives from more than 60 schools from across the country.



THSPA

The growing success of the VSC-operated Tennessee High School Press Association came with a few growing pains during the organization's annual workshop this fall.

More than 1,000 students and teachers from 41 high schools across the state attended the one-day event, held in October. The swelling numbers filled two campus buildings to capacity causing organizers to consider alternate locations for 2008.

Attendees were treated to a range of sessions and speakers designed to improve student newspapers, yearbooks and television stations. Awards recognizing the best student work in the state will be presented at Vanderbilt on March 3. ✪



media immersion 2007



New student participants of Media Immersion 2007 work on content for The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy in the converged media newsroom.

GETTING THEIR FEET WET

Media Immersion program welcomes 43 freshmen to student media

The avalanche of newspaper, online and television stories that greeted upperclass students returning to campus this fall was created by an unlikely source.

Before ever attending a class at Vanderbilt, 43 freshman participants in VSC's new Media Immersion program covered stories ranging from early football and band practice to arts, music and volunteerism in the community, to music and entertainment venues near campus.

Dozens of stories and multimedia packages were posted on InsideVandy.com by



Friday, Aug. 24, followed by an episode of VTV News airing on campus Channel 6 the next day, the university's official move-in day. The freshmen also produced all content

for the semester's first issue of *The Vanderbilt Hustler*.

The MI:07 Media Immersion program was created by Vanderbilt Student Communications primarily to recruit and integrate new students as prospective staff members for VSC organizations, according to Director of Student Media Chris Carroll.

"We wanted to offer experiential education in new media to students and have them produce compelling content to be shared quickly with the entire campus population," Carroll said. "The most effective and most fun learning is done hands on."

Leading the MI:07 program were five professional staff from VSC, former editor from *The Washington Post* Bill Elsen and 12 upperclass student leaders from VSC media organizations.

The program included elements designed for group bonding, fun, and acclimatizing to Middle Tennessee, such as a bus tour of

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Readership Program poses threat to student media

The test phase of a controversial corporate newspaper program was launched at Vanderbilt in January after nearly 10 years of failed efforts to bring the program to campus.

Critics of the program believe its implementation could be detrimental to the readership, operating revenue and viability of the university's student media, particularly for *The Vanderbilt Hustler*.

The Gannett-sponsored Newspaper Readership Program provides daily distribution of three commercial newspapers to students in open racks at locations across the campus. Typically, the participating newspapers include *USA Today*, *The New York Times* and the local paper.

The program, which began in 1997 at

Penn State University, currently exists on hundreds college campuses. Schools pay Gannett in ranges from \$20,000 to \$85,000 each year for the program. Gannett owns 85 daily newspapers, including *USA Today* and Nashville's *The Tennessean*, and 23 television stations.

"While encouraging students to read newspapers is laudable, the unintended consequence of this program could put *The Hustler* in jeopardy," said Director of Student Media Chris Carroll.

The program could bring a decline in the student paper's advertising revenue, Carroll said. *The Vanderbilt Hustler* receives no fees or subsidies from the university and oper-

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The Gannett Readership Program started bringing commercial newspapers to campus in January as part of a pilot program.

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a director's note...

Student Media Hall of Fame

by **Chris Carroll**, Director of Student Media



Chris Carroll

Let's agree to put humility aside for a moment and just admit it: Vanderbilt student media alumni make up an impressive group.

Many of you have reached the pinnacles of your professions. Many of you contribute to society in ways that have resulted in well-deserved fame.

You represent some of the best this country offers in areas such as media, politics, literature, medicine, law, science and the arts.

It's time we honor some of you and your achievements with the creation of a **Vanderbilt Student Media Hall of Fame**.

I'd like to ask for your help to make this new recognition a reality.

First, I want to hear whom you think ought to be considered for inclusion as the inaugural inductees. Give it some thought, though I suspect some names will immediately come to mind. Please take a moment and send those names to me, ideally with a note supporting your nomination. My email address appears at the bottom of this column. You may find the mailing address and phone number in the masthead below that.

Next, I'm hopeful that some of you will agree to serve on our Hall of Fame selection committee. Please let me know if helping us identify worthy distinguished alumni is of interest to you. I'm sure this will be challenging but rewarding work.

We're eager to get started, so please let me know your nominees and selection committee interest by April 4.

One of the greatest things about working here is meeting our alumni and hearing their stories. The alumni updates section of each edition of *Tunnel Vision* seems to reveal yet another former student's incredible achievements.

I confess I'm particularly proud of those students who passed through our world during my time here. It's been a great privilege, though, to come to know and respect some of the talented people who came before, like the amazing **Neil Skene** whose column appears on the next page.

I'm reminded of how lucky we are to have such accomplished alumni at times like this past December when **Buster Olney** took a break from the Major League Baseball winter meetings being held in Nashville to stop by Vandy student media to visit.

After leaving our offices, he took a walk across campus to look around. I learned later that the campus was looking back, but at a very different Olney from the 1984 Vanderbilt freshman from a Vermont dairy farm. I heard that day from people who spotted the ESPN star and wanted his contact info.

Regardless of when you were here, we proudly and selfishly claim each of you as our own, rattling off your names to recruit new students and inspire excellence from the current staff. A presentation I made this fall to the university's Faculty Senate was liberally sprinkled with some of your photos and descriptions of your accomplishments. You collectively serve as the strongest argument for the value of student media at Vanderbilt.

We look forward to paying you back in some measure with the permanent tribute of a Hall of Fame. ☺
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media immersion 2007



Forty-three new students were invited to campus in August, before classes began, to take part in Vanderbilt Student Communication's Media Immersion training program. The student journalists spent their days reporting on stories around campus. Their nights were dedicated to getting to know Nashville with activities including a visit to the historic Ryman Auditorium and a riverboat cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat.

FRESHMEN PRODUCE MEDIA FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

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Nashville, a dinner cruise on the General Jackson showboat, and a private screening of "All the President's Men" at the Belcourt Theatre.

Based upon evaluations from participants, VSC's new Media Immersion training program was a success.

"From the first day at Media Immersion, I felt I'd found a group that not only accepted me but wanted me there. In essence, the group experience was my favorite aspect of the program," one freshman participant said.

Since the program's conclusion, as many as three-quarters of the new student participants have become regular contributors and staff members of VSC organizations.

The MI:07 participants were competitively selected from a pool of applicants drawn from the entire incoming freshman class. The students selected

represented 19 states, public/private/home school educations, international origins, and experience ranging from award-winning journalism to self-produced rap music.

During the three-day program, MI:07 students contacted more than 80 sources and produced dozens of written stories, photographs, audio reports, video stories, and multimedia stories. The students were equipped with 10 digital video cameras, 12 digital still cameras, 16 digital audio recorders and were given access to more than 25 computer workstations outfitted with multimedia editing software.

"I loved the chance to be able to gain hands on experience in college media," another freshman participant said. "Additionally, I also enjoyed that Media Immersion prepares us for a career in journalism as undergrads and propelled us onto one of the various staffs of VSC." ☺

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MEDIA LEADERS

The VSC Board of Directors elected the following media leaders for the Spring 2008 academic semester:



JARRED AMATO
The *Vanderbilt Hustler*
editor-in-chief, (SP '08)
Newton, MA
English and History, A&S



DARCY NEWELL
Versus
editor-in-chief, (SP '08)
Summit, NJ
Creative Writing, A&S



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ates exclusively from advertising sales.

"With the *Tennessean* on campus, Gannett brings a local full-time sales staff that outnumbers us 100 to one," Carroll said. "And frankly, Gannett has a history of competitive practices that include creating niche publications and selling ads under value as a way to dominate markets and crush competition."

A decision on whether the Readership Program will be implemented permanently on campus is expected in late February. The program, sponsored by the Vanderbilt Student Government, would use a combination of student and university funds to pay for the newspapers, according to administrators.

The funding plan for the program is the primary objection raised by those who support Vanderbilt's student media.

"The program as planned is insulting to the students who invest hundreds of hours each week providing this community a free student newspaper," Carroll said. "How can the university and student government reconcile spending thousands of dollars supporting the nation's largest newspaper company while allocating absolutely nothing to the very students they represent?"

Proposals offered to Vanderbilt's administration by representatives of the Readership

Program were rejected in 1999 and 2001 because of the potential damage to *The Hustler*.

Gannett representatives returned to campus again in both late 2001 and in 2002 each time meeting directly with student government leaders and bypassing the university's administration.

These attempts to bring the program to campus also failed largely because of objections from student media. One of these attempts was described in a February 2002 *Wall Street Journal* story titled "Student Papers are Resisting Gannett's Push Onto Campuses."

Evidence of harm to student newspapers on campuses with the Readership Program includes Penn State University where the program began.

Gerry Lynn Hamilton, general manager of the student-run *Daily Collegian* said in a 2001 report, "At a time when we should have seen major circulation increases, our circulation is down 9.04 percent."

"There could be other explanations, but based on the best information I have, I attribute the decline to the Penn State Newspaper Readership Program," he said. "Increasing newspaper readership is a good thing. Doing it at the expense of a good college newspaper is a bad thing." ☺

MSNBC host recounts Vandy days



photo by John Russell/VU.

Willie Geist keeps students laughing with tales from his adventures in television.

Willie Geist (B.A., 1997), former *Hustler* editor who now works as a co-host and regular commentator on MSNBC, visited campus on Dec. 7. During the visit, student journalists met with Geist to hear him talk about journalism and his career path from Vanderbilt to CNN/Sports Illustrated, Fox Sports Net, producing MSNBC's "The

Situation with Tucker Carlson," and now serving as co-host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe" and a regular commentator on "Tucker." Geist discussed the interesting, challenging and amusing aspects of his current job, and one highlight was his colorful story about covering The U.S. Air Guitar Championships. ☺

bright lights *an alumni column...*

Alumni Hall Memories

by Neil Skene, Class of '73



Skene meets with students during a recent visit to campus.

The day I walked into the newsroom of *Congressional Quarterly* to be its executive editor, five steps from my office was a familiar face from my college days: Dave Rapp.

Dave was the only other senior on the *The Hustler*

staff my senior year, 1972-73, and he had beaten me in winning the Grantland Rice Scholarship our freshman year. Now – ha! – he was going to be working for me these 14 years later. Dave covered agriculture policy for the CQ flagship magazine, the *CQ Weekly*.

Dave had enormous talent. As CQ found its footing in electronic publishing in those days before the Web, Dave proved to be perhaps our greatest visionary. When I became the publisher, Dave became the managing editor. He would become an enthusiast for electronic publishing before most people had even heard of America Online. By the time I left CQ in 1997, Dave was leading a transition to the web ahead of our biggest competitors, owned by the much larger Washington Post Company and Lexis-Nexis.

A lot other talented people came through *The Hustler* offices on the third floor of Alumni Hall in the early 1970s. Bob Thompson had been the editor of my high school paper in Macon, Ga., two years before I was, and he preceded me by two years as editor of *The Hustler*. Bob was about the smartest guy I knew in high school and was a big reason I went to Vanderbilt. He now holds a chair as a professor at Vanderbilt Law School.

Clay Harris, the editor between Bob and me, was a force of nature. I don't think there has ever been a college editor who so thoroughly energized a staff with ideas and ambition for the paper. He has had a long career as an editor at the *Financial Times* in London.

For Bob and Clay and me, *The Hustler* was not just a student newspaper but a university newspaper. We stood for racial equality and ending the Vietnam War, explored university finances and challenged not only the mediocre football and basketball performance but also Vanderbilt's seemingly uncaring expansion southward to Blakemore Avenue, using eminent domain to force people to sell their homes. Fannie Mae Dees was one who fought Vanderbilt unsuccessfully. Surely that little park off 21st Avenue was small comfort to her.

Vanderbilt had no journalism program, but we taught each other. We shared a curiosity about the university and about what was going on in the world, and we encouraged each other on the tougher stories. We loved it. The standout journalists from the staff my senior year, besides Dave, included Skip Bayless, now of ESPN, who wrote sports columns; sports editors Irv Muchnick, who wrote books on wrestling, and John Bloom, later famous as redneck-columnist "Joe Bob Briggs" with his own TV show; and arts editor Dan Bischoff, now arts critic at the *Newark Star Ledger*; and Mary Elson, who succeeded me as editor, now managing editor of the Tribune Media Services syndicate in Chicago. Russ Blain, our business manager who somehow found the money for what we did, is applying those skills as a bankruptcy lawyer in Tampa.

I went to law school and loved it, but immediately returned to journalism, covering legal issues and state government for the *St. Petersburg Times*. I became editor of its afternoon paper in 1984 (and closed it down in 1986), editor and then publisher at CQ for 10 years, and then head of editorial at an Internet company in Boston.

In 1999, after moving to Tallahassee, I helped my friend Peter Zollman start a consulting company called Classified Intelligence to advise publishers about online classified advertising (still going strong, with clients around the world). I also became an investor and sometime-employee at an alt-weekly chain, Creative Loafing, with newspapers and websites in Chicago, Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte and the Tampa Bay area.

Now, in addition to those two interests, I write a column on state government for the business magazine *Florida Trend*, contribute to the new website Politifact.com, teach journalism and newsroom management (sometimes in cool places, like Beirut, South Africa and Eritrea), and manage personal and family investments. I have returned twice in recent years as a sort of "editor in residence" for a few days to work with the student writers and editors at Vanderbilt.

On March 16, 1973, we published the *Vanderbilt Centennial* edition of *The Hustler*, now yellow and tattered. My brother Pate (A '74, now professor of neurobiology at Duke) has a byline on the front page. Half of the page is a photograph of the Cornelius statue, which then was directly in front of Kirkland, with the clock tower over the commodore's left shoulder.

Thirty-five years later, my son Chris sometimes appears as a columnist for *InsideVandy* and *The Hustler*. He's an Engage scholar at Vanderbilt, a junior majoring in economics and creative writing – not so involved in *The Hustler*, but making better grades than I did.

Visiting Chris gives special meaning to the line from Vanderbilt's Fugitive poet Donald Davidson under that commodore photo in the centennial *Hustler*:

"Old paths may change, new faces light old walls. Morning will still be golden in these halls." ☺

distant voices *alumni updates...*

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

1946

Virginia Mershon Holladay ★ B.A., 1946 (*The Hustler*) Holladay lives in Nashville, TN, and said: In October (2007) five classmates gathered here for the Vanderbilt Homecoming. They were Tom and Elaine Killebrew Evans, Mary Libba Lloyd Johnson, Lillian Bloodworth Jenkins and Katie Moore White. I make six, all of us from the class of 1946. We attended the tailgate party and football game and heard the interim chancellor's speech at the Peabody Commons. It was such fun to reminisce about our years at Vanderbilt.

1948

Alice Ann Vaughan Barge ★ B.A., 1948 (*The Hustler*) Barge lives in Nashville, TN, and said: It is flattering to be included in this austere group of Vanderbilt publicists. I was the Society Editor of *The Hustler* in 1947 and 1948. Everyone wanted their name in the party columns so the info came in easily. For many years the word SOCIETY became a "no-no". It was changed to Living, Lifestyles, People etc. Recently the word has again gained respectability and is seen in the media. **Charlie Stockell** was my Editor and could fill your files with unbelievable experiences enjoyed in the past 50 years.

1955

Ormonde Plater ★ B.A., 1955 (*The Hustler*)



Ormonde Plater in 2007

Plater lives in New Orleans, LA, and said: Ph.D. in English at Tulane University in 1969. Taught two years at University of New Orleans. Ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1971 and served in three churches in New Orleans. Archdeacon of the Diocese of Louisiana in 1998-2005, now retired. Married to Kay Treadway, three children, four grandchildren.

1956

Sheldon Hackney ★ B.A., 1956 (*The Hustler*) Hackney lives in Philadelphia, PA, and said: I am an imposter. I was some sort of sports editor on the *Hustler* (co or assistant or something), but I was really in sycophantic thrall to **Gene Vaughn**, the real sports editor. The irony, of course, is that I have gone on to have a decent life, while Gene's life is a disaster. He was a failure in the life insurance business. At Christmas, he rents a bunch of Hollywood actors for his Christmas card. There is also a rumor that Vanderbilt is using him to fill the quota on the Board for gloomy ne'er do wells. This is all too bad because it was a hell-of-a-lot of fun to be with him on the *Hustler*.

1957

Eleanor McCain Brown ★ B.A., 1957 (*Commodore yearbook*) Brown lives in Eufaula, Ala., and said: I was the first woman editor of the *Commodore* in many years if forever. It was an exciting year. I went on after Vandy to teach Biology, Physiology etc. for 30 years. I have traveled a lot with students. I was stuck in France after 9/11 for days. I won an art scholarship in high school and did not take it for my husband was on a football scholarship. I have now taken up painting and paint abroad and especially in the southwest. I will have my first show in April of this year at The Eufaula Heritage Pilgrimage. I am excited and a bit scared also. We will be going on a cruise to Italy and Greece this Oct. to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Michael Grafton Wagner ★ B.A., 1957 (*WRVU*) Wagner lives in Nashville, TN.

1958

Reber Boulton ★ B.E., J.D., 1958, 1964 (*WRVU*) Boulton lives in Albuquerque, NM, and said: My wife and I took a longish drive in Mexico. We spent a few days in the Casas Grandes area of Chihuahua to attend a fiesta where homage was paid to Chihuahuans who were generals active in the Mexican Revolution. One of them was my wife's grandfather José Inez Salazar (men in her family have reproduced at advanced ages).

1959

Gary O. Cohen ★ B.A., 1959 (*The Hustler*) Cohen lives in Chevy Chase, MD, and said: Gary O. Cohen (*Hustler* editor, 1958-59) practices federal securities law as a partner at Jordan Burt

LLP's Washington, D.C. office. He speaks at legal conferences and publishes articles in legal periodicals. He reports that "writing *Hustler* editorials was more fun."

1960

Joseph Granville Baker ★ B.E., 1960 (*WRVU*) Baker lives in Rochester, NY, and said: Since 2002, I have produced and hosted a short segment on WXXI, Rochester NY's NPR outlet. The show features military and college bands and is broadcast at 8:24 Saturday mornings. I was involved in student broadcasting of various sorts at Vanderbilt from 1956 to 1959.

Charles Edward Simpson ★ B.A., 1960 (*The Hustler*) Simpson lives in La Canada, CA, and said: Currently sitting as a Judge of the California Superior Court after 33 year of the private practice of law in Los Angeles.

Charles Donald Nord ★ B.A., 1960 (*The Hustler*) Chuck Nord, *Hustler* Editor, 1959-60, lives in Bradenton, FL, and said: I really enjoyed the reunion of *Hustler* staff this past October. Three people who worked for me during my tenure were there, and it was great exchanging notes and catching up with each other's lives. I did enjoy meeting the undergraduate staff. I marvel at how they can get three (or is it four?) issues out every week. We had all we could do to bring forth one per week and still keep pace academically. The paper is in good hands--and also very intelligent and personable ones. Well done! My news: very little, other than one more grandchild is due late this month and yet another will arrive in midsummer. **Laurie's** and my offspring are hewing to the biblical admonition to go forth and multiply. We continue to enjoy our bayfront lifestyle here in southwest Florida, rendering prayerful thanks for the absence of hurricanes these past two seasons and hoping for more of the same. I continue to commute to Nashville once a month to tend to business interests and, as a bonus, visit my children and grandchildren there.

1963

Roy Blount, Jr. ★ B.A., 1963 (*The Hustler, Spectrum*) Blount lives in Mill River, MA, and said: My latest book, "Long Time Leaving: Dispatches From Up South," received the 2007 non-fiction award from the New England Independent Booksellers Assn. Next book, "Alphabet Juice," is scheduled for October of this year. I'm appearing once a month on NPR's "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me" and occasionally on Minnesota Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion."

1965

Thomas Barber ★ B.A., 1965 (*WRVU*) Barber lives in Houston, TX, and said: I am "unretired" from the oilfield service industry, and am preparing for a second career as a bluegrass guitarist.



In Audubon Park, New Orleans, at Barber's son's wedding there, March 2007

1967

Larry Creekmore ★ B.A., 1967 (*The Hustler*) Creekmore lives in Miramar Beach, FL, and said: After spending 33 years in a family owned retail grocery operation in Tennessee, my wife and I moved to Northwest Florida in 2003. I am currently President of Creekmore Financial Group. Two of my three daughters graduated from Vanderbilt and both served on the *Hustler* staff. My third daughter graduated from Duke and she served on the Duke paper.

1968

David Douglas Sproul ★ B.A., 1968 (*The*

Hustler) Sproul lives in Houston, TX, and said: Small investor and lay preacher.



Sproul's wife, Cindy, and Sproul.

1969

Jim Rosenblatt ★ B.A., 1969 (*Publications Council*) Rosenblatt lives in Jackson, MS, and said: Jim Rosenblatt serves as the Dean of the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, MS.

Joseph Vincent Williams ★ B.A., 1969 (*The Vanderbilt Review, Spectrum*) Williams lives in Cleveland, TN, and said: Managing Broker, Century 21 Williams & Williams; Managing Partner, Princeton Group LP; President, Williams Realty Co, Hardwick & Co, Southern Saddlery Co, Louiscille Land Co; Inspector General Tennessee State Guard, Nashville TN.

1970

William Livingston ★ B.A., 1970 (*The Hustler, Impact magazine*) Livingston lives in North Olmsted, OH, and said: I am the senior sports columnist at *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*. I have been there since 1984. I have done 5 summer and 2 winter Olympics, the Super Bowl, World Series, NBA and Stanley Cup Finals, all major college bowls, all four golf majors, and the Indy and Daytona 500s. Before that, I covered Penn State football and the Dr. J 76ers for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Before that, I covered high schools at the *Dallas Morning News* in my hometown. My first book is out in July 2008. "Above and Beyond -- Tim Mack and the Quest for Olympic Gold." It is a bio of the pole vault gold medalist in Athens, as well as a popular study of the event, with interviews with Bob Richards, Don Bragg, Bib Seagren and Sergey Bubka. Plus Mack's great rival, Toby Stevenson. Kent State University Press is the publisher. I will try to send the flier that accompanies the book. I am in New Orleans, covering Ohio State in the BCS Championship Game right now. I have won numerous state and national awards.



Rod Phelan

Rod Phelan ★ B.A., 1970

(*The Hustler*) Phelan lives in Dallas, Texas, and said: I'm a trial lawyer in Dallas, now wondering why I got this. I must have written a column or something in the *Hustler*.

1971

Preston Wilson ★ B.A., 1971 (*WRVU*) Wilson lives in Memphis, TN, and said: 30th anniversary of marriage to Betsy coming up on March 18. Children: Warren, age 28, in the Peace Corps in Armenia through July 2008, married an Armenia girl October 5; Marynelle, age 27, in first year of law school at American University in D.C.; Lulu, age 19, a sophomore at Wake Forest.

1972

Barry L. Master ★ B.A., 1972 (*The Hustler*) Master lives in Fairview, NC, and said: I am an attorney and have been a certified mediator. I'm the "IV-D" child support enforcement attorney for Buncombe and Polk Counties, North Carolina. I've been married over 32 years (still happily counting) to Marcia Froula '75, who is a preschool special education teacher. We live in a log home in the mountains of Western North Carolina. We have two daughters who write,



Barry's favorite baseball player, former Vanderbilt pitcher Casey Weathers with Barry Master at Asheville's McCormick Field, photo by Tony Farlow

Karen who works for Actors' Equity in New York City and Allison who is working towards a Ph.D. in psychology at Stanford.

Peggy Jo Shaw ★ B.A., 1972 (*The Hustler*) Shaw lives in Decatur, GA, and said: Peggy Shaw's new book on Dr. Martin Luther King, "Voices: Reflections of an American Icon in Words and Song," was presented at a program at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 13. The program, honoring **Julian Bond**, was hosted by **Ben Vereen**. The book, published by Dalmatian Press, arrived in major trade stores in December 2007 and includes interviews with Civil Rights notables such as Nikki Giovanni, Dorothy Height, John Seigenthaler, and Pulitzer Prize-winners Howell Raines and Gene Patterson. Neil Skene, Vanderbilt '73, helped to edit "Voices."

1973



From Anzek-St John.

Louis Michael Anzek-St John ★ B.A., 1973 (*WRVU*) Anzek-St John lives in Arab, AL, and said: Louis Michael Anzek (aka Michael St John) AS73, Owner of WAFN-FM Arab/Huntsville Alabama celebrated a "Decade of Fun" serving as North Alabama's only FM Oldies Station for ten years. The FUN RADIO SPORTS TEAM - honored as Alabama's #1 High School Football Broadcast -- fed the AHSAA State Network with their broadcast of the 2007 2A High School Football Championship Game from Legion Field in Birmingham. Anzek (St John) handled the Play-By-Play broadcasting his 4th State Football Championship, having previously called games in Connecticut, Tennessee and Arizona.

1974

David R. Miller ★ B.A., 1974 (*Versus magazine*) Miller lives in Springfield, IL, and said: I direct research for the Illinois legislature's main research agency--where I've been for 29 of the 30 years since law school! I also edit my local church's quarterly magazine, and took a short-term mission trip to Africa in '06. Otherwise, most people would consider my life boring.

1975



Publicity photo of Lee Johnson as CEO of Congressional Media Group, LLC

Lee Johnson ★ B.A., 1975

(*Chairman, Student Activity Fee Committee*) Johnson lives in Washington, DC, and said: I have spent much of my career in public service, most recently as the Leadership Chief of Staff for the Senate Republican Conference Chairman and Vice Chairman (1999-2002). During that time I was responsible for the Senate GOP's communications operation: television, radio, Internet, graphics; and also the "message of the day" from the Senate floor. Now returned to the private sector, among other things, I am the CEO of the Congressional Media Group here in Washington (www.cmgroup.biz). I am also creating "Politics on Film: The Washington Political Film Festival" (launch in Spring 2008), and serve as the CEO of the organizing corporate entity.

1976

Jane Sullivan ★ B.S., 1976 (*WRVU*) Sullivan lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I retired from public library service 2005. I have just started a small storytelling production company, Houselights Storytelling Theatre, to bring nationally-known storytellers to the local professional theatre stage.

Douglas Swan ★ B.A., 1976 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook*) Swan lives in Oaklyn, NJ, and said: After 25 years in restaurant management, I completed Rutgers Law School. Having become a lawyer, I am continually dismayed to discover how many lawyers have "always wanted to run a restaurant." Content with my choice, I snicker.

1978

David Lee Deehl ★ B.A., 1978 (*Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook*) Deehl lives in Coral Gables, FL, and said: Been active with Vandy alums in South Florida, as president of the Miami Vanderbilt Chapter and working with undergraduate admissions. Practicing law in Coral Gables, and teaching trial skills at the University of Miami School of Law. Currently, Chair of the Task Force on Plaintiffs Involvement of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Section.

Leigh Smitherman Edwards ★ B.A., 1978 (*The Hustler, WRVU*) Edwards lives in London, UK, and said: I spent 9 years in Houston working for a contemporary art gallery then was in development for Houston Ballet for two years. Started my own fine art consulting firm in Houston only to move to Palo Alto so that my husband could go back to graduate school at Stanford. Have resided with my family of husband, 3 kids, and various dogs in Houston, Singapore and now London.

1979

Bob Beard ★ B.A., 1979 (*WRVU*) Beard lives in Charlottesville, VA, and said: I can't believe it's been almost 30 years. Luckily, I've used my media experience at Vanderbilt to climb slowly up the ladder of television news before slipping with sanity intact back down again. I toiled on every shift imaginable as an anchor/reporter at TV stations in Chattanooga and Jackson, MS. Then, knowing no one, I decamped to Washington, DC, and after a number of years, won on air gigs at NBC News and CNN, where I served the bigwigs at AOL-Time Warner (and hopefully an investor or two) as a business correspondent. A little thing at AOL/TW called a "Reorganization" or "Reduction In Force" or "Going In A Different Direction" ensnared my fulltime career in 2002. My wife Ellen (VU '83) and our twin sons escaped the media's insatiable, beastly appetites for the calm of rural Virginia where I attempted "public relations" at UVA, where the politics were so great since the stakes were so small. I'm still freelancing as a TV writer/producer/reporter/etc etc and attempting with sweat and agony to wrap up a Washington-based thriller, then perhaps find an agent. Dreams die slowly.



Fred Buc, WRLT/Nashville GM.

Fred Buc ★ B.S., 1979 (*WRVU, VSC Board*) Buc lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I'm still rockin' as the GM of Nashville's only independently-owned radio station, Lightning 100 (WRLT 100.1 FM), and now in my 15th year as host of "Retro Lightning," heard every Saturday morning. The station streams live on the internet, so if you've moved away from Nashville, tune-in sometime and reconnect with your old college town! The station is now expanding into various on-line and interactive projects like podcasts, and streaming audio/video from local artists. I'm also producing a weekly interview show about Nashville's music industry called "Music Business Radio" featuring local music executives and artists. My wife Jodi and I have three sons -- our two oldest attend Indiana University, and our youngest is at Hume-Fogg. Check me out anytime at www.lightning100.com!



James E. Hathaway

James E. Hathaway ★ B.A., 1979 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine*) Hathaway lives in Little Rock, AR, and said: Jim Hathaway, B. A. '79, was Arts Editor at *The Hustler* 1977-78, a writer for *Versus* and editor of *The Vanderbilt Poetry Review* in 1979. He spent four years

after graduation as a copyeditor on the news desk at the late, great *Arkansas Gazette*, then moved on to law school. He is now a lawyer, practicing primarily public finance law, with the Little Rock, Arkansas office of Kutak Rock LLP, and has done bond deals to finance everything from student loans to college football stadiums to research hospitals to coal-fired electric plants. He lives with his wife of 23 years, Gael Sammartino, who works in cytogenetics, and their dog and two cats in the incredibly "blue" Little Rock neighborhood of Hillcrest. He nurtures his latent creative urges by cooking, entering into long e-mail strings with his old compatriots from Vanderbilt and the *Gazette* and occasionally singing and playing his own songs at various local venues with his high school buddy in their presumptively named duo, the Karismatics.

Katherine Powell Hill ★ B.E., 1979 Hill lives in Lafayette, LA, and said: Greetings from Lafayette, LA.

Tony A. Trujillo, Jr. ★ B.A., 1979 (*VSC Board*) Trujillo lives in Miami Beach, FL, and said: After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1979, I attended Washington & Lee's School of Law and graduated with a JD in 1982. I moved promptly to Washington, D. C., not to practice law, but to get involved in politics and public policy. I lived in Washington for almost 25 years before retiring from the Intelsat satellite communications company in August 2006. At Intelsat, I was responsible for government relations, human resources, corporate communications, facilities management and security. Although too young to retire, I moved in September 2006 to Miami Beach, FL. Unexpectedly, I learned of a management opportunity at one of the nation's premier centers of continuing dental education, The Pankey Institute, and I have been serving as its President and CEO based in Key Biscayne, FL since July 2007. I must have one of the best commutes in the country -- 20 minutes over beautiful causeways overlooking the turquoise and blue waters of Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. I reside in South Beach and also maintain a log cabin home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Rappahannock County, VA.

1980



Lisa (Schneider) Berman

Lisa Schneider Berman ★ B.A., 1980 (*The Hustler, VSC Board*) Berman lives in Newton, MA, and said: I worked in a media-related field for 21 years following my VU graduation, eventually as Media Director of a Boston-based advertising agency, Hill Holliday. In 2001 I made a dramatic career change and now work both as a doula (provider of professional labor support for women in childbirth) and as the Education Director of a Jewish non-profit organization.

Fred Katz ★ B.A., 1980 (*WRVU*) Katz lives in Nashville, Tn, and said: I have my own marketing company and mostly do speaking engagements on its behalf in Nashville and around the country. I still dabble in radio, political news events as a freelance radio newsreporter...covering events like the New Hampshire Primary and the National Political Conventions as a floor reporter. I'm also a graduate of the Nashville Citizens Police academy and a lic. Private pilot.

Amelia McLean O'Neil ★ B.E., 1980 (*The Hustler, WRVU*) O'Neil lives in Huntsville, AL.

Elizabeth Catherine Phillips ★ B.S., 1980 (*WRVU, Versus magazine, Sarratt Arts Committee, Concert Committee*) Phillips lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: I have been working in the Environmental business since graduation. My current job is Director of Environmental Technology Development with the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I am married with two children and I volunteer in the community. I use the skills that I developed at Vanderbilt to organize public programs that focus on issues that vary widely, such as social issues, women in science, science education, historic events and nuclear issues. I am currently the President of the Oak Ridge Chapter of Women in Nuclear and I recently graduated from the FBI Citizen's Academy.

1981

Alice Baxter Griffiths ★ B.S., 1981 (*The Hustler*) Griffiths lives in Brooklyn, NY, and said: After many years of commercial and investment banking in Nashville, London, and New York, I am now happily ensconced at a large consulting firm in New York, writing and editing internal publications. My banking and business experience both come in handy, but I am finally working with a group of people who appreciate



Griffiths: Just me, at work!

crunching words (rather than numbers) as much as I do.

Robert A Hutchinson ★ B.S., 1981 (*Commodore yearbook*) Hutchinson lives in Boulder, CO.

1982



Bill Carrozzella at Yosemite National Park.

William Joseph Carrozzella ★ B.A., 1982 (*The Hustler, WRVU*) Carrozzella lives in Orlando, FL, and said: After a long career in commercial real estate I recently taught high school for 3 years at a boarding school in Connecticut! I am now headed back to graduate school again for a masters in education to work in student affairs in a university setting.



Yuji Hirayama

Yuji Hirayama ★ B.E., 1982 (*Commodore yearbook*) Hirayama lives in Austin, TX, and said: Hello! It's certainly nice to hear from the Vanderbilt Media Group. I was Editor-in-Chief of the *Vanderbilt Commodore* in 1982, and I had a wonderful time putting that publication together. I'm working as a Sr. technical writer for Sun Microsystems in Austin, Texas and enjoying my time following the various Vandy sports teams.

Tony Neely ★ M.A., 1982 (*WRVU*) Neely lives in Lexington, KY, and said: Worked at VU Sports Information from 1978-94. Media relations director at University of Kentucky Athletics since 1994. One wife, one daughter, one dog -- not sure which one sheds the most hair! Best wishes to all --

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1983

Harry Campbell ★ B.A., 1983 (*The Hustler*) Campbell lives in Overland Park, KS, and said: I live in a suburb of KC with my wife Kris and kids Harrison (13) and Madeleine (11). We are expecting a baby in May, so 2008 will be a great one for us! After a number of years working for Procter & Gamble and Sprint, I now run the consumer markets division of Embarq, a telecommunications company that operates in about 5% of the US.

Scott Cardone ★ B.S., 1983 (*WRVU*) Cardone lives in Cincinnati, OH, and said: The dream of being a life long roadie for Prince and the Revolution didn't work out for me, so I had to go with my fall back position. I'm now a physician. But I have an idea for a new internet-based business venture. A website where you can download songs for a small fee that can be copied to cassette and played on your boombox. iBooms. Don't tell anyone. Suburbia is good. Peter Frampton is a neighbor and we jam from time to time in the basement studio. Working on a free form jazz concept album, "The Scalpel's Edge." Next time you're in the O.R. listen carefully as they knock you out and let me know what you think of it. I'm on the guitar. And the cowbell. And the scalpel.

Daniel Hardon Monroe ★ B.A., 1983 (*Versus magazine, Vanderbilt Poetry Review*)



Dan Monroe atop Morningside Peak in Steamboat, CO. Spring, 2007.

Monroe lives in Birmingham, AL, and said: Dan Monroe, erstwhile contributor to *Versus* and the *Vanderbilt Poetry Review*, future novelist, former automotive aftermarket Distribution Manager (trans: auto parts warehouse manager) finally gave up on the corporate working stiff sorts of jobs and formed an advertising and design agency with two (thankfully) talented partners. Cayenne Creative (est. 2004) is a strategic branding firm in Birmingham, Alabama, with clients ranging from financial institutions, health care organizations and law firms to landscape companies and architects. When he's not nurturing a fledgeling company, he's spending time with his wife, Pam, and son, Sam.



Philip Tate, APR (Vanderbilt Class of 1983).

Philip Tate ★ B.A., 1983 (*The Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook*) Tate lives in Charlotte, NC, and said: Tate elected to PRSA national board, Philip Tate, APR, vice president/management supervisor with Charlotte advertising and public relations firm Luquire George Andrews (LGA), was

elected to the national Board of Directors for the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) during the organization's 2007 International Conference in Philadelphia. Based in New York City, PRSA -- with 32,000 members and 109 chapters -- is the world's largest organization for public relations professionals. Tate will serve a two-year term on the 18-member PRSA national board beginning Jan. 1, 2008. He was nominated Aug. 3-4 in Chicago by PRSA's 19-member Nominating Committee, which selected him for the position of Southeast District Director. "I'm extremely flattered and excited to be elected and look forward with great anticipation to serving on the PRSA national board of directors," said Tate. Long active in PRSA, International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and AAF-Charlotte, Tate is Accredited in Public Relations (APR) and is past president of the Charlotte chapter of PRSA. He is also past chair for the YMCA of Greater Charlotte Y-Guides Program. Tate has worked for the past 15 years with Luquire George Andrews, where he develops, implements and supervises advertising, marketing and public relations campaigns/strategies for a number of LGA's leading clients. Tate graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a double minor in political science and history.

1984

Lynne Riggs Anderson ★ B.A. 1984 (*WRVU*) Anderson lives in Hilton Head Island, SC, and said: Interned on Hilton Head during summers off from Vanderbilt and worked in professional sports marketing. Landed here after graduation, got married to David (Syracuse U.) and have enjoyed island life ever since. Anderson Communications (advertising and marketing) and Anderson Interactive (our screaming busy online firm), a new Pilates Studio and four children (one in college) keep it all healthy and hectic, just like I like.

Steven David Hall ★ B.E., 1984 (*WRVU*) Hall lives in Fort Myers, FL, and said: I have been living in Southwest Florida since 2000, and my wife and I have one son Sergey (13). With my son in middle school and my wife teaching high school, I have to keep up with the times, so they gave me an iPod Nano last year. I am working for Sprint-Nextel as the area engineering manager.

David Livert ★ B.A., M.S., 1984 (*The Vanderbilt Review*) Livert lives in Easton, PA, and said: Would love to hear from old friends. I'm currently on the faculty of Penn State Lehigh Valley, which is near New York.



David, Grace, Ian, Lizzie and Marianne Vanness -- Christmas '07.

Marianne Savalli Vanness ★ B.S., 1984 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook, VSC Board*) Vanness lives in Orlando, FL, and said: We had a busy year here in Orlando. I graduated from grad school with a Masters in Elementary Education. Our oldest daughter started high school, our son started middle school, and our youngest is still in preschool. I have been substitute teaching and tutoring, and will be taking a teaching position at our neighborhood elementary school in February. David (EE '86) and I celebrated our 20th anniversary in April, and have been fortunate enough to see several Vanderbilt friends this year. Kathy Holder paid us a visit last winter, we saw Paul Pirillo in Atlanta in May, and we've seen our friend Rik Danielson a few times in Clearwater. Please feel free to call or visit us in Orlando.

Erin Maloney ★ B.S., MPP, 1984 (*The Hustler, WRVU, Versus magazine, Commodore yearbook*) Maloney lives in Ankara, Turkey, and said: Instructor at Bilkent University. Married. Fond memories of the Tunnel.



FORMER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

met on Oct. 12 at The Flying Saucer downtown, behind the Union Station Hotel, for a reunion to celebrate decades of participation in Vanderbilt's student newspaper. Attendees included local alumni and those who were in town for Homecoming and class reunions, and many alumni brought family and friends to the informal get-together. **The Hustler Reunion** was co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Communications and Alumni Relations.

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Alex Kwak, Chris Clancy, Sarah Creekmore, Tom Wood, Lucius Carroll,



Larry Daughtrey, Chuck Nord, Lucius Carroll.



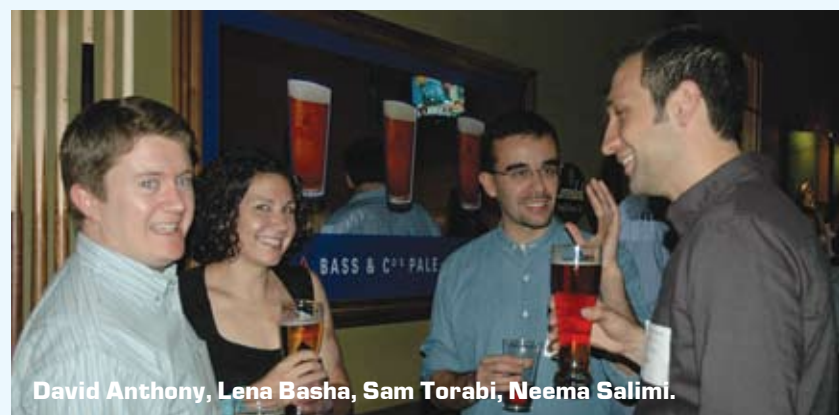
Madeleine Pulman, Sen. Lamar Alexander, Reeve Hamilton.



Anna Lee (Voss) Wahls, Meredith Berger, Alex Kwak, Emily Faye Abbott, Holly Matlock.



Paige (Orr) Clancy and Neil Skene.



David Anthony, Lena Basha, Sam Torabi, Neema Salimi.

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Help us identify Student Media alumni

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



Sen. Lamar Alexander, Chuck Nord.

1985



Kara Black ★ B.S., 1985 (WRVU, Commodore yearbook) Black lives in Manchester, NH, and said: After 23 years in Nashville, I took the plunge and moved to the

Kara Black

“Great White North,” where I work for Ivoclar Vivadent as a dental sales representative in the New England area. I sing in my church’s worship group, look forward to new episodes of “30 Rock” and reside with my two cats, Joseph and Manasseh.

Adam Dread ★ B.A., 1985 (see page 9).



Gary Gerson and Shelley with Maddie (5), Eli (4), and Isaac (3mo).

Gary D. Gerson ★ B.S., 1985 (*The Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Gerson lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and said: I am a teacher and football coach at Cranbrook Kingswood in Michigan. One of my former football players, David Leinweber, is a walk-on for the Commodores. I have three kids now, Maddie 5, Eli 4, and Isaac 8mo. Married to Shelley 16 years.

Scott Rodes ★ B.E., 1985 (WRVU) Rodes lives in Cincinnati, OH, and said: Using my fine Engineering degree as an investment manager for Bahl & Gaynor Investment Counsel in Cincinnati. Married with 3 great kids.

1986

Karen Abrams ★ B.E., 1986 (*The Hustler*, WRVU) Abrams lives in Raleigh, NC, and said: Isn’t it interesting how things go around? As an undergrad working on the *Hustler*, I worked with ads and created a billing database program. Several careers later (after computer scientist, business owner, mother, etc.) I’m again billing customers, though this time using a commercial database.

Robert William Aulsebrook ★ B.A., 1986 (WRVU) Aulsebrook lives in London, UK, and said: My wife Lisa (A&S 1986) and I have resided in London for the past 14 years. We had our first child (Sophie) in May 2006 and are expecting our second child this May. I was recently promoted to partner at my law firm, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.



Elliott New ★ B.E., 1986 (WRVU) New lives in Columbia, SC, and said: Elliott enjoyed doing the *Sunday Night Blues* radio show on WRVU from 1983 through 1986. For the last 15 years, he has been continuing to spread the Blues with his band, Elliott And The Untouchables. The band has performed at clubs and festivals across the US and made appearances in Canada and Ireland. (www.ElliottAndTheUntouchables.com) The band has released 5 CDs and is still going strong. By day, Elliott stays busy as an engineering manager at Intel. He and his wife Kathy enjoy spending time with their two boys. In 2006, Elliott also started performing at a new contemporary service at his church.

Elliott New (Elliott & The Untouchables).

Beverly Salhanick ★ J.D., 1986 (VSC Board) Salhanick lives in Las Vegas, NV, and said: I have been practicing law in Las Vegas for 21 years-12 as a solo practitioner. I’m fortunate to be able to represent a diverse group of businesses which still have media related issues.

1987



From Robert Boniface.

Robert Boniface ★ B.A., 1987 (WRVU) Boniface lives in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and said: General Motors Director of Design for the Chevrolet Volt plug-in electric vehicle.

John Paschall Gamlin ★ B.A., 1987 (WRVU) Gamlin lives in Fort Collins, CO.

Elizabeth Beatty Pearce ★ B.S., 1987 (WRVU, Commodore yearbook) Pearce lives in Richmond, VA, and said: Paul Pearce and I got married in 1990 and moved from Nashville to Richmond, VA, in 2002. Paul worked as a family therapist in Nashville, and then joined up with a healthcare company whose headquarters are in Richmond, which is why we moved. I worked in Nashville as a teacher, then as a parenting educator, and now serve as director of a parent education agency in Richmond. We have three daughters, ages 14, 11 and 1 year. Recently, I was interviewed by a small, local independent radio station in Richmond (WRIR) to promote the nonprofit I work with. I was reminded of my days at WRVU when the interview took place in a room with a second-hand (fourth-hand??) mic that was connected through an exterior window into the main studio room. Memories of turntables that didn’t turn, mikes that needed lots of duct tape, and the red, green and blue bins are still fresh on my mind. I haven’t seen the WRVU space in about 15 years, but remember well being a part of the Iggy Pop interview (1986?) with all its technical difficulties. Hope today’s radio staffers are having as much fun!

Kirk Porter ★ B.A., 1987 (WRVU, VSC Board) Porter lives in Nashville, TN, and said: My wife and I returned to Nashville in 2002 after spending 7 years and having three boys in St. Louis – it’s good to be back. Professionally, I am covering the for-profit healthcare sector with Bank of America/Banc of America Securities; the personal side is focused on the family and keeping up with friends including a number of tunnel rats. For those of you wanting a blast from the 1980s past, I recommend the following websites: <http://www.nashville80srock.net/> has a great collection of local music, downloads, and videos from the 1980s; http://www.nashvillescene.com/Stories/Cover_Story/2006/08/10/Never_in_Nashville/ is a great article in the *Nashville Scene* covering the Nashville music scene in the ‘80s.

1988



From Alonso Duralde (Photo Credit: Gabriel Goldberg).

Alonso Duralde ★ B.A., 1988 (*The Hustler*, WRVU, *Versus* magazine) Duralde lives in West Hollywood, CA, and said: Alonso is the film critic for MSNBC.com and the editor of the *MrSardonic.com* blog for *The Advocate*. His book “101 Must-See Movies for Gay Men” is currently in its third printing. Currently the vice-president of the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, he lives in West Hollywood, Calif., with his partner, Dave White.

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Mary Collier, Mike Holmes, Joseph Koury.



Sen. Lamar Alexander and Glenna DeRoy.

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From Moldenhauer: My husband and I are on our honeymoon in 2002.

Robin Roy Moldenhauer ★ B.A., M.B.A., 1988 (WRVU) Moldenhauer lives in Chattanooga, TN, and said: I'm back in my hometown of Chattanooga, TN and loving it! I have two amazing boys (Will 4 1/2 and Eli 1 yr). My husband is a Doctor of Chinese Medicine and Sino-American Cultural Consultant for US companies doing business in China. I graduated from Owen in '97 with my MBA in MIS/Ecommerce/Marketing and have my Project Mgmt Professional certification. I'm currently working for Owen remotely as a consultant for their Corporate Relations dept. I love taking the kids up to Vandy for football and basketball games and have taken them down thru Sarratt on several occasions and thought about WRVU! Everytime I get into Nashville I tune into 91.1...Lots of great times there...One of the coolest things I remember doing was splicing commercial tapes on the archaic splicing machine. Anyway, hope everyone is doing well...Thanks for putting this together!

Rachel Ricafort ★ BSN 1988 (Commodore yearbook) Ricafort lives in Nashville, TN, and said: After graduating from Vanderbilt, I went to medical school and finished my residency in New Jersey. I am currently a pediatrician in Smyrna, TN and I live in Nashville.



From Bill Lovatt: My wife Linda Lovatt and myself; New York city is a great place anytime but is quite magical during the winter holiday season. Note that this year's Rockefeller tree was from the town that we live in; I saw it in the yard, on the truck, and again in NY all decorated.

Bill Lovatt ★ B.E., 1988 (Commodore yearbook) Lovatt lives in Shelton, CT, and said: My engineering degree has opened many doors and recently propelled me into a Directors position with PerkinElmer after 18 years of progressive roles at Honeywell (formally known as AlliedSignal). My career has found me living in Florida for 9 years, followed by 9 more years in Kansas and the last 2 years in Connecticut. The picture is my wife Linda and I in New York City which is a short train ride from our home.

1989

John Koski ★ B.A., 1989 (The Hustler, WRVU) Koski lives in Chicago, IL, and said: I am married a living in the Chicago area, with two children. I am a partner and the General Counsel of the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP.



From McGowen: This is a picture of me in Naples, Florida, on Easter Weekend, right after I turned 40!!!

Amy Ellen McGowen ★ B.S., 1989 (The Vanderbilt Review) McGowen lives in Jupiter, FL, and said: After graduating Vandy, I moved back to the Palm Beach area, to manage my family business, McGowen Displays, Inc. I am now the owner of the successful business of 29-years. We are a store display / fixture company, specializing in golf pro shop custom wood fixtures. Personally, I am engaged to be married (for the second time) to a wonderful man, Robert Stubbs, Jr. We've been together for 11 years now, so I guess it's about time to bite the proverbial bullet!!! We will be married in Palm Beach on October 18, 2008.



Jonathan Huddleston, his wife, Betsy, and their two sons, Burke and Ian.

Jonathan Huddleston ★ B.E., 1990 (The Hustler) Huddleston lives in Windsor, NC, and said: Some time around 1989 to 1990 I was the arts section editor of the Hustler. As a reference, this was around the time that the dream team of Buster Olney, Dave Sheinin, and Steve Myshack were doing the sports section (I spelled Steve's last name phonetically because it's been 17 years since I last saw it in print and as I recall, spelling it correctly requires you to use about 10 consonants in a row with 2 or 3 vowels at the end and thus violate all of the rules of English). Heather Dileo (arts) and Mike Hungerpillar (photog) are a couple of other Hustler workers from my time. I got a law degree from Wake Forest, married a girl from Vicksburg, Mississippi and settled down to practice law in Windsor, North Carolina. Windsor is on the eastern side of the state and is near the Outer Banks. I have two boys, ages 6 and 10.

1991

Christine Ricafort Bertani ★ B.E., 1991 (VTV) Bertani lives in Chattanooga, TN, and said: I live in Chattanooga, TN with my husband, Chris, and our children Mia (7 yrs) and Will (14 months). I am an Electrical Engineer with the Tennessee Valley Authority. I enjoyed working the camera and editing for Vanderbilt Television (formerly Vanderbilt Video Productions). Especially taping the "Original Cast" shows and the "Off the Wall" news program.

Donald Stephens Horace ★ B.A., 1991 (Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review) Horace lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: What's up with me? Hmmm. Well, I realized that I am a middling writer, at best. Hence, I went to law school, where I learned to butcher the Queen's English for a living. Since Vandy, I have married and had two daughters. I spend most of my free time chasing said daughters, holding dolls, picking up coats, dresses, brushes, purses, etc. My remaining time is spent looking for my "Man Card." It is hard to look macho with a half naked Barbie in your left hand and a purse in the other hand, on a playground or school yard. Just jokes. You have to laugh to keep from... Anyway, before I finish, I really wanted to say that the professionalism of our publications is amazing and the increased quality of the publications is impressive. Wow! I am honored to have been a part of the experience, as an undergraduate. Go Does!

Laurie Houston ★ B.A., 1991 (The Hustler, WRVU, VTV) Houston lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: I'm currently the production coordinator for "Captured," a new documentary crime series on Oxygen.

Marc Everett Hill ★ B.S., 1991 (WRVU) Hill lives in Nashville with his wife and two daughters. He has taken a new position as Chief Education Officer for the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce. He continues to do a weekly radio show on WRVU, the "New Wave Smackdown," every Saturday morning from 6-9am.



Marnie with her 8-year-old son Raymond.

Marnie Lambert Zrike ★ B.A., 1991 (The Hustler, The Vanderbilt Review) Zrike lives in Houston, TX, and said: The past two years have been a bit nuts for me — moving back to Houston after 9 years on the east coast and returning to full-time work after 7 years at home with my son. Fortunately I landed in a fast-paced, very entrepreneurial company that lets me think up and manage interesting projects. Plus, I'm writing more than I ever have with any job. This job is definitely satisfying my creative side.

alumni update profile...

Letter from
Charles W. Stockell ★ B.A., 1948, L., 1950
Beaufort, SC

Fellow Hustler Alumni,

I was the editor-in-chief from the fall of 1946 to summer 1948. My wife, Lee McNeilly (B.A., 1950) was the star reporter. I remember that we put out a "fake" Hustler on April Fools' Day portraying fighting between two on-campus factions. The faculty advisor did not think it was funny and tried to expel me, but the vice chancellor said it was the best student paper he had ever seen.

Lee and I got married, and I spent a couple of years as the Special Assistant to the Chairman of Genesco. Korea came along and as I had had four Purple Hearts from WWII, they insisted that I go back in and help with that war. Instead I spent a year in the State Department as an intelligence specialist and then three years with the 20 others from the military, CIA, State, etc. in a Ph.D. program run by 20 recent defectors who had been generals in the Soviet KGB, ambassadors, the District Attorney of Leningrad and the Party chief in Gruzinia. When we graduated, I was sent to Moscow as an assistant attaché. There I found the Army staff were the only ones who traveled in the USSR. We were gone 6 days out of 7, often shot at, our car sabotaged, fistfights and other "diplomatic" activities. Eventually I was expelled by Russia as "persona non grata."

I spent the next 15 years running the Soviet intelligence offices in Europe, the Pentagon, at SAC headquarters, and in Laos and Thailand. I helped to write the National Intelligence estimates for the President and the military chiefs. I was a professor at the Army War College when I retired, and my son, Duncan, was born that year.

While in the military and for 30 years afterward, we traveled the world hunting and fishing. Seven African safaris, a dozen trips to Argentina, and at least 15 to Mexico, plus successful lion, tiger, jaguar, Cape buffalo, grizzly, guar hunts and fishing in 71 different nations. I also stayed busy running the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, publishing an international magazine about this area, and becoming a Professor of Russian Studies at USC.

I also became a government advisor about the Republic of South Africa and the KGB effort to take over control of what they called "the mineral treasure house" in southern Africa. I knew many of the officials in the RSA government, including the State President (who liked to sing "Dixie"), and often had lunch with the mayor of Soweto, the head of Inkatha, or other black (non Communist) leaders. I was permitted to observe RSA military operations against KGB-backed forces in Angola.

Now I am 85 and with the usual infirmities of that age. We still fish a bit and keep a supply of quail and deer in the freezer. Lee tends to the yard work and runs committees all over town. It is a good life.

Si vis pacem, para bellum! (Tacitus "If you wish for peace, prepare for war!")

Charles W. Stockell
Colonel, USA retired



Michael Moore, MD

15 years. It's time for a change! I would welcome hearing from any old friends or associates.

1990



George Bevington the teacher shown here with some of his scholars; a poster of the Petronas Twin Towers, a remnant of GLB's former life in Kuala Lumpur, appears in the background.

George Lawton Bevington ★ B.A., 1990 (Versus magazine) Bevington lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: After a sojourn in the business world, including five years hanging out in Asia, I've returned to Atlanta to take up the helm of a high school English teacher at a gigantic football school. It is a really fun job and I highly recommend it for anyone who's tired of the rat race.

Maggie DeVane ★ B.A., 1990 (Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review) DeVane lives in Winter Park, FL, and said: I've been working at the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey (a rehabilitation center for injured raptors—eagles, owls, hawks, etc...) as the Interim Center Administrator. We were recently featured in the Florida Edition of Southern Living Magazine!



Lucy Lennon Hall, with Casey, Jack, Selah, Celeste, and Sydney Hall at husband Heath's triathlon.

Lucy Lennon Hall ★ B.A., 1990 (The Hustler) Hall lives in Madison, MS, and said: 1988 marked the 100th year of the Vanderbilt Hustler, and the year all staffers received a coffee mug with the paper's logo. I've kept that mug all these years, enjoying the memories it holds. 2008 marks the 120th year of the "Hustler," and now that mug holds my five kids' five little toothbrushes. I look at the mug and remember the days before I was Mommy, and my rebellious streak was a bit wider. My love to all the grown-up Vanderbilt communication people. My admiration to all the un-grown-up ones.

1992



John at Valhalla, site of the 2008 Ryder Cup.

John S. Kim ★ B.A., 1992 (*The Hustler, VTV*) Kim lives in Norcross, GA, and said: John Kim is a Coordinating Producer for Turner Sports New Media. TSNM runs several sports properties including PGA.com, PGATOUR.com and NASCAR.com. Primarily responsible for PGA.com, John works with industry leaders and top players/teachers in promoting the mission of the PGA and the growth of the game of golf. Oh, and he gets to play all the really cool courses in America.



Mark Aaron James playing at Birdland in NYC.

Mark Aaron James Aaron Widerman ★ B.S., 1992 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine, VTV, The Vanderbilt Review, Slightly Amusing*) Widerman lives in London, UK, and said: I am still recording and performing music under the name Mark Aaron James. I released and toured behind my 6th CD in February. (As I often say at shows, "I have 6 CDs out, but only 4 good ones"). I just left New York City in January to spend a year touring in Europe. I will be based in London. Please stop by myspace, facebook, iTunes or my website, have a listen and say hello. If you're in the UK, drop a line. I'll also be back for a few shows in the US in March, October and November. Hope to see everybody out there. www.myspace.com/markaaronjames www.markaaronjames.com

1993



Clockwise from left: Laura Creekmore, Ashby Barnes, Jake Creekmore, Ellis Aaron.

Laura Creekmore ★ B.A., 1993 (*The Hustler*) Creekmore lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I'm engaged to Ashby Barnes, whom I first met when I interviewed him for an article in the *Hustler* in the early 1990s. We didn't keep in touch after school, but we reconnected on Facebook last summer, and quickly fell in love! Ashby is moving to Nashville this summer to join me and my two children, Ellis [8] and Jacob [2]. I'm the director of digital media at Hammock Inc. in Nashville [www.hammock.com], and Ashby is looking for a job in town as a high school science teacher. Best to everyone...hope to see many old friends at Reunion this fall.

Jay Graves ★ B.A., 1993 (*The Hustler*) After 13 years with SmartDM/Axiom in the direct marketing world it was time to look at a career change. On behalf of a private equity firm in Nashville, I accepted the job as CEO of Hobby Lobby International - a 43 year-old local company that sells radio controlled airplanes, helicopters and boats. In my kids eyes I've gone from "Daddy does something with junk mail" to "Daddy sells toys!" Besides a general love of aviation, until recently I had little idea about anything in RC hobbies and assumed it was all just kids toys. I couldn't have been more wrong. We sell everything from electric executive jet models to a prop plane with a 12 foot wingspan. There are folks at our office that can fly helicopters in loops and hover upside down. The really fun part of the job is spending Thursday mornings with an instructor learning how to fly. Work could be a lot worse! If you are interested take a look at our site (<http://www.hobby-lobby.com>). I am also spending time learning about new stuff on the web. Feel free to connect via LinkedIn or Facebook — both have been fantastic ways to keep in touch with friends and family.

Beth Sturgeon Northup ★ B.A., 1993

(*Versus magazine*) Northup lives in Louisville, KY, and said: I am doing marketing and sales for a real estate development company. I am married to a Vanderbilt alum, Robert David Northup (MBA, 1999) and we have two children—Meaghan (4 years old) and Joshua (1 year old).

Sheryl Woomeer Rogers ★ B.S., 1993

(*The Vanderbilt Review*) Rogers lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I've left VU Alumni Relations and am working at the VU Children's Hospital as director of Books From Birth of Middle Tennessee (www.vanderbiltchildrens.com/booksfrombirth). We're part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and we provide a free book once a month to all children in the area (ages 0-5). It's a wonderful program, and I have a 2-year-old son who loves getting a new book in the mail each month. No, I don't know Dolly and don't get to meet her... ever.

1994

Zack T McMillin ★ B.A., 1994 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review, VSC Board*)

McMillin lives in Memphis, TN, and said: After nine wonderful months in Ann Arbor, Mich., in the Knight-Wallace Fellowship, we returned to Memphis and the "real world" this summer. Yes, six months after waking to consecutive mornings of 10-below temps in Michigan, our son had his first soccer practice on a 105-degree Memphis evening in August. I am back at *The Commercial Appeal*, where I remain a reporter in Metro and have become involved in some of the planning and project editing.

1995



Matthew Couch

Paige Mullins Couch ★ B.A., 1995 (*The Hustler, WRVU, Slightly Amusing*)

Couch lives in Hopkinsville, KY, and said: Hey everybody! Still working in Hopkinsville, KY, as a clinical psychologist. I have a son, Matthew (age 2), and he is just so darn Comm-a-dorable! I am still married to my husband Randy. I am an active member of our local Rotary Club and an adjunct professor at Murray State University!

1996

Jay Crihfield ★ B.S., 1996 (*The Hustler*)

Crihfield lives in Palatine, IL, and said: Freelance wedding and portrait photographer in the Chicago suburbs. www.jacphoto.net

Patrick Scott Pitman ★ B.A., 1996

(*The Hustler, Versus magazine*) Pitman lives in Livingston, MT, and said: I worked as one of the editors of *Versus* and the news editor of the *Hustler* while a student. Today I'm the founder and co-owner with Karly Randolph Pitman (BA '96) of E-business Coach, Inc. (<http://www.e-businesscoach.com/>), which provides a turnkey e-commerce software and hosting platform for retailers who want to grow their web sales channel. This means we help our clients create and market e-commerce websites in the US and UK. My roles in the company include operations, sales, and consulting with clients on Internet marketing. What's next? Plans for a new company / product are unfolding in 2008. Keyword: courage. (See photo on page 10).

Karly Randolph Pitman ★ B.S., 1996 (see page 10).

1997

Michael Bruno ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Hustler, VTV*)

Bruno lives in Arlington, VA, and said: I continue to lurch along Pennsylvania Avenue and the Potomac River, monitoring the military industrial complex's complexities inside the Beltway. I also now coordinate *Aviation Week's* defense team as deputy managing editor for defense. The beautiful wife and I live in Arlington, Va., and are active in community theater, education and Ultimate Frisbee.

Carol Amelang Dawson ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Vanderbilt Review*)

Dawson lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I'm pursuing a Masters in Accountancy at Belmont and expect to graduate in May 2009. My husband Laurence and I live in Nashville with our 3-year-old Grace.

Heather Ebert ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Hustler, Commodore yearbook*)

Ebert lives in Washington, D.C., and said: Just this past October I was back at Vandy for my 10-year reunion and had

alumni update profile...

Adam Dread ★ B.A., 1985 (*WRVU*)

Dread lives in Nashville, TN, and said: After rolling off my second term as a Nashville City Councilman, I've gone to work full time at our law firm, Durham & Dread PLC, conveniently located just around the what used to be



Adam (in Duke LaCrosse hat) and Kasey enjoying traditional 4th of July drinks on Nantucket.

"Faison's" in Hillsboro Village, aka "The Vodka Triangle." In addition to cleaning up way too many Vandy student DUIs, we've been very involved in the Pet Food Recall matter, going after the bad guys. In terms of media, my writing partner and I have a few game shows in development we hope to see on the small screen by next quarter. I'm married to the lovely and talented Kasey Dread (VU '93), which is living proof that you are only as old as the girl you feel. About 20 of us have season football tickets together and throw a monster tailgate in the tented "Vandyville" before each game. Stop by if you are in town. I can be reached via our web site at www.durhamanddread.com.



Heather Ebert

Teale Failla ★ B.A., 1997 (*WRVU*)

Failla lives in Edinburgh, U.K., and said: Since graduating from Vanderbilt, Teale Failla has worked in television production as a camera person, editor, sound engineer and director for various production companies. She received her MA in Media Studies and Film from The New School, New York City in 2005 and is currently studying for her PhD in Cultural Studies and Film at The University of Edinburgh, Scotland.



Teale Failla receiving a post graduate scholarship at The University of Edinburgh.

Willie Geist ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Hustler*)

Geist lives in New York, NY, and said: My wife Christina ('97) and I welcomed our first child on June 14 of last year. A little girl named Lucie. I'm now co-hosting a show on MSNBC called "Morning Joe." It's on from 6-9am ET. Check it out if you're up early eating breakfast or up late drinking whiskey.



Langdon Shoop

often, and love seeing how things have changed on campus.

Langdon Shoop ★ B.A., 1997 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine*)

Shoop lives in Lexington, KY, and said: Still writing in my spare time, I now run an automotive business selling GM and Chrysler vehicles. (Always loved tragedy...) My wife, Kendra and I get to Nashville fairly

Amelie Walker ★ B.A., 1997 (*Versus magazine*)

Walker lives in Brooklyn, NY, and said: I own Castle Builder Design, a web design and development company in NYC. I enjoyed the reunion last fall and hope to stay in touch with VSC people!

1998

Beka Browning ★ B.A., 1998 (*Commodore yearbook*)

Browning lives in New York, NY, and said: I am now working as Art Director for Scholastic Book Clubs Online.

Anton Hie ★ B.A., 1998 (*WRVU*)

He lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Currently publishing a bridal magazine with wife Krinda; we welcomed our first baby, A.J., to the world 1 year ago.

Amy Mauritsen ★ B.S., 1998 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine*)

Mauritsen lives in Memphis, TN, and said: I'm currently in medical school in Memphis at the University of Tennessee with a graduation date of 2010.

Dot McElhone ★ B.S., 1998 (*Versus magazine, The Vanderbilt Review*)

McElhone lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: I'm still at Stanford, collecting data for my dissertation until June 2008. My husband and I will be moving back to Portland, Oregon in June so he can study environmental law at Lewis & Clark. We are utterly thrilled to be going home to Portland. Things are going really well!

1999



Sara Oswald Leete ★ B.S., 1999

(*Versus magazine*) Leete lives in Sacramento, CA, and said: I am living in Sacramento, CA currently, so that my husband Travis Leete can attend law school here. We are here another year and a half until he graduates in May '09. We hope to then move to Austin, TX or Southern California. I moved here from New York City where I was since '01. I was working as a fashion stylist there and freelanced for magazines and advertising campaigns. I now have tried to continue freelancing in San Francisco, since it is the closest place to do so, as well as for local magazines and companies. I also work for J. Crew doing Visual Merchandising.

From Sara Leete: This is me at in a mansion in San Francisco, where I was working on a photo shoot for Lucky Magazine. The photographer snapped one of me.

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2000

Melissa C Warak ★ B.A., 2000 (*WRVU, Versus magazine*)

Warak lives in Austin, TX, and said: I am a Ph.D. candidate in the department of art history at the University of Texas at Austin. This spring, I am teaching art history courses at UT and continuing research for the Fall 2008 exhibition at the Blanton Museum of Art in Austin. I will be spending the summer of 2008 as a research fellow at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. My husband, David Haffner, and I are in our second year of business as owners of Friends of Sound Records in Austin.

2001

Clifton Howell Adams ★ B.A., 2001 (*The Hustler, WRVU, VTV*)

Adams lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: I am working as a strategic planner on Lexus and The Ritz-Carlton at Team One Advertising.

Matt O'Brien ★ B.A., B.S., 2001 (*The Hustler, WRVU, VTV*)

O'Brien lives in New York, NY, and said: Currently a writer for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" in NYC.

Elizabeth Broyhill Cohen ★ B.A., 2001 (*Commodore yearbook*)

Cohen lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Elizabeth Broyhill (BA '01) married Rob Cohen on October 6, 2007. She is living in Nashville and will open a retail store, Monkee's of Nashville in January 2008.

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2002

Wan Yi Francis Chan ★ B.E., 2002 (*The Hustler, Commodore yearbook*)



Wan Yi Chan

Chan lives in Leeds, UK, and said: Studying law in Leeds at the moment. Not sure what will happen next year, maybe here, maybe there. Planning to travel DC/MD/VA in Aug.



From Sarah Savage: Snapping a few shots in London during my Thanksgiving break...

Sarah Janan Savage ★ B.A., 2002 (*WRVU, Versus magazine, VSC Board*)

Savage lives in Philadelphia, PA, and said: I am currently finishing my last semester at the University of Pennsylvania, where I am earning a Master's degree in Architecture with a Certificate of Ecological Architecture. In addition, I am employed as an intern architect at KieranTimberlake Associates LLP of Philadelphia working on a variety of projects including MoMA Home Delivery and Make It Right: New Orleans. My post-graduation plans include traveling and eventually opening my own design collaborative.

2003

Adam Menter ★ B.E., M.B.A., 2003 (*WRVU, Commodore yearbook, The Vanderbilt Review, Spoon magazine*)

Menter lives in San Francisco, CA, and said: I'm working at a design strategy firm outside of San Francisco called Jump Associates. I got engaged this year and will be marrying Julie Medina on August 16, 2008 in Lyme, CT.



From Nicole Pietrantonio: We lost it here, 2007, etching & monoprint, 12"x18".

Nicole Pietrantonio ★ B.S., 2003 (*The Vanderbilt Review, Spoon magazine*)

Pietrantonio lives in Iowa City, IA, and said: Nicole Pietrantonio is presently working on her M.F.A. in printmaking at the University of Iowa. These days she makes lots of art and hangs out in cornfields.



Alex Shoor

Alex Shoor ★ B.A., 2003 (*Orbis*)

Shoor lives in New York, NY, and said: In September 2007, Shoor joined the public interest communications firm Fenton Communications as an Account Executive in their New York City office. Fenton works for progressive not-for-profit organizations and advocacy groups, as well as socially responsible companies. Prior to joining Fenton, Shoor had been the Southern Media Field Strategist for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for two years.

Justin Stephen Smith ★ B.A., 2003 (*VTU*)

Smith lives in Los Angeles, CA, and said: Continuing work in television production as the Coordinating Producer for Hoosick Falls Productions. Company credits can be viewed at www.hfpla.com.

Tanya Fletcher Wheeler-Berliner ★ B.A., 2003 (*Versus magazine*)

Wheeler-Berliner lives in Durham, NC, and said: Tanya Wheeler-Berliner has relocated to Durham, NC where her husband is pursuing a master's degree from the Fuqua School of Business. Tanya is now employed by the Duke University School of Law as their Manager of Web Communications.

Hannah Willmann ★ B.A., 2003 (*The Hustler*)

Willmann lives in Saint Louis, MO, and said: After graduating from law school and passing the Bar, I am currently working at a Catholic Charities organization, providing legal assistance to low-income clients. My focus is immigration law, and I was recently able to participate in two federal lawsuits that allowed 85 elderly, disabled Bosnian war refugees to earn their U.S. citizenship. I currently live in Saint Louis and enjoy watching the Vandy basketball teams beat as many colleges as possible.

2004

Alex Arnett ★ B.S., 2004 (*The Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook*)

Arnett lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I am currently living in Atlanta with a former Vandy roommate of mine. For the past 2 years I have been working full time in commercial real estate with an Atlanta-based investment company and have really been enjoying it. As this is my first Tunnel Vision update, I'll give T.V. related news: A year ago, I won a radio DJ contest with WNNX 99x in Atlanta and was given an iMac and a one-time 3-hour Saturday time slot as prizes. The iMac went on ebay and I went on the air. Though it didn't lead to a job there, (Atlanta is a difficult market to break into), I loved it and I wouldn't have come even close without my 5-year tenure at WRVU (4 years as a student, one as an alum). One of my current side hobbies has been getting into wedding photography for some extra cash. Again—something I have to thank Vandy for the skills to do—this time with 3 years on *The Hustler* and *The Commodore* staff. In the next few months I will be looking to buy a house as my roommate will be getting married and kicking me out on the street. All is well in ATL.



Rob Shaw interviews New York Mets All-Star David Wright.

Robert Lawrence Shaw ★ B.A., 2004 (*The Hustler, VTV*)

Shaw lives in Tallahassee, FL, and said: I am now the Sports Director and Sports Anchor of WCTV, the CBS television affiliate in Tallahassee, FL. I have also created a website with two fellow Vanderbilt alumni, Fantasyfanatics.com, which has content published in Sportsillustrated.com and Sportsnet.ca as well as radio segments on ESPN affiliates throughout the nation including Houston, TX, New Orleans, LA, and Indianapolis, IN.



I am on the left (Kate Stuart) with my husband JD Stuart (former Versus copy editor the year I was Editor in Chief) at a recent wedding.

Kate Zabbia Stuart ★ B.S., 2004 (*Versus magazine*)

Stuart lives in Nashville, TN, and said: For the first three years after graduation, we lived in Athens, GA, while my husband finished law school. I worked in the marketing department of the large Athens-area medical center. I had the opportunity to do a lot of writing, design, photography and media relations. Now, we're both back in Nashville, and I am happy to now work in Alumni Relations with Student/Alumni Programming, a new sector of Alumni Relations that connects students and alumni at informal dinners and panels. It's great to be back on campus and keep an eye on what other publications are doing!

Lee Wilson ★ B.S., 2004 (*WRVU*) Wilson lives in San Francisco, CA.

2005

Evan Mayor ★ B.A., 2005 (*The Hustler*)

Mayor lives in Washington, DC, and said: I am currently in my second year of law school at George Washington University in Washington,

D.C. I have accepted a job as a summer associate at the law firm O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles for the summer 2008. During the summer I hope to gain experience in practicing First Amendment and entertainment law as well as general corporate law. I plan to pursue a career in media law upon graduation from law school in May 2009.

Cat Opperbeck ★ B.S., 2005 (*The Hustler, WRVU, Commodore yearbook, Programming Board*)

Opperbeck lives in San Diego, CA, and said: I am currently working for a small, private equity investment firm in sunny southern California.



Julia Ann Palmer

Julia Ann Palmer ★ B.A., 2005 (*Commodore yearbook*)

Palmer lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I am graduating from Emory Law in May. In September I will be moving to West Virginia for a two year clerkship with the Honorable John P. Bailey, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

2006



Gosha at Central Park.

Gosha Khuchua ★ B.A., 2006 (*The Hustler, WRVU, VSC Board*)

Khuchua lives in New York, NY, and said: I now work at JWT, a large New York ad agency, specializing in interactive (online) advertising for government and non-government clients. I find New York to be a great place, not only because of all the things to do here, but also because it is a gateway to the world.

Neal Palmer ★ B.S., 2006 (*WRVU*)

Palmer lives in Atlanta, GA, and said: I'm now working for the admission office of a college in Atlanta. I'm still trying to stay away from the likes of Nickelback.

2007

Elise Leanne Alford ★ B.S., 2007 (*The Hustler*)

Alford lives in Nashville, TN, and said: Following my graduation, I decided to prolong my affair with Nashville and higher education itself. I'm currently working with Vanderbilt's Dean of Students Office as a Coordinator for Residence Life in Branscomb Quadrangle. I'm still a photographer and editor at heart and ever ready to encourage the next generation of student media staffers at Vanderbilt.

Tim Bowles ★ B.S., 2007 (*Orbis*)

Bowles lives in Nashville, TN, and said: I am currently working as a researcher in a biology lab and enjoying freedom from school. I also work with Nashville Urban Harvest in developing sustainable food systems in Nashville, as well as building bikes, furniture and brewing beer.

Matt McCarroll ★ B.A., 2007 (*WRVU*)

McCarroll lives in Austin, TX, and said: After graduation I moved back to Austin and worked a few odd jobs before working full-time at Waterloo Records, a local institution.

Ellen McSweeney ★ B.Mus 2007 (*The Hustler, Orbis*)

McSweeney lives in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa, and said: I teach violin and do work in development for a small arts organization in Arusha, Tanzania called the Umoja Arts Project. We provide arts education and performance opportunities to children and adults from all backgrounds in the Arusha area.



Ned Pillersdorf

Ned Pillersdorf ★ B.A., 2007 (*The Hustler, Versus magazine*)

Pillersdorf lives in Prestonsburg, KY, and said: Practicing law in Floyd County Kentucky—my wife Janet Stumbo was elected to the Kentucky Court of Appeals—as a result I use her judicial tickets to cheer for Vanderbilt at Rupp Arena.

Sean Seelinger ★ B.A., 2007 (*The Hustler*)

Seelinger lives in Chapel Hill, NC, and said: Attending law school at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill.

Rachel Stevens ★ B.S., 2007 (*The Hustler*)

Stevens lives in Knoxville, TN, and said: Rachel is in her first year of law school at the University of Tennessee College of Law.

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Karly Randolph Pitman ★ B.S., 1996 (*The Hustler*)

Pitman lives in Livingston, MT, and said: Patrick Pitman and I met as fellow editors in the the *Vanderbilt Hustler* newsroom. 13 years later, we have four children, two businesses, and one very full life. In May of 2007, I launched a



The Pitman family: Patrick, Karly, Gabrielle, Abigail, Xander and Laine.

blog for women, *First Ourselves*, www.firstourselves.com, that encourages women to put themselves first. Women spend a lot of time beating themselves up for not being thin or pretty enough; likewise, women are known for exhausting themselves as they put everyone else's needs above their own. With *First Ourselves*, I hope to change that: to empower women to accept their bodies, to make self-care a top priority, and to create their own happiness. Since its launch, my blog has welcomed tens of thousands of visitors from all over the U.S., as well as from over 120 countries. I had my first national radio interview on KGO in October, and plan on moving into books and other media in 2008.

Working towards the most integrated newsroom in nation

Vanderbilt student media's move to a new online model gains national awareness of NextNewsRoom Project at Duke University

The evolution of Vanderbilt student media recently caught the attention of the NextNewsRoom Project, a national Knight Foundation funded effort based at Duke University.

"One of the most advanced student media operations we've seen is based at Vanderbilt University," said project leaders on the NextNewsRoom Web site in the introduction to a feature on VSC.

Here is a portion of that feature, which can be read in its entirety at www.nextnewsroom.com:

To understand the reasons behind this shift, and what lessons have been learned, deputy project manager Erin Ehsani conducted an extensive Q&A with Chris Carroll, director of student media at Vanderbilt University.

Q: *The Hustler* has been described as the most integrated college newsroom in the nation. When did you make the transition to multi-platform news?

A: I was awakened to the realities of the digital world in the summer of 2005, and I will confess I was resistant and oblivious to the importance of websites and blogs. I thought it was sandbox distraction. Then an AP bureau chief turned me on to Tim Porter who was one of the people challenging ASNE to look at what was missing. In a room full of publishers he could ask, "Does anyone know who Craig Newmark is?" and they didn't know. They all know now that Craigslist has taken much of their classified ads away.

I started calling for change nationally at College Media Adviser events, and we started simultaneously trying to reinvent efforts here at Vanderbilt. Through research of what other people were doing, I seized on the notion of what was important was that web delivery had to be the centerpiece, the mothership.

We were talking of creating this mothership, which was to be *InsideVandy*, and creating it as an autonomous sort of Switzerland within our corporate setup. If we had created it as *vanderbilthustler.com* there's no way our other divisions would have played along.

It took basically an academic year to approve the idea and move forward to converge our newsroom. It was a space that's not very large with an open space and a perimeter with five smaller offices all used by the newspaper. We changed the middle space to include a design center, news and sports center, and the perimeter offices became the offices for the management of the yearbook, the magazine, etc.

We also consolidated advertising all into one space. Rather than having each group trying to do its own thing we tried to value-add group sell. If you bought an ad in the newspaper, you could also get something on our television station and also online.

We also moved the television station into the same building. There are editing suites that the TV students use, but they're also available for the students at *InsideVandy*. When people create a video they use pool equipment and it gets delivered where it needs to go based upon its urgency.

We decided it was time to stop rearranging the deck chairs — if we're going to do this we need to jump in the deepest end possible and try to be the absolute damn best at it. We're not just going to try and give it lip service and be mediocre. If you're going to be a new media pioneer you might as well be a national leader because leadership is what Vanderbilt prides itself on. We were even using this as a pitch to get money to build the new building - which hasn't happened.

Q: Since the convergence, do you find you're now primarily a web operation that prints a paper, or does the paper reflect content on the website?

A: One's an ideal and one's a reality. The ideal is that it's a web-first enterprise that prints a paper. The reality is it's the other way around largely. It's been a gradual transition. The students have been slow to gravitate away from the mindset of production night journalism.

They don't think in terms of a 24-hour production day. I think they're going to switch to that. Given our circumstances, we don't have a journalism program, and we have students who have a rigorous



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academic life. The newspaper's a burden because of the mechanics of it — all the prepress that you don't have to deal with for online delivery.

Our hope is to gravitate to a four-day-a-week, potentially five-day-a-week, newspaper. The content of that paper is going to become more focused on how that media is utilized by consumers. They're going to retool the newspaper as more template-driven, with more national and international news, more wire stuff, more briefs from campus, and it's going to be more topically focused.

All of the news and all of the breaking stuff is going exclusively online. The fact is we have to keep the print alive because that's where all the money is — at least right now. While it's here, we're going to take full advantage of generating revenue

while we can from the print product to invest in this other side so when the pendulum swings we're ready.

We're going to focus our students to stepping back from trying to be what they're not, which is daily journalists, because they don't have the time, and turning them into specialists where they work in teams and attack topics so they can more fully develop multimedia type story telling packages on issues of importance on issues to the campus.

In order to do it you have to buy time, and to buy time you have to eliminate all that drudgery that's the tedium that's associated with the print paper. We're determined not to just sit with heads in the sand. We may go out in a blaze of flames, but we're going to try. ☺

Increased digital content main goal of new photo and video staffs

By **Glenna DeRoy** (Class of 2008)

Vanderbilt Student Communications this fall retooled its photo and video staffs to increase the production of high-quality content for *InsideVandy.com* and other student publications.

Creative use of technology, such as Google's shared online documents product and a Web-based photo assignment system, has been a large part of the photographers' success, said senior **Lauren Fondriest**, an assistant photo director.

"I cannot imagine not having the online Google spreadsheet for assignments or having a digital method of keeping track of equipment," said freshman **Francis Simpson**, also an assistant photo director. "Overall, the system is extremely effective and organized, which has resulted in having more staff photographers who are willing to take on numerous assignments."

The new system also gives photographers a variety of ways to showcase their work, Fondriest said, as it provides photos to *The Hustler*, *Versus*, the *Commodore* yearbook and *InsideVandy.com*.

"We need both specific photo assignments for stories and also, more abstract, artistic shots for our photo essays," said

junior **Darcy Newell**, editor-in-chief of *Versus*. "We can assign both of these types of photographs through this new system, and we receive work from the staff photographers quickly and efficiently."

In weekly staff meetings, photographers and videographers learn new skills and techniques from VSC advisers and critique their peers' work to select "best of the week" awards for student-produced photos and videos.

Opportunities to attend events and communicate little-known aspects of student life are valued by both staffs.

"Photo assignments take the photographers to events they might not attend otherwise and give them the opportunity to learn more about the people and culture of Vanderbilt," Fondriest said.

Jacquie Berger, a videographer on the new team, agreed, saying, "I am going to cover stories that most students don't hear about but would be interested in."

Berger said she most enjoys the flexibility of the new system, which allows her to take "three-to-four minutes to tell a story and really expand on students' opinions and views."

The video team, which began in January, continues to work to carve out its space within VSC. ☺



Freshmen photographers Francis Simpson and Chris Phare cover Vandy football.

VSC BRIEFS

NATIONAL PACEMAKER FINALISTS

Three of Vanderbilt Student Media groups were honored by the **Associated Collegiate Press** on Oct. 27 at the 2007 National College Media Convention held in Washington, D.C. *InsideVandy.com* received a 2007 Online Pacemaker Finalist Award while *Versus* and *The Vanderbilt Review* each picked up a 2006 Magazine Pacemaker Finalist Award.

BABY BREAUX

Jeff and Jen (Mayer) Breaux welcomed their first child, a son named **Finley**, on October 15, 2007. Jeff has served as assistant director of Student Media since January of 1998. Jennifer currently teaches fourth grade in Brentwood, Tenn. She formerly served as associate director of student activities at Vanderbilt University from 2001-05. The family resides in Nolensville, Tenn.



Finley Breaux

SKENE VISITS

Neil Skene (B.A., 1973), former editor-in-chief of *The Hustler*, returned to Vanderbilt in October for his second stint as Distinguished Visiting Journalist. During his visit, he presented a discussion about "Legal Red Flags," met one-on-one with student journalists, critiqued student work upon request, provided career

guidance to students and advised *The Hustler* staff during production nights. Skene continues to be an invaluable resource to students working in Student Media at Vanderbilt.

BERGER LIVE ON FOX & FRIENDS



Jacquie Berger

VSC sophomore Jacquie Berger reported live Feb. 6 from Jackson, Tenn., on the Fox Network's national morning show about tornadoes that hit Union University the previous day. Berger works as story producer for VSC's new video team and as a reporter for *ThePalestra.com*, a national site owned by Fox News that features content from college students. At least 60 people were killed in the Feb. 5 outbreak of tornadoes across four states.

VTV MOVES

The Vanderbilt Television studio in the summer of 2007 relocated from the basement of Stapleton House in Branscomb Quadrangle to Sarratt Student Center Room 192, around the corner from the converged newsroom that houses *The Hustler*, *Versus*, *InsideVandy.com* and the Photo and Video staffs. The production suite and a state-of-the-art video editing room are located adjacent to the on-air studio. ✪

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