

SAVE urges increase in pay for VSU workers

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Staff Writer

A group of students, workers and citizens have organized a Living Wage Campaign at VSU, joining over 70 other such campaigns across the country, to ensure that university workers receive just compensation for their everyday duties.

According to Ben Speight, a sophomore political science major and a member of VSU's Living Wage Campaign, the organization is currently developing committees to represent each type of work group on campus. Speight also said the goal of the Living Wage organization is to eventually allow university workers to have some type of say at their respective workplace and to increase the communication between the workers and their administrators.

"The VSU administration has the power to raise wages," Speight said. "Any possible resolution to this situation must be through negotiation between the workers and the administration."

Without a Living Wage policy on campus nearly 83 percent of all staff earns a wage below the federal poverty line set by the US Department of Health and Human Services, according to the organization. The campaign has set out to establish an hourly rate of \$8.50 for university workers, a figure that comes from the US Department of Health and Human Services poverty level for a family of four during 2001.

Speight pointed to Inman Grimsley, director of Human Resources; James Brignati, vice president for Business and Finance; and President Hugh Bailey as those

responsible for a possible raise for workers at VSU.

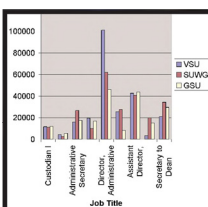
"We have written to the administrators, but they refuse to respond," Speight said.

The Living Wage Campaign contends that implementing the raise in pay for workers would cost just under \$14 million, or 13 percent, of VSU's total yearly revenue, something the campaign says is easily attainable. But the Human Resources division at VSU disagrees.

Grimsley said the campaign was a national issue and that VSU's organization is not providing enough

Living Wage
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Graph based on data collected at www2.state.ga.us/departments/AUDIT/salary, and is intended as a sampling of comparative salaries for VSU, Georgia State University and State University of West Georgia.



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VSU home to wildlife

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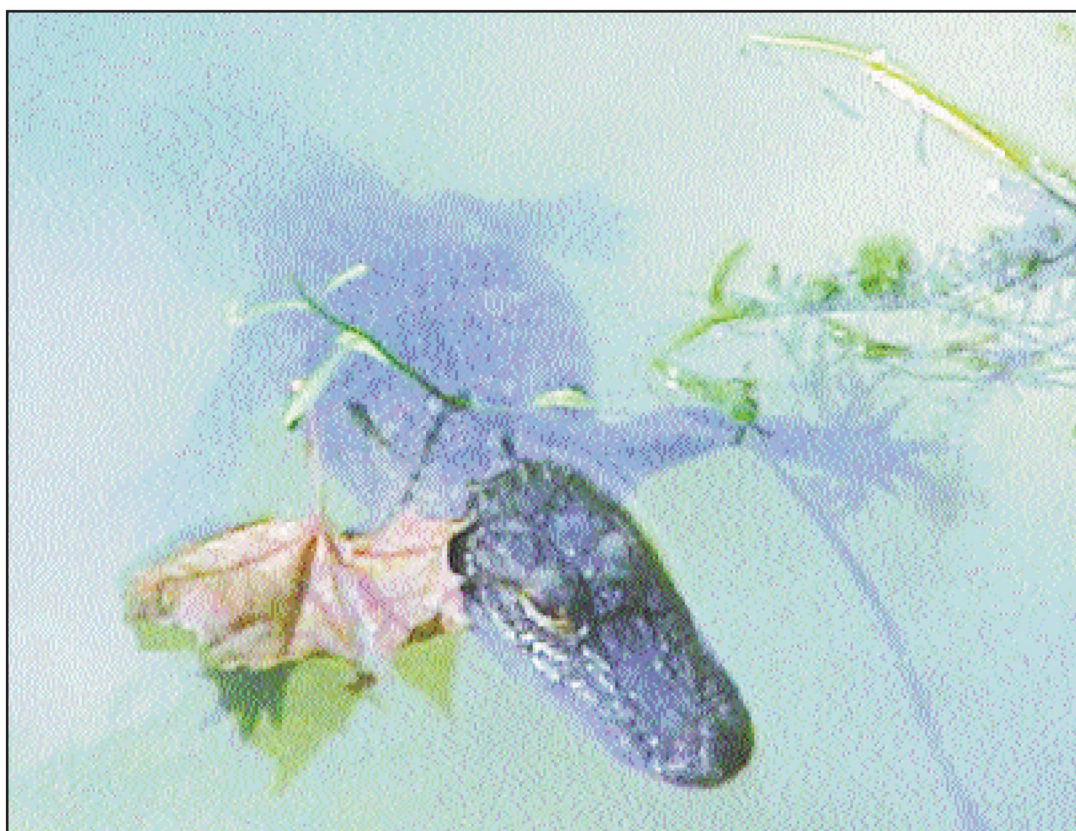
No, VSU does not resemble the marshlands of the Okefenokee Swamp, yet two alligators, named Wally and George by the Public Safety office, have been residing for approximately eight weeks in the creek that runs through main campus.

According to Public Safety officer Jeffrey Payne, George, the smaller of the two alligators, whose estimated length is two-and-a-half to three feet, was first sighted on Aug. 25 in the water that runs directly in front of the Education Center.

On the other hand, Wally, with an approximate length of four or five feet, was first seen by a student three days prior to the first sighting resting in the waters behind the Public Safety building, according to officer Payne.

"The game warden has been called approximately four times," said Payne.

According to Payne, although the creek runs through campus from the county, it is



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An alligator lounges in the creek between the Education Building and the Oak Street parking lot. Turtles have also been sighted in this creek.

possible that there is a pond located behind the Sustella construction site and the gators could have swum from there.

"We do not know where the mother is, so do not mess with them," Payne said. According to Investigator

Bryce Whitener, Wild Adventures is coming to pick up the alligators.

Fewer classes canceled

Graduating students get help dealing with canceled courses

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

When students sign up for a class, they assume it will be there for them to take during the semester they want to take it. This is not always the case. According to Dr. Louis Levy, vice president for Academic Affairs, help is often available for students if a class they need gets cancelled.

"Classes, if they're going to

get cancelled, usually get cancelled in the summer instead of the fall," said Dr. Levy. "If a class doesn't have sufficient enrollment we cancel it."

Dr. Levy defines sufficient enrollment as dependent on the class the student wants to take. He says if a class is an internship, enrollment is expected to be very small. If a class is lecture based enrollment is expected to be somewhere between 10 to 15 students for an upper division

class. "Classes also get cancelled because the office of academic affairs decides it needs to offer the class in the evening, or the class conflicts with another required class," Dr. Levy said.

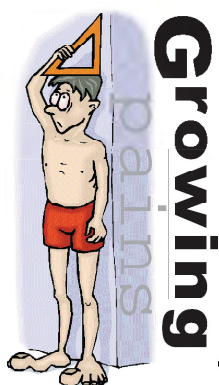
If a student's class gets cancelled, the office of academic affairs sends the student to an adviser to adjust his or her schedule. This is true for students planning on graduating as well.

Students who are getting ready to graduate and need a

course to do so will either have to take a course in the same section, wait another semester or consult with the dean of the student's major to find an alternative course.

Because enrollment went up 10 percent from last year, fewer classes have been cancelled. Dr. Levy said mostly core curriculum classes have been added.

"You are trying to cancel classes that are under enrolled," said Dr. Walter Peacock, director of admission. "You're giving up one class that has five or six people to add it to a class that has 30 or 40."



Syn-attack aimed at VSU

Chris Ober
Staff Writer

It's great to make the hit parade, until the hit parade becomes a target list.

VSU has become a target for hackers, and has suffered an attack on the GRITS system, which caused system administrators to temporarily disconnect the PeachNet service two weekends ago.

The attack on the system was a "syn-attack," according to Isaac M. Barton, Unix system administrator.

"A syn-attack is when a machine on the network was spoofing IP addresses, ones that don't exist, sending requests for a connection," Barton said. "GRITS responds to the request with a 'syn-ack' and waits for the connection or times out."

This can cause a problem if the computer is hit with thousands of requests per minute. GRITS can handle up to 60,000 requests per minute. When it runs out of slots for requests, the server crashes.

To stop the attack, the connection to PeachNet was shut off. The server was discon-

nected from Sept. 29 at about 2 p.m. until Sept. 30 at about 5 p.m. According to Barton, only off-campus services were taken down.

The "Syn" attack was not directly controlled once it was initiated, Barton explained, because the attack continued even after the server was shut down. The responsible party remains unknown.

The firewall used to keep such attacks from occurring failed, and is being replaced to keep this kind of attack from happening again.

Even though this was one of the first successful attacks on VSU's server, there have been other attacks.

"We get attacked every night," Barton said. "It's standard. We've had over a hundred failed attempts this year, but we've only had one instance that has affected any of our campus resources. We're pretty fortunate that we've never had any serious hacking."

There is no clear reason someone would want to attack VSU's computer system, according to Barton.

Chancellor search narrows to three

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

The Georgia Board of Regents announced Wednesday that the search for a replacement for Dr. Stephen Portch has been narrowed to three candidates.

The three are Dr. William C. Gordon, president of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque; Dr. Richard S. Jarvis, chancellor of the United States Open University in

Aurora, Colo.; and Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, chancellor of the University of Alabama System in Tuscaloosa.

Dr. Portch announced he would step down in May after seven years as chancellor of the Georgia University System. Dr. Portch said in May that he had promised when he was hired that he would only serve seven years, saying that seven years was the right amount of time to make changes and leave.

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Campus Happenings

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POLICE BEAT

October 6

Clifford Daniel Hale, 19, of 315 S. Satinwood Place, Roswell, Ga., was arrested at 12:24 a.m. at Converse Drive on main campus for underage possession of alcohol. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is a VSU student.

Ralph S. Morgan, 20, of 1509 Pine St., Remerton, Ga., was arrested for failure to maintain lane and underage possession of alcohol at 1:10 a.m. at Oak Street and Brookwood Drive. His license was suspended. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is not a VSU student.

October 8

Jeremy M. Wood, 22, of R.R. 1 Box 385, Quitman, Ga., was arrested at 5 p.m. at 200 Baytree Road for improper lane change, driving with a revoked Ga. license and improper tag displayed. He had a Florida tag that was not registered for his vehicle displayed instead of his Georgia tag. He also had an outstanding warrant from the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office for probation violation, where he was later taken. His truck was towed away by A-1 Towing.

Oct. 9

A false fire alarm sounded in West Hall on the third floor. Students, staff and faculty evacuated the building. No evidence of foul play was found. Chief Doner, of the VSU Public Safety Office, said it may have gone off if someone was smoking nearby.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at these events:

Friday-Oct. 20

The Lowndes/Valdosta Cultural Arts Center presents Dominican artist Pablo Cruz's art exhibit, "Espacio Revertido." An artist's reception will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday

A movie, "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings," plays at 7 p.m. in the University Center theater.

Oct. 23

A student brown bag presentation, "Latino Leaders Today and the Development of Latino Political Agenda," will be from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in West Hall 150.

Oct. 24

Amigos and the Department of Modern & Classical Languages hosts a diversity week forum, "Somos Latinos," at 3 p.m. in the University Center theater.

Oct. 29

Professor Emeritus Carlos Rojas' presents a lecture, "Dali & Freud," at 7 p.m. at Powell Hall. He is from Emory University.

All events are free and open to the public.
For more information on any events, call the Department of

Today

VSU Premiere Fashion Models presents "Homecoming Fever: The Show Must Go On" at 7:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the University Center. Tickets are \$6 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Red Cross relief fund.

For more information, call Herbertha Thomas, secretary, at 219-7720.

Saturday

Alpha Phi Alpha presents a step show at Greek Fest at 7 p.m. at the Old Gym. The Black Student League hosts. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door and \$5 for Greeks.

Tuesday

Cpl. Dennis Nealon teaches a Rape Aggression Defense class today. Call the Public Safety Office at 245-6484 to sign up.

Wednesday

The Jess Trio from Vienna performs at 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$5 for non-VSU students. VSU students, senior citizens and minors get in free.

Oct. 23

Potential employers will be at the Fall Career Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the P.E. Complex mezzanine.

For more information, call the Office of Career Services at 333-5942 or 333-5414.

Special Services hosts an Accessibility Expo showing the services, programs and products VSU offers students with disabilities.

The expo is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the University Center.

For more information, call the Special Services Program at 245-2498 (voice) or 219-1348 (hearing impaired).

Oct. 25

The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind's dance troupe performs at 11 a.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building. Admission is free.

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Two guest speakers, a general surgeon and a pharmacist, will be at the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Medical Society meeting at 7 p.m. in the Bio/Chem Building 1023. All active AED members are expected to attend.

E-mail Jacob Watters, secretary, at jwwatter@valdosta.edu for more information.

Dr. Martha Leake presents "Volcanoes: Fiery Mountains of the Solar System" in the VSU planetarium on Nevin Hall 3007, third floor, at 8 p.m.

If the weather permits, attendees can walk on Nevin's roof and look through the Observatory telescopes after the presentation.

Come early; seating capacity is limited to 65 people.

For more information, call the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences at 333-5752.

Found Property

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

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Today



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Friday



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Saturday



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6 moderate

Hi: 80
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Sunday



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Hi: 81
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Advising starts Monday

Beth Owens
Staff Writer

for students to fully review what courses they need to complete their major.

“Reports show that advising is crucial to students’ success in college, and without it, registration could become an undirected process,” Wright said.

Dr. Sharon Gravett, English department head, said, “Advising helps students plan their academic careers. Advising helps students take classes efficiently so they don’t have to take extra classes along the way. Advising also gives faculty a chance to talk with students about their career

goals and how a particular major or track within that major may help them fulfill their career aspirations.”

Pre-registration begins on Oct. 22 and is accessible through Nov. 16. Students may register by phone or on the web. The first day of pre-registration is open to graduate students and seniors only. Juniors may access the system at midnight before the second day, and sophomores may register at midnight before the third. All students can access the system after Oct. 25.

Students get second chance to drop classes

Leah F. Cassorla
Staff Writer

“There was a glitch in interpretation of when the faculty should get grades in,” Dr. Levy said. “Faculty input was allowed until the day before midterm.”

Dr. Levy said this has never happened before, and that changes will be made so that it doesn’t happen again.

The grace period will allow students to get drop forms from the registrar, get them signed by their professors, and get them back to the registrar in time to drop classes. Students who drop classes before the end of the grace period will receive a grade of W, signifying only that

they dropped. If a student needs to drop after the grace period, that student will receive a grade of WP if he or she is passing the class or WF if he or she is failing.

According to Gerald Wright, registrar, this extension will not adversely affect the work load in the registrar’s office.

“The process will be the same it’s always been,” Wright said.

Dr. Levy said that students should be careful about choosing to withdraw from classes, because classes attempted count against the HOPE scholarship.

And the finalists are...



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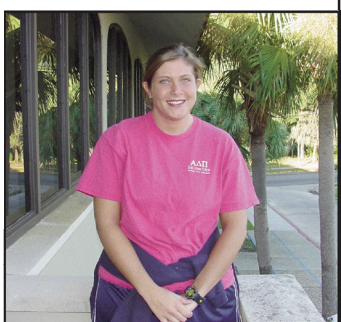
Amanda Day
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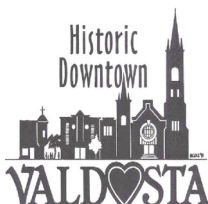
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Experts say anthrax virus case could be work of individuals

By Michelle Mittelstadt and Randy Lee Loftis
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - Fears of biological terrorism have been thrust to the forefront by the unusual discovery in Florida of two cases of anthrax infection - one fatal. Yet it would be very difficult to engineer a massive anthrax attack with major casualties, terrorism experts say.

"An attack of the type down in Florida could probably have been pulled off by a single individual. It was very low-tech, very small-scale," said Jonathan B. Tucker, a bioterrorism expert with the Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

"If you're talking about a mass-casualty event capable of inflicting casualties on the scale of Sept. 11, that would require a high level of sophistication," Tucker said.

The discovery of two inhaled anthrax cases in the same workplace triggered a massive investigation by the FBI and Florida health officials. Of particular concern is the fact that the business, American Media Inc., is not far from where several hijackers implicated in the Sept. 11 attacks lived.

Federal investigators continued to swarm over the offices of American Media Inc., the publisher of several tabloid newspapers, in hopes of determining how Robert Stevens and Ernesto Blanco were exposed. Stevens, a 63-year-old photo editor, died Friday. The 73-year-old Blanco, a mailroom employee, was found to have anthrax bacteria in his nasal passages but has not developed the disease.

While some federal officials and terrorism experts suggested foul play, President Bush sought to assure the public that the Florida situation is under control.

"Thus far, it looks like it's a very isolated incident," he said Tuesday. "But any type of incident, any type of information that comes into our govern-

ment, we take very seriously because we understand we're dealing with evil people."

There are about a dozen countries around the world with an offensive biological weapons program, said Tucker, author of the newly released "Scourge: The Once and Future Threat of Smallpox." Few, if any, non-state sponsored groups are believed capable of pulling off a high-casualty bioweapons attack, experts say.

Staging a biological attack capable of killing thousands of people would be "very scientifically sophisticated and very challenging," said Jonathan Ban, an analyst with the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute in Washington. "I find it very difficult to believe that a terrorist organization at this point would have those types of capabilities."

First, a terrorist group would have to obtain a lethal strain of anthrax, then cultivate large quantities under lab conditions, he and other experts say. While anthrax can be dispersed in liquid or powdered form, terrorists would have to have the know-how to spread it effectively.

Using crop dusters - a type of plane inspected repeatedly by several of the Sept. 11 hijackers - would require precise modifications to the delivery system and a detailed knowledge of wind patterns and environmental factors, Ban said.

And dispersing anthrax through a building's ventilation system would require a good understanding of airflow and engineering, he added. Powdered anthrax would have to be ground to precise measurements to ensure it is properly inhaled into the lungs.

The complexity of mounting a biological weapons attack was demonstrated by Aum Shinrikyo, the Japanese cult that killed 12 and injured hundreds more in a 1995 Tokyo subway gassing. Despite a sophisticated, well-funded scientific effort, Aum was unable to engineer a successful biological attack with anthrax or botu-

linum toxin. The cult then turned to the chemical sarin gas in what stands as the only major chemical or biological weapon attack by a non-state entity.

Health officials in Florida cast a wide net in the wake of the troubling anthrax cases.

By Tuesday evening, they had tested more than 700 people who had been in the American Media building for an hour or more since Aug. 1, Florida state epidemiologist Dr. Steve Wiersma said during a televised news conference.

That period - going back nearly six weeks before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington - covers the time during which anthrax can wait in the body before symptoms appear, according to several medical studies.

Dr. Wiersma said the anthrax appeared to be a strain that occurs in nature, not one engineered in a laboratory. But that does not rule out foul play, health officials said.

"We're open to the possibility of anything," said Dr. Jean Malecki, director of the Palm Beach County Health Department.

People can get anthrax by inhaling, ingesting or touching the spores of Bacillus anthracis, a naturally occurring bacterium that can pass from the soil into cattle and sheep. Early in the 20th century the United States had about 130 cases a year in people, but from 1993-2001 the country had no human cases.

Until the Florida cases, the United States had not seen a case of inhalation anthrax since 1976, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The country had only 18 known cases of inhalation anthrax in the 20th century. It is more common in other regions, including the Middle East.

Anthrax can't be passed from one person to another; each person must be exposed by some common source.

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New DUI group begins in Georgia

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

DUI laws may get another look.

Georgia's new Blue Ribbon Young Driver and Driving Under the Influence Study Commission has been created to study the driving statistics of Georgia, especially those concerning DUI and younger drivers.

Headed by State Sen. Connie Stokes the 21-member commission will debate and discuss improvements for Georgia's roads. The commission members must attend meetings and research DUI laws of Georgia and other states. They will then make recommendations to Barnes.

The commission will meet once in October and November, and the commission will submit its first report to Barnes and the General Assembly by Dec. 15. The final report will be submitted no later than June 30, 2002. The commission will continue to meet for the next two years.

The commission is made up of seven appointees by the governor, seven appointees by the lieutenant governor and seven appointees by the speaker of the house. Natalie Skipper, a junior political science major at VSU was chosen by Thomas Murphy, the Speaker of the House, to be a college student representative on the commission.

Living Wage

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specificity with its requests. He also stated that according to VSU's Living Wage campaign, VSU could feasibly afford to raise wages but the campaign's figures were somewhat exaggerated. It would cost far more than \$14 million for the university to raise worker pay.

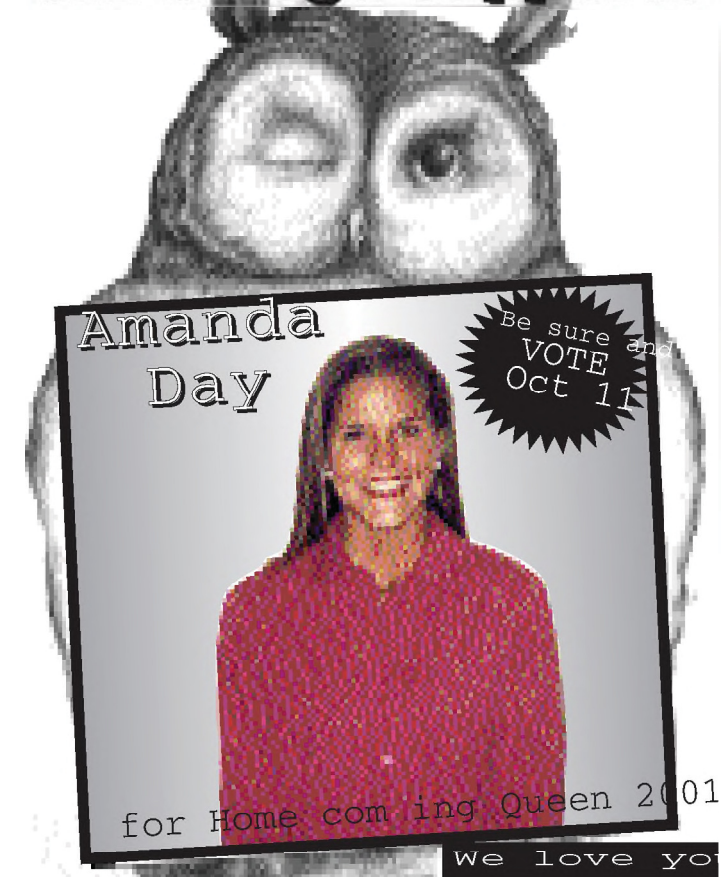
"I have not responded to their [Living Wage] inquiries because I didn't feel the need to," Grimsley said.

Speight also argued that there is "rampant racial discrimination" involved in the wage rate at VSU and said that the campaign has filed a complaint with the Equal Opportunity for Employment branch in Savannah.

According to the Living Wage campaign factsheet, approximately 2,078 full-time and part-time workers on campus are paid less than the desired \$8.50 hourly rate, of which women and African Americans make up the significant majority. Living Wage contends that the highest concentration of these workers earn below the living wage mentioned above are in the custodial, dining services, maintenance and grounds departments of Plant Operations and Auxiliary Services.

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Actually, I'm e-x-h-a-u-s-t-e-d.
Have you heard this conversation lately? Have you HAD this conversation lately?

Most of us have. Even professors and administrators are having this conversation. Eight weeks of school with one day off, not counting weekends. We get a week for Thanksgiving, but ask students at mid-term and most would be willing to trade their mothers for a long weekend.

Any long weekend will do. And conveniently enough, Columbus sailed the ocean blue in mid October, just so we could have a long weekend.

Scheduling at VSU is one of those weird things. Everyone complains about it, and no one knows who actually does it. Those in charge of it wouldn't admit it in public, but continue scheduling a day off at the beginning of the semester and then nothing until Thanksgiving.

Maybe they're just too tired to think straight.

As usual, the power to change things is in our collective hand. I suggest a sleep-in in front of Dr. Bailey's office on Monday, all day.

As a last resort, we can have an in class sleep-in—wait, we already do that.

Or maybe, just maybe, we could ask SGA to petition the administration (that's one of those first amendment rights—to redress the government for grievances) to revise the fall semester schedule to include the same kind of fall break numerous other colleges already have.

You can always dream—if you have enough time to catch up on your sleep. Maybe next year we'll take a fairly normal three days for Thanksgiving and make up the difference around midterm. We could all use the extra sleep.

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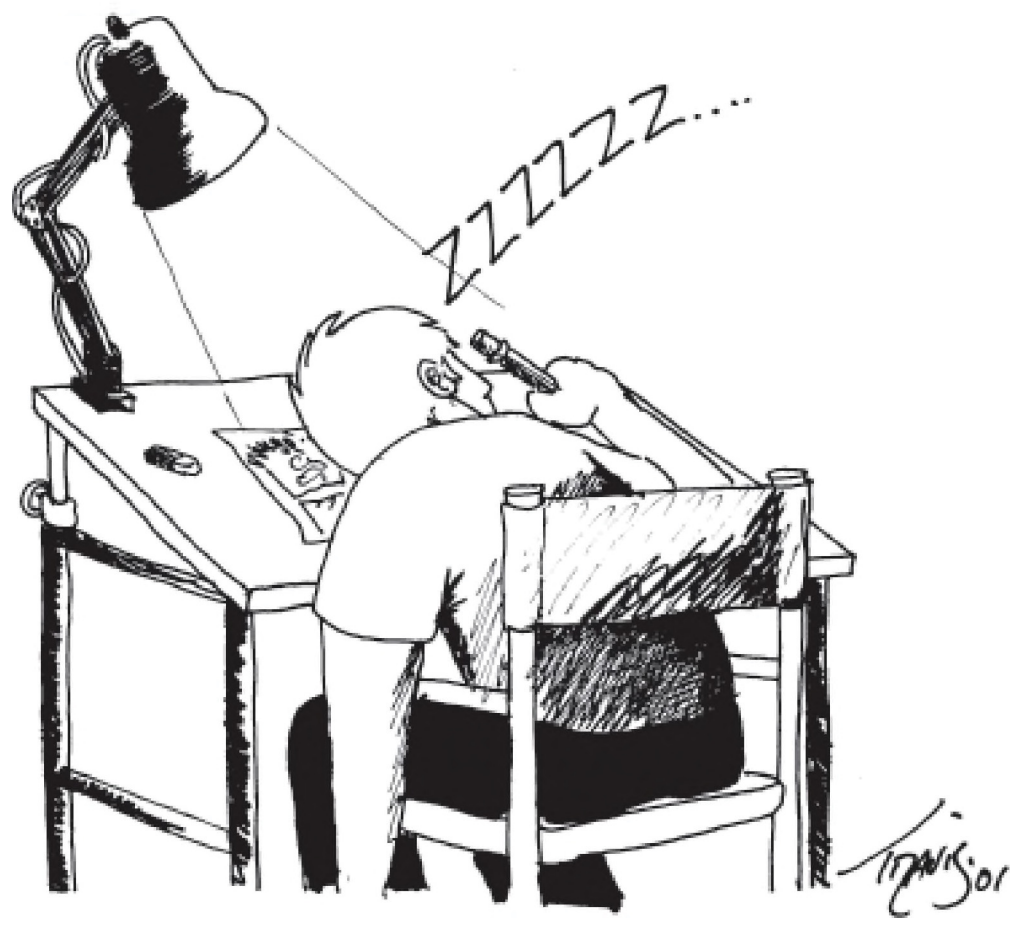
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Society defines talent

Being famous isn't easy.

Not being famous can be even harder. America is a country obsessed with the glitter of fame. We are insanely concerned with personal, and often banal, aspects of our favorite stars' lives. Admit it: you probably know intimate details about Jennifer Aniston's weight history, Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's divorce or Julia Robert's current hairstyle.

With this obsession inevitably comes comparisons the average American will never live up to. Girls covet images of runway models, going to extremes to acquire bodies emulating emaciated figures of women like Kate Moss and Calista Flockhart. What American women forget is that many of these images are facades, altered through intense diets, airbrushing or plastic surgery.

Being famous is the ultimate measure of success in our soci-



Laura Justin

ety. Someone may be a good writer, but if he or she were a great writer, his or her talent would be recognized by society through fame. A local band may be entertaining, but only a record label or debut of a video on TRL constitutes outstanding talent.

Everyday people live vicariously through the chosen few who have made it to the big time—whether through a book on a best-seller list, a role on the big-screen or a face on the cover of a magazine. By emu-

lating the stars Americans admire, they feel they are one step closer to being the same caliber as their idols. We seem to think that famous people possess some unique outstanding characteristic to become one of the lucky few that become household names.

With this insane preoccupation of famous peoples' lives, we often forget to look at the beauty and talent that exists in people we encounter on an everyday basis. So look around you. Your girlfriend may be just as beautiful as Cindy Crawford, or your classmate may be as talented an actor as Brad Pitt. Just like Dorothy, Americans spend so much time coveting the magical land of Hollywood they fail to see the wonderful talents present in their own backyard.

Laura Justin is a Spectator columnist and can be contacted at justin_laura@hotmail.com

Mailbox

Spectator Sucks

Dear Editor:

Let's get to a point that makes sense. Rush is Rush and Intake is Intake. That's all! Neither one is meant to exclude or be prejudiced towards any race. However, we as greeks cannot help where people go. People are going to go where they feel comfortable. Just because you or I don't feel comfortable with a certain organization, and choose not to go, are you going to blame them for you staying away?

After we graduate, because of our fraternal or sorority background, you assume we

will automatically hire within our race. As a business student, I know (along with everyone else) that you hire the most qualified, not the one with the right skin tone.

As far as Brandon Scott and his article that was due within one day, why was a freshman given an assignment as complex as writing an article to dissect our greek system? I believe your exact words were "contacted who he could...attempted to contact others...all under deadline pressure." These, if only one, should have been reason enough not to print the article. Instead, the Spectator used them as an excuse to further its seemingly endless agenda to tear down our greek system which is so vital to this cam-

pus. Greeks are one of the main reasons that this campus is growing as it is.

As far as our separate councils, we do discuss a majority of our business separately but come together to discuss matters of interest to all councils. This is to make our councils more efficient and to get more done for the students. That's it.

In a personal rant, how can the Spectator's focus already be back on something as petty as this when there is still breaking news on the W.T.C. attack, but no articles on it? When personal views and beliefs are expressed in journalism, it is no longer journalism. It is a forum for expressing these opinions.

Greeks—see page 6



Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.



Jamie Peck

Torn loyalties

This is what I see.

In response to an editorial written two weeks ago that stated, "All the faces are white (referring to the composite pictures of sororities and fraternities in the UC)," I have since observed a few things going on around campus and in my Spectator classroom.

All the faces in the Spectator classroom are not Greek. In fact, very, very few are.

I see there are only three Greeks on the Spectator staff. I look around the Journalism 2500 classroom, and I see I am one of the only two Greeks actually writing for the newspaper, since the other is the photo editor. I see that the two female Greeks are from the same sorority, and only one fraternity is represented. Those of us who are Greek don't write about Greeks or Greek events, just as those of us who are members of other groups don't write about those groups—that would be conflict of interest.

I see a lot of Greeks angry at the Spectator. I hear a lot of them saying they'll never read the Spectator again because, "They're always bashing Greeks," and "Everything ever written about Greeks is bad." I even saw a couple of Greeks throwing Spectators on the ground in disgust after the past two issues.

I know most Greeks to be outgoing, involved, smart, funny, and compassionate in everyday life and in times of crisis—just like my friends on the Spectator staff. I see a newspaper staff that might not know Greeks like I do, and Greeks who don't know the Spectator staff like I do.

I saw myself torn two weeks ago—torn between my close Greek friends, my Spectator friends and my future career in journalism. I was so angry at the Spectator when it came out two weeks ago. I didn't know which "side" to take or which route to go.

Here's what I hope to see in the spring.

I hope I'll see lots of Greeks writing for the newspaper. I know so many Greeks are good writers because I've heard some of the public speeches they give. I hope I'll see the Greeks and the Spectator staffers move past their qualms and become one united campus with one purpose—truth.

I hope I'll see Greeks from all of the different sororities and fraternities in the 50-minute, once a week class,

represent—see page 6

What should be done to make sure students aren't tired before midterm?



"Pace yourself. Don't take on more than you can handle."

Vanessa Fish
Freshman
Pre Pharmacy



"Midterm shouldn't be on the same week as Homecoming."

LaSeanta Mason
Freshman
English



"They should spread midterm out over a three-week period so all the midterms aren't at once"

Michael Leslie
Junior
Mass Media



"Fall break. A week-long break would be wonderful and very beneficial for us."

Lindsay Bean
Junior
Speech Language Pathology



"Go back to the quarter system."

Johnathan Sellars
Junior
Business Management



"They could put midterm back a couple of weeks after Home Coming, and they could also push back registration."

Brandon Smith
Senior
Mass Media

Last week the Spectator asked the questions:

'Does choosing to keep sororities and fraternities separate affect society as a whole?'

Do you think segregation by choice is wrong?'

This week we're sharing the answers.....

Dear Editor:

We all make decisions in our lives that will affect our futures in some way. So of course, the choice of segregation will affect the greek system and those within it in some way or another. However, what some people do not understand is that the choice to divide the three greek councils was not that of one person. NPHC, NPC, and IFC ALL agreed that we would function better separately. Those of you choose not to be involved in the greek system, who look in at us from the outside, and who know nothing about the business of the greek councils, don't realize that the choice we made together was a good one. We all get along just fine. We all support each

other in various ways. I realize that the history of segregation is not very pleasant. But in some ways, segregation does work, especially if it is by choice. We are not segregated because of our race or because we are prejudiced. We are separated because our individual chapters function better that way. It's just as simple as that. I think that all of you who are not involved in the greek system have jumped to conclusions about something that you know nothing about. I think it is time to give it a rest! If it's not a big deal to us, then it shouldn't be a big deal to you!

Jennifer Duggar
Secondary English
Education
Junior

Dear Editor

I think that the Spectator should get over it. I am in a sorority and I am so sorry if other races don't want to be in it too. So get off my back! This is just the way it has always been and probably always will be.

Dear editor

I am a non-Greek!!! However, I do not agree with the Spectators blatant bashing of the Greek society. I agree that fraternities and sororities, for the most part, are segregated, but that is a choice made on behalf of ALL of the Greek organizations. These organizations work together, probably more now than they ever have to accomplish goals. Let me ask Mr. Scott, who is probably the worst "journalist" from which I have read a

This is not to say that if a student of another race went thru 'white' Recruitment, we would not take them-we would, we just don't always have the chance because they don't go thru. There are plenty of girls in our sorority who are not 'Caucasian.' I think the Spectator just always has to rub the Greeks names in the

dirt. There are a lot of good things going on on VSU's campus that would not be if it weren't for the Greeks. Why don't y'all complain about some other organizations? How about the BLACK Student League, The National Society of BLACK engineers-I don't see y'all whining about that! But all heck would break

loose if there were a White Student League. My point is-no amount of crying is gonna change the way the Greeks work-so just get over it. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Deb Murgess
Sociology
Junior

work, how often do you go hang out with friends of a different race?

Unfortunately, change takes time people!!! Do you guys ever report the good things that fraternities and sororities do? Like contribute money and time to charities? It's probably more than you are doing. Do you call yourself "contributing to society" by producing unethical journalism?

The Spectator is nothing more than a school sponsored tabloid that projects it's own

agenda towards students. Do you know that your writings are a basis by which these students of fraternities and sororities, both black and white, could sue, and very possibly win? Someone should write an add in the Valdosta Daily Times about the shoddy and unethical way in which OUR (This includes all the Greeks!) school newspaper is ran. Maybe this would show those who advertise with the Spectator, possibly ex-Greeks, that this is the way that we teach journalism. Whoever

runs the Spectator should be ashamed!!! Also, understand the full scope of a story and report the WHOLE facts before reporting. (Leah, the excuse of a deadline is quite bogus!!! Lets think about it! I guess you were so afraid that this story would allude you by the following week, that you just had to "get the story out!")

Mark Steelbaugh
Undeclared

Represent

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expressing their views and opinions, and, most importantly, being represented—being heard and being made known. A true united republic is based on diversified representation.

The Spectator staff would love to have new writers. I hope the Spectator staff will see in Greeks what I see in them, and I hope Greeks will be satisfied in being spoken for in the newspaper.

It's time everyone is heard. I hope I'll see you in the spring in the desk next to me.

Greeks

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A newspaper is supposed to be objective and unbiased, which the Spectator's columnists failed to be. When people are attempted to be contacted, errors are made, and facts are omitted (whether intentional or not). This is not journalism!

I hope that this does not turn into a weekly argument between the Greeks and the Spectator to see who can get the last word in. I have neither the time nor the

inclination to continue this debate. I hope that this is true for your staff as well. I invite you or any of your staff to come through rush or intake and experience it firsthand. Until then, I would appreciate it if you reserved judgement for those who want to experience our greek system.

Heath Gilbert
IFC Recruitment Chair

Clarifying COSA survey

Dear Editor:

I read, with interest, a recent editorial by Ben Speight in the Spectator. The Council on Staff Affairs recognizes the importance of the issue of competitive salaries at

VSU; however, the use of the COSA wage study as a tenet of Mr. Speight's conjecture is unfortunate. Although well intentioned, the study was unofficial, under-funded and the data now outdated. COSA supports and encourages thoughtful improvements to the campus community. The cornerstone of meaningful change is accurate, timely information.

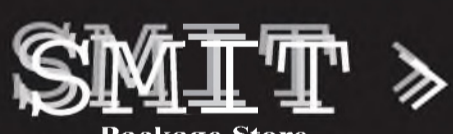
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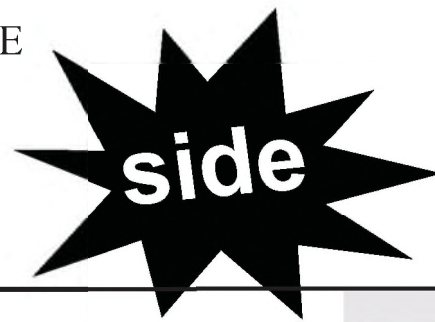
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ISN'T THE LIFETIME FOR WOMEN CHANNEL ENOUGH?

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

So I'm sitting around one day this summer watching the tube, and all of a sudden, this commercial comes on with these famous women advertising a new channel for women, better known as "The WE channel," or, "Women's Entertainment." These famous women included athletes, actresses and others.

Anyway, they're going on, saying crap like, "I'm a mother, I'm an actress, I'm an athlete, I'm a woman..." I'm just thinking to myself, "Isn't the Lifetime for Women channel enough for these chicks?"

It's bad enough that us guys have to sit through commercials with women running along the beach and jumping around because they have on a fresh Tampax [or whatever you call those things]. Or the

fact that we have to listen to them talk with their girlfriends [speaking of girlfriends, why do other women get to use that word so loosely? Just wondering...] about the new birth control pills that come with side effects such as belching, exten-



sive vomiting and PMS [Pick on Men Syndrome]. Who really cares about this stuff? I swear, if I have to come across one more movie with a title like, "The Death of Love," or some crap like that, I'm gonna get PMS [Pissed-Man Syndrome].

And these celebrity chicks are always so frickin' happy when they're advertising this new network; it's like one big Maxipad commercial or something.

You women just get on my nerves sometimes with these

ridiculous movies and straight-out-clueless commercials. All these made-for-women television shows and commercials do is supply ammo for the chicks to come after us guys.

You start getting all these mixed feelings in your head and don't know what you want, other than that new aerobics video by Denise Austin [personally, I watch those things with the volume down, if you know what I mean].

You ladies start looking for the simplest things to judge guys by. It's like, "Ooh, that guy has on a pair of regular Dockers; he is probably a loser who molests little kids, like in that movie..."

Look, trust me, we [the fellas] know that you all are women; you don't have to go and prove this by getting yet another channel. This does nothing but make us hate you more for the little crap you do, like going on a rage if we belch

a few times! C'mon!

I say: This channel should be done away with. Let's just go all of the way to the top [to whoever is the mastermind behind this cesspool of tampons], and let's demand that their operations be shut down before all men are left with the option of watching nothing but ESPN and The Playboy Channel; this would ensure that even the Lifetime for Women channel be demolished...HAHAHAHAHAHA!

Think about it fellas, together, we would rule the world! No more PMS, no more guilt [just because we looked at that other chick's boobs...we didn't touch them], no more tampons [YES], no more smart-ass remarks [like, "No, I think those pants look ugly on you"]. NO MORE! Let's take a stand, together, today!

Are you with me? Let's celebrate...to the nearest bar!

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Hah...caught you cheating

Entertainment for men only

Tameika Carson
Staff Writer

Are you tired of flipping channels past Lifetime to shows that boost your enormous ego? OMA (Only Men Allowed) Network has produced a new channel, "The Men's Channel," that attends to all testosterone carriers.

Starting at 10 a.m.--late enough to sleep in, we have an hour-long show titled, "Head of the Household." Today's show is reviewing a book by Berry McVillian titled "Trying to Inhale."

The show then ends with a quick review of the Bikini Contest, "Less is Best," that premieres next week.

Don't touch the remote yet! Next is a series of game shows beginning with "Big Boob Blondes." Just try to guess the winner's bra size at the wet T-

shirt contest.

Immediately following that handful of fun is the next game show, "Bad Bare Brunettes." This game is counting the number of dimples on a bare backside in the least amount of time, proving that men can manage time.

Interrupting the intensive programs are commercials advertising Viagra and sales on various beers. Not to worry if your buddies or girlfriend won't go to the store every time an empty can of beer hits the floor. The "Men's Channel" guarantees 10 minute delivery from your local liquor store.

On the note of television shopping, not only do men have the advantage of complex remote controls, but futuristic recliner chairs are advertised on infomercials as well.

A chair, refrigerator, bottle opener, and snack bin all in one

to accommodate your lazy nature is far beyond a good deal. Hurry! Supplies are limited.

Mid afternoon arrives, and it's time for soap operas such as "Bold and the Brainless" followed by "Days of our Lies." The hobby of men cheating on women is always fun in these exaggerated scenarios.

There is just enough time for one more show to buildup your appetite before lunch, "Name that Belch." Just last week, the record holder won a lifetime supply of Coronas singing "She's a B!@*.\$."

Don't get anxious from the praise of bodily functions just yet. "What's That Smell?" immediately proceeds. The privilege of watching the contenders sniff the aroma of various farts in order to guess what someone had for dinner is beyond a good use of your senses.

Now that the sandwich of your choice is in one hand while the other hand rests comfortably down your pants, the review of sports begins.

ESPN (Every Chauvinistic Person's Nature) covers every sport from football to beating meat, all of which are very appealing to the male gender. Not to mention the naked babes reporting the stats of last night's game.

Enough drooling and on to a more serious note, the second set of talk shows begin "Jerry Finger," "Dickey Lake" and "HARPO." The topics of today's shows tend to relate to "house hags" or "why my girlfriend won't cook."

As the evening winds down and your right arm has had time to rest, the night is concluded with a movie, "How Fella Got His Rhythm Back." This has become a guy's favorite because they all can relate.

The rest of the night involves other relaxing movies that fascinate the male gender.

The next morning the vicious cycle begins again. The

sequence of shows repeats itself for those who wish to continue to corrupt their small minds.

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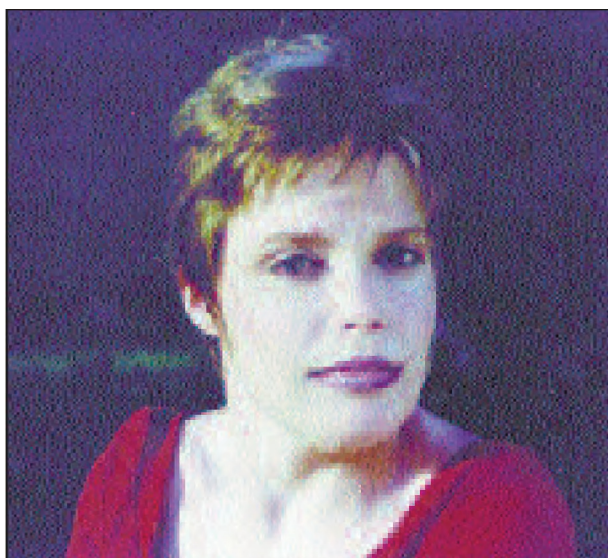
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VSU student shines in disability month

Ashlie Mash
Staff Writer

Nothing can stop her; not now or ever. This past summer, Dena Gaylor, graduate student, and reigning Miss Wheelchair Georgia 2001, wheeled away one category shy of capturing Miss Wheelchair America 2002 in Denver, Colo. If she had won the pageant, she would have presented her platform of changing the public's views of those with limitations.



Special to The Spectator

Dena Gaylor, a VSU graduate student, shows off her side profile while modeling for the Miss Wheelchair America pageant.

"I would love to start by taking other people with disabilities and talking to kids so they can have contact and learn not to be scared of people that may be a little different," Gaylor said. According to Gaylor, she wants more disabled people to be a part of society and their communities. In addition, she wants the public as a whole to recognize the challenges and needs of the disabled. "There are still many cities where the biggest problem for people with disabilities is getting from one place to another," Gaylor said. "They (the

public) can help us give our best to the world in which we all live." Because of her interest in doing different things, Gaylor became involved in pageantry. Ever since her participation in the pageant system, various

Horseback Riding Program, surfing, scuba diving, and assisting her best friend and role model, Cpl. Dennis Nealon, with working one on one with children in the Valdosta/Lowndes County D.A.R.E. program.

Ever since birth, her body has been greatly affected by cerebral palsy. Unlike many others affected by this debilitating disease, she is able to walk holding onto objects in her two-room apartment in Converse Hall, and she is able to use crutches to move short distances.

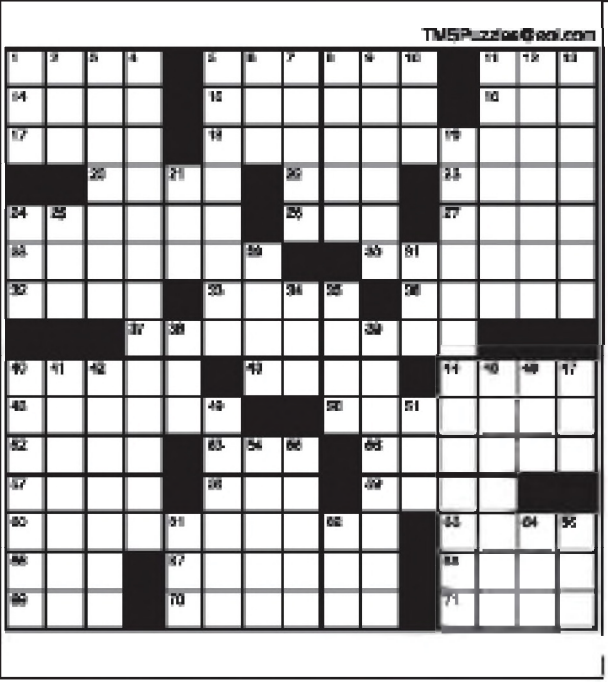
Gaylor only allows herself to think and speak positively about her disability.

"Just as people have to wear glasses or have to take high blood pressure drugs, I use my wheelchair as a tool to help with my weak legs," she said. "The key to a happy life is how you view and deal with any problem you face."

The hardest thing about being handicapped is the constant need for transportation.

"I have to beg and sometimes pay my friends to come
Dena Gaylor
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Institute helps homeless

Adam Platto
Staff Writer

This year, the South Georgia Institute received only a moderate number of donations compared to the almost overwhelming amount received last year for its "stand down." The Institute has been collecting clothing and personal items to hand out to the homeless and needy, and a "stand down" is when those items are handed out. The cut off date for col-

lecting clothes is Friday. Donations should be taken to room 100, Thaxton Hall, North Campus. The Institute will collect donations until 5:30 p.m. Thu. and 3 p.m. Fri.

They will then deliver the items to the National Guard Armory on Sat. for the "stand down."

There, the Veterans association will be present, along with a clinic to help the needy with any medical problems. Several other organizations will be

present, such as the Georgia Department of Veterans Services, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ann Carswell stated that the Institute does not yet have an estimate of how many will attend the stand down."

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Getting the job done

Mary McConnel
Staff Writer

Giving a ticket is harder than getting one. Students employed by the Parking and Transportation department find that this is the case.

Students can make their peer's job even harder. Kevin Emert, junior computer science and business major, rarely has a problem with other students being rude. "I just try to be as nice as possible," he said. This was demonstrated moments before when a rude student

accosted him about his job. Emert was simply polite.

Nick Ekblaw, Sophomore LAS major, has a very different story. "Students are rude every day," Ekblaw said. He isn't upset about it though because it comes with the job. "I just ignore them."

Giving out tickets is just part of the job of parking personnel. They are also here to help students and control parking problems on campus. Without personnel, parking would probably be very congested. They are also responsible for the equipment they use.

The pay for parking personnel is the same as other campus jobs, minimum wage. But, scheduling is very flexible and it is a job that is available on campus. "I picked it because it was available," Ekblaw said.

The availability and flexibility of this on campus job draws a reasonable number of students. But, that doesn't mean that it is an easy job.

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Exhibit real 'draw'

Jason James
Staff Writer

VSU's fall art season is in full swing with its second exhibit. The Fine Arts Building's gallery is displaying pieces from Andy Cunningham and Toby Martin in a collection entitled "Mergerism." The exhibition opened on Sept. 24 with a reception hosted in the gallery from 7-8:30 p.m. and will run through Friday at 3 p.m. The exhibit will be open for homecoming from 11 a.m.-1p.m.

The exhibit is drawing people of all ages. Many children from Quitman Elementary came last week to get a taste of art.

Both Martin and Cunningham graduated from Georgia State University and now reside in Atlanta. Cunningham teaches art part time at Georgia State and full time at Woodward Academy. Martin teaches at Stillman College. Both artists

have wanted to combine their pieces for an exhibition and now they have brought old and new projects for display.



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Toby Martin's porcelain and glass piece, "Concerned," is one of many displays at the VSU art gallery.

Both artists' pieces are formed from a variety of media ranging from clay, plastic, paints, photographs, wood and

stainless steel, among others.

Cunningham tends to produce many dark colors in these pieces, which seem based upon different images in the modern world such as science ("R&D Form I" and "R&D Form II") and urban blue-collar America ("Industrialization I" and "Industrialization Form II"). Cunningham also includes keys throughout many of his pieces, which may jumpstart observers' imaginations.

Martin uses colors and materials to present his ideas. He has three pieces on display that are made entirely of stainless steel and one that is constructed of stainless steel with a ceramic glass dog entitled "My True Best Friend." Many of the steel objects seem to loom over patrons. Martin's one piece to use only paint is a vertical wall hanging entitled "Reordering." This piece comes from the collection of Dr. Al Curtis.

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Dena Gaylor

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and get me," she said.

When she gets to her destination, she feels like some public walkways are still not accommodated for the disabled.

"I don't like it that there are still places and buildings where my wheelchair can't go, and this is 2001," Gaylor said. "I get really mad when my wheelchair can't get into a restroom."

Although Gaylor's cerebral

palsy has brought her heartache and difficulty through 31 surgeries and one eye operation, she still thanks God for the small things in life like getting out of bed alone and doing her own house cleaning.

"I know I am blessed more than others," she said. "My disability helps me get rid of friends who are not true blue, like people that only care about what I can do for them."

October is Disability Awareness Month. VSU is par-

ticipating by hosting an Accessibility Expo Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a program provided by the dance troupe at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.

For more information on Disability Awareness Month and employment for the disabled call (229) 333-5248.

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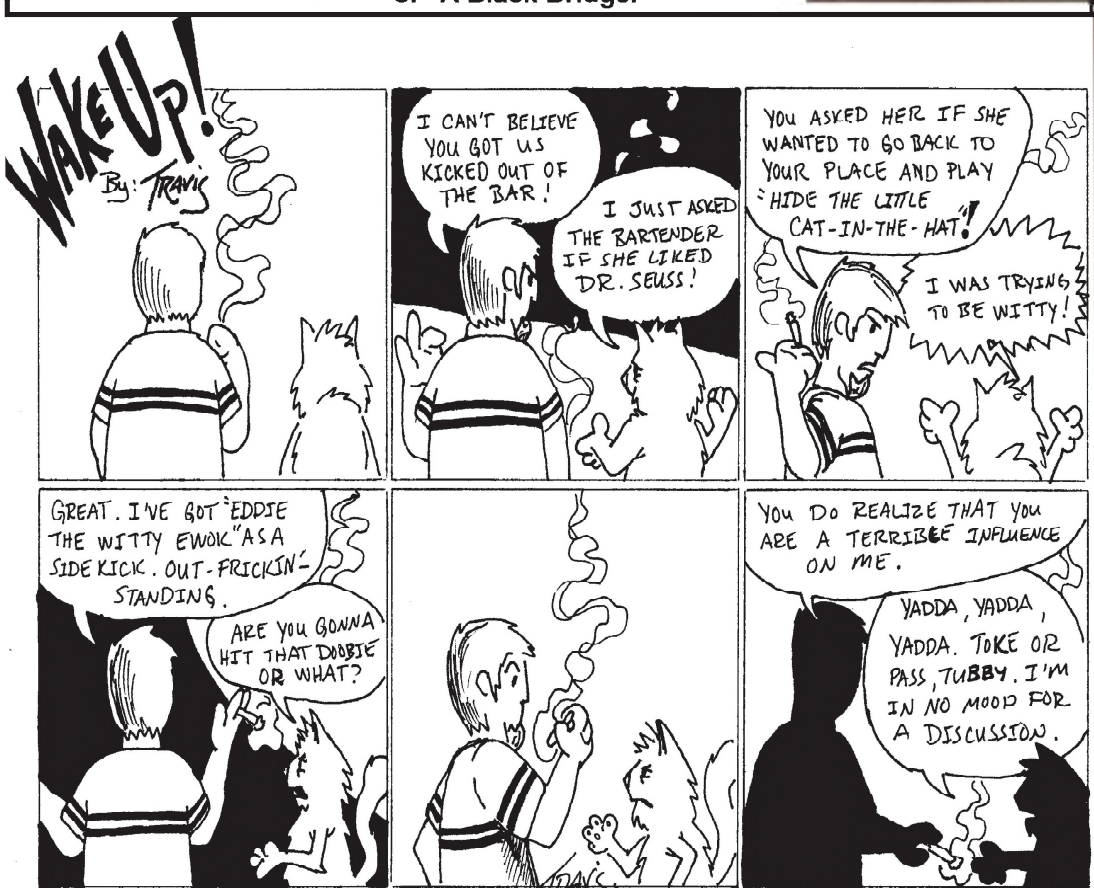
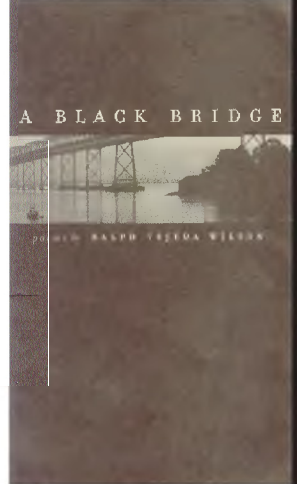
Ralph Tejada Wilson is an assistant professor of English at Kennesaw State University. He will be reading from his new book of poetry on Wed. at 7p.m. in Pound Hall on North Campus.

Wilson has published poetry, fiction and reviews.

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Revenge is sweet

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

Bisons. HU rolled up 400 total yards offensively, but allowed 573 yards to the Bears GSC leading offense.

Hatcher said running back Tony Wesley (knee) was doubtful for Saturday's game and defensive tackle Xavier Carrington (ankle) and cornerback Shamonta Dean (ankle) are questionable.

Last week VSU head coach Chris Hatcher said the Delta State Statesmen were the deadliest team in the nation. After last Saturday, what would he call the Blazers?

The Blazers will welcome Harding University to Bazemore-Hyder Stadium for a 1 p.m. kickoff Saturday one week after coming off, arguably, the biggest victory in school history.

"They [Harding] gave us fits last year," Hatcher said of VSU's 50-39 win last season. "We've got to shift gears from stopping the option to stopping the pass. They run a ton of formations offensively. Defensively, they cover all of your lineman and blitz two or three linebackers."

Harding (1-4, 1-3) was dismantled last Saturday against University of Central Arkansas, 51-27. UCA's 51 points breaks the record for points scored in a game at HU's First Security Stadium. VSU previously held the record with the 50 points it scored last year against the



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Up Next:

VSU (6-0, 4-0) tore apart the Statesmen defense, formerly known as the best in the Gulf South Conference, for 63 unanswered points en route to a 70-12 thrashing of the previous No. 1 team in the country. The Blazers, now ranked No. 1

in the country by the American Football Coaches Association, broke the school record for points in a game (68 vs. Tarleton State in 1993). "That was the best game we've played in two years," Hatcher said of his first win against DSU in three tries. "They [DSU] came out confident and they were talking a little before the game. Our guys were quiet and focused from the start and then the floodgates opened. We didn't expect to beat a team of that caliber the way we did."



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VSU coach Chris Hatcher talks to the top-ranked Blazers Tuesday after practice.

VSU quarterback Dusty Bonner completed 19-of-29 passes for 364 yards and no interceptions. Reggie Mosley broke the 100-yard mark again with eight catches for 130 yards. Aaron Jenkins ran for 141 yards on 20 carries. But the "Black Swarm" was equally impressive.

The VSU defense held Statesmen all-GSC fullback Rico McDonald to just 31 yards on 12 carries after he ran wild on VSU last season. 2000 GSC co-offensive player of the year Josh Bright was hampered by injury and ineffective in the second half.

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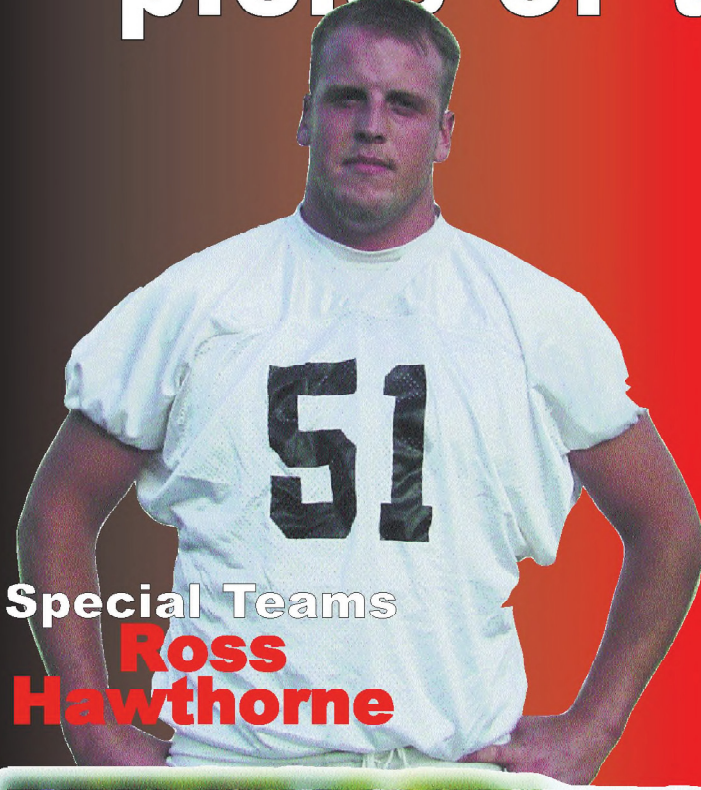
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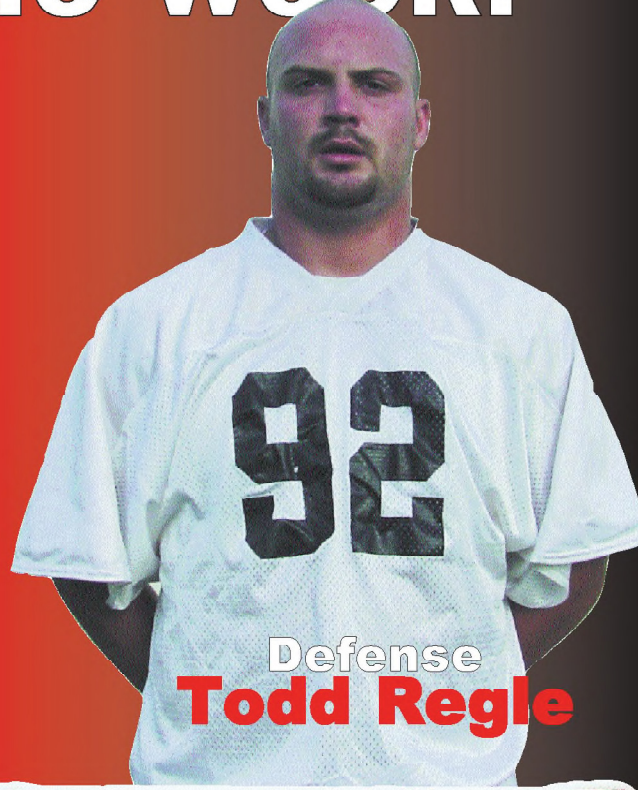
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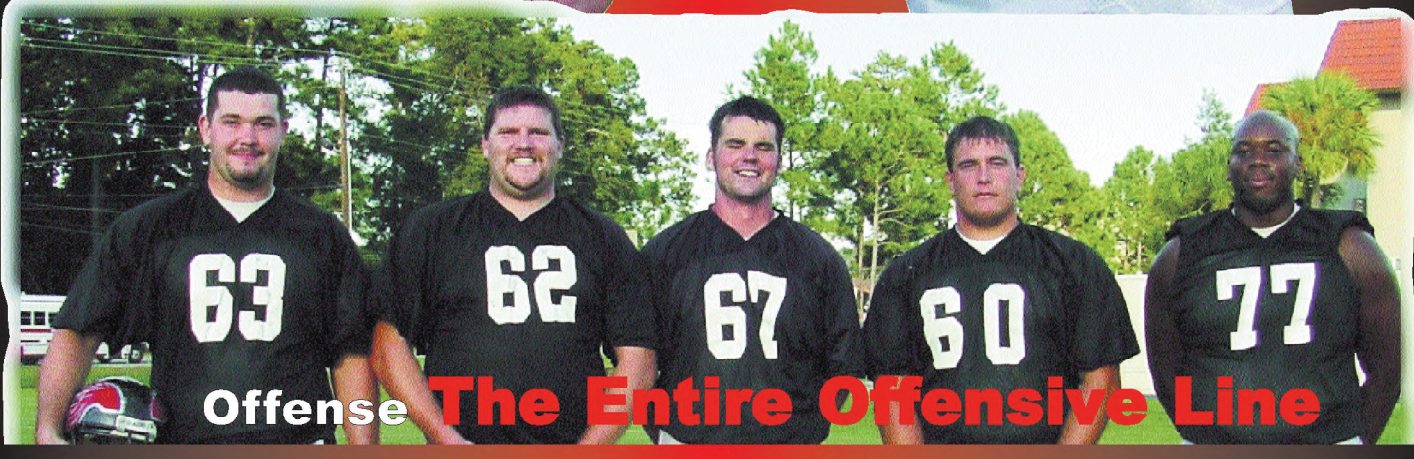
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LOOK FOR THE LEGEND

Blazer tennis duo wins ITA Southern

Phillip Boyd
Staff Writer

VSU tennis' second-seeded team of senior Tobias Huning and junior Marco Borges won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Rolex Southern doubles tournament to advance to play at the Small College Championships Oct. 19-21 in Plano, Texas.

Huning, the top seed in the singles draw, also advanced to the semifinal round in singles, lost 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 to fourth seed Evgeni Mikheev.

Borges, seeded fourth in singles, had his match halted in progress with him trailing 2-1 in the third set of his second round match.

In other scores, freshman Andy Davies won his opening

round match 6-3, 6-4 over tenth-seeded Leonardo Motta of Armstrong Atlantic State University and freshman Justin Smatt lost in the first round to Mikael Pettersson of Georgia College & State University 7-6 (7-4), 6-2. Matt Anderson lost

Up next:
Borges/Huning @ ITA Small College Championships

Oct. 19-21
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his opening round match 2-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. Andreas von Michaelis won 6-4, 6-1 in the opening round and 7-6 (10-8), 3-6, 6-3 in a marathon. He fell to Dale White of AASU 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) in the third round.

In other doubles action, Davies/Krautzfeldt lost 8-6 in their third round match.

Next up for the Blazers is the Florida State University Invitational, another individual tournament. The men's team has plenty of work ahead according to John Hansen, VSU

tennis coach. VSU is currently slated to be the only Division-II school to participate. A 11 participants of the Savannah tournament will compete at the FSU Invitational except for the Huning/Borges tandem. They will play in the Texas tournament.

According to Hansen, the team is improving by the week. "The team is really coming together," he said. "We felt we had the best team in Savannah."

The Blazers are building on a fifth place finish in the national tournament from last year.

"We're trying to fill holes from last year," Hansen said. "We think we've done that."

This year's Blazer squad is relatively young, featuring freshmen Matt Anderson, Andy Davies, Peter Kreuzfeldt and Justin Smatt.

"The guys have a legitimate shot at doing something at the conference tournament and at the national level," Hansen said.



Blazer junior Marco Borges practices his serve on the VSU tennis courts. Borges and senior Lander University transfer Tobias Huning will compete in the ITA Small College Championships Oct. 19-21 in Plano, Texas.

Photographer / The Spectator

VSU quietly climbing conference ladder

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

Frustration in any game is an ugly thing. When you get frustrated, you lose focus. When you lose focus, you forget everything that's supposed to be second nature. When you lose that competitive edge - you lose. The Lady Blazer volleyball team decided that Albany State needed to be acquainted with "Madame Frustration."

VSU's Lady Blazer volleyball team plays Lincoln Memorial this Saturday in Harrogate, Tenn. The Lady Blazers are looking for another conference win against an opponent they defeated earlier in the season.

On Tuesday VSU (10-13, 3-5 in Gulf South) defeated the Albany State Rams (11-7) 3-0, sweeping a team that took two games from them in an earlier road test.

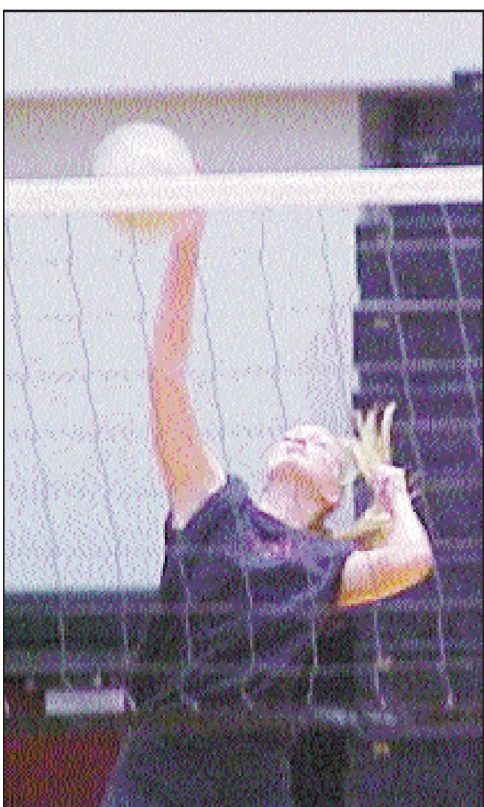
"We put the stank on 'em," swing hitter Rachel Hoodzow said. The reigning Gulf South East Defensive Player of the Week, Hoodzow made a 180-degree turn and contributed 16 of the team's 55 kills.

"We wanted to come out and be aggressive, and not let them [Albany State] in the game," coach John Teetzel said.

Not "letting" someone in the game is always a sound game plan. Not "letting" a team have the lead in any of three games is ridiculous.

The first two games were much closer to the vest - with VSU winning 30-24 and 30-26, respectively.

"We were kind of lax in the first two games," Gulf South East Offensive Player of the Week middle hitter Suzy Watson said. "We wanted to come out [in game three] and



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Sophomore middle hitter Michelle Vigh serves at the PE Complex for the 10-13, 3-5 Lady Blazers.

take care of business."

In game three, the Lady Blazers rolled to a 9-1 lead, eventually winning 30-16 as the Rams seemed to crumble on the court. VSU took full advantage as only 13 kills were added to game three (to put it in perspective swing hitter Madalyn Loehr led the team in kills with 17).



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