From 1983 until 1997, University photographer Gerald Holly recorded Vanderbilt through countless photographs. Wearing his trademark flat cap, Holly was often seen roaming the campus looking for unusual pictures. He was responsible for some of the most creative photographs ever made at Vanderbilt.

Holly brought an artist’s eye to his work, which also made the cover of Time magazine and the pages of National Geographic, Life, Newsweek and Forbes magazines. He was a staff photographer for the Tennessean for 30 years before coming to Vanderbilt and was also a 15-year stringer for the Black Star Agency in New York.

Earlier this year the 87-year-old Holly died at his Nashville home after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease, but his photos live on in many places around Vanderbilt and throughout Nashville.