

VSU responds to crisis

AFROTC holds blood drive for victims

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Staff Writer

AFROTC collected approximately 107 pints of blood by 4 p.m. Wednesday. According to John Marx, cadet corp commander for VSU AFROTC, more than 148 people donated. He said approximately 10-15 people were turned away because they arrived after 4 p.m.

Marx said AFROTC's goal is to hold at least one blood drive a semester.

"This is the time to donate blood," he said. "There's been a constant flow of people in here since 10 a.m. According to Marx, the blood will be sent to the Red Cross in Atlanta, where it will be distributed to areas such as New York, the West Coast and other areas in need.

According to Marx, approximately eight AFROTC students, three or four SGA members, and eight nurses volunteered their time. Marx said everything went smoothly.

"We had enough pizza, chocolate chip cookies and coke for everybody," he said.

Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Little Caesar's and Coca-Cola donated much of the food consumed in the recovery room by donors.

VSU's administration chose not to have a campus-wide moment of silence Friday in remembrance of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attack victims.

"We chose to let people do their own observances," Dr. Louis Levy, acting vice-president for academic affairs, said. "Students and faculty were given the opportunity to organize [ways to mourn that] they find meaningful. There could have been something campus wide if someone had organized it."

Although VSU held a candlelight vigil Sept. 13, there was no moment of silence recognized Sept. 14 on the VSU campus.

"I'm really disappointed," Thomas Humburg, sophomore theatre production major, said. "I mean, here you have the President, how much higher can you get? We should have done what he asked because he's the leader of the free world, and he's the highest-ranking official. We should have all been better informed, and teachers should have at least said, 'hey, here's what's going on.'"

Some of VSU's staff was also disturbed and upset at the fact VSU did not take part in the noontime remembrance.

"It wasn't observed," Judy Griffin, senior secretary in the English department, said. "We



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Amos Batts, freshman AS200, relaxes in his chair as he gives blood in the ROTC sponsored drive on Wednesday.

At 3:30 p.m., approximately 30-40 people were still waiting to give blood. A volunteer advised those waiting that preliminary forms must be signed by 4 p.m. or they would not be allowed to donate, according to Red Cross procedure.

Although many donors were not first-timers, there were a few new faces in the crowd. Justin Monday, a freshman music performance major, was among them.

"I'm feeling kinda nervous,

thinking about the needle," Monday said. "But there's people that need my blood more than I do."

Monday heard about the blood drive by word of mouth.

One experienced donor, Jay Hodgkins, a senior management major, said he was donating because he wanted to help victims in New York as well.

"Members of my fraternity [Sigma Nu] are coming out and donating as part of their community service hours," he said.



A nurse gets ready to return to students willing to give blood. The drive ended at 4 p.m. with students still asking if they could donate. The drive raised 107 pints of blood.

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VSU does not acknowledge National Day of Prayer

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

were'n't looking for a way to get out of work or class, but the administration should have at least asked for a two to three minute moment of silence. Even if a teacher didn't want to do it and a student did, the student should have been allowed to step outside."

Griffin said it did not have to be a major event. Employees could have gone to a central location in their building and had a moment of silence.

"Even other countries stopped to remember (the attack victims)," Griffin said.

Dr. Levy said, "We did this to allow students to select meaningful observances. It also gave media access to faculty and students, a way to share their emotions and feelings, and allowed them to channel (those feelings) in a constructive way."

"We were proud of the students for holding the vigil." We would much rather them hold

the vigil then us impose a moment of silence."

Dr. Levy stressed that the remembrance Friday would have been simply a moment.

Midge Martin, senior secretary in the biology department, was also disappointed in VSU's decision not to hold a campus-wide moment of silence.

VSU held a candlelight vigil Sept. 13, and Dr. Levy said another is to be held today on the front lawn of West Hall at 8:30 p.m.

If students missed class because they were attending a remembrance service, Dr. Levy said, it was on an individual teacher's basis as to whether the

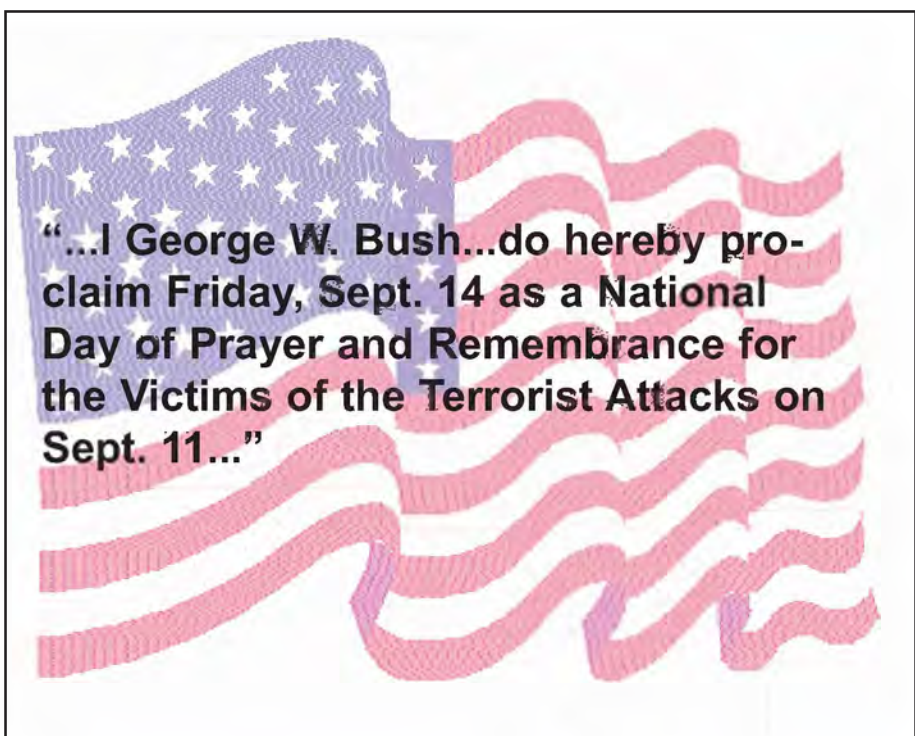
tragedy then on Sept. 11 in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Dr. Levy said VSU's heart goes out to victims' families and workers, and VSU grieves for them.

There were some comments about VSU continuing to play the football game Saturday, according to Dr. Levy. "We don't want situations that can have different decisions," Dr. Levy said. "I think we made the right decision to continue with class, activities and work. All in all, we had a positive reaction, even though there were some questions as to how it would be done. I think there was ample recognition at the game."

"We cannot let terrorists control our agenda," Dr. Levy said. "We learn from it, but do not let the tragedy get in the way of our goals as a learning community."

Dr. Levy feels the blood drives and vigils were very successful, and he encourages people to take part in these. Plus there are numerous other remembrance activities planned by students and faculty. "This allows us to come together as a learning community not as a bureaucracy."

Griffin said, "The President of the United States asked us to do this. This is a state government institution, and federal money goes to this school. All they had to do was put something out to the faculty."



"If [President Bailey's] office had asked it, it might have been more on our minds," Martin said. "I know we all have the right to do what we want to, but we should have been reminded. If someone from administration had asked to observe, the rights of our students should be observed."

absence would be excused.

"Most people will observe the absence because they recognize the student will need to deal with the tragedy in a unique way," Dr. Levy said.

According to Dr. Levy, Dr. Bailey said in an email that VSU finds this a horrific event. He can't think of a worse

Memorial vigil held at flag pole

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Wednesday morning, about 250 students gathered around the flagpole in front of West Hall to offer prayer and praises for VSU's students and faculty, our community, our state and our nation.

"C.U. @ the Pole" began at 7 a.m. with a song of praise and worship. Prayers by representatives from some of the sponsoring organizations followed the song.

After some of the prayers, a compilation of encouraging phrases from President Bush interwoven with patriotic songs was played as a motivational homage to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks and the Pennsylvania plane crash.

More sponsoring representative prayers and songs of praise and worship followed the montage.

Students were encouraged to split into small groups and pray aloud for VSU, Valdosta, Georgia and America. Prayers were offered for families of attack victims, teachers at VSU, President Bush and any other aspects that affect VSU's community.

"I think it's important that brothers and sisters in Christ get together to pray for things we have in common like our country and our campus," Kimberly Johnson, a junior Spanish education major, said.

Sponsors for C.U. @ the Pole included the Methodist Student Center, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, VSU cheerleaders, Student Athletic Training Association, Newman Catholic Center, Team Jesus Ministries, Campus Outreach, Kappa Delta sorority, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Presbyterian Student Center, Christian Student Center, Baptist Student Union, Air Force ROTC, and Model United Nations.

CORRECTIONS:

Last week's issue included several incorrect statements in the story about S.A.V.E.'s Living Wage Campaign:

1. The United Food and Commercial Workers union local 1996 were the group who spoke at the Living Wage event.
2. The majority of student assistants can make only \$5.15 an hour.
3. The National Living Wage movement's focus is on raising poverty level wages to a living wage as well as improving working conditions.

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Web Watch

Each week, the Spectator features a website that will benefit our readers.

The US will be dealing with last week's tragedy for a long time to come. There are still ways for you to get involved. Dailynews.yahoo.com/fc/US/Emergency_Information

lists phone numbers and emergency contact information for those looking for loved ones and those looking to help.

VSU's community response has so far included

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vigils, blood drives, prayer meetings and much more.

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POLICE BEAT

September 16

Jamaal Marquis Quezergue, 18, of 810 Woodlawn Apt. A, was arrested at Langdale Circle at 5:10 p.m. for violating a VSU criminal trespass citation. He is not a VSU student.

September 17

Someone took a student's purse from the Education Center 267 between 10:30-10:35 a.m. The purse contained her student ID and no cash. A crime victim's bill of rights was issued.

September 18

Markus D. Bennett, 24, of 1412 Green Ave., Douglas, Ga., was arrested at Slater and Moore Street at 11:41 p.m. for driving with a suspended/revoked license. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is not a VSU student.

Today

ATTENTION VSU: Another e-mail virus is circulating via e-mail attachments. The virus has severely affected some computers.

The prescribed action against TROJ_NIMBDA.A is opening attachments cautiously and obtaining the latest update, 942, from Trend Antivirus.

For more information, visit www.antivirus.com/vinfo/virus/encyclo/default5.asp?VName=TROJ_NIMBDA.A.

Natural High is hosting bingo from 9-11 p.m. in the auditorium at Powell Hall West.

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

The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority is collecting aluminum and plastic from now until Oct. 13. Please put recyclable items in boxes placed throughout campus.

Hear audio clips of last Thursday's student vigil: www.valdosta.edu/spectator/

Friday

Honors Student Association is hosting a movie night for members at 7 p.m. at the Honors House.

Movie is to be announced. Bring your own food. Only popcorn and drinks will be provided.

For more information, e-mail Lauren Braun, HSA president, at beotcha@hotmail.com.

Interfaith Alliance's organizational meeting takes place at noon at the University Center 1149. Everyone is invited to attend. A pizza lunch will be provided.

For more information, e-mail Rick Asbell at rune7@bell-south.net.

Monday

The Public Relations Student Society of America meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Fine Arts building 236. All majors are welcome to attend.

For more information, e-mail Jennifer Hiers at southern-girl99@hotmail.com.

Tuesday

Cinema International presents "Yeelen," an African film, at 7 p.m. in the University Center theatre.

Dr. Matthew Richard, of the Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice department, hosts.

For more information, e-mail M.L. Williams at mlwillia@valdosta.edu.

Wednesday

The Sigma Gamma Rho sorority invites all ladies to its informational social at 8 p.m. in the University Center theatre. Dress in business attire.

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

Sept. 25

Campus Activities Board is hosting a craft workshop at 7 p.m. in the Camellia Room at the University Union.

Lost it? Look for it

Lost and Found

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

1. cell phone
2. men's watch
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Weekend

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Today


 UV Index: 7 high
 Hi: 86
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Friday


 UV Index: 8 high
 Hi: 88
 Low: 64

Saturday


 UV Index: 7 high
 Hi: 86
 Low: 66

Sunday


 UV Index: 7 high
 Hi: 85
 Low: 67


Nathan White/The

Due to lack of space in both Oak Street Lot and Sustella Lot, students are having to park along the sides of Sustella Ave. This is a potential danger due to the fact that when coming out of Sustella Lot, drivers are having trouble seeing oncoming cars.

Parking creates hazard

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 Staff Writer

The parking shortage on campus left students looking for additional spaces near the University. People are parking along Sustella Avenue, creating a visibility problem for those leaving the Oak and particularly the Sustella parking lots. Drivers leaving these lots cannot see oncoming traffic. There are no signs prohibiting parking along the street.

"If we have people come in here complaining about parking, we direct them to the Sustella lot," Lori McLeod, student assistant at parking and transportation, said. "A lot of people have never heard of it."

The Sustella lot is located behind the Campus Recreation Center construction site.

The department of parking and transportation on campus has been unaware of any problems, and no complaints have been issued.

"We have no jurisdiction there," Anthony Bryant, assistant director of parking and transportation said.

The speed limit on Sustella is 30 mph, but cars have been seen driving too fast on this road, according to Nick Ekblaw, a sophomore parking patroller.

Rebecca Brogdon, freshman LAS major, frequently parks in the Sustella lot.

"It's very hard to see cars coming," Brogdon said. "You have to be really careful and ease out very slowly. There should be 'No Parking' signs next to where you pull out [of the Sustella lot]."

Vonn Shipman, city engineer, plans to have the situation looked into by the end of the week.

"We have personnel to paint curbs," Shipman said. "We have counters that measure volume of vehicles and speed. We will make sure that it is properly marked."

Yellow curbs are sufficient to prohibit parking, according to Shipman. "No Parking" signs are simply an added feature.

The yellow curbs extend approximately one car's length on either side of both parking lots' entrances and exits.

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Writing Center offers Regents' Test help

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 Staff Writer

Sharpened pencils, enhanced vocabulary and plenty of rest are only a few things students do to prepare for the Regents' Test.

The Regents' Test examines students' literary competence. The purpose of the test is to measure the minimum skills of reading and writing.

Registration for the Regents' Test usually occurs before an accumulation of 45 semester hours.

"It is better to take the Regents' right after the completion of English 1101 or 1102. Your skills are still fresh and are beneficial," Bobbie Warren, English instructor, said.

The deadline to register for the Regents' Test or make any changes was Sept. 14. Registration for the next Regents' Test is at registration for spring semester.

A completion of a remedial writing course, RGTE 0199, and remedial reading course, RGTE 0198, is required if there is a failure in a portion of the test and a failure to take the test before 45 hours have been accredited.

The remedial writing course

4, 6-8p.m. For more information or to sign up for the sessions, contact the Writing Center, located in West Hall.

In addition to prep-sessions, The Writing Center is open to students seven days a week, to provide any additional aid.

"The writing center is very

helpful. The aids give you one-on-one tutoring which makes it easier to understand your mistakes," Antonio Adams, sophomore,

more computer science major, said.

Appointments are necessary in order to provide useful assistance in writing areas, but help is always at hand.

"I advise anyone who is struggling in preparing for the Regent's to get help from the Writing Center," Adams said. "I know that I will."

Tameika Carson is a Spectator Reporter and can be reached at tn Carson@valdosta.edu

I try to teach my students the importance of brainstorming, prewriting and clustering...it's less stressfull to have your thoughts organized.

-Bobbie Warren, English instructor

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SGA swears in new senators

Blenda Link
Staff Writer

Swearing in new senators, voting in a new president pro tempore, discussing consortium students' voices and a lighting policy were SGA's main meeting topics last Tuesday.

At the beginning of the meeting, Ryan Patch, of the judicial board, swore in the newly elected senators into office. According to roll call, 28 of the 32 elected senators were present.

According to her report, Sen. Brooke Dominy, SGA secretary, said 32 senatorial seats were currently filled and 28 seats remain open: seven freshman, two senior, five graduate, seven on-campus

and seven off-campus housing representatives.

Nominations were taken from elected senators to fill open senatorial seats. Sen. Ashley Collier requested a clarification of the number of nominations made. Now that nominations have been made, two freshman seats, four on-campus and two off-campus are still open to nomination. For clarification purposes, Dominy said no sophomore or junior seats are open.

Other major business discussed revolved around consortium students' right to have a voice on campus. Sen. Jimmy Field, of the freshman class, informed SGA that consortium students are not allowed an SGA vote and are not being represented in SGA.

According to Field, consortium students are Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College students who have signed an agreement with VSU to attend classes here. Field said consortium students pay the same fees (i.e. housing, health, technology, etc.) VSU students pay with the exception of VSU tuition. Because of this, they desire a voice at SGA meetings.

"I know at this past election, a lot of them [consortium students] cared about SGA, but couldn't vote," Dominy said. Most senators agreed consortium students should have a voice. To change the situation, Nicholas Overstreet, SGA president, recommended Fields advise concerned students to form a representative caucus to voice opinions at meetings

and/or seek a bill that to give consortium students voting rights.

Besides consortium students, SGA discussed a lighting policy drafted by the VSU Environmental Issues Committee, a faculty senate standing committee.

The policy outlines several proposals for lighting changes on campus. The policy addresses the following concerns: "ensur[ing] nighttime safety and security...", "avoid[ing]...hazards to motorists and pedestrians...", "minimiz[ing]...light trespass and illumination of...night sky," "...conserv[ing] energy..." "...minimiz[ing] adverse effects of artificial...illumination on nocturnal animals" and

"...restor[ing] and preserv[ing] a suitable level of night-sky darkness to ensure adequate visibility of celestial objects from the VSU observatory."

SGA discussed several clauses of the policy at length. Overstreet said he will present the views discussed at the next faculty senate meeting.

Among other business, Bobby Ficklin, incumbent president pro tempore, was re-elected by a unanimous senatorial vote to serve another term. Electing a parliamentarian was discussed but not voted upon. Jaime Martinez was defeated by a majority opposition vote

(20:8) for senate president position. Incumbent vice president Cody Guined resumes the position. Sen. Jennifer Lanier asked that the number of votes be checked in accordance with the number of senators present. Dominy said the numbers were correct.

Overstreet encouraged SGA in his presidential report to continue community service with Community Partners in Education, a mentoring program for elementary students.

Class continues during holy days

Mary Dabbs
Staff Writer

When is a holiday for one a holiday for all?

At VSU holidays that class is cancelled for are civil holidays such as Thanksgiving and Memorial Day. Classes do occur during holy days such as Rosh Hashanah and Ash Wednesday, but it is possible to get excused from class for religious reasons.

The Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Statement in the VSU handbook prohibits discrimination based on religion.

Dr. Louis Levy, acting vice president for Academic Affairs, advises students who will miss class for holy days to be proactive and talk to their professors at the beginning of the semester. He goes on to suggest

that if one of the planned absences falls on an important class event that cannot be made up, such as a guest lecture or demonstration, students may wish to sign up for another section of that class to get the full value of the course.

"We try to handle these things as a learning community," Dr. Levy said. "Students and faculty need to work together."

If a disagreement arises between a student and faculty member over missed grades the student may appeal. The appeal may go through the professor's department head, the dean, the vice president for Academic Affairs and the VSU president. According to Dr. Levy few grade appeals are made in a semester.

Some upcoming fall holy days are:

Yom Kippur (Sept. 27) This is the "Sabbath of Sabbaths" in the Jewish faith. It is a day for atonement and seeking G-d's forgiveness. More information can be found on Yom Kippur at www.everythingjewish.com.

Ramadan (Nov.16-Dec.14) The ninth month of the Islamic calendar is a special time for many Muslims. It is a time when all who are physically able fast from dawn to sunset for spiritual strengthening. It is also a time to do good deeds, practice charity and to purify one's behavior. The 27th night of Ramadan is called the Night of Power (Lailat ul-Qadr) which is the night God revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet. Many Muslims spend the entire night in prayer. More information on Ramadan can be found on Ramadan at www.submission.org.

Navratri or Dusserah (Oct. 17-25) Navratri is celebrated on the 11th lunar month called Ashvin. Ashvin begins some time from late October to early November. Navratri lasts for nine days and celebrates many aspects of the Goddess. More information on Navratri can be found at www.religioustolerance.org.



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Give us one moment in time

A moment.
That's all it took to change our lives forever.
And all we asked to remember those we cannot forget.
But that was apparently a moment too long for VSU's administration.
President Bush declared Friday a day of prayer and remembrance. But at VSU, Friday was business as usual. VSU felt students should mourn on their own time.
The administration wanted to leave the how-to of memorializing to the students, for them to design. That way, it seems, we would find more meaning in it.
By Friday, a vigil was being planned for this week. Faculty, staff and students were involved in a "grass-roots" approach to dealing with our national and community loss. They were going about finding their own meaning.

But President Bush's idea was to find a way for the entire country to mourn together, on the same day at a specific time. And the students, faculty and staff of this institution don't have the tools to put a program of that size together in that time.

The only group on campus with that kind of pull and infrastructure is the administration.

And it wouldn't have taken that much out of any of their lives, either.

The bells atop the University center—you know, the ones people complained about because they were too loud—would have been a perfect vehicle for a siren followed by an announcement of two minutes of silence at noon.

It would not have taken too much energy or planning. It wouldn't have caused too much time to be lost from academic pursuits. Our entire community could have taken the time to mourn our loss and gone right back to the lesson at hand.

By taking a moment to pull this university together, the administration could have showed it cares about us, about our community, about our nation. Leading this community is, after all, the administration's job.

We needed to spend a moment remembering the moment that changed us, this nation, perhaps even the world.

Because that's all it takes to change lives.

Only a moment.

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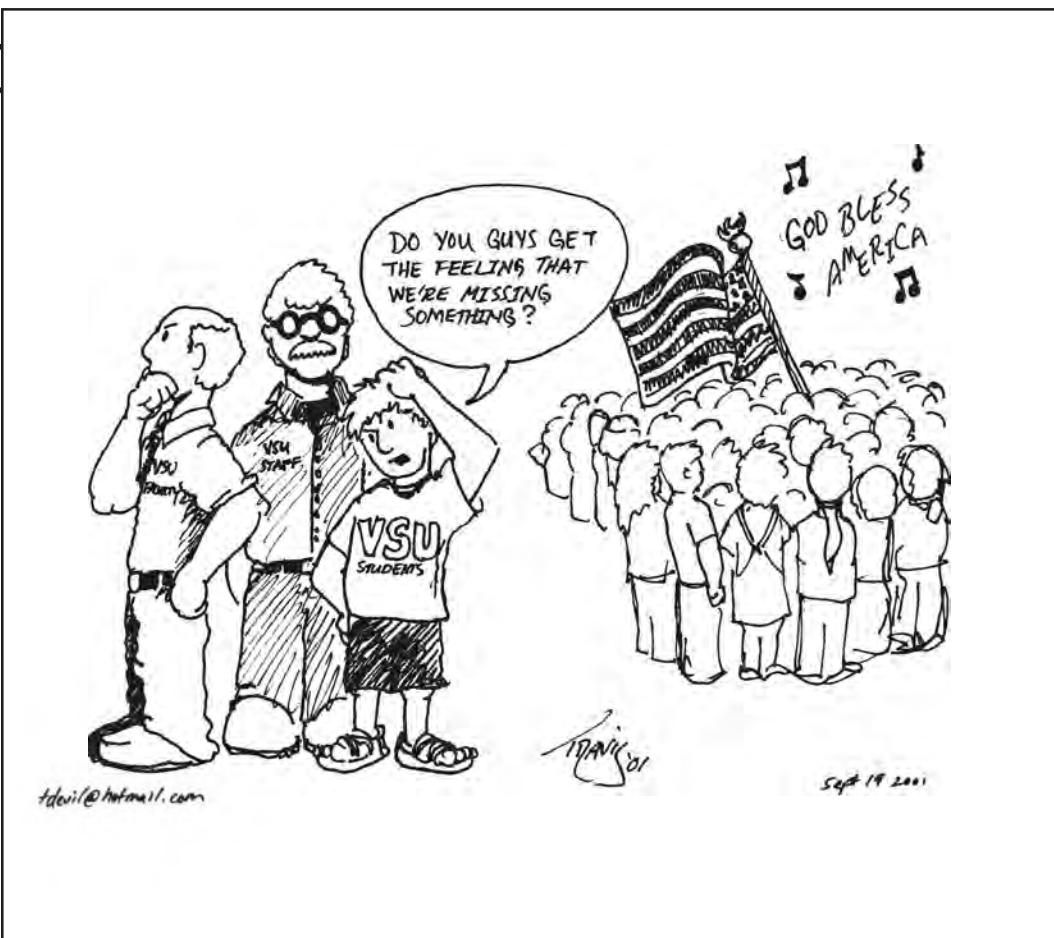
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NFL, you done good

The National Football League did the right thing this time around.

Nearly 38 years after the NFL played its games two days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the league learned from its previous mistake and decided that last week-end's games should not be played. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue made the announcement to call off the league's games one week ago, deciding not to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, Pete Rozelle. Rozelle was the head of the NFL in November of 1963 when JFK was shot and killed. One day later, he decided to continue with scheduled games despite the tragedy. Rozelle would later say that decision was the most regrettable one he made as commissioner.

Tagliabue consulted with many of the players as well as NFL Players Association Executive Director Gene Upshaw, a former player with



Matt Stewart

the Oakland Raiders and an inductee in the NFL's Hall-of-Fame. Upshaw allowed each team representative to vote on the issue. The player reps returned with a vote of 28-0 in favor of foregoing week two in the NFL.

In reality, the original vote was not a unanimous one, but a close 17-11 vote not to play. It was then later decided that all should agree to make it appear as if it was a united decision by the players.

I know there were many fans that would have liked to see sporting events this past week-end, myself included. It would

have been nice to watch some ballgames and maybe get our minds off the horrible attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. But that's something you can't forget, and probably never will.

The entire New York Giants team lined up just blocks from where the Trade Center's twin towers once stood and helped provide water and supplies for local firemen. The Indianapolis Colts invited fans to come to the stadium on Sunday and donate money to the Red Cross. The Atlanta Falcons held an exhibition game to raise money to aid in the search for possible survivors. The list goes on.

Let's all follow the lead of the NFL and unite in an effort to show that these cowardly terrorists' attempts to cripple this nation have done nothing to ruin the spirit of the game and life.

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Mailbox

Student requests space

Dear Editor:

I am currently a sophomore here and have been very happy in my 1+ years here. I have had good experience with most all the faculty and enjoyed meeting many new people throughout the campus. However, upon going to class on August 20, I was amazed at all the vehicles in the Oak Street parking lot. I figured this was nothing new because last year, I lived on campus in Lowndes Hall and didn't get to see the parking situation day in and day out. This year, I am living off-campus so I must

fight the traffic to get a parking spot. I was reading in the Spectator where attendance had increased 10% this year. That's all well and good, but where are these people going to park? I'm guessing there are about 3,000 parking spaces scattered throughout campus that are for students. There are over 9,000 students attending VSU. It doesn't take sitting in a college algebra class to figure out that there are roughly 6,000 more students than spaces. Granted, those 9,000 students all go to class at different times, but you still have a major problem. It's not like a parking lot is a mausoleum, where we can just "stack" or in this case, park on top of each other.

Now, I'm not one to complain and I know that the folks at the Parking and

Transportation department are doing their best. I also know that this is probably a problem that all campuses are having, which may be a good sign because it shows more kids are going to college. But parking is getting out of hand, especially with new students rapidly coming in. Here is what I suggest and my roommates and I have discussed it. Build a parking garage. It can be done over the summer. And don't say you don't have the money. We are in the process of spending \$11 million on the expansion of the library. But for arguments sake, let's say you don't have the money. Just dig deep into your pockets and get that \$50.00 per student that you get each year for a

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Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.

Gossip, anger sign of trouble

Editorial Note:

Last week, The Spectator published a call for calm. The editorial board sought to ensure that we all keep from letting our own anger get in the way of our better judgment. We recognized anger as part of the natural response to this kind of unprecedented, unimaginable horror in our midst. We worried that anger might stand in the way of reason.

I wrote that editorial. We had discussed as well, whether my writing that editorial would be appropriate. It seems that my having been born in Israel leaves some people on this campus questioning my fitness to speak as an American. I feel I must defend the editorial board's decision in this case.

I am an American. I was born a citizen of this country, even though I was not born on American soil.

I grew up here and have lived in America longer than I have in Israel.

I come from a military family.

I attended the United States Naval Academy, and though I resigned my commission, I did serve this country. My security clearance was approved as all other midshipmen's. I believe that points to my loyalty to this country far more reliably than hallway scuttlebutt ever could.

I have ancestors who came to the US when it was just a fledgling country.

But these facts about my origins are unimportant.

What is important is that I AM an American, and that even if I were not, I would support this country through this great tragedy. Terrorism is a horrifying experience regardless of where it happens or whom it happens to.

I know there is already backlash on this campus, because I have already experienced it. And if I have, I'm certain others have as well.

But we must hold on to our knowledge that people are not guilty because they are from the Middle East or because they are Muslims and a Muslim is currently suspected.

To make such assumptions is to perpetuate the hatred that caused this great tragedy. And to do that would be a crime.

The editorial board decided I would write the editorial. Had we done otherwise, we decided, we would have had to equally rule out all other members of the editorial board because they too are Americans. Because they too have knowledge of this horror, just as you do.

The Spectator remains first and foremost a paper run by students for the students. We count all of the VSU community in that definition.

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How do you think VSu should have observed Friday's day of remembrance?



"Classes should have been canceled just like the rest of Georgia. What more can you do?"

Mike Tappan
Senior
Telecommunications



"I think classes should have been postponed or there should have been some observance during class"

Cora Flowers
Freshman
Psychology



"Should have canceled all classes and the football game"

Amber Campbell
Freshman
Undecided



"I think it was fine that nothing was done"

Shafeqah
Freshman
Undecided



"If VSU had known more about it, something would have been done. We need to stay more in tune."

Jimmy Fields
SGA Senator



"If the majority of the nation canceled things, then we should have too."

Zach Stewart
Freshman
Business Administration

Ignorance in the face of adversity

America has become a community. Not since World War II have Americans decided to take the time out to embrace their neighbors. Americans have chosen to face this crisis together, as a nation, as a family. I was



Brandon Scott

Instead, I told her the country is in turmoil, and she has the nerve to complain about an accident that didn't happen. Her intelligence, maturity and ignorance all were summed up in her next statement

that, "I'm in Valdosta, and I'm safe, so I don't care."

Ignorance runs rampant in this nation. I've lived in the South three years, and I've heard the word "nigger" used in ignorance three times too many. Another problem I have faced is interracial dating. God forbid I have feelings for a Caucasian female. It's taboo, and according to a Caucasian female friend of mine, "It's just wrong, I don't know why, it just is." I appreciate being told that I cannot have a relationship beyond friendship because the amount of melanin in my skin is different from another human... "I don't have a problem with other races, I just don't feel comfortable..." - fill in the blanks. I don't care what reason you have for being prejudice, you are wrong. As students in college we owe it to ourselves to evaluate every single belief we have, dissect them and come up with a value system that we can truly call our own. Ignorance is inexcusable and it's a battle that will be waged our entire lives. It is every individual's responsibility to combat ignorance. It starts with you.

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Parking

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parking permit. I'm not sure how many students have parking permits this year, but VSU racked in some dough. I'm guessing they rack in around

Mailbox Continued

\$300,000 annually (6,000 students with permits x \$50). They probably have that money sitting in a bank gaining interest every day. Also, consider the parking tickets that are racked up each and every day. One of my roommates got his truck towed and another got a ticket

from the city of Valdosta. They had no other choice but to park in a "No -parking" zone because they had to get to class.

Something needs to be done, and something needs to soon. It's great more people are experiencing VSU. But we want them to experience the college,

and not be spending all their time paying off parking tickets and getting their vehicle back at the local towing service.

Brad Christian

What is 'American?'

Dear Editor:

My mother's father served the United States in WWII, my father's father served in Korea, and my own father is a Vietnam veteran. On his side I am related to a retired major league baseball player, and at family reunions we have fried chicken, creamed corn, and tater tots. I have more freckles than I can count. I consider myself completely American, but now I fear for my family's safety.

While I thought I was "all-American" my heritage on my mother's side is now decidedly un-American by some. We are of Middle Eastern descent. My grandfather is Lebanese. He was born in the United States, but both of his parents came from Lebanon. In WWII while my grandfather was defending this country, hundreds of people of Japanese decent were gathered and placed into detention centers after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Listening to the news I can barely go minutes without hearing another comparison of these two acts of horrific destruction, and on the internet a few of my fellow American people are asking for more similarity. This was pulled from a message board on affiliated with the company ViewAskew that just recently

put out the film *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*;

posted 09-12-2001 01:12 PM:

"I know I'm going to get s*** for this (and I think Larry will be the only one to agree) but in times of danger the Congress and the President can suspend our constitutional rights for National Security reasons. I think they should put all people of Middle Eastern descent into camps (like Japanese in WWII) until we can determine who is working for Bin Ladin. Give me s***, but I think that's what we should do."

So that includes me right? and my 82-year-old grandfather? Does she even know how many countries are considered Middle Eastern? Now if this had only been one post by some angry ignorant racist I would be fine, however she was agreed with by too many of the regular "non-racist open minded" posters. I do not believe that my grandfather should be placed into one of these camps because I really feel that any rational person would realize that an 82 year old veteran is not a threat to national security. For that matter I do not believe in this day and time we would place

people in detention camps based on their race. What DOES worry me is the announcements that public officials are making for Americans not to harm people of Middle Eastern descent. What DOES worry me is the thought of ignorant people that live around me would do harm to me if they knew my heritage. And what I am scared for more than anything is the safety of my very dark skinned Middle Eastern grandfather.

Everyone in the USA is originally from somewhere else, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Even most people considered Native American now have a mixed heritage, but my heritage makes me worried. I am scared of more terrorist actions. I am terrified of fighting a war on United States soil. I am terrified of losing loved ones to war. I thought this summer was the worst summer of my life after losing two young friends suddenly and tragically.. First a young man I grew up with, and then Chris Hill, a student I knew well here at VSU. But now on top of all of my other worries and sadness I am terrified of being an American with traceable lineage. All of my life I have felt lucky that I have only had to deal with the

prejudices associated with being a female, and not to endure racial prejudices as well, but now I am scared to just be me. I know this is a scary situation, but watch what you say and do during this stressful and horrible time. I might have not thought twice about had these attacks been of some other ethnic origin. Remember during this time of high stress the feelings of students here who may be of a different ethnic origin whether it's obvious that they are or not. Some of your fellow Americans have to worry about more than going to war and continued terrorism. Some of us worry about violence against us or our family in a country I once thought was invincible.

Anonymous

Editor's Note:

The Spectator does not normally print anonymous letters. However, the author of this letter feared for her safety and asked the editors to withhold her name.

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The Valdosta Playhouse, at 122 N. Ashley St., is hosting "Wait Until Dark" Oct. 25-28 and Nov. 1-4. For reservations or information, call 24-STAGE.

Valdosta theatre features murder mystery thriller

Adam Platto
Staff Writer

The Valdosta Playhouse, on 122 N. Ashley St., is currently working on "Wait Until Dark," a murder-mystery in which a blind woman's home is broken into by two thieves. The play has a touch of Alfred Hitchcock to it, the director of suspense films such as "Psycho" and "Birds" and is considered by some to have influenced the entire suspense film industry. Linda Stikkel, director, has decided that rehearsals will be Monday through Thursday starting next week. Auditions were held Sept. 9 and 10 and anyone interested had the opportunity to try out. Cast members include Ken Kinard, playing Mike Talman, Mike Glasscock playing Sgt. Carlino, Michael Brogdon

playing Harry Roat, Jr. Sam and Susy Hendrix will be played by John Fretti and Lenore Carpenter. The lead character of Gloria will be played by Amy Stoker and Monica Glasscock. All of the policemen are to be announced soon. Performances will be Oct. 25-28 and Nov. 1-4. The Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 showings include dinner theaters and will begin at 6:45 p.m. Regular performances will be at 8 p.m. To make reservations, call 24-STAGE. The Valdosta Playhouse will next work on the play "Crimes of the Heart." Adam Platto is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at mo_of_crazy@hotmail.com

Review

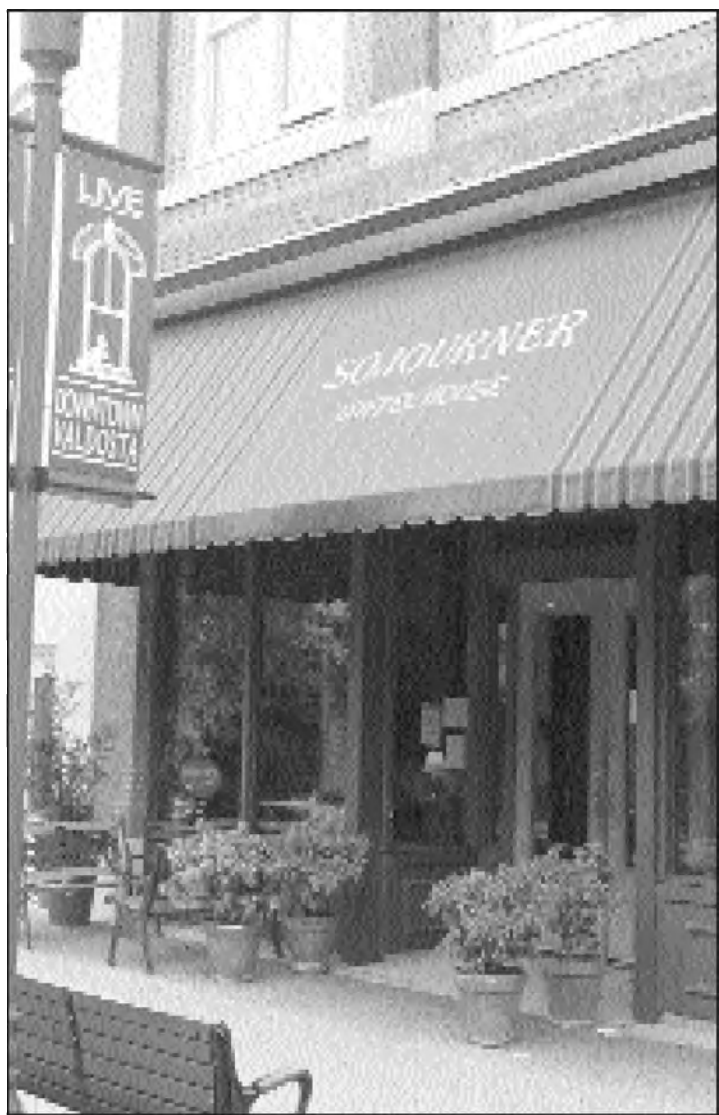
Local coffeehouse offers taste of Seattle

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

Coffee isn't the only thing brewing at Sojourner. Good music, a pleasant atmosphere, friendly staff and fabulous food are just a few of the good tastes I found in this coffee shop/sandwich cafe in historic downtown Valdosta. When dining at Sojourner, on 115 N. Patterson St., you can expect reasonable prices on the various sandwiches (which include pasta salad and a pickle), salads, soups and focaccia (hearty Italian bread with toppings). The cheesecake and other cakes were a bit pricey at \$3.65 a slice, but portions were generous. A drink and a meal for one person will typically cost \$5-\$7, which is reasonable because the food is excellent and prepared to order. If you dine in, a server will refill your drink as you eat, a service not received at the comparably priced fast-food restaurants or the Atlanta Bread Company. As you dine, mid-90s to modern-day alternative music pumps through the speakers set up around the restaurant. People of all ages enter to eat, surf the internet in the restaurant's upstairs cybercafe, study, sit down on the comfortable couches or simply get some



coffee. When I ate at Sojourner, I had the Focaccia #2, which comes with pesto, sun dried tomatoes, crushed red pepper and mozzarella cheese. It is served with marinara sauce and sweet tea. I thought the food was outstanding. The focaccia looked more like pizza than bread, and the combination of sun dried tomatoes and pesto made the dish pleasantly sweeter than I expected. I found the food light and satisfying. Sojourner is privately owned and operated by Jim Fath, who is originally from Seattle, Wash. He came to Valdosta in 1996 to open a coffee shop and opened Sojourner in January of 1997. "The name Sojourner means 'stranger in a strange land' or 'wanderer,'" said Fath. "I feel it represents me in the South." Fath enjoys the downtown area so much that he lives in an apartment above Sojourner. "It makes it easy for me as far as work goes," said Fath. Sojourner is open from 7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Mon.-Thu., 7 a.m.-midnight on Fri., 9 p.m.-midnight on Sat. and 7-10:30 p.m. on Sun. Lunch is served 11a.m.-2 p.m. Mon-Sat. and dinner is served from 6-8:30 p.m. on Fri. and Sat. night.



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Sojourner coffee house located on 115 N. Patterson St. is home to music, a variety of food and specialty coffee and teas. Sojourner currently has 12 employees, all of whom are VSU students. Jaime Peck is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at jaimepeck18@yahoo.com

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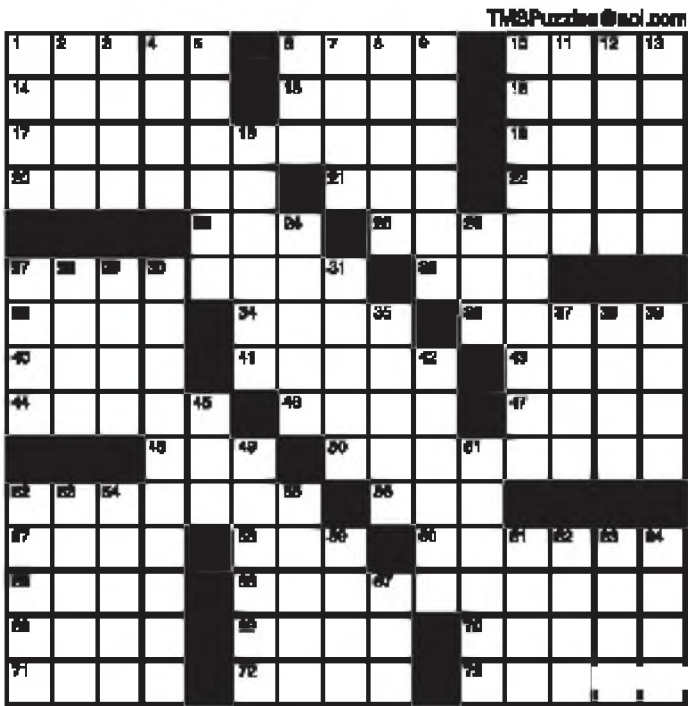
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Filim explores forbidden love

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Solomon and Gaenor is the beautifully tragic film of two young lovers caught in a cultural crossfire.

The film, written and directed by Paul Morrison, is set in 1911 in the Welsh valleys during the Tredegar riots. Solomon (Ioan Gruffudd) is an Orthodox Jew whose parents own a pawnshop and sell door-to-door linens. Gaenor (Nia Roberts), the daughter of devout Christians, lives in a nearby village and stays at home with her mother while her father and brother work in the mines.

During an afternoon of selling cotton, Solomon knocks on Gaenor's door, and the two are immediately attracted to one another. He hides his true identity from her, introducing himself as Sam Livingstone. Solomon is immediately smitten

with Gaenor and stays up all night making a beautiful cotton dress for her.

Solomon and Gaenor being seeing one another and fall deeply in love. They engage in secret meetings in Gaenor's old stable, where their heated rendezvous quickly result in Gaenor becoming pregnant.

The town learns of Gaenor's indiscretion when she is publicly humiliated at her local chapel. Her family is ashamed and plans to send her to the country to have the baby. Solomon is desperate to speak

with Gaenor, but her pride stops her from meeting him anymore.

One evening Gaenor decides to seek out Solomon at his home, and quickly learns the true nature of his heritage. She is devastated that he has lied to her, and Solomon tries to explain that his parents would never accept a Welsh girl, and would formally mourn his death if he married her.

Despite the cultural barrier between them, Solomon and Gaenor decide they want to be together. But their plans are drastically altered when members of Gaenor's family loot the pawnshop Solomon's parents own during the riots against the Jews. Gaenor is sent away, and Solomon decides he is willing to do any-



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thing to find her, including confronting those who hate him the most, and risking his life to get to her.

The film is wonderfully orchestrated from its beautiful scenery to unique cinematography. Solomon and Gaenor invoke an immediate passion in the viewer while their dissenting families inspire anger and dismay. It is spoken mostly in English, but contain subtitles for the indigenous Welsh and Yiddish languages used.

Solomon and Gaenor won a Silver Rose at the Verona Love Screens Film Festival, a Golden Dolphin Pestroia-Troia at the International Film Festival and was an Academy Award nominee in 1999 for Best Foreign Language film.

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Odum offers cyber treat

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

Odum Library has been offering cyberlunches for VSU's faculty.

"(Cyberlunches are) our version of a brown bag lunch for faculty," Susan Thomas, assistant professor reference librarian, said. "It's the one time we allow food in the building, and faculty can come sit down, enjoy their lunch and listen to the sessions."

Four sessions are offered for the fall semester. Sept. 12 kicked off the series with "Spotlight on New Electronic Resources." This session discussed the new resources in Odum Library, such as Galileo and JSTOR.

More sessions are to follow. The Oct. 16 session is "Plagiarism and the Internet."

This provides aid to teachers in determining a plagiarized paper from the Internet. There will also be information on sites teachers can run papers through that will check to see if the paper has been plagiarized.

Oct. 25 offers "Fee-based Web Services vs. What's Already Available @ Your Library."

"Although there are sites out there like AOL that are heavily marketed, this will teach faculty that the same information, if not more, is readily available at our library," Thomas said. "Plus, it's already paid for out of resource fees."

Finally, Nov. 7 the session will be "Evaluating Web Sites." This will provide information on dealing with private, public and invisible web sites.

All meetings are held from 12-1 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of Odum

Library.

The turnout has not been as good as Thomas hoped, but she said that attendance will pick up soon. The meeting room holds 60 people, so Thomas asks that faculty email or call to make a reservation before attending. Reservations can be planned by contact at 245-3749/sascheul@valdosta.edu (Steven Shuler) or 245-3744/sethomas@valdosta.edu (Susan Thomas).

"Some people are interested in some (sessions) and not others, plus sometimes there are time/scheduling conflicts," Thomas said. "It's just a matter of picking times and dates. We might possibly (repeat) some just on different days."

The first cyberlunch offered was in June 2000 on search

engines. The session addressed new electronic resources, and there was much positive feedback, according to Thomas.

"We hope to offer these each semester and get more involvement," Thomas said. "We are also trying to do something similar for the students." Although it may not be brown bag, the library is thinking of ways to get students involved and maybe provide some sessions and outreach to students in dorms."

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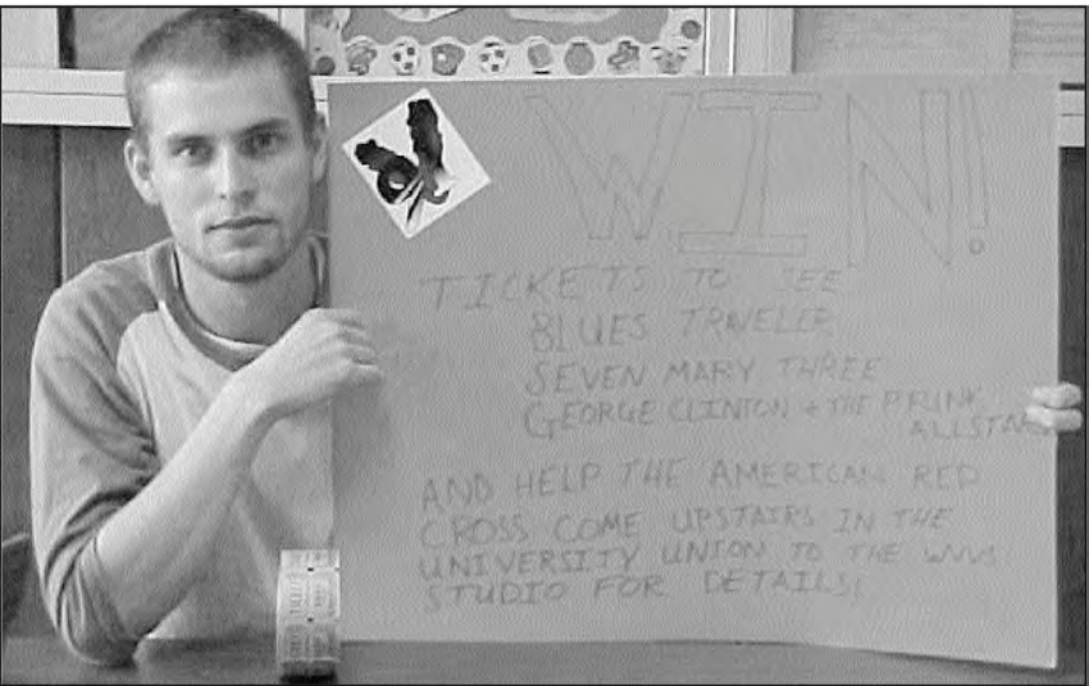
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Adam Rondeau, a senior mass media major, supervises the raffle Wednesday for Florida Music Harvest tickets. Proceeds from this raffle are going to the Red Cross relief efforts.

WVVS hosts a raffle for WTC relief

Jason James
Staff Writer

VSU's 90.9, WVVS held a raffle by the main entrance to the University Union on Wednesday for tickets to the Florida Music Harvest and the Harvest Festival with the proceeds funneling to the American Red Cross relief effort. The raffle tickets were on sale from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for \$2. By the end of the raffle, the station raised \$50, which staffers hope will be matched by local businesses. The tickets to both festivals were promotional allotments from Gama Productions and T-Dawg's Productions for WVVS and are valued at \$130 for both three-day passes.

The first festival, the Florida Music Harvest, is on Fri.-Sun. and features such artists as Blues Traveler, Medeski, Martin and Wood, Galactic,

The Wailers and Ratdog among over 100 others. The Harvest Festival is the following week-end, Sept. 28-30, and features the talents of Leftover Salmon, the funky meters, and Valdosta regulars Ancient Harmony and Col. Bruce Hampton and the Code Talkers.

The last minute effort, which began only an hour before the raffle started, was the radio stations contribution to helping the country cope with last week's terrorist attack.

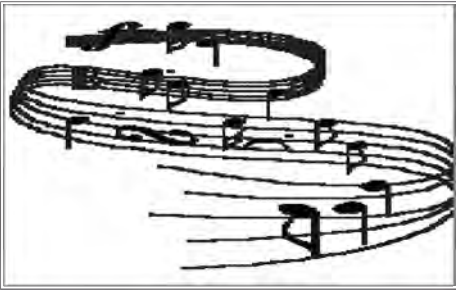
"We, as station, feel that what we are doing is what a lot of other stations from radio to T.V. and organizations need to be doing in light of what has happened to the country," Adam Rondeau, a senior mass media major, said.

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The sound of music in Switzerland

Amy Terrell
Staff Writer

Music can take you places. VSU students Holly Fowler and Bradley Pirkle were among 45 musicians selected from 5 continents to perform with the



International Youth Wind Orchestra in Luzern, Switzerland July 8-14. Dr. Joe Brashier, VSU band director, also attended the conference.

People all over the world ages 18-25 submitted taped auditions that were judged by a panel of European conductors. The World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles sponsors the bi-annual program. While in Luzern, the two students stayed the barracks of a Swiss Army Compound. The conference host is the conductor of the Swiss Army Band and was able to make these arrange-

ments so the students could get to know each other.

"The Luzern Concert Hall was almost brand new and it was a fabulous facility," Dr. Brashier, band director said.

There were concerts by 15 other bands at the conference.

The highlight

of the conference concert was the U.S. Marine band," Dr. Brashier said. "They actually gave two sold out concerts and were very well received."

The students rehearsed daily and had time built into their schedules for sightseeing. Dr. Brashier participated in a symposium on new wind music and attended various other clinics and workshops while at the conference.

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Blazers buck Muleriders 41-14

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

Central Arkansas can score points, and lots of them.
No wonder the VSU Blazer coaching staff is worried about Saturday's match-up with the No. 23 ranked Bears in Conway, Ark., at 7 p.m. (EST) after easily handling Southern Arkansas last Saturday, 41-14, at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in the Gulf South Conference opener.
In fact, Central Arkansas (3-0, 1-0) scored 65 and 68 points in its first two contests, and after last week's hop and a skip



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Blazer running back Aaron Jenkins finds a seam in the Muleriders' defense Saturday night on Cleveland Field.

Nathan White / The Spectator

through the park at Ouachita Baptist, 28-7, the Bears have matched their win total from last year. UCA heads into this week's game looking nothing like a team that was predicted to finish eighth in the conference during the pre-season. "I don't think I'm going to get much sleep this week," VSU Defensive Secondary

Coach Danny O'Rourke said, concerned about stopping the Bear's dangerous spread offense. The match-up has ridiculous storylines: This week's game pits all of the GSC Players of the Week against each other in one game. VSU quarterback Dusty Bonner and UCA quarterback Brian Stallworth, a

graduate transfer from Division I Louisiana Tech, were Co-Offensive Players of the Week. UCA corner Ulysses Allen, also a LTU transfer, was named Defensive Player of the Week, while VSU kick return specialist Reggie Mosley received Special Teams Player of the Week honors. UCA is in its second season

running the West Coast offense and incumbent quarterback Andy Rogers could return this week, after missing seven of the last eight quarters with a concussion suffered in week two. A two-quarterback system that will utilize the strengths of both quarterbacks is possible, although VSU Head Coach Chris Hatcher expects

Stallworth to be the starter. A noisy home crowd of 8,349 in the state's only football game on Saturday greeted Southern Arkansas last weekend to Bazemore-Hyder Stadium. "Our president told us to move on, and tonight [Saturday], that's what we did," Hatcher said. "The guys all wanted to play and show the community that we're going to get past all this [tragedy]." Defeating Southern Arkansas last weekend wasn't nearly as dramatic, or as taxing as last year's in-the-fourth-quarter-down-by-six-need-a-touch-down-and-a-PAT-to-win-on-the-road win. This year, Southern Arkansas' wishbone offense ran into a we're-down-34-14-and-boy-does-a-fourth-quarter-comeback-NOT-seem-likely road loss.

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VSU football home games a hot ticket

Chris Ober
Staff Writer

Valdosta State, ranked No. 1 in Division II by Sports Illustrated and hosting in-state rival Albany State, expected a large crowd for the season opener on Aug. 25 and got it. Attendance topped 11,400, prompting the fire marshal to shut the gates to Bazemore-Hyder stadium because of over-

crowding in the stands. The game against Albany St. turned out a phenomenal fan backing. Bill England, director of the Athletic Development, said nearly 8,000 tickets were sold for the event. Students made up the rest of the crowd. Albany St. sold about a 1,000 tickets on its campus. For the Southern Arkansas ga last weekend, about 4,200 tickets were sold. The game against Albany St. was the first sell-out in VSU

history. A large part of the crowd came from the nearly 1,600 season passes sold before the season. England said season ticket holders get reserved seats in the C and D sections of the stadium.

Season tickets were \$50 for the general public and \$40 for faculty and staff. Season tickets for the remaining four games are \$32 and \$24, according to seat preference. One problem VSU has to

contend with is the inability to use the west end zone bleachers, which engineers deemed unsafe. "The only possibility of having a large crowd like we did at the Albany State game would be if the team were to go to NCAA playoffs and were to host a game," England said. "If that happens, VSU would print the exact number of tickets the stadium could accommodate. Students would have to buy the tickets as well as the general

public because the game would be a NCAA event rather than a VSU event." Herb Reinhard, athletic director for VSU, said a feasibility study is underway to determine whether VSU needs a new stadium. According to Reinhard, a new stadium would be a combined football and soccer field. For ticket information, call 333-5903.

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Gulf South Conference Week in Review



Jason James
Staff Writer

No. 4 Valdosta State 41 Southern Arkansas 14

VSU (3-0, 1-0) has extended its winning streak of consecutive wins when coming off a bye week to seven games, thanks to a 41-14 victory over Southern Arkansas (0-2, 0-1).



VSU kick returner Reggie Mosley

Reggie Mosley exploded with an 89-yard touchdown run on the opening kick. Quarterback Dusty Bonner furthered his amazing season by completing 29-of-38 passes for 348 yards and five touchdowns. Bonner did this by hitting an outstanding 10 different receivers.

Running back Forrest Curry was SAU's lone highlight by rushing 13 times for 113 yards and a touchdown.

No.1 Delta State 47 West Alabama 7

Delta State (2-0, 1-0) conquered West Alabama (1-2, 0-1) with 33 points in the second half. With the win, the Statesmen extended their overall win streak to seven, their win streak over UWA to eight, and their home winning streak to nine.

DSU's offensive machine kept on rolling by amassing 547 yards (355 rushing 192 rushing). Fullback Rico McDonald headed the rushing game by carrying 26 times for

151 yards and two touchdowns. Backup quarterback Brian Bell helped out by rushing six times for 92 yards and scoring two touchdowns. Quarterback Josh Bright threw a 93-yard strike to

wide receiver James Grubbs for a touchdown, breaking a 48-year-old record.

The Statesmen's defense held UWA to only 98 yards and was led by linebacker Jamall Johnson, who collected nine tackles and recovered a fumble in the end zone.

No. 12 West Georgia 33 Henderson State 14

West Georgia (3-0, 1-0) extended its win streak over Henderson State (0-3, 0-1) after recovering the Reddies' five fumbles.

Tailback Nick Price contin-

ued his senior season by rushing 21 times for 175 yards and two touchdowns. Price's run in the fourth quarter moved him into a three way tie for tenth place on the all-time GSC touchdown list with 31 scores.

This was HSU's thirteenth consecutive loss, but they are continuing to show improvement. The Reddies recorded the most rushing yards against the Braves this year with 168.

No. 21 Arkansas Tech 25 Harding 13

Arkansas Tech (2-0, 1-0) is having its best start since 1990 thanks to its 12-point victory over Harding (0-2, 0-1). The triumph extends the Wonder Boys' winning streak to six.

After trailing 6-0, quarterback Josh Price got the team started with 25 unanswered points including two fourth down touchdown passes to Isaac Stroud and Willie Scott. Running back Travis Horn carried 25 rushes for 94 yards and

a touchdown. This was the ninth game in a row Horn has scored at least one touchdown.

The defense, led by defensive end Tommy Edwards with two sacks, held HU to only two field goals in four drives inside the red zone.

Quarterback Freddie Langston led the Bisons by completing 28-of-50 passes for 326 yards. Wide receiver Santiago Collins caught 11 passes for 148 yards.

No. 23 Central Arkansas 28 Ouachita Baptist 7

Central Arkansas (3-0, 1-0) Quarterback Brian Stallworth set a school record by gaining 487 total yards on

offense, the 451 yards in the air is a GSC season-high, in the Bear's victory over Ouachita Baptist (1-1, 0-1).

He completed this feat by passing for 29-of-44 and three touchdowns. The play-of-the-game was a 61-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Michael Norvell on second-and 41 in the fourth quarter.



Ouachita Baptist tailback Montoya Brown

The Bears' defense held OBU to only 87 yards in the second half, sacked their quarterbacks five times and had two interceptions.

OBU's highlights were Andrew Fellows, who caught a

six-yard pass on offense and recorded an interception on the defensive side, and freshman wide receiver Isaiah Hoofkin, who in his first collegiate start caught seven passes for 89 yards.

Arkansas-Monticello 41 Oklahoma Panhandle State 0

Arkansas-Monticello (2-1, 1-0) vanquished Oklahoma Panhandle State in the GSC's only non-conference game of the week.

Wide receiver Greg Lawson led the offense by pulling down three passes for 150 yards, including a touchdown pass from quarterback Casey Nonnette for 84 yards. Running back Corwin Elliott also helped out by collecting 20 carries for 114 yards and three touchdowns.

The defense correspondingly played hard by holding OPSU to only 94 yards and sacking the quarterback 10 times.

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VSU Defensive Coordinator Kirby Smart's game plan proved effective at stopping the potent option attack of the Muleriders.

"We kept substituting fresh guys in there, keeping their offensive line busy, and the guys kept coming up with big plays," Smart said.

The "Air Raid" offense, which was riddled with execution problems in the first two games, displayed a season's worth of effectiveness, as the Blazers found that scoring was as hard as finding self-help hints in a Martha Stewart novel. Bonner had a routine night as he completed 29-of-38

passes for 348 yards (76 completion percentage). VSU rolled up a blistering 472 yards of total offense. Add to that 122 yards on kickoff returns by Mosley, and what you have is a recipe for Muleriders-Lose-41-14 pie.

"The last two games we weren't executing that well, but tonight everything clicked," Bonner said. "We had problems in the past with dropped balls and miscommunication, but tonight it was all there."

Heading into the second quarter ahead 14-7, Bonner and Co. drove 71 yards, paced by a 15-yard run by sophomore running back Aaron Jenkins, who again had a stellar day - 84 yards rushing, 32 yards receiving. Bonner found junior tight end C.J. Lofton in the corner of

the end zone for an 8-yard touchdown reception. Bethea's PAT failed, giving VSU a 20-7 advantage.

VSU (3-0, 1-0) would score twice more in the second half, with the Muleriders adding a touchdown in the third quarter. The defense was stellar once again, as the Muleriders had 346 yards of total offense, but could only convert 14 points.

"The defense played a complete game - even when they [SAU] would get a big play, we'd respond on the next play," senior captain Reggie Cockerm said.

Mosley made an early statement; actually it was more like a paragraph in a science journal, with a crowd-rousing 89-yard return for a touchdown on the opening kickoff.



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The Lady Blazers relax on the floor of the Complex during practice.

VSU struggles on road

Ashlie Mash
Staff Writer

Give VSU volleyball Coach John Teetzel and his Lady Blazers a break.

The Lady Blazers will try to improve on their record this weekend in key conference games on the road, a place the Lady Blazers have become familiar with. VSU will travel to Livingston, Ala., on Saturday to take on West Alabama and then to

Columbus, Miss., on Sunday versus Mississippi University for Women.

The Lady Blazers now stand at 5-9 overall, 1-2 in Gulf South Conference play after being swept over the weekend by No. 4 North Alabama and No. 24 Alabama-Huntsville, two of the GSC's annual powerhouses.

Five of the team's nine losses have come to nationally ranked opponents and 13 of the Lady Blazers 14 matches have come

on the road.

The weekend series ended suddenly for the Lady Blazers after only three matches in both games in competition against UNA in Florence, Ala., last Saturday and then against UAH in Huntsville, Ala., the following day.

"They played very well on Saturday considering they (North Alabama) are ranked number four in the country," Teetzel said. "Sunday they struggled a little bit."

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Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

Whew, I bet Gary Condit feels like chopped liver right about now. Everyone was so worried about this man being accused of plotting, or perhaps carrying out the disappearance of Chandra Levy, but now there are bigger fish to fry, that main fish supposedly being Osama bin Laden.

I was watching "Politically Incorrect with Bill Mahe" a few nights ago, and once again, he proved to me why he is one of the coolest, brass-balled, outspoken, right-on-point persons I have, and ever will know of. He hit the nail right in the coffin about how little some of the problems we've dealt with and still deal with are so small.

There have been so many irrelevant problems that have previously been covered by all of the newspapers, news magazines, television, and whatnot. But, do they really matter that much?

Case in point...Elian Gonzalez, what in the *@!# was that all about? I mean, this kid was here, getting a free ride and everything, and the world was basically manipulated into believing he was "the chosen one" or something.

I don't care how you look at it, that situation should not have taken as long as it did. All we had to do was strap the kid to a rubber band and sling him back to Cuba, problem solved.

It shouldn't have gotten to the point where Janet Reno had to send law enforcement after the kid. And then, a movie got made about this hoopla! Is that all it takes these days to get famous? It's madness, I tell ya, madness!

The cigarette campaign. OK people, chances are, if you smoke, either you have someone read the Surgeon General's warnings to you, or you read them yourselves.

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It's like, "Oh, I have a sore throat, it must be from those three packs of cigarettes a week I've been smoking for the past 30 years! I know, I'll sue the tobacco company!" What an insult on humanity. Simple as this...if you buy cigarettes, read the Surgeon General's warnings or just don't smoke, for cryin' out loud!

Once again, nobodies like Monica Lewinski and Gary Condit...were they even worth

the effort of turning on the television every morning? You'd have to sit there and view them as they went from courthouse to courthouse, from talk show to talk show, simply stating the same things over and over again. Many of us wasted good cable time to see the latest on "blow-'em-up Lewinski" and her load of bullcrap.

Then, we all said this and that about Condit, who was really just another apple on the tree until the Levy case.

It's sad that Chandra Levy is still missing, it's even sadder that now, many families in New York and all over the world have to experience the same pain [maybe even worse] that the Levy family might be experiencing.

Lewinski is probably in the process of scheming the owners of *Baskin Robbins* now, anything to get noticed. Is she really *losing* weight?

And, I know that our economy was slightly out of whack before The World Trade Center was bombed, but if I have to hear one more thing about estimated money damage on the buildings...who really cares at this point? Who cares that stocks aren't up to par yet either?

Yeah, I really wonder if the families, who are standing behind the rubble-digging firefighters waiting on word of their missing loved ones...I wonder if they really care about money right now. Why should *we* be making such a big deal about it?

Oh yeah, in the world of sports...with all due respect, WHO REALLY CARES IF JORDAN IS COMING BACK TO THE NBA? Make up your mind dude. You're awesome and all that, but the world doesn't revolve around you.

I'm not saying that these things are, or were totally irrelevant during their time in the spotlight, but there are always bigger issues.

Don't let the small things take over your world. All news does not have to be news all of the time, get my drift?

If you 'got' questions or comments, bring 'em on.

-Jeremiah Bass is a columnist for The Spectator, and he can be reached at jwbass@valdosta.edu-

If you have something to say, don't hesitate to write about it.

If this column made you realize how sometimes, all the small things don't matter, then good!

THE

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Dottie Knight
Staff Writer

A vehicle can be an asset to your social life but tends to pose a problem when you can't fold it up and put it in your pocket after use.

Here at VSU, opponents can be especially rabid when it comes to finding that perfect parking spot. Students paid \$50 to join in the fray of Space Search 2001.

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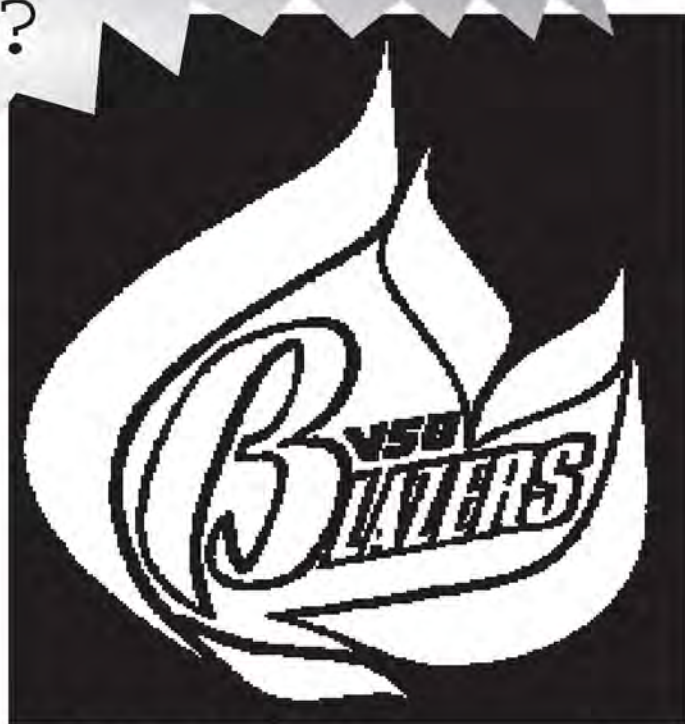
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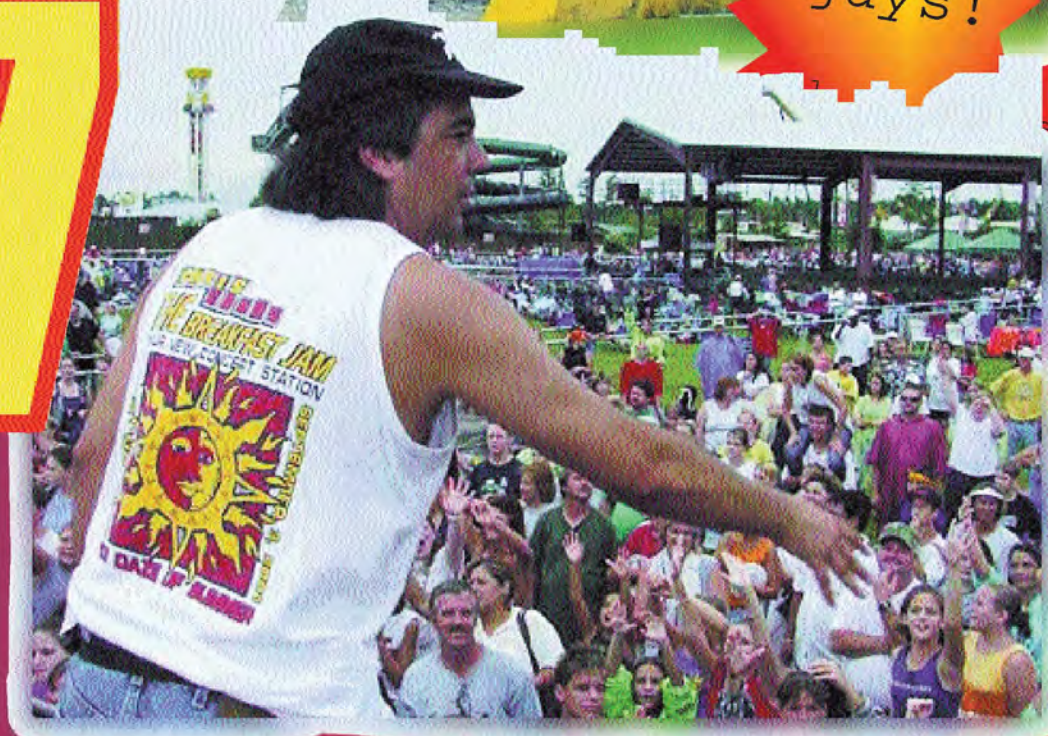
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