

Anthrax not likely in Valdosta

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

Anthrax is not contagious, but thinking you're going to get it seems to be.

According to Chief Frank Simons of the Valdosta Police Department, there have been no confirmed cases of anthrax in Georgia, but there have been numerous anthrax scares. In Valdosta alone, they have resulted in the temporary closing of Sonny's Barbeque on Norman Drive and the temporary evacuation

of Villa Valdost apartments on East Park Avenue.

Langdale Hall reported a white substance on the floor of hall 1-C, but the FBI has confirmed the substance is not Anthrax.

According to Donna Nolan, nursing supervisor and RN for Farber Health Center, there are three types of anthrax: airborne (pulmonary), skin contact (cutaneous), and gastro-intestinal contracted.

"Cutaneous is not life-threatening," Nolan said. "It's probably found in fields where

hogs and cows are - they can be carriers.

Skin-contact anthrax can be treated with penicillin or tetracycline. Otherwise, it is 20 percent fatal.

"The cutaneous anthrax has been around for years," said Nolan. "It's just never been a threat because no one sent it directly to you."

But airborne anthrax is much more serious, according to

Nolan.

Airborne anthrax is treatable with Cipro, an antibiotic available in tablet and IV form. Otherwise, it is 90 percent fatal.

"Pulmonary anthrax bacteria spores can lie dormant for a long time," Nolan said. "When your body attacks the spores is when there's trouble. There's a coating around the spore, and when the spore is broken, the harmful bacteria is released."

Symptoms of those infected with airborne anthrax include mostly flu-like symptoms.

"The Surgeon General says there's no reason anyone should die from anthrax if we're all on our guard about getting it," Nolan said.

Nolan said no one on the VSU campus has come to the Health Center claiming to have been infected with anthrax, and added that Valdosta and VSU are not at great risk to receive it.

She said if a person on the VSU campus had anthrax, he or she would be sent to the Lowndes County Health Department.

Although a representative from VSU Mail Service refused to comment about the anthrax situation, the office has taken precautions about receiving "mysterious" packages. Fliers are posted in several places on the first floor of the University Union that advise students of what they should do if

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Anthrax spores tough, deadly

The dormant spores of anthrax bacteria are among the toughest, most durable cells known. Their role in the anthrax life cycle.

Active bacterial cells

- 1 Release toxins as they multiply in white blood cells, lymph system
- 2 Spread to bloodstream
- 3 Buildup of toxins causes rapid death

Become active

- 1 Spore enters body is engulfed by a white blood cell
- 2 Instead of being killed, spore becomes active

Go dormant

In nature: Happens when infected animal dies and decomposes. Biological weapon: Bacteria grown, then allowed to form spores.

Tough triple protein-like coat

DNA protected in core

Stay viable for years in soil, water

Spores

Known to kill spores

- Boiling for 30 min.
- Burning
- Intense radiation

May kill spores

- Chlorine bleach solution

Spores usually survive

- Heat lower than boiling
- Freezing
- Dehydration
- Ultraviolet light
- Salt, other chemicals
- Moderate radiation

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Symptoms of pulmonary anthrax:

- Fever
- General discomfort, uneasiness, or ill feeling
- Headache
- Shortness of breath
- Cough
- Congestion of the nose and throat
- Pneumonia
- Joint stiffness
- Joint pain

Symptoms of skin-contact anthrax:

- A reddish brown sore that breaks open and forms a scab
- Fever
- Chills
- General discomfort, uneasiness, or ill feeling
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting

Regents to choose chancellor today

Staff Reports

Following a special session, the Board of Regents will name the chancellor-designate today. The session will be an open session, after which the BOR will conduct a press conference.

The meeting and press conference will be held in the BOR offices in Atlanta from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The BOR Chair Hilton H. Howell Jr. will announce the appointment and introduce the new chancellor, who will then speak to those assembled.

US Attacks Afghanistan

The headlines are familiar by now. But find out where Afghanistan is, how and where the US is attacking and how Americans are responding, log on to www.valdosta.edu/spectator.

In addition, the Center for International Programs and Teaching Circle two will sponsor a series of presentations about the crisis. The four one hour presentations will be on Tuesdays, from 3:30 p.m. in the UC Theater.

The subjects to be addressed are:

-Oct. 30: Cultures and Nations of the Middle East: An introduction

-Nov. 6: The Many Faces of Islam

-Sept. 13: The U.S.-Israel Connection

Nov. 27: Terrorism: Defining Our Terms

SGA considers first bills of year

Matt Biggee and Blenda Link
Staff Writers

Senators may have made history for acting on the highest number of bills during one meeting within the past two years, Tuesday.

Within two-and-a-half hours, senators went through a hefty agenda. They listened to a guest speaker, acted on four bills and a set of bylaws proposals, and covered routine reports and miscellaneous business as well.

Old news came first as guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Rumstay, professor of physics, astronomy and geosciences, passed out copies of a revised version of the proposed outdoor lighting policy. He also passed out copies of a chart comparing the

efficacy of low-pressure sodium, high-pressure sodium, metal halide and mercury vapor lighting.

The lighting proposal, sponsored by the Faculty Senate's Environmental Issues Committee, calls for a 70-degree shield to be placed on most of the light fixtures on campus. The proposal states that some lights might have to be added or eliminated.

Senators voted on Bills 01-01 through 04-01. The bills brought up issues such as the constitutionality of online voting and how parliamentary pro-

cedure is carried out in SGA meetings on legislation.

Bill 02-01, the online voting bill, brought a lot of discussion.

A similar bill presented last

year or absentee."

While discussing Bill 02-01, Wilson brought up the same clause again. He said that Sens. Sandi House and Jay Hodgkin's

bill would allow students to vote for SGA elections without presenting student IDs, which he said is against the SGA constitution.

In response, House said she talked to SGA Adviser Russ Mast and that according to him it seemed a VSU ID would not have to be presented to vote. Wilson said the clause kept Bill 10017 from being passed.

In response, Sen. Ashley Collier said the SGA judicial

board is responsible for interpreting the SGA constitution. She said the justices interpreted the clause last spring to mean that a VSU ID does have to be presented at time of voting in order to be eligible to vote.

Guined said that because only the SGA judicial board has the right to interpret the SGA constitution, Bill 02-01 could not be defeated on that clause this year by senators.

Senators went into another long discussion after Collier presented her proposal for a set of 3 major amendments to Article III of the SGA bylaws. The amendments failed 8-4, with 25 abstentions.

This is the first time in at least two years that the majority

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All SGA meetings are open to the public:
Meetings are held every Tuesday night in the Auditorium of Powell Hall West.
Meetings begin at 8 p.m.

Delays haunt One-Card system

Tameika Carson
Staff Writer

A brief delay between swiping I.D. cards and actual door access left several students in the cold and searching for the reason behind such inconvenience.

Kelsey Aguirre, a junior English major, said the problem is irritating.

"I had a handful of groceries in my hand and it took forever to read my card," Aguirre said. "It is bad enough to have to swipe it, but to wait long for access is too much."

According to Shannon McGee, programmer of One-Card services, the One-Card system runs off the VSU campus network, and is completely computer-



Growing pains

ized. The system is housed on a server that occasionally shuts down when networking problems arise. But the whole system can still operate to its full potential by operating

in an offline mode. This means that the system is capable of functioning temporarily without the aid of being on line with computers.

"The card reader contains every I.D. holder's name, identification number, and on-campus place of residents. As a result, entrance into on-campus housing and all other activities should not be a problem," McGee said.

The offline mode should not interfere with I.D. cards and their functions and should not cause problems for students. McGee ensures the only exceptions to the offline mode are vending machines and laundry utilities.

Concerned students disagree, saying problems with Flex accounts and A La Carte



Annie Johnson / The Spectator

Jaime Nicks, freshman business major, tries to get into Hopper Hall. Nicks had to swipe her card three times before gaining admittance.

balances are also common when the net-

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down.

"There have been several occasions when I had to give the cashier my name and I.D. number because the systems were down," Raschard Bradley, sophomore, said.

When the system fails, the card reader does not show declining balances after transactions when purchasing a meal in VSU eating facilities. This too can become bothersome for students who keep records of their spending.

Although I.D. cards and the One-Card system gives students problems, it still provides a safety system. The One-Card office is able to detect all activity under each individual I.D. card. This includes the time and date of entering and exiting on-campus housing. It means answers to questions regarding crimes, accidents, and a person's location at any given time.

Elizabeth Lee, a freshman biology major, likes the I.D. cards serving their purpose for safety.

"I like the security part of I.D. cards, it gives you a sense of protection," Lee said.

The One-Card office expects the I.D. card system to advance

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So what's happening with that **Book Talking**, anyway?

Web Watch

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

It's tough to find a flag these days...Well, maybe not. But if you're interested in flying one on your desktop, you have a couple of options. You can buy a small flag on a stick and a hand-

held electric fan, or you can download a deskflag onto your computer desktop for free from DeskFlag.com. According to the site, the flag was designed after the Sept. 11 attacks on the US,

This week:

www.DeskFlag.com

and is designed as a tribute to those who died in those attacks. According to the web site, the DeskFlag is designed for the Widnows 95 and above. There is no Mac version.

Campus Happenings

www.valdosta.edu/spectator

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

POLICE BEAT

October 18
Nicole Rachele Hallman, 20, of 510 Green St., was arrested at 4:29 a.m. at 1600 Sustella Ave. (Student Recreation parking lot) for underage possession of alcohol. She admitted to the arresting officer that she had been drinking. She was confirmed for DUI by an Alco Sensor breath test. She was taken to Lowndes County Jail. She is not a VSU student.

October 19
Dorothy J. Nickell, 34, of 997 Crawford Springs Road, Beech Bluff, Tenn., was arrested at 2:06 a.m. at Baytree and McLeod Road for DUI alcohol and failure to maintain lane. She was taken to Lowndes County Jail. She is not a VSU student.

Someone took a student's \$300 Sony playstation from his room in 226 Brown Hall between 10:11 to 10:45 a.m. The playstation had a \$50 video game inside it. The case has been turned over to investigations.

October 24
William J. Griner, 27, of 209 East College St., was arrested at 7:50 a.m. at the 300 block of Baytree Road for driving too fast for conditions, giving false information to a police officer and driving with a suspended license. He given a fourth charge for not having proof of insurance. He has two warrants: one with the Valdosta police and one with the Arlington, Va., police. He was taken to Lowndes County Jail. He is not a VSU student.

Today
The Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education ends Alcohol Awareness Week by hosting its annual "Alcohol Awareness Fair" at Palms Quad from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free information, games, food and door prizes will be available. Radio station 96 Rock broadcasts live on-site.

The VSU planetarium presents "Volcanoes: Fiery Mountains of the Solar System" at 8 p.m. at Nevins Hall 3005. Dr. Martha Leake begins the programs with an overview of the October and November night skies, highlighting special constellations and other celestial bodies.

Planetarium seating is limited to 65 people, so seating is first-come first-served.

After the program, if weather permits, people can look through the Observatory telescopes on the roof of Nevins Hall.

For more information, call the Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences Department at 333-5752

Natural High hosts a Halloween party. The movie, "The Mummy Returns" plays from 8 to 11 p.m. in Magnolia Room 2.

There will be a costume contest and free food and drinks.

For more information, call Darli DeVane at the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education at 259-5111.

There will be a poetry event, "Speak Easy" from 7-9 p.m. at Powell Hall.

Friday

Tremaine Quarterman, soprano, will perform a student

recital at 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building.

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

Honor Student Association hosts its second social event of the year: movie/fair night.

Members will meet at the Honors House at 2 Brookwood Circle at 8 p.m. to watch scary movies. Afterward they will take a group trip to the fair at the Lowndes County Civic

Attention, parents: Student Activities sponsors its annual trick-or-treat costume party for all the children of VSU faculty, staff and students from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the University Center.

In order to participate, children must be dressed in costume.

For more information, call Student Activities at 333-5674 or look at the VSU Campus Calendar of Events at www.valdosta.edu/news/calendar.shtml.

Center for "Midnight Madness" from midnight until 3 a.m. Members need to bring \$9 for gate admission to the fair.

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

Attention: The Banner student information system online will be unavailable from 5:30 p.m. Oct. 31 to the morning of Nov. 5.

Saturday

VSU plays North Alabama at 1 p.m. at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium.

For more information, call the Athletic Department at 333-5890.

Sunday

Nathan NeSmith, trombone, will perform a student recital at 3 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building.

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

Monday

Coach Tucker and Team Jesus sponsors a blood drive from 12-6 p.m. at the P.E. Complex.

For more information, call Team Jesus president, Lameisha Williams, at 249-9400.

Jeremy Craig, euphonium, and Angie Lindsay, horn, will perform a jazz combination at 7:30 in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building.

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

Frankmeister says Happy Halloween!!



Note:Please check www.valdosta.edu/spectator/ to find additional Campus Happenings listings.

Found Property
No property has been found this week.

Public Safety Announcement: For information about anthrax, visit the University Police home page at www.valdosta.edu/dps.



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Forms are available at www.valdosta.edu/sdo
(You must select the submit button to continue and print with appropriate signature lines.)

No applications will be accepted after Deadline.

Award money will be granted to selected individuals by November 8th.

News

Weekend

www.valdosta.edu/spectator

Today

UV Index: 6 Moderate
Hi: 83
Low: 47

Friday

UV Index: 6 Moderate
Hi: 76
Low: 47

Saturday

UV Index: 6 Moderate
Hi: 73
Low: 43

Sunday

UV Index: 6 Moderate
Hi: 71
Low: 29

Expo draws crowd of about 200

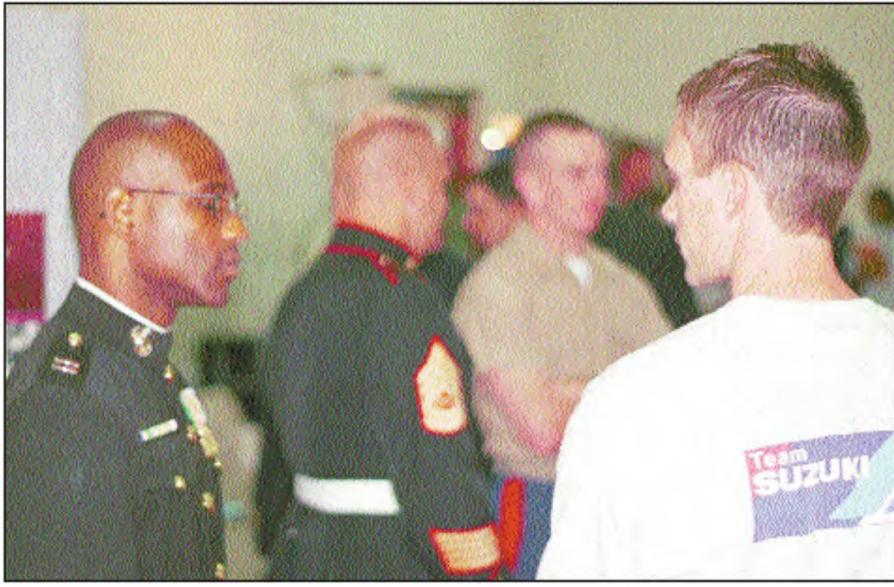
Students get a chance to explore career options

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If the object of education is to get a better job, VSU recently offered students a chance at finding that perfect job—or at least a first job. For education majors, the chance to network in the field is yet to come. The VSU Fall Career Expo was held Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the P.E. Complex Mezzanine, and it will be held again in spring. The expo is free to all VSU students and alumni.

About 200 students attended the fall expo. "The purpose of the expo is to try to get students out to meet potential employers to learn what potential job opportunities are available after they graduate," said Kevin Taylor, career development specialist in the Career Services office. "These companies want to recruit for specific positions."

Forty-nine employers staffed exhibition booths at the expo, including non-profit, government, and corporate positions, according to Taylor. Most employees wanted specialized



Nathan White / The Spectator

Captain Stacey L. Taylor, marine, talks to students about the benefits of joining the Marines at the Career Expo, held Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the P.E. Complex.

skills for potential employees. "We have a well-balanced area of attraction this year," Taylor said. No companies hired any students on the spot, but if any employers met students they were interested in hiring, they asked them to fill out an application. "Some employers are here just to make contact and to represent their companies," Taylor said. "Very few are from Valdosta because most students don't want to stay here after they graduate." Senior Darcy Vindish, a business and management major, said she found a few possible jobs for after she graduates.

"The purpose of this expo is to network yourself and check in with employers, and also to look for better opportunities," Vindish said. Cpt. DeShazior, a representative for the U.S. Army, said she noticed an increase in students' interest in wanting to join the service since the Sept. 11 tragedy. "We still hold our standards and don't accept just anyone into the service," CPT DeShazior said. "We're still based on quality." Three cash drawings were held at the expo – a \$75 prize was awarded at 11:30 a.m., a \$150 prize was awarded at 12:30 p.m., and a \$250 prize

was awarded at 1:30 p.m. To be eligible to win, students had to present a copy of their current transcript and a photo I.D., and alumni had to present their diploma or a copy of their final transcript showing their graduation status and degree conferred as well as a photo I.D. The VSU Education Career Day will be held on Nov. 20.

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Anthrax — Mail Service supervisor, Environmental Health and Safety officer Sheldon Broomberg at 333-2192, or Public Safety at 259-5555.
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If you receive a suspicious package:

- Handle the package with care. Don't shake or bump it.
- Isolate the package and look for suspicious indicators:
 - no return address
 - restrictive markings
 - excessive postage
 - misspelled words
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News

Banner upgrade adds security

Chris Ober
Staff Writer

With the increase in technologies come new security features. About two weeks ago, VSU upgraded the Banner system, said Phil Strickland, director of Management Information Systems.

"It [the upgrade] is to add a little security for the user," Strickland said.

The system asks the user for a password reminder question.

The request for a password reminder is only appears the first time the system is used by each individual. The new sys-

tem also asks for a Personal Identification Number one time. The previous version of the system asked users verify PIN numbers by typing them in a second time.

The Banner system was implemented by the Office of Instructional and Information Technology in Georgia to schools to keep records.

According to Gerald Wright, registrar, the new version of Banner was created to meet federal reporting requirements and increase user friendliness.

Wright said schools get technical support for the newest version and the two previous versions but schools are

required to upgrade whenever possible.

According to Wright, Banner is now at version 5.2.

Strickland said the positive aspect of the upgrade is users can retrieve lost passwords without going through the Information Technologies department.

The password question adds extra security if changing a password.

"If a student changes their PIN, the student is prompted the question before they can change the PIN," Wright said. "The negative aspect of the upgrade was that there were some delays for the telephone system for

registration."

Some students feel the new question is another hassle to deal with.

"It is something else that I have to remember," Dana Edge, a senior secondary education/science major, said.

For more on the Banner system, contact the help desk at Information Technology in Ashley Hall at 245-4357.

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Postmaster General says it is unnecessary to shut down mail:

Wednesday, the Postmaster General announced it is unnecessary to shut down the U.S. Postal Service despite a growing number of suspected and confirmed cases of anthrax, the deaths of three people and contamination at a White House mail screening facility.

Resumed air strikes cause thousands to flee Afghanistan:

Heavy bombing resumed Wednesday evening in Kandahar, a southern stronghold of the Taliban. U.S. strikes are having an effect on the civilian population of Afghanistan causing 70 percent of the one million population of the Western city of Herat to flee in terror.

Illegal use of Ritalin grows among college students:

A growing number of college students have been illegally using Ritalin as a "cramming drug." Where most students in the past drank coffee or popped diet pills, many students now use Ritalin to stay awake while studying for exams. Misuse of the drug provides for potential harm or possible death.

Odyssey makes its way around the Red Planet:

After a 1999 failure, NASA receives redemption as Odyssey makes its way into the Mars orbit. At 10:57 p.m. Tuesday, Odyssey emerged from behind Mars after a 20 minute silence due to radio signals being blocked by the planet itself. As of Wednesday, there are no concerns of Odyssey hitting Phobos, Mars' moon, and Odyssey is performing exactly as designed.

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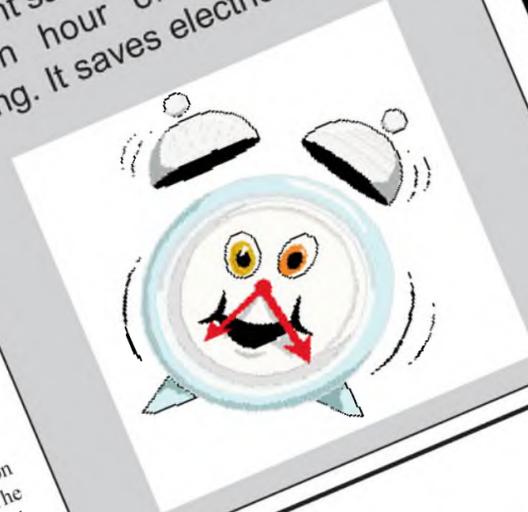
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Lighten up VSU

I feel I must stand up for myself, after being the recipient of hate-mail from none other than the ladies of VSU. They're saying that I laid it on a little too thick a few weeks ago in The Spectator [October 11] in which I wrote a DarkSide column exposing the 'pro-women' movement. I poked fun at *The Lifetime Channel for Women* and the *WE [Women's Entertainment]* network. Topics ranged from women and their female hygiene commercials to jokes about PMS. I thought it was pretty damn funny, but apparently, some readers of the female gender thought otherwise.

The DarkSide is a page for dark humor, satire, jokes, comedy...you name it. I wrote that column because it was within my boundaries to let loose and have fun, which is what I like to provide you with. Some of you are so sensitive to every word or sentence! You have to smile every once in a while and just laugh at life's mysteries. I find many things that females and males do to be funny, but women just so happen to be on my mind a lot more than testosterone-filled yuppies. So what if I took the word 'tampon' out of context? Lighten up!

Julie Jernigan, [who responded to my article last week in The Spectator], if you're out there and reading this, neither do I like watching penile erection commercials [I think you may have meant to say, 'penile erectile dysfunction']. I don't like walking through a male residence hall that reeks of funky feet, rectal outlets and assorted urine. I don't care how angry you get...I'm doing my job. Writing is one of the greatest outlets known to mankind, and I'll be damned if I'm going to let "I'm-too-sensitive" remarks keep me from the keyboard. I said that some of the things females do make men hate them more...so what? I don't wanna hear that crap about hate being a strong word, it's not the only one. You make it seem like I'm out to destroy the gender that represents the hormone estrogen; get real! You want to call me a male, chauvinist pig? Be my guest. You want to talk about me behind my back? I welcome it. Want to call me a man of hate? Do it, *mes amis*. Guess, what? There are many more like me out there! We're not apologizing, we're coming full speed ahead!

Are you ready?

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To make the paper reader-friendly, we split it into sections. The first is news. These articles contain NO opinion and cover events affecting our community. The other side of news is features, which deal with the human side of news—what touches our hearts.

We have a sports section. In many ways, sports are news and features. Scores are news. Athletes' triumphs over great odds is features. We are drawn to the struggle of sports and the hours of work and dedication involved.

The DarkSide is a satire page. Columns in the DarkSide are meant to be funny, skewed and sometimes meaningless views of the world around us.

Finally, we have ViewPoints. The ViewPoints page allows staff and readers to share a public forum. It allows us to carry on a public debate about the issues of our day, from racism to terrorism, from politics to passion.

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But most important are the letters to the editor that allow YOU to tell the whole community what YOU think. Through these letters, people who may not know each other participate in meaningful debate.

By participating we teach each other what we do and how. That might make it a little easier to be green.

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Here to stay, I'll say

No need to look twice at my picture. I'm black, I'm female, and I write for the Spectator. Why is this shocking? Associates, fellow classmates and strangers ask me if I'm the girl who writes in the newspaper. I have yet to find the reason for their awe at my response. Is it because I'm black? Because I'm a female? Because this is my first year writing for a newspaper that reports the truth everyone seems to scorn?

Immediately following my reply comes the worst look of disappointment and disfavor. Smiles turn into frowns and waves hello become goodbye gestures.

I--and several others--enjoy converting oral news to written form. The job has its advantages and disadvantages. Having the patience to gather information and teach my pen to flow on paper is harder than most can imagine. Amateurs



Tameika Carson

who know nothing of this field still manage to find invalid criticism.

I expect those who do not acknowledge journalism—and satire as an aspect of it—to criticize my interest because they misunderstand what I do. Still, my fellow classmates should not only encourage me to pursue my dreams as a writer, but also help me achieve long term goals that begin with what I do at the Spectator.

Many complain that I, as a studying journalist, attack a particular organization or

group on purpose. Everyone must realize that I never have unmannerly intentions at hand. I state the truth. The truth hurts, but facts are facts and that's how I report them. Satirical articles are made for laughs and over-exaggerated opinions. If you do not favor my views in satire you can always read my articles in news and features.

I can't please everyone on campus; nor can I guarantee that I won't write something controversial pertaining to a particular gender, group, or issue.

Keep in mind this is my first semester and I have a lot of learning to do. In the meantime sit back, enjoy the ride and get used to this name because the only place it's going is next week's paper.

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Mailbox

Segregation is no choice

Dear Editor:

I was saddened to read the various opinions expressed by Greeks and non-Greeks about the segregation of sororities and fraternities at VSU. Although most declared that it was "by choice," my personal experience is that there is little real choice when it comes to sorority recruitment.

I am an Alpha Gamma Delta from the University of Georgia. My chapter pledged two women who were Jewish and one woman who was Asian-American in 1978. We were immediately shunned by the white fraternities on campus. Our alumnae forbade us in later years to pledge Jewish women, they were immediately

"cut" after the first round of parties. The Asian-American woman was so uncomfortable with the subtle and not-so-subtle reactions of older sisters that she dropped out. A black woman who rushed in 1979 was cut by all sixteen white sororities after the first round. Our sorority was terrified that we would be shunned again if she made it into our second round of parties.

Segregation is wrong, whether by force or by choice. It denies people the opportunity to make friendships with people who don't look or act like them. It denies us our humanity. It creates schisms and fosters intolerance and breeds insularity.

Herman Talmadge once published a book on how the black race "wants" to be segregated because "it's good for them." When I read Deb Murgess's "I

am so sorry if other races don't want to be in [my sorority]", I wondered if she really is sorry. I wondered if her sorority ever held recruitment that was truly open to all races here at VSU. I wondered if her sorority ever organized a social with a black sorority and tried to build bridges of friendship and understanding.

I wondered why she seems proud to be a segregationist.

Leigh Touchton
Dept. of Biology

Editor's note:
The letter above was edited for space. To see the full length version visit www.valdosta.edu/spectator



Got something to say?

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What, if anything, can VSU do prevent Anthrax attacks?



"We should follow any instructions given, but there is not anything we can do when dealing with biological warfare."

Casey Nichols
Junior
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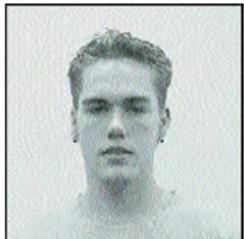
"Have people be more aware on campus and take things more seriously."

Nichole Lowe
Senior
Special Education



"They would have to go to extremes by wearing gloves and masks, although I don't think it's a threat here."

Emily Hunter
Sophomore
Middle-grades
Education



"VSU could provide information concerning the mail and screen it through the mail office."

Charles Reid
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"I don't think there is anything that we can do about it. Just like we couldn't do anything about airplanes crashing into the World Trade Center"

Joseph Herbert
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"Have them sanitize the mail."

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Tales of Spook Bridge

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Every town has a legend, a ghost story that survives one generation after another, and Valdosta is no exception.

Lowndes and Brooks County meet along the Withlacoochee River, where an abandoned bridge stands--host to stories of star-crossed lovers, satanic worship and a cold-blooded murder.

The bridge, known as Spook Bridge, was not always such a scary place. According to Charles Arnold, electrical superintendent for Quitman, the bridge was probably built in the late teens or early '20s. The Cunningham family owned the land, and the Blue Springs resort was located across the bridge at a train stop. The resort was a site that attracted tourists from all around Georgia, complete with Blue Hole, a natural spring, and cabins for the tourists to stay in.

Throughout the years, the bridge has been host to fun times as well as tragedy. According to Larry Cunningham, nephew of late land owner Walter Cunningham, a crash occurred on the bridge.

"In the mid-40s, a gas truck crashed into the railing on the Brooks county side. The truck tore out 50 to 100 feet of railing," Cunningham said. The railing was never repaired.

At least two drownings occurred at Blue Hole prior to 1970. "There's a tall Cyprus at the end of the spring,"

Cunningham said. "People have died after getting drunk and diving off the tree into the 15-ft diameter hole. If they made the hole, they were okay, but if they missed, the surrounding water was only about 4 feet deep."

A flood in the late '40's washed out the roads surround-

ing up, like pentagrams, and people began calling it Spook Bridge."

Legends began circulating about ghosts and satanic rituals occurring on the bridge.

"I have heard at least two or three stories about Spook Bridge," Dr. Kathleen Lowney, professor of sociology, said.

School 1982 graduate recalls a different legend popular in her school days.

"Supposedly a boy and girl who were dating were driving and their car went off the bridge," West said. "If you drove your car over the bridge, you could hear them beating on your hood."

Richard A. Chafin, Brooks County Sheriff, agrees the bridge possesses an element of peril, but for very real and dangerous reasons.

"We patrol the abandoned roadway all the time," Chafin said. "We've had dozens of arrests there for trespassing. It's a dangerous place and the bridge needs to be torn down."

According to Chafin, about a year and half ago, a murder occurred at the bridge.

"A man was shot off the bridge, twice in the head, execution style," Chafin said. "We believe it was a drug deal gone bad."

Whether the bridge is host to ghosts or satanic rituals, one may never know. However, the legend of Spook Bridge lives on: in Valdosta schools, in the streets of Quitman, and perhaps at the abandoned bridge itself.

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Laura Justin/ The Spectator

Spook Bridge, located on the Lowndes-Brooks County line, is the subject of legends such as ghosts and satanic rituals.

ing the bridge. In 1950, a new bridge opened in conjunction with Highway 84. Around 1970, Blue Hole dried up, ending the tourism, and the abandoned bridge began to take a life of its own.

"In the early '70s, everybody went down there," Arnold said. "Then about 20 years ago, satanic people started taking over."

Cunningham said, "Around '74 or '75, graffiti started

"The old house on the Brooks county side, a couple used to live there, the man went crazy and killed his wife. He, or she, I've heard both, haunt the bridge. The same couple, a different version goes, were out walking on the bridge and the man pushed the woman off the bridge. She haunts the bridge, trying to climb up out of the water."

Susan West, a Brooks county resident West Brook High



Annie Johnson / The Spectator

Members of ZTA sorority, and other VSU students, pass out pink ribbons to promote breast cancer awareness month at the VSU football game on Oct. 13.

Farber provides breast cancer tips

Bianca Johnson
Staff Writer

October is breast cancer awareness month—and not just for women.

Men and women both run risks of contracting breast cancer, although men have a lower chance. Breast cancer does not discriminate based on age. According to Barbara Bayko, P.A.-C at Farber Health Center, women as early as 20 have been diagnosed with breast cancer. By the age of 30, women have a one in 250 chance of getting breast cancer. Women age 60 and over have an even higher risk. If detected early, this disease can be treated, which makes prevention tips vital.

Prevention tips are similar for all women. Bayko says the best prevention against breast cancer is not smoking. According to the National Awareness of Breast Cancer Organization, "starting at age 20, have [an] annual checkup by a doctor or nurse and do regular breast self-exams on days 7-10 of your monthly cycle."

Women age 40 and older should have yearly mammograms in addition to the self-exams and should receive annual breast exams by a qualified doctor or nurse.

Every month Farber Health Center has screenings, videotapes and pamphlets on how to do self-exams properly. Farber refers women to x-ray centers for mammograms.

According to NABCO, "A healthy lifestyle will help keep you well and may also decrease breast cancer risk: eat a low-fat diet, keep a slim body weight, exercise regularly, don't smoke and avoid alcohol. And remind the older women in your life to take good care of their breast health."

For more information go to www.nabco.org or call the National Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

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Orchestra tunes up for concerts

Jason James
Staff Writer

This fall, come listen to notes more enjoyable than the ones your professor gave you.

VSU's Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. James Plondke, began its 12th season on Oct. 6 with the "Memorial Concert" with Daniel Pollack playing the piano. The concert

was dedicated to the memory of the Sept. 11 victims. The night began with Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Op. 93" followed by an intermission and Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, Op. 23."

The next concert will be "The Romantic Spirit" Nov. 3 and will contain three Wagner pieces, featuring Elizabeth

Byrne as the soprano soloist.

For the holidays, the orchestra will perform a concert entitled "Christmas Moods," presented on Sat., Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. The performance will feature Carol Mikkelsen, soprano soloist, David Lee Johnson, baritone soloist, and the Valdosta Symphony Chorus. The

orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's "Suite from the Nutcracker" and "The Many Moods of Christmas" penned by the duo of Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett.

Dr. Plondke said the practices are going well. Students and the public will be offered the chance to hear some excellent music this fall.

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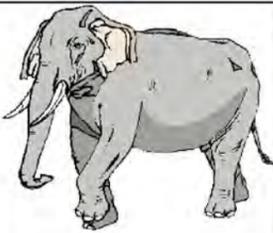
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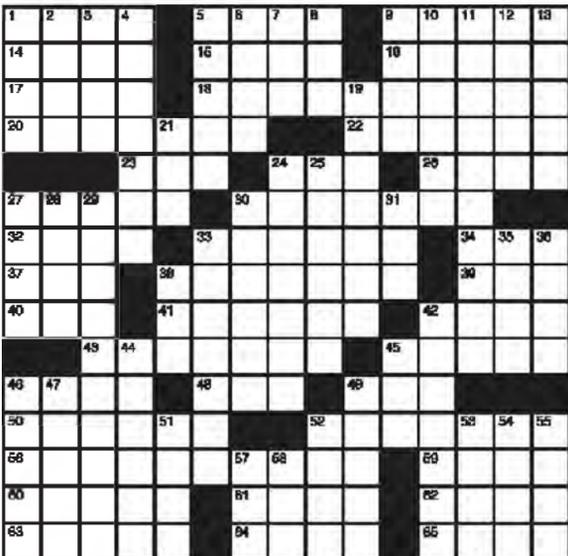
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Is this a laughing matter?

PDQ: 'I'm Bach'

Michelle Taylor
Staff Writer

Humor is not just for comedians. Musicians know how to laugh, too.

At 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium, the VSU department of Music will present a concert based on the works of PDQ Bach. Admission is free. Peter Schickele, a Julliard professor, created PDQ Bach. According to the PDQ web site, PDQ is a fictional lost son of Johann Sebastian Bach who was born in Leipzig, Germany, March 31, 1742 and died in Baden-Baden-Baden, Germany, May 5, 1807. He composed few works and was known as one who was rarely sober. His major works include "Pervertimento for Bagpipes, Bicycle and Balloons," "The Stoned Guest," a half opera, "Concerto for Piano versus Orchestra in B flat major" and "Iphigenia in Brooklyn" a cantata. One of PDQ's most famous operas is the "Abduction of Figaro."

Supposedly PDQ did not like music, and, in fact, avoided the subject altogether. As an adult, after failing at almost every profession, PDQ decided to give music a shot, thinking being the son of J.S. Bach would gain PDQ some credit. PDQ's works were lost until, supposedly, Schickele discovered the works. Schickele no

longer tours using PDQ's music, but will take contributions to "discover" new works by the lost artist.

Although PDQ was not a moneymaker in his time, from 1990 to 1993, he won four consecutive Grammy Awards for best Comedy Album.

According to Dr. Susan Eischeid, associate music professor, PDQ may stand for "Pretty Darn Quirky," but the satirical view is based on the names of Bach's other children.

"Most of Bach's children are known by their initials," Dr. Eischeid said. "So it's a humorous way of connecting PDQ to Bach."

The PDQ recital at VSU will include "Echo Sonata for Two Unfriendly Groups of Instruments" and "Notebook for Betty Sue Bach," with Dr. Lyle Indergaard, associate professor of music, playing piano.

Dr. Lynn Corbin, coordinator of graduate music studies and associate professor, will perform as "Mezzanine Soprano" with Matson Topper, music instructor, playing "Devious Instruments," in "Four Folk Song Upsettings."

Dr. Joe Brashier will conduct "Schleppet in Eb Major" and the "Liebeslieder Polkas" will feature the Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. David Lee Johnson, director of Choral Activities and professor.

According to Dr. Eischeid, about five or six years ago, the music department performed some of PDQ's pieces, and decided that it was time to perform the pieces again.

"It's an opportunity to have fun and laugh," Dr. Eischeid said. "We get to shake things up."

According to Dr. Corbin, the performers practiced each piece separately, and came together for two final rehearsals.

The rehearsal is not all music. It contains some choreography and costumes.

"I don't want to give too much away, but we might have some props like Nerf balls," Dr. Eischeid said.

For more on PDQ's work, there are 11 albums on sale of the fictitious artist's work, and Random House has published 11 editions of "The Definitive Biography of PDQ Bach."

Although PDQ is considered a musical myth, some believe that PDQ could be real.

"Of course [he's real]," Dr. Corbin said. "I absolutely believe."

Dr. Corbin's first introduction to PDQ was in the 1970s.

Dr. Eischeid said, "We always remember that this is just a parody, but he [PDQ] comes alive to us."

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College students are losing sleep

Mary Ellen McConnel
Staff Writer

College life provides a variety of opportunities. Unfortunately, the chance to sleep is one that is often forgotten.

Lack of sleep leads to what is referred to as a sleep debt. Sleep debt is the result of recurrent sleep deprivation, which occurs over time when the need for a sufficient amount of restorative daily sleep is not met.

A short-term sleep debt is referred to as sleep deprivation. Most college students suffer from sleep deprivation at one time or another. Short-term sleep deprivation can be overcome for short periods of time by drinking water, taking deep breaths and stretching. In the long run though, the only way to recover from sleep deprivation is to get a good night's rest.

Adults ages 18 to 24 need approximately 7 to 8 hours of sleep a night. Without a sufficient amount of sleep fatigue quickly sets in.

Students can cause sleep deprivation by doing any number of things ranging from pulling an "all nighter" before

and exam to just getting worn out and not getting quite enough sleep over an extended period of time.

Margo Hays, freshman, biology major said, "Sometimes I suffer from sleep deprivation but it is usually because the girls down the hall won't be quiet." Freshmen have to be especially careful of the sleep debt trap because often they are not used to the freedom and end up wearing themselves out.

Chris Tressler, freshman biology major, said, "I really lose sleep when I have a lot of work due at the same time. Then I might pull several "all nighters" with afternoon naps in between.

In general, students tend to have problems arranging sleep and school when they are overloaded. The Counseling Center does offer help for this problem and students make an appointment with a counselor any time. The Counseling Center is also offering a seminar on sleep deprivation from 4-5 p.m. on Mon, Oct. 29.

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VSU alum makes an art of work

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

It's considered an art to find a job right out of college.

Jim Burton, a graduate student at the University of North Texas in Dallas, got a job in the art field, his major during his college career at VSU.

Burton graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and is currently a teaching assistant, assigned to teach the studio/lab portions of two classes, Drawing Drawing II and I at UNT.

Each lab has 20 students, and the two labs come together for a class taught by a professor at UNT.

"Teaching is great," Burton said. "Not only has it given me

money to go to school, it has given me the experience in teaching for when I get my graduate degree.

Teaching is a great way to be able to have enough money to live, so I can afford to paint the rest of my life."

Burton began VSU majoring in chemistry because he was concerned about making money after he graduated from college. Then, after he changed his major to art, he found classes were harder as an art major than as a chemistry major.

"There's so much outside class work [in art]—painting, drawing, sculpting, etc.," Burton said. "Visual arts, theatre arts and music arts all require so much time."

Upon graduating from VSU, Burton said he didn't really

look for a job because he didn't encounter many opportunities for jobs. He then applied for graduate school at the New York Academy of Art and the University of North Texas.

"The University of North Texas offered me a better track for work-study," Burton said. "The curriculum is more aggressive and progressive than the New York Academy of Art."

Burton's advice to budding artists: Don't let your parents scare you out of majoring in art.

Burton said there are "quite a bit" of careers for students who have at least a Bachelor's degree in art, including advertising, art education, teaching high school students, art gallery positions and graphic

design.

"I don't want to discount graphic design because it's a valid art form, but a lot of people choose graphic design because they're afraid they won't make any money majoring in the traditional arts," Burton said. "I hope students choose a major and ultimately a job based on how much they enjoy what they're doing, not how much money they can make. In the future, I hope many art majors will want to teach because we need to get that message out."

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

The Valdosta State football team hosts the University of North Alabama Lions (2-5, 2-4) this Saturday at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium. In what is a statistics blowout, the Blazers (8-0, 6-0) look to go 9-0 for the first time since 1994. Ironically, it was that year in which VSU was ranked No. 1 and was defeated by UNA.

Blazer Offense
The Blazers lead the league in scoring offense, having scored 40 or more points in all eight games, and over 50 in their last four games. Senior quarterback Dusty Bonner again leads the league in passing average per game, passing

efficiency and total offense. The emergence of the running game behind sophomore running back Aaron Jenkins forces defenses to key in on a potent running game as well as a deadly pass offense. Jenkins is third in the conference in rushing (108.6 yards per game) and needs 131 yards to become VSU's first 1,000-yard rusher since Vontrell Mitchell in 1996.

Up next:



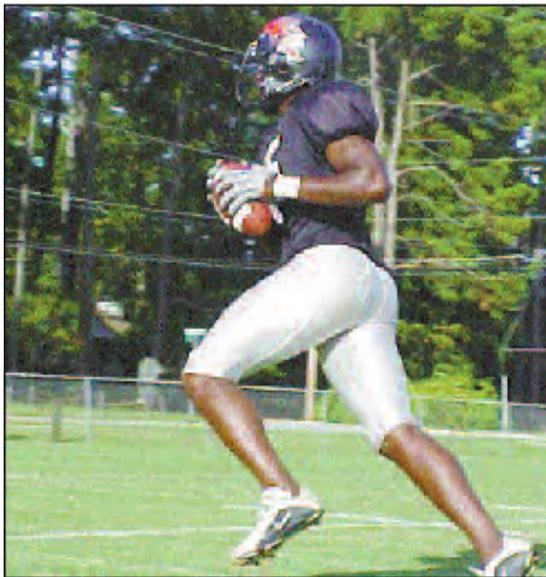
#1 Valdosta State vs. North Alabama

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Bazemore-Hyder Stadium

Radio: WWRQ 107.9 FM

Lion Defense
The defense is the bright spot on a team with a losing record, as only four teams - all with winning records - are ranked ahead of the Lions in total defense.

UNA is giving up 23.3 points per game and its pass defense is third in the conference, allowing opponents



Nathan White / The Spectator

Tight end C.J. Lofton has 36 catches for 512 yards.

154.9 yards through the air. Look for Jenkins to have a big day, as North Alabama has allowed opponents an average

of 158.1 on the ground.
Advantage: Blazers
Blazer Defense
The Blazers stand atop the con-

Valdosta State vs West Alabama (Oct 20, 2001 at Livingston, Ala.)

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Valdosta State.....	7	21	21	7	- 56	Record: (8-0,6-0)
West Alabama.....	0	2	0	6	- 8	Record: (1-7,0-6)

	VSU	UWA
First Downs.....	23	8
Rushes-Yards.....	31-209	36-46
Passing Yards.....	337	69
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	38-28-0	22-10-2
Total Off. Plays-Yards	69-546	58-115
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	2-7	0-0
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	5-2
Penalties-Yards.....	13-113	8-53
Possession Time.....	29:31	30:29

ference in scoring defense, allowing opponents 12.5 points per game. In what was a major concern last year, the Blazer defense has turned 180 degrees; ranking second in the conference in rushing defense, allowing opponents 109.1 yards per game.

Lion Offense
The Lions are averaging 19.6 points per game with only 14 offensive touchdowns on the season. With their pass offense among the cellar-dwellers in the conference, rushing becomes a key. Averaging 152.3 yards a game, the rushing game needs to pressure VSU's defense.

Advantage: Blazers

Blazers Special Teams

Reid Bethea has a conference-high 57 PATs and is third in the conference with 94.5 percent of those kicks going through the upright. Junior wide receiver/returner Reggie Mosley is second in conference in kickoff return yards a game.

Lions Special Teams

Freshman kick returner Evan Oglesby is a leader on special teams, leading the conference in kickoff returns with a 25.5 average. Sophomore kicker Travis Johnston leads the conference in field goal percent, making eight of ten field goals, with the longest being 49 yards.

Advantage: Blazers

VSU doubles win ITA Super Bowl

Staff Reports

VSU football may be vying for a national championship, but Blazer tennis recently won the 'Super Bowl.'

VSU's doubles tandem of Marco Borges and Tabious Huning claimed the International



File Photo

Marco Borges

Association's Small College Super Bowl title last Sunday at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas.

Borges and Huning strung together five straight wins en route to the championship. The victory earns the duo a wild card entry into the Nov. 8-10 Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor

Championships at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch, Texas. That event is the second of three national championship events for NCAA Division I tennis this season.

The Blazers combo finished

the tournament unbeaten by downing Jonathan Igbiovvia and Renato Silvera of Georgia Perimeter (Junior College) 8-4. Igbiovvia captured the singles title earlier in the championships.

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Lady Blazers feeling the heat

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

The VSU Lady Blazer volleyball team's drive for a second consecutive Gulf South Conference tournament appearance hit a wall this past week.

VSU dropped a 3-1 decision to Alabama-Huntsville last Friday and got swept 3-0 by North Alabama Saturday at home.

The Lady Blazers are preparing for their next match in Carrolton, Ga., Friday at 7 p.m., where they will be pounding the ball against West Georgia.

VSU [11-16, 3-8] junior swing Rachel Hoodzow pounded the volleyball with 16 kills, while senior swing Madalyn Loehr contributed 15 kills.

The Lady Blazers had a total of 13 team blocks. Alabama Huntsville [21-6, 8-2], ranked No. 22 in Division II according to Monday's American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA] poll, had some key players in their 3-1 victory

against VSU. UAH Charger senior Ellen LaFiore, a 5'11" middle hitter, led her team with a total of 18 kills. UAH gathered 7 team blocks.

Against the Lions of UNA [22-2, 10-1, currently ranked No. 4 by the AVCA], VSU held its own, but its own proved not to be enough to withstand the 60 kills put up by the Lions. VSU's Hoodzow hammered 10 kills for the Lady Blazers.

The Lady Blazers have five conference matches coming up this month and on into November with teams including West Georgia, Montevallo, West Florida, West Alabama and Mississippi University for Women.

"We need to be successful in our next five matches," he said. Teetzel also said that they have to move on and that they cannot

dwell on this past weekend. "[They are] a great group of girls," he said. "They understand that we need to win."

Senior swing Madalyn Loehr said that the air is getting intense, at least during practice.

"Coach is killing us," she said. The practices are starting as early as 6:30 a.m., according to Loehr, and they include running three to four laps for warm-up and leg warm-ups.

Due to the fact that the Lady Blazer volleyball team has always been pretty stable as far as winning percentage, this adds new pressure to the team.

"We've never had this kind of pressure," Loehr said. "Everyone is feeling [it], but I like it."

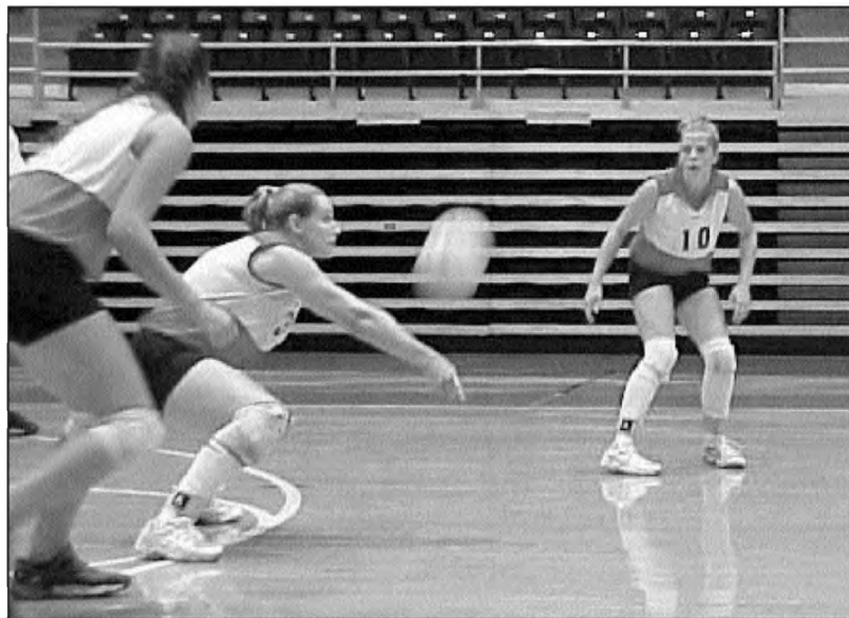
"It's getting better [the practicing technique and relationship with coach Teetzel],"

Up next:



VSU
@
West Georgia

Friday, 7 p.m.
Carrolton, Ga.



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Kristin Tinsley, freshman swing, digs a serve in the Lady Blazers 3-0 loss to No. 4 North Alabama Saturday at the Complex.

Loehr said. "The coaching style is much different. It's very good, but different [from former head coach Paul Cantrell]. It's hard to change."

Loehr stated that the thing that stands out the most

between Teetzel's and Cantrell's coaching style is the yelling, which, according to her, was Cantrell's way of getting things done. Loehr said that that style did not help the team in any way.

"It was very degrading," she said.

Loehr said that instead of yelling, Teetzel just has consequences, such as running extra laps if mistakes present themselves.

VSU softball splits in weekend tourney

Ashlie Mash
Staff Writer

The Lady Blazer softball team returned from the Georgia College Tournament in Milledgeville, Ga., this past weekend with a split, defeating Coastal Georgia Community College 7-1 and suffering its first loss of the fall season against Georgia College and State University 11-0.

The Lady Blazers will attempt to redeem themselves when they play the 2000 National Association of Junior Colleges national champion, Lake City Community College, at the VSU Softball Complex on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

"Talent wise we can take

them (Lake City)" VSU head coach Kendra McDaniel said. "If we play errorless, we can beat them."

According to McDaniel, the team came out strong in game one Saturday against CGCC and got 12 hits in seven innings of play.

"We had some doubles, triples and even an in-the-park home-run," McDaniel said.

"We executed well and didn't leave runners on the bases like normal," McDaniel said.

In game two of the tourney, the Lady Blazers could not continue their solid defensive play as their four game winning streak was broken by errors early in the game.

"It was an eye-opener for us and showed that it was anybody's ball game," McDaniel said.

"We have so much depth," VSU sophomore pitcher Brooke King said. "We have no weak players. There are never the same nine players out on the field."

With only one player lost from last year and six seniors, juniors, and sophomores returning along with one incoming freshman, McDaniel feels the team possesses everything it needs for next week's game as well as the spring season: potential, talent, and leadership.

"They (Lake City) are a very good hitting team from the first batter to the last batter," Angela Lauzon, junior pitcher from Canada, said. "I will have to mix it (the pitches) up a lot."

When thinking of the upcoming spring season, King said she feels confident that the Blazers can take the conference. Lauzon thinks that Alabama-Huntsville and West Florida are going to be the toughest in-conference matchups.

Up Next:



VSU
vs.
Lake City Community College

Tuesday, 6 p.m.
VSU Softball Complex

Flag football nearing playoffs

Phillip Boyd
Staff Writer

Intramural activity at VSU doesn't end with the close of flag football season. Other sports, such as volleyball and tennis, are already underway.

The soccer league has also begun, but it is not too late to sign up. Anyone interested

should call Robert Fankhauser, assistant director of Campus Recreation, to get in on the action.

If soccer isn't your bag, a student golf tournament is scheduled for Nov. 8 at Francis Lake. This is the first year for intramural student golf.

Extreme baseball begins Monday. A captain's meeting

will be held at the UC in the Dogwood Room at 5 p.m.

Also, a five-day Intramural Olympics will be held starting Nov. 28, continuing the following Monday.

Anyone enrolled in a class that has paid activity fees can participate in intramural sports. For more information, contact the Campus Recreation office at 333-5898.

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Co-Rec	All-Campus Women	All-Campus Men
Jabronis 6-0	Iron Sistas 6-0	Delta Crue 6-0
Rec 'N Cru 4-2	Kappa Delta 6-0	Bomb Squad (B) 6-0
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VSU problems...what else is new

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

Everyone has problems; it's a matter of fact. But why is it so many of them run rampant at VSU?

First, nothing seems to be finished at VSU. Everywhere you look, there is remodeling or construction going on. After about four years of work on the BioChem building, it finally opened. Then we find out we started on the new rec center, which is not near completion and probably will not be done when they say it will be done.

Now, the addition to the Odum Library is being built. Not only that, the land for the addition has only been cleared, yet no construction has started. Still, that stupid fence has to be placed there making it a pain in the butt to get from Nevins to the Fine Arts building in less than 10 minutes.

What about housing problems? So many students reside on this campus, and many more would, but we ran out of room. Maybe because we keep moving girls out of Langdale so they can renovate those rooms. Isn't it a smart idea originally to not have those rooms available so they can have an idea of how many rooms they will have open? Once those rooms are full, don't allow more people to sign up for housing.

Not only that, there are always many problems going on in the dorms. Just this week, one of the bathrooms in Georgia Hall was flooded. I've heard tell of how much the basement in Patterson Hall

stinks, but I've yet to put my nose through that trauma to see if it's true or not. Plus, front desk workers have to deal with people coming in drunk at all hours of the night, people so drunk they can't even take care of themselves.

I'm sorry if I offend anyone who is big on a little romantic time with their honey bunny, but keep it to your room! 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in front of West

Hall is not the time for your little make out sessions. Besides, that's the time for everyone else's cigarette breaks.

I'm going to come up with a game for counting the number of cigarette butts on the ground. Whoever comes up with the closest amount wins an all expenses paid trip to...Chic-Fil-A at the UC (food not included). We have trashcans and ashtrays; is it really that hard to use one?

What about the people who think they have to interject their smart butt opinions during class? No one cares what you have to say except your little goonies sitting in the back of class with you. They will also be flipping hamburgers for the rest of their lives because they could care less about school.

Problems with parking...I think that's enough said.

Hey, maybe we should just

stop complaining and realize how good we have it [yeah, right]!

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