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

1946

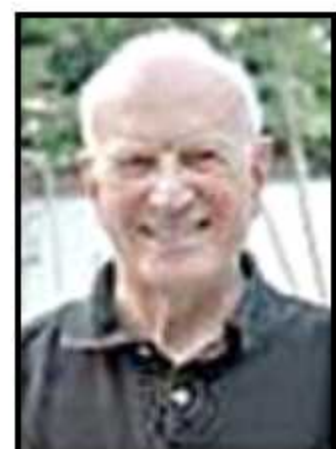
Virginia Mershon Holladay ★ B.A., 1946 (*The Hustler*) Holladay lives in Nashville, TN, and said: In October (2007) five classmates gathered here for the Vanderbilt Homecoming. They were Tom and Elaine Killebrew Evans, Mary Libba Lloyd Johnson, Lillian Bloodworth Jenkins and Katie Moore White. I make 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*) 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.



Ormonde Plater in 2007

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.



Larry Creekmore

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, Louisville 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.