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ROTC cadets stretch in preparation for physical training. PT is a regular part of ROTC cadets' training for the Air Force.

ROTC challenges cadets to aim high

Ashlie Mash
Staff Writer

Reserve Officers Training Corps is much more than marching, saluting, wearing decorative uniforms, and being in the midst of some of the most special events on campus.

Every Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., about 100 ROTC cadets march on the Barrow Hall lawn in formation. This is what Major Scott Steman, assistant professor of the division of aerospace studies, and his 40 freshman, 40 sophomores and juniors, and 23 seniors know as leadership laboratory.

For some VSU students, marching in full uniform, while exposed to the South Georgia sun is out of the question. But they don't have to do this every day. These military students have to attend Leadership Laboratory once a week. ROTC cadets are required to participate in physical training, known in the military as PT, at 6 a.m. twice a week in and around the PE Complex.

Although 10-20 percent of

the cadets are female, their graduation rate is low.

"We only graduated one female this last year and the year before," Steman said.

Kelli May, a sophomore ROTC cadet, said, "When people see a woman in uniform, they think she must really be good. I get a lot more recognition."

May admits there are tough times for women in the force.

"Keeping up with the guys in physical fitness can be hard," she said.

Recently a new program has been established to encourage active duty enlisted students to join the force. Students are invited to join the One Year Program.

"If they finish their degree in one year, the Air Force is releasing their obligations and is letting them get commissioned at ROTC units," Steman said. "We have 13 students in the One Year Program right now, and we are actually in the top five schools in the nation to have the program."

The number of cadets in VSU's ROTC unit has decreased since the start of the semester. Steman expects that

by the end of the year the number of cadets will decline to 75-80.

"It's rare for students to hate the program, but some freshman come in with absolutely no idea," he said. "Life is so unique (at this point) that anything different is hard."

Students often leave because of academic problems. Steman's cadets must maintain a 2.0 GPA, a big difference from high school ROTC requirements.

"High school programs are not always on the college prep track," Steman said. "It's more like a social aspect or just another class to take."

Besides the GPA requirement, students must meet height and weight standards, a vital part of any military program.

Every semester cadets must pass a physical fitness test in order to remain in the system. Steman said he likes to encourage students on the college level. The focus of ROTC is to commission officers in the Air Force.

Full-time senior and ROTC Cadet Corps Commander John Marx has been disciplined and



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John Marx, senior, performs push-ups during PT.

determined for the past three years in his quest to complete his college career in the ROTC program.

"It's been a challenge, but people look out for each other here," Marx said. "I'm looking forward to that when I go into the real deal." Marx plans to go into the Air Force as soon as he graduates.

ROTC is not just hard work, but fun as well. Dining In, a formal dinner held in the Magnolia Room, is an annual

happening. The cadets will also watch a firepower demonstration in October as they journey to Eglin Base in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Steman said he and the cadets always look forward to the Military Ball and awards banquet in the spring, and is eager to be putting on fundraisers and blood drives throughout the year.

"This is where we make officers out of people," Steman said. "The question is one's focus."

New sections accommodate enrollment

Angela Hiers
Staff Writer

As VSU experiences a growth in enrollment this year, some teachers and students are dealing with more people in

their classes than usual.

While the Office of Institutional Research has not yet reported its figures for the student-teacher ratio this current semester, some core classes are being affected by this growth. For instance, all students are required to take certain English courses. Dr. Sharon Gravett, English department head, explains some accommodations have been made for the increase.

"We have offered more sections of these classes in order to try to meet the increased demand," Dr. Gravett said. "For example, in fall 2000, we offered 48 sections of English 1101; this fall, we're offering 55. In fall of 2000, we offered 17 sections of world literature

courses; this year, we have 19."

Dr. Gravett said there are approximately 25 students in the English 1101 and 1102 classes, while the core world literature classes (2110, 2120, 2130, 2140) have approximately 45 students per section.

Some teachers and students fear that a larger class size would mean less attention for students.

Dr. Theresa Thompson, associate professor of English, expressed concern about the individual attention she can give in making writing skills a strong component of the course.

"It means reliance on lecture more than self-activated learning methods and it means my overall student load has increased dramatically," Dr.



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Students sit in English 1101 with Mr. Thomas Whiting, full time instructor of English.

Thompson said.

While students and teachers pay the price, other depart-

ments are making similar accommodations.

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lunch, you say. True enough. You will have to put together an online profile with your e-mail and other information so FastWeb can e-mail updates and help you search for scholarships.

Students' records dropped in error

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

Several unlucky VSU students had their meal plans and/or classes dropped. The cancellation of classes and meal plans resulted from students transferring from another university or moving out of VSU housing, which in turn caused confusion with paperwork and financial aid.

Some students whose financial aid checks had come in were told that it had not. These students were forced to personally talk with each professor and attempt to get admission into the classes they had lost. A select few were unable to re-register for those classes and were not allowed to attend classes this semester.

Keith Sirmans, a junior architecture major, tried to transfer from Valdosta Tech to VSU to take the majority of his classes on the VSU campus. Sirmans was told to check his financial aid status after he successfully transferred to VSU. That's when he learned that his class load at VSU had been dropped and the deadline for picking up additional classes had passed.

"I was told that it was too late to get the paper work together because I was attending two schools at once," Sirmans said. "There weren't any short-term loans remaining, so there was nothing I could do."

Sirmans is currently taking one class at Valdosta Tech and said he won't be able to take the canceled classes until the summer.

According to Bob Green, Bursar, the number of students whose classes were dropped is in line with previous years. "Of course, due to the 10 percent increase in students this semester, the number was higher," Green said.

Due to the Board of Regents policy, which states that tuition balance must be paid in full by the deadline set, the student's classes were dropped because the full balance had not been paid off.

"The deadline was Aug. 27, but there was some confusion over that date," Green said. "The majority of students whose classes were dropped got them back."

According to Green, the students were re-instated because of possible error or financial aid that was received late.

Robert Kellner, director of Auxiliary Services, said he was not aware of any problem of that sort.

"We made a special effort to check and make sure those types of problems didn't occur," Kellner said, referring to the students problems with losing meal plans. "No student has come by to see me with any problems about that."

Campus Happenings

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POLICE BEAT

August 31

Between 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. someone damaged a student's '97 Ford F-150 truck by scratching the passenger door. The victim completed a victim's bill of rights form. The case was turned over to investigators.

September 1

John L. Cason, 22, of 167 Kight St., Homerville Ga., was arrested at Oak Street and Baytree Road at 3:30 a.m. for DUI alcohol. He was sent to Lowndes County Jail. He is not a VSU student.

Alejandro B. Hernandez, 28, of Plan De La Higuera, VR., was arrested at Sustella Avenue and Baytree Road at 3 a.m. for failure to maintain lane, open container of alcohol and DUI alcohol. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail where he refused to take a state administered breath test. He is not a VSU student.

Kenneth T. Daniels, 24, of 11534 50th Drive, Valdosta, was arrested at W. Mary and Patterson Street. at 10:35 a.m. for a seatbelt violation and driving with a suspended license. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is not a VSU student.

September 3

Reno Dewayne Charod Hodges, 24, of 205 Homerville, Ga., was arrested for driving without a current tag, open container and DUI alcohol. He is not a VSU student.

September 4

Nathaniel Willis, Jr., 19, of Patterson Hall 226, VSU, was arrested outside his room for interference with government property and disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is a VSU student.

Today

The Financial Aid office will mail excess financial aid checks today.

Campus Activities Board presents poetry night at 7:30 p.m. at Powell Hall.

The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority hosts its "Fall Fest" (informational seminar) in the Rose room at the University Center at 8 p.m.

For more information, call Kanisa Hayes at 253-4097 or e-mail LabdaBetaSGRho@hotmail.com.

Friday

Dr. Kathy Lowney, professor of sociology, will present a free workshop on ASA citation style at the University Center 1164A from 1-2:30 p.m.

Bring your ASA style guide if you have one.

Farber Medical Center will do free health, cholesterol and blood pressure/diabetes screenings at 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. at the center for VSU students. Faculty and staff charges are \$5.

Do not drink or eat anything 8 hours prior to testing. For more information, contact Student Health Services at 333-5886.

Farber Medical Center will give Hepatitis B Vaccines at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the center. The cost is \$30 per shot/series of three shots. Fees must be paid at the Bursary.

For more information, contact Student Health Services at 333-5886.

Saturday

The VSU volleyball team takes on Fort Valley State at the P.E. complex at 3 p.m. For more information call the athletics

department at 333-5890 or visit www.valdosta.edu/athletics/.

Monday

President Hugh Bailey will host the President's Open House from 2-4:30 p.m. at his office in West Hall. All VSU students are invited to attend.

For more information, call Dr. Bailey at 333-5952.

VSU Continuing Education will offer a \$25 course, "Pediatric First Aid and Safety," from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

Lacerations, bruises, fractures, head injuries, allergic reactions, bites, stings, heat stroke, heat exhaustion and shock will be covered, but not CPR and choking.

The class meets requirements for child care providers, but parents and grandparents are welcome to attend too.

To register, call Continuing Education at 245-6484.

Tuesday

The Counseling Center is sponsoring a free seminar, "Why Me?" presented by Faye Altman in the Dogwood Room at the University Center from 4-5 p.m.

All VSU faculty, staff and students are welcome.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at 333-5940 or visit www.valdosta.edu/counseling/fallsm01.htm.

Campus Activities Board hosts a pool tournament in the game-room at the University Center at 5 p.m.

The Mathematics Association of America meets at Zaxby's at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in mathematics is welcome to join the open discussion.

Wednesday

Campus Activities Board presents "Ultimate Image." Make your own video from 12-6 p.m. at the University Center lobby.

President Hugh Bailey will host the President's Open House from 2-4:30 p.m. at his office in West Hall. All VSU students are invited to attend.

For more information, call Dr. Bailey at 333-5952.

The Counseling Center is sponsoring a free seminar, "Your Road Map to Success," presented by Faye Altman in the Dogwood Room at the University Center from 4-5 p.m.

All VSU faculty, staff and students are welcome.

For more information, call the Counseling Center at 333-5940 or visit www.valdosta.edu/counseling/fallsm01.htm.

There will be a faculty recital featuring Lyle Indergaard, piano; Steve Taylor, cello; and Matson Topper, violin in Whitehead auditorium at the Fine Arts building at 7:30 p.m.

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

The International Film series will show "Bagdad Cafe" in the University Center theatre at 7 p.m.

Admission is free. Call 333-7410 for more information.

Thursday

The Counseling Center will host a seminar, "Managing Stress." This is a three-part seminar presented by Dr. Victor Morgan.

Part I, "Understanding Your Emotions: A Cognitive Approach" will be today from 4-5 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the University Center.

Part II, "Relaxation Simplified" will be Sept. 20 at the same time in the University Center theatre.

Part III, "Lifestyle Management" will be Sept. 27 at the same time and location.

Seminars are free to VSU students, faculty and staff.

For more information, visit www.valdosta.edu/counseling/fallsm01.htm or call the Counseling Center at 333-5940.

September 14

The deadline to register for the Regents' Exam is today. No registration is allowed after this date.

For more information, call Honey Coppage in Academic Affairs at 333-5950 or e-mail hhatcher@valdosta.edu.

September 15

Family Day begins at 8 a.m. at the University Center.

Campus and downtown tours are scheduled throughout the day.

A planetarium show will be at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and a cookout from 5-7 p.m. before the football game.

For more information and to register, call Student Activities at 333-5674 or visit www.valdosta.edu/activities/fam.html.

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Lost and Found

The following property has been turned in to the VSU Public Safety office.

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Dr. Beverly Richardson-Blake explains tutoring to Heather Barnes, assistant coordinator of VAP.

V.A.P. encourages students to excel

Amy Terrell
Staff Writer

The VSU Achievement Program offers support to students to help them succeed in all areas of collegiate life. The program assists students academically by tutoring and socially by offering peer mentoring and advising at no charge to the student. A computer lab is also available for students.

The program began about 20 years ago as an advising program for minority students mandated by the Board of Regents. About 5 years ago the name was changed from the Minority Assistance Program to VAP to include students of all ethnic backgrounds. VAP is sponsored by the office of Equal Opportunity Programs/Multicultural Affairs.

The tutors are upperclass student workers with a 3.0 or higher GPA. They spend eight in-house hours per week tutor-

ing VSU students and 2 hours at various public schools in Valdosta that are members of Community Partners in Education.

"The tutors are upperclassmen who are familiar with the campus and have proved themselves successful because they have a 3.0 or above GPA and have demonstrated that they are successful in working with other students," Dr. Beverly Richardson-Blake, program director, said.

Any VSU students interested in VAP may call 333-5463 for more information or stop by the EOP building across from the University Center.

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Parking ticket woes

Blenda Link
Staff Writer

Many students are under the impression that ticketing ends at 5 p.m. Guess again.

"We have parking patrollers that come in at 5 a.m. and they start writing citations until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday it's from 5 a.m. until 3 p.m.," Anthony Bryant, assistant director for Parking and Transportation, said.

According to the VSU Parking and Transportation parking guide, open parking is available to students and employees with valid VSU permits in visitor, reserved (excluding 24-hour reserved), staff, student and timed spaces after 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and after 3 p.m. Friday. This does not apply to the reserved spaces between Nevins and West Hall and Brookwood Hall until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, where students can be cited.

Burt Hayden, Parking Personnel supervisor, said that cars remaining parked in the same spaces after being cited can receive additional citations every two hours thereafter. A car that has received a citation is moved to another inappropriate parking space may receive another citation.

There is no time restriction for citations cars can receive in a day if they are moved



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Nick Ekblaw, sophomore, tickets a car in Hopper circle. The driver had left the car parked there longer than the 20 minute limit.

from one inappropriate parking space to another.

Bryant said that most students who receive citations during open parking for invalid decals or parking in reserved spaces between Nevins and West Hall or in the lot behind Martin Hall before 9 p.m.

Parking citations are given to visitors who park their cars without valid VSU visitor permits.

"If a visitor comes on campus after 5:30 p.m., after our office is closed, they can go ahead and park in a regular space," Bryant said. "They'll probably get a

citation for no parking permit, but the next day they need to let us know that they've been visiting on campus and weren't able to stop by the office first to get a permit. After we verify that they're not affiliated with the university, we void clear that citation as a visitor."

According to Bryant, although Parking and Transportation closes for the weekend at 3 p.m. Fridays, the Public Safety Patrol office is open 24-7. Students may receive citations from the patrol for parking in fire lanes, handicapped spots, tow-away zones and the infirmary lot, which is

designated for students with emergencies.

There are several ways to avoid citations.

Do not park in any way so that your car will create a "nuisance, hazard, obstructs traffic, or causes inconvenience to another person (VSU Parking and Transportation Department Parking Guide)."

Although the parking guide lists an additional lot planned for Georgia Avenue that will create 300 spaces, Bryant said the year-old proposal is still on VSU's list.

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News

Natural gas pipe bursts at Drexel

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

Don Rea is lucky to be alive, and he knows it.

His brush with death left him unscathed, and resulted in mass evacuation of the University Center, the Bookstore and Speech Pathology Building as well as Martin Hall.

According to Sheldon Broomberg, environmental health and safety officer, the evacuation took no more than 15 minutes. Within an hour and 45 minutes, the gas was shut off and the buildings reopened. Despite the shut off, no gas customers in the area were out of service because the part of the pipe shut off ran through the park.

While working to lay a water main line for the City of Valdosta in Drexel Park on Tuesday, Rae, the owner of Clayhill Boring, was thrown several feet across Brookwood Place when a backhoe struck a natural gas pipe.

Standing above the hole being dug by Richard Hendry, Rae was surprised to find the gas main, to say the least.

Following protocol, Rae had requested that all pipes be located and marked before his

team started their work. Pipes are located using maps and a locator, but according to Rae, the new pipes are harder to locate because unlike the old metal pipes, the new ones are plastic and only have a single metallic wire running across the length of the pipe.

When they got to the site, Rae and his team found the yellow lines signifying a gas main and dug a hole by hand with a pole shovel until they reached the pipe. They continued following protocol and began digging with a backhoe three feet away from the pipe so as not to hit it. But the marked pipe was no longer in use. The new pipe had

not been marked at all. Recovering from his flight into Brookwood, Rae signaled Hendry to cut off the backhoe and get out. He then dispatched his team to block off the street. "You don't want people driving in case a car backfire ignites the gas," Rae said. "Even static electricity can ignite it." Rae said the static electricity from cell phones and cameras can ignite natural gas as well. Jennifer Trevisol Peper,

she was told to leave the area. "I thought, 'Good Lord,' she said. "The traffic was hellacious." Peper was evacuated and then watched as a student holding a lit cigarette was barred from entering Drexel Park. Rae said he'd never had an accident quite like this one. "I've been working in construction since the day Kennedy was assassinated," he said. "That's the first one I've had blow in my face."

Workers repair the leaking gas pipe, only inches from where Rae and Hendry dug holes to find the gas pipe, so that they would not hit it. Seconds later, after finding the old gas pipe, Rae struck unmarked new gas pipe, the pipe that worked, breaking the pipe, sending him through the air.



Photo by Leah F. Cassorla / The Spectator

Don Rae, owner of Clayhill Boring, looks on with Richard Hendry, driver of the forklift, at workers fixing the gas pipe that almost killed them. Due to this gas leak, five nearby buildings were evacuated.



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SGA elections today

Blenda Link
Staff Writer

Students are asked to vote again, this time to vote for senators.

SGA senate elections are at the University Center from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Campaign week is over for the 32 election candidates who met Thursday at the University Center theatre to discuss election regulations.

Although the meeting was intended for discussing election regulations outlined in the election packets candidates were given, questions still arose about past issues.

One question raised was about the SGA judicial council's findings from its May 3, 2001, hearing about alleged

campaigning and voting misconduct in the spring 2001 SGA executive officer election.

By a unanimous vote via its hearing, the SGA Judicial Council declared in its written opinion that the Spring 2001 spring election results and elected officers are valid.

The opinion states the "alleged 'law' violations" are recommended for referral to the jurisdiction of the Office of Student Affairs for further investigation and resolution.

The allegation of the Sigma Nu fraternity's attempt to tamper with the voting process via "creating a 'mandatory' vote...for its members" is recommended for referral to the Greek judicial council and the coordinator of Greek life for further investigation.

In response to questions con-

cerning last year's election and conflict of interests, Brooke Dominy, SGA secretary, said that the candidate meeting was intended for going over rules and regulations and that other issues would have to be brought up at another meeting.

Other issues were addressed at the candidate meeting. According to Dominy, who presided the meeting, 59 senatorial seats are open this year and only 39 candidates were qualified to run for election at that time.

She called out the names of the 39 qualified candidates.

Some senators asked if they could receive a copy of the ballot list ahead of time so they would know whom they were campaigning against for each position. Dominy said that she would post a ballot at the SGA

office in the University Union. Some senators asked questions about certain discrepancies between last year's election process and this year's. "We are going by the bylaws in this year's student handbook," Dominy said.

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Bianca Johnson
Staff Writer

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Some of the options available are "basic search," "more options search," "course reserves" and "your account." The "basic search" allows patrons to locate information using keywords, or they may choose options such as journal titles, authors or subject headings.

The "more options search" is an in-depth search allowing patrons the liberty of performing more specific searches. The "course reserves" is convenient for students looking for reserve material. Students type the instructor's name, department, course and the source and GIL locates the reserve material. The "your account" search lets students check library account information, the status of checked-out books, the GALILEO password and book

files. Patrons may enjoy the "other libraries" icon which gives the user a list of other relevant libraries.

The next step in the GIL project is universal borrowing, allowing patrons to request books from any computer within the University System of Georgia. For further information go to GIL's web site, <http://gil.valdosta.edu/>.

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Accident hospitalizes two workers at Campus Rec construction site

Thirty-foot fall leaves workers with broken bones and lacerations

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

Two employees of Gayheart Masonry fell from a bucket that had not been secured to a forklift while being brought down from a scaffold at the construction site for the Recreation Center on Aug. 30 at 8:34 a.m.

The two workers, Tellis Massey and Jay Thomas, suf-

fered broken bones from the 30-foot fall.

A 12x3x4 concrete building block that was in the basket also fell out when the basket tipped, hitting Massey in the face.

Both were transported to South Georgia Medical Center.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, a Federal administration, charged with ensuring a safe and healthy workplace, is investigating the accident.

According to a University Police report, OSHA had already cited Mr. Gayheart for unsafe practices at the same site.

The report also stated the

basket had not been secured to the forklift used to move it.

OSHA will not be reporting its findings to VSU, according to Sheldon Broomberg, environmental health and safety officer, because VSU as a state agency is not affiliated with OSHA.

The site is overseen by the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission, and VSU officials are not allowed on site except by GSFIC permission until the building is complete.

According to Broomberg, There have only been five such accidents in the eight years he has served as health and safety officer.

This is the second at the Recreation Center.

"We rarely have any accidents," he said. "That's a pretty good record."

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Presidential Search:

Presidential search drags on

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

The search for a new president of VSU, originally intended to last 18 weeks total, is now in its seventh month.

The original names given to the Board of Regents by the Presidential Search and Advisory Committee, were rejected.

Since then, an additional five candidates have been interviewed.

In a memo to the VSU committee, BOR Chancellor Dr. Stephen Portch, who also resigned at the end of last year and is awaiting a replacement,

said the candidates were all qualified, but several had changed their minds for differing reasons.

The PSAC will continue to interview candidates and provide the BOR with names.

"We've learned the process," said Dr. Fred Ware, professor of management and information systems and head of the PSAC. "We never really had stopped from the last time, we've just been proceeding full speed ahead."

"If we're not successful over the next few weeks, we will reevaluate and inform you accordingly." Dr. Portch's memo said.

In the memo, Dr. Portch also says Dr. Ware has been heroic and done an extraordinary job, and that President Bailey has agreed to continue serving until a replacement is found.

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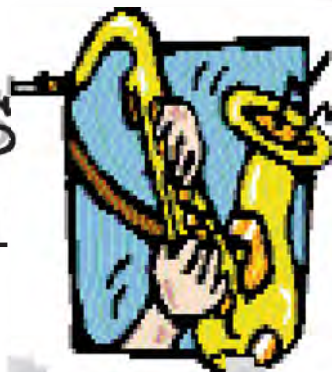
This is a reminder that anyone needing to register for the Regents' Exam for Fall semester 2001 needs to come by the Office of Academic Affairs (WH 107) to do so. The deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 14th. There will be no registration for the exam after this date. Seats are filling up quickly.

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809 phone scam resurfaces

Mary Dabbs
Staff Writer

Many people go their entire lives without dialing a special psychic friend or any other "special friends" associated with pay-per-call numbers. But what if there was another type of "pay-per-call" number without a 900 at the beginning or any legal obligation to let you know that you are being charged extra for the call? Believe it or not, there are such numbers.

The 809 scam began in 1996 and has recently resurfaced. The scam works by sending out e-mails, phone messages or faxes to individuals telling them to call a number with an 809 area code. The message may tell you that your mother is dead or dying, you have outstanding debts to settle or you have won a wonderful prize.

The messages say anything to scare or entice individuals into calling this number.

The 809 area code is in the Caribbean and most people are unaware that they are being charged extra rates for this call, since no international codes are required. According to www.scambusters.org some calls run rates as high as \$25 per minute. Once you call the number, the objective of the scam artists is to keep you on



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Staff and faculty at VSU have been warned that dialing a number with a 809 area code can result in heavy charges. This scam started in 1996 and has just recently resurfaced.

the phone line as long as possible, running up a phone bill that can easily exceed \$100. Thomas Archibald, assistant

Now 809 is no longer the only area code for the Caribbean. Some others area codes to look out for are 268 in Antigua, 242 in the Bahamas, 246 in Barbados, 284 in the British Virgin Islands, 345 in the Cayman Islands and 787 in Puerto Rico. Not all numbers using these area codes belong to scam artists, but if you don't recognize the number its probably a scam.

As Archibald said, "you've just got to be cautious in this day and age."

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Test standards increase due to high pass rate

April Ard
Staff Writer

Teachers have to pass a test before they can give one.

The Praxis II test is given to all would-be teachers in Georgia. The current rate of those who pass the exam from all colleges ranges from 44 to 94 percent. Among minorities the pass rate ranges from 17 to 94 percent.

VSU's pass rate is close to 95 percent.

Since March 1, 2001, the required passing score has

risen and will be in place by 2006.

This means that students will have to study harder for the test than ever before. The rising standards may put a halt on the increased number of students passing the Praxis II.

The new changes to the requirements are due to the statewide reform of education. Not only does is the test getting harder, but the test is also being used to determine how to close the gap between minority and majority students' scores. The fall semester of 2001 will

determine how to close the gap.

The goal for the pass rate percentage is 80 percent. The pass rate is determined by each demographic that a new teacher represents. The standards will raise slightly each year.

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"You've just got to be careful in this day and age."

-Thomas Archibald, vice president for Information Technology

to the president for Information Technology, recently sent out an e-mail prompted by some "very isolated" phone calls on the VSU phone bill to some 809 phone numbers. The email warned faculty of the 809 scam to help circumvent more calls to 809 numbers.



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Financial aid thrown overboard

To err is human. To err, and let others suffer for it is just plain wrong.

The administration has erred. Go get your surprise face.

Because of glitches in record keeping and changes in housing, some students' accounts came up unpaid when the Bursary began clearing unpaid students files off the rolls.

Students who had changed their minds about living on campus had their classes dumped because they failed to sign up for meal plans. Some students who had financial aid had their classes dumped when those records failed to materialize.

But the mistakes are not egregious. The real problem is that these students, who by all rights should have had their classes, had to walk paperwork through the very bureaucracy that had hurt them in the first place. Some could not get into classes they had been registered for because those classes were full.

Some had to drop out altogether, even if only for a semester.

This is not the first time, nor will it be the last, that bureaucracy has led to real people being injured.

But had the administration bothered to clean up its own mess, some of the problem could at least have been rectified. The students involved should not have had to go begging teachers to let them into already full classes. They shouldn't have had to lift a finger to get back into classes they had rightfully registered for.

In the grand scheme, this seems like no biggie. But it is another grand example of what we all mean here at VSU.

Students boil down to money earned. Faculty pay the price with unexpectedly large classes, and their time wasted as well.

To err is human. To fix your own mistakes, well, that should just be common sense.

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D.C. on a down spiral

Okay, so let me make sure I have my facts straight: Joe Lieberman wants to pass a law that points out Hollywood as the cause of all sex and violence, we have a Washington D.C. intern who's been missing for over 100 days, a crooked politician [Gary Condit...is he really crooked] is carrying around a smile that freaks everyone out [while his marriage continues to go downhill], the Vice President of the United States [Dick Cheney] is pretty much running the country with a bad heart, our President [George W.] takes a month long vacation [and actually gets more work done than he's gotten done his entire career as Mr. Prez], and on top of that, Bill and Hillary aren't getting along...wait, that's not really news, though. And let's not forget about the FBI agents, who can't seem to find hundreds of missing laptop computers, weapons, AND [I say again] a missing intern! Hello...is this thing on?

All of these problems are taking place in basically one place [D.C.], and these knuckle-heads wanna point the finger at someone else...ha! Yeah, whatever Lieberman. I think you need to get yourself in check. How is it possible that Hollywood is to blame for all of the hookers, adulterers, and sex offenders in this world? D.C. needs to take a look at "the man in the mirror." Lieberman, I mean this in the most politically incorrect way, you're full of crap dude! So are all of you other politicians and crap-holders in the District of Columbia. Sure, every state and city has its problems, but to put the blame on Hollywood alone? Funny how I don't ever hear about your typical disappearing laptops and oozies in Hollywood. Funny how I never hear about missing hookers or kidnapped mistresses in Hollywood. Call it what you



Jeremiah Bass

want folks, but you know I'm right. It doesn't circle in just one place, unless that place is, of course, Washington D.C.

What is it with female interns and Washington D.C.? **Intern in a skirt + D.C. = Red Alert!** It's ridiculous! If you can't go to the city where our White House is located without ending up with sperm on your dress or located in the lost-and-found, where can you go to make it to the top? Unbelievable how all these problems just keep on forming! I think Washington D.C. is drowning in a sea of its own B.S. [and I don't mean Bake Sale]. It's like watching a late night movie on *Cinemasex*: *Sex, Stained Dresses and Lost Chicks of D.C.* No offense to Clinton, I mean, Lewinski is a lost cause anyways, but Condit...tough cookie to figure out.

It's not Clinton's fault that he had to choose Lewinski; she was the only thing that he caught in the net. It's like going net-fishing; Sometimes you bring up the net and you get plenty of good fish, shrimp, crab and whatnot. *But* other times you just get in whatever you can, like a few dead swordfish, a paper cup, or a worn-out leather boot. Obviously, Clinton got the latter. Poor fellow.

Why is it that Lewinski ascended to celebrity status so quickly anyway? All you have to do these days to become a star is go down on a politician and get your favorite blue

dress stained? I'm sure that if a lot of young ladies knew that, we'd have more chicks lining up for a part with Stifler in *American Pie 3* [considering that there'll be an *American Pie 3*]. Bottom line, she doesn't deserve to be called a celebrity! Yeah, she performed oral sex on one of the most popular men of our time, but I don't want to see her on *Entertainment Tonight* being talked about as if she is a star; maybe a home wrecker or slut.

Condit...dude, what is your deal? Have you been hanging around Robert Blake and his homees too long? You're really making people wonder if you're even human. I know that I don't know better than anyone else about what was going on with he and Chandra Levy; I also know that I don't know any better than anyone else about Levy's disappearance, but someone knows. It's really getting depressing, probably even for her family, to continue hearing about this. It's getting to the point where the daily news alert on *MSNBC* is: **"This is Tom Brokaw bringing you the daily news alert...there is no new news on Chandra Levy today. Stay tuned for more daily news alerts on the missing Levy case, of which we currently have no news. Sorry to have wasted more of your time with the same old crap. As for me, I need a beer. I'm Tom Brokaw, catcha later."**

Last time I checked, the President is supposed to be the "bigwig," the "head cheese," the "big cahuna." Why is it that I always hear about Cheney doing things? He's the frickin' vice president...right? Bush, I guess I owe you a bit of accolades. You actually worked during your month-long vacation! Not that I still don't think it's bogus to take a

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Phillip Boyd

Little League's lost

Labor day signifies an end to the summer, and in American fashion, a peak season of interest for baseball. Baseball is a truly American institution, although it is now becoming a sport of international interest. Another institution we may lay claim as our own is the idea of the bandwagon, or more specifically, the jumping on or off of. While we may have not recently created this particular phenomenon, we have lately perfected its use.

Everywhere one sees examples of the bandwagon at work. From West Coast trendsetters to East Coast sportswriters, opinions are formulated, digested and reformulated all the time, and we are in the middle trying to keep up. We run so hard trying to get on the bandwagon that we lose sight of where we're trying to go, instead worrying about how we're going to get there.

Nothing is as volatile or fickle as public opinion. Just as quickly as the bandwagon loads up it empties. For proof, you need look no further than this year's Little League World Series.

A man among boys as he seemed on the diamond, Danny Almonte dominated his fellow Little League opponents leading up to the LLWS, leading his nicknamed "Baby Bombers" to their berth. Arriving in Williamsport, PA, site of the LLWS, the "Little Unit" (in deference to fellow lefty Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks) continued his quest and burst onto the national scene by throwing a perfect game in a nationally televised contest. As the tournament continued so too did the miraculous pitching by the Dominican phenomenon. The bandwagon started filling, and in a hurry.

ESPN and all the rest of the networks were ready to glorify Almonte, whose arm seemed made of gold. There would be tickertape parades and the like. There actually were parades. Who wouldn't want to celebrate a Little League hero? All aboard the bandwagon!

In life some things just sound too good to be true. With regard to Almonte and his Baby Bombers, that was precisely the case. When the story broke that Almonte was actually 14 years old, and thus ineligible to compete in Little League, the bandwagon lost more air than the Hindenberg, and just as fast. When the smoke clears the

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Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.

How can the Bursary serve student need more efficiently?



"They need to send more notices. And send them sooner."

Jared Weber
Freshman
Biology/Pre-medicine



"Need more information on scholarships."

Shayla Bell
Freshman
Nursing



"Students depend on that excess check to live off of, it would be nice to have it before school started."

Lindsay Ellingsworth
Senior
Education



"Check cashing policy needs to be different. It's ridiculous to have to have a second ID for a check under \$50."

Josh Lowe
Junior
Music



"Excess checks sooner!"

Sammy Miller
Junior
Music Education



"Have more people in windows at all times."

Anthony Beedles
Senior
Philosophy



Ashlie Mash

Anytime an out-of-the-ordinary event takes place, rumors automatically begin good and the subject of the story doesn't mind the media finding out. Most of the time, however, the gossip that others eagerly listen in on is untrue, unclear and twisted. This is the situation of the Chandra Levy case. California congressman Gary Condit deserves the pressure and belittlement he has faced from the media over the past couple of months due to a nasty rumor that was started just days after Levy, a former Federal Bureau of Prisons intern, was last seen at a Washington health club on April 30.

In May, the story was that

Congressman Condit and his former intern, Levy, were having an affair. When hearing this story of a 24 year-old, career-oriented woman wooed by her supervisor, a 53-year-old married grandfather, who would not want to find out the inner most details?

I do not feel sorry toward Mr. Condit. He absolutely deserves every bit of the questions and accusations he has received since the very beginning of the case. He is a fool for thinking that he was not going to be in the spotlight of his own intern's disappearance. Especially whenever the intern's aunt admitted to the press that her niece confided that she "loved this man" and they had a "meaningful relationship" and he had agreed to give her children. This is not a friendly relationship



Leave him alone



Michelle Taylor

It pays to come forward. Or does it?

Gary Condit, the California state representative, came forward two weeks ago to face the media. And the media tore him apart.

Regardless of what anyone thinks about Condit, the

media's ABC News (KRT) / Special to the Spectator

National responsibility was to portray the events of the investigation of Condit's relationship with Chandra Levy. Instead, the media has encouraged the opinions of much of the country- that Condit had something to do with Levy's disappearance.

As a part of the media, I understand the role we must play as the fourth estate: watch over government. But we must also keep a neutral outlook on the stories we relay to others.

The national media thus far has not.

A news channel stated that "Condit was not yet a subject of a criminal investigation,"

No pity for Condit

between these two. Talk of children is serious for an intern and her supervisor; especially for a married grandfather and a college student.

The media, in their frenzy to squeeze evidence out of Condit have found it difficult to get information from him. It took the Metropolitan Police four interviews to obtain any information worth writing down. Perhaps he's guilty and is ashamed and scared to say so. He's been telling police and reporters what he wants them to hear; nothing further. He realizes that not only has he taken sexual and emotional advantage of a young woman, but has possibly aided in her disappearance or possible

when no investigation was underway.

murder. Even if Condit is being truthful with the media and has no clue of Levy's whereabouts, he should be prepared for the questioning, the pressure, the accusations, the lie detector tests, the dirty looks and jokes. Who does this creep think he is? And who in the world should even consider that a preacher's son and a congressman does not deserve to be disturbed by the ever-watching media? No one in my opinion! Those who have faith in Condit, have no fear. Former President Bill Clinton survived the Monica Lewinsky situation; the anxiety and humiliation Condit is facing is only temporary and he will be back serving our country in a matter of months. How disgusting!

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because, all anyone cares about is the famous.

Right? Dead wrong. When I watch the news, I want to see real stories, full of the absolute truth, about all people, not just the famous ones. Thousands of people are missing in this country, yet I don't hear much about them on the news.

Not that Levy is not important, it's just that there is more to Americans than the cheesy, taudry love affairs of a senator. When the FBI finds some concrete evidence, or finds Levy, let me know. Otherwise, no thanks.

Grow up, national media. It's time to tell the truth.

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release from duty, but I thought that vacations usually involve no work? It seems to me like when Bush is not on vacation, he's playing golf, eating pizza and digging in his nose, leaving Cheney to pick up the pieces. But when the guy goes on vacation, he works! I don't know, I'll leave that one up for you to figure out.

I'm sorry, but is the FBI on crack or something? How in the hell do you lose laptop computers, guns, and other weapons? I'm bewildered! If this is the case, why don't they appoint me and some of my friends as FBI agents? We could do a heck of a better job than most of these guys. Laptops don't have feet and access to running shoes, neither

do any sorts of weapons! What does FBI really stand for, **Forgotten Brain Idiots?** As always in D.C., there appears to be something unclear, something not being told. Can't blame the airheads of Beverly Hills for this mistake, can you, Lieberman? This one's on you and your guys.

So who do you point the finger at? I say, point it at Washington D.C. for a change. They claim to have all the answers to everything, yet they're the main ones causing problems. Let's get Clinton back, at least when he was president, there were no cases about missing interns, just drenched-in-testosterone interns. Hmmm, penny for your thoughts?

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and just as fast. When the smoke clears the finger pointing starts, and this story is no exception.

So who's to blame? The parents? The league, the boy, the media? I reserve judgment. Perhaps Danny's father wanted a better life for his son and thought baseball was the ticket. It had better be, because on top of fraudulently claiming to be 12, Danny was neither enrolled in school, as required by Little League rules, nor was he supposed to be in this country; his tourist visa having expired.

One may be confused as to which way is up and which is down when he can't feel secure in the integrity of Little League baseball. Little League, the bastion of wholesomeness and purity has been marred by corruption. Daily we see examples in life and specifically in sport, of men behaving badly, breaking laws with abandon, and acting like children.

The bandwagon doesn't

seem to notice. Your star got caught smoking weed? No problem. It's swept under the rug because by now that's old hat. Truly villainous acts go unnoticed, but a boy is two years too old and suddenly the fickle media wants to excommunicate him, or at least those responsible for the deception.

Not that what occurred is above reproach, quite the opposite, and the guilty parties have, at least for the moment, been disciplined. But I get the feeling that the longer this soap opera plays out the less we'll want to hear of it, the merits of the issue be damned. Call it a Condit-ism if you will, for while the victim(s) may disappear (in this case all the defrauded little leaguers out there), time will pass, questions will be asked, and interviews conducted--all for no apparent gain, because at the end of the day, who really wants to know Little League isn't Little League anymore? I don't.

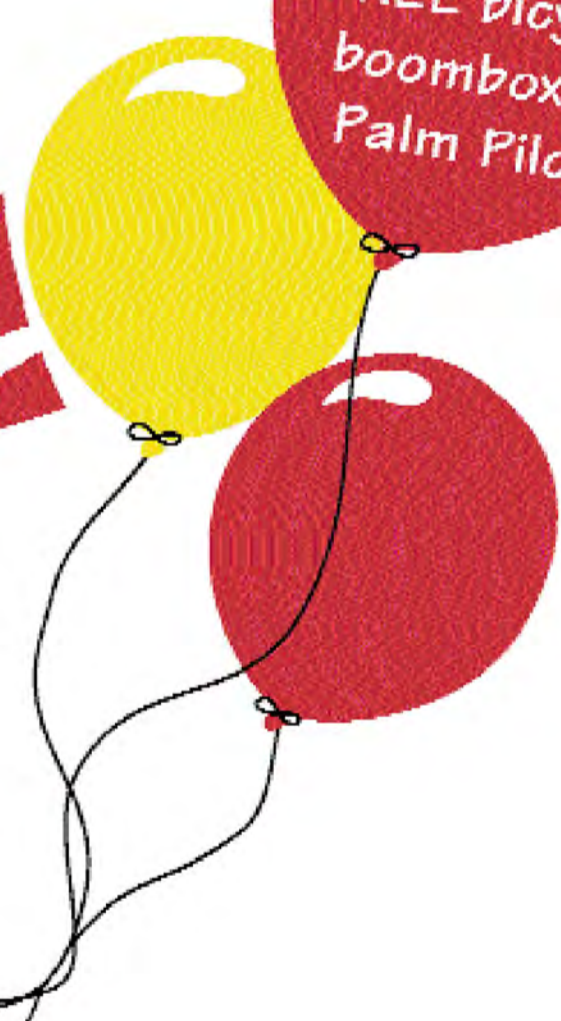
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Blazer Head Coach Chris Hatcher discusses offensive adjustments with the Blazers first string offense. Below: Hatcher and Dusty Bonner look over scripted plays.

Annie Johnson
The Spectator

Mosley to the FVSU 28-yard line. A face mask penalty advanced the ball inside the Wildcat redzone to the 14-yard line, where sophomore sensation running back Aaron Jenkins took over. The 5-foot-7, 180-pound Jenkins ran through the FVSU defense for six yards on first down and then out jumped 6-foot-1, 195-pound Wildcat outside linebacker Jarvis Wimbush for a pass in the endzone for a 14-0 lead. The drive took only two plays and spanned 28 yards in 40 seconds.

VSU opened the scoring onslaught on its third offensive play from scrimmage when Bonner connected with Mosley on a 77-yard touchdown strike that hit the Blazer receiver in stride on a post route down the center of the field. The drive took three plays and went 86 yards in 1:00.

Bonner hit 20-of-31 pass attempts for 319 yards and four touchdowns. He was picked off twice, once on a deflection and once on an overthrow.

Jenkins rushed for 107 yards on 14 carries with one endzone romp. Mosley led the Blazers' receiving corps with five catches for 98 yards and three touchdowns.

"We wanted to get an early lead and start out quick because we didn't put the show on last week (against Albany

St.)," senior wide receiver Carlos Johnson said. "We tried to put the show on this week."

The "Black Swarm" defense was equally impressive, holding FVSU running back Orlando Wiley to only 68 yards on 26 carries, one week after he rolled up 142 yards against Morehouse College. VSU's defensive line dominated up front sacking Wildcat quarterbacks five times. FVSU ran 90 total plays and could only muster 262 yards of total offense.

The Blazer defense was paced by junior safety Tabious Carter, who compiled nine tackles, including three for loss. Junior defensive end Fatari Lyons recorded seven tackles, three for loss and one sack.

"It's not often I can come back and play in my home town," Carter, a native of Fort Valley, said. "This is the last time I'll be able to do this, so I had to play the best I could."

VSU was a little sloppy in the second half, turning the ball

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over four times, after only giving the ball up once in the first half. Three of the four



turnovers in the second half were fumbles, while the one interception led to FVSU's only score of the game.

Blazers air raid Fort Valley

Matt Stewart
 Staff Writer

To a blue-collar worker, a week off means seven days of rest and relaxation. For the VSU Blazer football team, it's just the opposite.

The Blazers only off-week of the season comes in week three after two physical contests with Southern Interscholastic Athletic Conference opponents Albany State and Fort Valley State. VSU pounded ASU 41-6 in its season opener and then did much the same to FVSU, 42-6, last Saturday evening at Wildcat Stadium in Fort Valley, Ga.

VSU (2-0) now has a week and a half to prepare for its Gulf South Conference opener

against Southern Arkansas on Sept. 15 at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium for a 7 p.m. kickoff. SAU proved it was one of the stronger GSC teams last season, giving the Blazers all they could handle before eventually falling 30-29 in Magnolia, Ark.

"(The off week) is great because it helps to get us ready for the next team," VSU defensive coordinator Kirby Smart said. "Southern Arkansas is a different style offense than we've seen and they'll bring a lot more at us."

The Muleriders faded in the latter half of the 2000 season, losing four of their final six contests, ultimately finishing with a 5-5 overall record, 4-5 in the GSC. SAU will host Texas A&M Commerce in the

Mulriders' first game Saturday.

"We've got to get some people well next week because when you get into the Gulf South Conference, it's a different story," VSU Head Coach Chris Hatcher said. "No question a week off is a plus especially because we're beat up after a physical summer camp and two tough football games."

VSU overmatched a talent-deprived FVSU Wildcat football team last weekend 42-6 in the Blazers first away game of the season after thumping the Wildcats 46-0 last year at home.

VSU's "Air Raid" offense, which came out of the blocks a little slow in its season opener, scored early and often against FVSU (1-1). The Blazers took a 28-0 lead into halftime after

freshman defensive end Xavier Carrington recovered a high snap that sailed over FVSU quarterback Matt Davis' head and into the Wildcats endzone.

The Blazers' first three possessions on offense resulted in touchdowns. Senior quarterback Dusty Bonner engineered VSU's longest offensive drive of the game in the second quarter with a 10-play, 49-yard march that ate up 4:19 on the clock, giving the Blazers a 21-0 advantage at the start of the second period. The Blazers two prior touchdown drives were much shorter.

VSU's second possession of the game began with excellent field position thanks in large part to a 33-yard punt return by junior wide receiver Reggie

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Gulf South Conference Week in Review



Jason James
Staff Writer

Valdosta State University 42 Fort Valley State 6

VSU (2-0) was able to show off its high powered offense in a convincing 42-6 victory over Fort Valley State. Quarterback Dusty Bonner led the offense by completing 22-of-33 passes for 316 yards and four touchdowns. Wide receiver Reggie Mosley helped by making five catches for 105 yards and 3 touchdowns. Tight end C.J. Lofton also reeled in six catches for 113 yards.

West Georgia 36 Presbyterian 35

West Georgia (1-0) won its opener led by tailback Nick Price who gained 200 all-purpose yards (135 rushing and 65 receiving) and scored 2 touchdowns. His second touchdown broke West Georgia's touchdown record of 28. Detronn Harris returned 4

kicks for 150 yards, one for an 89-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

Central Arkansas 65 Abilene Christian 16

Central Arkansas (1-0) had a tremendous game on the offensive side setting a new school record with 681 total yards. The offense also scored in six straight possessions.

Central Arkansas's two quarterbacks Andy Rogers and Brian Stallworth used 12 receivers to complete 25-of-46 passes for five touchdowns.

Ouachita Baptist 41 Henderson State 13

OBU (1-0) broke a streak dating back to 1994 in which they had not scored more than 40 points. Running back Montoya Brown led the way with 19 carries for 146 yards and a kick return for a 97-yard touchdown.

The defense also helped out by scoring three touchdowns (two on fumbles and one from

an interception).

Henderson State extended its losing streak to 11 games and its road-losing streak to 15 games.

North Alabama 37 Lambuth 27

North Alabama (1-0) overcame a 14-0 deficit to win its first season opener since 1998. Tailback Randy Vickers rushed 22 times for 195 yards and 2 touchdowns. Quarterback Barry Baker also contributed 2 touchdowns; one was a 26-yard pass and another from a 1-yd scramble.

Linebacker Sam Fakunle led the defense with 15 tackles (seven solo and eight assists) and pulling down one interception.

Texas A&M-Commerce 14 Harding 11

Harding (0-1) lost its first season opener in five years although they could have tied the game at the end of regulation with Coy Nance's 37-yard

field goal, but it was wide right.

Defense was the highlight of the game with both teams combining for less than 300 yards of offense (HU 174-Texas A&M-Commerce 155). Although, Harding's quarterback Freddie Langston tied the school record with 76 percent passing by completing 19-of-25.

Belhaven 21 West Alabama 0

West Alabama (0-1) was shutout for the first time since 1998. This was also the team's first season opener shutout since 1964.

SW Texas State 52 Arkansas-Monticello 7

AMU (0-1) lost its fourth season opener in five years. The highlight of the game was Terrance Wansley's five kick returns for 184 yards (36.8-yard average) and his 9-yard reception from Kasey Nonnette, which was the Boll Weevils only score.

School	Overall		Points	
	W	L	For	Opp
Valdosta State	2	0	83	12
Central Arkansas	1	0	65	16
North Alabama	1	0	37	27
Ouachita Baptist	1	0	41	13
West Georgia	1	0	35	34
Arkansas Tech	0	0	0	0
Delta State	0	0	0	0
Southern Ark.	0	0	0	0
Ark.-Monticello	0	1	7	52
Harding	0	1	11	14
Henderson State	0	1	13	41
West Alabama	0	1	0	21

VSU runners finish fourth, fifth at UWF Invitational

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

This past weekend the VSU men and women's cross country teams competed at the West Florida Invitational. The women tied for third and the men placed fourth. In the process, the women (4-2) defeated Gulf South Conference rivals Delta State and Lincoln Memorial. For the women the top placer was team captain Meredith Middleton who finished ninth overall. For the men, the top placer was Jim Wright who finished eighth overall. The men (4-3) also beat

Lincoln Memorial.

Both the men and women's teams compete this week at Alabama-Huntsville. Head Coach Johnny Lancaster believes that this year's teams are good enough to qualify for nationals, and stand a good chance at winning the conference. "We won't know until we run against the GSC opponents," Lancaster said.

As it stands, the preseason favorite for both teams is West

Georgia, which is ranked fifth and sixth, respectively.

The women's team's main goal is to win the conference.

For the men, the team goal is to finish in the top three in conference and top five in region.

The men and women's teams are still welcoming any students who would like to run. Interested runners can email Lancaster at jelancas@valdosta.edu for more information.

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Jim Wright led the Blazers with a time of 29:26 at the UWF invite. Annie Johnson / The Spectator

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NFL season kicks off

It's football season again and it's time to talk. As a football fan this is easily my favorite part of the year. It's your chance to wonder what's going to happen. It's your chance to wonder if your team will live up, or in some cases, down to their hype.

There is a changing of the guard in the NFL this year. For the first time in a while, a number of rookies will help turn their teams around. LaDainian Tomlinson and Drew Brees will help bring an offense to the AFC West cellar-dweller Chargers. Add in rookies Tay Cody and Carlos Polk on defense, and people in San Diego will be talking about something else besides the Padres for the first time in five years.

David Terrell moves from being the best receiver in college football at Michigan to the Chicago Bears. The move is sure to take a little weight off Marcus Robinson's ailing back.

Michael Vick will bring a spark to an Atlanta team that was definitely missing one last year. Atlanta linemen couldn't block their sisters last season, so if the trend continues, Chris Chandler will be hurt in no time. Vick will get plenty of chances to show his escape ability.

Even with all these impact offensive star, the rookie of the year will come from the other side of the ball. Andre Carter of the San Francisco 49ers is my pick for the rookie of the year. A speed rushing defen-

sive end from California, he has the size and the strength to single-handedly destroy opposing team's quarterbacks.

The new season is accompanied by a number of predictions, so go ahead and break out your rotisserie sheets because here come my picks.

The Giants will repeat in the NFC East.

The Vikings, with the addition of my sleeper of the year Travis Prentice at halfback, will win the NFC Central. After a tough summer with the death of tackle Korey Stringer, you have to root for those guys.

The Falcons will shock everyone and win the wild NFC West.

The Colts and my pick for the AFC MVP, Edgerin James, will win the AFC East.

The Ravens will win the AFC Central but only by a game over a solid Titans team.

The AFC West will go to the Raiders and the coach of the year Jon Gruden.

The Raiders and Vikings will play for the Super Bowl and the Raiders will take home the Lombardi Trophy.

My final prediction is that the regulars will replace the replacement refs in week four after a series of bad calls forces them out.

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Annie Johnson / The Spectator

The Lady Blazer volleyball squad practices on the floor of the Complex where the Lady Blazers will play for the first time this season Saturday at 3 p.m. versus Fort Valley State in the VSU Challenge.

Lady Blazers set to make home debut

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

VSU Lady Blazer volleyball Head Coach John Teetzel will make his regular-season coaching debut at home in the VSU Challenge Saturday.

The Lady Blazers will have their first home match of the season against Fort Valley State University at 3 p.m. in the Complex. VSU will then face-off against Voorhees (S.C.) College at 5 p.m.

The VSU Lady Blazer volleyball team was swept in four matches at the Labor Day Classic in Jacksonville, Fla., last Friday and Saturday. Three of the four matches were taken by No. 5-ranked Tampa (Fla.), No. 14 ranked Barry University

(Fla.) and No. 22 ranked North Florida. VSU was also defeated by Florida Southern. This leaves the Lady Blazers standing in the midst of a 2-7 record.

"We played some good teams," Teetzel said about the

Labor Day Classic. "We hung with them.

Junior middle hitter Suzy Watson, a pre-season all-Gulf South Conference selection, continues to lead the Lady

Blazers with 82 kills, 15 service aces and 15 blocks. Junior swing hitter Rachel Hoodzow is second on the team in kills with 66 and tops in digs with 65.

Senior setter Anna Einarsdottir became the seventh player in the history of the GSC to reach 3,000 assists. She leads VSU this season with 159 assists.

"I don't know if there was one thing [that caused the Lady

Blazers to lose all four matches]," VSU Assistant Coach Brooke Sandburg said. "They [the team] are frustrated."

Sandburg also said that there is a bright future for the team.

"They are improving greatly," she said. "[They played really well against Tampa]. We'll play one game at a time."

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If I had a dollar for every

Beth Owen
Staff Writer

Sometimes I think stupid people rule the world.

I am probably going to catch serious grief for this, but I'll be the one to say it. Don't you wish a dollar would appear in your hand every time you saw somebody do something stupid?

Everyday we encounter people both on and off campus who do unintelligent things—repeatedly. It's fun to scout them out. Here is a list of things to look for:

1. Advertising in foot high lettering on a windshield stating exactly what kind of nice stereo is in a car so it can get stolen.

2. A student raising his or her hand in class and asking a question that just got answered.

3. A girl wearing a shirt exposing her midriff in 30-degree weather so she can show off her brand new belly ring.

4. The same girl falling out of a barstool saying, "I'm sooo drunk!" on the way down.

5. Anyone blasting Lil' Romeo out of their vehicle.

6. Mullet, mullets, mullets...

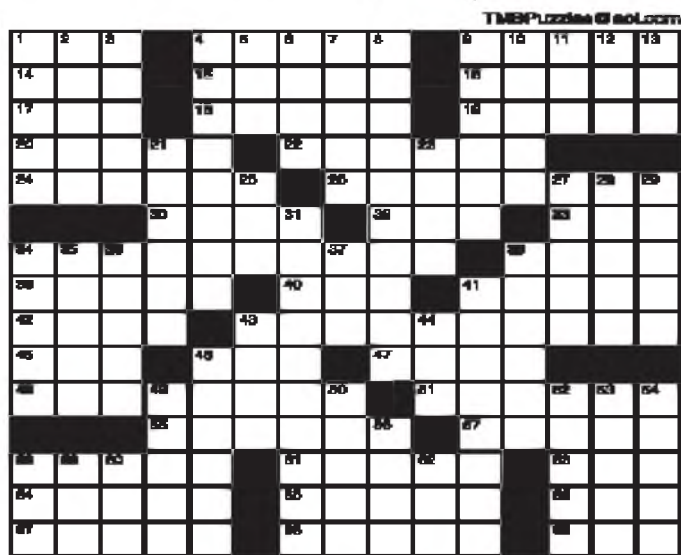
7. ...mullet, mullets, mullets.

8. Two girls who haven't seen each other for a long time (Tip: If you are lucky enough to see this one coming, plug your ears).

9. Someone starting his or her car...twice.

10. Two people arguing over who is better looking: Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera (I have seen this one first hand; believe me, it can get pretty ugly).

The list can and will go on. The preceding encounters are only ones I remembered off the top of my head or witnessed this week. Keep on entertaining me folks, so I can get more ideas. Now I'm really watching.



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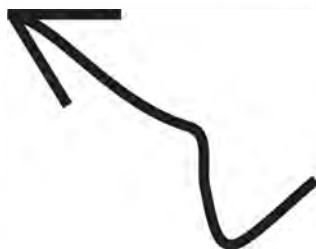
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- 25 Atmosphere
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- 31 Stability
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- 37 Craftsmanship
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Take the money & run

Mary Dabbs
Staff Writer

You have 20 minutes to get 100,000 marks before your boyfriend dies. Your mo-ped has been ripped off, so you must rely on your willpower and feet to get where you need to go. Oh yeah, and techno music mysteriously follows you around.

Does this sound like your life? Of course not. This is "Run Lola, Run," a German flick about the force of will and strength of love that puts a new spin on the chaos theory.

Lola (Franka Potene) is trying to find 100,000 marks to replace the money her boyfriend Manni (Moritz Bleibtreu) misplaced after a drug deal. If she doesn't get it Manni's boss will kill him. So she runs to the beat of a techno drummer, holds up a grocery store, threatens her father and gambles with high society to get the money.

"Run Lola, Run" is a lot like a probability theory music video on stimulants. It's a fast, hard ride with carefully ordered insanity and a love that defies reality. The movie has three 20-minute segments with different outcomes, each influenced by tiny discrepancies of action. Little details that seem



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to be insignificant can lead to a chain reaction of events that having vastly different results. "Run Lola, Run" comes dubbed or with subtitles, but I highly recommend the subtitled version, which is translated a bit better than the dubbed one. It can also help the careful listener gain some interesting German vocabulary words.

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VSU alumni go to work in their fields

Dottie Knight
Staff Writer

Students on the verge of ending their college careers are now starting to wonder just how useful what they've been studying for the past four years will be.

Tracking down VSU's alumni is one way to see things from experience's perspective. Rebecca Butler attended VSU for five years, beginning in 1983. She began her college career majoring in journalism. But as any college student can attest, there is always room for change.

In Butler's case this was then amended to business, and then philosophy before she finally settled upon psychology at her frustrated parents' behest, according to Butler.

She graduated in March 1988 and learned that there was no job market unless one has a master's degree in psychology. She worked at a variety of jobs while getting a masters from Georgia State University. She specialized in counseling psychology and worked with the chronically ill.

Butler now works with an Atlanta based company called KDA Inc. Dealing with banks, she uses her degree to negotiate contracts to build new banks. She also does much of the research for these endeavors such as collecting demographic data. She studies people and their motivations, providing a useful service for her employers, particularly in this kind of work.

When asked what advice she might have for those taking the same path as she into the job market she replied, "you go into it because it is interesting. Remember that you don't have to be a psychologist. I was recruited for the FBI."

There is a wide spectrum of jobs in which psychology can be useful. Some may wish to go the couch route but there are always other options.

Alumni like Butler are finding how relevant jobs are all of the time. This will be a continuing investigation into the lives of those who have graduated from VSU.

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Blues Traveler is one of over 100 bands performing at the Florida Music Harvest on Sept. 21-23 in Live Oak, Fla. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

Music festival offers 3-day treat

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Brothers and sisters, unite for a weekend of music, camping and over 100 bands.

The Spirit Of The Suwannee Music Park is hosting the Florida Music Harvest on Sept. 21-23 in Live Oak, Fla. The harvest will feature three days of live performances by artists such as Blues Traveler, G-Love and Special Sauce, Leftover Salmon, The Wailers, Ratdog, Little Feat, Medeski Martin and Wood, Galactic and countless local and regional bands. Tickets are currently available and can be purchased

through Ticketmaster or at JamBase.com. A three-day pass is \$70 in advance. Day tickets will only be available the day of the concert, and box office hours during the harvest weekend are 3 p.m.-2 a.m. on Fri., 11 a.m.-2 a.m. on Sat. and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sun.

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Students commonly develop eating disorders in college

Experts say age group at high risk

Jaime Peck
Staff Reporter

An eating disorder could be eating at someone close to you. Barbara Bayko, physician's assistant at Farber Student Health Center, said that it is very hard to pinpoint who exactly has an eating disorder, since people often get embarrassed about or hide an eating disorder.

Anorexia and bulimia, the two main types of eating disorders, are behavioral diseases, meaning the affected choose to act they way they do, said Sheila Wakeley, counselor for counseling services.

"Eating disorders are behavioral diseases sometimes caused by a mental disease, such as depression, or environmental factors, such as family life," Wakeley said. "There is a conflict in the way eating disorders are understood - some think it is a mental disease, and

than 15 percent below his or her healthy body weight. The symptoms of anorexia nervosa include: refusal to maintain weight at or above a minimally normal weight for height and age, intense fear of weight gain, distorted body image, in females, loss of three consecutive menstrual periods, and extreme concern with body weight and shape (1997, EDAP).

Effects of anorexia include: loss of hair, cardiac problems, amenorrhea (loss of or interruption of menstrual periods), loss of calcium, osteoporosis (weak or brittle bones), thinning of nails, thinning of hair, loss of tooth enamel, malnutrition, and ultimately, death, Bayko said.

"Often, when a person is anorexic, you will see him or her just push things around on his or her plate without really eating anything," Bayko said.

Bulimia nervosa is characterized by self-inflicting and self-defeating cycles of binge eating and induced vomiting, or purging, Bayko said. During a "binge," the person consumes a large amount of food in a rapid, automatic and helpless fashion. This may cause hunger and/or anger, but eventually creates physical discomfort and anxiety (1997, EDAP).

quacy, depression, anxiety and loneliness, as well as troubled family and personal relationships, may contribute the development of an eating disorder. American culture, with idealization of thinness and the "perfect body," is often a contributing factor (1997, EDAP).

Wakeley suggests that the college student age group is extremely vulnerable to eating disorders.

"When you get a lot of people the same age together at the same time, you tend to measure yourself by other people's standards," she said.

A support group for people with any kind of eating disorder on the VSU campus was advertised last spring, but was unsuccessful. Wakeley said this may be due to the fact that people have a difficult time admitting they have an eating disorder, but she added one reason for the lack of attendance could have been due to the time of day the group met.

If you think you or someone you know has an eating disorder, Wakeley advises to seek medical help immediately. Contact the Counseling Center, located upstairs in Powell Hall East, at 333-5940, or contact Farber Student Health Center at 333-5886.

It could mean the difference between life and death.

Warning signs of eating disorders include:

- A marked increase or decrease in weight not related to a medical condition
- The development of abnormal eating habits such as severe dieting, preference for strange foods, withdrawn or ritualized behavior at mealtime, or secretive bingeing
- An intense preoccupation with weight and body image
- Compulsive or excessive exercising
- Self-induced vomiting, periods of fasting, or laxative, diet pill or diuretic abuse
- Feelings of isolation, depression, or irritability (1997, EDAP).

some think it is a behavioral disease."

Anorexia nervosa is defined by an intense and irrational fear of body fat and weight gain, an iron determination to become thinner and thinner, and a misperception of body weight and shape to the extent that the person may feel or see fat even when the person is clearly thin to others (1997, EDAP). According to Bayko, a person is anorexic if he or she is less

Effects of bulimia include gastric reflux, broken teeth, eventual weight gain, and esophagitis (inflammation of the esophagus), Bayko said. A person may induce vomiting so much on him or herself that the lining of the stomach begins to bleed.

Eating disorders are caused possibly from a combination of long-standing psychological, interpersonal, and social conditions. Feelings of inade-

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VSU honor students applaud after taking the promisory pledge administered by Dr. Brian Adler, director of University Honors. This convocation was a means of welcoming many new VSU freshmen to the program.

A night of "honorable" mention

Angie Hiers
Staff Writer

The University Honors Program kicked off its new year with a Fall Convocation to welcome its new members Thursday night in Powell Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Brian Adler, director of University Honors, welcomed about 80 people. More than half the students represented were new to the program.

Guest speakers included Dr. Louis Levy, vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. Ron Barnette, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Marvin Smith, professor of anthropology; and Dr. James Hill, professor of philosophy.

Dr. Levy described the Honors Program as a journey, a privilege and a commitment. After the guest speakers shared a few words with the audience, the students stood and recited the Honors Pledge led by Dr. Adler.

Lauren Braun, president of the Honors Student Association, introduced the officers and explained a little bit about HAS. She then gave away door prizes including movie tickets, food and a gift basket. She called out names randomly drawn from a box and one lucky row boasted three back-to-back winners.

After the program, students enjoyed refreshments in the lobby while becoming acquainted with one another. Freshman Emily Henning, a new student to the program, said so far she liked her honors classes.

"It's better to be in an honors class with other students who want to learn and who are not slackers," Henning said.

Dr. Adler expressed several goals for the Honors Program this year.

"We want the students to be involved in active campus life. One of the things we want to start is a National Issues Forum where honor students conduct round table discussions of difficult issues such as racial, economic and environmental issues," Dr. Adler said. He added that this is also a goal for the National Honors Society.

Another goal he mentioned was for honor students to receive a departmental honors certificate to include a gold seal on their diploma and recognition on their transcripts. This will be available with the Political Science department first and will hopefully spread to other departments in time.

At least 15 students successfully complete the Honors Program each year and one of the crucial elements for Honors education is the close relationship students form with professors. One way they are able to do this is because of the small-

er class size, which has increased slightly this year because of the increase in total enrollment. On average, there are about 15 students in an honors class.

With approximately 300 students in the Honors Program this year, including the 102 new students involved, the program promises to be a challenging and rewarding year.

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