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Greeks help kids find eggs



Members of various Greek organizations on campus helped coordinate the VSU Easter Egg Hunt (left), **Tuesday on the Front** Lawn. The hunt was open to children of VSU students faculty and staff. Honney Coppage (above), assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs, came with her son, Tyler. According to Ann Lacey, assistant director for Student Activities, all the Greek organizations were asked for volunteers to assist with the Egg Hunt.



Professor victim of homicide

Laura Justin Staff Writer

The body of Dr. Bobby Blake, assistant dean of the College of the Arts, was found Wednesday morning at about 8:30 a.m., in the trunk of his car. He had been shot to death.

Two African-American men were standing near Dr. Blake's green Cadillac on the 1000 block of West Magnolia St. when a patrol unit from the Valdosta Police Department drove towards the vehicle. Upon the patrol unit's approach, the two men jumped in the car and drove away, then abandoned it and continued fleeing on foot. They were not captured.

"We feel pretty confident that we will be able to identify the suspects based on fingerprints and other evidence," Lt. Brian Childress, public information officer for the Valdosta Police Department, said. "This is a homicide investigation."

Dr. Blake was last seen Tuesday night, and no motive for his death has been determined.

The loss of Dr. Blake is already taking a toll on the community.

"The Valdosta State University community is shocked and deeply saddened by the events that took the life of one of our administrators." Thressea Boyd, manager of public information for the Office of University Relations. said. "Dr. Blake served VSU for more than 10 years. He was dedicated to the teaching and learning process and was known for his teaching and administrative abilities."

Dr. Blake completed his Ph.D. in music at Michigan State University and joined the College of the Arts in 1991.

"The College of the Arts is deeply saddened at the loss today of a member of its professional family," Dr. Lanny Milbrant, dean of the College of the Arts, said in a statement. "Bobby Blake was highly regarded by his friends in the College of the Arts for his ability to tackle and solve vexing problems with grace and good will. The College of the Arts faculty, staff and administration will miss Dr. Bobby Blake very much.'

Dr. Blake was active in the VSU community, serving on the Valdosta Symphony Board, the Lowndes Valdosta Arts Commission Board, the VSU scholarship committee and was college leader for the State Charitable Contribution Campaign. In the past he

Blake

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SDO not funding students

Kate Gaulding

Staff Writer

The Student Development Organization is low on funds.

According to Honey Coppage, assistant to the vice Luke, the VSU president for Academic Affairs, foundation annuthe SDO provides financial support enabling students to participate in international, national. regional and local events, such as presenting papers at conferences, traveling to research sites and contending in academic competitions. However, the SDO web page states that SDO is not accepting applications

due to insufficient funds. "Well, we can accept applicadent chair, said. "But it's not

fair for 40 to 60 students to tions based on a hierarchy sysapply and only

awarded

about \$300." According to ally sends out an alumni packet with an SDO donation card inside it. This card gives alum-

ni the opportunito donate money to the SDO

"That's how we get our money," Luke said. "We have approximately \$5,000 given to us every year."

SDO judges student applica-

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are capable of doing.

-Spencer Luke, SDO student chair

tem, Coppage said. Graduate students are prioritized. Then, undergraduate students follow.

Programs are lined up as inter-

"If you're a graduate student

state and local events.

doing a presentation in Africa, you have some priority over an undergraduate student who is present-Lowndes Conference Center," Luke said. "We really want to get VSU's name out and show people in other parts of the country and

the world what VSU students are capable of doing." Last fall, the debate team was awarded \$1,750 while student research was given \$2502. That left the SDO with \$663. After

funds rose to \$1350. According to Luke, SDO usually holds six to seven hundred dollars in its account until it receives donations from alumni. However, during fall semester, SDO ing something at the pulled up three applications, which had been held from the previous spring. SDO allotted two of these applicants money from the \$1,350, said Luke. The Tuba/Euphonium Group was granted \$300 and the Fall 2001 Student Research Award was granted \$900.

receiving several donations, the

"We have, right now, in our account, \$310.23." Luke said. "It's up to faculty and staff and other members of the community to donate to SDO."

tions," Spencer Luke, SDO stunational, national, regional, president speaks out at VSU

Leah F. Cassorla Staff Writer

In 1973, Kim Gandy began working at the phone company. As she filled out the benefits plan paperwork, she came across the phrase, "If a married woman, husband must sign here."

"I was not worldly," she said. "But I looked at that and said, 'This doesn't seem right."

The sentence was a clause created by the Head and Master Law, which stated that while pay and household finances were community property in a marriage, the husband had the sole right to manage the money.

Gandy joined her local chapter of NOW a few weeks later. It took NOW seven years to get the Head and Master Law repealed. It took Gandy 29 years to become national president of NOW.

Saturday Gandy attended and spoke at the Southeastern Women's Studies Association and VSU Women's Studies Program's conference, March 14-16. Gandy presented a plenary session titled

"Exactly Where DO We Belong" and moderated the speakout at the end of the conference.

According to Gandy, a traditional Southern upbringing can be an advan-

"If you can survive the oppression, it makes you stronger," she said.

Gandy also said the current state of equality is a mixed bag.

"There are both men and women who care deeply about equality of opportunity, and who believe we have it," she said. "And it'll be a while before they hit the glass ceiling.'

Gandy said the glass ceiling, the point at which women no longer get promoted up the corporate ladder is still a fact in women's lives, but is less noticeable because it is higher. She said she hopes today's college students never hit that

Gandy said that while the women's movement has made many strides, the changes created through the women's

movement are under assault. "If we don't make advances, we may lose it," Gandy said. "there is a 'stealth' campaign to change the judiciary to go back to a reading of the constitution that

devolves power to the states." Devolving power to the states would put issues such as civil rights, which are currently heavily guarded federally into the hands of individual states.

Gandy believes women and men in college today are involved and educated, but may not be aware of the importance of continuing to fight for rights. "Women say to me, 'If they ever

reverse Row v. Wade, I'll be in the street," Gandy said. "And won't that be a day late and a dollar short." There are many things college stu-

dents can do to keep fighting for women's rights. Gandy suggests they start by changing the perception of what a feminist is. They can lead by example.

"Students can also call in to shows like Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura and the local shock jock shows and talk about issues," Gandy said. "The talking head will just laugh at you, but you'll have put the issues on the air.'

Watch

She also suggests students e involved local campus radio or TVand talk about the issues. And finally. Gandy said communication with mem-

Kim Gandy **NOW President**

of Congress and state representatives.

"They pay attention when they hear from a large number of voters in their district," Gandy said. "handwritten letters make a difference. You'd be surprised, 10 letters can make a difference in a state senator's outlook.'

Students interested in getting more information can log on to www.now.org.

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POLICE BEAT

March 14

William James Worley, 30, of 1608 Azalea Drive, Apt. A was arrested for driving with a suspended/revoked license at 8:20 a.m. at Northside Drive and Patterson Street. He is not a VSU student.

March 15

Allen Michael Lane, 24, of 6315 Upper Grand Bay Road, Nailer, Ga., was arrested for headlight requirements and driving with a suspended license at 9:40 p.m. at North Patterson and East Ann Street He is not a VSU student.

March 16

Someone took a student's Tashiba lap top computer and Yamaha keyboard from his room in Brown Hall. Victim's Bill of Rights was issued. The case has been turned over to investigations.

March 18

Someone took a student's black leather trifold wallet containing a military I.D. VSU I.D., health card, \$1 ir cash and other cards between 7 and 8:45 p.m. from the Old Gym basketball area. The act is considered theft by taking.

March 19

Daniel A. Duck, 24, of 600 Kissimmee, Fla., was arrested at Oak Street and Georgia Avenue for loud music and driving with a suspended license at 8:45 p.m. He is not a VSU student.

Spring Break **Announcements**

Shuttle bus services end March 22 for Spring Break and resume April I

Odum Library will be losed March 23 and because of a power outage caused by the construction Regular Spring Break hours resume on March 25

Today

The Campus Activities Board is looking for new people to fill several paid positions while planning fun activities for VSU students.

Applications are available in the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the University Union. Applications are due March 22 by 3 p.m.

The Alpha Iota chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, the national graduate honor society, is accepting nominations for outstanding graduate students. For a membership application, visit: http://chiron.valdosta.edu/dtwasieleski/AELApplication.html.

For more information, call Dr. David Wasieleski, associate professor, in the department of psychology and counseling at 333-5620 or e-mail him at dwasiele@valdosta.edu.

The Valdosta Symphony Guild has turned the house of VSU's former president, Dr. Bailey, into a temporary decorator showhouse which will be open until March 30.

Admission is \$10 for students with valid VSU I.D.s and \$15 for anyone who is not a VSU student. This event is a fundraiser.

To see pictures and more information, visit www.valdostadecoratorshowhouse.com or call 245-3801.

The annual National Juried Art Exhibition will be open until April 5 in the art gallery at the Fine Arts Building. year's exhibition includes 38 selected works of almost 150 entries submitted from all across the U.S.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

The university center game room invites VSU-recognized student organizations to paint a ceiling tile representing its group for a contest that will last until April 8.

There will be a party at 7 p.m. April 9 to announce the

winners. Paint, brushes and ceiling tiles will be provided.

For more information, call John T. Wright, recreation coordinator, at 333-5998.

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The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education will host a Safe Spring Break Fair, "Make the Break," from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Palms Quad.

Free food, drinks, prizes, volleyball and safety information will be available.

For more information, call 259-5111.

The Counseling Center will host Dr. Victor C. Morgan as he presents a free seminar to VSU students, "Understanding your Emotions," from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Camellia at the University

For more information, call 333-5940.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, the prehealth professions honor society, will meet at 7 p.m. in the Bio/Chem Building 1023.

Dr. Lopez, a local neurologist, will be the guest speaker. Anyone interested in mem-

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bership or the health field is welcome to attend.

For more information, e-mail William Parker, president, at wtparker@valdosta.edu.

The B.O.U.T.I.T. Ministry will host Dr. Raymond Noel as he gives a lecture, "AIDS in Our Community," at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

The VSU theater will present a play, "Talking With," at 7:30 p.m. in the Lab Theatre at the Fine Arts Building today and Friday.

This play contains adult situations and language not recommended for children.

For reservations, call the VSU theater box office at 333-5973 between 2 and 5 p.m.

Natural High will host a bingo night from 9 to 11 p.m. in Powell Hall Auditorium.

Free snacks, drinks and prizes will be available.

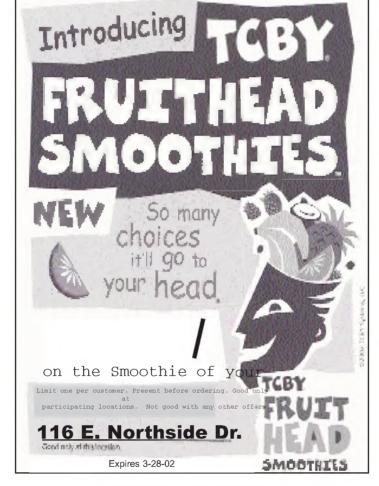
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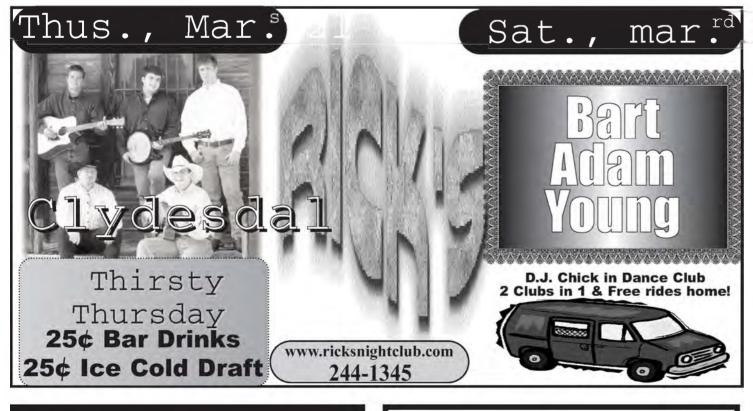
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April 1

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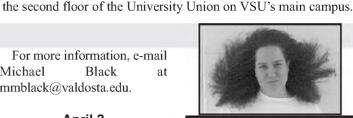
April 2

Dr. Jane Whitehead, of the modern and classical languages department, will present a brown bag seminar, "Who were the Etruscans?" from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in West Hall 150.

For more information, call Dr. James LaPlant, associate professor of political science, at 333-5771 or e-mail him at jlaplant@valdosta.edu.



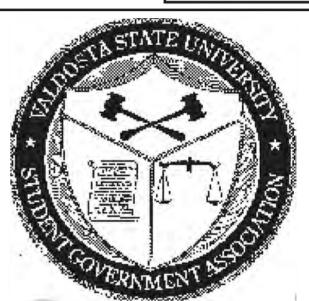
See the rest of the Campus Happenings listings online at the Spectator web site at www.valdosta.edu/spectator.



Wanna get our Editor-in-Chief back? Here's your chance!

The first 20 VSU faculty, staff or students to e-mail the April 4 issue's picture puzzle's correct answer to spec@valdosta.edu each win the pleasure of pieing Leah Cassorla's face Friday April 19 at Palms **Quad**. All VSU faculty, staff and students are invited to watch Cassorla get her dues. Look for additional details and the picture puzzle in the upcoming issues of the Spectator about :

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All applications due in the Student Activities Office upstairs in the Student Union, April 5th by 3pm.

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Chasity Babb and Tenettra Redmond, freshmen, inform the SGA about their organization R.U.B.I.E.S.

SGA recognizes new organization

MaryEllen McConnel
Staff Writer

SGA is getting ready for its

The SGA made final arrangements for the Student Advisory Committee meeting at Tuesday's meeting.

SGA members signed up to help prepare the upcoming conference.

Also, Cody Guined, SGA vice president announced he is almost finished with SGA's new constitution.

"I'll probably send out a copy of the new constitution in an e-mail so you can see it and look at it," Guined said.

A hard copy of the constitution will be available to senators April 1 in the SGA office.

Senators are to review the constitution before the SGA

EXPRESS

meeting on April 2.

Royal Understanding Beautiful Intelligent Elite Sisters Inc was recognized by the SGA Tuesday night. R.U.B.I.E.S. hopes to provide VSU women the chance to socialize. The organization also plans to do community service.

Nicholas Overstreet, SGA president, introduced more details about the fundraiser Watch Till You Drop.

Overstreet estimates the total cost of the fundraiser at \$3,300.

"This has not gone through allocations yet," Overstreet said.

The money will go to food and prizes for the fundraiser.

Additionally, Overstreet has arranged to play a basketball game with Ronald M. Zaccari, VSU president during the fundraiser.

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Fair encourages safety

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

Mention the words spring break and folks start talking about booze and beaches. But booze and beaches are not all break is about. The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education is holding a fair today, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help students find ways to make their spring break safe and fun.

The fair will include free food, booths from safety and health agencies on and off campus and a chance to win a Jeep Wrangler.

The Jeep is being awarded through a national drawing by Baccus and Gamma, a national peer education group for alcohol and drugs.

The 23 agencies involved will include police, judicial affairs and the counseling center.

According to Mark Williams, director of Alcohol and other Drug Education, there will also be a driving course. Students will wear goggles that simulate levels of drunkenness and try to drive a golf cart through the traffic cone course.

There will also be a volley-ball net set up.

"Anyone who wants to stop by on their lunch break and spike a few can do that," Williams said.

Officials from the Georgia Department of Transportation will also be on hand with maps to help students avoid construction on their travels this break.

"I would encourage [students], if driving is a part of their night, to use a designated driver," Williams said. "'Make the Break' is the theme of the fair. Make it fun, make it safe and make it home."

Make the Break Tips

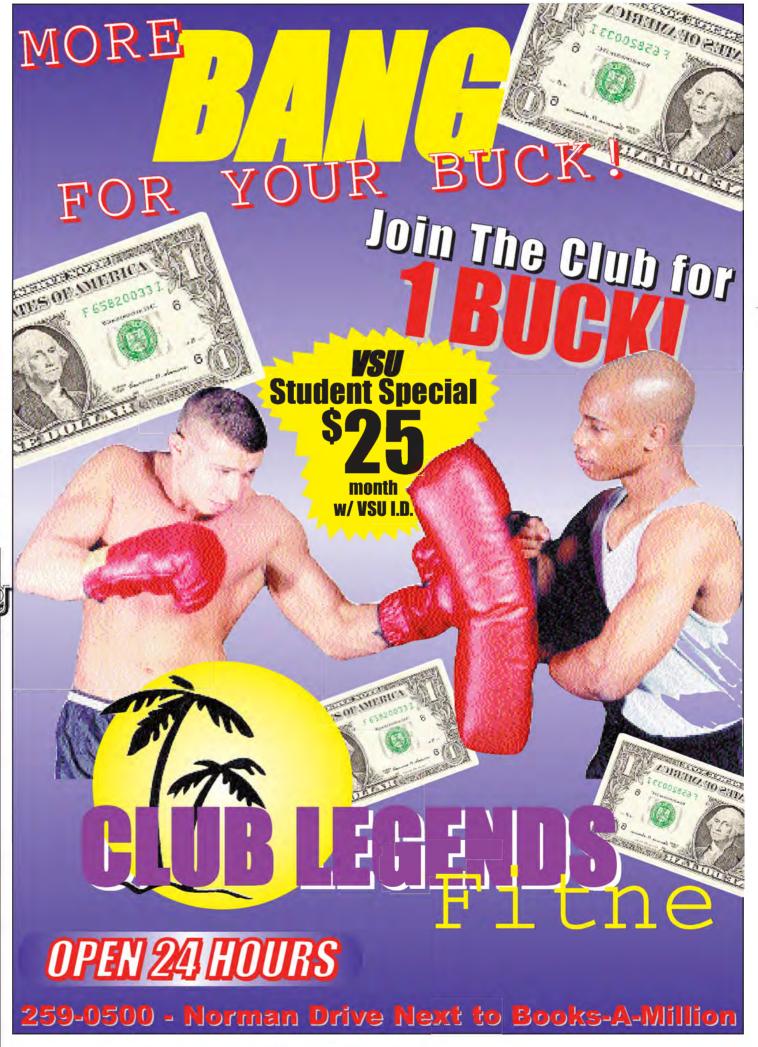
Have a designated driver

Limit your drinks to one per hour

Have eaten and be snacking while drinking

Watch out for each other to make sure your friends aren't victimized

Focus on an activity—be it the beach or dancing—and have it be the center of the good time, rather than the drinking.









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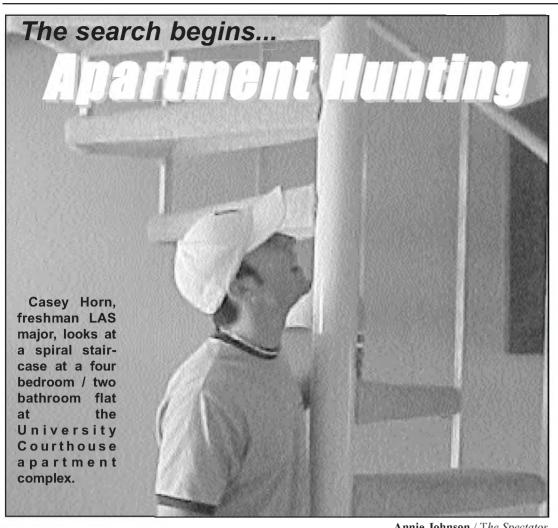
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Tamieka Carson

Staff Writer

Apartment hunting can be stressful.

Students should allow at least 30 days to look and submit applications.

The majority of students search for apartments close to campus.

"Everyone wants to stay near campus to save time and avoid parking problems," Teenisha Strickland, senior biology major, said.

According to Brookstone and Treeloft apartment management, it is best to submit applications and security deposits before leaving for the summer.

This guarantees an apartment when fall semester begins. Students looking for apartments for the summer should apply now to increase their chances.

Students who can commute should consider checking with local real estate agencies.

Several companies own apartment complexes near campus that can be affordable.

"I found the prices of a particular real estate compatible if not lower than the popular apartments around campus," Timothy Mash, sophomore mass media major, said.

Students can get current rental list from real estate agents. The lists have available apartments plus prices and addresses of various listings.

The lists are updated when the company has vacancies.

Similar to most apartment complexes, the majority of agencies allow students to see vacant apartments.

Students are required to get

the key and pay a refundable security deposit and present picture I.D. and phone number.

Students can view property alone or with an agent.

"I like it better that the agency lets you look at the apartment alone," Mash said. "I don't feel like a pushy salesman is trying to sell me something."

Another important aspect of the search is the application.

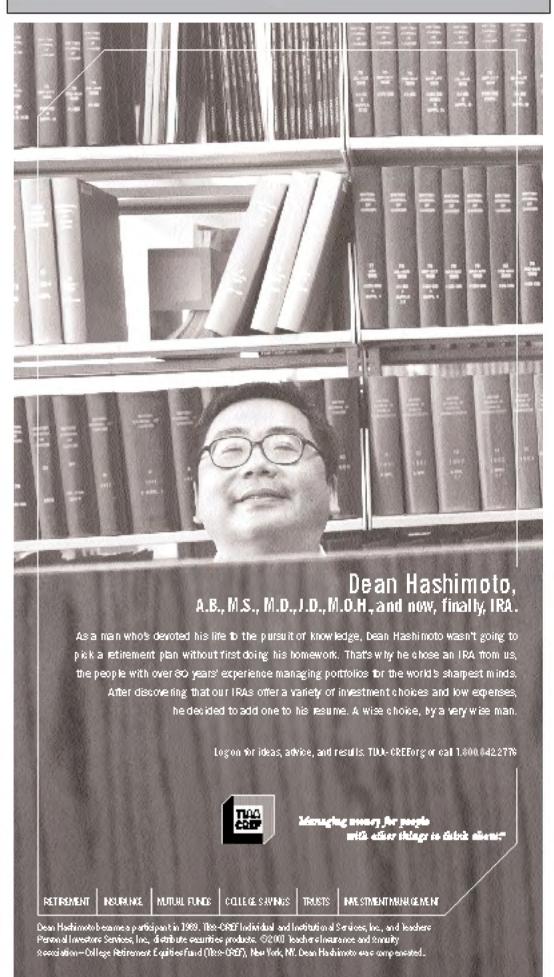
The credit check and application process can last from 24 hours to three business days depending upon the real estate

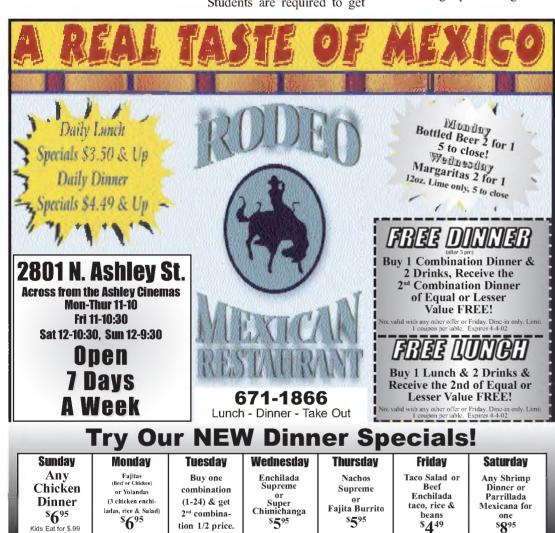
Some agencies require students with bad or no credit a parental guarantee form to qualify for the apartment.

Additional listings are available on the VSU web site under the Housing/Apartment guide.

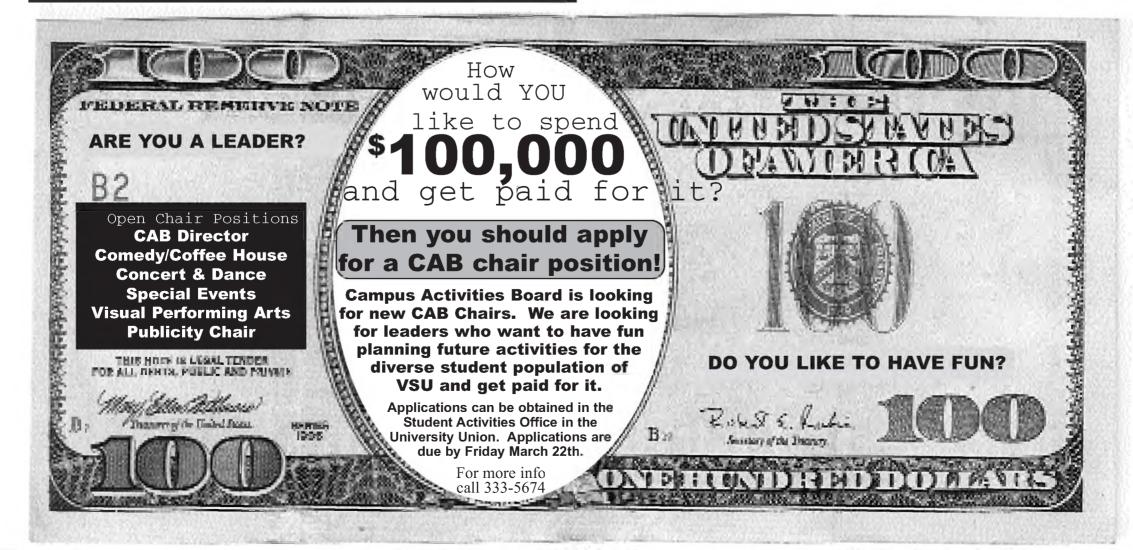
Here are some tips to make sure you get what you want:

- 1. Make a list of what is important to you, both in the place you live and the roommates you choose.
- 2. Make sure to look at the length of the lease. If you are only going to be in the apartment six months, be sure the lease isn't for a year. Otherwise you might get stuck with a fee.
- 3. Pay attention to utilities. Good deals include water, garbage/sewage and gas with the rent. Make sure to take into account how much you will pay for utilities if not included in
- 4. Check out the rules. Some complexes will not allow pets, so Fluffy may not be able to come with you. Also check out rules reguarding late fees and when the rent is due.
- 5. Ask tennants about their thoughts on the places you look.





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Give me a (spring) break

Phew!

It's about time.

Ask anyone on campus—faculty, students, staff—and they will gladly tell you how much they're looking forward to next week.

It has finally become clear. There is a reason why spring break comes so late in the semester.

Like that A you've worked hard for all semester. Like that car you paid for with your own hard-earned cash. Like the March Madness, Spring Break is the joyous occasion it is precisely because it is withheld from us like a carrot dangled before a donkey.

Spring Break would just not be the same if we were still alive enough to know how to spell our own names. It would never live up to the image it has if we were awake for any of the actual celebrations.

In its great wisdom, the University has set, and continues to set, the Spring Break so late in the semester there seems little point in coming back. But that's not the point. The point is that by the time it rolls around we are all so grateful to get our head up for air, we want to party.

Isn't it wonderful to have an administration so intent on taking care of us so well?

It is.

So as you sleep on the beach or snore your way through that super bash, be sure to dream a little dream of the administrators who made sure you would be sufficiently exhausted by the time break began that you wouldn't notice how long the party lasted.

Have a great break.

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Quit talkin' the talk

Some voices at this school are not worthy of free speech, no matter what the Constitution says. Some people ought to keep their mouth shut. Some of our "mature peers" are as mature as Kobe Bryant was when he entered the NBA at age 18. We should drop discussions some of us are not capable of handling.

I mention no names and I'm not taking any sides. This isn't about anyone, it's about every-

Every year we go through the same ol' crap when it comes to race, SGA elections, homecoming queen election disputes, what have you. Nothing is quite as refreshing as the common argument or debate, but when you don't even know what you're talking about, it's a different story. This seems to be the case when it comes to race topics on campus. More than half of you don't know left from right when it comes to racial debate.

It's so sad that VSU is full of people who don't know what they're talking about, but always have their facts straight when it comes to "white people" this and "black people" that.



Jeremiah Bass

"Blah blah...so-and-so don't have enough equality on campus...go back where you came from...my people are..." Any of this sound familiar? If it doesn't, it should. I hear it and read it right here at our lovely institution of higher education, right here in this paper. Higher education...yeah, I used to think so, too. I think the 'U' in 'VSU' stands for 'Uneducated and blind to the idea of educa-

Everyone always has his or her own facts [fiction] about what really went down and how things were or are for their people. Where are these facts coming from? How do you know this? Did you go up to every human being on campus at VSU and take a survey? Did you read every piece of literature that the late Rev. Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote? Did you get a total percentage of every ethnic group before you mentioned classroom inequality? Are we passing around surveys and questionnaires? No. I haven't had one survey placed in my hand.

Where are the facts? What are the facts? Am I pro-SGA? Am I pro-Australian? Do I prefer a black tuxedo over a white one? Who's to say? You don't know. Come and ask me, I don't bite...anymore.

Some people like to 'agree to disagree,' or just keep quiet. It's time we reconsider why we're at VSU in the first place. Whatever drew you to VSU, I'm sure it was something beautiful, not distasteful. It's almost like some of you are making an attempt to separate yourselves from groups of people. Why? Is it really that bad? I'd say we all have it pretty damn good.

Stop bickering, let it go. There's nothing stopping you

It's almost time for me to apply for medical school, and I don't want to be associated with this close-mindedness some of you have on life. Leave us open-minders out of it.

Please, just drop it.

Tara Sherman

Cross the age gap

Who ever came up with the generation X and Y tags? What about generations F, J, S or T? That's because there aren't any. There's only the start and end of the alphabet, the old and the young. Both are willing to keep it that way.

There are a few older students in some of my classes. A couple of them are secretly chastised for generously offering their opinions or asking for too much help. The younger class is always ever so willing to pound their fists on the steering wheel when they get stuck behind an elderly person. If a dude in his 40s is hanging out with some college kids, a young outsider's usual first whispered reaction is, "What's he doing here? He's creeping me out.'

It's not just a disrespect-foryour-elders kind of world, though. It ain't easy being young. It sucks getting weird stares in restaurants because of piercings and crazy shirts that say, "Must be this tall to ride." It's so annoying to hear an oldtimer insult your musical tastes because you weren't around when the stuff was good. Often, being young sends a signal that you're capable of stealing or just downright untrustworthy when you walk into a certain store. The list goes on.

What these two groups don't realize is that they can actually help each other out. The older generation can offer the younger one wisdom because they've seen the world a little more than we have, thus offering a more intuitive perspective. Life doesn't come with the blueprints so it helps to have a guide. The younger generation holds the future leaders of the world and it helps to understand what and why they do the things they do. A very powerful and essential tool is necessary to build a bridge between the generation gap: listening. Don't just hear.

Maybe one day, when Baptists stop condemning homosexuals, rednecks stop using the N-word and obese people are seen as regular humans, the old and young folks just might open their ears to each other. The respecting elders virtue may reapply itself among the young smart asses and maybe they can change this "Generation Y" thingy to a "Generation Because," thus deleting the desire to label them in the first place.

Mailbox

Don't overlook illness

Dear Editor:

Michelle Taylor's column in the March 14 issue of the Spectator, "No witch to burn in Texas," shows a lack of understanding of post-partum depression and post-partum psychosis, two severe forms of mental illness.

No one disputes that Andrea Yates drowned her children. She admitted doing it "in order to send them to heaven, save them from the Devil and save them from herself because they weren't developing correctly," is hardly an admission of guilt in the sane sense.

A woman who has been institutionalized more than once, who was only 19 days out of her latest institutionalization, who was clearly psychotic (a mental illness in which the person hallucinates, hears voices, can't reason, can't tell right from wrong) drowned her five children. All of her friends and family testified that she was severely mentally ill. All of the medical experts also testified to this.

The people who testified that she was sane included police

officers. The majority of police officers are not experts on mental illness.

People who suffer from depression and other mental illnesses or who have family with this disease can empathize with the wrenching aftermath of her illness. To treat her as a firstdegree murderer is a shameful twisting of our system of "justice." To compare her to Susan Smith is like comparing apples to oranges.

I hope that Ms. Taylor opens her heart and mind to compassion and the true meaning of justice for all.

Ms. Leigh Touchton



something to say? Got

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.

When in the semester should Spring Break be? Why?



"It's good to have it around Easter because that's when people want to be with their families."

Lisa Windham **Freshman Sports Medicine**



"It should be in April, not at the end of March, because that's not spring to me. It should be during black college weekend so I can enjoy the festivities."

Cynthia Womack Freshman Biology



"I think it's fine the way it is. It really doesn't bother me at all."

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"It's fine where it is. If it was earlier it would be too cold, and if it was later it would be pointless. School would almost be over."

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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.



If you have ideas or comments about the Darkside page, contact DarkSide editor, **Jeremiah Bass** at **loserkidblink@hotmail.com**

Mary Dabbs Staff writer

You know you live in the new millennium when...everything on the market comes with a warning label.

You can't even eat a "Wow" chip without risking loose stools and a decreased ability to absorb vitamins, so it shouldn't be a surprise that stem

cell research has a warning label all its own, only this warning label reads "beware—political controversy may occur."

The controversy? Stem cells come from embryos that are not going to be used in fertility clinics.

They are technically potential babies that aren't ever going to go into a uterus. So, they are human waste, or wasted humans if you will.

In a way, stem cell research is

recycling. Scientists claim that stem cells can be potentially used to cure everything from quadriplegia to bad hair days by exchanging old cells for new.

Whole body parts—like livers—can be created. (Betcha Ted Kennedy's glad to hear about that one.)

Special interest groups claim we're going to hell in a petri dish, but then again, maybe

they're afraid that the research will allow for the creation of entirely new brains to replace cells that have already been damaged by puritanical upbringing.

Now that I've gone through the background I'd like to introduce a few diseases stem cell research may cure to the arena of debate.

Red necks: Yeah, it's not a disease, but after living in South Georgia all of my life I think it should be. With any

luck we can locate and replace the genes that give one an inclination to drink Pabst, wear flannel and "whup tha faggots." There is a difference between a Southerner and a Redneck that is akin to the difference between the modern Homo Sapien and Cro-Magnon man. How do you define that difference? You might be a redneck if...you own at least one tape by Jeff Foxworthy, which was bought at a gas station like all of your other tapes. It's time to put an end to the epidemic.

Politicians: Especially, dare I say it? Bush. After Sept. 11 the man's been getting away with murder. Perhaps if we locate the "ethics" gene and implant it into his system then he'll get us off the oil teat and stop screwing up our public educational system.

White Man's Dancing Syndrome: Ok, Ok, it's a stereotype, but what in this column isn't? White man's danc-

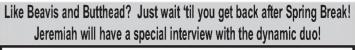
ing syndrome isn't limited by race or gender, it can happen to anyone, any time, anywhere—and is increasingly likely to occur in the inebriated. Lack of rhythm, flailing limbs and attempts to revive the "Macarena" are only a few symptoms of WMDS. So, those of you suffering from WMDS should quit dancing in public. Now. Preferably before scientists get leave to experiment on you, too.

As you can see the possibilities are endless. With enough research there may even be a cure for lack of social sensitivity.

Of course, *I* can't think of *anyone* who would need that application, but maybe you can.

-Mary Dabbs is a staff writer for The Spectator and she can be contacted at

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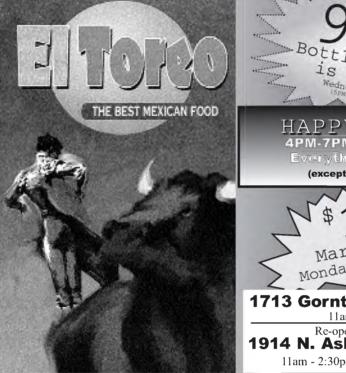


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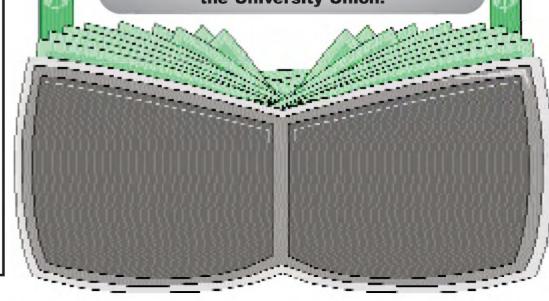


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Clark brings story and song together

Jason James Staff Writer

A bit more southern hospitality is coming to Valdosta with David Clark.

Clark will bring his subtle guitar, picturesque stories and singing told through his thick southern drawl to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta on March 3.

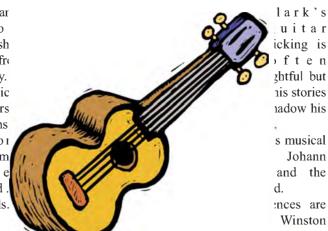
The show is at 8 p.m. and admission is \$10, which includes refreshments.

The church is on 1951 East Park Ave. and can be reached at (229) 242-3714.

David Clark, 41, is originally from Macon and moved to Cochran, Ga., for a taste of small town life. He brought his love for southern culture with

Clark sings and tells stories of football, food, family life and his faith. His stories are drawn from his experiences as a

studio publish and fro family. organic gathers his ins ration from land he tills



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His 30 years of guitar playing shines on the few instrumentals from his 2001 release, "Myth America."

His story telling is sincere and has a quaint politeness to it. but sometimes his longwinded anecdotes tend to lead me to thoughts of him going back to his guitar.

Clark is also an avid writer whose essays have appeared in many nationally recognized newspapers and magazines.

He also has a weekly column that appears in 28papers in 10 states. S

Several of his spoken-word essays have been broadcast on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" Georgia Public Radio's "Georgia Gazette."

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VSU theater

Mary Dabbs Staff Writer

VSU's theatre program presents "Talking With..." a series of 11 monologues for women, written under the pseudonym Jane Martin.

The monologues deal with subjects ranging from battling corporate America, to coming to terms with aging, to learning how to lead an independent life. The three co-producers,

Duke Guthrie, assistant professor in communication arts, Dr. Randy Wheeler, professor in communication arts and Jacque Wheeler, professor in communications arts, selected "Talking With..." because Dr. Wheeler was familiar with the piece and it deals with women's issues through very strong female characters.

According to Dr. Wheeler. the play challenges the actresses, giving them more time on

stage than many of them have experienced before. Also, the play is a "think piece" for the audience, making the audience examine their ideas about the role of women in our society.

women] are normal, but reactions to the problems are extreme," Dr. Wheeler said. "Even if the response isn't

"The basic problems [of the

yours, it makes sense," Jacque Wheeler added. "Talking With..." has been running in the Fine Arts building's Lab Theatre since last Sunday and will continue to show until this Friday. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. and are free with a VSU I.D. Adults are \$7 and children are \$5, but is not recommended for young audience.

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Blake⁻

continued from page 1 served as interim department head for both the communication arts and the art departments.

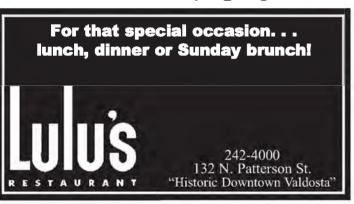
Dr. Blake's friends and coworkers are distraught by his untimely death.

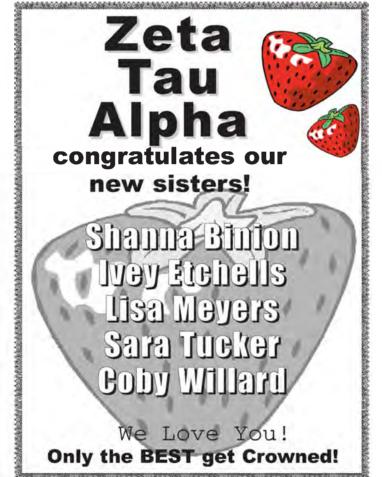
"What hurts is having watched him and his little girl and the fact that she's lost such a bright star," Michael Taylor, instructor of communication arts, said. "He's one of the few people I've known who was constantly striving to bring people's day up a notch. I know my life is much richer for him passing through it."

Marci Connor, a junior public relations major and student of Dr. Blake's said, "It's crazy. It's really odd. He was a nice guy and a good teacher."

According to a report on WALB, News Channel 10, investigators are asking anyone who may have seen these men in the area to call the crime tip line at (229) 203-3091.

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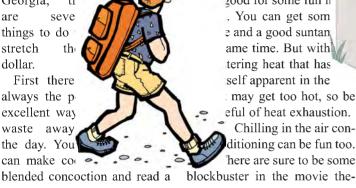
Spring fun in Valdosta

Staff Writer

While some students are off to exotic locations, others have to spend their spring break in Valdosta.

For those sh and staying Georgia, seve things to do stretch dollar.

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reserve offers biking and walking trails. There is plenty of nature to take in and it's free.

So take your pick and try to have a fun time.

Students can be lawyers for a day

Angie Hiers Staff Writer

Students interested in law can get an early start this summer with the summer law pro-Florida gram at University.

According to FSU's College of Law web site, the four-week program is open to freshman and sophomores. Classes begin May 28 and are taught by FSU law professors who follow a

In addition, students will visit law firms and courtrooms and attend lectures by judges and lawyers.

The FSU College of Law covers all costs including room and board. Students also receive a \$350 stipend.

According to Al Pounsel, administrative assistant for FSU College of Law, approximately 30 students are selected to par-

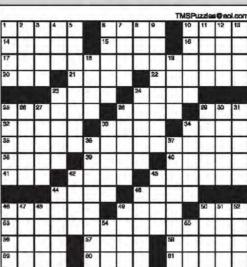
first-year law school curricu- ticipate each year. The FSU summer law program began in 1992 and students from various colleges and universities, including VSU, have participated in the program in the past.

Interested students may download an application from www.law.fsu.edu. Applicants must also submit a transcript, personal statement and two letters of recommendation. The submission deadline is April 1.

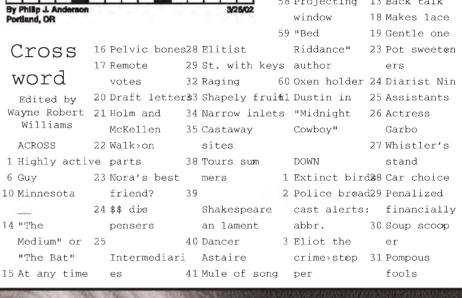
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Sports

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Shortstop Krista Kneuer fires to first base Wednesday at practice.

Lady Blazers burn up GSC standings

Matt Stewart Staff Writer

The Lady Blazer softball team's offense needed a breather following last weekend.

After outscoring opponents 32-3 in the last three games, VSU returns to the field after a five-day layoff to face Georgia College and State University Thursday in Milledgeville, Ga., at 4

The No. 24 Lady Bobcats (19-10) fell to the Lady Blazers, 2-1, at the

Friday. VSU junior pitcher Angela improved to 12-2 after completing a Lions 48 errors (compare that to Lauzon (6-3, 1.48 earned run average) threw seven innings of four-hit Memorial Tuesday. softball.

[Langford] and Lindsey [Ellingsworth], because [GC&SU] hasn't seen them yet," VSU head coach Kendra McDaniel said.

The Lady Blazers (21-12, 10-2 according to the most recent confer- 1.19, has a losing record of 2-4 on the

four-game sweep of Lincoln

GSC nemesis North Alabama visits "We'll probably throw Ryndell VSU's Softball Complex Saturday for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. in a key conference match.

UNA (7-13, 1-3 GSC) has struggled as of late. The Lady Lions were swept 9-1, 10-2 last Friday by West Gulf South Conference) still remain Georgia. Pitcher Jennifer Ortiz, who in first place in the east division holds the GSC's sixth best ERA at

Columbus State Tournament last ence rankings, although West Florida season thanks in part to the Lady VSU's 38 errors in 13 more games).

"We've got a good group of kids, but when you come into a situation where none of the kids are yours, there's going to be struggles," UNA first year head coach Jeremy Reece said. "We've made our share of mistakes and when you give a team extra outs, you're going to get in trouble."

According to Reece, the Lady Softball

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VSU tennis undefeated at GSC East Jamboree

T.A. Glanton Staff Writer

None of us like working when we're supposed to be on vacation. VSU's men's and women's tennis teams will be doing just that. The No. 2 ranked Blazers and No. 36 Lady Blazers have some lastminute office work to take care

Sunday, the Blazers (7-1, 2-0) square off against No. 12 Florida Southern (7-4) at 11 a.m. on the tennis courts of the P.E. Complex. FSC No.1 singles player Marc Becker is ranked No. 6 nationally and holds an 8-1 record this season. The Moccasins' No. 1 doubles team of Becker and sophomore Ryan Dunne are 5-3 and No. 11 in the country.

VSU has some guys of its own who know something about winning. The "Great Dane," freshman Peter Kreutzfeldt, who's Denmark, is 7-0 on the season at No. 4 singles. His doubles partner, the "Englishman," freshman Andrew Davies is 7-1 at No. 6 singles. The pair combines for 7-0 record at No. 2 doubles. Not to be outdone, the doubles team of Tobias Huning-Marco Borges (No. 1 in the country, 7-1 on the season) cement the Blazers No. 2 national ranking. Head coach John Hansen knows that the doubles teams are the strength of his squad.

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Claudia Hesse

look for leaders on the court," Hansen said. "It's like chemistry kind of; just trying to mix things together."

The Blazers are fresh off a 2-0 performance at the GSC east Jamboree. Only one thing stopped VSU from winning a

third match at the jamboree mother nature. VSU was rained out the final day of the tourney. Florida Southern is coming off a 7-2 loss to No. 5 Drury last Thursday.

The bandwagon has now passed for those who had jumped off when the Lady Blazers were 1-5. After going 3-0 last weekend at the GSC east Jamboree, VSU (4-5, 3-0) sits in third place in the GCS standings; and just like the men, only rain stopped the women from winning their final match of the weekend.

"We did have a good weekend, but it showed us some areas we can work on," Hansen said. "One thing the girls can never do is take anything for granted."

Monday at 9 a.m. on the tennis courts of the P.E. Complex, both the men and the women will go forehand to forehand with Lewis & Clark C.C.





transfer linebacker **Andre** Zellner and sophomore corner Arthell **Brown** drop in pass coverage Monday at spring practice.

Junior

Vonetta Lawton / The Spectator

Spring practice kicks off

Brandon Scott Staff Writer

Spring is in the air. Eightydegree weather, flowers blooming, people tanning and spring football. And you know what that means... Dusty Bonner throwing a post to C.J. Lofton, Dusty dumping the ball

off to Reggie Mosley or Dusty handing off to Aaron Jenkins.

Then we stop fantasizing and realize Dusty will not be a part of the "Air Raid" next fall. Leading us to ponder the question, who will be passing the ball to Lofton and Co?

"We have seven quarterbacks all competing [for the see page 10

starting job]," head coach Chris Hatcher said. "Right now, Buster Faulkner is the number one guy."

Right behind Faulkner is junior Ken Barnett, who started for VSU at quarterback during

Spring Practice -



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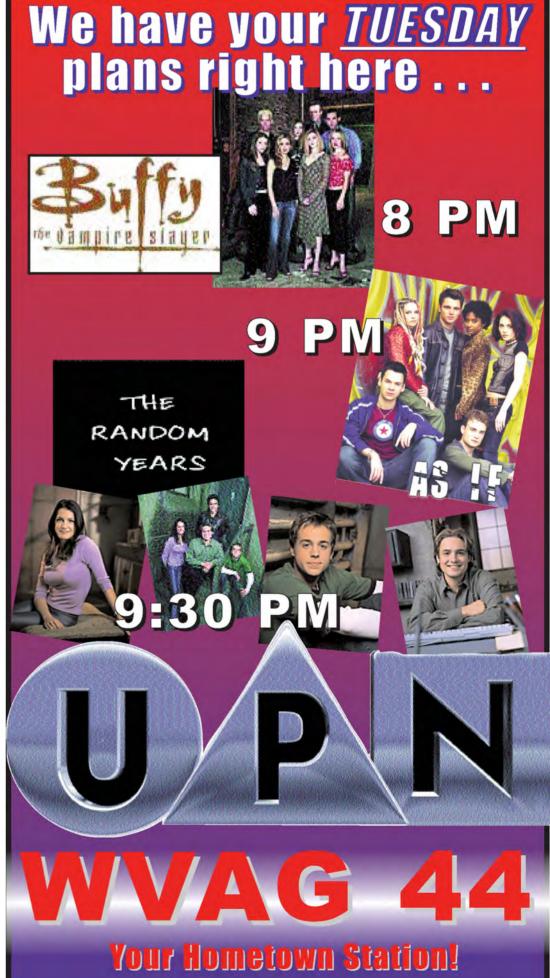
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Sports



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Tailback Javarus Weston cuts up Reames Field at Monday's practice.

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the 1999 season under Mike Kelly, a

former XFL offensive coordinator.

In the 2001 season Bonner had the luxury of passing behind a stalwart offensive front that featured four seniors. Next fall's likely starters on the 0-line will include juniors Chance Hutto, the only returning starter, J.R. Neal and freshman Torrey Howard (both of whom have played for injured starters). Look for freshmen Dustin Dodson and Kelvin McDavis to fill in the remaining two spots at

center and tackle, respectively.

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While the defense is returning eight starters, don't expect to see defensive coordinator Kirby Smart on the sidelines, well, for that matter, don't expect to see any of last season's defensive coaches. On hand for spring football are newly hired defensive coordinator Kevin Shirley and linebacker coach Ashley Anders.

You'd think that after coaching high school football for three years (at Alabama powerhouse Hoover High), there'd be some kind of learning curve.

"Coaching football is coaching football," Shirley said. "Good coaches are good coaches no matter

where you put them, usually."

Shirley's job will be made that much easier, what, with six starters returning from a defense that ranked second in the nation.

"They're [defensive coaches] showing no favoritism," junior defensive back Wesley Brown said. "They're putting us in a situation where everyone is gonna have to

Shirley said, "We're trying to take them to a new level. And all the defensive coaches look at the little things, not just the big things, not just the results. We've got a long way to go from that standpoint, just teaching

them how to play at a high-intensity violent speed."

Under Hatcher the Blazers have won two consecutive Gulf South titles and continue to inch closer to the school's first national football title. And if the old saying, "defense wins championships" ever meant anything, it will mean a lot more to the Blazers come fall of 2002.

"We've got six starters back, but we've got to develop leadership within those six, and any more that we can add to that," Shirley said. "And that's one thing that we're really, really needing right now."

Blazers battle Argos

Jana N. Cook Staff Writer

Hopeful optimism - that's what VSU head coach Tommy Thomas has for his Blazer baseball team. But it hasn't always been that way.

After starting the 2002 season with curiosity to what it

would entail, Thomas is m o r e assured of his 21-6 Blazers, who held on to the No. 7 spot in the latest Collegiate Basebal1 Newspaper Top 30.

"I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Thomas said. "We just can't fit through it yet."

The light

he refers to is postseason play. The Blazers continue their search for postseason life Thursday at 3 p.m versus Albany State University. Conference play continues

throughout the weekend against the University of West Florida with a doubleheader at 2 p.m. on Saturday and one game Sunday at 1 p.m. The weekend games will at Billy Grant Field.

The 20-8 West Florida Argonauts were one of the Gulf South Conference's hottest

week, holding on to a 12-game winning streak until the t e a m lost two games over the weekend to s n a p that streak.

Patterson **Annie Johnson** / The Spectator (.379)and out-VSU head coach Tommy Thomas

fielders throws batting practice Tuesday. D. J.

Turnage (.417) and Josey Shannon (.349) led the Argonauts in hitting, totaling 50 RBIs together. Josh McGowan and Bryan Lee are the team's pitching aces, both holding a 50 win/loss record. UWF brings the top pitching staff in the GSC to Valdosta for the threegame series.

For the Blazers, second baseman Scott Simpson continues to lead the team in hitting with a .400 batting average and 25 RBIs. Freshman centerfielder David Lewis (.350) and junior shortstop Josh Veres (.329) round up the top three in hitting with 29 RBIs combined.

VSU opened its conference schedule last weekend in Montevallo, Ala., taking twoof-three from the University of Montevallo (15-8, 1-2 GSC). The Blazers split the doubleheader Saturday, then won the series with a 5-4 win in game three Sunday.

Junior left-handed pitcher Michael Smith improved his record to 4-0 after throwing eight innings of one-run baseball in the rubber match before giving up three runs in the bottom of the ninth. Junior relief pitcher Corey Wachman secured the win, striking out the final two batters for his fifth save of the season.

"We found out that the Montevallo hitters are pretty pesky," Thomas said. "We also found out that was the first time in the history of traveling to Montevallo we have come back a series winner."



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Blazers will not see Ortiz in the doubleheader. Instead, Kari Cox (5-4, 4.40 ERA) will pitch in game one and Kristen Kosobucki (0-5, 12.46 ERA) will take the mound in game

Now is not the best time for UNA to meet up with VSU. The Lady Blazers are red hot, winners of three straight and nine of the last 12 games. In the latest offensive explosion, VSU blasted Lincoln Memorial 12-2,



Ellingsworth named GSC East Division player of the week

VSU senior pitcher/first baseman Lindsay Ellingsworth was named GSC East Division player of the week for the period ending March 17. She hit .529 (9-for-17) with four Ellingsworth | RBIs during the week

8-0 last Saturday at home. Left fielder Rachel Milligan (4-for-6, 2 RBIs) and pitcher/first baseman Lindsay

Ellingsworth (3-for-6, 3 RBIs) led VSU at the plate in the doubleheader. The Lady Blazers pitching

staff gave up only three hits and

runs to Ellingsworth (6-2, 0.61 ERA) was especially stingy in the second game, throwing a one-hit shutout with eight strikeouts. For her efforts, she was named GSC east division player of the week for the period ending March 17.















