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## Campus crime not reported

Leah F. Cassorla  
Staff Writer

More than 15 years ago, a girl by the name of Jeanne Clery was raped and murdered in her dorm room at Lehigh University in Indiana. In 1990, the Jeanne Clery Act was passed. In 1998, the law was redesigned to be enforceable. This act regulates the way in which college campuses report crime to students, prospective students and the public.

The law is designed to keep students informed of crime on their campus by requiring campuses to file yearly crime statistics, a daily log of incident reports and monthly or quarterly reports of ongoing crime threats.

Until this week, Public Safety did not provide reports of crimes of a sexual nature, or any crimes committed during the summer or during breaks. Bill Postel, communications supervisor and records custodian for Public Safety, said he didn't keep records during breaks because there was no weekly school paper. He also said he didn't put sexual crimes in the log because his predecessor didn't.

"To be honest with you, I'm quite fuzzy on what's supposed to go into the log book," Postel said.

According to Maj. Ann Farmer, assistant director for Public Safety, the records will be kept at all times and according to the regulations of the Clery Act from now on.

But Public Safety only reports crimes of which it is aware.

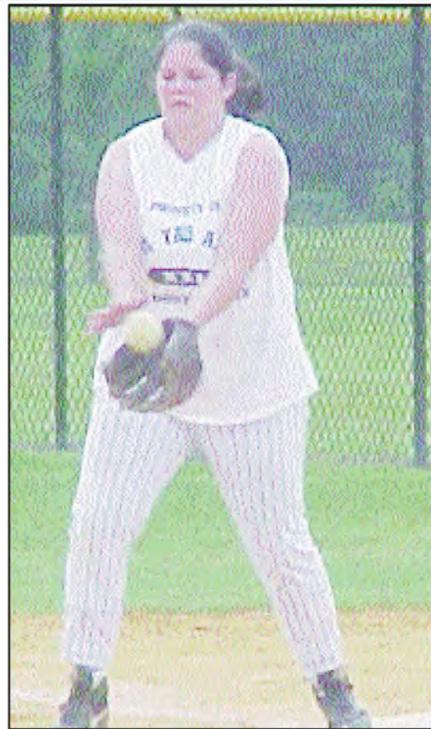
"If you don't report it, then obviously nothing's going to happen," Cpl. Dennis Nealon, crime prevention officer for Public Safety, said. "Then the same crime may happen to someone else."

According to Nealon, many students don't report crime, especially sexual crime because they fear the perpetrator or they don't want to file charges.

But students can report crime without pressing charges. A student can call Public Safety and an officer will come get a statement, or the student can go to Public Safety to file a report.

Students also can report crime anonymously. The VSU Tipline, available at 293-6263, allows students to leave a recording of their crime report.

**Crime**  
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Jennifer McMillan (left), senior English, playing first base for ZTA, gets an out in ZTA's game against Chi Omega. Phi Mu won the women's softball trophy for Greek Week. The Greek Assembly included trophies from Greek Week as well as awards for fundraising, academics, honor societies, best new member of the year and the President's Cup for individuals as well as the overall President's Cups. There was a presentation to Dr. Zaccari in appreciation of his support.



Annie Johnson / The Spectator

## Greeks laud achievements

Leah F. Cassorla  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Greeks stood in the foyer outside Whitehead Auditorium in the Fine Arts Building, Sunday evening. A crowd stood in front of a table between the doors to the auditorium, people moving to the front then back out again, poring over books. They were there for Greek Assembly.

The books, called President's Books, contained records, in photos, of all each sorority and fraternity had done that year.

"Every sorority [and fraternity] is involved in a philanthropy," said Janet Moye, junior exercise science major and Zeta Tau Alpha president. "That's what they fundraise for."

Every book showed what the sorority or fraternity had done for its philanthropy over the past year.

Moye was nervous. Her sorority's work was going to be judged, and there was a chance ZTA could win the President's Award. A President's Award goes to the sorority and fraternity that have done the most for their respective philanthropy. The award is the highest campus award a sorority or fraternity can win.

But nervous, or not, she was proud of the work ZTA does.

"It shows how strong our sisterhood is and how proud we are of our sisterhood and our sorority," Moye said. "Even if you lose, if your sisters are there for you, it's all right."

ZTA's philanthropy is the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The sorority sponsors car washes, donut sales and Big Man on Campus, among other fundraisers. It also sponsors educational programs and materials on campus. The sorority raised about \$4,000 this year, according to Moye.

Shortly before the start of the assembly, Moye returned to her seat with her sisters.

Dr. Ronald Zaccari, VSU president, spoke to audience members about their spirit and how they are the "Vitality, Strength and Unity" that make VSU.

"I believe in Greek life and who you are," he told the cheering crowd. "You are Valdosta State University by your vitality, strength and unity."

Dr. Zaccari spoke about changes he wishes to see on campus, including housing and parking. He then told the assembly to come prepared to talk about a Greek Row next

year. "If we support each other, then I believe we can make important gains and improve life on campus," Dr. Zaccari said. "Have a great summer. Come back prepared to sit at the bargaining table with your new president."

The crowd gave Dr. Zaccari a standing ovation.

### Greek winners

#### Women

Step Show - Alpha Delta Pi  
Football - Phi Mu  
Softball - Phi Mu  
Basketball - Phi Mu  
Bowling - Zeta Tau Alpha  
Tug - Chi Omega

#### Men

Football - Sigma Nu  
Softball - Sigma Nu  
Billiards - Pi Kappa Phi  
Basketball - Kappa Alpha  
Bowling - Kappa Sigma  
Tug - Pi Kappa Phi

#### President's Award

Men - Sigma Nu  
Women - Chi Omega

## Fowler suspended indefinitely following felony charge

Staff Reports

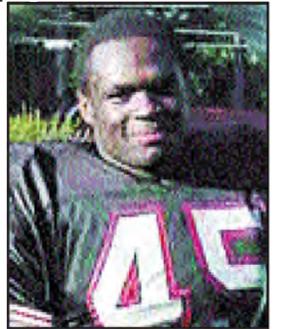
The Valdosta State Athletic Department has suspended linebacker Michael Fowler indefinitely following his Friday night arrest at his home in Poulan, Ga., on charges of cocaine possession with intent to distribute.

Fowler, who was alone in his mother's house when it was raided by the Poulan Police Department, said he is a victim of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. His father, Esker Fowler, was also arrested and faces similar charges.

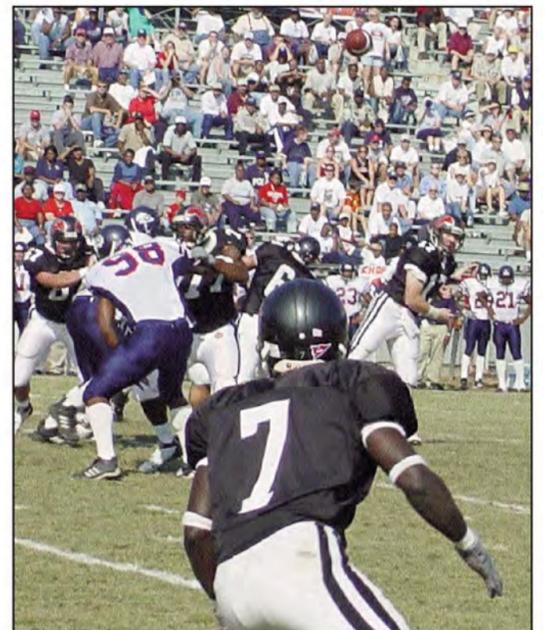
VSU athletic director Herb Reinhard said it is departmental policy to immediately suspend any student-athlete who is charged with a felony.

"In regards to Michael Fowler's situation, the Valdosta State Athletic Department has suspended Michael from the football program effective immediately until the investigation is completed and his status is clarified," Reinhard said. "Our policy is that anybody that is charged with a felony will be suspended immediately until the investigation is finished and the judicial status is determined."

Fowler is a three-year starter at middle linebacker who was a first team all-conference selection last season after ending the year as the Blazers' second leading tackler.



## Bonner, Johnson head to NFL, page 10



Bonner fires a pass at Johnson during a game against West Georgia.

## Fight breaks out at step show

Blenda Link  
Staff Writer

Staff writers Brandon Scott, Lindsey Giddens and Neil Skerratt contributed to this story.

Three VSU students reported injuries following a fight late Monday night at the basketball court behind the Fine Arts Building. No arrests had been made as of press time. One victim said she will pursue a warrant for one suspect's arrest.

One female student reported to Public Safety that a male student swung at and hit her during a fraternity-sponsored event, after which a fight broke out. One male student was admitted to the South Georgia Medical Center for deep lacerations in his arm. A female student was taken to the infirmary for a sprained ankle.

According to Cpl. Nealon, crime prevention officer for Public Safety, at least five VSU Public Safety officers, 10 Valdosta City Police officers and an unknown number of Lowndes County Sheriff's officers were dispatched to VSU's main campus.

According to several sources, the fight occurred at about 10:45 p.m. during a probate show hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at the basketball court behind the Fine Arts Building. The purpose of the probate show is to introduce the new members to the public for the first time as they perform a step show. Sources said the fight began when a male VSU student hit a female VSU student.

Chief Scott Doner, director for Public Safety, said he did not think the fight was related to racial issues or connected to the fraternity members in any way,

but rather an isolated incident that happened to occur at the event.

"This had absolutely nothing to do with the fraternity, I've been told," Doner said.

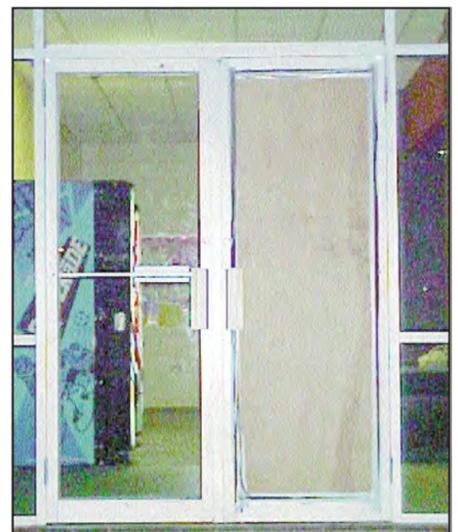
According to Public Safety's incident report, the victim who was hit, Germorrow J. Nix, junior criminal justice major, said Reginald Cockerm, a senior and former VSU football player, hit her.

Nix told The Spectator that Cockerm was calling her derogatory names and had done so on a regular basis before the incident. She said one of his friends told him to leave her alone and that Cockerm told her to move out of his way and she did not. She said more football players began calling her names and that she turned her back to Cockerm. She said he then put his hands on her head. She said, her boyfriend told Cockerm to get his hands off

her. Nix said the suspect hit her, then her boyfriend hit the suspect, then some football players attacked her boyfriend.

"I honestly don't know what his [Cockerm's] problem is," she said. "I guess he's just childish."

A few minutes after the incident started, VSU Public Safety officers arrived on the scene to disperse the crowd. After the crowd left and migrated toward main campus,



Vonetta Lawton/ The Spectator

The South door to Lowndes Hall is covered after a student shattered it pulling away from another student.

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# Campus Happenings

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Submissions for **Campus Happenings** can be sent to Blenda Link at [bjlink@valdosta.edu](mailto:bjlink@valdosta.edu) or brought to the Spectator offices on the second floor of the University Union on VSU's main campus.

## POLICE BEAT

### April 12

A professor reported at 4 p.m. that someone damaged plants and structural tiles at the UC breezeway. No arrest was made. The act is considered interference with government property.

### April 18

A student reported at 11 p.m. that someone removed two VHS video tapes and a back massager from her room in Brown Hall. A victim's Bill of Rights was issued.

### April 22

Warren Edward Dees Jr., 21, of 6313 Sandpiper Drive, Clyattville, Ga., was arrested at 8 a.m. at the corner of Baytree Road and Azalea Drive for driving too fast for conditions. He is not a VSU student.

### Today

The University Honors program hosts a recognition ceremony today at 3 p.m. in the UC Theater. Refreshments will be served.

The Sigma Prime biology club will provide study groups for students today on the second floor of the Biology / Chemistry building outside of the biology department office where the furniture is located. Study groups are available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free snacks and refreshments will be served.

### Friday

Two Online Lifetime sessions on web CT are offered today. The first will start at noon and end at 12:55 p.m. this is the beginner session. The session for intermediate and advanced is from 1 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. The session will be in the Education Center, room 124. For more information contact Josephine Raybon at [jraybon@valdosta.edu](mailto:jraybon@valdosta.edu).

To participate in the Faculty - Staff Golf Tournament Tuesday, sign up your team before 3 p.m. today. The cost is \$38 per person which includes golf, lunch, a T-shirt, gold towel, etc. For more information contact Bob at 333-5898.

### Saturday

Sigma Prime Biology Club is inviting everyone to come to "The Great American Cleanup," sponsored by Valdosta Weed and Seed, from 8 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested should call 244-3595 or [emalilainewheeler@hotmail.com](mailto:emalilainewheeler@hotmail.com).

### Monday

The VSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of David Lee Johnson, will present a spring choral concert at 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium. The Chamber Singers will perform excerpts from their recent Concert Tour to Italy. For more information please call 333-5804 or 333-5812.

### Tuesday

The Faculty - Staff Golf Tournament will be held at Francis Lake Golf Club at 1 p.m. Check in starts at 11:45 a.m. For more information please contact Bob at 333-5898.

The Showcase Excellence InTech-nology Conference will be held at the Education Center from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A lunch is served from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$7. Presentations will start at 9 a.m. and new sessions will begin every half hour until 3 p.m. except during lunch. For more information and lunch reservations, contact the Educational Technology Training Center at 249-2781 or [lp Carter@valdosta.edu](mailto:lp Carter@valdosta.edu).

### May 4

The VSU Cross country team is hosting a volleyball tournament May 4 on the football practice fields by the tennis courts. The cost is \$7 a player (five players a team). The first 20 teams to sign up will get free food and T-shirts, and prizes worth \$3000 will be available. Sign up in front of Palms Dining Hall or the UC before May 1. For more information call Jen or Heidi at 247-8429.

### May 14

Would you like to start your own business? Learn the basics by attending the "How to Start a Small Business" class presented by the Small Business Development Center. The class will be held in Thaxton hall on North Campus from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is \$30, but a special rate of \$15 is available to VSU faculty, staff and students. Please pre-register by May 10. Call 245-3738 for more information or to register.

### Found Property

All items were returned for this week.

All recovered One Cards are turned over to One Card Services. Call Cpl. Dennis Nealon at Public Safety at 333-7816 to report any lost or stolen items.

Check us out on the web at [www.valdosta.edu/spec](http://www.valdosta.edu/spec)

## Family gets diploma for son lost in WTC

**Brian Kladko**  
*The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)*

Helman and Marina Correa, along with about 20 relatives, clustered to witness a ritual that was supposed to include their son, Danny, a star accounting student at the business school. The 25-year-old Fairview, N.J., resident completed his course work and had one last hurdle to graduation: an internship at Marsh U.S.A., an insurance company at the World Trade Center.

His dreams, and life, were buried beneath the rubble of the north tower. But his accomplishments were not.

At the ceremony, held at the Fairleigh Dickinson University gym in Hackensack, Danny Correa's father and sister walked onto the stage with the

black cap and gown that Danny would have worn, and accepted an associate degree for him.

"My family and I are feeling the deepest pain you could ever imagine," Helman told the audience. "But in the same way, we are so proud of Danny - a young man full of dreams, talent, and full of life."

He frequently helped Spanish-speaking students navigate English, and made such an impression on one professor that she thanked him at the end of the semester for teaching her.

"Danny was a student, but he was also an educator, because he taught us how to live by making the most of his life - helping others, and modeling for all of us that you can do what you do with love and compassion," said Berkeley College President Mildred Garcia.

Father, mother, and sister were called to the stage, but Marina was too distraught.

Helman took the leather-bound diploma in his hands, he gently kissed it, then held it to the sky.

"I think that was one of the hardest moments of my life," Helman said later. "I wasn't feeling my legs. But I did it for him, because he deserves whatever we can do for him."

Making it even harder was the joy that surrounded them. As Helman hunched forward, burying his face in his hands, and Marina gasped for breath, others were taking pictures and cheering for their sons and daughters.

"We have to understand people are celebrating," the father said. "And we are celebrating, too."

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# News

## Weekend Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 UV Index: 8 High Hi: 86 Low: 58	 UV Index: 10 Very High Hi: 81 Low: 59	 UV Index: 8 High Hi: 85 Low: 63	 UV Index: 9 High Hi: 89 Low: 65

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# Nursing shortages on the rise

Angie Hiers  
Staff Writer

The nurse population is decreasing.

According to Dr. MaryAnn Reichenbach, dean of the College of Nursing, there is a shortage of both practicing nurses and nursing faculty.

Dr. Reichenbach said hospitals employ 59 percent of registered nurses and report problems filling vacant positions. Georgia vacancies run between 13 and 25 percent, much like other states.

Part of the reason there is a shortage of nurses now comes from hospitals and home health care agencies restructuring nearly a decade ago, Dr. Reichenbach said. As other fields began promising higher salaries, many students rejected nursing as a career.

"Nursing is a challenging and difficult career and you have to want to do it in order to survive," Dr. Reichenbach said. "Nursing occurs around the clock and seven days a week without consideration of holidays. Fewer students went into nursing, resulting in fewer graduates."

Nursing opportunities are increasing, however. Nurses are in demand in the legal profession, publishing, businesses, drug companies and software development firms.

VSU's College of Nursing holds semi-annual Scholarship Days to help students. It allows them to look at the kind of jobs available and potential employers to see work students are doing.

"My major concern is that we provide not only the numbers of nurses needed but that they be of the quality necessary to provide competent care," Dr. Reichenbach said.

Several factors affect faculty shortages in nursing schools. Faculty in baccalaureate programs must hold a minimum of a master's degree and a nurse holding a doctorate degree must teach half the classes. The demand for nurses with doctorates is increasing and graduation rates are way behind the demand, Dr. Reichenbach said.

VSU's College of Nursing has an increase in student numbers but is dealing with a smaller number of faculties.

"We currently have two faculty positions open and will be interviewing candidates for these positions in May," Dr. Reichenbach said. "Hopefully we can recruit more excellent faculty and keep producing the excellent graduates for which the school is known."



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Derotha Presley, nursing professor helps Natasha Lane, junior, how to properly use a stethoscope on Candice Whitfield, junior nursing major.

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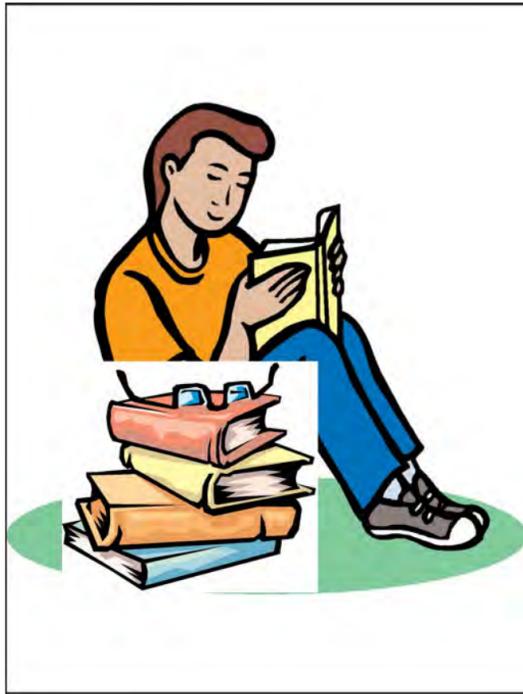
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May 2, 2002

**Class Time.....Finals Time**

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 T/R 5 p.m. ....5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
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May 3, 2002

**Class Time.....Finals Time**

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 M/W 3:30 p.m. ....12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
 T/R 3:30 p.m. ....2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
 M/W 6:30 p.m. ....5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 M/W 8 p.m. ....7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.  
 T/R 9:30 p.m. ....9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

May 6, 2002

**Class Time.....Finals Time**

M/W/F 11 a.m. ....10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
 M/W/F 1 a.m. ....12:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## Odum Library Schedule

April 30 - May 2 & May 5

7:45 a.m. until 2 a.m.



May 3 & May 6

7:45 a.m. until 7 p.m.



May 4 & May 7

9 a.m. until 10 p.m.



May 8

9 a.m. until 10 p.m.



Normal hours will resume May 9. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to midnight. On Friday, Odum Library is open from 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. until midnight.

### Lets Eat!

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-Last meal served will be dinner @7 p.m. May 6. Reopen fall semester.

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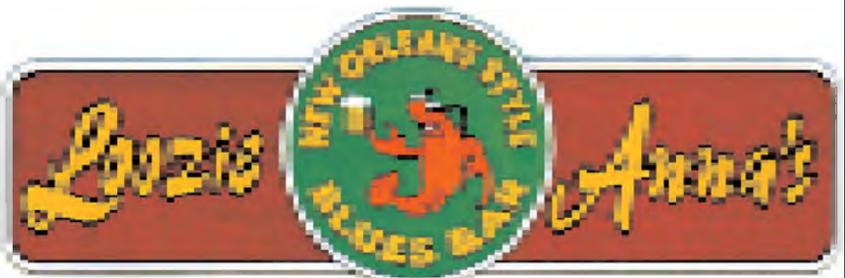
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## News

# Fight travels campus

**Fight**  
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VSU Public Safety was notified again that there were still large crowds of people lingering in front of Lowndes, Converse and Hopper halls.

Reports state that a VSU student had severely cut his arm while jerking away from another person who was trying to hold onto him at the south door of Lowndes Hall. The student shattered the door's glass with his arm. The student bled so profusely he left a blood trail between Nevins and West halls, according to police reports.

According to Doner, the injured student drove himself to South Georgia Medical Center and SGMC called to confirm that the student had been admitted.

An eyewitness, Ashlei Robertson, freshman psychology major, said she was standing on one side of the basketball

court watching two of her friends "cross over" during the Alphas' probate show. According to Robertson's estimate, there were about 200 people present.

"All of a sudden I saw the other side of the circle move in, then move out," Robertson said. "I saw arms flinging in the air and people ran in that direction to see what was going on and then I saw people running in my direction.

"It seemed like every Public Safety car was there," she said. "And I could see some Valdosta City Police. I saw one woman in a gray or brown uniform with a night stick in one hand and a can of mace in the other."

Robertson said she did not see the officer use the mace.

Robertson said she twisted her ankle helping another person up who kept stumbling while they were leaving. Robertson said her friends later helped her toward her residence

hall and they asked four passing police officers to help them. Robertson said the officers looked at them, waved their flashlights and told them to "Move on."

Robertson was driven to the infirmary by a student who offered to help her. She said that she had to wait a few minutes after she arrived at the infirmary for Public Safety to let her in because it was after 11 p.m.

"It's just a shame that something that meant so much to them [the new Alphas] could be ruined by someone's ignorance," Robertson said.

By 11:45 p.m., two Public Safety cars blocked the entrance to Hopper Circle temporarily. By approximately 11:50 p.m., the cars were gone.

Richard Lee, assistant to the dean of students for Judicial Affairs, said he is still investigating the matter and talking to students who were there. He

said he has a copy of the incident report but that no students have been set for a hearing as of press time.

Thressea H. Boyd, manager of public relations and media information for University Relations, said University Relations also has a copy of the incident report but that a statement from the office has not been prepared.

Doner said the victim tried to request a warrant for the suspect's arrest Wednesday afternoon, but was missing necessary information to fill out the paperwork. Doner said she said she would try again today.

If a warrant can be obtained and the suspect is arrested, the charge could be simple assault based upon victim and witness statements, according to the incident report.

Despite repeated attempts, Cockerm could not be contacted by press time for comment.



## Malfunctioning signal suspected cause of train wreck

According to the National Transportation Safety Board's chairwoman, the malfunctioning signal may have been the cause of a loaded freight train slamming into a commuter train in Southern California. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train should have seen a red light at the railroad signal light it passed shortly before colliding with the commuter train. The train should have been diverted to another track but never had a chance to get there. Two passengers were killed and hundreds of others injured in the crash.

## Possible end to confrontation at Bethlehem Church

Negotiators reported Tuesday of progress in efforts to break the three-week standoff at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. After 23 days without any negotiations, two rounds of talks were held after three Armenian priests climbed to the roof with a sign that said "Please Save Us." They were rescued by Israeli soldiers. Still, hundreds of captives and at least 30 Palestinian gunmen remain surrounded in the church by Israeli troops.

## Pope warns U.S. cardinals of sin and crime of sex abuse

Pope John Paul II sent a message Tuesday to U.S. Catholics disheartened and disgusted by reports of priests who molested minors and superiors who protected them. Such abuse "is rightly considered a crime by society...an appalling sin in the eyes of God," the Pope told 12 American cardinals. "The abuse which has caused this crisis is by every standard wrong." He also offered his solidarity and concern to the victims and families.

## Walton County 8-year-old killed by own school bus

A first-grader at Social Circle Elementary School in Walton County died Tuesday after being hit by her own school bus. She exited the bus with her brothers and was hit while trying to cross the road. The driver mistakenly thought the girl had crossed in front of the bus when she had actually stopped to pick up a fallen school book. The driver's name has not yet been released and the Georgia State Patrol is investigating the accident.

## Researchers find new breast cancer gene

CHEK2, a newly identified gene, may account for 1 percent of all breast cancer in women and 9 percent of breast cancer in men. Researchers feel the discovery may lead to a better understanding of what genetic factors affect the risk of developing breast cancer. Mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes have already been shown to increase risks account for only a small fraction of breast cancer cases. The finding has prompted researchers to seek other genes that may play a role in breast cancer.

### Hey reader!

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## Student hits parking patroller

Blenda Link  
Staff Writer

Mario Jennings, sophomore, faces three disciplinary sanctions after hitting a Parking and Transportation patroller twice in the knee with his car April 2.

Jennings was found responsible Monday for disorderly conduct, striking a student, materially interfering with the normal operation of the University and failure to cooperate with University personnel. He was also found responsible for breaking his probation from an Oct. 10 administrative hearing and being a repeat offender.

Michael Mostellar, a Parking and Transportation employee, testified Jennings' car had been parked longer than 20 minutes at Lowndes Drive and was about to be towed for excess

unpaid tickets.

Mostellar said when Jennings arrived on the scene he told him his car would be partially towed. Another Parking and Transportation employee, Nicholas Ekblaw, blocked Jennings' car so he could not leave.

Mostellar said he asked Jennings to sign paperwork and Jennings said he did not have time and was late for work. Mostellar said he stood between the curb and the Parking and Transportation truck, blocking Jennings' exit when Jennings backed up, inched forward and gently hit Mostellar's right knee with his front bumper twice before leaving the scene.

"[The car] was forceful enough to move me, but not enough to injure," Mostellar said.

Jennings accepted responsibility for violating paragraph E, numbers 3 and 6 and answered "not responsible" to the other four charges.

Jennings said he asked Mostellar to write a ticket and put it in his file, and then asked Mostellar to move, which he did not do. Jennings said he moved his car slowly and was not hostile.

Jennings' witnesses, VSU students Corneilus Polk and Jerel Lewis, testified Jennings moved his car, but neither saw it touch Mostellar.

Jennings' disciplinary sanctions include extended probation and revoked parking privileges on campus until Spring 2003 and no more verbal and physical contact with Mostellar or Ekblaw beyond normal business.

### Crime

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The information is then processed. VSU also has a Silent Watch, a link available off the VSU Public Safety website at [www.valdosta.edu/vsupd](http://www.valdosta.edu/vsupd). This link is not currently working, according to Nealson, but is being fixed.

Nealson said that criminals who don't get reported don't get caught, and those who don't get caught, continue to commit crimes.

According to Nealson, a rapist will rape 20 times before he is caught, a number that could be reduced if victims report the crimes.

To report a crime call Public Safety at 333-7816, for emergencies on campus, call 5555 and for emergencies off campus call 911.

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## Take an interest in your welfare

Big brother is watching.

At least, he should have been watching. He should have been taking notes, and filing reports. But he wasn't.

Who is "big brother" in this case?

Public Safety.

They may have been watching, but they haven't been recording. Bill Postel, communications supervisor and records custodian for Public Safety, doesn't want to waste the taxpayer's paper, or, apparently, his time by recording incidence reports over breaks and in the summer. He hasn't been placing sexual assault records in the media log for years, and he doesn't worry too much about keeping a media log during breaks because, "the Spectator [reporters] are the only ones who come and look at that."

Worse, he has only recently been chastised for his actions, or lack there of.

Because one VSU official hasn't been doing his job-or been checked up on until this week-crime statistics for VSU are not easily verifiable by those meant to be informed: YOU. You have a right to know about current and past crime trends--for your own safety.

Legally, Public Safety has to keep records. Let's call them on it.

It's time for us to take an interest in our own safety because frankly, my dear, big brother doesn't give a damn.

Want to do some community service? Go take a look at the media log. You don't have to actually read it if you don't want to. Just showing an interest will have an effect. Make sure the information's there, make sure it's current and make sure big brother knows that you care about your safety.

If we don't take an interest, all of the records keeping and statistics in the world aren't going to do any good. We're here to learn, we're here to act like adults and we can't rely on "big brother" to give us a safe environment to do it in.

It's time we grow up and take responsibility ourselves.

*Spectator opinion written by Mary Dabbs*

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## Holy cow makes great burger

I have an idea: Let's take care of the homeless problem by breeding the homeless and using their children for food. We can even use the children's skin for gloves and boots.

Sound unbelievably immoral?

How about this: Everyone who has the means take responsibility for teaching one—just one—person without means a marketable skill. That will go along way toward solving homelessness.

Sound unbelievably moral?

Welcome to satire—a form of social commentary that goes to the extreme to make a point and, occasionally, to offer a solution.

Jonathan Swift had it going. He took the direst issues of Ireland and England and pointed out their horrid effects on people in the most blatant way possible. He blamed everyone. But he made fun of the starving!

How dare Swift make such



Leah F. Cassorla

suggestions? How could he make light of such a difficult, painful and inhuman situation?

There's nothing funny about homelessness. There's nothing funny about oppression, there's nothing funny about inhuman treatment.

Or, we could take Jeremiah Bass's suggestion, and send the cardinals to learn pick up lines from Carrot Top.

Wait! There's nothing funny about child sex abuse either. There's nothing funny about the pain, frustration, powerlessness and anger of being a vic-

tim of such abuse.

But there *is* power in wit. There is power in taking the picture to an extreme, because sometimes that's the only way people will see just how *unfunny* it is. And when they do, they'll get pissed and hurt. And when they do that, they'll work to make change.

They dared because there are no holy cows in satire. Satire is designed to take the holiest of cows and make hamburgers out of it. And the point is to make you think.

We study Swift today, both for his political commentary and his subtle wit. But in merry olde England, and not so merry Ireland, most readers took the economics of the situation seriously and paid little attention to the human side.

Pay attention to the words, or pay attention to the message. Either way, you're paying attention. And when you react, others are likely to be educated through your reaction.

## Mailbox

### Catholics call out Darkside

Dear Editor:

Students from the Catholic Newman Center are writing in reference to the recent article published in the April 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Darkside" column. Our concerns regard the tone and material used to provide humor in the article. Sexual abuse among children is a very serious issue that should not be taken lightly. Our society is quick to find humor in the suffering of others; however, as Catholics on campus, this subject is of great concern. The church has been taking drastic steps to solve this problem to insure this does

not happen again. This can be seen through the Pope's remarkable request to have all U.S. Cardinals attend a meeting at the Vatican.

We hope the Spectator's authors will consider the impact and comments presented by their articles. This is a problem crossing all denominations and is more prominent outside the church. While this problem is being addressed, the language and subject matter in the article is upsetting many Catholics and others on campus. Regardless of someone's religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, some subjects are not suited to sarcasm and humor. At the very least, we hope future Spectator authors will consider their articles impact on the student body.

Catholic Newman Center Students

### Working for a living wage

Dear Editor:

I am a VSU student and a full-time VSU employee. For a while now I have felt it necessary to put a human face and voice to the various statistics that have been floating around campus. Cosa, Living Wage organizers, as well as other VSU students have completed studies independent of each other that compare salaries of VSU workers to salaries of comparable colleges and universities in Georgia. More

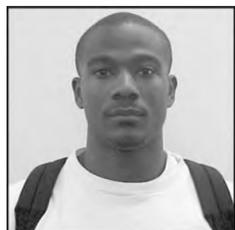
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Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.

## How well do you think Public Safety does its job?



"I think they could do better if they get involved more with the situations on campus."

**Dennis Crump**  
Senior  
Public Relations



"I think they do a pretty good job. They're always available whenever needed."

**Sarah Smith**  
Freshman  
Early Childhood



"They put more emphasis on parking and traffic violations than on student safety."

**Jennifer Grubbs**  
Freshman  
Science and  
Physical Therapy



"They are visible around campus which offers a visible deterrence."

**Andrew Riley**  
Junior  
Criminal Justice



"They respond too slowly to things that are of extreme importance."

**Karencia Cotton**  
Sophomore  
Criminal Justice



Laura Justin

## Victory for the victim

On a sunny afternoon, I was the victim of a sexual offense.

I had just left the Parking and Transportation building on Georgia Avenue, after paying off my parking tickets. I began walking on the sidewalk towards Patterson Street, a pen still in my hand from the massive check I had just written.

As I approached the stoplight, I glanced over to my right. What I saw made me do a triple take. The light was red and several cars had stopped beside me. One car had the driver's side door open. When I glanced over at the car, I thought I saw movement, and I looked again. There in the driver's seat was a man, in his late 30s or early 40s, masturbating.

For a second I was stunned. Then I became angry. This man had no right to force me to see something so vulgar. He kept looking in my direction to make sure I could see him.

A million thoughts ran through my head. I wanted this guy to pay for making me an unwilling participant in his lewd act. I knew I only had a moment or two to react, so I tried to stay calm and focused. I took a small step back and looked at his license plate number. With the pen still in my hand, I wrote down the number. The man got a look of panic on his face, and I became alarmed at what he might do next. I turned around and ran the other way.

I saw some college kids in another car driving in my direction, so I flagged them down and asked them to let me in their car. They seemed perplexed, but made room for me, and I explained to them what had happened. They drop me off at Public Safety, and a few minutes later I was reporting this to a Public Safety officer.

The officers tried to make me feel at ease as they asked questions. I did have to answer some potentially embarrassing questions, such as if I noticed if he was left or right-handed. I tried to be as open as possible, remembering that any information I could give could help locate and punish this man. I was not this first person to report him. My report was only making the case against him stronger.

A couple of weeks later I received a letter in the mail asking me to come to the Victim's Advocate Office for Lowndes County. During my meeting, I learned that someone else had reported this man the day after I did. Soon after, he was arrested by VSU police.

I recounted the event to the Victim's Advocate officer. She then answered several questions I had. He has an upcoming hearing, in which he can plead guilty or not guilty. If he pleads not guilty, the case will go to trial. If he pleads guilty, he will probably receive 12 months probation, fines and counseling.

I hope recounting this story will make other people more comfortable about reporting sexual offenders. No matter how minor (or severe) the offense may seem, it is a crime, and anyone, as a victim, has the right to make sure these offenders pay for what they have done. I feel much better knowing I reported this man, the police arrested him and he will pay the consequences for his actions, as well as receive greatly needed counseling.

The Spectator welcomes ideas and comments from the public. Please contact justin\_laura@hotmail.com

# Features

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## Vaccinate pets during rabies month

**Tameika Carson**  
Staff Writer

April is recognized as the National Rabies Month. All pet owners are advised all to vaccinate their furry friends.

Vaccinating for rabies may save your pet's life. Rabies is a deadly disease. An unvaccinated pet that bites a human, or other animals, can be subjected to a painful death.

It is extremely important to vaccinate puppies and kittens because they are most vulnerable during this time. The rabies virus causes an acute infection in all warm-blooded hosts, and the outcome is almost always fatal.

The most common mode of the rabies virus is through a bite. The transmission usually

begins when infected saliva of a host is passed to an uninfected animal. The virus spreads through the nerves and spinal cord to the brain. The virus then incubates in the body for approximately 3-12 weeks with no signs of illness. Once the virus reaches the brain, it multiplies rapidly and passes to the salivary glands. Eventually the infected animal dies within seven days of becoming sick.

The main noticeable symptom of rabies is foaming at the mouth. Other symptoms include fatigue, loss of appetite and nocturnal behavior because the main carriers are raccoons and bats, which are night creatures.

According to the Northside Animal Hospital, the best way to prevent rabies is by getting

your pet vaccinated annually. Pet owners are encouraged to set a schedule for their pet vaccinations and follow them attentively.

All states require rabies vaccinations. The first vaccination is good for one year. In many states, the vaccination is required every three years but in Georgia they are only valid for one year by law.

In Valdosta, several clinics are giving a discount during April. Some clinics, such as the Animal Health Center, only provide rabies vaccination during the month of April, while other veterinary hospitals' prices are slightly higher during other months of the year.



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Peanut (left) and Sushi (right), proudly display their tags showing they have been vaccinated against rabies. Owner Heather Brown, senior early childhood education major, has them vaccinated annually.

## Turn someone's junk into your treasure

**Laura Justin**  
Staff Writer

Some weekend projects can be fun, cheap and creative.

Refurbishing furniture is a fun way to redecorate at a low cost. All you need is a thrift store, some paint and an imagination.

The first step is to visit a thrift store. Furniture can range from \$5 to around \$100. You can find practically anything, from a stool to a headboard. Sewing and record tables are versatile and fun to work with. The secret to find great furniture is to look often and carefully. Potentially great furniture may be serving as a counter for other

items for sale.

Try to pick wooden furniture. Even if the wood appears dilapidated it can be sand-

ed and painted to look like new.

After buying furniture, you will need sandpaper, a paint roller, a small paintbrush, a drop cloth, a paint tray, a can of primer and a can of paint.

Primer will cost about \$10 a can, and one should be plenty



Laura Justin / The Spectator

This piece is being redone in a weekend for \$35.

for a piece of furniture. The cost of paint varies more, but you can get a can of good quality paint, mixed to any color, for around \$10. For sandpaper, a 220 rating works best.

Once you've gotten supplies, the next step is to sand the wood to remove dirt and pre-

pare the surface for priming. After it's sanded, wipe the shavings off with a damp towel and let the furniture air-dry. It is now ready for a coat of primer. Depending on the color and condition of your piece, one coat should be enough. Dark or damaged pieces may need two coats. Allow the primer to dry overnight. Once you're ready to paint, sand the primer to remove paintbrush marks.

The next step is to apply a coat of paint. Semi-gloss is usually the best paint for wood. Two coats of paint will look

best for your furniture. Again, allow the coats to dry overnight in between applications.

The last step is to use your imagination. You can stencil in

designs, or place pictures, candles and other mementos on top of your table or nightstand. Happy painting!

## Important Registration Process Change

**In an effort to streamline the registration process and offer better service to students, regular registration will end BEFORE the first day of classes beginning Summer Term 2002.**

**Students can register until 8 AM on the first day of class. Students will have until 12 noon on the first day of class to pay without incurring a late payment fee of \$75.**

**Late registration will be Web or telephone-based, will be available after noon on the first day of classes, and will incur a late payment fee of \$75.**

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# Features

## FRESH TRAX

VSU's Dance Department is proud to present...

6 Original Choreographic works...

by: Nicole David Christina T.J. Kelli Rakia

**Sawyer Theatre**  
Friday, April 26th  
3PM

Special to The Spectator  
"Fresh Trax," a combination of six original dances choreographed by VSU dance students, will premiere Friday at 3 p.m. in Sawyer Theater.

## Dance students are on their toes

**Jaime Peck**  
Staff Writer

It will have the audience dancing in their seats. Juniors David Rosetti, Christina Johnson and Kelli Holand and seniors Nicole Willers, Rakia May and T.J. Davis will be starring in their own choreographed dances called "Fresh Trax" this Friday at 3 p.m. in Sawyer Theatre. Admission is free and open to everyone.

The production, which is a culmination of a class these students are currently taking, will cover many different genres of dance, including jazz, modern, ballet, hip-hop and tap. The dances will be both solos and in groups.

According to Dr. Catherine Schaeffer, assistant professor of dance, the six theatre majors (with dance emphasis) designed their own costumes, casting, lighting and movements. They also did their own posters and public relations.

According to Dr. Schaeffer,

the goal of choreography is to communicate an idea through dance.

"Each dance piece is completely individual and original," Dr. Schaeffer said. "I did not assign them a specific genre in this production."

Dr. Schaeffer said this is the first time that a VSU choreography class has shown their work onstage. Usually, dances are performed in the dance studio in the University Center, but Dr. Schaeffer thought it would look more professional in theatre.

Dr. Schaeffer will see the students practice their choreography for the first time today.

"I'm very excited to see it," Dr. Schaeffer said. "These are probably the best dancers in the department, and they've worked really hard on this."

Jaime Peck is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at [jaimepeck@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimepeck@yahoo.com)

### Crossword Puzzle

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What a year, what a year this has been. From fall 2001 to the spring 2002 semester, life has been interesting, for me anyway. I've had a blast doing one of the things I do best, which is analyze and apply satire and solution to a situation.

Not only has it been interesting [slightly] here at VSU, but mainly in the world. There have been many shocks, one in the VSU world being the fact that Patterson Hall smells like 50 sweaty nut sacks. Another shock might have been finding out that SGA didn't make quorum [well, no one really cares about them, though]. No, let's talk about the real stuff.

I'm sure you remember the freaky, eternal-smiling Congressman Gary Condit and his situation with the young lady Chandra Levy. Sad how that turned out, although, out of that situation, we found out that Condit will be the new sponsor for Colgate toothpaste, and he will make a special guest appearance on "Unsolved Mysteries"...why? I don't know. Gee, let me think...

Condit was happy to take a load off, being able to pass the baton to newly alleged murderer Robert Blake, an 'actor/star' from the '70s police show "Baretta." Judging from the evidence and documents that the authorities have acquired to build a case, Blake's 'acting' skills get a big fat thumbs down. "Yeah, I'll just run back to the restaurant and toss the murder weapon." Great planning, Blake. But don't worry; you'll have many more opportunities to act while you're in jail...to act like Bubba's bitch, of course.

Clinton...well, what can I say about good old Bill Clinton? Without a doubt, I still think he is *tha* man!

Moving into Harlem with 'tha brothas' just proves that he's a true pimp. He has been working on a new slogan for his pimp campaign, *Pimps 2003*. The only thing he's been able to come up with is, "Ain't no thang to hit the poontang." Whatever that means. And of course, he...likes...tha boobies. Rock on Clinton...rock on dude.

For a while, everyone was a bit unsure about President Bush's capabilities as President of the USA; I mean, one minute, he's calling someone an asshole while the microphone is still on, and the next, he's getting tongue-twisted.

But, Sept. 11 would prove to be the day that Bush would shine and stay calm in a time of fear and terror of the utmost.

He took on heavy responsibility such as sending off troops to discreet locations and meeting with world leaders to find some common ground; all while this went on, for the most part, Vice President Cheney was...umm...uh...well, *no one* knows where he was.

He was somewhere that was 'undisclosed'...maybe he was at Gore's house; no one ever goes there. That would have been the perfect hideout. Although, Gore could have talked Cheney to death...literally talked him to death.

The infamous Osama bin Laden, bomber extraordinaire, will be a name that none of us will ever forget, though we'd like to. Rather amazing how he's still out there...somewhere. I can tell ya one thing, he's made enough videos to start an archive. Who knows? Maybe we'll see "Terrorists Gone Wild: Osama Shaves" during the next commercial break. I could see him now, smacking his goat on its ass. Anyway, as the search continues, may your prayers be with the American troops and anyone else willing to help bring down the camel lover [except Geraldo Rivera].

Bush's State of the Union Address was an inspiration for us all. "Let's roll," I think, was the phrase he used. I still can't get over the mental image I get every time I think of him saying that. I know I'm not the only one who caught this.

Apparently, Bush really *did* roll...he rolled a big fat doobie, which led to him gobbling down those pretzels and choking and hitting his head against the table. The only reason his dogs didn't respond is because they had gotten a whiff of 'the green stuff,' too. Bet you didn't know that.

We sure had enough USA tribute concerts and specials this year. I love this country...none better in my opinion, but television went overboard, having the specials with Elton John and Kevin Spacey singing duets honoring the eagle and crap. I think that Elton was a bit confused with the concept of the song about the American eagle...instead of singing about it, he ended up going on a shopping spree at *American Eagle*. How ironic. But you know, of course, the music only lasted for a while; after which us 'fellow Americans' were right back to the norm of giving each other the finger and not holding the door for the old person struggling to get through...the American way; I love it [cue the sappy

music].

I'm probably hated by every chick, now that I've completely bashed the *Lifetime Channel for Women*. So I don't like to hear about chicks with cramps. So I don't really care for the movie about the lady who had multiple personalities and thought someone stole her tampons...I think I've said enough on this matter to rekindle some flames, so now I'll just shut-up.

So what's happened here on our 'lovely,' non-stop construction site campus? Sure is a lot of stuff being added, or so it's been *said*, but truth be told, it'll be done after everyone currently registered as a student here has graduated.

Yeah, we've been applying our fees to promises, promises, promises, but yet no results. Don't it kinda piss you off? Where's my money?

Let's see, uh...the bus drivers are still making an attempt to run over us students; the Parking Nazis are more fierce than ever, carrying their pads and pens with them at all times, even being spotted falling asleep with them in their hands.

What a shame. Who'd of ever thought that students would be in such a rush to give other students a ticket over BS? Maybe these Parking Nazis should get a B.S. in BS, they've already got the *bull* part of the equation down cold.

Still a bunch of us single students on campus...ya'll should take my advice and indulge in the singleness [is that even a word?]. You remember my advice, don't you? Buy some porn, go to *Hooter's* [let me know if you do, because I might want to go, too], whatever.

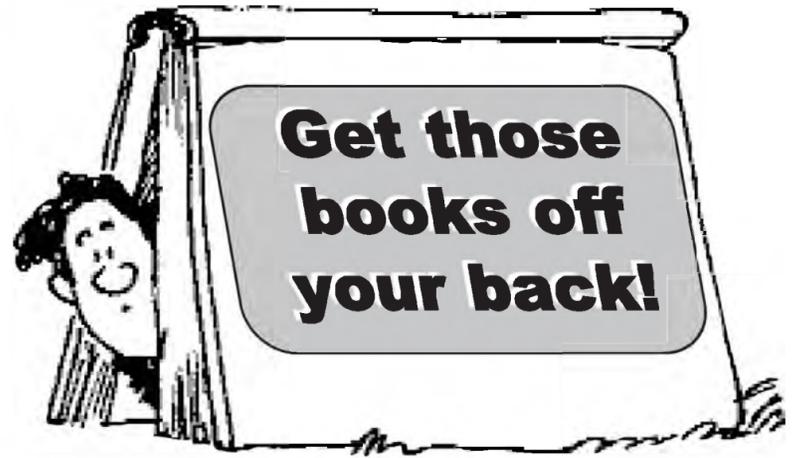
Or if you want [and this is totally up to you], you can e-mail some Catholic priests and start a 'thing.' They're giving a new kind of blessing now; it's called 'Tapping Thy Ass.'

Did I leave out anything? I think I just about got it all.

As you can see, a lot has happened that has affected us personally, and as a whole. But finally, another year of higher learning is just about over.

As you prepare to venture into whatever you're doing this summer...remember the DarkSide. Remember that, as Bill Clinton put it: "Life is like a box of boobies...pick what you like and dive right into it."

Au revoir, au revoir... Hey, did I forget to mention B&Bhead? I already talked about the Catholic priests...right?



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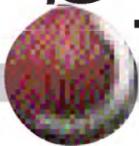
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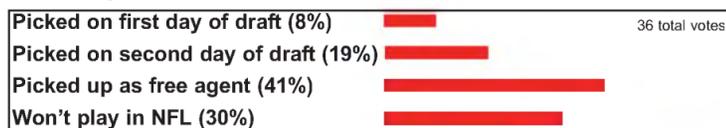
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Last week's poll question:  
Will Dusty Bonner be selected in the NFL draft?

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## Blazers in the NFL



VSU quarterback Dusty Bonner (17) and wide receiver Carlos Johnson (7) both signed NFL deals as free agents following the NFL draft. Bonner signed on with the Atlanta Falcons, while Johnson signed with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Special to the Spectator

## Bonner, Johnson sign free agent contracts

Matt Stewart  
Staff Writer

VSU football added not one, but two football players to the National Football League Sunday night with Dusty Bonner and Carlos Johnson signing free agent contracts.

Bonner signed with the in-state Atlanta Falcons following the second round of the NFL draft Sunday. Johnson signed on the same night but with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Bonner will vie for a spot on Atlanta's three quarterback rotation beginning Friday morning with a two-day mini-camp. Bonner said Wednesday night he will leave for the Falcons headquarters in Flowery Branch, Ga., Thursday morning.

"If I had to guess, they'll probably just introduce us to

the staff and get us on the field to see what we can do," Bonner said.

Bonner will compete with projected starter Michael Vick, 2001 backup Doug Johnson and Atlanta's fifth-round draft selection Kurt Kittner out of Illinois University.

"It's going to be a great experience," Bonner said. "Those are some talented quarterbacks. I'm just thankful for the opportunity."

Bonner said sitting through 261 draft picks without being selected was a bit nerve racking.

"Just talkin' with my agent, seeing what other teams wanted, it was all somewhat hectic," Bonner said.

While everyone has been intrigued with the great Dusty debate the past few days, Johnson snuck up and signed

with his home state Philadelphia Eagles.

Johnson attended Temple University in Pennsylvania, playing two seasons with the Owls. Johnson returns to the city of Brotherly Love Thursday for a mini-camp practices.

"I'm going to display my quickness and ability and catch anything that's thrown at me [at Thursday's mini-camp]," Johnson said.

But most scouts didn't think he'd ever make it this far.

"The scouts told me I wouldn't be drafted because of my height," Johnson said. "But I played at a high level of competition at Temple, so I knew I could compete in the NFL."

Johnson, who is 5-foot-8, ran a 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash, improving his draft status.

## Send Kiper Sr., to the booty room

Here's an analogy: I am to the NFL draft, what Darryl Strawberry is to illegal substances - addicted.

It doesn't get much better than watching the likes of Jerry Jones and Dan Snyder wheel and deal. First round action is better than going to the circus and seeing that man with a breast on his forehead... just not as hilarious. So here are some personal thoughts on the

2002 edition of the draft.

Say what you want, but the Detroit Lion's decision to draft quarterback Joey Harrington was not unanimous. General manager Matt Millen believes that the Lions can win with Mike McMahon, while head coach Marty Mornhinweg believed Harrington was just too good to pass up. Millen wanted cornerback Quentin Jammer, but what

it comes down to is the fact that the Lions haven't had a Pro Bowl quarterback since Greg Landry - in 1971.

The Minnesota Vikings front office should be shot at dawn. The Vikes obvious lack of preparation allowed the Kansas City Chiefs the oppor-



Brandon Scott

tunity to land defensive tackle Ryan Sims. And just to pour salt on a sore wound, the Vikes wanted Ryan Sims as badly as Mariah Carey wants a comeback.

While we're at it, load that six-barrel for the Cincinnati Bengals. This pains me to say

so, but the 2002 Bungles draft is like a shepherd with no arms, no legs and no sheep - ugly and depressing. Although Levi Jones is an excellent offensive tackle, defensive back Philip Buchanon is someone who could start opening day and be an impact player. The Bungles' secondary has been crying for help for years now, and it looks like the front office turned a deaf ear. The only draftee who

even raises an eyebrow is safety Lamont Thompson.

For a team that didn't have a pick until the third round, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers did an admirable job. They landed two of the most underrated players in the draft in wide receiver Marquise Walker and running back Travis

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## VSU softball fighting for second in division

Lady Blazers earn spot in GSC tournament May 4-5 in Meridian, Miss.

Jason James  
Staff Writer

After gaining its second playoff berth in as many years, the Lady Blazer softball squad is looking to this Saturday's match up with Lincoln Memorial as a final test before the tournament.

VSU, ranked third in the Gulf South Conference East Division, will play at Lincoln Memorial this Saturday at 1 p.m. before entering the GSC

tournament in Meridian, Miss., May 4-5.

The Lady Blazers are coming off six straight GSC wins and are highlighted by sister sensations junior Ryann and senior Lindsay Ellingsworth. The sisters both collected awards last week, utility player Ryann garnered East Division Player of the Week and pitcher Lindsay received Pitcher of the Week.

This is Ryann's first award of the season. She finished off her week batting .611, going 11-

for-18 with three doubles and four RBIs. Ryann also went 5-

for-5 in the stolen base department. She started the week

going 2-for-3 with two doubles in a 6-3 win over West Georgia. Next, she bashed a 3-for-4 game in a nine inning win over Mississippi University for Women. Ryann finished the week going 2-for-2 with a double and two RBIs in a 5-1 win over MUW.

Lindsay went 3-0 over the course of the week with a 1.05 ERA and 20 strikeouts. She



Next Up:

VSU  
at  
Lincoln Memorial

Sunday, 1 p.m.  
Harrogate, Tenn.



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VSU pitcher Lindsay Ellingsworth pitches during one of her three wins this past week. She was 3-0 with a 1.05 ERA and 20 strikeouts.

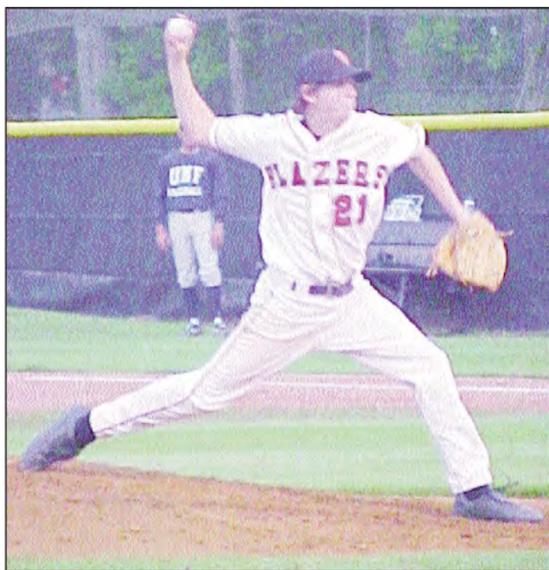
started the week with a four-hit shutout and seven strikeouts in a 4-0 win over West Georgia. She then delivered in a 12-4 win over MUW with seven

strikeouts, then completed the trifecta with a four hit complete game against MUW.

Renaee Carter, who is batting a robust .421 this season with

22 runs, 13 homeruns and 48 RBIs will lead Lincoln Memorial, who is currently sixth in the GSC East Division.

## VSU, UWF tied for final spot in East



Vonetta Lawton / The Spectator

Junior pitcher Davey Covey throws in Wednesday night's game against No. 7 North Florida.

### Late show:

Results from Wednesday's game between No. 28 VSU and No. 7 North Florida were not available at press time

Jana N. Cook  
Staff Writer

Determination is a good word to describe the Blazer baseball team this week.

After struggling last week to come up with a win, the Blazers managed to come out of the weekend 2-1, defeating fellow Lincoln Memorial in a doubleheader on Saturday. This kept the Blazers in the No. 3 spot and still hopeful in making it to the GSC tournament.

"I have great anticipation about the playoffs," head coach Tommy Thomas said. "I'm anxious, excited, concerned -

the whole bunch wrapped in one."

Despite falling short by a run in Sunday's game, the Blazers (35-16, 10-8 GSC) continue to split the No. 3 spot with West Florida and hold the tiebreaker advantage having swept UWF earlier this season.

Both teams dropped one spot on the Collegiate Baseball Top 30 poll released on Monday, moving VSU down to No. 29 and UWF one above the Blazers at No. 28.

But the Blazers cannot let the

fire burn out just yet. VSU plays its three final games of the season this weekend against No. 1 GSC East North

Alabama, which could make or break tournament hopes for the Blazers. Play will begin at Billy Grant Field with a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m. and one game at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

"We definitely have an uphill battle to play," Thomas said.

So who will be the third team to enter the 2002 GSC tournament, VSU or UWF? Both teams are 10-8 and face two

very different opponents to determine whether their seasons end or continue. UWF faces a 6-11 West Georgia whereas VSU faces conference clincher North Alabama (13-3), whose only conference losses were to UWF. The Blazers must come out of the weekend 3-0 in order to keep the May 4-7 tournament trip to Millington, Tenn.

"We definitely have the tougher team [to play]," Thomas said. "There's no doubt we have our work cut out for us."

But no matter what the outcome, Coach Thomas is hopeful and proud of what the Blazers have shown throughout the season.

"Overall, to do what we've done, I'd say we've had a stellar year," Thomas said.



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# Blazer tennis knocked off Gulf South throne

T.A. Glanton  
Staff Writer

"I don't want to ever feel, like I did that day; take me to the place I love, take me all the way." These famous lyrics from the Red Hot Chili Peppers say everything about the upcoming regional tournament for VSU's men's tennis team.

May 3-4, the No.4 ranked Blazers (14-4, 6-1 GSC) host the south regional tournament on the tennis courts of the P.E. Complex. The Blazers grab the top seed out of four teams. No.5 ranked West Florida (22-4, 7-1 GSC), who defeated VSU for the Gulf

South Conference title, will be the second. No.9 ranked Ouachita Baptist (15-9, 5-2 GSC), another conference foe, will be seeded No.3. The last of the four seeds will go to No.39 ranked Harding (16-6, 4-4 GSC). The winner of each regional tournament advances to the national championships May 9-12 in Kansas City, Mo.

Assistant coach Sachin Kirtane believes that playing at home will be a big advantage for the Blazers.

"Any time you have home court advantage, it's a big deal," Sachin said. "We've

pretty much taken care of business whenever we've been at home."

Although VSU made it to the quarterfinals of nationals last year, it's still a relatively young and inexperienced team with only one senior, one sophomore and five freshmen. Senior Tobias Huning, twice a national champion with Lander University, knows that he has to provide the leadership that will allow his teammates to experience a championship of their own.

"It's a wonderful experience, and I want to make all these other guys experience the same thing I have," Huning said. "It's tough to get this feeling across that you want to have. I look at it as a challenge."



Up next:

### NCAA D-II South Regional

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Senior Tobias Huning, 9-6 as the Blazer's number one singles player, serves at practice on the P.E. Complex tennis courts.

## Draft Column

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Stephens. Both are solid players who will thrive in Jon Gruden's West Coast offense.

I'm guessing the Atlanta Falcons draft room was listening to N\*Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye" when they made their first round selection. By drafting huge-back T.J. Duckett, the Falcons basically gave Jamal Anderson the finger, his walking papers and an invitation to stay overseas. While the Falcons were drafting Duckett, Anderson was broadcasting in NFL Europe.

I have no respect for Mel Kiper, Jr. Well, for that matter, I have no respect for Mel Kiper Senior. Any father who would allow his son to wear a combed Chia Pet on his head should be stripped naked and sent to the booty room, with a bar of soap

and hands soaked in Crisco. Kiper... buddy... what is with the hair? And your analysis is horrible. Contradict yourself some more, why don't you? You get no props for being wrong about a pick and then saying, "He's [insert correct pick here] another player I had [insert team here] taking."

Tony Dungy will win a Super Bowl in Indianapolis. He's bringing his Cover-2 defensive scheme, leaving the offense alone and drafting like a genius. Dungy needs speed on defense, and it doesn't get much faster than defensive end Dwight Freeney, who, at 6 feet, 268 pounds, runs a 4.38 40. Freeney moves faster than a black guy in a horror movie. And considering he won't get stabbed in the butt (as so many of my brothers in a horror flick do), Freeney is my early selection for defensive rookie of the year.

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