

Budget cuts shared to spare Academic Affairs

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

Since fall 2001, VSU has been facing a tough decision. Because the budget was based on three years of lowered enrollment, money was tight. But when Gov. Barnes called for budget cuts, tight was just not tight enough.

The cuts have been scheduled for this fiscal year, which will end on June 30, and the next. This year, the budget must be cut by 2.5 percent. Next year, the cut must be double that.

The cuts must come from the non-auxiliary budget, which accounts for \$63,580,508 of VSU's approximate \$129 million budget. The rest of VSU's annual budget comes from auxiliary services and financial aid.

The question, then, was not how much to cut, but where to cut from. The total \$1,119,958 cut would have to be shared among the divisions receiving funds from the budget. Those divisions include Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Equal Opportunity / Multicultural Affairs, Information Technology, Business and Finance and Institutional Advancement.

According to James Brignati, vice president for Business and Finance, the budget is set so that Academic Affairs receives 70.08 percent of the non-auxiliary funds. Were the cut to be equally shared by all the divisions, Academic Affairs would have to cut \$784,992

from its \$44,560,394 budget.

Instead, the administration decided to reallocate the cuts to lessen the burden on Academic Affairs. With reallocation, Academic Affairs will now only cut \$600,000 from its budget.

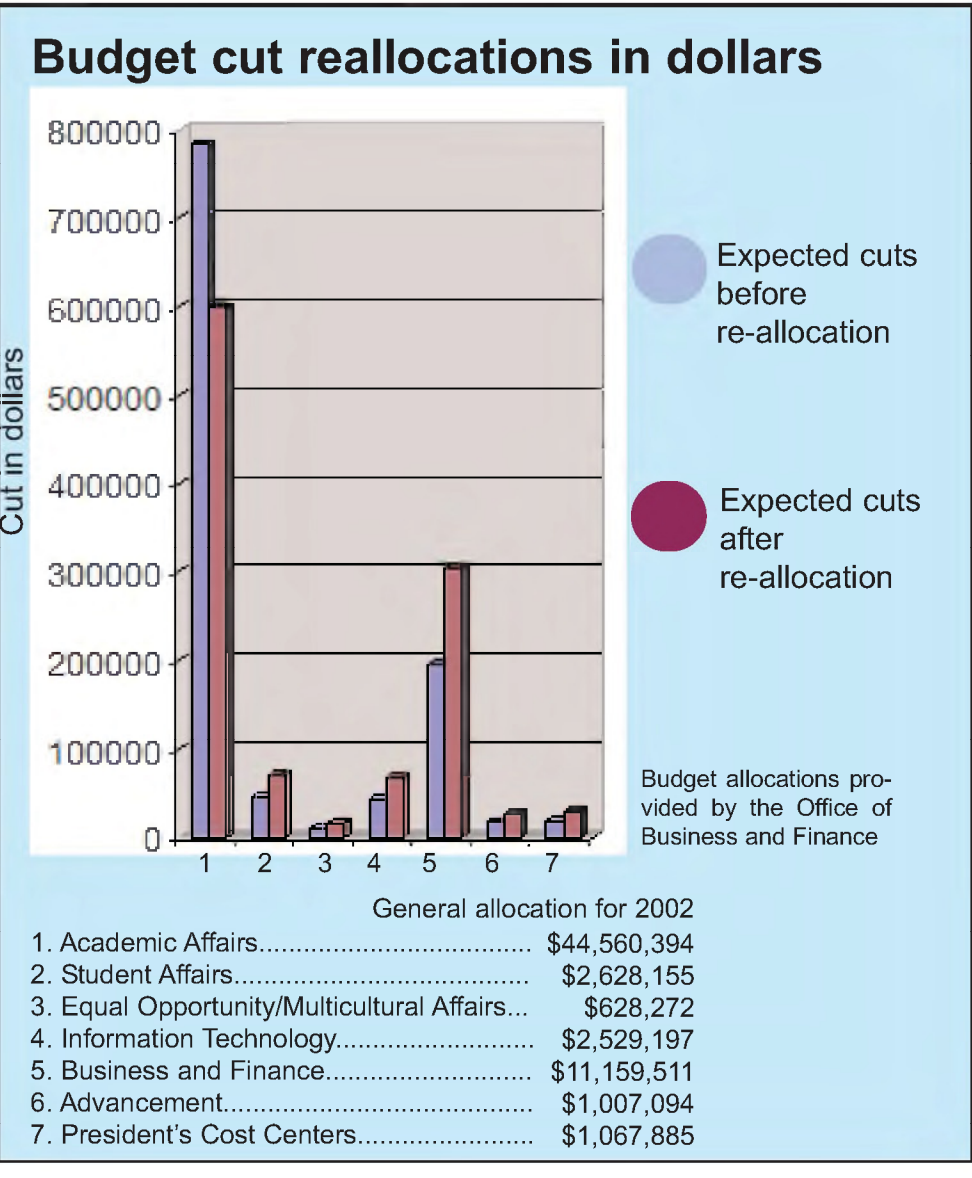
"We did that as an administration so there would be less impact on what the main focus of what we do should be anyway," Brignati said.

Shannon Canne, a junior English major, agrees that taking care of academics makes sense.

"I think the teachers are the most important part of the school," Canne said. "Without the teachers, there is no school. It [the cut] should be specifically targetting the areas that aren't essential."

According to Brignati, the other divisions will make up the \$184,922 difference in the budget cuts. The majority of the difference will be borne by Business and Finance.

Even though things seem bleak, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. According to Brignati, there is a likelihood that VSU will make up some of the shortfall in a supplemental budget, which the school expects to get in March. That money, however, is not definite and must be spent before the end of the fiscal year.



The other piece of good news, according to Brignati, is the steady rise in enrollment. Starting next year, the estimate for the budget will include years of increased enrollment, and so the budget should also increase.

The increase in the budget should make next year's 5 percent cuts easier to bear as well.

Though the administration sets the amount to be cut, it will not mandate the way in which the budget must be cut.

Zaccari to meet SAVE

Michelle Taylor
Staff Writer

Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari, VSU president, is giving S.A.V.E something former president Dr. Hugh C. Bailey never did. His time.

According to David Klier, senior sociology member and S.A.V.E. member, Dr. Zaccari is willing to listen to S.A.V.E. concerning the Living Wage Campaign. He will give the organization an hour Feb. 16 at 8 a.m. to discuss the Living Wage Campaign. At this time, Klier said, the organization will present Dr. Zaccari with the information, statistics and data that has been collected for the campaign.

"We're prepared to meet with him on Saturday the 16th," Klier said. "We're looking forward to it; it's wonderful to actually finally get to sit down and talk to somebody who's willing to listen and can do something about it."

Dr. Zaccari has said previously to the SGA that he wants to get involved with campus organizations.

"At least he's gonna meet with us," Klier said.

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VSU celebrates black history

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

February isn't just for Valentine's Day. It's also Black History Month, a time for everyone to learn more about how African-Americans have shaped the future of America.

Black History Month began as "Negro History Week" in 1926. When the American tradition originated, African-American history had barely

been studied or documented.

The second week in February was chosen for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the African-American population: Frederick Douglass, American abolitionist and author, and Abraham Lincoln, abolitionist and 16th President of the United States. The entire month of February was chosen because it marks the dates of several significant events in

black history.

More thorough black history study was conducted by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a scholar from Harvard University.

He was disturbed to find that most history books left out entire sections of vital black history, and when African-Americans were mentioned in history books, it was largely to reflect the inferior social position they were in at the time (www.infoplease.com).

Woodson then helped write

"African-Americans in U.S. History." He created the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915. In 1926, he helped establish Negro History Week.

VSU will be celebrating Black History Month with a series of lectures. The first is tonight, in the Bio/Chem building auditorium at 7. Called, "A Killing in Choctaw: The Power

of Forgiveness and Education," the lecture is about a play that encourages teaching compassion, and racial.

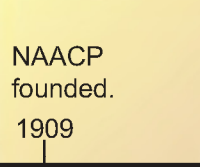


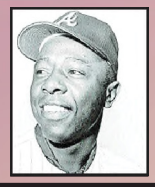
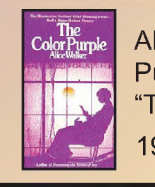

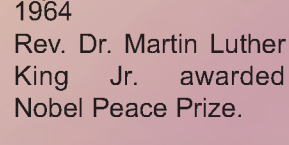

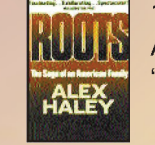
There are four lectures in all. Lecture two will consist of three lectures on Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Lecture three, "The Education of the African American Male: The Brothers" is a one-man performance written and performed by VSU professor John Gaston will be performed Feb. 22. The show begins at 8 p.m., Sawyer

Theatre (Fine Arts Building). The final program in the lecture series will be an African-American art exposition featuring guest artist Eric Jones. The exposition will be on display in the University Center Magnolia Room beginning at 7 p.m.

Many black Americans have molded our country through their achievements.

Hank Aaron, a baseball player noted for his powerful wrists,

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 <p>NAACP founded. 1909</p>	 <p>Rosa Parks arrested for refusing to move to the back of a bus. 1955</p>	 <p>Malcolm X assassinated. 1965</p>	 <p>Hank Aaron hits 715th homerun, breaking Babe Ruth's record. 1974</p>	 <p>Alice Walker awarded Pulitzer Prize for "The Color Purple." 1983</p>
 <p>1914 George Washington Carver's experiments aid renewal of depleted land in South.</p>	 <p>1964 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. awarded Nobel Peace Prize.</p>	 <p>1968 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther assassinated.</p>	 <p>1976 Alex Haley's "Roots" published.</p>	

CORRECTION:

The SGA story in the Jan. 31 issue of The Spectator contained an error of fact. Attendance at SGA has been too low for a quorum twice in the academic year.

The tuition story in the Jan. 24 issue contained an error of attribution. The director for Admissions and Enrollment Management is Walter Peacock.

It is Spectator policy to correct errors of fact.

Students feel free to speak

Michelle Taylor
Staff Writer

Free speech in the classroom is only as free as the questions you ask.

Classroom speech can be limited, but only if the speech or conduct violates the Student Code of Ethics. According to the Code, number five under section E called disorderly conduct, which says if a student says or does something that is offensive to another student, faculty member, administrator or staff, that student could be punished.

This includes the classroom. Most professors don't mind students expressing themselves in the classroom, as long

as the student shows respect to other students in the class.

"I tell my students to always be respectful of others' opinions," Dr. Kathleen Lowney, professor of sociology, said. "It's important they don't talk over each other, or try to shout each other down."

Some students feel they have the ability to express themselves in the classroom as they wish.

"I haven't been in a class where I felt like my rights have been taken away



from me," Karen Kithe, freshman LAS major, said. "I know that while the professor is speaking that students should be respectful and not just call out, but during debates, any opinions students or the professor have should be shared."

There is no other code or rule that specifically limits student speech rights in the classroom. Some professors do regulate what questions are appropriate.

"I try to ask students and myself what questions are okay based on fact and

opinion," Dr. Lowney said. "Questions based on facts are welcome, and questions based on opinion are welcome as well, but should be treated respectfully."

Some students do feel some of their professors have expectations about what kinds of questions that they will allow.

"Just because you ask it does not mean that it will get answered," Kyle Bocani, sophomore history major, said. "I basically just ask questions when I don't understand something. But I know in my English classes that we have to have an opinion, and when other people are talking, the professor doesn't tell them they are wrong."

<p>Inside Today</p> <p>Campus Happenings..... 2 Police Beat..... 2 News..... 3 Weather..... 3 Opinion..... 6</p>	<p>Next issue</p> <p>Romance fit for Cupid --had he been a starving student</p>	<p>Web Watch</p> <p>Each week, the Spectator features a website that will benefit our readers.</p> <p>Black history month is here. It's time to celebrate the unsung heroes of American and world history.</p> <p>Until we begin to teach and learn history without an eye</p>	<p>This week:</p> <p>www.blackhistorypages.com</p> <p>toward the race of the history maker we will continue to need a black history month.</p> <p>To that end, www.blackhistorypages.com contains links to pages featuring black history, in</p>	<p>America and around the world.</p> <p>Log on and educate yourself, share the information with others. Because black history is part of the heritage of all people.</p>
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POLICE BEAT

January 28

Someone took a 18" X 24" self portrait oil painting on purple canvas from a student's cabinet drawer in the photography room at the Fine Arts Building between 8 p.m. Jan. 28 and 11 a.m. Jan. 30. A Crime Victim's Bill of Rights was issued.

Someone took four \$20 bills from a professor's purse on the floor behind her desk in her office in Pound Hall between 9 p.m. on Jan. 28 and 4 p.m. on Jan. 30. A Crime Victim's Bill of Rights was issued.

Someone took a student's cell phone and VSU I.D. while she was riding the green line VSU shuttle bus at 2 p.m.

February 5

Andrew Duckworth, 18, of 533 Shadowmoore Circle, Thomson, Ga., was arrested for failure to maintain lane, DUI (alcohol) and underage possession of alcohol at 3:14 a.m. at Brookwood Drive and Oak Street. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is a VSU student.

Someone took some money and a pair of Oakley sunglasses, together valued at \$220, from a student's vehicle while it was parked at the University Center between 3:10 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

February 6

Carlton Javonti Lofton, 22, of 2323 North Forrest St., was arrested for driving with a suspended license and failure to stop at a stop sign at 3:30 a.m. at Azalea Drive and Baytree Road. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is a VSU student.

Today

Dr. Victor Morgan, director of the Counseling Center, will host a free seminar, "Managing Stress," from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Camilla Room at the University Center.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at 333-594 or visit www.valdosta.edu/counseling.

The Sixth Annual African American studies lecture series begins today at 7 p.m. in the Bio/Chem Building Auditorium. Carl Raye, motivational speaker, author and actor, will give a performance, "A Killing in Choctaw." This year's theme is "Healing our Nation Through Empowered Education."

For more information, call Dr. Shirley Hardin, director of African American studies, at 249-1843 or stop by the AFA office in Nevins Hall 1138.

Natural High will host cosmic bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Valdosta Lanes. VSU students need to bring \$1 and show their VSU I.D.

For more information, call the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education at 259-5111.

Friday

The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority will be collecting school supplies to benefit area schools as part of its national project. Items can be dropped off at tables in the University Center from noon to 4 p.m. today or Feb. 18.

For more information, e-mail Benita Madison at benitamadi@vsublazers.com.

Saturday

Antigoni Goni, guitar soloist, will give a free performance, "Latin American Pops," for

VSU students at 3 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building. Students must show VSU ID to be admitted.

For more information, call the music department at 333-5804.

Sunday

The South Georgia Medical Center's Community Health Promotion Department and the Dasher Heart Center will be offering free EKGs, blood pressure checks and cholesterol screenings for VSU students, faculty and staff from 2 to 5 p.m. at the University Center.

The event is part of the 4th Annual Heart Health Expo. Refreshments will be provided. To pre-register, call 259-4141, ext. 1.

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority begins "Zeta Week 2002: A Lovey Dovey Blue Valentine" with 11 a.m. church services at Christ Episcopal Church on Patterson Street.

For more information, call Sharon Bailey, public relations chairperson, at 253-9084.

Monday

There will be a Regents' Test workshop from noon to 2 p.m. for people wanting practice.

For more information, call the VSU Writing Center in West Hall 204 at 333-7387.

The Center for International Programs will host guest speaker Dr. Paul Harris, of Augusta State University. He will present a lecture, "Minorities in Germany," at 7 p.m. in the Magnolia Room 2 at the University Center. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.

For more information, call the CIP office at 333-7410.

VSU-TV, Mediacom channel 12, will air the following live seminars this week presented

by The Museum of Television & Radio, which comprise a multi-part university satellite seminar series, "Television and the War on Terrorism: The War at Home and Abroad," about the effects of Sept. 11.

Panels feature Ari Fleischer, White House press secretary; Dan Rather, CBS Evening News; Andrew Heyward, president, CBS News; and other media experts.

Monday: "The War at Home: The Media Responds" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday: "The War Abroad: The International Perspective" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday: "The War Abroad: The International Perspective" from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, visit the MT&R web site at www.mtr.org or call Mike Savoie, of the department of communication arts, at 333-7399.

Greek Crossroads, an all-Greek meeting designed for spiritual growth and encouragement, will meet at 8 p.m. in Powell Hall Auditorium.

For more information, call Jason at 671-9483.

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority will host its own version of "The Love Connection," the "Dove Connection," at 8 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the University Center.

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The G Q Quartet, of Fort Valley, Ga., will give a concert performance, "An Evening of Jazz," at 7 p.m. in the

University Center Theater.

For more information, call the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs & Multicultural Affairs at 333-5463.

The Zeta Phi Beta sorority will host a seminar, "Healthy Love," at 8 p.m. with guest speaker, Bridgette Hampton, instructor, of the College of Nursing, in the Brown Hall lobby.

Wednesday

Faye Altman, of the Counseling Center, will host a free seminar, "Unsolved Mysteries (of the Heart)," at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson Hall on main campus.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at 333-

5940 or visit www.valdosta.edu/counseling.

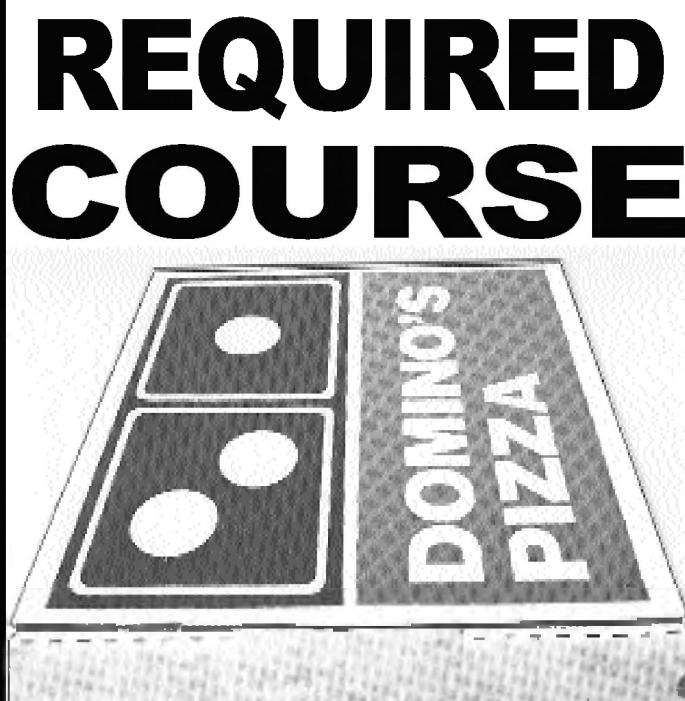
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Weekend

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 Hi: 58
 Low: 54

Friday

 UV Index: 5 Moderate
 Hi: 63
 Low: 41

Saturday

 UV Index: 4 Low
 Hi: 66
 Low: 45

Sunday

 UV Index: 4 Low
 Hi: 64
 Low: 39



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Raymond Register, former Valdosta State College associate professor, left this house to the university in his will. At this point, it is not sure whether the house will go to VSU or will remain in Register's brother's possession. The house is on Toombs Street.

Register leaves house for scholarship auction

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

Raymond Register left VSU more than several years of teaching—he left his house.

Register donated his house to the university in his will after his death in 1995.

According to Raymond Devery, vice president for Institutional Advancement, VSU is planning to auction off the house and put the proceeds into an endowment fund.

An endowment is a permanent fund bestowed upon an individual or institution to be used for a specific purpose. In this case, that purpose is to fund scholarships in Register's name.

Devery and the Office of Institutional Advancement are planning for the scholarships to

be awarded annually to students majoring in English and in good standing. The proceeds earned from the auction of the house will be invested and the interest earned each year, as well as any other contributions made, will add to the scholarship fund. Just one problem.

The house, a mid-30s home at 607 Toombs St., is currently under the name of Register's brother, who lives in West Virginia. Register's brother has two options Devery said. He can both allow VSU to auction off the home and put the money into the endowment fund or decide to sell the house himself and keep the money.

"We should get a decision soon," Devery said. "All he [Register's brother] has to do is look at the appraisal [for the house] and determine what he

wants to do. He could possibly decide to keep the money, but hopefully for the university he won't do that."

Until the decision is made, the time and date of the auction are on hold as well as the availability of the scholarship.

Register served as an assistant professor for then Valdosta State College's English department beginning in fall 1969 after leaving the University of Georgia, where he was an instructor from 1961-63, 1966-69. He also taught at the University of Auburn in 1961, 1963-66. Register received his bachelor's degree from Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.) in 1958 and went on to earn his master's from Auburn University in 1965.

Dr. Zaccari did say the Living Wage Campaign was a priority, but one of many priorities.

"I've had some correspondence with them, and I've reviewed the information," Dr. Zaccari said. "As new president there are a number of variables converging on my office simultaneously. This group must understand that they are a priority, but I am trying to deal, as new president, with lots of priorities."

Klier said he understands the president's position.

"He's only been here a month, really," he said. "This place is very new to him and I understand there's a lot of problems on campus, and a lot of

issues that need to be dealt with. We understand it's gonna take time. But we see for us, for the Living Wage campaign, there's going to be a lot of progress in the right direction this semester. We believe we will get a resolution to this very soon because of the willingness of President Zaccari to cooperate with us and to be truly interested in the situation of the staff and student assistants on campus."

S.A.V.E. meets bi-weekly. While the organization's focus now is the meeting with Dr. Zaccari, S.A.V.E. will meet at 8 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Powell Hall auditorium.

Student dies in wreck

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

Holly Hobbs, a senior at VSU, was killed Jan. 31 in an auto accident.

Hobbs, 23, died in the two-car wreck that critically injured Brandon Back, 25, of Norman Park, and took the life of Suwanee County, Fla., resident, William T. Gerow, 48.

Back was believed to be driving a 1993 Ford pickup south along County Road 137 and failed to stop at the stop sign at County Road 252, 12 miles south of Live Oak, Fla.

Back was in critical condition Friday at Shands Jacksonville (Fla.) Medical Center. A passenger in Gerow's vehicle,

Greg May, 36, of Lake City, received treatment at Lake City Medical Center.

Hobbs was majoring in sociology and anthropology. She planned to graduate in May.

"While I had not had the privilege of having Ms. Hobbs in class yet, a number of my colleagues had taught her and remember her with fondness and respect," Dr. Michael Brooks, professor and head for the department of sociology, anthropology and criminal justice, said.

Dr. Kathleen Lowney, professor of sociology said, "She was a kind, gentle person who was concerned about others, loved sports, and valued her faith and family. She worked diligently

in class and really was proud of what she was accomplishing in her life—she was on her way to achieving her degree."

According to Dr. Brooks, students are working to develop some type of memorial.

"We will remember Ms. Hobbs at our graduation reception held each term to recognize our graduates," Dr. Brooks said.

"It is not easy to deal with this type of loss," Dr. Brooks said. "No one so young can be lost without making all of us realize how fragile and precious our lives are. We certainly wish her family the best."

Dr. Lowney said, "We will—indeed we do already—miss her."

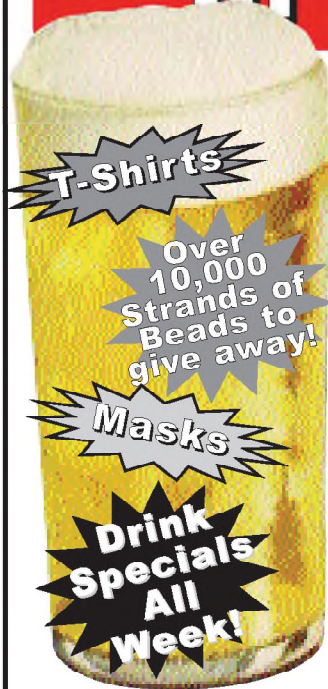


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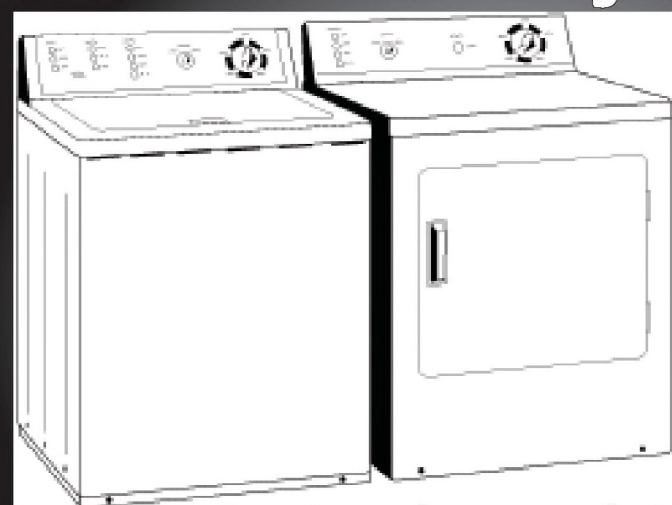
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News

VSU gets \$4.5 million for Nevins

Kate Gaulding
Staff Writer

Despite an expected \$2 million budget cut, \$4.5 million has been granted to VSU.

According to Dr. Louis H. Levy, vice president for Academic Affairs, Gov. Roy Barnes has approved this money and sent it to the legislature for final authorization.

The \$4.5 million will be received in 2003 and will be used to renovate about 53,000 square feet of the south wing of Nevins.

According to the President's Message on Jan. 30, the building is being renovated due to programmatic needs.

According to Dr. Levy, classes will be relocated.

"We'll be using some of the spaces in Nevins Hall," Dr. Levy said. "Maybe some at the education center. There might be some displacements, but no cancellations."

Bob Bell, director of Plant Operations, said the \$4.5 million would be split into six dif-



Annie Johnson / The Spectator

Nevins Hall will be renovated to accommodate programs' needs at VSU. Gov. Barnes provided \$4.5 million in his budget for the renovation of the building.

ferent sections.

Actual construction will cost \$3,680,000. Architects will cost \$300,000. The 10 percent contingency fund will cost \$369,000. Loose equipment, including desks, chairs and tables will cost \$369,000. The

resident inspector, who keeps building specifications in order, will receive \$36,000. The miscellaneous and testing, such as testing for asbestos costs, will reach \$37,000.

Brignati said construction will start in June or July and

will last about 14 to 15 weeks.

Dr. Levy said this renovation should open opportunities for a program in the arts to be moved into its own space in Nevins Hall as well as help physics, astronomy and geosciences expand.



'Stuck on seat' story proved untrue

Reports that a woman was stuck to her toilet seat in an airplane bound for Scandinavia were proved untrue this week. According to the story, the American woman was sealed to the toilet because of the high-pressure vacuum flush. After internal checks, a spokesperson from the Scandinavian Airline System reported the story untrue. The original story appeared on Jan. 1.

Experimental vaccine may stop cancer

After 41 years of research, Dr. Donald Morton, at the John Wayne Cancer Institute in California may get his vaccine FDA approved. He developed a vaccine that would attack and fight melanoma cells. Melanoma is expected to strike 51,400 Americans and kill 7,800 this year.

Dr. Morton's first patient, Peggy Maddox, is still cancer free after 17 years. She was expected to live only months when she received the vaccine. According to Dr. Morton, the survival rates of patients who have taken the vaccine compared to those who have not is doubling. The FDA is expected to pass the vaccine, in shot form, within two years.

Lay refuses to testify; gets subpoena

Kenneth Lay, former Enron chairman, refused to testify last week. Subpoenas are now being issued to him. The case centers on the events that led to the energy giant's downfall. Enron's bankruptcy is the largest in U.S. history.

Lay will appear in court Feb. 12. He will not be offered immunity. It is expected that Lay will invoke his 5th Amendment rights.

"Shadow Knight" gets jail time

Jason Allen Dickman, of California, was sentenced to 21 months in jail after admitting to breaking into NASA computers. Dickman, 20, is also required to pay \$88,000 in fines and restitution. He admitted to hacking into NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and other NASA computers at Stanford University in November 2000.

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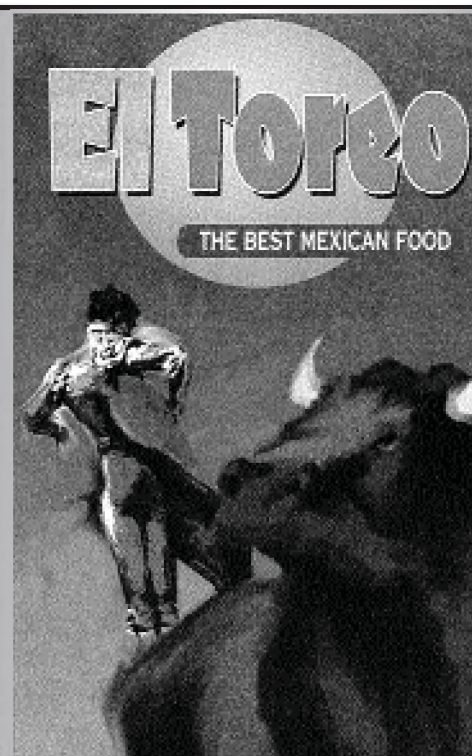
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News



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Ryan Wilson and Jenn Lainer, both junior political science majors, ask SGA to recognize the new organization, College Independents. SGA approved the organization.

SGA passes two bills

Mary Ellen McConnel
Staff Writer

At Tuesday night's meeting SGA passed two bills.

Bill number 09-01 pertained to students not being able to buy envelopes at the campus mail service. The other bill passed Tuesday evening affects the A La Carte meal plan. If passed students who do not spend all the money in their meal plan will be refunded up to \$200.

Three organizations were recognized by the senate: College Independence, The Church of Latterday Saints, and Student

Organization of Library and Information Sciences.

Bill 09-01, if passed by the Student Life Association, will require the campus mail service sell single unstamped envelopes.

"There is very little storage, and there is extremely small demand," said Sharon Butcher, of the campus mail service.

According to Butcher, the campus mail service is not a post office and envelopes would be an added expense. Butcher said the VSU Bookstore sells envelopes for students. The campus mail service carried

pre-stamped envelopes before Sept.11, but due to the ban by the United States Government the service ended.

Bill number 08-01 passed the senate. The bill requires VSU to refund money to students who do not spend all the money in the a la carte meal plan. A student with this plan can buy food at Palms Dining Center, The Blazer Grill, The University Center food Court, and The Night Owl. Currently, A La Carte meal plans do not return unused money.

History

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was among the first African-Americans to play a full career in the major leagues (1954-1976). In 1974 he broke Babe Ruth's legendary lifetime mark of 714 home runs.

Muhammad Ali, professional boxer, was the 1960 Olympic light heavyweight champion and a 3-time world heavy-

weight champion.

Jimi Hendrix, guitarist and rock musician, was a gifted singer and songwriter.

Louis Armstrong popularized the scat style of singing and remains one of jazz's most important and influential musicians.

Morgan Freeman, a movie industry veteran who has evolved from sturdy character actor to an engaging leading

man, received Academy Award nominations for his roles in Street Smart (1987), The Shawshank Redemption (1994), and, most famously, Driving Miss Daisy (1989), for which he won the Golden Globe for Best Actor.

For more information on history or any of the lectures, contact Dr. Shirley Hardin, director of African-American Studies at 249-4843.

Help for job hunters

Ray McKrow
Staff Writer

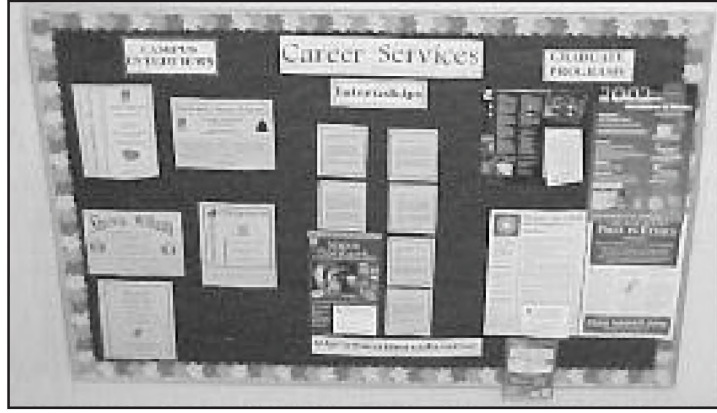
Students looking for jobs can get assistance at Career Services, located in Powell Hall.

According to Winifred Collins, director of Career Planning and Placement, career services wants to help students find their ideal job.

"We always ultimately remind the student of one thing- it's their life, they're going to be the one out there working, and need to do what will make them happy," Collins said.

Collins runs a mock-interview program for students who need to practice. In the program, the student treats the interview, which is videotaped, as a real interview. The tape is then viewed and critiqued.

Career Services also has a resume referral service that sends a resume anywhere free to 20 places of choice. Each



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Career Services posts information on internships, programs and interviews on its bulletin board for students.

additional resume sent is \$1. Students are able to use this service up to one term past graduation. After this, 10 requests are sent free of charge, and \$1 thereafter.

Collins said the economy is on such a decline students must be more aggressive than their classmates a few years ago.

All services offered are free to students. Workshop schedules can be picked up in Powell

Hall. The workshops help with job searches, interview skills and resume preparation.

Major career events are not until April. April 9 is Spring Career Day for all majors, and April 23 is Education Career Day.

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Go from color bind to color blind

Did you hear the one about White Male History Month? Of course not. The real joke's found in our history text. We have a Black History Month, a Woman's History Month and other months dedicated to those not in the history books. The books are filled with dead white guys.

Sure, there are token acknowledgements—designed to absolve the writers of history books for ignoring the majority of minority achievements. Looking at the textbooks you might think only White Anglo Saxon Protestants built the United States—some melting pot.

Black History Month, a result of the problem and beginning of the solution, is a big step from Negro History Week, which was, in 1926, a big step from nothing. But keep in mind it's only a step.

The goal is textbooks that aren't censored, classes that aren't color shy and educations that are rich in diversity.

The goal is Black History Year and, for that matter, Latino and Women's History Year.

Change is not any more a miracle than the most basic human acts. It is the result of a real effort to take strides towards improving ourselves and society, and a genuine desire to nurture social metamorphosis.

Change takes each and every one of us working small miracles.

Seek knowledge of our true American heritage if you would be patriotic; there's a lot to be proud of. Use your resources. Look for the missing pages on the Internet, in specialized history books and with campus resources, namely the resources of African-American Studies, located in Nevins Hall. Give the history context by discussing it with your fellow students and members of your community—with any luck, a community not limited by skin color.

Someday, who knows? It might be, "Did you hear the one about Black History Month?"

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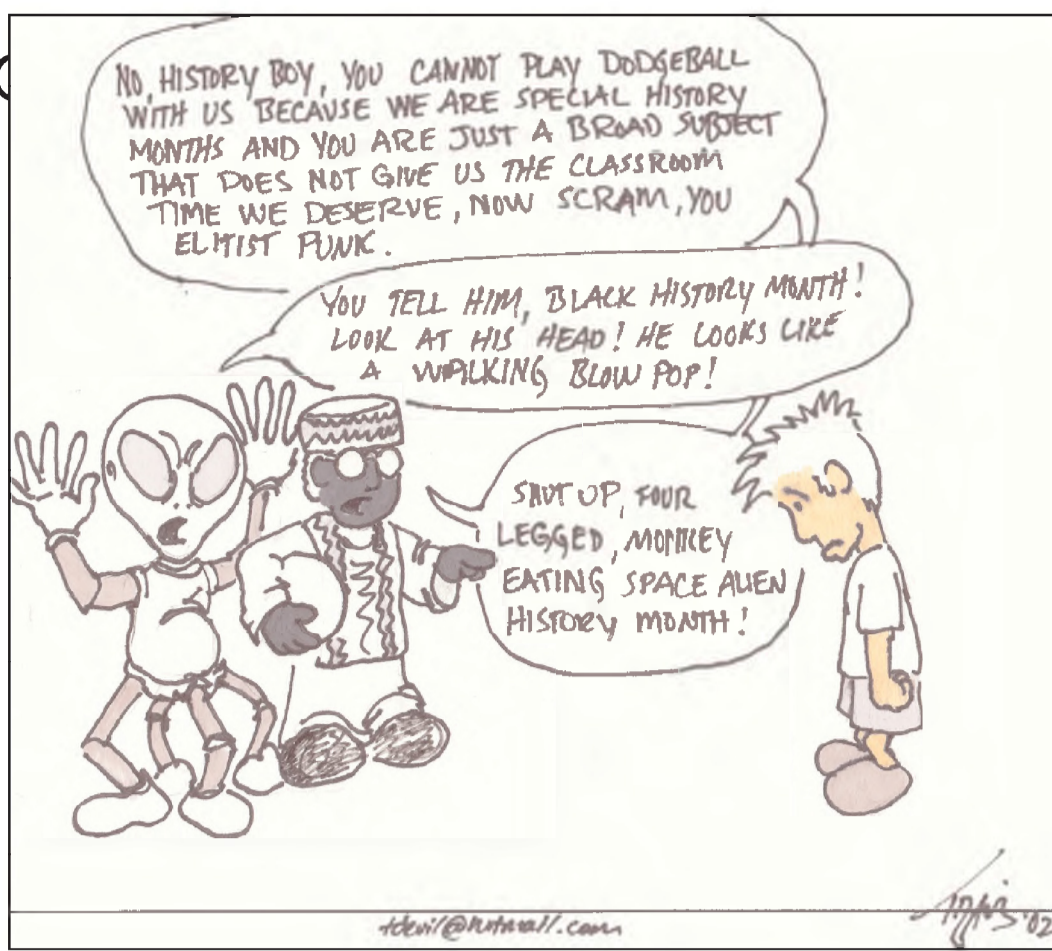
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A time to share

This not only the month of Valentine's Day, but one that is supposed to represent African-Americans. I'm talking about Black History Month.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is a great thing for African-Americans to be able to recognize such great names as the late Harriet Tubman, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thurgood Marshall. *But*, many of us confuse this with the idea that this is a month *only* for Blacks...this should not be the case. *All* races should be welcomed to the celebration.

It's essential to know your racial background and share with others of different races. This may be why we have problems in the world today; people are afraid to open up about life, and then "sh**" happens and we wonder what the deal is.

This is a month for all to learn, not to stagnate. It's great to be at a diverse campus, where opportunities to explore are numerous. I don't think that



Jeremiah Bass

any Latino, African-American, European, Asian, etc. should be afraid to go to events on African-American history. The past has touched all of us differently. We may not realize it, but it's there for us to learn.

This is one thing I love and will always respect about Martin Luther King, Jr.; he was about peace, not just for African-Americans, but for all. He never stopped caring or trying to make a difference. As a result of his faith and powerful voice, a lot changed. I know, first hand, things are not perfect. Nothing's perfect. We still have it better than what he and

others in his time had. We can take classes without facing racial barriers. We work alongside our peers, some of whom may have ancestors who somehow came across *our* ancestors. Maybe one of my great, great grandfathers was best friends with one of my Caucasian friend's great, great grandfathers.

See what I'm saying? Nothing has to be black and white, but that's how some things are.

I'm not saying, "Go out there, make a difference. Make friends with every person you see and give them all of your money." To us African-Americans on campus, I say: Enjoy this month together, and don't be afraid of what others think if we share our ancestral past with the Asian next door. To others on campus: Don't be afraid to come to an African-American social. Don't be afraid to get involved.

Enjoy the month, everybody.

Churches could care

If I need religious cleansing, I know where to look. Open the yellow pages, turn to "church." There are 265 to choose from in and around the Valdosta area.

Look under "social service organizations." You will find 18 organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club and Haven.

Valdosta may be expanding but it doesn't have enough social service organizations. Two hundred and sixty five congregations is enough for Valdosta and the surrounding towns below the Mason-Dixon line to say their prayers. What about the people who can't enjoy after-church lunch at Applebee's?

I see construction everywhere for yet another church. I don't see people climbing unfinished roofs to completing a new United Way building.



Tara Sherman

How many homeless shelters do we have?

Instead of focusing all the time on building churches, why not make places to benefit those in need?

How about using money for a new church on the blue-prints for a soup kitchen that could let one less person go to bed without an empty stomach.

If church is about teaching us good examples, to gather good morals (and keep them!) while

trying to avoid sin, wouldn't funding a new social organization fall under those three categories? There are perks. Knowing that you helped a person makes you feel great. Despite the sins you commit, there's still a good side to your soul.

This isn't to say that churches don't hold responsibility in the organizations we already have. But 265 churches to 18 organizations means there is room for more. Extend your hands to the community, even if the hand you meet isn't Baptist or Methodist. Setting a good example is holding no barriers on who you'll help. Who knows? Maybe through such community service, you might make a friend who can join you for after-church lunch. Just remember to leave a tip.



Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.



Blenda Link

Healing body and soul

Everybody's a stress, sleep loss and dieting expert. But no one claims credentials for emotional repression.

I thought my overeating, lack of focus and the oppressive feelings I've had this year were the usual effects of stress, but there's more.

Perhaps a cause for my absent-mindedness is that mentally and emotionally, I'm just not "here." I'm there.

I'm there with my dying sister in Missouri as Lou Gehrig's disease rips the voice from her throat. There with my friend who has pneumonia. There with another friend who has multiple sclerosis. There with a family friend battling breast cancer. There with a friend struggling over her first real "broken heart." There with a bachelor friend searching for a wife who will love him eternally. I'm there...not here.

Does anybody care? We're all worried about saving time on the morning commute or making plans for another busy day. How often do we take the time to console one another?

It's not just my mental state. Society teaches us to put emotions on hold and seal them in a box until we've done our day's work. Why are we afraid of expressing our woes in school or the workplace? Free lesson: emotional repression is dangerous to one's performance.

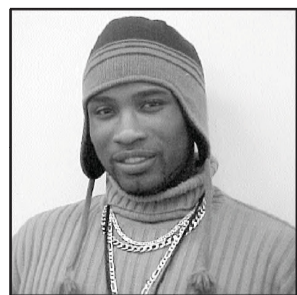
Emptying the heart is as necessary as your car's next oil lube. How many of us keep our hearts well-maintained? Weigh the frowns around you against the smiles and you tell me.

Dealing with life isn't easy. God has carried me many times. I've taken my usual "chunk it to the back of my mind, do what I gotta do and deal with it later" routine. I won't do it any longer. I'll pray when I need to and express every emotion I feel when I feel it. No more holding back. That's been the problem all along.

The churning of my stomach every other morning and sore muscles aren't the result of sleep loss, stress and lack of exercise. I don't buy those excuses. Not having the freedom to deal with my emotions is the problem. So now I'm dealing with it. Are you?

The next time you're walking around, don't underestimate the power of the casual smile. It could be the medicine you need. You can't buy that in a drugstore or get the same relief from any pill. A trustworthy confidant is the most powerful pharmacist of all.

What do you gain from Black History Month?



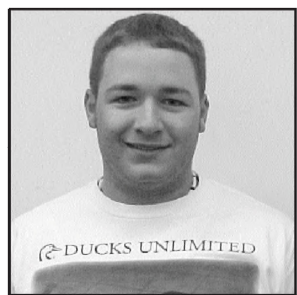
"It's funny how we as a people have struggled for so long and we only get one month to celebrate."

Greg Roberts
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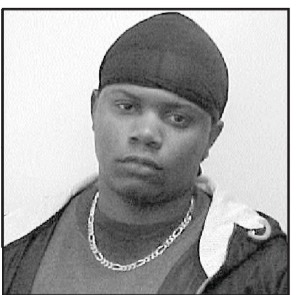
"Learning about people you may not get to hear about during your regular history classes."

Amy Burkhalter
Sophomore
Special Education



"Learning all of the bad events black people had to go through and how they persevered."

Marc Stephens
Freshman
Secondary Education



"A better outlook on where I came from and what my people went through, so I could be here today."

Vashund Gilmore
Freshman
Business Management



"Each year I gain new knowledge about experiences from individuals and information of the past."

LaShonda Brown
Senior
Psychology



"I gain so much from Black history because where I grew up (outside the U.S.) we never had the chance to study it."

Raquel Rivera
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DarkSide

If you have ideas or comments about the Darkside page, contact Darkside editor, Jeremiah Bass at jwbass@valdosta.edu

This page embraces satirical opinion pieces generally not suited for more serious news pages. The views expressed in the Darkside are not necessarily those of The Spectator, its staff and in many cases, even the contributors themselves.

His name is George...he likes pretzels and stuff

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Dubya. What a winner. In the course of a year, George W. Bush has managed to destroy just about every environmental policy created by the Clinton administration, as well as adding in a few of his own brilliant ideas for icing on the cake.

Bush started the dirty work right away by appointing people to his cabinet who are openly opposed to environmental protection laws. Take, for example, Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior. She has defended the likes of loggers and miners, and has lobbied to open the arctic national wildlife refuge to drill oil. It's a refuge, Gail, that's the whole point. That means it's off limits to bloodsuckers like you. Ms. Norton has even been quoted as saying we have the "right to pollute."

The next of Bush's morally inept cabinet members is Attorney General John Ashcroft. Ashcroft is also an anti-environmental extremist and has voted against several bills supporting environmental causes.

Once Bush was armed with his anti-furry-friend loving, money-grubbing buddies, it was time to make some really rash decisions.

Earlier last year, Bush delayed implementation of a Clinton administration ruling that would reduce the amount of arsenic in drinking water. Doesn't he want some fresh, clean water to wash down those pretzels?

He didn't even attempt discretion when explaining why the U.S. would not participate when he stated, "We will not do anything to hurt our economy." How this actually reads is: "I'm not going to piss off any of my CEO boys who hook me up with campaign money. They need to run their factories, and I need to be president so I can play video games in the White House all day."

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I LIKE THAT PIZZA AND HONEY MUSTARD SAUCE

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

Spring is almost here and so is Valentine's Day... the day of 'love,' supposedly. It's the one day out of the year when many couples like to show that they really do love each other, mainly by showering each other with gifts of sincerity.

Teddy bear sales speed up the economy, chocolate factories can't seem to keep enough Valentine heart goodies in stores because they sell like hot wings at Hooters.

I think it's great for people to show how much love they have for their significant other, but only one thing...why show all that extra love on a certain day?

Many of you may disagree with me, but shouldn't couples

try to show their love every day?

I may be a single guy, but I'd like to think I know a thing or two about love, so I'll share with you some of my theories.

If you haven't got a 'cold one' in your hands, maybe you should go grab one before you finish reading this column. It's gonna be pretty damn good.

I don't think you should have to act any different towards your lover on V-tine's day than you would on any other day.

Men, for instance: If you are at home watching a movie with your girl on the couch, under the sheets, and you 'cut one' [it means FART] in front of her!

There's no reason for you not to do it on V-tine's day! If you gotta go, you gotta go, right? By the way, if you're lactose intolerant, maybe you shouldn't eat so much choco-

late or other dairy products on that special day, because you'll really be cutting 'em loose then!

A little gas is okay, but you don't want to overdo it, you know? And don't be anywhere near a fire (if you get my drift).

Ladies, if you call your guy a 'sumbitch' everyday because he uses up all of your shampoo, don't stop that name-calling on Valentine's Day.

But keep in mind...that doesn't mean you have to get even by filling up the empty shampoo bottle with super glue, that's just not cool [but it is funny]. Instead of super glue, use honey, then take him to a bee exhibit.

For those couples having 'sexual relations' (screw the politically correct crap, let's call it what it is...getting' it on) at every chance you get in the backseat of your Ford Escort,

keep doing that if it's what you do. But, would it hurt you to rent a 'Jag' every once in a while? Geez, have some class, for cryin' out loud.

If you like to get all 'lvy-duvy' and walk along the VSU fountains hand-in-hand, then do it. But if someone drives by in an unmarked car throwing red-colored eggs at ya'll, it's not me, no matter what my friends say. I happen to like 'lvy-duvy.'

So be in love, cherish each other and all that good stuff. Don't make Valentine's Day special just because it's marked on a calendar.

As for all of you lonely ladies looking to rekindle the flame with some hottie, Bill Clinton and I will be hosting a love fest at Bill's crib in New York. Don't worry about Hillary, we will just tell her that she and George Clooney were

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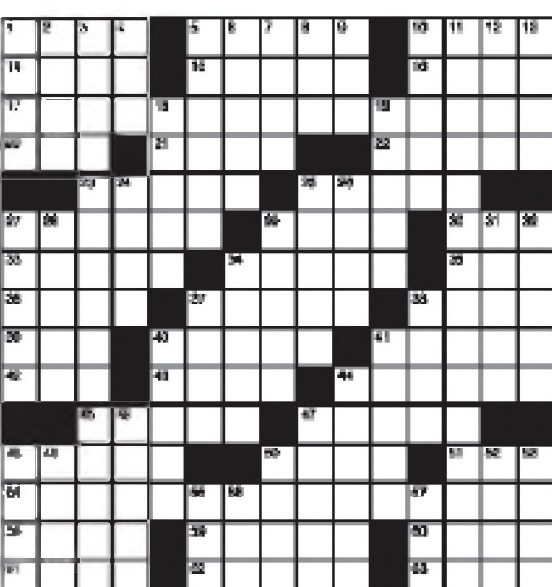
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Casey Carpenter
Staff Writer

Start tapping your toes and shaking your maracas because on Saturday, the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra presents a Latin American Pops concert at Whitehead Auditorium. VSO Music Director Dr. James Plondke has been busy organizing the 73 member orchestra since the beginning of the semester.



Twenty-seven members are VSU students. Every year the VSO performs a concert from a particular nationality. This year's concert will feature works by Latin American composers and music about Latin American culture. Antigoni Goni will be the featured soloist. Goni is a native of Greece and has played the guitar all over the world. Currently, she is the

director of the Guitar Department at Julliard's Pre-College Division in New York City. "The guitar is an unusual solo instrument with a symphony orchestra," Plondke said. The Saturday afternoon matinee will be free to VSU students with a valid ID. The Saturday night performance will be \$17.50 per ticket, which is available at Art South on 906 Slater Street or by calling 333-5841. Tickets are also available at the door. The Latin American series will continue by performing in Dowling Park, Fla., and Douglas, Ga.

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams
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'Black Hawk Down' a non-stop ride

Jeremiah Bass
Staff Writer

If you like war stories, good acting and all-around non-stop action, then "Black Hawk Down" is the movie for you. You will not turn your eyes away for one second, unless grossed-out by exposed body organs and blood, which is one of the best special effects of this movie.

This movie deals with a group of Rangers on a mission, led by men such as Staff Sgt. Matt Eversmann's Chalk [which consists of a dozen men in tan, desert camouflage fatigues]. They were working with a company of U.S. Rangers assisting a Delta Force commando squadron that was about to descend on a gathering of Habr Gidr clan leaders in Mogadishu, Somalia. The clan was led by warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

The mission was designed to capture Somalian clan leaders meeting in a house near the Olympic Hotel.

Delta Force, the nation's elite commando unit, was supposed to storm the target house and capture the militia. Four helicopter loads of Rangers,

alongside Eversmann's men, would rope down to all four corners of the target block and form a perimeter, ensuring no one be allowed in or out.

The code word to launch was "Irene." The helicopter assault force included 75 Rangers and 40 Delta Force troops in 17 helicopters. There was a convoy of 12 vehicles with soldiers who would ride three miles to the target building and escort the Somali prisoners and the assault team back to base.

The mission began at 3:42 p.m. on Oct. 3, 1993.

Eversmann's Chalk was in the process of roping down his squad, when out of nowhere, they were fired upon. Eversmann, a five-year veteran from Natural Bridge, Va., was leading men into combat for the first time. He notified the pilots that they were under attack, and the pilots managed



Laura Justin / The Spectator

Former Black Hawk pilot Lt. Charlie Szar now pilots this Pavhawk, the Air Force's version of the Black Hawk helicopter. "It was a very accurate representation. It put a personal spin on it," Szar said of the movie.

to dodge the firepower. When they swerved, 18-year-old Pvt. Todd Blackburn, [the youngest, and probably the most eager Ranger in his Chalk] was already being lowered, and he lost his grip, falling to the ground. He was unconscious and bleeding from the nose and ears. This was only the beginning of many problems to come.

Within minutes, two Black Hawk choppers were hit by the Somalis' firepower, and they went down...hence the title to the novel and movie. Crowds of angry Somalis [many armed] took to the streets headed for the two wounded birds. There were wounded

bodies and lives taken on both sides of combat. But the USA's elite would prevail.

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer and director Ridley Scott did great work at depicting this event. Watching the infuriated Somalis literally put fear in your heart.

The action in this movie is great. A good job was done with making this film look realistic. It was pretty hard to tell that makeup had been used on these actors. It was in-your-face, no holds barred action. My eyes stayed focused on the movie screen.

Congrats to Josh Hartnett,

who plays Sgt. Eversmann in the movie. If you didn't like his acting skills in the mega-million-dollar hit Pearl Harbor, you will think differently after seeing "Black Hawk Down."

Lt. Charlie Szar, of Moody Air Force Base, had nice words to say about the movie.

"It was a very accurate representation and illustration [of what really happened]," Szar said. He was pleased with the actors' performances and hard work.

Szar, a former Army Black Hawk pilot who flew missions in Somalia went to see the movie the first night it came out.

"It put a personal spin on it [the real life events]," he said.

Szar also spoke about the Rangers themselves.

"The Rangers are very focused [when it comes to] achieving a mission," he said. "I was proud [of the movie]."



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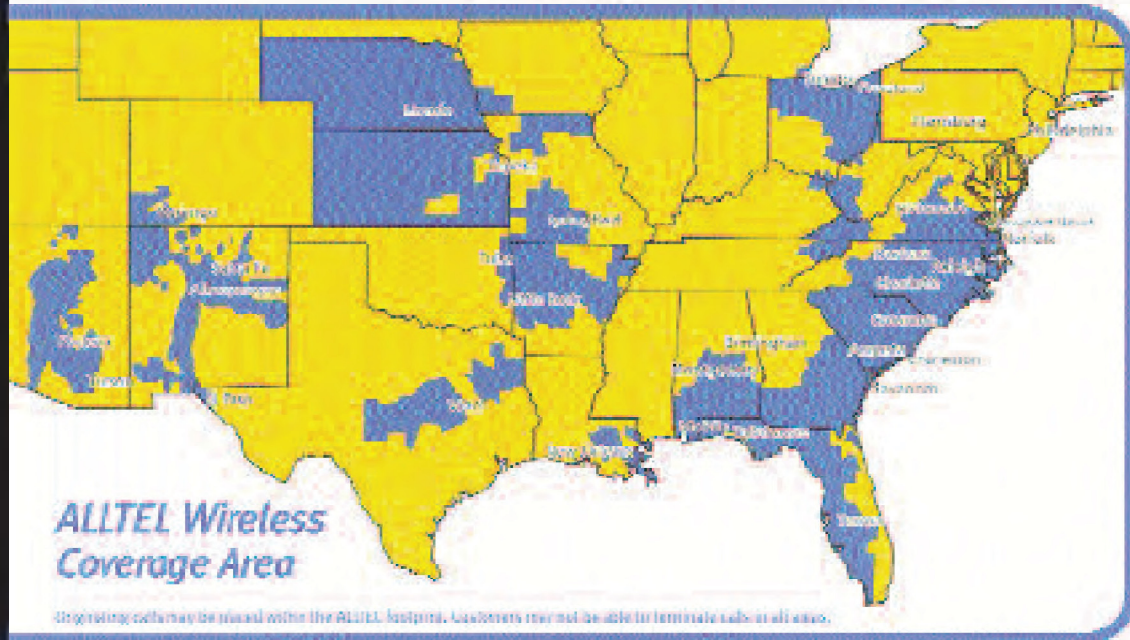
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VSU swept in opening series

Jana N. Cook
Staff Writer

Blame it on opening day jitters—make that three days of opening day jitters.

This past weekend was not how the Blazers hoped their baseball season would begin. Head coach Tommy Thomas' theme of "curious optimism" before the opener last Friday was replaced with "extreme disappointment" by Sunday evening as the Florida Southern Moccasins swept the Blazers in a three game series this past weekend.

The Blazers will host Edward Waters College (3-3), a NAIA college out of Jacksonville,

Fla., in a doubleheader at Billy Grant Field today. First pitch is slated for 3 p.m.

Today's game will be the first time the VSU Blazers and the EWC Tigers have played.

"We are kind of puzzled about what the game will be like," Tiger coach Carl Burden said. "All I can say is we'll come and do our best."



Up next:
VSU vs. Edward Waters (2)

Thursday, 3 p.m.
Billy Grant Field

Wednesday's game at Brewton Parker was rained out and is rescheduled as a doubleheader next Tuesday at Billy Grant Field.

Last Sunday, VSU found out why the Florida Southern Moccasins were ranked No. 9

nationally, losing 6-4 in 10 innings on Friday, 7-3 on Saturday and 5-2 on Sunday to FSC at home.

The Blazers, ranked No. 40 in the preseason polls, jumped out to early leads in all three games but ended the series Sunday with no wins.

The Blazers lack of timely hitting and a total of 11 errors the first two games of the series shocked Thomas as well as Blazer fans.

"Anybody who has watched us practice the past 10 weeks never expected that to happen," Thomas said of the defensive play Friday and Saturday.

Despite a few mistakes by the 0-3 Blazers over the weekend, there were some bright spots. Senior right-hander Braxton Fernald and reliever senior right-hander Josh Kitterman (0-1) had a combined total of 13 strikeouts with only one walk in Friday's extra-inning loss.

Even though the final game on Sunday was error-free, the Blazers lost a 2-0 lead in the top of the eighth and failed to score again.

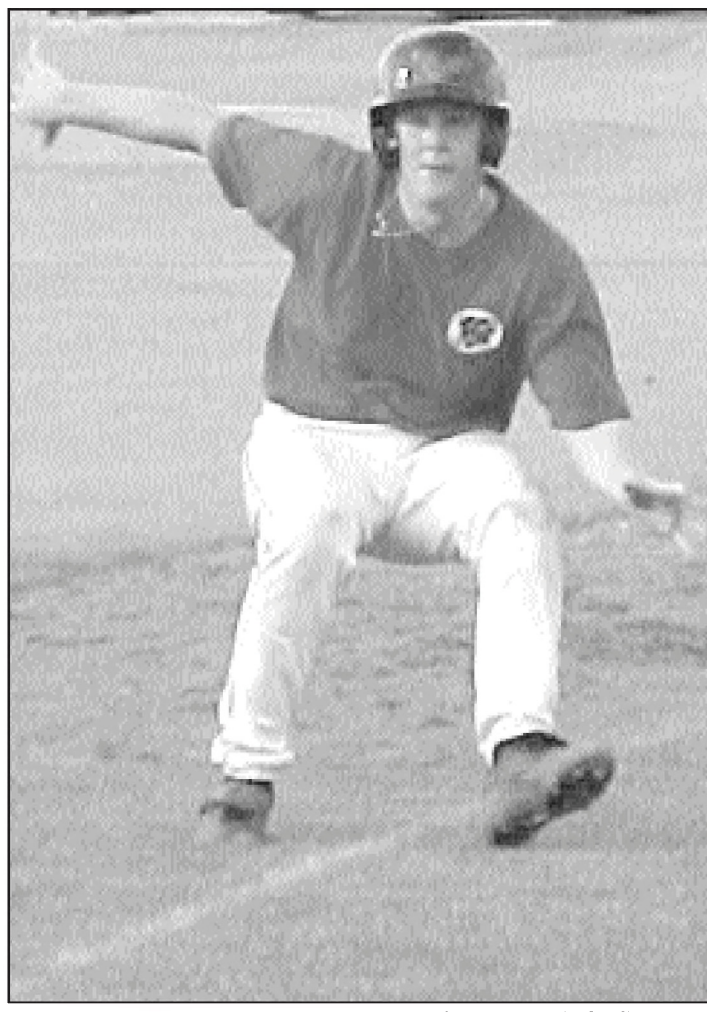
Junior Michael Smith delivered a stellar performance in Sunday's game, striking out 11 batters in 5 innings of work.

"He did a dominating job," Thomas said of the six-foot-six lefthander.

Senior Steve Bowerman (0-1) took the loss Sunday after replacing Smith in the fifth.

"[Losing to Florida Southern] is not the end of the world," Thomas said. "We're in no crisis. We still have high expectations [for the season]."

Thomas plans to stick with the same lineup he used in Sunday's game with left fielder Sammy Watson batting leadoff, followed by second baseman Scott Simpson and third baseman Josh Martin hitting in the third spot. Left fielder Sammy Watson hit in the cleanup spot in the first two contests, but true freshman Blake Thompson (first base) took over the fourth spot in the hitting order Sunday.



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Junior outfielder Sammy Watson slams on the brakes rounding third at practice.

Intramurals gain popularity

Tameika Carson
Staff Writer

As of Jan. 22, spring intramurals have begun with basketball. Other spring intramural sports such as softball, dodgeball, raquetball, indoor soccer and swimming are in progress.

Fifty-eight intramural basketball teams head into the fourth week of the season with only one game left until the playoffs. The top 10 teams in each league and division will compete for the top three slots in order to attend the All-Campus Tournament.

The playoffs for the State Intramural Basketball Tournament will begin on Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Old Gym. The top three teams will advance to the tournament at Georgia State Feb. 22-24 for the statewide competition.

Randy Bowen, a junior biology major, plays for the team Infantry (1-1) and looks forward to the competition in the playoffs.

"I like the competition in

Intramurals
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SPRING 2002 INTRAMURAL CALENDER

Event	Captain's Mtg.	Start Date
3-point & 2-ball contest	TBA	Feb. 7
Softball	Feb. 27	Mar. 4
Ultimate Frisbee	Mar. 13	Mar. 18
4-on-4 Flag FB	Mar. 20	Apr. 1
Sports Trivia	Apr. 3	Apr. 4
Indoor Soccer	Apr. 3	Apr. 8
Wallyball	Apr. 10	Apr. 15
Raquetball	Apr. 10	Apr. 15
Dodgeball Tournament	Apr. 17	Apr. 18
Swim Meet	Apr. 24	Apr. 25
Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament		Apr. 30

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Intramurals

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intramurals because you make up your own team of good players," Bowen said.

Changes have been made to intramural basketball this year. In previous seasons, games were scheduled on Sundays. This year games are only played throughout the week, some running as late as 11 p.m.

Brad Herrin, graduate assistant of Intramurals Clubs/Sports, said there is a lot of players this semester that contribute to the late games.

"The games are scheduled according to each team's time frame," Herrin said. "With more than ten teams in a division, games have to be scheduled late."

Another major change made to intramural basketball is the restriction of dunking. Money is limited to the facilities and VSU is not willing to pay for the damage expense caused by dunking.

"Replacing a new rim or backboard because of dunking is too expensive for VSU to replace in limited time," Herrin said. "Also, the amount of time to replace the goal will put the games far behind schedule."

Several players understand the reasoning of the new restrictions but miss dunking as an aspect of the game.

"Dunking is a big part of the excitement in the game and it gets the crowd pumped," Bowen said. "The game just isn't the same without it."

Bob Fankhauser, Director of Intramural Clubs/Sports, said

that there are other spring intramural sports underway. Intramural softball will begin with the captain's meeting on Feb. 27 and the first games on Mar. 4.

The venue of raquetball, dodgeball and indoor soccer has yet to be determined because of the delayed completion date of the new recreation center. Campus Recreation looks to find facilities to hold indoor sports if the recreation center is not complete.

"The construction of the new recreation center determines whether several of the spring intramural sports will be offered and when," Fankhauser said.

However, all indoor sports capable of being held in the Old Gym will take place at the announced dates and times.



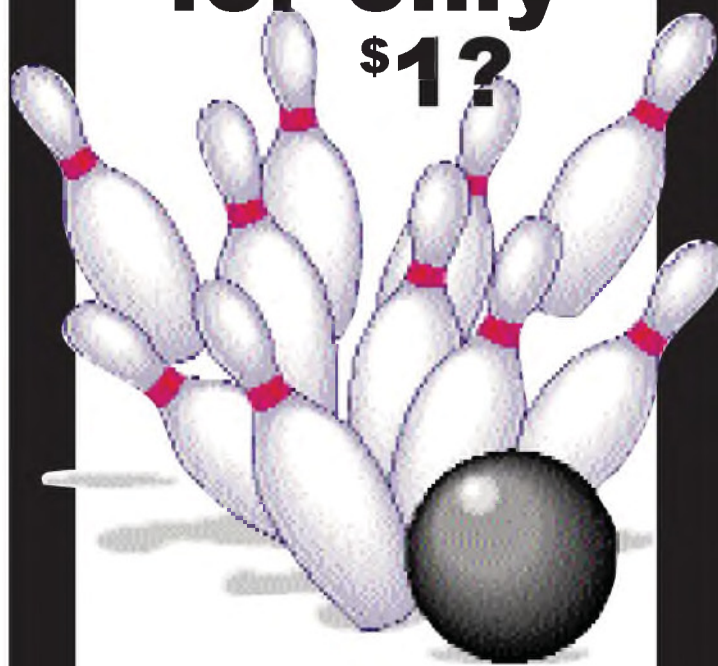
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Unc Hopkins hits a layup Wednesday night for the DownSouthGaBoys.

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Jay Brewer	RB	5-10	190	Callaway High School	Hogansville, GA
Vincent Brown	RB	5-10	175	Cook High School	Adel, GA
Cedric English	DL	6-2	330	Newton Co. High School	Covington, GA
Bryant Ervin	OL	6-2	315	Burke Co. High School	Waynesboro, GA
Dutch Guest	DL	6-1	215	North Hall High School	Gainesville, GA
Torie Jackson	LB	5-9	227	Shaw High School	Columbus, GA
Jon Lee	QB	6-2	175	Bainbridge High School	Bainbridge, GA
Josh Lee	TE	6-1	200	Bainbridge High School	Bainbridge, GA
Keith McClain	DL	6-2	235	Enterprise High School	Enterprise, AL
Bradley McCord	WR	6-2	200	Griffin High School	Griffin, GA
Jeffrey Mellow	OL	6-3	230	Buford High School	Buford, GA
Dedrick Morrison	DL	5-11	235	West Orange High School	Winter Garden, FL
Charles Prescott	OL	6-3	280	Burke Co. High School	Waynesboro, GA
Tyler Pruitt	RB	5-9	185	Fitzgerald High School	Fitzgerald, GA
Darrin Richardson	RB	5-9	175	Lowndes High School	Valdosta, GA
Brandon Smith	LB	6-1	210	Georgia Military Prep	Sparta, GA
Michael Sumner	OL	6-0	250	Statesboro High School	Statesboro, GA
Cody Thomas	LB	6-2	210	Benedictine High School	Savannah, GA
Raymond Thomas	WR	5-10	165	Crisp Co. High School	Cordele, GA
Jason Troutman	OL	6-4	285	Georgia Military JC	Quitman, GA
Eddie Underwood	OL	6-4	310	Shaw High School	Columbus, GA
Marcellus Washington	OL	6-3	275	Shaw High School	Columbus, GA
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T.A. Glanton
Staff Writer

Time for Round 2— Lady Blazers vs. Lady Braves.

Today the Lady Blazers (9-12, 3-8 GSC) will travel to Carrollton, Ga., to take on the Lady Braves (14-6, 6-4 GSC) of West Georgia at 5:30 p.m.

The Lady Blazers look to avenge a knockout they suffered in the first round last month, 62-50 in the Complex.

VSU head coach Kiley Hill knows the Lady Blazers will have to stop the Lady Braves duo of Electa Johnson and April Martin who combined for 39 of UWG's 62 points in their first meeting.

"For E.J., it's a situation where it's going to be very difficult for us to slow her down; she's a very talented player," Hill said. "Martin is a tremendous shooter. We just cannot isolate her. We have to keep pressuring the ball and make sure we know where she is at all times."

With only four regular-season games remaining after today, the Lady Blazers need to beat the Lady Braves and win their four remaining games to have any chance at making the conference tourney.

"Mathematically we're still in it," Hill said. "It's a situation where we've got five games left and we've got to go out and take care of business for ourselves, but at the same time we've got to get some help from the rest of the league."

The Lady Blazers are coming off what has proved to be a very costly loss. Last Saturday, VSU fell to division leader West Alabama 61-44 and in the process fell into next-to-last place in the Eastern division of the Gulf South Conference. However, the biggest blow suffered in that game was the loss of leading scorer Danielle Hernandez to a season-ending ankle injury.

"It was a freak accident," Hill said. "Nobody touched her; nobody did anything. She (Hernandez) has a hairline fracture to her fifth meta-tarsal. Our team orthopedist will look at it and decide if they're going to cast it or put a pin in it and operate."



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Point guard Erin Green shoots in VSU's 75-61 loss to North Florida Jan. 26 at the Complex.

But senior guard Monique Kyles isn't giving up yet.

"We just have to have a lot more confidence," Kyles said. "We have to score inside the paint and keep them from scoring inside the paint— just be aggressive."

Lady Blazers Offense: With the absence of Hernandez (10.2 ppg), the rest of the usual suspects will look to increase their production. Freshman forward Amber Daniels (9.9 ppg) now becomes the teams' leading scorer.

Lady Braves Defense: They are only surrendering 54 points per game to their opponents while holding them to an

embarrassing 33 percent shooting from the floor.

Lady Blazer Defense: VSU is only yielding 64.1 points per game to their opponents along an icy 40 percent shooting percentage. Parker solidifies the middle on defense grabbing 9.3 rebounds per game.

Lady Braves Offense: With an offense this potent, pick your poison. Johnson leads the charge (15.8 ppg) and gets a huge amount of help from Martin (13.3 ppg), McCoy (10.1 ppg) and Rongi Bethea (10 ppg). These four account for 74 percent of the 66.5 points UWG averages.

VSU pitches OT shutout

Brandon Scott
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Heading into tonight's game at West Georgia the Blazers have one thing in mind.

After Monday night's 54-50 overtime thriller with Albany State, the Blazers (16-5, 6-3 GSC) head into the HPE Building at 7:30 p.m., with the chance for a season sweep. The Blazers defeated the Braves (14-6, 6-3 GSC) in the first meeting, 76-65, in front of over 1,400 fans, the largest crowd in the Complex since Feb. 26, 1994.

The Braves traveled to Lincoln Memorial on Feb. 4 and were blown out 96-76. The Braves will no doubt be looking for revenge against a Blazers team that dominated them back in January.

Tonight's game is also a key part to making the Gulf South Conference tourney. The Blazers are in a fragile three-way tie for second in the Gulf South with West Georgia and Montevallo. Not much separates the top four, as leader West Florida owns three conference losses.

Yarbrough's Keys: "We've got to make them play our



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Senior guard Marcus Williams scored 14 points in the Blazers 54-50 win over Albany St. Monday at home.

game. We're going to have to play tremendous game, and keep the score in the 50's and 60's."

Blazer Offense: Senior guard Marcus Williams continues to lead the team, averaging a team-best 14.3 points per game. Williams shot 4-for-10 from beyond the arc in Monday night's game against the Rams.

Braves Defense: The Braves are allowing 78 ppg. However, opponents are only shooting 44 percent from the field.

Blazer Defense: The nation's No. 2 defense continues to shine. The Blazers pitched an overtime shutout by suffocating the Ram's offense. Turnovers will be huge in the game against West Georgia.

Braves Offense: The Conference's No. 2 offense is potent and led by University of Virginia transfer Chezley Watson, who averages 15 ppg. Senior Guard Andy Young is fourth in the conference with 56 treys on the season.

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