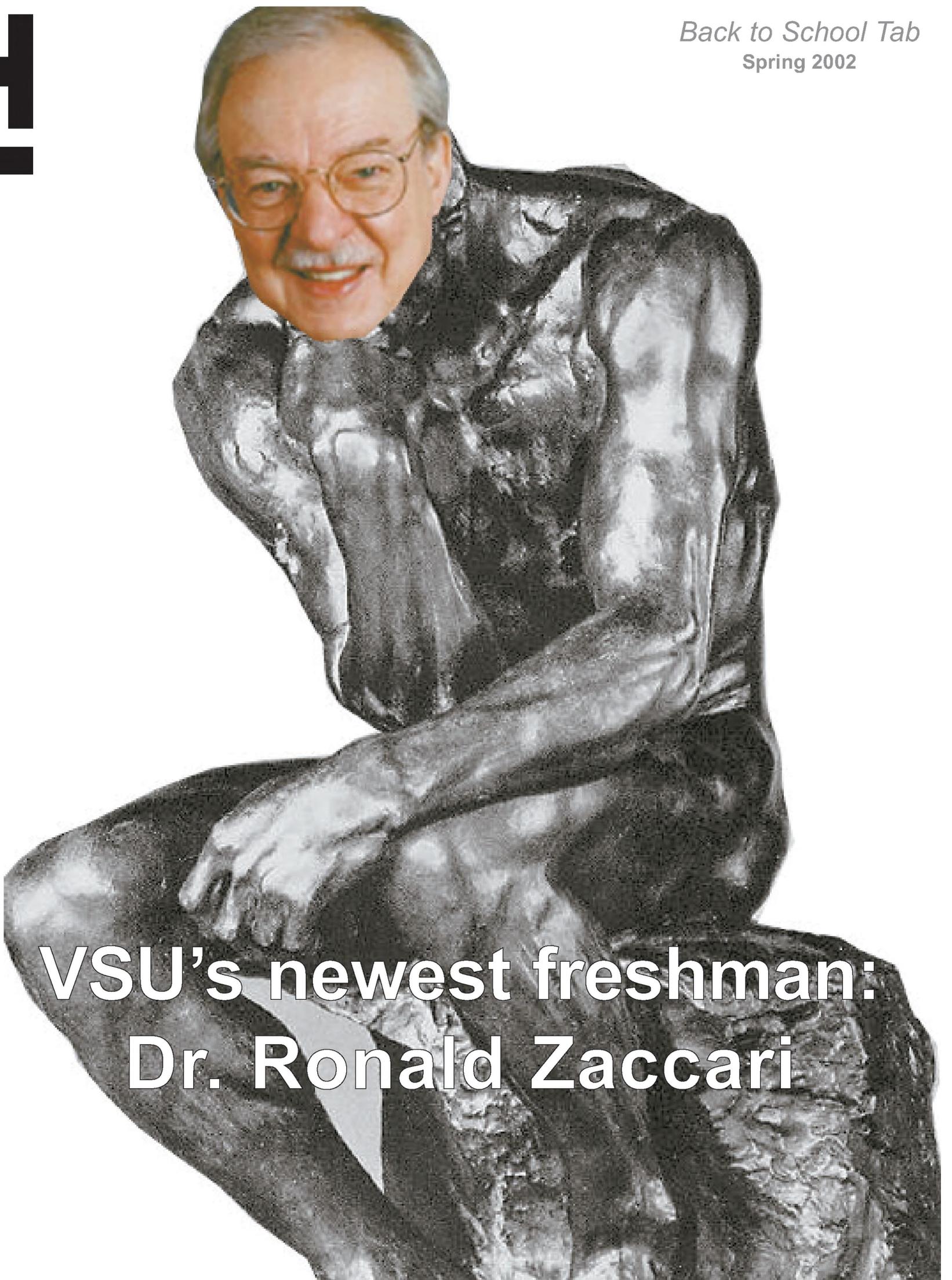


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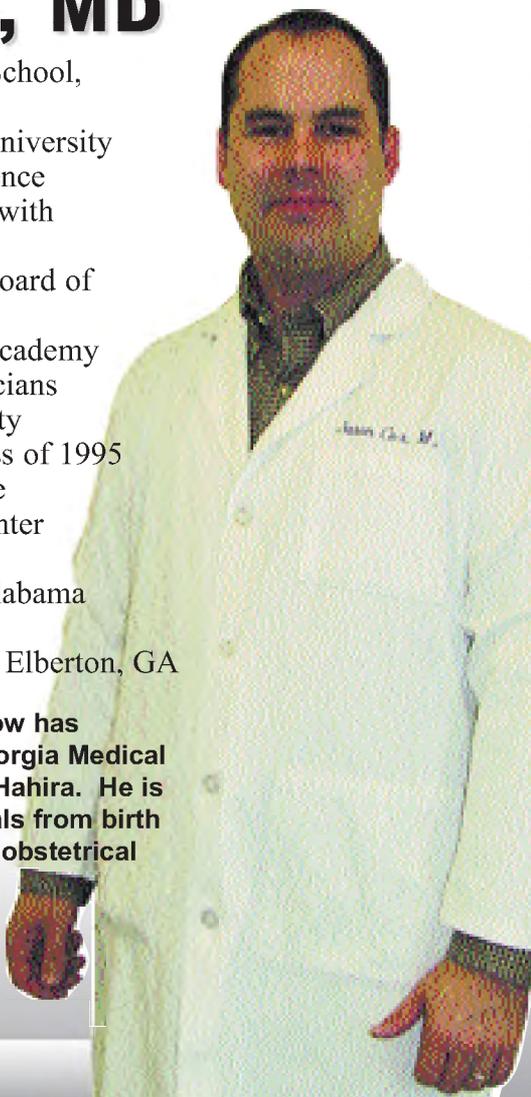
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## Friday, May 3

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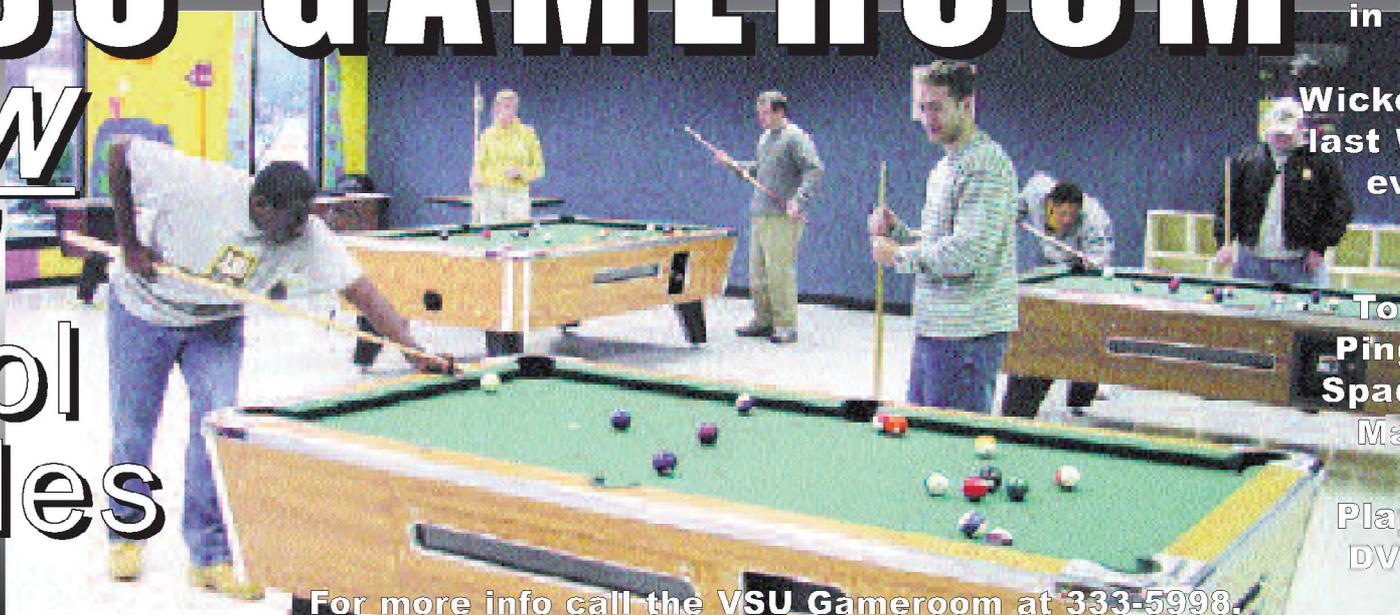
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# FAFSA forms mailed out

## Staff Reports

Sure you've just started spring semester, but if you've been watching your mail, you know it's already time to start thinking about next year—how to pay for next year, that is.

Over winter break, VSU's office of financial aid sent out the Free Application for Student Financial Aid.

While there is no deadline for filling out the FAFSA, Doug Tanner, departmental manager of operations for Financial Aid, said May 1 is the priority deadline.

"Applications received by this date are assured processing and consideration for full aid," Tanner said.

According to Tanner, certain grants have very limited funds. Those funds are awarded during the initial awards process and once they are awarded, the funds are exhausted.

The FAFSA requires information found on students' or parents' tax returns and so cannot be filed until that information has been completed. Though this information is required, students can fill out the FAFSA before filing taxes. The office of financial aid asks that students turn in a copy of their tax returns and W2 forms with the FAFSA. Students who do not turn the forms in together will be asked to supply those copies to the office of financial aid in order to complete the application.

Financial aid applications for summer 2002 will be available on Feb. 1. There are no deadlines for this application either, though Tanner said the office of financial aid prefers that students apply at least two weeks before summer semester starts.

For more information, call the office of financial aid at 333-5935.

## General Tips for filling out a FAFSA:

-Pay close attention to the line numbers and the type of tax form you (or your parents) use.

-Don't leave blank lines: enter 0 if there's no number for the line.

-Read directions carefully regarding household size.

-If you have questions, contact Financial Aid Counselors at 333-5935.

## Editor's note:

Welcome, or welcome back. Either way, it's that time again.

New books, new profs, new schedule—and just when we were getting the hang of sleeping until noon.

In this issue you will find help for the harried.

If you're new to VSU and don't know when or where to get your books, attend your classes and, most important, find your food, leaf through. It's all here. If you're the goal-oriented, forward thinking type, we've got midterm drop dates, the final exam schedule and even graduation information.

It's all here. Tack it up on your fridge or your door. And when you've finally got it all together, it'll be over and we'll have to start

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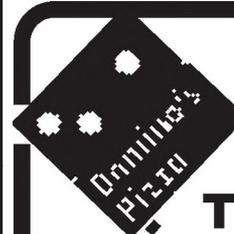
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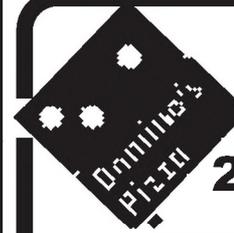
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# Move over Beowulf, some things take real courage

Mary Dabbs  
Staff Writer

I have just emerged from a coming-of-age ordeal forever changed. It surpassed the first menstrual period, paralleled the bar mitzvah, and left the Native American vision quest in the dust.

That's right, I have driven through Atlanta.

Mock me for my seriousness, but ask yourself: How many times have you stared down the devil in the form of a semi-truck passing into your lane?

My epic adventure began as I

pushed my way north on I-75. I knew my path would be laced with adversity, all hands were against me and most drivers thought of turn signals as archaic devices akin to the smoke-signal.

I invoked the muses through my FM radio. One station featured a rap song repeating the words "Lick me" every five seconds. The next station played pop drivell for lobotomy patients, and the next station played only country. I quickly returned to the "Lick me" song. It was the lesser evil, even for a girl with no rhythm who believes that

rap reached its peak with "Here Comes the Hotstepper."

Musical inspiration established, I threaded my way down the interstate, maintaining a calm exterior as every other car on the road did its best to maim me and my chariot. An eight-wheel Keebler delivery truck driven by a man bearing a striking resemblance to Sean Connery on crack broke my Zen-like state.

The Keebler elf painted on the truck wore a shit-eating grin, and the driver began crossing lanes with a complete disregard for physics,

obviously operating under one of these delusions:

- 1) My car was a hallucination
- 2) I possessed the powers of "Shadowcat" from the X-Men comics and was capable of passing through solid objects unharmed, or
- 3) We were playing "Vigilante 8" on Playstation and my car was the enemy.

Whatever his psychosis, he proceeded to pass not in front of, but into my car. I deftly changed lanes and unleashed a string of cuss words beginning with my mom's simple "watch it, Buster" and mov-

ing onto my palate of one-syllable words learned at my grandma's knee. This naturally flowed into "sperm-burping gutter-slut" and other notable phrases.

Granny would have been proud.

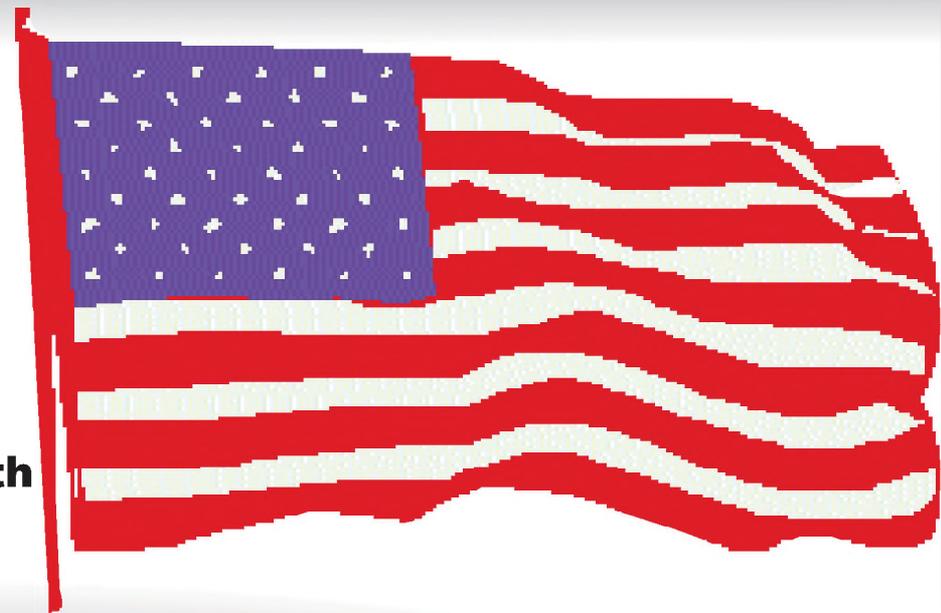
The wrath of my potty-mouth reached across the lane and into the truck-driver's cab where he sat, noticeably chastened. The best part was watching the smug gleam leave that Keebler bastard's eyes.

The enemy defeated, I moved to face such holiday perils as fruitcake and goodwill towards man.

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# Sick Speed rocks out at Rick's

**Leah F. Cassorla**  
Staff Writer

Spring semester has just started and already there's a reason to party. WVVS, VSU's radio station is throwing a party at Rick's on Bemiss Road to celebrate its 30th anniversary. Sick Speed, an Atlanta based band, will headline this party with PreFab Deluxe and Tequila Mockingbird playing.

The brainchild of Stuck Mojo frontman Rich Ward, Sick Speed brings an emphasis on melody and lyrics to Metal that has been absent far too long. The band brings together traditional Metal influences, such as Ozzy Osbourne, Iron Maiden and Van Halen, with the less expected Journey and Fleetwood Mac.

Those influences led Sick Speed to take the stereotypical characteristics of Metal—heavy guitar, unintelligible lyrics and yelling as melody—and turn them inside out. Sick Speed keeps the guitar riffs and adds lyrics the listener can understand—and would want to.

One such example is the song "Around the World." The song brings the social commentary of Metal to a new level offering a view of what's wrong, but mixing in a positive outlook of moving beyond the problem. "You were thinking, just the other day, responsibility doesn't always pay. If you look inside and you don't see the light, ask yourself, 'Am I really alright?'"

The result of Sick Speed's

approach to Metal is far more accessible music, and that, according to Ward is the goal.

According to Ed Pitts, senior mass media major and music director of WVVS, the lineup for the concert is a concerted move to bring something new to Valdosta.

"We're just trying to get away from the cover band syndrome plaguing the Valdosta live music scene," Pitts said.

WVVS has been an active rock station since Memorial Day, but in the past, the genre has varied.

"We started as a progressive rock station," Pitts said. "The staffs have tried to make it classic rock, alternative, and now we're active rock. Next year it could be different, you never know."

Pitts also said WVVS will be drawing for door prizes all night, including autographed items from Puddle of Mudd, Spineshank and Reverend Horton Heat. WVVS will charge \$4 for admission.

Leah F. Cassorla is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at kokopeli\_la@yahoo.com



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# Zaccari takes over Bailey's post

**Leah F. Cassorla**  
Staff Writer

Valdosta's newest freshman is a 63-year-old sculptor. Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari, president emeritus of West Liberty State College, W. Va., was named president of VSU on Dec. 31 by the Georgia Board of Regents.

Dr. Zaccari retired from his position as president of West Liberty State College on Aug. 15, 2001, in order to work full time as a sculptor, but said he missed being involved with students. Dr. Zaccari said he looks forward to working with VSU's students.

"From what I've heard about the students, we have students who are very interested in communication with the administration and involved in making a difference," Dr. Zaccari said. "I haven't had opportunity for in depth interaction with many students, but I believe that the students are fine young men and women."

The students aren't the only reason Dr. Zaccari chose VSU. According to Zaccari, the University's and region's involvement in the arts played a big role as did the emphasis on higher education in Georgia. And then Dr. Zaccari and his wife came Valdosta.

"Once Nancy and I arrived on

the campus it was a 'Wow! This is unbelievable,' Dr. Zaccari said.

Because Dr. Zaccari considers students his primary concern, he said he plans to attend Student Government Association meetings. He said he would only do so officially, and only for important issues.

"What a smart president will do is not overextend his welcome," Dr. Zaccari said.

Dr. Hugh Bailey, VSU's outgoing

president, had said in a previous interview with the Spectator that he plans to stay out of the way but would be happy to be on hand to offer advice if needed.

According to Dr. Zaccari, following in Dr. Bailey's footsteps presents some challenges, but that he plans on building a working relationship with Dr. Bailey.

Among those challenges will be a shift in management styles.

"Dr. Bailey has been there 23

years so there will be times when people say 'Dr. Bailey would have done it this way' or 'Dr. Bailey would have done it that way,' and that's only normal, Dr. Zaccari said. "I want to be my own president."

Dr. Zaccari said he spends a great deal of time in strategic planning, but doesn't like talking about problems too much. He prefers to get down to solving them.

"I spend a lot of time in the accountability factor of management," Dr. Zaccari said. "That goes both ways. People should be watching what I do. People are important to me, and I try to maintain quality and sensitivity in human interaction."

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Mary Dabbs / The Spectator

The library extension is proceeding on schedule and will be finished in 12 to 18 months.



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## Athletes excel in class

Blazer athletes set records off the field during fall academic semester

Staff Reports

Fall semester 2001 was a benchmark academic term for Valdosta State student-athletes who turned in an overall grade point average of 2.86. Three academic records fell -- eight of the department's 11 sports teams recorded GPAs over 3.0, 125 student-athletes com-

plied 3.0 or higher averages and 48 student-athletes earned Dean's List recognition (minimum 3.66 GPA).

Women's tennis won the Athletic Director's Award for the highest team GPA for the second straight semester with a 3.49.

Twelve student-athletes compiled perfect 4.0 marks, led by volleyball's Anna Einarsdottir, who made straight A's for the fourth straight semester. Other



perfect scorers were Michael Smith (baseball), Emily Miller (women's tennis), Erin Green (women's

basketball), Courtney Parker (women's basketball), Dennis Fryzel (football), Eric Stiefel (baseball), Chris Tunning (golf), Amy Housemeyer (volleyball), Suzy Watson (volleyball), Angela Lauzon (softball) and Jonathan Craig (men's cross country).

### TEAM GPA

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3. Softball	3.19
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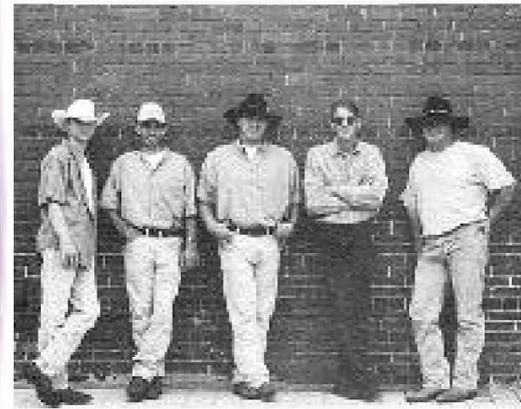
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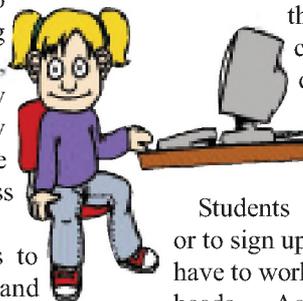
**Mary Dabbs**  
Staff Writer

First the wheel, then sliced bread.

Once, you had to trudge across campus to get classes added and dropped. Now classes can be added and dropped over the online Banner Web system. According to Gerald Wright, registrar, the new system will allow students to complete the add/drop process with greater ease.

"The intention is to reduce forms and stops," Wright said.

The add/drop feature on Banner will be accessible Tuesday at 1 p.m. through Friday at 3 p.m. Wright suggests students print their schedules after completing the drop/add process. The hard copy will serve as proof of registration in case of a computer mix-up. Also, students who owe additional fees for added classes should contact the



bursary to pay or verify financial aid will cover any amount owed. Otherwise, classes added may be cancelled because of tuition owed.

The new drop/add process is a pilot being run on main campus and does not affect off-campus classes or classes held at King's Bay. The new system eliminates the need to get the course instructor and department head's signatures before adding or dropping a class.

Students who want overrides or to sign up for waiting lists will have to work through department heads. Academic departments are handling the new online system differently. Some departments have waiting lists to get into classes, and others leave it up to the student to look for openings on the Banner Web system. According to Wright, most departments will probably leave it to students to use the Banner system on a first come, first serve basis.

Most departments have forms for students who need an override. The override must be signed by the professor of the class in question and then brought to the department head. According to Dr. Jesse G. Spencer, department head and professor of chemistry, classes taking place in labs do not process many overrides because it is unsafe to have extra people

in designated lab areas.

Some departments keep a waiting list. According to Dr. Sharon Gravett, department head and professor of English, and Linda Simmons, secretary for the Modern and Classical Languages Department, both departments have secretaries in charge of student waiting lists.

Dr. Pat Burns, department head of the Office of Academic

Student Instructional Support, encourages students wishing to get on a waiting list for OASIS classes to talk to their professors first. Professors can talk to Dr. Burns, who will check the Banner for drops in classes.

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