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“John Martin, BA’68, is president-elect of the nation’s largest organization of civil defense attorneys.”

Alumni Association News

Alumni Interviewing Program Needs Volunteers

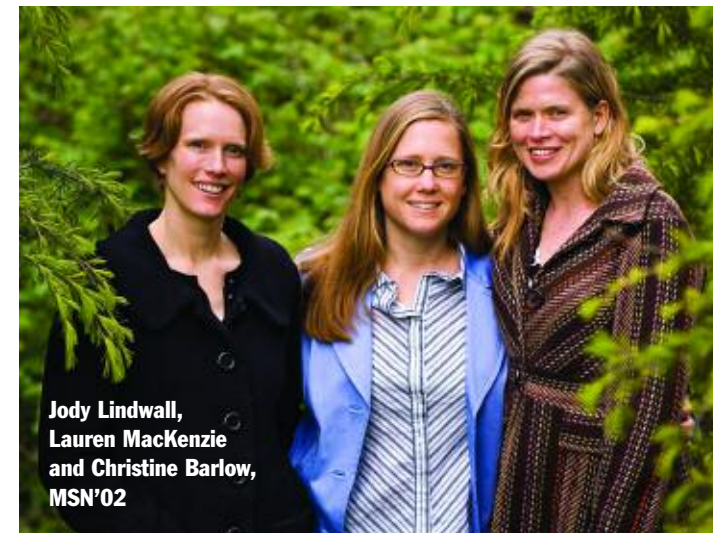
The Alumni Recruiter Program allows alumni to help Vanderbilt recruit the best and brightest students by representing the university at local college fairs and by serving as official alumni interviewers. For the 2006–07 application season, the Alumni Interviewing Program expanded from a handful of domestic cities to a worldwide effort. Approximately 1,700 alumni in 49 states, the District of Columbia and 22 countries conducted more than 2,000 interviews nationwide—a 100 percent increase from the previous season. Last fall alumni recruiters attended nearly 60 college fairs in 16 states. If you are interested in helping Vanderbilt meet its goals of increasing the number of alumni interviews and attending 300 college fairs, please volunteer as an alumni recruiter by e-mailing arc@vanderbilt.edu and asking for more information.



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Jody Lindwall,
Lauren MacKenzie
and Christine Barlow,
MSN’02

STEVE HAMBUCHEN

Midwives of Multnomah County

When they set out on separate pathways after graduation, they didn’t expect to be in practice together five years later. But Jody Lindwall, Christine Barlow and Lauren Schmidt MacKenzie—all MSN’02—work together as certified nurse midwives in Portland, Ore.

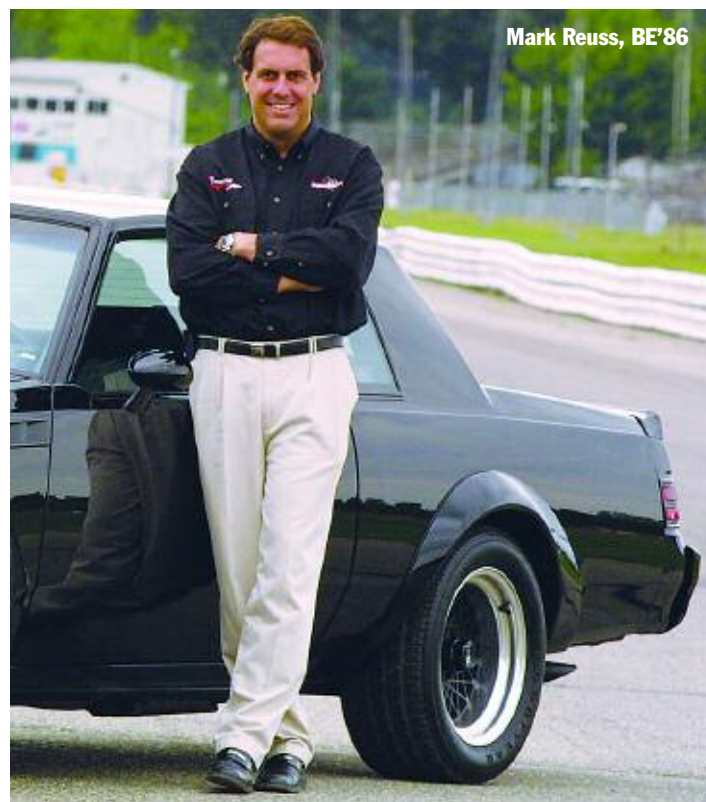
Each worked other places before converging on the Pacific Northwest. MacKenzie ventured as far as the Congo to volunteer with Doctors Without Borders.

Now they work together at Women’s Healthcare Associates (www.whallc.com), which has three sites in the Portland area. While at Vanderbilt the three, like the handful of other students in their program, learned to “catch babies.” They and their colleagues in the practice deliver around 4,000 babies each year. Since they practice full-scope midwifery, they also see their patients before and after births for everything from family planning to the flu.

The practice is working like a magnet for Vanderbilt graduates. Danielle Dion, MD’03, will join them this summer after completing her residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. “I was trying to choose between two practices to join,” says Dion. “When I asked myself where I would rather go if I were going to have a baby, I knew this practice is where I’d want to be.”

—Jane S. MacLean, MSN’03

“ Phillip Yeager, BE’86, designed the robotic vehicle “JackBot” for the Great Robot Race as part of the DARPA Grand Challenge. ”



Mark Reuss, BE'86

Peak Performance

For some people, cars are just a way to get from point A to point B. But to others, they are endlessly fascinating machines. Mark Reuss definitely falls into this category.

Reuss, BE'86, is executive director for global vehicle integration, safety and virtual vehicle development at General Motors.

“We engineer the parts and pieces that go together to create what is really the soul of a vehicle,” Reuss explains. “How it sounds. How it rides and handles. How it steers and brakes.” He also has responsibility for safety performance.

With customers demanding more options than ever before, something as seemingly insignificant as a cup holder can carry quite a bit of weight.

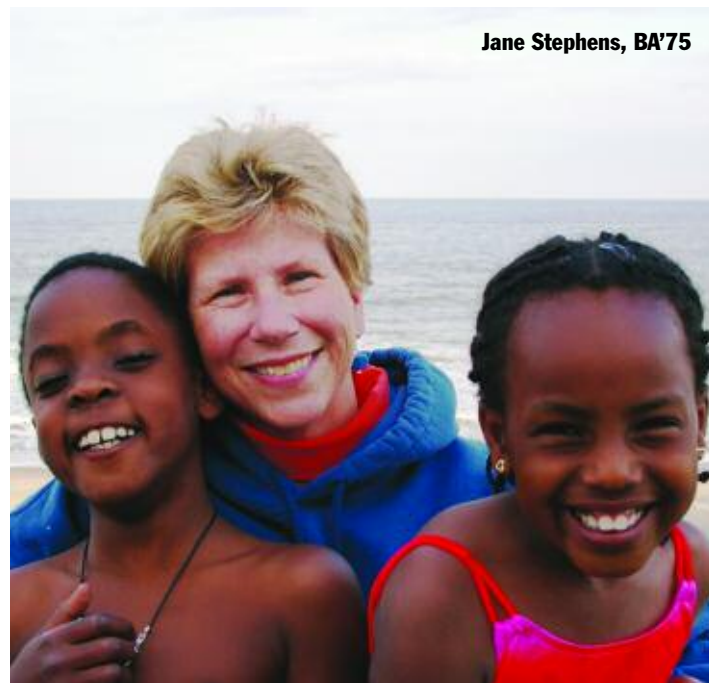
“How the machine interfaces with the human being is very important,” says Reuss. “The competition is extremely intense, and we have to earn the right for people to buy our vehicles.”

It stands to reason that a person who is into cars this much would also be an excellent driver. Reuss is a certified industry pool test driver for the famed Nürburgring Nordschleife (North Course) track in northeast Germany, a feat very few Americans have accomplished.

—Cindy Thomsen

An advertisement for SMART Turnout, featuring a collage of Vanderbilt-themed accessories. The items shown include enamel cufflinks, a chain, a T-Bar, cotton socks, a silk bow tie, and a woolen scarf. The text reads: "SMART TURNOUT Bespoke clothes and accessories for Vanderbilt alumni". At the bottom, it provides the toll-free number 1866 434 6937 and the website www.SmartTurnout.com.

“Jerry Kennon, EMBA’95, has flown several combat missions in Iraq and has been appointed judge advocate general of the U.S. Virgin Islands.”



Jane Stephens, BA’75

Saving Kenya’s Abandoned Children

In 1999, Jane Stephens, her husband, Chad, and their four teenagers left North Carolina for a six-month visit to Kenya. Chad planned to treat patients and train a Kenyan physician to run a 36-bed hospital, and Jane was to write her dissertation, the last leg of her Ph.D. requirements at the University of North Carolina. A few weeks into their stay, Jane and their son John visited the labor room and met Wambui, who was about 20 minutes old—“a bright-eyed, beautiful child,” Jane says—and whose mother died of a hemorrhage hours after giving birth.

After two days watching the infant’s condition deteriorate, the Stephenses took her home and stayed up all night taking turns feeding her drops of formula through a tube that Chad inserted through her nose. She was too weak to drink from a bottle.

They then began the process of adoption, which led them to New Life Home in Nairobi, where they found a brother for Bui—11-month-old Joseph Amani. Since returning home they have established the Amani Children’s Foundation (www.amanichildren.org) to raise funds for abandoned infants in Kenya through New Life Home, which has saved 900 babies abandoned in the hospitals, pit latrines and ditches of Nairobi. Most have been adopted by Kenyan families.

Jane is a professor and former chair of the English department at High Point University.



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Former Astronaut Wins Faculty Education Award

Rick Chappell, Vanderbilt’s director of science and research communications, research professor of physics, and executive director of the Dyer Observatory, has received the Faculty Alumni Education Award, presented by the Alumni Association Board of Directors in March. First given in 1982, the award includes a cash prize of \$2,500 and an engraved julep cup.

Chappell has shared his passion for science, technology and space with alumni on many occasions. Alumni and friends in both Dallas and Jacksonville, Fla., last year heard his lecture “Exploration—America’s Untold Story.” This spring he visited the Cincinnati Chapter and also traveled on a Caribbean cruise with the Alumni Association’s Travel Program. In 2003, Chappell hosted the Nashville Vanderbilt Club Board, GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), and the Alumni Association Board of Directors at Dyer Observatory. He wowed a Reunion 2003 audience with his presentation about civilians and space. Since 2004 he has spoken annually at the admitted students reception at Dyer. In 2005 he addressed the Vanderbilt Aid Society and gave a presentation at Reunion.

Thanks to Chappell, Vanderbilt students can major in the communication of science and technology for the first time.

Chappell received his bachelor’s degree in physics from Vanderbilt in 1965 and his Ph.D. in space science from Rice University in 1968. Before returning to Vanderbilt he was associate director for science at NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center. He worked with Vice President Al Gore to create an innovative K–12 science education program known as GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment). He also founded the Aspen Global Change Institute together with John Denver’s Windstar Foundation.

Chappell served as alternate payload specialist for space shuttle mission STS-45, carried out in 1992. From 1976 to 1985 he was mission scientist for Spacelab 1. He has published more than 150 scientific papers.



Chappell: author, educator and astronaut

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“Hayes Schildwachter, BS'06, teaches English in Hunan Province, China.”

Lindsay Miller, BA'06



Bubblicious

Lindsay Miller is bathing in the media spotlight after her winning commercial in a Dove ad contest premiered during the Oscars in February. The 22-year-old has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *Access Hollywood*, and the MySpace home page since her 30-second spot for Dove Cream Oil Body Wash was selected from more than 1,000 entries to be the newest ad in Dove's "Real Women" campaign.

"The media attention has been amazing," says Miller, whose ad, titled "Knowing You're Beautiful," features the 2006 graduate sudsing, singing and dancing in the shower at her parents' home in Sherman Oaks, Calif. Her mother filmed her. "She turned into a ruthless director," says Miller. "She was screaming, 'Suds! More suds!'"

Miller beat out two other finalists to win the competition's \$8,500 prize.

Now an assistant production coordinator at a television production company in Santa Monica, Calif., Miller was a station manager for Vanderbilt Television as a student. "VTV taught me well," says Miller, who hopes her win will open up more career opportunities in video editing. "It's certainly a good point to put on my résumé."

See Miller's winning ad at <http://www.dovecreamoil.com/finalist/>.

—Anne Malinee (reprinted from *The Vanderbilt Hustler*)

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