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11th Annual Drag Delight

Get your dollar bills and get ready to live tonight. The VSU chapter of Gay Straight Alliance will host its annual Drag Delight in Ballroom A of the Student Union. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are ten dollars at the door.

S.A.V.E Meeting

Students Against Violating the Environment will host a meeting today. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in Meeting Room 1 of the Student Union.

Poverty, Homelessness and Drugs in Valdosta Panel

The Philosophy and Religious Studies Club will sponsor a panel discussion on poverty, homelessness and drugs that will be held tonight. The discussion will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Bailey Science Center Auditorium. Members of the panel include Demarcus Marshall, Lowndes County Commissioner, Eliza McCall, Chief Marketing Officer at Second Harvest and Mark Williams, Alcohol and Drug Program Coordinator.

IDEA Center New Scholars Reception

The IDEA Center will induct new scholars at a reception on Friday, April 1. The reception will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the IDEA Center.

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NEWS

Photo of the week:



The Prisoner of War was held on Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning. Guard Matthew Pirrello and prisoner Samuel Whitmer, pictured above, were some of the participants of the demonstration. According to Bradley Joyal, a senior cadet, the event is to raise the awareness of the number of prisoners of war.

Photo taken by Darian Harris/THE SPECTATOR

DID YOU KNOW?

“65% of VSU students said their friends would disapprove if they had five or more alcoholic drinks at one setting.”

-Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, Fall 2015

Grant lowers textbook costs

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A group of VSU professors is aiding in the fight against the increasing price of textbooks.

This year, 10 biology professors received Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grants. The grant enables students to pay less for textbooks. These teachers have been awarded ALG Textbook Transformation Award of 2016.

The biology faculty has been awarded four ALG Textbook Transformation Grants for the

following courses: BIOL 1010, BIOL 1030, BIOL 1107, and BIOL 1108. The purpose of the grant is to decrease the amount of funds students have to pay for textbooks each year.

This grant is a way universities are making school more affordable as well as increasing academic success. The grant will focus on core curriculum classes students take their first and second years of college. This will ensure that the students can focus on doing well in the department academically and worry less about financially being able to cover cost for textbooks.

The USG faculty and staff received, and are being awarded based on outstanding accomplishment, affordable learning materials.

The University System of Georgia initiative to promote the success of the college students is by providing affordable textbook alternatives.

Affordable Learning Georgia and eCore are working together to make open educational resources available as a replacement for textbooks. They seek to provide appropriate resources to 50 of the most enrolled lower division courses in USG.

Multimedia Editor Darian Harris took more photos of the Prisoner of War demonstration. To see the full gallery, head to vsuspectator.com!

Spec Spotlight

Washington on lockdown after shooting incident

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The Capitol was on lockdown for nearly an hour Monday following what the DC Police Department dubbed an “isolated incident” via Twitter.

According to CNN, the lockdown was the result of a Tennessee man, Larry Russell Dawson, pulling out a gun at the Capitol Visitors’ Center. The suspect was caught by metal detectors upon entering the center and proceeded to produce a weapon before a Capitol police officer shot him.

Following the attack, the Associated Press reported police and emergency vehicles swarmed the area and cordoned off the streets while visitors were turned away.

Only one bystander, identified as a 35-45 year old woman, sustained minor injuries from flying shrapnel and was transported to the hospital.

Capitol Police Chief Mathew Verderosa confirmed that the act

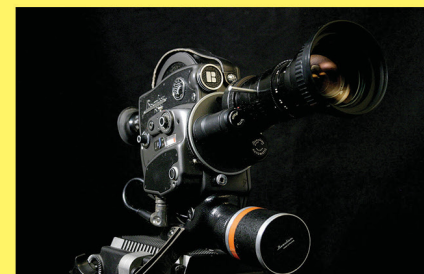
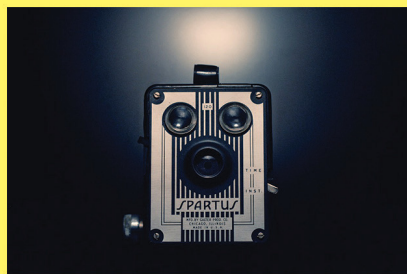
was isolated, saying “We (the Capitol Police Dept.) believe this is an act of a single person who has frequented the Capitol grounds before, and there is no reason to believe this is anything more than a criminal act.”

CNN reports that Dawson was arrested before in October of 2015 for assaulting a police officer after an outburst in the House of Representatives where court documents say he “loudly stated to Congress he was a ‘prophet of God.’”

The 66-year-old was taken to surgery at a hospital following Monday’s shooting and will be tried in D.C. Superior Court following his release. A Capitol Police press release said Dawson was in “stable but critical condition” and is charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a police officer while armed, both are criminal offenses in D.C.

Normal operations resumed Tuesday at the Visitor Center, where the shooting took place.

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NEWS

Rapper 2 Chainz to pull up to VSU with his 'ceiling missing'

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Earlier this month, VSU president Dr. Cecil Staton released a statement via his Twitter announcing the arrival of Tauheed Epps, better known as Mr. 2Chainz (and four bracelets).

Staton's tweet stated that the College Park rapper would be touching down on VSU's campus on April 15. Contrary to popular belief, this event is being presented by the university. Currently, there are no student organizations

listed as cohosts to the event; although students are able to purchase tickets from the Student Life office (located in the Student Union) from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

During an interview, Dr. Staton explained why he thought it was a good idea to invite a big time performer to VSU.

"I want our students here to have just as good an experience at Valdosta State as students might have at other schools," Staton said.

Staton went on to mention that

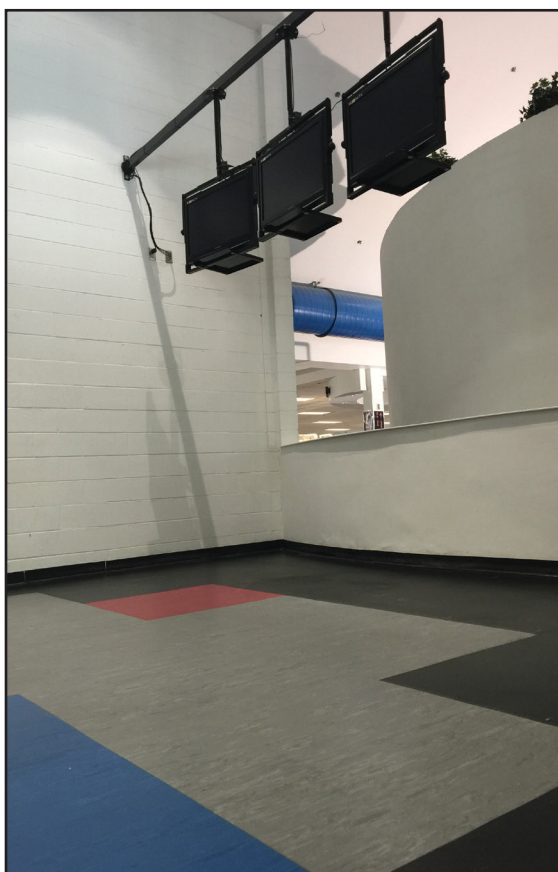
he had noticed that other schools such as Kennesaw State and Georgia Southern were bringing big name celebrities on campus which prompted him to want to do the same for VSU students. When asked how the decision to bring 2Chainz to VSU was actually made Staton made it clear that it all came down to the availability of the artist and not the specific artist themselves.

"There was no rocket science or great plan, this was someone who was available," Dr. Staton said. "The goal was to bring the biggest artist we could."

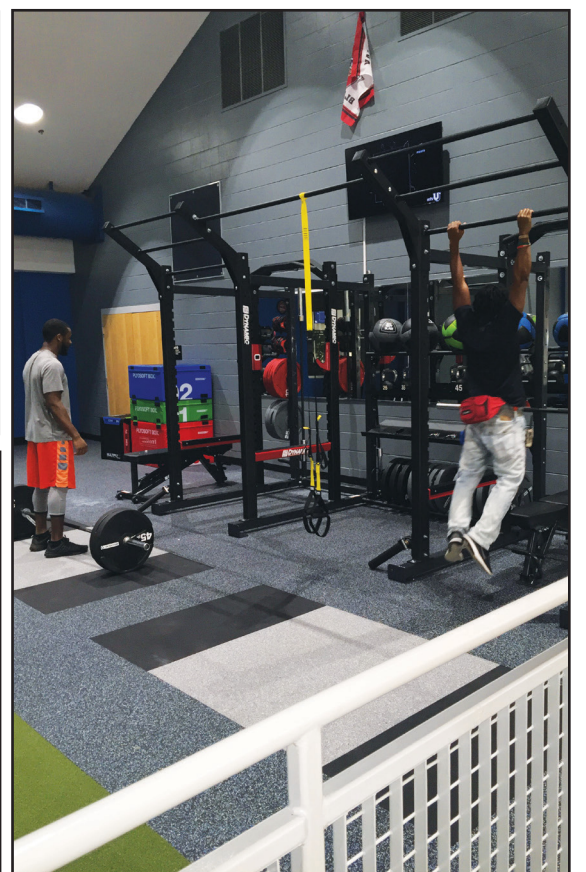
An email was sent out from the office of the president stating that the concert would be held at the P.E. Complex at 5 p.m. The email also stated that 2Chainz would be bringing special guests Ray Jr, KBM, Cap 1, Skooly, and DJ Krillz would be on the sound booth.

Tickets for the event are \$20 for VSU students who are currently enrolled and have a valid identification card and \$50 for the general public. Tickets purchased by VSU students will come with a wristband allowing them access to the floor area located directly

in front of the stage. Non-VSU students will be able to purchase tickets on www.VSUConcert.com. According to the VSU website, students are encouraged to get their tickets as soon as possible, because there are only 6,300 tickets available but only 3,300 of them are going to be for students and 3,000 for the general public. Dr. Staton said that he hopes that students will purchase their tickets early, because after a certain time period, any leftover tickets will be made accessible to the general public.



The former circuit room in the Recreation Center has now been turned into a CrossFit training area.



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Psychology student dies last Monday; leaves behind three children

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Amanda Gail Hayes Branch, 39, sophomore psychology major at Valdosta State University, passed away at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare on Monday, March 21.

Branch was a resident of Doerun, GA., and was born on April 19, 1976 in Americus, GA. Frankie Lambert Hayes of Leesburg, GA and the late Raymond Hayes, Sr. were her parents.

Branch attended Doerun First Baptist Church and was a member of Philma Road Baptist Church.

The mother of Branch, her two brothers, Raymond Hayes of Smithville, Ga. and Sammy Hayes of Leesburg, Ga.; her husband, Donnie Kevin Branch of Doerun, Ga.; and three daughters, Kylie Branch, Macey Branch and Haylen Branch all of Doerun, Ga. are her surviving family.

At Cobb Funeral Chapel in Moultrie, GA, the family received



Courtesy of Albany Herald

Amanda Branch, sophomore psychology major died last Monday.

friends, Wednesday March 23. Dr. David Benton officiated the graveside rites Thursday, March 24 at Smithville Cemetery at Smithville.

"Please join Catherine and me in keeping her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers," President Cecil P. Staton, said in an email announcement.



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| 80571 E | MW 3:30-4:45pm | Lovern |
| 80572 IA | Online | Lovern |
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- 80576 • PHIL 3230 A • PHILOSOPHY OF MIND • TR 11:00AM-12:15PM • PEACE
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- 80578 • PHIL 3620 IA • POST-COLONIAL ISSUES IN INDIGENOUS CULTURES • ONLINE • LOVERN
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- 80590 • REL 3520 A • ISLAM • TR 11:00AM-12:15PM • SERRAN-PAGAN
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OPINIONS

Obama's Cuba visit is a good start:

While some criticized the trip, it was the best way to begin anew

Our point of view...

We are proud to be at VSU (finally)

Congratulations VSU, you're finally swimming in the deep end.

Kudos to VSU for securing a performance from 2 Chainz on April 15. For years it has felt as though our school was a step behind the UGAs and Georgia Techs of the world, but perhaps that is changing.

This semester will have brought a hip-hop superstar and a presidential frontrunner to our campus. Regardless of your feelings on Donald Trump and his visit, he undoubtedly had an enormous ripple effect in the community.

They do say that any publicity is good publicity, right?

The high profile visits are not the only step we've taken this spring. The graduation situation transformed into quite the escape, but left standing was a reasonable solution. The condensed, outside ceremony will resemble Division One formats.

For much of our collegiate careers, we've been on the short end of the stick in comparison to

our peers in Athens, Atlanta and even Statesboro. President Cecil Staton and the university deserve credit for taking a significant step in the right direction.

The VSU brand should only crescendo from here.

This school is transforming into more than a blip on the football radar. We cannot stop here.

In the 2016-17 school year, we at The Spectator would like to see administration continue its current efforts of putting VSU on the map. Let's see another pair or trio of celebrities drop by the Azalea City. Not local big shots, but the 2 Chainz's and Trumps of the world.

That goes quadruple for a graduation speaker. Bring us someone that we will remember for the rest of our lives. Let's add an entirely new dynamic layer to this school. We among the top universities in the state. It's time to act like it.

Our request for VSU is simple: Don't aim for singles or doubles; hit a grand slam.

This editorial was written by a member of the editorial staff and expresses the general opinion of The Spectator.

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Attitudes toward Obama's recent visit to Cuba have been a mixed bag.

On March 20, presidential hopeful, Senator Ted Cruz, penned a piece for Politico Magazine claiming that Obama, along with "a retinue of celebrities," were arriving in Cuba to "hang out with Raul Castro and his henchmen."

Cruz isn't shy with his opinion, and in the end of his piece, he openly calls out the Obama administration, claiming that freedom cannot come to Cuba through "enriching and empowering the dictatorship, while they (Castro's regime) export terrorism throughout Latin America."

Cruz's claims may resonate with many right-wing politicians, but how can the United States encourage change in Cuba while maintaining a Cold-War era policy? After 10 administrations of isolation with little results, it would seem that the tactics of presidents-past have largely failed.

CNN reports that, contrary to Cruz's piece, Obama did not focus solely on opening ties with Cuba, but acknowledged the differences in the two countries. In a speech last Tuesday, President Obama reiterated the United States' belief that "citizens should be free to speak their mind(s) without fear," saying later that people should be able "to organize and to criticize their government and to protest peacefully."

According to CNN, President Obama met with

a group of Cuban dissidents during his stay, as well as holding a press conference along-side dictator Raul Castro "insisting that his Cuban counterpart also deliver answers to pointed queries on human rights, political prisoners and economic reforms."

While some politicians (especially members of the GOP) may disagree with the Obama's diplomatic respite in Cuba, the old saying, "you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar," probably applies here, too.

Retired U.S. Army Col. Manuel Supervielle wrote for CNN on his experience returning to Cuba before and after the U.S. agreed to normalize relations back in 2014. Supervielle said of the announcement that, "Many (Cubans) felt as if a dark curtain had been lifted and tropical sunshine shone for the first time on their future." He also remarks in his report on something that many in the U.S. forget, saying that critics should not "discount how potent hope can be in shaping liberal economic reform and democratic expectations."

The truth is, political reform and economic normalization will take concessions on the parts of both the United States and Cuba. The United States can no longer ignore a country so close to our own border and expect political reform to occur on its own. Obama's visit to Cuba is a step in the right direction, but true change in Cuba will take more than just a visit.

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Women don't choose to have their period, so why should they pay for it?

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A few months ago the growing international movement to end the "tampon tax," or the tax on female hygiene products, finally reached the U.S.

Last year there was a movement that shocked the world when two women in the U.K. were "free bleeding" in white pants while on their menstrual cycles. They stood outside of the U.K.'s Parliament as a protest to demand that they remove the tax on tampons and pads, and then posted it on social-media outlets. Although it seemed radical to a lot of people, the women who were protesting made a literal point in showing just how much of a necessity pads are for women.

A lot of the advocates against the tax on tampons feel like they are paying a fee for simply having their period. Considering that the government chooses which items that they'll put taxes on, some women also feel like they are

being taxed for a luxury item, when tampons and pads are actually a necessity for all women.

There are still many who haven't made the decision to end the tax for personal reasons. Most states have denied legislation to end the tax by claiming that tampons aren't a "necessity."

All women stand in solidarity with the fact that women don't choose to have their periods. We all also know that some women may need them more often than others, and there are women with conditions like endometriosis who may need to constantly buy these products for months on end.

People often like to avoid conversation about women being on their cycle because it's often perceived as a nasty or shameful subject, but it's a subject that should probably be discussed more often. The price for these products can be especially expensive for a lot of women, and it's good to see it being discussed. These products fall in line with our general health care, and women shouldn't be "taxed" every month for things that we'll need for the rest of our

lives. Our cycles are inevitable for all of us, and a medical concern for many.

"I think that free bleeding is disgusting, but I can see where the protesters are coming from. Some women can't really use the cheaper products, and have to get the pads that cost more. The prices for pads and tampons are high, and buying them every month can really be expensive for a student," Tierra Francis, senior English major, said.

Last July in Canada, they announced to their citizens that they would be ending the tax on female hygiene products. Shortly thereafter, other countries were quickly petitioning for the same right.

So far, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania are the first five states to end the tampon tax, and others are still working to get it removed. A couple of weeks ago, Illinois joined in on this growing movement. In New York, five women sued the state of New York for discriminating against this obvious medical need for women.

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OPINIONS

Know the laws before you send the picture

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Most teens have their own cell phones these days. While texting teens may cause a lot of problems for high school and middle school teachers, texting also leads to another big problem for teens—sexting.

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center in 2013, 78 percent of teens, ages 12-17, have a cell phone.

According to nobullying.com, about 22 percent of teen girls and 18 percent of teen boys admitted to sending nude, or partially nude, images. About 15 percent of teens that have admitted to sexting, have sent the images to people they have never met.

There are many dangers and risks associated with sexting, especially when the receiver is someone the sender doesn't know; however, should these teens be legally punished?

Until 2013, the state of Georgia prosecuted teen and adult sexting the same as child pornography, a felony offense.

Georgia legislation now states that any teenager possessing or creating a nude picture of themselves be charged a misdemeanor offense if:

"...the teen is at least 14, the person in possession of the image is not older than 17, and the person depicted in the image consented to both its creation and distribution. Otherwise, possessing or creating a sexually explicit image of a minor is a felony of-

fense."

The penalties for Georgia teens convicted of a sexting offense aren't as serious as they used to be.

According to criminaldefense-lawyer.com, "Juvenile courts have the discretion to impose penalties that include probation, fines, community service, placement with a juvenile detention facility, or other punishments as the court deems appropriate."

For adult teens convicted of a sexting crime in Georgia, the penalties are much more severe.

"Depending on the crime involved, an adult teen faces anywhere from up to a year in jail, to no less than five and no more than 20 years in prison. Fines for sexting crimes can also differ significantly, ranging from fines

up to \$5,000, to fines of not more than \$100,000," Crime Defense Lawyer.

The teens accused of sexting crimes are not always criminally punished.

In February of 2015, a sexting scandal broke out in three Habersham County middle schools, a county outside of Atlanta.

According to nowhabersham.com website, the sexting scandal surfaced when a teen girl sent a nude picture of herself to a male student using SnapChat.

The male recipient allegedly saved the picture and sent it to his friends.

This action led to a trend of students sexting each other.

Officer Jamie Carver of the Habersham Sheriff's Office said the girls' photos were "collected

like baseball cards."

In this case, the school system and the local sheriff's office decided not to criminally charge any of the students.

The school system contacted the parents and then set up a series of assemblies to teach the students the dangers of sexting.

This case proves that not all sexting offenses are criminally prosecuted; however, that doesn't mean it's legal to do it.

If you ever engage in sexting, research the laws and risks before doing so and always make sure you know the recipient, make sure they are the legally accepted age and that they consent to receiving the content.

Voice of the Students

Do you believe the on campus smoking ban is working?

"I think for those who don't like smoking it should really be enforced."

Gabriel Clark
Freshman
Nursing

"It seemed really difficult to enforce, but I do think it is good to have."

Robert West
Junior
History

"I don't have a preference. You can smoke or not. Its up to you!"

Alexandra Deaton
Junior
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Studies

Raising smoking age to 21 won't change a thing:

Studies show that raising age would lessen number of adult smokers, but is it worth it?

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With today's terrifying commercials and long lists of health risks associated with smoking, it's hard to believe that anyone is still doing it. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use starts in adolescence. Their studies show that nine out of 10 cigarette smokers started smoking by age 18, but what if there was a way we could prevent that?

Many health officials say raising the age from 18 to 21 could lower the chances of anyone picking up a cigarette. Numerous local governments have already enforced this law, but states themselves have yet to agree, says

Bloomberg View. Hawaii is the first state to adopt such law, and has seen amazing results. More states are following suit though, and are in the process of getting it passed, such as California and Vermont.

Statistics don't lie.

The Institute for Medicine states if the age is raised, smoking will go down by 12 percent. Nicotine has the most effect on adolescent brains, which makes addiction a more likely situation the institute also says. The Washington Post suggests that what the new law would do is, "...isolate adolescents from social connections that enable them to light up."

This could be the next step in making our air cleaner and safer for generations to come.

By making this law, it could save thousands of lives, and lives associated with someone who smokes.

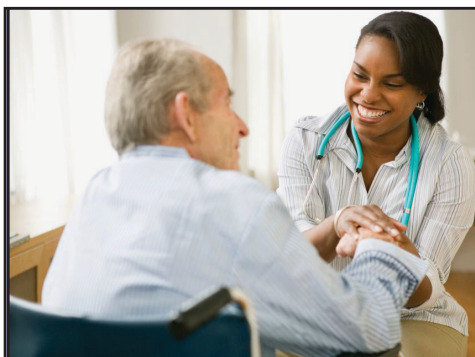
The argument made though is once we turn 18, we are considered adults, and we should be able to make our own decisions. Are we putting too much control into our government's hand by letting them make our life choices for us? They are the same ones who think by 18 we are able to lay our lives down for our country, yet we can't consume alcohol, and now tobacco?

My concern is when they restrict tobacco just like they did for alcohol; will it be more enticing to adolescents because they know they can't have it? Doing illegal things is a lot more fun than legal things, because it has

the element of excitement.

No one is condoning smoking now. There are countless commercials out there to scare anyone who is thinking about doing it. They even have social media stars in them to target the adolescent demographic. The public has given them countless reasons on why smoking is bad for them, so if they choose to or not is on them. Like the old saying goes, "You've made your bed, now lie in it."

It's nice that the government cares for our well-being, but it all depends on what kind of person someone wants to be. Making life decisions is a part of growing up, and we should be able to make them ourselves without someone intervening.



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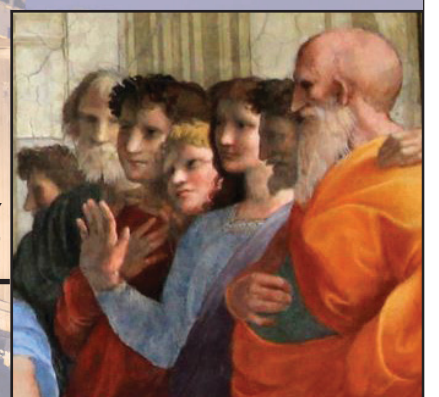
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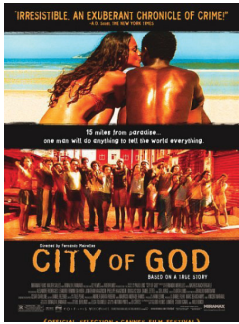
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NETFLIX PICKS:

The go-to movies to watch at home

If you are still looking to "Netflix and chill" even after the colder months have passed, or simply want to watch a movie by your lonesome, then this list is for you. The list below is collaboration between my own movie experiences and some suggested titles.

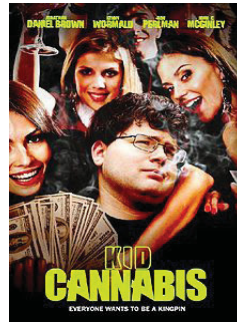
1 | "City of God" Genre: Drama



This movie has personally become one of my favorite gangster films. The movie is the story of a kid who rises to the top of the totem pole, while one kid makes it out of the slums by becoming a photographer. This was a special film because almost all of the actors were from the "City of God," which is a ghetto in Brazil. The movie is a wonderful collage of flashback scenes, which are not typical of your everyday gangster flick.

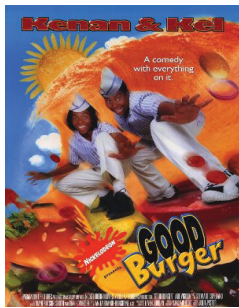
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2 | "Kid Cannabis" Genre: Comedy



Also not your typical gangster flick, "Kid Cannabis" is the true story of a teenager who transports weed across the border from Canada and becomes a millionaire over the span of about three years. The catch is that this isn't your stereotypical drug dealer, but his story gets very real, very fast. He is depicted as a nice kid who gets picked on, but as he gains power, his personality starts to shape that of the very same people who shunned him in the first place. The movie shows that even a nice kid can become corrupted by money and power.

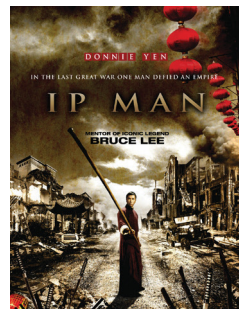
3 | "Good Burger" Genre: Comedy



If you haven't seen "Good Burger" then you're lost. I'm just kidding, but "Good Burger" is a classic movie that you probably haven't seen since you were a kid. It may even be before the freshmen class' time considering that the movie dropped in 1997. Kenan Thompson and Kel Mitchell of the '90s show "Kenan and Kel" work at a burger joint during the summer, when a new burger joint that is selling terrible substances in their food comes

into town. How fitting of the times that we live in now? A movie about how unhealthy fast food is came out way back then, but that is a story for another time.

4 | "Ip Man" Genre: Action



If you're into kung-fu movies then I strongly recommend "Ip Man." This movie not only has amazing fight scenes, but it also showcases a theme of hope. Ip Man teaches children Kung-Fu in a relatively small village, but his skills are put to the test when a Japanese general comes into town to fight Chinese men. Ip Man doesn't want to fight at first, but he is eventually pushed to his limit, a mistake the Japanese general would soon regret. "Ip Man" also has two other sequels in which his superior skills are displayed.

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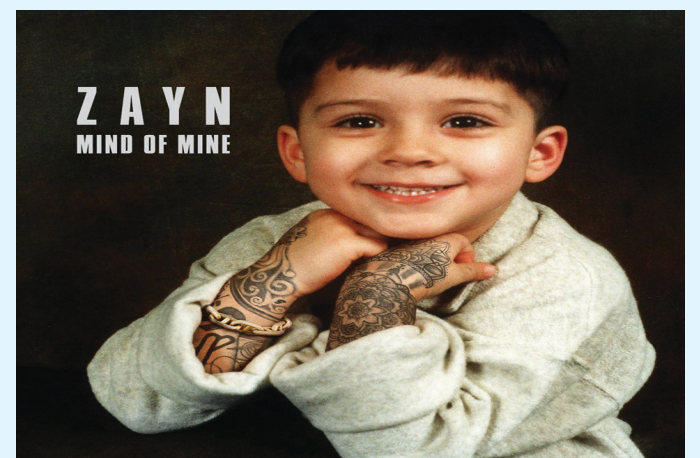
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Ex-One Direction member allows listeners in to his 'Mind of Mine'

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It has been a little over a year since the newly-minted solo artist Malik dumped his One Direction bandmates mid tour.

Malik cited the reason for leaving the band after his five-year stint was that he wanted to be a normal 22-year-old.

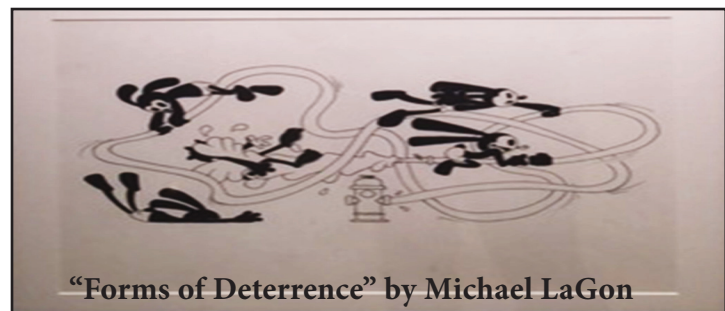
Now, millions of crying fans, multiple Twitter beefs and an RCA recording contract later, Malik has finally allowed listeners in to take a peek behind his ever mysterious veil by releasing his solo debut album "Mind of Mine."

In it, Malik shows that he made the correct decision in leaving. His new mature, R&B sound in his new hits "Pillowtalk" and "It's You" greatly differ from the cheery, pop tunes that he sung just a year prior.

According to Billboard, Malik is predicted to have a hotshot debut at No. 1. Now, after a successful debut campaign, the real challenge is up to Malik to sustain longevity. Will he be a Timberlake or just another name on the long list of one-hit wonders who aren't to garner the attention after early success?



"Mehet-Weret" by Ashely Cheeks



"Forms of Deterrence" by Michael LaGon



"Self Portrait" by Casey O'kelley



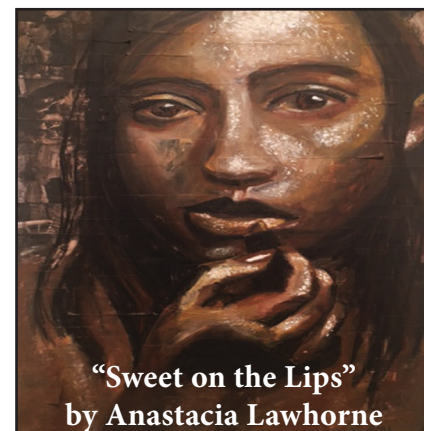
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"Phrases" Brandon Moultrie

VSU Student Multi-Media Exhibit

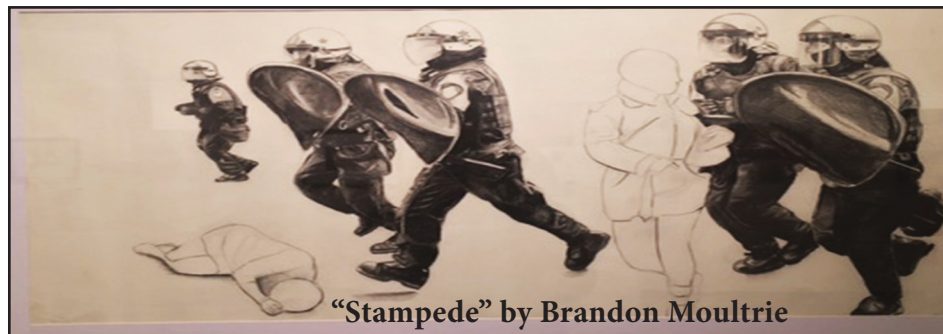
Photos By Mayah Cantave



"Sweet on the Lips" by Anastacia Lawhorne



"Dejection" by Bryce France



"Stampede" by Brandon Moultrie

The VSU Fine Arts Gallery presented the 18th Annual Multi-media All Student Exhibition. The exhibit will be held through April 8. Students from all majors had the ability to enter up to four works of art. The exhibit displays a variety of artistic styles including photography, pen, sculpture, and other various forms of mixed media.

VSU Presents: Oklahoma!

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Tuesday marked the beginning of the play, "Oklahoma!", a production about a romantic love story that features a rivalry between local farmers and cowboys.

Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story. Although they encounter some difficult situations, they persevere and make a new life together. This new life in a brand new state proves the ultimate climax to a triumphant "Oklahoma!"

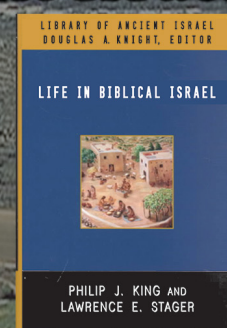
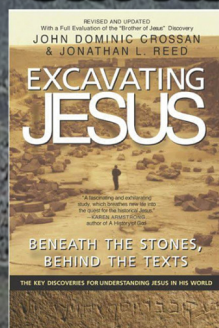
The show will feature various

VSU students, including theatre and dance majors. It will also include music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. "Oklahoma!" is a play based on the folk play, "Green Grow the Lilacs", by Lynn Riggs and VSU adapted it from the 1944 Broadway musical. The show will run on March 31, April 1-4 and April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Sawyer Theatre.

It will also run on Sunday, April 3, at 3:00 p.m. in Sawyer Theatre. Students can make a purchase or reservation at the box office, which will be open on Monday through Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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According to Bazaar, "By 2017, millennials will have the most spending power of any generation."

Get thrifty: \$20 Thrift Store Challenge

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One person's old clothes can be someone else's vintage fashion vision.

Thrifting can go one of two ways. Some consider thrifting to be an art form; a way of finding clothes that have a story written in the seams. Others see thrifting as a headache.

As an avid thrifter, I have had my fair share of hits and misses.

Thrifting separate pieces to add flair to an outfit and your overall wardrobe is usually easy, but what about thrifting an entire outfit? An outfit for less than \$20? Would making a whole outfit out of thrifted pieces, for under \$20 be a hit or a miss?

Challenge accepted.

The first place that I went shopping was Salvation Army. After thumbing through shirt after shirt, I found two patterned, short sleeve button down shirts.

Once I went to checkout, the cashier told me that the shirts were only 99 cents. Salvation Army has the sale when the store needs to put out more clothes.

A 99 cent price tag is pure gold to a thrifter. One thrift store down, two more to go.

My second destination was Repeat Boutique. I have only been to Repeat Boutique a couple times, and I have only purchased clothing there once. I decided to give this place another chance. After looking for 20 minutes, I didn't find anything that was my style. However, this thrift store has a great selection of formalwear, which doesn't run cheap retail price.

A little blue about not finding anything, I went to my third and final destination, Goodwill. Often considered the mecca of all thrift stores, Goodwill is the epitome of hit or miss. Goodwill is

where you can find vintage designer pieces (if you're lucky) and the final resting place of fashion faux pas all in the same place.

Anytime I go thrifting, I always head straight to the shirts. I make a point to go through every shirt when I go thrifting. After finding numerous tie dye shirts, old work uniform shirts and the forgotten South Pole shirts, I managed to find three different button ups. The first button up that I found has a desert color scheme, a fashion trend that I have always adored. I chose the first button up for the outfit, and to match the desert scheme of the shirt, I found a sand colored basic tee. The second one was a long sleeve, Versace like print button up. The third one was a huge find; a Moschino button up, an Italian fashion house that I have grown quite fond of lately.

The one thing that I didn't find at any of the

three thrift stores was a pair of shorts. Since the Georgia weather is transitioning into spring, I wanted to stock up on shorts.

This is where Plato's Closet comes into play. Because Plato's only buys clothes that are in trend, it is a go to for cheap modern fashion. I went previously the week before and found a pair of Modern Amusement maroon shorts. The shorts happened to match the color scheme of the shirts, which is something right out of a thrifter's dreams.

I paired the outfit with a pair of Vans that I thrifted a while back and long necklaces, one with a clear crystal on it.

Minus the shoes and accessories, the whole outfit came up to a whopping \$14.97.

No one said thrifting was easy, but with a little (or a lot) of time and patience, thrifting can lead to pieces that add that vintage edge to your wardrobe.



Tatyana Phelps / THE SPECTATOR

Thrifting can either be a fun past time or giant headache. The \$20 Thrift Store Challenge is way to find vintage fashion for a cheap price.

The remedy for a bad day

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Everyone knows the "woke up late without time to shower, late to class, forgot your textbook, have to study through lunch and it's only 1 p.m." kind of day. We all have them, especially being in college. Sometimes life is just

overwhelming on these bad days, and you aren't sure where to turn next.

1. Clean yourself up

Whether your "blahs" are temporary or something hanging over from the night before, often a hot shower and shaving can at least make you feel more put together. Even if you don't have anywhere to be, put

on real clothes and fix your hair.

2. Hang out with friends

The worst thing you can do for a bad day is to be by yourself. Even if you feel like sitting alone, make plans to be with someone, even if that someone has to come to you and watch Netflix until the "Are you still watching?" window

pops up.

3. Get crafty, or "cleany"

Remember that art project you bought canvases for two months ago before life got away from you? Do it. Sometimes brightening the space around us can brighten us on the inside. Make your bed, or do some laundry. Dust the top of your fan that hasn't been

dusted in...ever really.

4. It wont last forever

A day only contains 24 hours, and there are 365 of them that make up the year. This is just one of them. Things always look brighter in the morning. Hold on, because tomorrow is coming, and it has every possibility to be awesome.

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Tuggle maintains place as VSU's greatest athlete

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With spring football practice upon us, this is a good time for a reminder of the best player to ever come through this program.

That legend is Jessie Tuggle. A long-time Atlanta Falcon out of Griffin, Georgia, Jessie "The Hammer" Tuggle is a member of the franchise's Ring of Honor, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and, most impressively, the national College Football Hall of Fame. In 2007, Tuggle became the only Blazer to reach that astronomical plateau.

Tuggle's journey was not an easy one. Valdosta State College and West Georgia were the only two collegiate programs to make an offer to Tuggle coming out of Griffin High School. Concerns over his size gave teams pause.

VSU received a gift when Tuggle committed to the Blazers. At VSU, he became a three-time Gulf South Conference selection. In 1986, Tuggle received the award for GSC Defensive Player of the Year and was a consensus All-American. He finished his career as VSU's all-time leading tackler. His accomplishments earned him a chance to become an Atlanta Falcon as an undrafted free agent.

In Atlanta, Tuggle completed

his underdog story.

He spent his entire 14-year career with the in-state team. In those seasons he achieved the milestone of 12 consecutive 100+ tackle seasons and the opportunity to play in Super Bowl XXXIII. He is the Falcons' all-time tackle leader with 2,065 total. In addition, he recorded six interceptions, 21 sacks and 37 pass deflections.

Tuggle produced when it mattered most. He holds the club's record for tackles in a playoff game with 11. Tuggle previously held the record for fumbles recovered for a touchdown (five), but was later surpassed by Jason Taylor.

Tuggle's #58 and #88 jerseys are retired by both Valdosta State and the Atlanta Falcons, respectively. He also has a VSU workout facility dedicated to him: The Jessie Tuggle Strength and Fitness Complex. Tuggle's spouse is Dajuan Tuggle and the couple has two sons that are currently in the NFL: The Cleveland Browns' Justin Tuggle and 2015 Atlanta Falcons' draft choice Grady Jarrett.

Tuggle received the honor of reading Jarrett's name to the nation when the Falcons selected him last April.

VSU appreciates Tuggle for his impact on the football program and the area. He is the model of what every Blazer athlete should aim to emulate.

COMMENTARY

Attention students: Support our sluggin' softball Blazers

The girls put on a show you don't want to miss

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VSU softball: The best team you know little about.

I had the pleasure of covering the Blazers doubleheader against Georgia Southwestern on Tuesday. VSU swept the series with scores of 3-1 and 11-3. The ballpark was loud, exciting and alive.

If you haven't been, you're missing out.

The attendance was 241, but it should be infinitely more. The 2012 national champions look poised to repeat that feat this season. But the girls need your support.

The Blazers are certainly road tested. The team only played five home games in the season's first month and change. But there are still five contests remaining at Steel's Diamond before the tournament begins.

VSU is arguably the most electric softball team in Division II. The team features the conference's best hitter, pitcher and (arguably) coach.

The Blazers' success begins and ends with their power. VSU has blasted 50 home runs to lead the Gulf South Conference. Four of the top seven sluggers in the GSC don the red and black.

"We usually do win by the homer," said coach Thomas Macera after Tuesday's wins. "We live and die by hitting the ball hard."

With her 13th long shot, Kiley Rusen now leads the GSC in bombs. Brandy Morgan hit one out as well on top of making a sensational diving catch that will be a strong candidate for defensive play of the year.

Speaking of defense, VSU's is elite. Its .978 fielding percentage is tied for best in the league, while only 20 errors is the fewest of the 11 teams.

With hitting and defense covered, VSU completes the trifecta with top-tier pitching. Championships are won on the mound, and the Blazers have an exception assortment of arms.

The Blazers' 1.96 collective ERA and 64 runs allowed is second in the GSC. Their 13 shutouts is top in the conference.

Much of that success should be attributed to Caitlyn Calhoun. It wasn't as smooth as usual, but Calhoun tossed her 22nd complete game against the 'Canes on Tuesday.

The ace leads the GSC with a 1.49 ERA and 152 strikeouts. So while the lineup is hitting dingers left and right, Calhoun is mowing down the opposition.

Baseball and softball are considered "boring" sports. I challenge those who believe that to visit Steel's Diamond.

The atmosphere is everything one can desire for a softball team; but you'll have to see it for yourself.

I wrote this memo as a challenge to Blazer nation. Go to at least one of the final five home games. This team is a title contender and deserves every bit of this community's support.

The Blazers' next appearance at Steel's Diamond will be April 7 against Albany State. The home schedule fills out with a three-game series versus Alabama-Huntsville on April 9-10.

Online Exclusive: Check out Tiarra Bell's full-length interview with the conference's leading home run hitter, Kiley Rusen.



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- 50279 PHIL 3100 IA* Ethics and Health Care James 6/08-6/29 ONLINE
- 51028 PHIL 3801 A Philosophical Themes in Film M-F 11am-1:50pm Santas 5/12-6/02
- 50281 PHIL 4900 A A Sexual Ethics M-F 2-4:50pm Serran-Pagan 5/12-6/2

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- 51029 REL 2020 IB* World Religions Lovern 6/08-6/29
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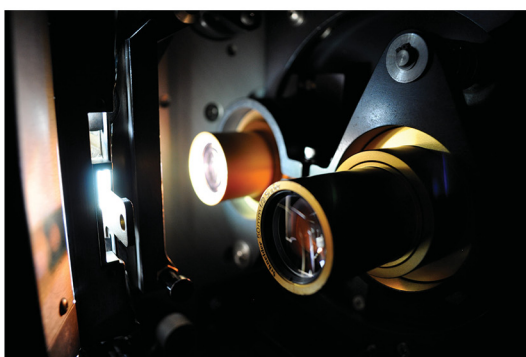


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Offense, rain combine to put out the Flames

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Major League Baseball is about to commence, but VSU is in the middle of its conference race.

Standing at 19-11 overall and 10-6 in the Gulf South Conference, the VSU Blazers baseball team had six conference games left coming into last weekend, and because of the rain two of those games were cancelled. With only four conference games left, VSU needed a win against Lee University to solidify its standing in conference and establish itself as a postseason-caliber team.

Despite the rain filled weekend, the Blazers were still able to play a game this past Saturday and came away with an exciting 7-6 victory in a fiery matchup over the Lee Flames.

The game started off strong for the Blazers after a sac fly in the first inning and RBI singles from Tyler York in the third and Scott Mathews in the fourth gave VSU a 3-0 lead heading into the fifth inning.

It was in the fifth, however, Lee would steal a 4-3 lead, capped off by a two-RBI single from Chris Adams. Lee would add another couple of runs in the top of the sixth to extend their lead to 6-3.

Things turned back in the Blazers' favor in the bottom of the sixth. After an RBI groundout from Mathews, Dalton Duty hit a go-ahead three-run bomb to put VSU up 7-6.

Roman Donofro pitched two scoreless innings after retaking the lead, and Dustin Hersey pitched around two walks in the final frame to pick up the save and give the Blazers the close win.

The Blazers continued their hot-hitting on Wednesday evening in Americus. VSU broke out the bats against Georgia Southwestern and earned a blowout 20-5 win.

VSU continues its road trip this weekend with a Saturday doubleheader and another game Sunday against the Mississippi College Choctaws.

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