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Quarterback Chris Nickson scores the first of his two rushing touchdowns during Vanderbilt's 38-21 win Saturday night. Nickson has now rushed for five touchdowns on the season.

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Sociology professor arrested for child pornography

by JUDY WANG
Academics Specialist

According to the Tennessean, Professor James J. Lang was arrested on Friday for possession of child pornography.

Lang, 64, was receiving computer repair when sexually explicit images of young girls were found on the computer. Agents



from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation were notified of the situation. A search warrant was then executed on Thursday, and the TBI forensics analysis found "images and videos of child pornography."

Lang is an associate professor and the director of undergraduate studies for the sociology department.

Lang's first court appearance is today in Nashville. According to interim dean Carolyn Dever, Lang is on paid leave pending further investigation. ■

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

The smoke begins to clear

by NIKITA RODRIGUES
News Contributor

On Sept. 1, Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) enacted a smoking ban that prohibits smoking on any Medical Center campus, including the new clinic facility at 100 Oaks. The ban follows a series of increased restrictions on campus smoking, including the implementation of designated smoking areas on campus. The new ban will do away with the designated smoking areas, leaving smokers to light up mainly

on the sidewalks surrounding campus.

Dr. Eric Neilson, chair of the Department of Medicine, explained the original idea for the ban was proposed by the chairs of Medicine and Surgery almost 10 years ago. In 1998, the group felt smoking was definitely a serious issue that needed to be attended to but decided to see how the ban affected other medical centers before taking the big step. Neilson described the process as gradual steps and said VUMC was now ready to become a completely smoke-free campus.

Each year, 440,000 people die in the US from tobacco use. About one in five deaths is related to smoking. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined.

In addition to the ban, the Medical Center increased support services for employees who want to quit smoking by offering smoking cessation counseling and group sessions at the Dayani Center and the Occupational Health Clinic. These free services are available to all Vanderbilt employees and

beneficiaries of the employee health plan.

"We should support employees who will find it difficult, but as a matter of national and local health policy, the time has certainly come to make health care facilities smoke-free inside and out," Neilson said.

Neilson described the difference on campus as slight so far. "We can see a difference in larger areas, in the plaza, but it will take at least three months before we can have the chance to reflect and see the true effects. We expect good things," he said. ■

CAMPUS LIVING

Kitchens in Branscomb are available for use



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by NORAH SCANLAN
News Contributor

they properly clean up the space.

A common misconception is that the kitchens in Branscomb Quadrangle are closed. Many upperclassmen placed in the previously "freshmen" dorm have expressed disappointment in not having access to kitchen. However, Branscomb residents do have access to a kitchen, although their access is limited.

Elise Alford, the Residence Life coordinator of Branscomb, said the Quad does in fact have two kitchens currently available for student use.

The first kitchen, located off of the Formal Lounge and underneath Lupton House, features a refrigerator, microwave, full sink and cabinet space. Residents are permitted to use this kitchen 24/7 provided

Ann Nielson, Director of Housing Facilities, attributes its lack of a stove to ventilation problems.

The second kitchen, which is located in the basement and is connected to the Recreation Room, contains a new refrigerator with a freezer, microwave, full sink, oven, cooking range and cabinet space. Students are permitted to reserve the kitchen and the Recreation Room together through the Office of Reservations and Events.

Nielson said its use is restricted to daytime hours because of its proximity to the Recreation Room and a fire exit. To prevent hazards, both rooms cannot be used at the same time for different purposes. ■

Patiently waiting for the chance at floor seats

Students waited for hours to buy tickets to Commodore Quake, which will feature Lil' Wayne, Lupe Fiasco and Free Sol. The line snaked all the way around the back of Sarratt almost up to Buttrick Hall. Students in line were seen with sleeping bags, chairs, blankets and laptops. "We got here at 10 p.m. (Thursday) night," said sophomore Danielle Naretto. "We camped out all night and by midnight there were more than 50 people."



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Afghanistan: US killed civilians after false tip

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An American bombing that killed up to 90 Afghan civilians last month was based on false information provided by a rival tribe and did not kill a single Taliban fighter, the president’s spokesman said Sunday.

The claim contradicted a U.S. contention that the Aug. 22 raid on the western village of Azizabad killed up to 35 Taliban fighters.

“There was total misinformation fed to the coalition forces,” Humayun Hamidzada, the spokesman for President Hamid Karzai, told The Associated Press.

Afghan police arrested three suspects accused of giving the U.S. military false intelligence that led to the bombardment, the Interior Ministry has said.

An Afghan government commission found that up to 90 civilians were killed, including 60 children, a finding backed by a preliminary U.N. report.

The bombing strained the U.S.-Afghan relationship but the countries remain committed allies, Hamidzada said.

The operation, conducted by U.S. Special Forces and Afghan soldiers, targeted Afghan employees of a British security firm and their family members — the reason the U.S. military recovered weapons after the battle, Hamidzada said.

The U.S. has said its forces were fired on first during a raid that targeted and killed a known militant commander named Mullah Sidiq. But villagers say their homes were targeted because of false information provided by a rival tribesman named Nader Tawakil.

An Afghan parliamentarian has said Tawakil is in the protective custody of U.S. forces. The coalition has declined to comment.

Salazar: GOP should support drilling compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats sought on Saturday to drum up support for compromise legislation on offshore drilling, challenging Republicans to break from Bush administration policies that neglect development of alternative energy sources.

“Enough is enough,” Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado said in the Democrats’ weekly radio address, citing rising energy prices, including \$4-a-gallon diesel fuel.

Salazar chastised Sen. John McCain, the Republican presidential nominee, and other Senate Republicans who have blocked and opposed tax incentives for renewable energy.

“President Bush and Sen. McCain have failed to show any leadership on this issue for the last eight years,” Salazar said. “Republicans have to decide whether they just want to talk about our energy problems on the campaign trail, or whether they will work with Democrats to actually solve them.”

The Senate next week will consider at least three proposals that call for an expansion of offshore drilling — one being developed by Democrats, another by Republicans and a third by a bipartisan group. All are expected to have some expansion of offshore drilling, but doubts remains as whether any of the proposals being considered will garner the needed 60 votes required to overcome a certain filibuster.

Cameras replace police in some Tenn. jurisdictions

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP)—“May I see your license and registration please?”

That intimidating question from a police officer is not being heard as much in Murfreesboro, one of about a dozen communities in Tennessee using red-light camera systems for traffic enforcement.

Police study videos, mark down license plate numbers of offenders, send a picture to the car’s registered owner and a citation. The system’s supporters believe it will reduce the number of accidents caused by red-light runners.

But there are questions about the effectiveness of using a camera to do a job traditionally reserved for a police officer. Lawsuits have been filed, though a recent state appeals court ruling found that the cameras are constitutional.

“We have to look at what works for our community, and we know something that worked or didn’t work in other communities may or may not work for us,” said Kyle Evans, spokesman for the Murfreesboro Police Department. “Murfreesboro is unique, as is Knoxville. We want to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges.”

The city began using the system in April and started issuing tickets in July, so officials say it’s too early to say how the program works.

Murfreesboro officials will assess the cameras — located at seven intersections — as more time elapses, Evans said.

Obama camp says it raised \$66 million in August

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama raised \$66 million in August, a record for a presidential candidate that illustrated his continuing appeal to donors and his robust outreach to new contributors.

The campaign said it raised the money with the help of more than a half million, first-time donors. By comparison, Republican presidential nominee John McCain raised \$47 million in August, a personal best for his campaign as well. The monthly figures for both candidates were especially noteworthy because August is typically a slow month for fundraising.

Obama’s totals, however, also underscore the challenge he faces in the remaining two months of the campaign. McCain, for now, has a significant advantage because he has accepted \$84 million in taxpayer funds under a public financing system that Obama chose to bypass in favor of raising more money.

The combined efforts of the two campaigns and the two national parties left both candidates on nearly equal financial footing with about \$94 million at the end of August, according to campaign and party officials who discussed the finances on Sunday.

Obama had \$77 million in the bank at month’s end, and the Democratic National Committee had \$17.5 million.

McCain ended the month with about \$18 million in cash, which he had to transfer to the Republican National Committee because of his decision to participate in the public finance system. The party committee had \$76 million in the bank before the transfer. A party official said the party also had about \$20 million in a joint fundraising committee and in special state party accounts that can be used to help McCain.

FROM THE BLOG

The “New and Improved” Facebook, or, Fixing What’s Not Broken

Submitted by Amwidkle on 09-14-08, 12:42 a.m.

Facebook has been, by all accounts, an astonishing success story, connecting millions of people across the globe since its launch in 2004. Every day thousands more join in the loop. It’s the kind of success that would make Larry Page and Sergey Brin of Google go ga-ga. So why in the world would they change a winning formula?

They have their reasons. But the main rationale behind the new design - get rid of clutter - fails. My new profile, at least to me, looks much more crowded than it used to, even with many of my favorite features seemingly wiped out, buried within the new tabs. Case in point - it now takes me...

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SNAPSHOT WORKIN’ AT THE CAR WASH



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Chi Omega junior Lauren Turner scrubs down a car during the SAE/Chi O Charity Carwash last Friday.

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ELECTION 2008

Youth vote push reaches Vanderbilt, Belmont

by KATHERINE MILLER
Election Project Director

Time and time again, college students hear how terrible the state of youth vote participation continues to be. But at Vanderbilt this fall, some may change those statistics.

Prior to the Oct. 6 voter registration deadline in Tennessee, groups like Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE) will make a pitch to unregistered students and those looking to change their registration.

"One-half of people between the ages of 18 and 24 vote. Two-thirds of people 65 and older vote. Only 13 percent of students who were allowed to vote in the primaries, did," said Cameron Pastrick, the director of SAVE. "These statistics are as frightening as they are avoidable."

SAVE has taken a two-pronged approach to the drive: making registration more accessible and educating voters. The group will launch their registration drive

on Sept. 17, at four locations, three times a week until Oct. 8. They aim to register 750 new voters during the period.

"We are trying to inform the youth vote not only how important their vote is, but how easy it is to make educated decisions about how to vote," Pastrick said. "If people have grown up never voting, then voting statistics continue to plummet. Our generation is finally given a chance to have a say...yet 67 percent of the youth does not utilize their birth-given right. SAVE believes that with the right information and education that these statistics can change."

SAVE is not the only group on campus working towards this end; among them is Tennessee Takeover, a group dedicated to registering young voters at football games. The Election Alliance has organized information online for registration, as well.

No campus initiative, however, can match the prolific Rock the Vote movement, which launched a road tour

Saturday at Belmont University, featuring a performance by recording artist and American Idol finalist Melinda Doolittle.

"Voting is the biggest thing we can do to amplify our voice," Doolittle said. "We're shaping the future—definitely the next four years, maybe the next eight—so I really love what Rock the Vote is doing."

Following Saturday's events at Belmont and Mercy Lounge, the Rock the Vote bus left for Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and it will continue up through Virginia, stopping at universities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota—all potential battleground states.

"We're going places where youth voters could really alter the election," said Willa Brown, a volunteer coordinator for Rock the Vote.

Currently, the group has registered more than 1.4 million voters for this cycle, but some question the motives of the group. Despite the group's self-identification as non-partisan, noted Democratic celebrity activists like Sheryl



KATHERINE MILLER / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Melinda Doolittle greets fans at Belmont University on Saturday's Rock the Vote event.

Crow, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal have featured prominently in their promotional activities.

The effects of Vanderbilt campus efforts and national efforts will not be seen for two months, however, when it's all a question of who shows up. ■

Cook provides election analysis

by JUDY WANG
Academics Specialist

At a time when Vanderbilt University finds itself abuzz with political discussion, it is fitting that political analyst Charlie Cook addressed the campus.

Cook, the mind behind the highly regarded Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan analysis of elections, gave a talk titled "2008 Political Outlook" to a crowd Wednesday night in Wilson hall and again in Vanderbilt's U.S. Elections course Thursday afternoon.

The Cook Report is famed

for its in-depth analysis of the current political landscape, breaking down how each region, state and even district tends to lean in elections.

It is for this reason Professor Bruce Oppenheimer introduced Cook as "the best at what he does." Oppenheimer also praised Cook for presenting unbiased information stating that Cook "doesn't have a political axe to grind."

Cook's lecture was both entertaining and informative as he seamlessly intermeshed humor and insight in his description of an ordinarily tense

political landscape. One of the primary purposes of his speech was to explain how he felt Obama and McCain attained their party nominations, describing the election as having "one candidate who should have been president eight years ago and one who should be president eight years from now."

Cook also discussed what makes the 2008 presidential election so compelling, citing the many challenges the newly elected president will have to face.

"In this election, the stakes couldn't be higher and the

candidates couldn't be more interesting," Cook said.

Cook often compared 2008's presidential election with 1960's presidential contest between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon and the 1980 presidential campaign between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

It is for these reasons that Cook predicts one of the largest voter turnouts in modern history. Additionally, Cook anticipates a high youth turnout on Election Day.

The Cook political report can be found online at <http://www.cookpolitical.com>. ■

CAMPUS LIVING

Vegetarian students looking for more variety

by ETHEL MICKEY
News Contributor

Complaints about the quality of Vanderbilt food and the lack of variety have lately been heard around campus. Now, students with dietary restrictions may be even more selective when it comes to finding a meal.

In response to the significant number of vegetarian students on campus, Vanderbilt Dining includes at least one hot vegetarian option with every meal. In addition, there is usually a fully stocked salad bar, pizza and meatless pasta dishes at the Commons every day.

The meal plan can also be used at Grins, a kosher vegetarian café located on the ground

floor of the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life. The café offers wraps, soups, salads and paninis, with the menu varying daily. Being Nashville's first kosher eatery, Grins allows both vegetarian students and those with religious restrictions to find an easy, delicious meal on the plan.

Part of Dining's mission is to ensure the availability of balanced meals for everyone, including those with special dietary needs. They have a registered dietician on staff to assist students with allergies or health restrictions. A major component of Dining's "Eat the World, Save the Earth" campaign is the placement of signs labeling food choices

such as organic, vegetarian and vegan at each food station.

While it seems Dining has tried to cater to students with restrictive diets, many students had to change their eating habits after coming to Vanderbilt.

"I definitely had to change my eating habits when I came to college," vegetarian sophomore Lily Maxwell said. "I like to cook healthy foods at home, and now I mostly have to eat carbs."

Other vegetarians on campus feel the same way about the monotony and the unhealthiness of their meals. "I can only eat pasta or salad every so often," First-year vegetarian Tara Westlund said.

Overall, students feel one vegetarian option each night

is not enough, and if Dining is looking for some ideas, most Vanderbilt vegetarians are very willing to offer their own suggestions. To do so, vegetarians are encouraged to utilize the comment cards on the Dining website. From stir-fry to tofu to more fish, students think Dining can step it up when it comes to the variety of vegetarian entrees.

"My only regret is that vegetarians have a harder time eating healthy foods here than we would if we were able to control the quality of ingredients, cooking methods and variety," said Maxwell, confirming it is still challenging to find healthy vegetarian options on campus. ■

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SPORTS

Commodores dominate second half for third consecutive win

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Contributor

Over the past 25 years, the Vanderbilt Commodores has perfected the part of the tease, luring its faithful followers into believing they could take them to the promised land of bowl eligibility, only to come up short time and time again. Saturday, however, it was Rice they teased.

Taking a potential nail-biter and turning it into an impressive 38-21 victory over the Owls, Vanderbilt moved to 3-0 (1-0 SEC) for the first time since 2005 and only the second time since 1984.

“Tonight was an exciting game, there is no doubt about it,” said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. “Our team has to give Rice a lot of credit, they came out there and put us on our heels during the first half.”

Indeed, Rice came out firing on all offensive cylinders in the first half, as senior quarterback Chase Clement ran the spread offense to perfection on three scoring drives that had the Commodore defense reeling. In the second half, it was a different story, as the Vanderbilt defense pitched a shutout over the final two quarters.

“We quit trying to make so many adjustments,” Johnson said. “We were trying to match up with every little thing that they were doing and ... (in the second half) we went to a more basic defense and just tried to put more pressure on the quarterback.”

And pressure the quarterback they did. Vanderbilt finished the game with three sacks—including

junior corner Brent Trice’s fumble-forcing takedown—and three quarterback hurries, disrupting the timing and rapport Clement and the Rice offense had built in the first half.

“I think in the second half we really got it going,” said junior cornerback D.J. Moore. “We got more pressure on the quarterback and that settled our defense.”

It was just another day at the office for the dynamic Moore, who returned a punt 67 yards to the one-yard line and registered his second interception in the fourth quarter, helping the Commodores slam the door on

Rice’s hopes for a comeback.

As Vanderbilt put the game out of reach, senior placekicker Bryant Hahnfeldt kicked himself into history, becoming Vanderbilt’s all-time leading scorer at 210 total points with his five extra points and an impressive 48-yard field goal in the third quarter.

“Everybody was wondering if he was good enough and now he is the leading scorer in the history of our program,” Johnson said. “He has been a good kicker since he has been here at Vanderbilt.”

A major reason Hahnfeldt

moved into the Vanderbilt record books was the Commodore’s dominant ground attack powered by bruising redshirt junior running back Jared Hawkins and elusive redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson. The tandem accounted for most of Vanderbilt’s 273 rushing yards (107 yards for Hawkins, 85 for Nickson), and allowed Vanderbilt to effectively run away with this one.

“I was very proud of the way our guys hung in there and our coaching staff didn’t panic,” Johnson said. “We came out of halftime and put together a very good second half.” ■



D.J. Moore returns a punt 67 yards in the fourth quarter of action between Vanderbilt and Rice on Saturday. Moore came just short of a touchdown, but quarterback Chris Nickson scored one play later to seal the 38-21 win and make the Commodores 3-0 on the season.

Vanderbilt killer instinct manifests itself against Rice

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Contributor

Killer instinct, that ability to take the opponent out of the game down the stretch, has not always been an attribute exhibited by Vanderbilt.

Last year, in search of the one win they needed in their last three games of the season, the Commodores gave up 47 points in the second half of those games. The result: a disappointing end to the season and no bowl appearance.

This year, however, perhaps

the biggest sign that the Commodore faithful are seeing a “new” Vanderbilt has once again manifested itself in the second half of games. The Does have given up a total of just 10 points in their first three games this season.

Just about anyone you ask right now will tell you, Vanderbilt is quickly becoming a closer and a force in the second half. The team exhibited that winning mentality by shutting out the Rice Owls 17-0 in the second half of a 38-21 victory that kept Vanderbilt undefeated.

“Vanderbilt is a physical team and that wore on us,” said Rice head coach David Bailiff. “We couldn’t establish any rhythm or timing in the second half.”

In a game that’s all about adjustments, Vanderbilt made their best one as of yet at halftime against the Owls: stop making adjustments.

“We were trying to match up every little thing that they were doing and we started to make fewer adjustments in the second half,” said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. “We went to a more basic defense and just

tried to put more pressure on the quarterback.”

Less is definitely more on defense, especially when it comes to how much time the defensive unit spends on the field. On Saturday night, once again, Vanderbilt’s ball control offense helped seal the deal down the stretch, keeping Rice’s dynamic passing attack from getting any real momentum in the second half.

Perhaps the strongest example of Vanderbilt’s keep-away game has been seen in the form of its emerging running back. Redshirt junior Jared Hawkins has run for career highs in each of the last two games, with 84 yards against South Carolina and 107 yards against Rice. Between him and the elusive redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt has kept the clock rolling down the stretch this season, literally running the time out on opponents.

Killer instinct, however, above all else, is a mentality of self-assuredness. In the past two weeks, Vanderbilt has overcome shaky first halves and chosen perseverance over panic in the final 30 minutes.

“When our guys had to step up, they did,” Johnson said. “Our offense and defense came up with some big plays tonight.” ■



Jared Hawkins rushed for 107 yards and a touchdown against Rice, marking the second consecutive game the redshirt junior set a career high in rushing yards. Hawkins has been instrumental in the Commodores’ ability to play keep-away late in games this year.

RICE REPORT CARD

Compiled by Manraj Rangi

QUARTERBACKS, B+

Redshirt senior Chris Nickson showed off his elusiveness yet again, rushing for 85 yards and two touchdowns Saturday night. Passing was not a highlight for him though, as he completed only 7 of his 16 pass attempts for 71 yards.

RUNNING BACKS, A-

Redshirt junior tailback Jared Hawkins played magnificently as he rushed for 107 yards, setting a career high for the second straight week, and also had a touchdown.

WIDE RECEIVERS, C+

There wasn’t much catching to be doing, but redshirt senior Sean Walker made his only rushing attempt good for a touchdown, and redshirt freshman Jamie Graham rushed for 27 yards on a reverse to put six on the board. Walker dropped a sure touchdown but still had four catches for 40 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE, B+

The O-line allowed only one sack in the entire game against Rice, and Vanderbilt’s rushing attack of 273 yards was a result of the line’s domination of a weaker Rice team. However, work still needs to be done in the pass-blocking portion of the game.

DEFENSIVE LINE, B

The running game was bottled up, but oftentimes the line failed to get any pressure on Rice quarterback Chase Clement, leading to huge numbers for the Owls in the first half. Defensive end Broderick Stewart did have two quarterback hurries and a deflection.

LINEBACKERS, B+

Junior Brent Trice was huge in this one; for the night, he had one sack, four tackles and a forced fumble and recovery early in the second quarter. Patrick Benoist had 10 tackles for his second straight double-digit tackling performance.

DEFENSIVE BACKS, B-

This group was lit up in the first half but improved immensely as the game went on. Myron Lewis was burned several times but rebounded with two sacks to push back the Owl attack. D.J. Moore’s fourth quarter interception stamped out any hope of a Rice comeback.

SPECIAL TEAMS, A-

Senior kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt did his part, kicking a 48-yard field goal and all five PATs attempted. Junior punter Brett Upson punted an average of almost 40 yards to help win the field position battle. Also, D.J. Moore’s 67-yard punt return set up the Commodores final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

COACHING, B

Offensive coordinator Ted Cain made a good decision to keep the ball on the ground, preventing any chance of turnovers and allowing the running game to dominate the Owls. Defensive coordinator Bruce Fowler’s squad was close to perfect in the second half as Vanderbilt adjusted to Rice’s no-huddle offense.

First Hall of Fame class inducted



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From left: Clyde Lee, Perry Wallace, Chantelle Anderson, John Hall, John Rich, Roy Kramer, June Stewart, Ryan Tolbert Jackson, Peggy Brady, Bill Wade, Carolyn Russell, Chancellor Nick Zeppos and Vice-Chancellor David Williams.

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From an immortal football coach, to a color-barrier breaking basketball player, to a record-setting track star, the 2008 charter class of the Vanderbilt Athletic Hall of Fame was a star-studded group that, as Chancellor Nick Zeppos put it, told a story of Vanderbilt and American history.

Basketball players Chantelle Anderson, Clyde Lee and Perry Wallace, golfer Peggy Brady, football players John Hall, John Rich and Bill Wade, track runner Ryan Tolbert Jackson, athletic director Roy Kramer and administrator June Stewart were inducted in a ceremony Friday night at the Student Life Center. Legendary football coach Dan McGugin and famed sports journalist Fred Russell were inducted posthumously.

“For 122 years, Vanderbilt has been sponsoring athletic events,” Zeppos said. “Tonight, we honor all of those years, all of the pressure

situations.”

The inductees and their families expressed immense pride at being the first members of a class that will house Vanderbilt legends for years to come. Kramer gave a compelling speech that paid homage to all Commodores.

“This evening pays tribute to the thousands of athletes who have met the challenge of being a Commodore,” he said. “Most of all, we recognize the great young men and women who proudly wear the colors of the Commodores today, as they continue to bring glory and honor and pride to all of us.”

Vice-Chancellor David Williams was the driving force behind the creation of the Hall.

“With all of the greats that have come through here, we needed to have something to honor them,” Williams said.

With the Hall’s inception, Vanderbilt has a tangible expression of appreciation for its stars of the past and the stars to come as the school continues to excel on and off the field. ■

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