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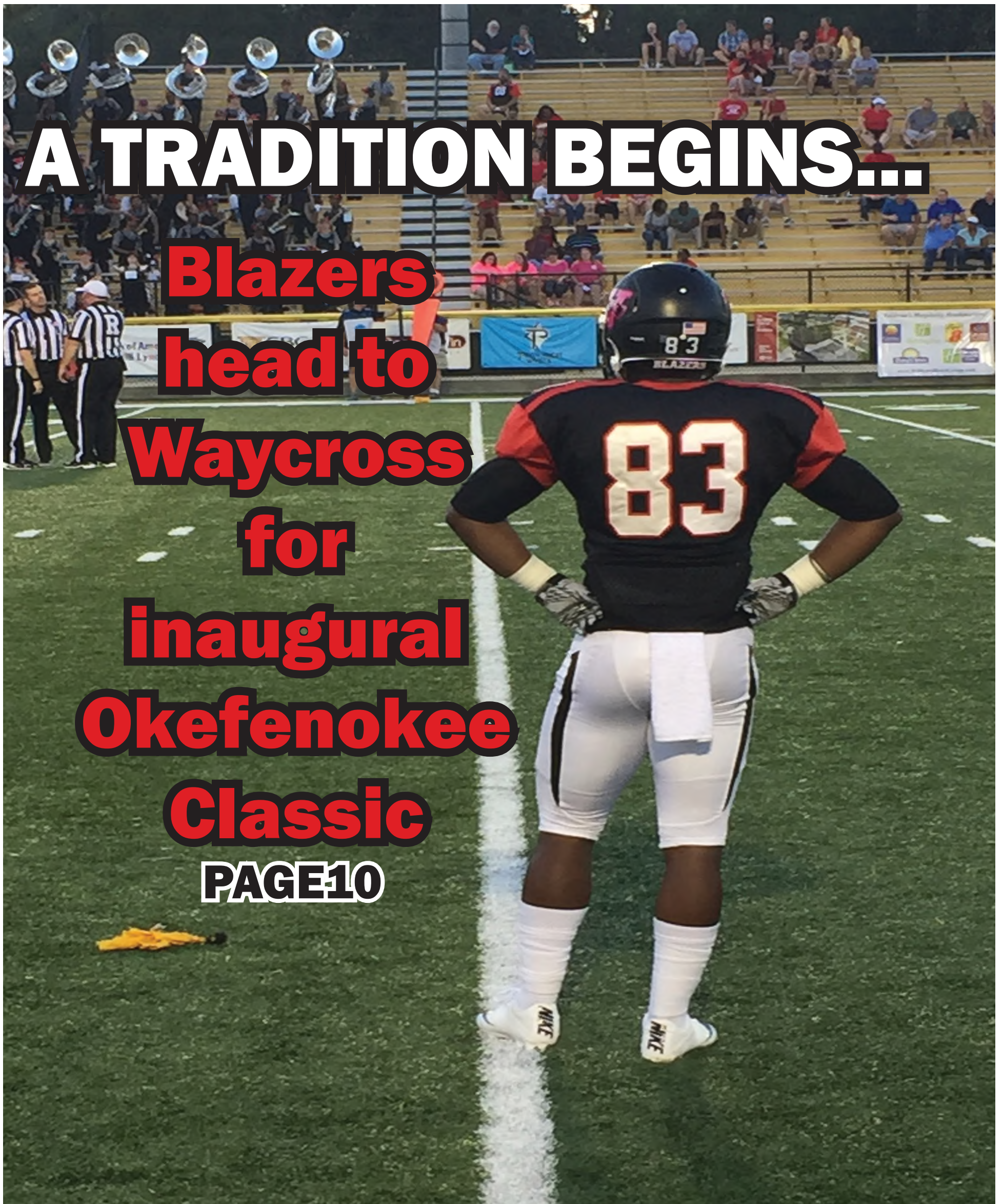
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## Announcements

### Gwozde performing at VSU Friday

The VSU Department of Music presents Lee Gwozdz, organist, Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Whitehead Auditorium. Gwozdz is in his 32nd year as director of the Corpus Christi Cathedral in Corpus Christi, Texas. He's also the executive director of The Cathedral Concert Series. His Valdosta performance is free and open to the public.

### Catch a ride to Saturday's game

Student Life is providing a bus to the VSU-Kentucky State game Saturday in Waycross. \$10 covers transportation, a ticket and a "swag bag." A VSU ID is required to board the bus. The deadline to register is Friday.

### The Blue and You

"The Blue and You" gives students and police the opportunity to safely discuss recent national events. The get together will be held today at 7:30 p.m. in Jeanette Hall.

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## SGA meeting features guests, music Senator Richard Brito's band performs

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VSU's Student Government Association hosted its weekly meeting with the addition of four guest speakers as well as a performance from a senator's band.

The first order of business came from Shawn Pippen. He provided the senators with updates about VSU's annual Haunted Trail. Pippen asked senators to come out, promote and encourage student participation, stating "word of mouth is very effective."

Pippen said there will be vendors down Azalea Trail this year and there will be different nights such as College night, Greek night, etc.

The Haunted Trail is expected to run Oct. 24-28 and price will range between \$2-5 depending on night.

Shannon McGee, director of Auxiliary Services was the next guest to speak to the senators. She provided the senators with the recent changes VSU has made with the dining service, Aramark.

McGee said Which Wich will turn over construction Oct. 1. Palms will be getting new paint and flooring, sautéed vegetables at the pasta line and a Mongolian grill section. She also mentioned that the Blazer Sports Grill plans

to start a 2 for \$20 deal similar to Applebee's or Chili's.

McGee encourages students to come talk her about any problems they have experienced with dining services.

"Most complaints come from social media," she said. "I have gotten one phone call. If you have a problem, please let me know. Feel free to give feedback."

The new Auxiliary building is located on Patterson St. across from the University Center. McGee said she cannot promise she will always be in her office, but she promises to always meet students' needs first.

Next on the list were student presenters Michaela Willingham, Morgan Fambro and Maya Jackson promoting their female hygiene drive, HerGeine.

The group presented to SGA for assistance in promotion of their service.

HerGeine's mission is to "encourage individuals to fall in love with taking care of themselves mind, body and spirit."

Personal care products for any gender are accepted: toothpaste, deodorant, menstrual products, etc.

Collected items will go to students, The Haven and different residential halls.

There will be a raffle at the end of the drive and four giveaway

baskets. Winners will be randomly drawn.

HerGeine will take place beginning Oct. 12-24 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Student Union.

SGA senators are fully behind HerGeine and have decided to have a donation box set up at their weekly SGA meetings to help support as well.

Former senator, Devin Spencer, presented current SGA senators with his previous and current responsibilities on VSU campus in hopes to return to the SGA council.

Sen. Shayla Slappey made the first motion of discussion and voting on Spencer's return to SGA.

The senators agreed to suspend the current regulation of the week-long waiting period to conduct a member into SGA.

After Comptroller Erin Shaw announced that name tags and shirt orders were in, President Maya Mapp continued with inviting all senators to an exclusive luncheon.

To wrap it all up, Sen. Richard Brito and his band, The Cookout, left the meeting with an inspirational moment performing the song "Don't Dream it's Over."

Senators also voted on changing weekly meetings to 7 p.m. on Mondays instead of 8 p.m.

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## Health Tip of the week

A healthy tip from VSU Student Health Center – “Your need for immunization doesn't end when you become an adult. Get vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones from serious diseases.”

# Pipeline leak jacks up gas prices across state

## College students affected from Atlanta to Valdosta

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Georgia is in a state of emergency because of a leak discovered in a major pipeline on Sept. 9. The pipeline spilled over 300,000 gallons of fuel in central Alabama, causing major fuel shortages and increased prices across the southeast.

According to ABC News, the ruptured line, which is owned by Colonial Pipeline, was discovered by workers when the stench of fuel and dead vegetation in that area was apparent. However, the leak could not have flowed into a better place, and the company was reported to be extremely

lucky.

Mathew Teague of The Guardian explained the fuel spill happened in an ecologically sensitive environment, but it only flowed into a retention pond a few yards away, so the fuel didn't have a chance to flow into any major rivers, like the Cahaba, where it would have disrupted wildlife significantly, leading destruction in its wake for endangered species and other organisms along that river system.

Experts reported to The Guardian that some of the fuel could be salvageable. The company has over 500 workers on the site. However, the fumes from the fuel are so

strong they had to close down the roads nearby and the airspace above the area.

Teague also reported dams have been established downstream to stop any fuel that might have escaped the retention pond. That way it can be stopped in its tracks before it impacts the river system too much.

The major concern across the southeastern states now is the fuel shortages that are already starting to affect them. Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama's governors have all declared a state of emergency from this crisis.

Colonial opened another line last Wednesday, ABC News

reported, so it can start carrying fuel to the states in need. The pipeline runs parallel to the one ruptured, and typically carries diesel and other petrol chemicals.

Gas prices have also increased and some regions of the states are more affected than others. Atlanta for instance has skyrocketed since the incident.

“I had to fill up on gas to get back to Valdosta, and the most expensive price I saw for regular was \$1.79,” said Macy Miller, who attended Music Midtown in Atlanta two weeks ago.

Valdosta has also been affected by the gas shortages, although not as expensive as

Atlanta, they have jumped up a few cents too.

“My dad told me to drive the 20 minutes to Florida to fill up on gas,” Rachel Santagato, junior, said. “It's just too expensive up here.”

Luckily, there have been other means provided for customers to know which gas station they should use. The GasBuddy app is a way for people to track the availability of gas in their area.

They have activated the tracker to work in at least six states, including Georgia, which provides a better and more efficient way of motorist getting gas.



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This Mobil gas station on St. Augustine Rd is one of many in Valdosta that raised its prices since the pipeline leak on Sept. 9.

## Understanding Islam

### Professors educate students on religion

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VSU's College of Arts and Sciences kicked off its annual Speaker Series with its first installment of “Understanding Islam” Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Hugh C. Bailey Science Center Auditorium.

Professors Dr. Cristobal Serran-Pagan, Dr. Babacar Mboup, and Mariya Chakir as well as Dr. Mouyyed Hassouna of Tallahassee Community College and Dr. R Kirby Godsey, the chancellor of Mercer University, gathered to speak to a full house of students and guests about various aspects of understanding Islam.

Topics included a brief history of the Islamic religion, Muhammad's life, “how do we save our religions” and the different forms of government and how they agree or oppose Islam.

Islamic women and their roles in society were examined, from gender equality to economic statuses. Men and women are both expected to hold the same responsibilities while maintaining independence. Overall, the views of Islam are intended to promote equality in all genders and races, per the panel. They added that Islam doesn't prevent technological and scientific advancements.

Power point presentations were given, a video explaining the history of Islam was played and parts of the Qur'an were interpreted as believed by the speakers. The Qur'an is the book on which all Islamic foundations are

based upon.

Symbolism in Islam was discussed, from the relevance of the moon and stars to Muhammad's journey to aspects of the lunar calendar. The Five Pillars, guidelines to the religion, were also explained. Following the Five Pillars is how one achieves goodness in the religion.

Dr. Godsey said “Christianity and Muslim religions have been hijacked.” He went on to discuss the “dark side” of religion that is being controlled by “fear and ignorance.” The speakers identified religion as two things: an answer to all problems in human lives and a challenge to all answers in human lives.

They touched on radicals and extremist views, saying that the aforementioned fear is responsible for terroristic acts, not the religion.

In the end, a goal of a common world religious tolerance was announced and ways to achieve them is hoped for by the speakers. The panel wishes to continue having “Understanding Islam” events in the future in hopes that our school, country and world will understand Islam.

Islam has over 1.6 billion followers. It is the world's fastest growing religion because, according to the speakers, it “is not forced” and the majority of conversions are self-instigated.

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## Clinton wins with skill

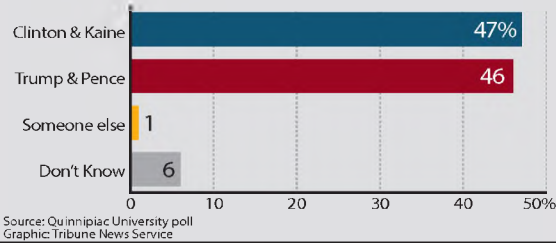
Our point of view...

### Your vote does matter

#### Election poll

Hillary Clinton has a small lead over Donald Trump in the latest national poll done by Quinnipiac University

Between Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine and Donald Trump and Mike Pence, for whom would you vote? (If undecided)  
As of today, do you lean more toward Clinton and Kaine or Trump and Pence



In the 2012 election, 19.9 percent of 18-29 year olds casted ballots, according to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE). It was the lowest young adult turnout rate ever recorded. That is in contrast to the 45 percent turnout of that age group in the 2014 election. In 10 states, CIRCLE predicts that "youth can have a decisive influence on the outcome of the race" in 2016.

It seems as if everywhere we turn, young people are being pressured to vote. The movement has even turned to social media. On Voter Registration Day, Sept. 27, Twitter started the "iRegistered" hashtag to encourage users to register to vote. Everyone is telling you "to" vote but not why you "should" vote.

Voting is a way to have your voice and opinion heard. By casting your vote, you have a say in who runs this country.

The presidential election only happens every four years. This means your next chance to choose a president will be in 2020. Whoever is elected will be in office for four years. For some, this election is the first chance you have to vote. There was a time where the right to vote was only designated to a privileged few citizens in this country. Our ancestors fought long and hard for you to have the ability to vote, especially the right for all races and women through the Civil Rights and Women's Suffrage movements. The military continues to fight to protect your 15th Amendment right to vote, which says you have the right regardless of "race, color or previous condition of servitude."

The president is the leader of the free world and every decision he or she makes impacts you directly or indirectly. The president not only leads our country but also represents our nation in international affairs. Our commander in chief constructs and maintains our relationships with other countries. The president should be someone respectable, honest, social and knowledgeable.

By not voting, you relinquish your voice. You opt out of choosing the person that represents your country and in turn represents you as an American. In the event that something goes wrong, you have to live with the fact that you had no part in the decision of choosing the president. If you don't like the president's actions or decisions, you can vote against him or her in the next election—four years later. Protesting can help demonstrate your opinion but in the end it's the vote that counts the most.

Your voice does matter. Even in the grand scheme of things, individuals comprise a whole as a country and as one nation. Every vote matters and counts toward the final decision of president. If there are no votes, then there is no election. Without elections there is no democracy. Without an elected president there is no government, only anarchy.

Registering to vote isn't as difficult as it once was. Now registering can be done online or even on your phone. There are opportunities on campus to register or you can cast an absentee vote from your hometown.

There is still time left. The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 11. Register today and vote Nov. 8 to have your voice heard.

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An individual's judgment on who won the debate usually comes down to whether they are a Democrat or Republican. So in order to give an unbiased opinion on who did better, one must look past the politics and focus on accuracy of facts, body language, ability to answer and delivery.

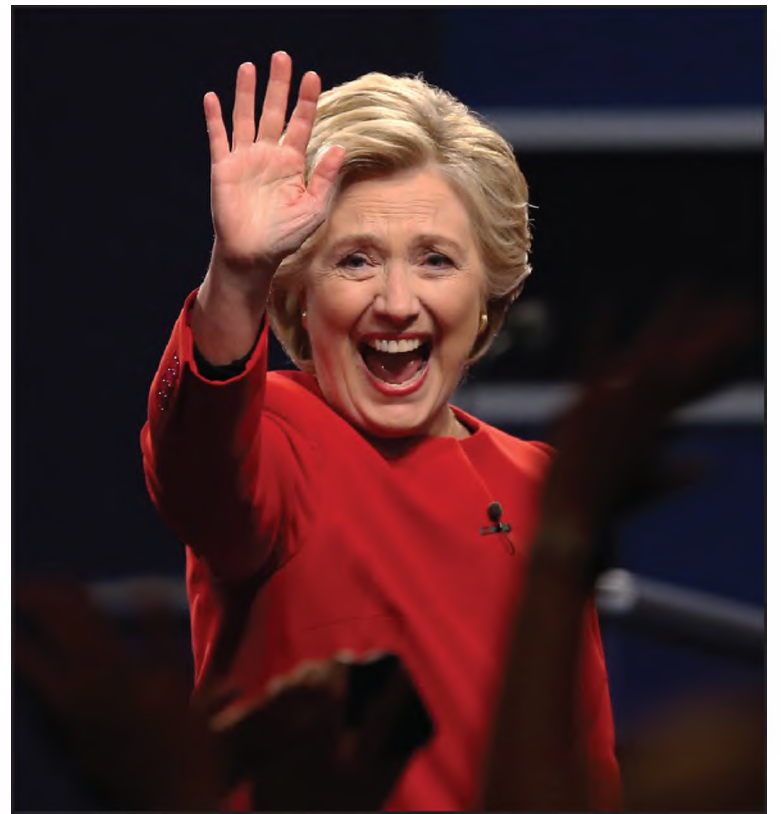
In this respect, it can be said that Democratic candidate Hilary Clinton won against Republican candidate Donald Trump.

There were a lot of interruptions and bickering that went on where things were said that made the viewers tilt their heads in confusion. For example, when Trump made a point of interrupting Clinton to claim she was wrong in saying New York City crime is on the decline under the current mayor, but Clinton was actually right.

"Homicides in New York remain low relative to the 1980s and 1990s, according to FBI data and the Brennan Center for Justice," said Carrie Johnson, Justice Correspondent for NPR.

How much of what these candidates spewed in anger was true? A majority of it, but there was a lot of facts that weren't, mostly from Trump.

Trump was certainly confident with his answers, but accuracy always out-weighs confidence, resulting in a loss for Trump in



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Democratic candidate Hilary Clinton at the first presidential debate.

the field of accuracy of facts.

However, Trump used his body language more effectively than Clinton. Whenever Clinton would talk about a policy or plan, she would smile and be clearly excited by it, which is great for showing enthusiasm in her work, but it made her points less hard-hitting.

Clinton's poker face was lacking too. Any time Trump

would make a way off statement about her, she would shake her head dramatically and laugh at it. Though, when trump made a spot-on accusation, her face would become serious and stright.

Meanwhile, Trump kept a serious demeanor and serious tone when addressing issues in America, forcing his points to resonate with more impact.

Yet, for every issue Trump made strong points on, there was a question he talked aimlessly at to avoid. Usually he would be asked the question again, but ultimately an answer was still not given. Clinton, on the other hand, was mostly able to answer every question with detail on her plans for presidency.

Then there was overall delivery of speeches. In general, Clinton spoke more clearly and understandably, while Trump was repetitive and would interrupt to get his point in.

Both candidates became unprofessional in their jobs at one another. The debate should have been focused on plans and policies, but each spent a lot of time tearing the other down and making accusations. Clinton in particular tended to scoff at what Trump had said everytime she began her turn.

Politics aside, Clinton's ability to state facts accurately, answer questions fully, and talk clearly gave her the win over Trump's strong body language.



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Republican candidate Donald Trump at the first presidential debate.

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# GAP releases controversial photo

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On April 2, clothing retailer Gap released a campaign ad on Twitter along with the caption “Meet the kids who are proving that girls can do anything.” Like any other campaign ad, there were other pictures released to the public.

Problems began after revealing a particular picture of four girls, ages 5 to 14, from the Le Petit Cirque group.

As seen in the ad, an older white girl rested her elbow on top of a young black girl’s head. While the two other white girls held an acrobatic pose.

The picture immediately caught the attention of many Twitter users. Some viewed the image as ‘passive racism’ while others admitted that they would not support the brand due to the content of the ad.

A few days later Debbie Felix,

a Gap representative, apologized to anyone who felt offended after receiving comments that the ad was racially insensitive. Gap also removed the image from their site.

As a result of past racial occurrences in America, citizens are more emotionally conscious to situations involving race.

Companies with a huge audience, such as Gap Inc., have to make sure to cater to the different backgrounds of their supporters.

The supporters invest their money and expect for there to be equality displayed in the ads, customer service and job opportunities.

I don’t think that Gap had any malicious intentions when shooting for this campaign ad. When I looked at the picture I noticed four little girls all color coordinated showcasing Ellen DeGeneres’s new collaboration with Gap.

I didn’t pay too much attention to the ethnicity of the girls or the

pose that was condemned as racist.

I do feel as though the picture can be taken either way and would be left up to the reader’s interpretation. The lack of emotion in the black girl’s face could translate to some as a state of her being powerless.

Changing some minor details like the positioning of the girls could relay the message of ‘female empowerment’ better. The absence of diversity could have also upset minorities.

Mathew A Cherry, a former NFL player, presented a different argument using a Gap ad that displayed a similar pose in 2015.

This time the ad showcased a black girl resting her arm on a white girl’s head, raising questions of whether the two pictures were that different from one another.

Due to the conflict that the ad



GAP

elicited, an apology from Gap showed the company’s appreciation of its audience opinions. GAP took it a step further replacing the image with different photos that encourages both girls

and boys to be themselves. Despite the ad being disturbing for some, the campaign produced some other awesome pictures. The limited edition collection was released days later.

# Let college relationships happen naturally

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When is the right time to be in a relationship? One may never know the answer to that question.

Many people believe you meet your spouse in college; the rest of us want to focus on achieving our college degree and building a foundation for ourselves before we commit to a relationship.

College is filled with struggles, and being in a relationship can be a huge struggle for many of us.

The majority of college students are extremely busy. Trying to balance school, work, and a social life can be very stressful and some students feel that adding a relationship to the mix just adds more stress.

Although you may be drowning in schoolwork and feel overwhelmed, you shouldn’t rule out a relationship even if you feel you may not have the time to devote to one. If love finds you don’t be hesitant to form a relationship with the person, especially if she

or he possess all the traits you may be looking for in a significant other.

Don’t think of a relationship as added stress, think of it as always having your own personal cheerleader. Someone who’s always building you up, rooting for you to succeed and can truly understand what you may be going through. No one understands the stress of being in college more than someone who actually experienced it.

The best thing about having a relationship in college is that you both are on the same page and have a common goal. You both understand that you may not be able to spend every waking moment together, but you cherish the time you do have together.

Many people like to wait until they’re financially stable and established in their careers to form a relationship. But the greatest part of being in a college relationship is building and growing together.

Being able to go through the different stages with a person is

definitely worthwhile and can make your relationship 10 times stronger. It will all be worth it in

the end when you have the satisfaction of seeing each other reach your career goals.

Don’t force it. The best relationships will be the ones that form naturally.



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A couple considering their relationship.

# Current game of football too dangerous for young developing brains

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The dispute on concussions has been a past and topical issue within football. It varies between

professional leagues and national collegiate associations which dismiss the well being and concerns for players’ mental health.

With multiple injuries occurring all over the nation, you would expect speculations of

changing the game of football would be greater than it is to secure the safety of those who play.

Growing up, many of our childhood role models, heroes and idols are built off of those that we see on TV: Actresses, actors, models, singers, broadcaster and the most lionized, professional athletes.

This group of elite individuals live well are paid suitably with the lifestyle that they worked most of their lives to have.

We want our athletes to live the same kind of long healthy lives that flourish after a long career.

Repetitive concussions and Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy will continue to be a trend

of athleticism that needs to be corrected within associations and medical contracts, if these men are to remain the greatest of all-time.

If we can not protect our men on the field, how will we be able to control them as erratic CTE patients who are unaware of how they’ve gotten to a point of life where memories are faded?

The NFL can change the amount of yards on kick-offs in hopes to reducing the speed of collision, placing independent neurologist on the field and changing playing rules. There are always more ways and room to improve.

Less tackling is among other suggestions, but many people think that would change the game too much.

Some individuals claim helmets are a solution to head injuries, but improvements to helmets only do more to protect

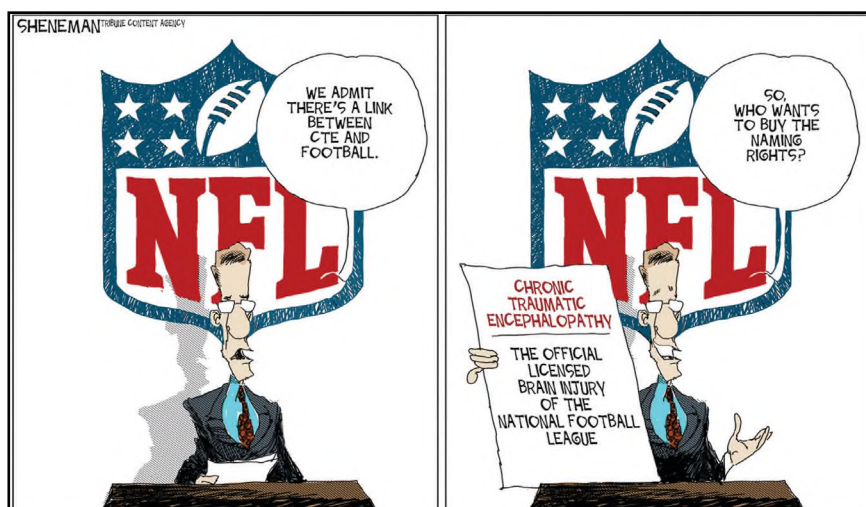
the skull. No helmet will ever be able to keep the brain from moving inside the skull.

The game of football should be changed ahead of the National Football League for the well being of upcoming players and those currently within associations to ensure that any injuries on and off the field be recorded and tracked throughout the career of athletes.

Sure, professional athletes are adults and make the decision to put themselves in danger, but children don’t get to make their own choices.

It is the parents who decide to put children in the game of football, and while the child may be excited and willing, they are not aware of the serious damage that could be done to their brains.

Adult brain damage is dangerous enough, but to a developing brain, it’s even worse.



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# DID YOU KNOW?

According to encyclopedia.com, in the original Greek myth, Eurydice is a tree nymph.

## Scott plays Ashley Street

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Ashley Street Station is normally a bar where people go to have a good time, play some pool and listen to some good music. This past Sunday, VSU alumnus Caleb Scott and current VSU student Kristen Hall performed a concert there.

In attendance were people who were both family and friends, as well as the regular bar-goers. Before the concert started both Hall and Scott went around the area meeting and greeting everyone with enthusiasm. Hall was first to perform and sang two songs before Scott got onto the stage. Her first song was "Remedy," an emotional-type melody. Heard in it were deep and almost sensual melodies. It was a song you could jam to when you're feeling an emotional "pick me up."

Her second song was one that is dedicated to the love of her life.

If you've ever felt like getting into their "feels" this is the song for them.

This song makes you feel like thinking back to that special somebody in your life with lyrics like "I love you. I love you. I love you more..." and "...a love like this, you can't just miss, it comes once in a lifetime."

Just by hearing those two songs, it can almost be felt that she is telling you about herself and some of the emotional "rollercoasters" that she has gone through. She makes others realize their own emotional "rollercoasters" and becomes almost like a conductor to them.

Next up was Scott, who decided before he sang to get the audience riled up and out of their respective "feels." Caleb stated that he was basically debuting his "EP," or "extended play," during this concert.

"Music is my passion," Scott said.

The first song he performed had a rock mixed with pop sound to it. He eventually had technical difficulties in his performance, but played them off by joking around with the audience. Much like his song "Press On," he pressed on despite the mishap and continued to sing his heart out while radiating the love he has for music and his fans.

Scott learned about his love for music when he was in-between the ages of 12 and 13 at his father's church.

He eventually started to write his own music.

His song "Press On" has won an award for "Best Christian Acoustic Rock Song" on Academia. He will soon be moving to Seattle, working as a full-time writer and musician, trying to network through the Internet. Scott will also be starting a label next spring and will be signing Hall to it. "Press On" is available for purchase on iTunes.



Cynthia Papailler/THE SPECTATOR

Denmark and Holtz as Eurydice and Orpheus before the start of the play.

## Unique 'Eurydice'

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Sarah Ruhl's play "Eurydice" is a unique spin on the Greek mythological classic "Orpheus." With many different versions of the story, such as "Cocteau" and "Black Orpheus," it can be difficult for a writer to find a different angle.

The story of "Orpheus" is one that is often taught in high school when students learn about Greek mythology.

He was a world-famous musician whose wife, Eurydice, dies shortly after they wed. He travels to the Underworld, where Hades takes pity on him and gives him a chance to get his wife back, but under two conditions: He can't look back at her and he can't speak to her until they leave the Underworld. Spoiler Alert: He looks back and his wife dies for the second time.

The play opens up to Eurydice (Autumn Denmark) reading and Orpheus (Connor Holtz) tuning a guitar at the beach. The play seems to be set during the 1940s and has a surrealistic take on the Greek classic. The set itself is an L-shaped stage with many windows and doors, from which an occasional character might appear.

The unique use of lighting, props, stage setup and music made the surrealistic and mysterious atmosphere of the Under-

world come to life. The stage crew and set builders must be commended for the creative approach to creating this vision.

All the actors did an amazing job in bringing this play to life. Although the play started off to a slow and confusing start, it started to pick up toward the middle. There were portions of the play that I found hard to follow, although I've heard the story of Orpheus before. Audience members unfamiliar with the story might find it hard to understand at times.

The character that stole the show was "The Lord of the Underworld," played by Vaughn Meccod. His facial expressions and mannerism excellently depicted him to be creepy and up to no good. His portrayal of his character brought about laughter and chuckles from the audience.

Eurydice's father, played by Brady Whitehouse, was an interesting addition to the storyline. After reading the play's program and Sarah Ruhl's explanation on why she chose to write this play, it was apparent that her own father was the influence behind this character.

All in all, VSU's Theatre & Dance put on a great production and it was nice to see fellow students excel in their craft. Going to see these shows are fun ways to spend an afternoon with friends or a loved one.

Visit the Theatre and Dance Box Office for more information on upcoming productions.



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## Guild holds art on the lawn

The Arts Guild held an art on the lawn event at the Fine Arts building on Saturday during parent's weekend. Students and community members were invited to come and paint with the club Saturday morning. The Arts Guild is open to students of any major, and seeks to bring opportunities to explore art forms to the community



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COLLEGE LIFE

# Cantasia creations help end hunger

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VSU hosted Cantasia, a competition in which groups used their creativity to build structures out of non-perishable food donations, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 on the Pedestrian Mall.

Collections totalled 4,704 pounds of food.

Cantasia was sponsored by VSU's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America and the Southeastern Credit Union Fill-a-Truck campaign.

Eight groups registered to build can structures: Nicholas Rachels and Savon Jackson, Finance and Administration, Human Resources and Employee Development, the Red Hots, Mathematics, Model Mentors, Honors Student Association, and Kappa Delta, according to Aaliyah Houston, the Public Relations Director of VSU's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.

Groups who only wished to donate food, not to build structures,

were not required to register and brought donations to the Pedestrian Mall. Those donations were used to create a Mountain of Hope.

At 3 p.m. the structures were judged by Thressea Boyd, President of the South Georgia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Courtney Gooding, Assistant Vice President of Marketing for Southeastern Credit Union and Eliza McCall, Chief Marketing Officer of Second Harvest South Georgia.

One winner was chosen based on the amount of donations and another winner was chosen based on the sculpture.

The prizes included a \$25 gift cards for Sam's Club and Target.

"Canned Castles on the Commons" was created by Dr. Serini's PR Plans and Campaign class in Spring 2016," Houston said.

"The 2016-2017 PRSSA Board elaborated on the idea and implemented 'Cantasia.'"

Cantasia promoted awareness for National Hunger Awareness Month and food donations ben-



Honors Student Association counts cans while taking apart their creation.

Kelsey Dickerson/THE SPECTATOR

efited Second Harvest of South Georgia, a hunger-relief organization and a member of Feeding America.

The donations made during Cantasia were added to the city of Valdosta's Fill-A-Truck contributions, and if a semi-trailer could be filled by the food donations, then the Southeastern Credit

Union will match the donation.

"It takes 20,000 pounds of food to fill one truck, and, if the Fill-a-Truck campaign is successful, two trucks will provide more than 26,000 meals for those in need in our area," Houston said. "We want to help create a hunger free South Georgia."

According to Feeding Ameri-

ca's Map the Meal Gap project, Second Harvest of South Georgia serves 30 counties, and there are around 160,030 food insecure people within that service area.

The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as an inability to access enough food for a healthy and active life.

## FOR STUDENTS BY STUDENTS

# Stress-free midterm study tips

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Midterms have begun this week, so it might be time to polish your studying skills.

Many students have tips and tricks that help them memorize material and quickly understand chapters and notes from their classes.

"I try to study for at least an hour and then take a 30 minute break; that's usually what I do, because your brain will stop absorbing material if you study for hours," Cheyenne Erving, a senior chemistry major, said.

Some students suggested taking advantage of the library,

instead of keeping homework at home.

"I study best during the day between classes because at night at home I won't do it," Brady Whitehouse, a senior theater major, said.

Shanel Brock, a senior mass media major, also found studying outside of her room much easier. "I don't like to study at home...I like to study on campus or in an environment where I'm not distracted," she said.

The library also has a few marked "Quiet Zones" which are usually not as full as and much quieter than other areas, according to Rhesa Hyde, a junior sociology major, "I like being in quiet zones [in the library] be-

cause there's less distractions," she said.

"Finding a quiet place is nice. It helps if you have a group of people you can study with who don't distract you," Autumn Denmark, a senior theater major, said.

Distractions, like cellphones and other electronics, can also keep you from focusing on your notes during your set studying time.

"[You should] try to put your phone up, put it away in your bag and turn it off," Justin Thatch, a junior computer information systems major, said.

Thatch, along with a few other students also rely on writing notes while they study, not just

in class. "Read and take notes on what you read," Thatch said.

One student said she benefited from writing down notes even if they were available electronically. "I write everything down and then I study that way," junior psychology major, Elexia Walton said. "If it's [the class notes] like a PowerPoint online I write it down because it's easy to remember it that way."

"I always go back and forth," Ratu Rabelo, a criminal justice graduate student, said. "When I write notes, I write pages and I highlight in the book at the same time. When we do timed tests it helps me to go back and forth [between pages and the book]."

## Mid-semester calendar

**Oct. 6**

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**Oct. 10-11**

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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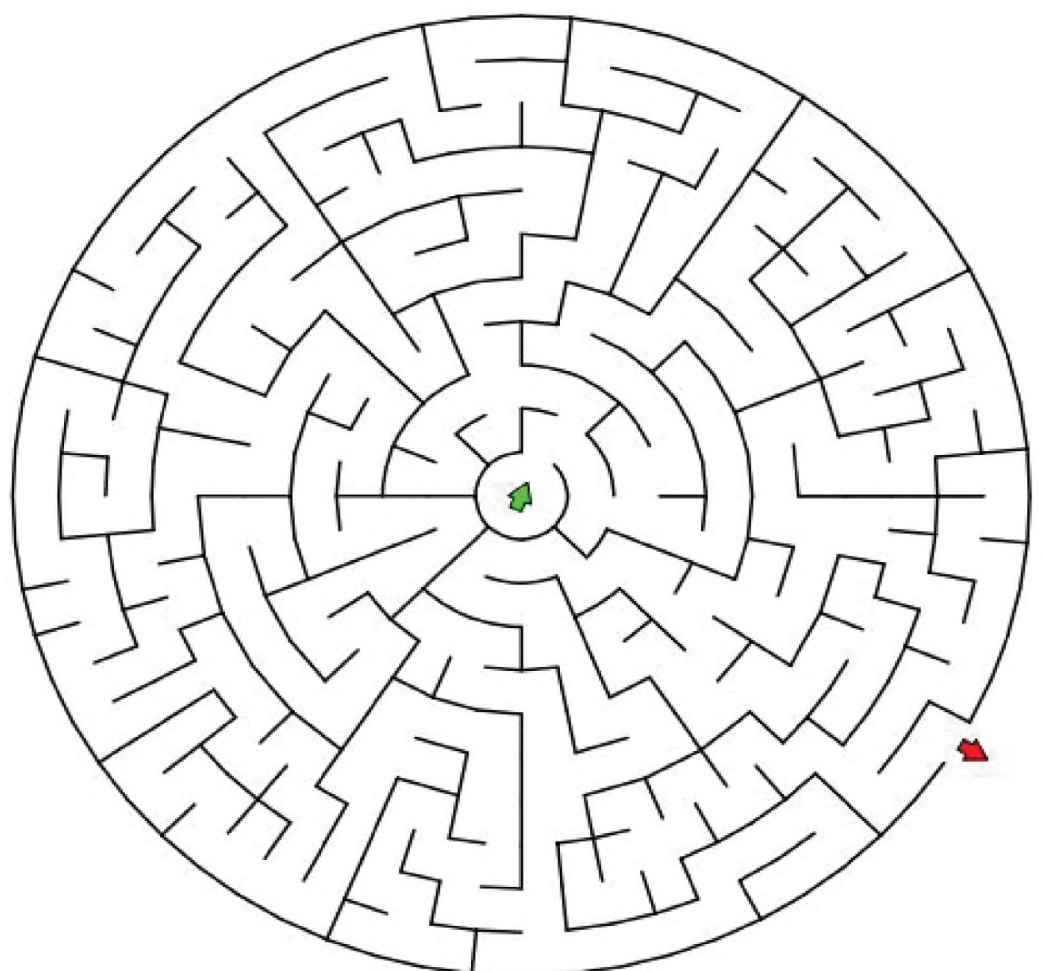
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- Starfish
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### Sudoku X

\*Complete the grid so that every row, column, diagonal and 3x2 box contains every digit from 1 to 6 inclusive.

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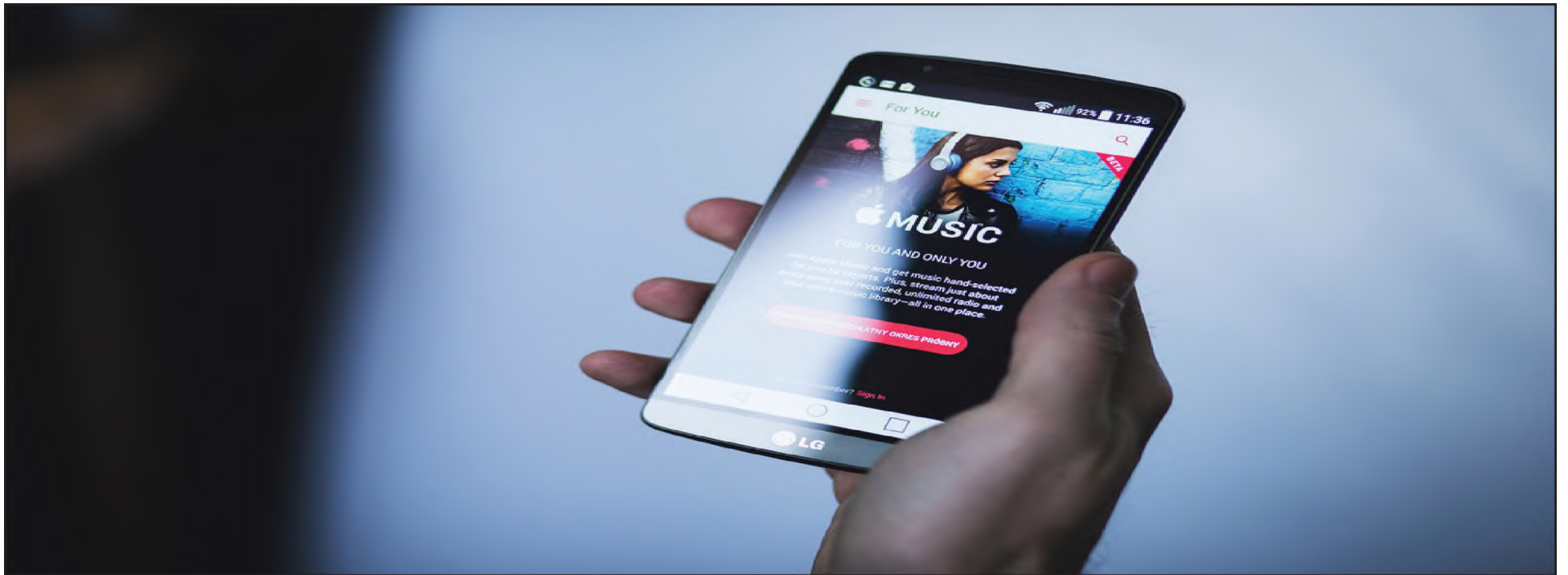






**DID YOU KNOW?**

According to Buzzle, there are approximately 6,000 new computer viruses released every month.



Streaming music on phones has become essential to college students' lives.

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# Streaming services have become the norm for students

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College students have come a long way from streaming and downloading music off LimeWire and Napster. The desire to have music on at all times only spiked with the creation of the iPod in the early 2000s. The small pocket devices soared in popularity and young adults everywhere were racing to have the chance to downsize from their Walkman's and portable CD players.

However, in recent years another downsizing trend is taking over. People have decided that carrying around both a cell phone

and an iPod or mp3 player is too tedious and have converted to streaming music straight from their smartphones.

Popular streaming apps are Spotify, Pandora, iHeartRadio and Apple Music. You can likely find one or several of these apps on a college student's phone.

Less technology to carry isn't the only advantage to streaming music. With wireless networks almost everywhere these days, a simple network connection can grant you access to limitless music. But if networking isn't for you, most streaming apps still give the opportunity to download music straight onto the device for later listening.

Senior Special Education major Kaitlin Stanley says the transition from iPod to streaming wasn't an easy one, but a worthwhile one.

"I had such a hard time letting go of my iPod, even when I got a smartphone," she said. "My iPod had all of my favorite songs on it. But now I'm Team Spotify all the way. I can't imagine not being able to just listen to any song on demand."

The attraction of discovery is high where music is concerned. People are always striving to find new music, new artists, new genres and styles that haven't been found yet. So when a person uses a streaming app, he or she can have the opportunity to

listen to music that hasn't broken through and give new things a chance to be heard. The classic music devices don't have this ability, rather they allow the user to pick songs from a library they have previously designed.

Being a college student, money is always an object. With many of these apps, free downloads are available to an extent, but when they start asking for money many students waiver.

"I loved my Pandora app, but it was so commercial heavy, so I switched to Spotify," Anna Shaw, junior Spanish major, said. "But then they started asking for money to get the full experience, and I just couldn't do \$10 a

month, but then I found out that they offer a half off discount for college students, and it's really easy to get. I can totally do \$5 to listen to my favorite music."

Times have changed in the music world, and much of the driving force has come from young adults. The push for music listening to be simpler and more easily accessed has forced streaming apps into existence. Some might see it as a hassle to go from app to app to find the type of music they're seeking, but when it boils down to the point, most college students wouldn't survive without their headphones and an easy stream of tunes as they go through their days.

## Netflix Picks: The action flicks you need to see

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The greatest invention known to man after the Internet? Definitely Netflix. With a catalog that expands into the thousands for U.S. subscribers, Netflix could be called a "Heaven on Earth" of sorts. With fall rapidly approaching, there is going to be plenty of opportunities to "Netflix and Chill." So here are a few action movies that are bubbling under the radar.

**Gridlocked**

**Netflix Rating:** 4.2 of 5 stars. It stars Dominic Purcell in this classic "shoot 'em up" film. It's about a group of cops that are babysitting a Hollywood bad boy as a part of his community service. They are all in the precinct which is supposed to be the safest place for a police officer. Night rolls around when they realize they are under attack. Of course there is a traitor among them because what good would an action flick about cops be without a turn coat. This is a really good way to kill two hours.

**London Has Fallen**

**Netflix Rating:** 4.5 of 5 stars This is the sequel to "Olympus Has Fallen," the 2013 action thriller film. In the first film, the

president was kidnapped and it was up to Mike Banning, played by Gerard Butler, to rescue him. It has the same concept on a different continent. It's only an hour and a half long so the plot moves fast. That being said, don't try to multi task while watching this. This film also features a first person shooter type scene that gives off a "Call of Duty" feel.

**Bad Boys II**

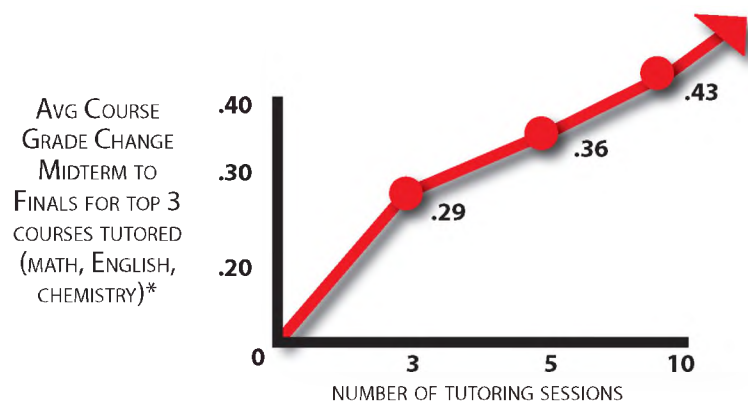
**Netflix Rating:** 3.5 of 5 stars This film can be categorized as action and adventure or an action comedy. Martin Lawrence and Will Smith teamed up nearly a decade later for the sequel to the '90s hit "Bad Boys". It will have you rolling all the way through. This is great to watch if you want to hangout by yourself and need a good laugh.

**Tracers**

**Netflix Rating:** 3.8 of 5 stars If you're a fan of parkour this is the film for you. It's an action thriller that has a very intriguing plot. Boy sees girl, boy likes girl, boy meets girl's boyfriend, boy fights with girl's boyfriend. This film is actually pretty cool and has a twist that makes the ending hard to predict.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

VSU sophomore punter Gavin Wilson set a record against UWF with 12 punts. Wilson also had the fifth most punting yards in VSU history with 385 during the Blazer victory.

## Football still has work to do after win over UWF

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VSU Football got back in the win column, but they still have a lot of work to do, according to head coach Kerwin Bell.

The Blazers won 40-28 in the first ever football matchup with the University of West Florida. Bell chose to go with Roland Rivers at quarterback to start the game but went to Adam Robles whenever he felt like the offense needed a spark.

"I thought Roland did some great things that we wanted him to do," Bell said. "I just feel like we have to work on him staying up when things get tough. We went to Adam when we needed some energy but after the first quarter it got hard to evaluate them."

Bell eluded to the fading energy of the offense overall after they jumped out to a 20-0 lead less than eight minutes into the game after a couple of Rivers' touchdowns, including a one yard rush and a pass to Donovan Bolden.

"We didn't protect very well and we got hit a lot," Bell said in reference to the offensive line.

Blazer quarterbacks were sacked six times for 41 yards. Bell attributes this poor play to health issues on the offensive line in conjunction with young players.

"We have to get healthy," Bell said. "Andrew Marshall and Josh Adams are both banged up right now. We played with a freshman right tackle and they showed a lot of different looks on defense."

VSU had 13 penalties for 85 yards. Most of the penalties were simple errors that need to be stopped, according to Bell. He said the team is working on "perfect plays" where the team tries to move up and down the field without making mistakes. He also challenged his quarterbacks



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Senior receiver Donovan Bolden dives for the pylon against UWF. Bolden had 48 receiving yards and a touchdown on three catches in the game.

*"[The defense] won us the game."*

to keep the tempo going by telling them in practice that "when things get rough, you can't start dragging around."

The "Black Swarm" defense continued to show resolve and tenacity during the game. The defense caused seven turnovers and only allowed three conversions on third down. They intercepted former VSU quarterback Kaleb Nobles five times and sacked him three times. They held West Florida's ground attack to -6 yards.

"They won us the game," Bell said about his defense. "We won that battle. We have some really great defensive backs that are ball hawks. Our front seven made sure they couldn't get anything on the ground."

On Saturday, he hopes to not only start fast, but keep the energy

level up all game.

The Blazers are traveling to Waycross Saturday to face a veteran coached Kentucky State team. Head Coach John Smith has over 40 years of experience coaching various levels of football. Smith is a former head coach of Utah State, Louisville, Michigan State and Arkansas. He is a former Big Ten and Conference USA Coach of the Year. In his most recent coaching job, he took an 0-10 Fort Lewis College and posted a 7-4 record the following season, totaling its most wins in over 40 years.

The Blazers will look to build up some momentum against Kentucky State Oct 2, before the October 8 meeting against Gulf South Conference rival West Georgia.

Even with the high praise, Bell said he believes that his team can get better.

"We aren't where we need to be but we are on our way," Bell said. "They're doing a tremendous job."



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Coach Kerwin Bell argues a call with the ref during the UWF game.



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Brandon Roe gets tackled after intercepting a pass in the UWF game.

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### Blazer Stats Leaders:

Passing Yards  
Roland Rivers (442)

Rushing Yards  
Jordan Germany (111)

Total Touchdowns  
Roland Rivers (3)

Tackles  
Kenny Moore (15)

Interceptions  
Dante Robinson/  
Brandon Roe (2)

Sacks  
Alex Williams (2)





**Next Week:**  
A look at Cedric Hollingshed. The Blazer running back scored two touchdowns in the game against UWF. He also was the GSC Freshman of the Week after the game.



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# Cross Country looking to build toward conference meet

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The VSU cross country team has been running against perfection since the first meet in August.

Head Coach Todd Smoot said he hopes the team will continue improving so they will be better prepared for the conference and regional meets.

Smoot seems very optimistic about the upcoming meet Oct. 1 in Huntsville, Alabama. He said he thinks there will be some new

personal records made in Huntsville because North Alabama "always puts on a good meet."

Smoot said he expects the women's team captain, Jacinda Miller, and men's team captain, Connor Dalrymple, to be among those to create new personal records along with others.

Smoot said there are some teams VSU will be on the lookout for during the next meet.

"We need to make ourselves noticed to a couple of teams," Smoot said.

He said North Alabama and the

University of West Alabama are two schools that are on the team's radar.

"Those two schools are within our abilities to surpass and so we will be fighting them pretty hard," Smoot said.

Smoot said the trip to Huntsville will be the farthest the teams will have to travel all season, and the seven hours of sitting is not going to be good for his teams because they like to move around.

"They're not looking forward to the drive but they're looking forward to the competition,"

Smoot said.

Besides the seven hour drive, he added the teams are excited for the meet and "they're looking forward to going up against Gulf South conference and region foes."

Smoot also said the temperature difference in Northern Alabama compared to Valdosta will work in their favor.

"I believe they will wake up to the coolest conditions they've had which will help them because of their training temperatures here," Smoot said.

While Smoot expects to do well at the upcoming meet, he said the end goal for each meet is to be better than the previous meet. He said the team wants to be at their best for the conference meet on Oct. 22 and the regional meet on Nov. 5.

"It's a building process and so far the teams have been building on what they've done so far," he said.

VSU will look to keep building Oct. 1 in Huntsville, Alabama, at 9 a.m.

# Soccer still searching for first win

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After going winless during conference play so far, VSU Soccer still is looking for the first win of the season.

Last Friday, VSU soccer hosted the University of West Florida in a Gulf South Conference matchup. The Blazers fell by a result of 5-0. With UWF being a conference powerhouse traditionally, the team knew what they were getting into.

"We knew coming in we needed to be a bit more defensive minded," Cory Harbinson, graduate assistant coach, said.

The team's defensive game plan led to UWF beating the Blazers in almost every offensive

category. The Argos had 18 shots with 12 on frame. They also had 11 corner kicks to VSU's one.

Harbinson attributes the wide margin in shot differential to the overall game plan. "We game planned to take less shots," Harbinson said. "This result could've been more but our goal keeper came up big and our defense stepped up in a lot of areas."

Alyssa Curtis continued her historical season in goal by adding seven saves to her season total bringing her to 58 at the end of Friday.

At the half, VSU trailed by three, but they continued to fight and remain aggressive throughout the game. In the 74th minute, Megan Muffley was cautioned for charging into the

keeper while going for a header that was in the air.

"We just kept telling them to believe, keep fighting and overcome this challenge," Harbinson said. "There are going to be challenges that come our way every day. If we want to grow as a team we have to embrace them."

After the loss, there was only one thing on Harbinson's mind: winning.

"Three points, no excuses," Harbinson said about his expectations for the next game against Spring Hill.

The Blazers were on the right path to collect its first win during the game, but Mother Nature got in the way. In the eighth minute, Riley Tenant netted her first goal of the season.

After multiple weather delays and an equalizer from Spring Hill, the game was called off due to rain.

During the match, the Blazers took 14 shots, a high on the season, mirroring the same aggressiveness and intensity that was displayed in the second half of the West Florida game.

The next game will feature another GSC rival: the University of West Georgia. The Wolves are 6-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. This will be a crucial game for the team if the Blazers want to stay alive in postseason contention. The game will take place Oct. 1 at the Athletic Field House in Valdosta.



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Who is your VSU player of the game?

1. Cedric Hollingshed (RB)
2. Brandon Roe (DB)
3. Raymond Palmer (DB)
4. Donovan Bolden (WR)

Hollingshed--78 yds 2 TD.	29%
Roe--Fumble Rec. Int. TD. ☉	15%
Palmer--Big Int. late.	39%
Bolden--49 Rec. Yds. TD.	17%

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Raymond Palmer, a junior defensive back, was voted as the VSU Football Player of the Game after the West Florida game on Saturday, Sept. 24. Palmer had an interception late in the game that stalled a UWF comeback drive. He also added four tackles in the win.

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Dante Robinson rushes in to help take down the UWF ball carrier.

## Robinson: hometown hero

Linebacker leads VSU defense to solid start

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Dante Robinson is a hometown kid who is making a name for himself with VSU Football. Robinson went to Lowndes High School and helped it get to the Georgia 6A State Playoffs in 2013.

"I'm really a hometown guy," Robinson said on why he chose VSU. "I've been around here for a while and I liked this program."

Robinson is a junior linebacker for the Blazers, who currently have a 2-1 record after two strong defensive showings.

In the season opener against Albany State, the Blazers defense made a large impact on the game. Robinson lead the charge with two interceptions and six tackles.

"I just want to better my team," Robinson said. "I want to get us to a championship and push my linebackers to be the best in the nation by any means necessary."

Robinson shows his grit and grind through the post-practice drills he runs. While his teammates leave the field, Robinson stays and tries to become even better by working on various defensive drills.

"I just try to listen to my coaches," Robinson said. "They

put us in spots where we can be successful so I just do whatever they tell me."

Robinson is a leader on the defensive side of the ball, but he acknowledges offensive players for pushing him towards overall success.

"I think Roland is a good leader and Jordan Germany is very vocal on the field," Robinson said. "He's someone that pushes me to become better."

Robinson's efforts on defense earned him the Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of the Week earlier this season.

He is second on the team in sacks with one. He's also second in tackles with 13 during this season, while also tied for most interceptions on the team with two.

Robinson is studying education. He'd like to go to the NFL but if not, he'd like to become a teacher.

"I want to be a math teacher and coach football," he said.

Robinson and his teammates will go to Waycross riding their momentum from the West Florida game. Robinson will look to lead the defense as the team faces Kentucky State at a neutral site on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Waycross, Georgia.



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Robinson had six tackles and two interceptions against ASU. He is second on the team with 13 tackles.

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