

Powder filled envelope in Patterson a hoax

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Staff Writers

Patterson Hall residents found themselves out in the cold and surrounded by police and FBI agents Friday night. At about 8:30 p.m., Officer Mark Lyles of VSU's Public Safety department responded to a call about a letter containing white powder in room 248. FBI agents took the letter for analysis and found the powder was not anthrax.

After seeing the letter, Officer Lyles asked front desk worker Tamara Lightbourne to shut off the ventilation and told Robert Mullener, Patterson residence hall director, to evacuate the building.

The letter had been slipped under the door of room 248 and contained a note reading "Remember the Phoenix."

According to Lightbourne, one police officer told the crowd, "If this is a hoax, tell us now." Lightbourne said she was still shaken from the incident.

According to Sheldon Broomberg, environmental health and safety officer for VSU's Public Safety department, there was no way to tell if the envelope had been slipped under the door that night,

because some residents on the hall reported seeing the envelope a few days before.

Broomberg also said officers sterilized the room using a 10 percent chlorine solution.

"If there was any mold in that room, it got rid of that mold," he said. "Ten percent chlorine solution is a disinfectant."

Broomberg said 10 percent chlorine in water is strong enough to kill anthrax, but weaker than chlorine used in the wash.

should contact him in the Student Affairs office.

Public Safety is continuing its investigation in conjunction with the FBI.

"The University is prepared to support the FBI and make sure that those involved are prosecuted," said Maj. Ann Farmer, assistant director of Public Safety and head officer investigating this case.

Mast echoed those sentiments, saying, "I will turn over anyone we catch to the authorities, and they will face academic discipline as well. This is not funny."

Maj. Farmer said, "Students need to know that a threat like this is punishable under the new terrorist laws which say that there is mandated federal prison time for any hoax."

Mast also said that the hoax caused students to be detained. Some students who had planned to travel were kept behind to speak with officers.

There is also a fiscal cost. "It is very expensive for city and county when responding to

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-Russ Mast, Dean of Students and vice president for Student Affairs.

The residents, Brandon Cheeks and Daniel Dorsey, were visibly shaken by the events of the evening and did not wish to comment. Russ Mast, dean of students and vice president for Student Affairs, said counseling was available to the students if needed. The students were not allowed to enter the room again until Tuesday evening and were not allowed to bring any clothes or other belongings with them.

According to Mast, other students helped by loaning books and providing a place to stay. Mast said if any of the students' belongings were damaged, they



Leah F. Cassorla / The Spectator

Room 248 of Patterson Hall was kept locked and off limits from Friday night until the FBI called VSU with results of the analysis on the white powder found in the room.

Meredith named chancellor

Michelle Taylor
Staff Writer

After six months of searching, the University System of Georgia has a new chancellor. Dr. Thomas Carter Meredith, chancellor of the University of Alabama System, was named the Georgia Chancellor on Oct. 25.

He replaces Chancellor Stephen Portch, who announced his retirement last May.

Dr. Meredith has been the Alabama chancellor since 1997. He served as president of Western Kentucky University from 1988-97. From 1984 to 1988, he was the vice chancellor for executive affairs and executive assistant to the chancellor for the University

System of Mississippi.

He received his bachelor's degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, his master's degree from Western Kentucky University and his doctorate degree in educational administration and supervision from the University of Mississippi. He

KWC's first Distinguished Alumni Award. Meredith has recently been invited to participate in an international higher education forum sponsored by the Oxford Round Table, Oxford, England.

As the Alabama Chancellor, he has been responsible for

three doctoral research universities, which have 40,000 students enrolled, 17,000 employees and

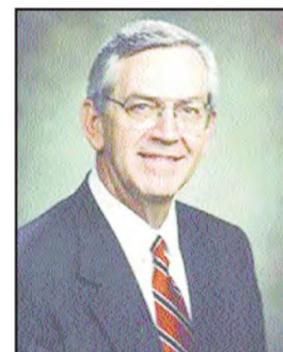
an annual budget of \$1.8 billion. Because of his leadership in economic development activities in Alabama, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which only holds 100 Alabamian honorees.

"To have an opportunity to work in Georgia, it was very attractive, and enticing."

-Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, Chancellor, University System of Georgia

completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Kentucky Wesleyan College. He also received

an annual budget of \$1.8 billion. Because of his leadership in economic development activities in Alabama, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which only holds 100 Alabamian honorees.



Dr. Thomas C. Meredith

So far, Dr. Meredith has not made any plans or thought of any changes for the university system of Georgia because, he said, he wants to be able to get a look at the system first.

"It's too early to make any goals right now," Dr. Meredith said. "I need to be there [Georgia] to assess the current

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VSU considers housing options

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

With several universities around the state beginning to expand campus housing, VSU's administration may follow their lead.

Kennesaw State, Armstrong Atlantic, Georgia State, Macon State and Clayton College and State all recently added student housing to their campuses to attract prospective students, according to the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

James Brignati, vice president for Business and Finance, said VSU could soon begin discussing plans for expansion of campus housing. VSU recently contracted a consultant to come to VSU Friday to examine the residence halls.

"They [the contractors] should be in by January or February and I hope they tell us we need to expand our dormitories," Brignati said.

He also said privatized housing on campus could be a possibility, housing similar to Little Jo Court on Baytree Road. Students staying in these apartment-style dorms would pay the cost of construction through rent payments.

"Hopefully ours will be a little less expensive," Brignati

said of the possible cost of the new student housing.

These plans are pending the contractors visit next semester and are only speculation at this point, according to Rob Kellner, director of Auxiliary Services. The added campus housing would be beneficial to the university's hopes of increasing enrollment, Kellner said.

"We've had a waiting list for the past 10 years," Kellner said. "We don't have enough housing right now for upperclassmen. Two-thirds of the students in dorms are freshmen."

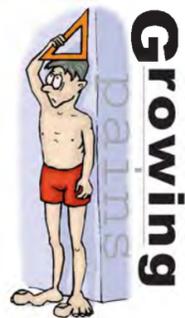
Kate Gauld, junior English major, said the prospect of additional housing at VSU is an outstanding idea.

"It would be a great place for upperclassmen to live," Gauld said. "But is there room on campus for it?"

Kellner thinks so, but said that the private contractor must first decide if expansion is needed. Secondly, plans for location will be discussed.

"The potential is there," Kellner said. "He [private contractor] may or may not decide to build on campus."

Kellner noted that the consultants will also be responsible for future financial models if housing expansion is deemed necessary.



CORRECTION:

The Oct. 25 issue of the Spectator article about the current crisis included an error of fact. The presentation "The U.S.-Israel Connection" will be Nov. 13.

In the Oct. 25 issue of the Spectator, the North Alabama preview contained an error of fact. During the 1994 season, VSU was number 2 before playing number 1 North Alabama.

It is Spectator policy to correct errors of fact.

SGA meeting short

Blenda Link
Staff Writer

Meetings can be short. The Student Government Association met for only half an hour Tuesday night.

Within 30 minutes, the Senate accepted minutes from Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23 via general consensus. They also elected Ashley Robertson as a new senator

via general consensus.

Under miscellaneous business, the Senate decided to change from oral roll call to written roll call, meaning senators will sign a sheet that is passed around during the meeting.

SGA Vice President Cody Guined said to help deter senators from leaving early without being accounted for, senators from this

point on should raise their hands and ask for a "point of personal privilege," which is parliamentary procedure to be excused from a meeting.

Guined and SGA Secretary Brooke Dominy said the new changes will improve attendance records.

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Need more for school? How to find scholarships.

Web Watch

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

Happy Halloween! If the haunted house on the hill just doesn't scare you anymore, there are alternatives.

The Hayter House is a virtual tour of the haunted house on

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Log on and read the stories of the Hayter House, then watch as your doubts and practical reasoning are proven wrong.

One word of advice. The Hayter House is best enjoyed in the dark—but remember to stay close to the light switch, just in case it gets to be too scary to handle.

Campus Happenings

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POLICE BEAT

October 23

Someone took a magnifying glass from a display at the University Center between noon and 2 p.m.

October 24

Someone took a student's VSU ID from a table near a computer in Odum Library between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Someone took a student's VSU ID while he left his table unattended at the University Center food court at 5:30 p.m.

October 26

Someone took a student's black book bag with \$80 worth of items inside it from Odum Library between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Denise Lee Rhodes, 24, of 2111 North Oak St., was arrested at Northside Drive and North Oak Street for failure to maintain lane, DUI alcohol (she refused to take a standard field sobriety test), and for disorderly conduct for breaching the peace with abusive words while at the emergency room at South Georgia Medical Center. She is not a VSU student.

Today

Campus Activities Board sponsors entertainer Jon Doe at 7 p.m. in the Magnolia Room at the University Center.

The Sigma Tau Delta is showing a movie, "The Shining," for free at 8 p.m. at West Hall 153. Sodas and popcorn will be sold.

Natural High hosts cosmic bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Valdosta Lanes. Students need to bring \$1 and their VSU ID.

This event is sponsored by the Offices of: Alcohol & Other Drug Education, Campus Recreation and Housing and Residence Life.

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

Friday

Campus Activities Board hosts "Kids Night Out" at 6 p.m. in the Rose Room at the University Center for the children of VSU students, faculty and staff.

Farber Health Center (infirmary) provides free cholesterol, diabetes and blood pressure screenings for students from 8:30 to 10a.m. The cost is \$5 for staff and faculty. Fees can be paid at the infirmary.

Do not eat or drink anything eight hours before testing.

For more information, call Farber Health Center at 333-5886.

Farber Health Center (infirmary) administers Hepatitis B vaccines from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a three-series vaccine. Each shot costs \$30, which must be paid at the Bursary. Shots can be paid for individually or all at once.

Bring receipt of payment when you come to get your shot.

For more information, call Farber Health Center at 333-5886.

Odum Library will show a film in the meeting room on the first floor about VSU's historical foundation from a women's school in 1906 to its current condition as a co-educational state university. This program is in honor of VSU History Week.

The remaining presentation times are today at 7 p.m. and Friday at 11 a.m.

For more information, call Deborah S. Davis, archives librarian, at 333-7150.

Saturday

The VSU Blazer football team plays at Ouachita Baptist at 3 p.m.

For more information, call the athletic department at 333-5890.

Sunday

Campus Activities Board sponsors Robin Wood at Powell Hall at 7 p.m.

Attention: The Banner student information system online will be unavailable until Monday morning.

Tuesday

Housing and Residence Life hosts a vigil, "Take Back the Night: Rape Awareness" at 8:30 p.m. at Palms Quad.

For more information, call Rachel Sheppard, residence hall director, at 259-5530.

The Center for International Programs and Teaching Circle Two sponsor a presentation, "The Many Faces of Islam," on the current national crisis.

The presentation will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Additional presentations will be Nov. 13, "The U.S.-Israel Connection," and Nov. 27, "Terrorism: Defining Our Terms"

A question and answer period will follow the presentations. VSU faculty members host.

For more information, call David Starling, assistant director for the Center for International Programs at 333-7410.

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

The Southern Company is interviewing on campus for prospective co-ops for spring and summer.

Desired majors include journalism (English), various pre-engineering majors, accounting, finance, economics, computer science, computer information systems and math. Pay is competitive.

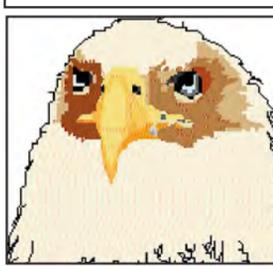
For more information, call Donald K. Parks, director of Cooperative Education, at ASAP at 333-7172.

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

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UV Index:
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Events continue in spite of terror alert in New York City:

The annual marathon, World Series, a festive Halloween parade, plus other high-profiled events in New York this week experience an increase in security after warnings from FBI about new terrorist attacks. Despite some jittery New Yorkers, officials vow to keep city as safe as possible during the events.

Normal blood pressure once said safe is possible danger:

This week's *New England Journal of Medicine* reported that researchers determined people who have what is commonly called "high-normal" blood pressure (130-39/85-89) are more likely to suffer heart attacks, heart failure and stroke. Lifestyle changes such as weight loss through diet and exercise, as well as reducing sodium intake and moderating alcohol consumption can help reduce high-normal blood pressure, greatly improve health and allow them to avoid blood pressure medication.

Delta lays off employees due to Sept. 11 tragedies:

Voluntary retirement, leave and severance of 11,000 Delta Air Lines employees account for 85 percent of a 13,000 goal of job cuts to balance schedule cuts and a decline in demand since Sept. 11, the Atlanta airline said Wednesday. The other 2,000 are to be laid off--fewer than originally expected.

Fourth anthrax death claims life of New York woman:

Kathy T. Nguyen, 61, a New York hospital worker, died Wednesday in the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. Three days after checking herself into the hospital, Nguyen died from a mysterious case of anthrax. Nguyen was the first diagnosed case in New York of the inhaled disease. Nguyen's illness and the less serious skin form of the disease contracted by New Jersey woman now raise the number of confirmed anthrax cases to 17.

Retail donates profits

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

Since the Sept. 11, tragedy, businesses are making efforts to donate money to relief funds. One such business is Outback Steakhouse, Inc., which participated in Dine Out for America, a nationwide event held by the restaurant industry on Oct. 11.

According to Chris Sullivan, CEO of Outback Steakhouse, Inc., 100 percent of customer purchases from all of its restaurants were contributed. The restaurants include Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Roy's, Fleming's, Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, Lee Roy Selmon's and Bonefish Grill.

In all, Outback Steakhouse, Inc., contributed \$8.5 million for Dine Out for America.

"We were overwhelmed at the response we witnessed throughout the country," Sullivan said. "Our restaurants were filled to capacity throughout the evening."

According to Sullivan, all contributions benefit the American Red Cross and its Liberty Disaster Relief Fund.

Other participating restaurants included Chili's Grill & Bar, T.G.I. Friday's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, Long Horn Steakhouse.

Dine Out for America raised \$18 million total, which will be donated to the American Red Cross to support victims, families and other emerging needs.

Some credit card companies are donating percentages to the relief effort.

Discover Card will make a donation to America's relief effort with every purchase, cash advance, balance transfer or any other use Discover Cards. Each month, Discover will choose one or more charitable organizations to receive proceeds until it reaches its goal of \$5 million.

Local Valdosta businesses are joining the effort. Play by Play Sports Collectibles, in Colonial Mall donates proceeds from an American flag shirt it sells for \$12.50.

"We should know over the next couple of weeks how much we can donate," Milton Caffey, owner of Play by Play, said. "We just ordered x number of shirts and are keeping up with it. What we donate will be based on what we have to pay or what we want to donate out of our own pockets."

According to Milton Caffey, some items donate the whole amount, some \$10, some \$1.

"The flags just came in a couple of weeks ago, but we haven't decided what we'll do with those yet," Chance Caffey, said. "We may donate that money somewhere locally."

Milton Caffey said, "We just decided not to donate to the New York deal because everyone is doing that. We decided to donate to the Pentagon. My wife works at Moody (Air Force Base) so we can make sure the money goes directly

where we want it to go."

Milton Caffey said they expect to know around Dec. 1 how much they will be able to donate.

Waldenbooks has a World Trade Center 2002 calendar and a Heroes 2002 calendar and will donate \$1 of each sale

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Peacock struts into new role

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

Walter Peacock is spreading his feathers.

At the beginning of October, Walter Peacock, former director of Admissions, was given the role of director of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

"I'm going to be working with a broader scope with the internal processes that affect students," Peacock said. "It's like I've always said: If you do what's best for students, it'll help enrollment."

According to an e-mail from Dr. Louis Levy, acting vice president for Academic Affairs, Peacock's new title includes some new duties. These include making recommendations concerning student retention, student recruitment, course scheduling (course distribution and location), enrollment services, advising, programmatic needs and other matters relating to student enrollment.

Peacock's assignments are

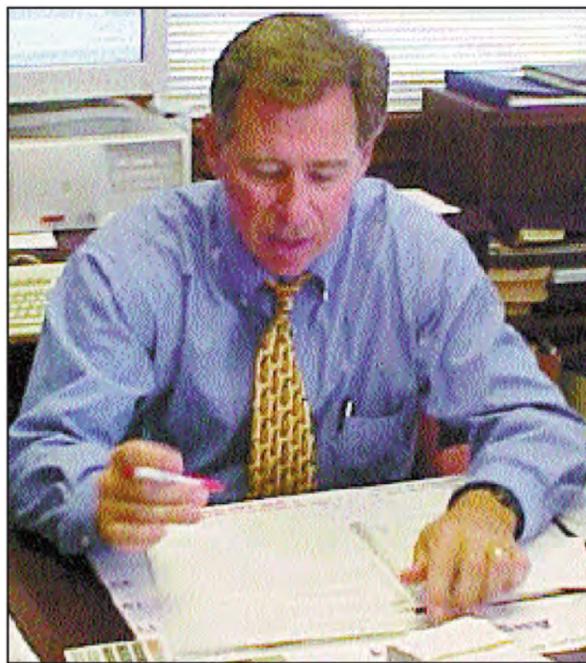
handed down from Dr. Levy, but another big duty is working closely with department heads and deans. With course scheduling as one of his main concerns, Peacock must look at course availability times and make sure there are enough seats for students.

"I'm also responsible for recruitment and retention," he said. "If we help with the process then it will be easy to get student satisfaction. I want us to try to do things in a way more based on data. I want us to make new decisions rather than do it the way we've always done it."

The new title comes new responsibilities, but Peacock is ready.

"I am excited about trying to make a positive difference," he said. "Students have ideas and I'd be glad to listen to them especially about the processes here. I would just really like to get students involved."

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Walter Peacock, director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, faces more paperwork these days.

sions and enrollment at VSU, Admissions at 333-7591, call Peacock at the Office of

Governor cuts HOPE budget

Michelle Taylor
Staff Writer

Budget cuts may be in store for HOPE, but none that will limit its availability to students. As of now, HOPE serves almost 200,000 students at Georgia schools this fiscal year, which began June 31. Students can obtain HOPE by earning a B average and kept if the recipient maintains a 3.0 or higher throughout his or her college career. HOPE covers 120 hours of classes, the equivalent of four years of college.

The Student Finance Commission, which controls HOPE, is asked to reduce its budget by \$6.6 million this year and \$13.2 for the next year by Gov. Roy Barnes. According to Glenn Newsome, executive director of the Student Finance Commission, Gov. Barnes has made it clear that students will not be affect-

ed monetarily by the cuts.

"The governor said that no reductions and benefits will affect students and no cuts will be made pertaining to students," Newsome said.

Proposed cuts include a decrease in literature about HOPE and a decrease in administrative jobs.

"We will begin with administrative sections by not filling in some positions and have not so many brochures," Newsome said.

The reason for the cut is the governor's preparation for a slow economy.

"The governor said that he is planning ahead that the economy will not be as strong as it has been," Newsome said.

HOPE is funded by the lottery, which also funds the pre-K program and a technical fund. The budget cuts will

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News

Military calls students

Jamie Peck
Staff Writer

VSU is armed and ready. That is, it is prepared for students leaving for military reasons as a result of the current situation with Afghanistan, according to Dr. Louis Levy, acting vice president for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Levy said students who are called in to military duty are allowed to withdraw without academic or financial penalty. They are put under a special category of withdrawal called Withdrawal for Military Reasons.

Dr. Levy said the federal government has worked this out with all the universities in the United States.

Dr. Levy said the students could finish the courses they

withdrew from at a later date. "I imagine some students will have to leave, and a handful already has," Dr. Levy said. "I don't think this will affect us in a negative way because we have naval students coming in all the time to take classes at King's Bay [which is in conjunction with VSU] all the time."

"We also have the 10 percent enrollment increase in new and returning freshmen this year," Dr. Levy said. "So far, at least,



the number of students leaving for military reasons hasn't affected our enrollment statistics."

Sgt. Houston, Staff Sergeant in Public Affairs at Moody Air Force Base, said deployments to Afghanistan have been made.

"We can't tell you who they are, if they're VSU students, where they're going, or when they're going because we have to protect our troops," Sgt. Houston said. "It has to do with protection privacy issues."

Dr. Levy said, "I'm sure we'll make allowances for anything that happens. We plan to be most accommodating to students going into the military service and into duty stations."

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Meredith

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situation."

Dr. Meredith chose to apply for the chancellorship in Georgia because he thought the system was attractive and enticing.

"Georgia has one of the top university systems in America," he said. "That alone was an attraction. To have an opportunity to work in Georgia, it was very attractive, and enticing."

When he took the job, Portch said that he would remain chancellor for seven years. Dr. Meredith does not have a set

time when he will leave. "I plan to stay here as long as the board is pleased with me and as long as I continue to be an asset to the system," he said.

Dr. Meredith said he believes he is student-oriented.

"I hope that every decision I make shows that students are my top priority," he said.

Dr. Meredith will be sworn in as the new chancellor Jan. 1.

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Hoax

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these calls," Maj. Farmer said. "It also plays on the fears of students and parents."

Both Broomberg and Mast said there is no need for students to fear for their safety.

"We need to stay cool and calm and not be paranoid about it," Broomberg said. "Just go about your business in a normal fashion and allow the FBI to do its job."

According to Broomberg, his office has supplied the campus mail service workers with special filtered masks, gloves and a special plastic suit for dealing with suspicious packages.

"I am 99 percent sure whoever did this in Washington D.C.--we're not big enough fish for them here in Valdosta," Mast said.

He also said all the response teams have done their jobs well.

"I'm sorry this happened to the young men in the residence hall but glad everybody was able to do what had to be done."

HOPE

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cover HOPE and pre-K administrations.

If the lottery has a huge decrease, there is a 10 percent shortfall reserve to cover the programs.

According to Wanda DeWeese, scholarship coordinator and financial aid counselor, about 3,300 students at VSU currently receive HOPE. She did not feel that the number of students enrolling in college would decrease if HOPE's funds were low.

"If they can't get HOPE they'll just look elsewhere for financial aid," she said. "I don't think that it will affect the number of students coming to college."

Upgrade takes Banner down

Chris Ober
Staff Writer

The Banner will be unavailable until Monday to update the new PeopleSoft software the system uses.

PeopleSoft keeps track of financial information. According to Phil Strickland, director of management information systems, the Banner system upgraded to PeopleSoft to meet University System requirements.

According to Strickland, the shutdown is designed to affect users as little as possible.

"We are trying to hold it down to the smallest impact

time zone," Strickland said.

The system will be down for two business days with administration being cut off for the shortest amount of time possible. While the system is down, students can't register for classes. Even if the update takes longer than the proposed five days, Banner will be up before registration ends on Nov. 16.

Faculty and staff will be able to access the Banner system in a "read-only" mode through departments they work with, Strickland said.

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Anthrax is no laughing matter

Did you hear the one about the person who sent someone an envelope full of white powder?

It was only a joke. It was all in good fun.

But sometimes, fun can go too far.

In the case of the hoax anthrax letter sent to residents of Patterson Hall, the fun not only went too far; it caused damage.

Hoaxes are nothing new. We see them on the Internet with e-mail virus hoaxes and letters asking for money. But in this time of national crisis and very real terrorist threats, a hoax that plays upon terrorist behavior and the very real fear we are all facing tears at the fabric of our community.

Such hoaxes traumatize the people who have to deal with them. The residents' lives were interrupted for the time it took to test the powder they had received. They couldn't get into their room. They were not allowed to retrieve books or papers. Their clothing and personal items remained behind. They had to find a place to sleep for a few days. The ventilation system had to be closed for the hall.

In addition, these hoaxes use up the time and energy of the Hazardous Materials teams, FBI, VSU police, local policing agencies and the administration—time and energy that would be better spent on real threats. They also use up money. A HAZMAT suit costs hundreds of dollars and can only be used once. Lab tests cost money.

If those concerns are not enough to keep people from sending talcum powder or calling in false threats, there is a law that will.

A hoax such as this one falls under the terrorism law and, regardless of a person's intent, comes with a fine and 15 years minimum jail time—in a federal penitentiary.

And that's no joke.

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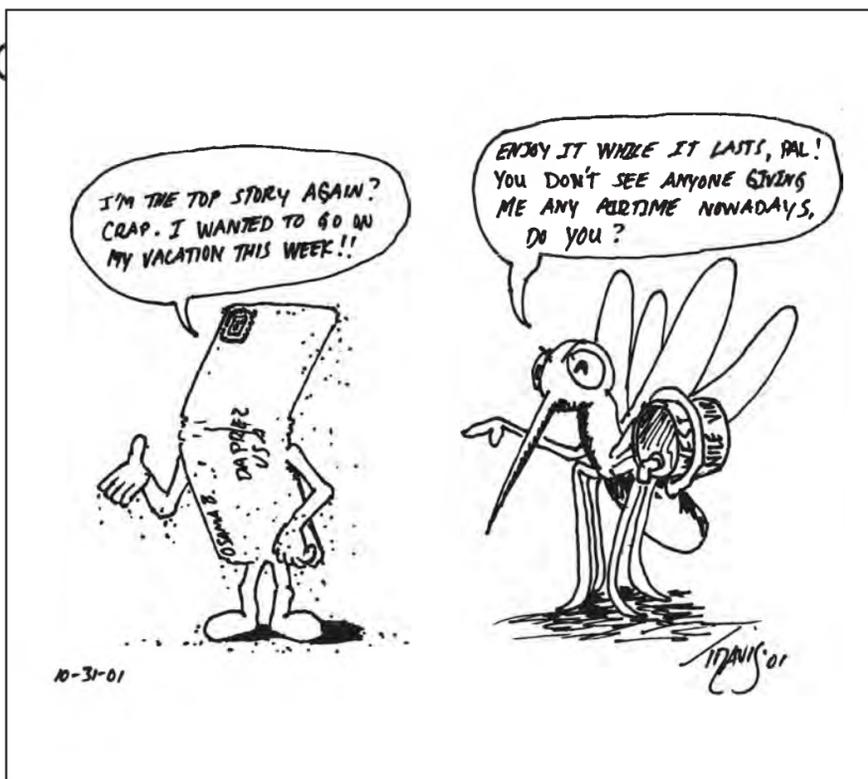
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Phillip Boyd

To bomb or not to bomb

At VSU we know all about deadlines. For Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and some of his chums in Washington, a deadline of sorts looms large. It's called Ramadan.

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting for those of the Islamic faith. The United States is facing diplomatic pressure from abroad to relent with the bombing campaign for the Islamic holy month. The dilemma for the decision makers is this: is it better to go ahead with the bombing and risk offending our Middle Eastern allies, or to observe the holiday and hope the Taliban goes on vacation?

Let's leave fairyland for just a minute and assume that we still live in the real world.

Not many students here were alive the last time we waged a war and allowed the politicians to dictate the rules of engagement, but that war has a name. Even today Vietnam is an ugly word for many people. If we have to wage war then lets have it and be done with it.

Ramadan is holy. I'm sorry that it happens to coincide with our bombing schedule, but our boys in Afghanistan aren't there for their health. They have a job to do. The terrorist groups didn't seem to notice that September 11 happened to fall during Substitute Teacher Week. Nor did they seem to mind the fact that those two trifling towers happened to be occupied at the time.

Will Rumsfeld and his cronies come to the same conclusion that I have? I hope not. It is one thing to say go ahead and alienate our Great Coalition of Friends, but totally another for the U.S. to actually do it. We put together a coalition for a reason, mostly political, but in many ways practical. The age of beating down an inferior opponent on the battlefield is over. Modern warfare, for better or worse, requires much diplomatic maneuvering. Nations that should have no reason in the world to be involved, are. We, as a sovereign nation, have the right and obligation to wage war on belligerents in the best interest of our country. This war is about the safety of America, and for the world to be free of terrorism. If this is to be accomplished we will have to step on some toes.

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Just to set it straight

Editor's note:

The Participator is an independent newsletter that can be found on campus bulletin boards.

I was having a hard time thinking about what I was going to write my column about until I read the article entitled the "Participator" by the author, the "Piper." Hi, "Piper." My name is Beth. You may notice my first and last name and picture at the top of the page.

I read the article three or four times. Bravo, Piper. Bravo. What an eloquently written, "hard-hitting," enlightening piece of whining/literature. We had no idea! We're sorry. Shall we issue retraction statements about our opinions?

I apologize for the "mind-numbing sarcasm."

First, I offer to you the working definition of "opinion": *The view somebody takes about a certain issue, especially when it is based solely on personal judgement.*

Opinion pages are just that: based solely on personal judgement. In the "land of the free and the home of the brave" we are entitled to those. You are, and so is the Spectator. It is called the First Amendment. And I thank you. You have offered an opposing opinion. Opposing opinions are essential for the marketplace of



Beth Owens

ideas to exist. The debate must go on.

I also offer to you (and the rest of the student body) an outline of the functions of a newspaper, because there seems to be some confusion.

The major function of a newspaper is to inform. Citizens must be informed so they may make their own choices. On the social side, newspapers are supposed to entertain. Columns may fall into this category.

Newspapers are also supposed to analyze information. Parking is an issue at VSU and a news story. Its impact on you is an analysis.

Newspapers are obligated to serve as the fourth estate. Newspapers are responsible for ensuring that three branches of government (judicial, executive and legislative—e.g.: Student Government Association) do

what they are supposed to.

Newspapers also provide a public forum. The press must present diverse opinions and encourage discussion. The Spectator is obviously doing its job in this respect.

Newspapers provide a written record of crimes, births, deaths, etc.

Finally, a newspaper is responsible for influencing social thought and positions. As long as opinion is not misrepresented as fact, controversial and/or diverse opinions are encouraged and essential in a newspaper.

I encourage you, "Piper," to submit your next column to the Spectator itself as a letter to the editor. Not only would it be considered for running, it would be welcomed. You are also more than welcome to become a member of the editorial staff as long as you aren't a member of the SGA (That would be a conflict of interest. Buy you could work with advertising or other areas if you like.) Then you could really make a difference. Don't be a stranger.

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Mailbox

Its not just 'black and white'

Dear Editor:

While disregarding the Greek "controversy," I believe there is one statement by Leigh Touchton that needs to be addressed.

Touchton said, "The reason

there isn't a White Student League is because VSU is one big White Student League." (Spectator website, 10/25/01) This statement is flawed because nobody is a genetically pure "white" or "black," but instead a combination of inherited genetic racial traits. People of a specific skin color cannot be judged as an acting homogeneous entity. Instead, one must judge each individual according to their actions.

The VSU student body can-

not be judged by a regional rational because the student population contains students from all over America and many international countries. In conclusion, I would caution Ms. Touchton about trying to paint absolutely everything into a social crisis. That points to a social agenda instead of needed social reform.

Eric Haddix



Got something to say?

Open mic on this page every week at the Spectator.

How have the two anthrax scares on campus affected your daily life?



"It hasn't. The chance of anthrax being here is little to none."



"It hasn't. I don't think about it."



"I think people overreact."



"I'm more worried for my family because they are in Maryland. Anthrax is not likely in Valdosta."



"I don't worry about it. If sh**t happens sh**t happens."



"I'm not really worried about it down here. I feel pretty safe."

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Services available for women

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Farber Medical Center offers a variety of services for women ranging from various tests to routine examinations.

"We try to be very women-friendly," Barbara Bayko, P.A.-C., said.

Pregnancy tests are free and provided at the discretion of the center. Farber doesn't offer prenatal care, but will provide a list of contacts for different options available.

Contraceptives, such as birth control pills or condoms, are not kept on-site, but doctors at the center will write prescriptions for women interested in obtaining some form of birth control. The RU-486 pill, a pill used to terminate pregnancy, is not available because a surgeon must be on-site during administration, and the center chooses not to supply the morning-after pill. Farber also provides free post-abortion examinations.

Pap smears are available routinely, and appointments can be made from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday. The procedure tests for cervical cancer and costs \$15.

"Women who are over 21 or sexually active should be get-

ting a pap smear once a year," Bayko said.

Mammograms are not available on-site, but the center can refer patients to Radiology Associates of Valdosta at 2704-D, N. Oak St. A routine mammogram is \$118.55 and a diagnostic exam is \$129.55. Women should also receive routine mammograms once a year.

Department 206 S. Patterson St., also provides services for women's health. Tests are available for pregnancy, STDs and HIV/AIDS. Gynecological procedures such as pelvic examinations and pap smears are conducted, and various contraceptives, including condoms, birth control pills and Depo-Provera are available. The health department

costs. Exams continue for two months after birth for the mother, and check-ups and care for the child for the first three years.

Valdosta also has pregnancy support centers such as Birthright of Valdosta. They provide counseling, pregnancy tests, baby and maternity clothing and other services, including a 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-550-4900.

"We're a place where people can just call and talk," said a volunteer at Birthright of Valdosta. "Everything is free and confidential."

The nearest abortion services are in Florida. The Jacksonville and Gainesville Women's Health Clinics provide gynecological and abortion services. Non-surgical, nitrous oxide and intravenous (IV) sedation procedures are available. The prices for abortion range from \$275 and above depending on the trimester. Abortions aren't conducted past the 18th week. The RU-486 pill is also available for \$595. Fees include individual counseling and a follow-up exam.

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A list of contact information:

- Farber Medical Center, on-campus: 333-5886
- Lowndes County Health Department, 206 S. Patterson St.: 333-5255
- Birthright of Valdosta, 612 Baytree Rd.: 244-5433
- Pregnancy Support Center of Valdosta, 206 W. Gordon St.: 333-0800
- Jacksonville Women's Health Clinic, Jacksonville, Fla.: 1-800-298-8874
- Gainesville Women's Health Clinic, Gainesville, Fla.: 1-800-869-0440
- Independent Adoption Center, Atlanta: 1-800-877-6736
- Open Door Adoption Agency, Valdosta area and statewide: 1-800-868-633.

Farber provides testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea for \$24.25, and testing for other sexually transmitted diseases are also available at the center's discretion. Twice a semester, the Lowndes County Health Department provides on-campus HIV/AIDS testing.

"The test is free and confidential," Bayko said. "If a student tests positive, we refer them to an infectious disease doctor."

Lowndes County Health

doesn't carry the RU-486 pill, but does carry an emergency contraceptive similar to the morning-after pill. Procedures are priced individually, based on income, and the HIV/AIDS test is free.

The health department has pregnancy support programs, including Women, Infants and Children (WIC), a nutritional program, and Right From the Start, a program covering all prenatal needs, labor, examinations and medical



Laura Justin / The Spectator

This display, entitled "God bless America," is located on the first floor of Odum Library. Students are invited to write their thoughts about Sept. 11.

Students express grief for tragedy

Bianca Johnson
Staff Writer

Since the Sept. 11 tragedy, billboards, cars and other forums are covered in patriotic paraphernalia. One such forum is the Odum library, where a display called "God Bless America" has been placed on the bottom floor.

The display was placed about two weeks ago and many students have expressed their thoughts. From the statement, "united we stand, divided we fall," to rhetorical questions such as, "where would you be if you were in that building or on that plane." Others offer condolence for the victims and

families of Sept. 11 with words like "I still pray for all the victims and the leaders."

Many statements have religious meanings. One anonymous writer said, "my heart is touched by what happened on Sept. 11...accept Jesus Christ into your heart today...."

On and around the display are pictures of the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, before and after the planes hit. There is also a picture of the president with Bible verse Matthew 24:6-8, "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed...all these are the beginning or birth pains."

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VSU offers fun classes

Lindsey Giddens
Staff Writer

School got you down? Are you tired of the pile of boring and tough classes you have to take to fulfill requirements for your major? Well, have no fear, there are actually a few classes students view as easier and more fun than their core classes.

For those interested in moving their feet a little, fall semester offers dance classes. Especially for those who have never danced before but have always been interested, DANC 1500 and DANC 1600 might do the trick.

DANC1500 is an introduction to dance where students study a general survey and appreciation of dance as an art form. There is also an introduction to dance history and a critical evaluation of dance. DANC1600 offers Ballet I which teaches basic techniques and theories of classical ballet. Students gain instruction on body placement, awareness, strength, stretch and terminology.

Students intrigued by a foreign culture might want to consider expanding their horizons. Foreign language classes are offered in French, Spanish, Latin, Russian, German and Japanese. Beginner classes can be taken for a little taste of a foreign language or students can continue on for a broader knowledge of a language other than English.

Those wishing to get in shape and earn a little credit have many fun choices to choose from when it comes to physical education classes.

You already have to walk miles to your car and to your classes, so why not earn an hour credit by taking fitness walking? This class is used for exercise and instruction focuses on how walking can be used as a lifetime fitness activity. KSPE 1050 is not only fun for a semester, but it can apply later in your lifetime.

Other fun P.E. classes offered include KSPE 1100 – beginner's badminton, KSPE 1150 – bowling, KSPE 1250 – scuba diving, KSPE 1380 –

horseback riding, plus sports such as volleyball and golf. Some fees may be required with certain P.E. classes, so check with the P.E. department before signing up for certain classes.

If you want to add a little music to your life, join MUSC 3820; concert choir. Under the direction of Dr. David L. Johnson, director of choral activities and professor, students that are not even music majors can sing away in a group of approximately 100 students.

The music department also offers private lessons in piano, voice, brass, woodwinds and percussion. Students wishing to take private music lessons must check with the music department before signing up to assure availability, especially for non-music majors.

Perspectives have to be taken by all VSU students, so an enjoyable one to take is PERS 2380— arts perspective. Students learn an overview of the arts emphasizing the key areas of communication arts,

music and art. There is a little something for all students wishing to gain culture in the arts.

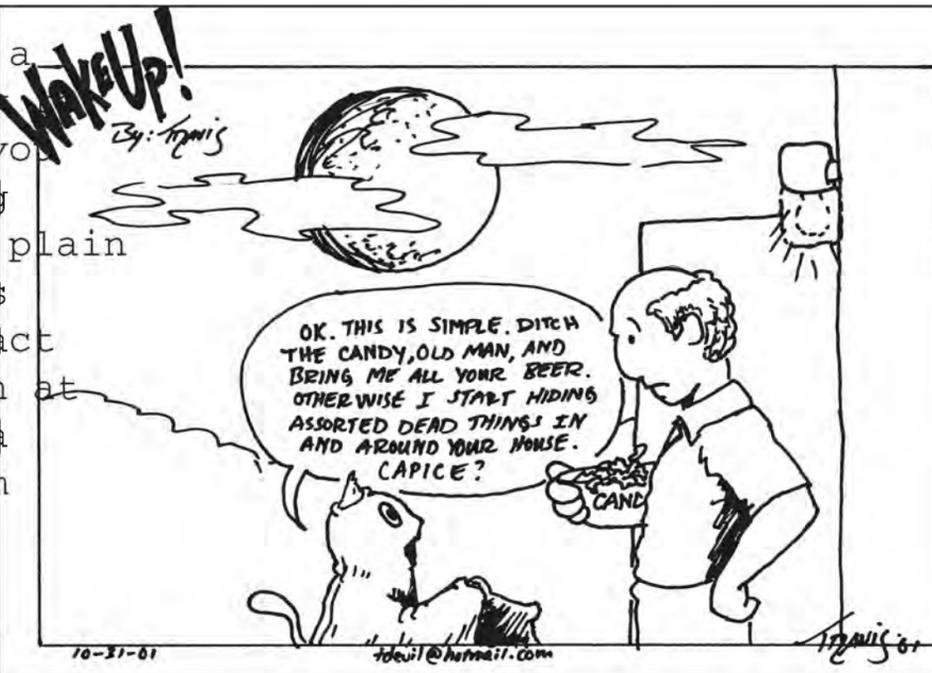
Classes at VSU don't have to be completely tough and boring. There are many fun and interesting classes to take—you just have to dig a little in the undergraduate bulletin to find them.

Not all classes listed in the bulletin are offered every semester, so check course availability in the spring semester schedule of classes for classes being offered, times and if they are still open or not.

Also, if classes you want to take are closed, try waiting until fees are due because students who do not pay their fees will have their classes dropped. Another route is to wait until drop/add at the beginning of the semester.

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Do you have a unique story to tell or do you do something that's just plain cool? Let us know! Contact Laura Justin at justin_laura@hotmail.com



Library host of history

Adam Platto
Staff Writer

The history at VSU did not draw a crowd Tuesday. Only five people attended the seminar.

According to Deborah Davis, library historian, getting publicity out for the event was hard because of the way that campus events are posted on GRITS.

It "fell between the cracks" she said, due to the times of the presentation. The presentation started at 9:30 a.m.

The presentation began from VSU's beginnings, in 1906, when VSU was established as Georgia State Normal College. It then goes through the school's changes, from a normal college to a university.

Only three students attended Tuesday's presentation.

"It was interesting," Lawrence Coleman said. "I liked learning when the buildings were built and what their original purpose was. Did you know that Powell Hall was originally a library?"

Davis presented the show. According to Davis, the idea of presenting VSU history to students started by a colleague's request to speak at a class.

Davis has also published a book of VSU history through pictures, which is available for purchase at the VSU Bookstore.

The presentations will show tonight at 7 and Friday at 11 a.m.

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Jazz has a new twist

Jason James
Staff Writer

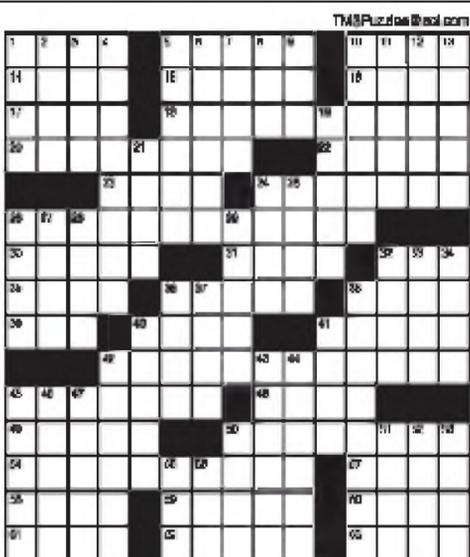
The heir to the James Brown funk throne has made himself apparent in the form of Karl Denson.

Last Tuesday I made my way down to Gainesville, Fla., to witness a live act that smokes more than a rubber fire. At 11 p.m. the packed house at Brick City Music Hall saw the future of the soul-jazz movement. With the recent addition of former Greyboy Allstars drummer Zak Najor and Chris Littlefield on trumpet, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe was ready to teach the crowd a thing or two about funk and jazz.

During the first songs Denson and Littlefield traded solos with blistering fury. Denson seamlessly rotated from his alto and tenor saxophones and flute throughout the mix. "Dance Lesson #2", the title track from Denson's recent Blue Note release, featured guitarist Brian Jordan and David Veith.

Through both sets, the band managed to creatively balance jazz roots and insatiable dancing rhythms on tunes like "Family Tree" and "Tenor Man."

Not only does Denson funk like the Godfather of Soul, but he can lead a crowd into a dancing frenzy as well. Karl Denson's Tiny Universe will tour nationally throughout fall, culminating in a New Years Eve show in San Francisco with New Orleans funk peers Galactic.



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'Memento' unforgettable

Laura Justin
Staff Writer

Imagine waking up not knowing where you are or how long you've been there. All you know is a man named John G. raped and murdered your wife. You have no memories of this, but the tattoos on your body remind you each day.

In the movie "Memento," this is the reality Leonard Shelby (Guy Pierce) lives in. Assaultants break into his home, kill his wife and leave him with a head injury that prohibits him from making any new memories.

Leonard is desperately seeking revenge against the man who took his wife and memory away. The movie opens with a Polaroid Leonard has just taken of a man he has murdered. The film takes the viewer backwards from that moment, leading closer and closer to the ultimate conclusion that was the beginning of Leonard's desperate manhunt.

Leonard encounters people who form an intricate mystery of murder and drug deals. He takes Polaroids of everything, including people, his car and his motel room. He writes notes on each picture to maintain his progress in the search to locate the mysterious John G. He comes across Natalie (Carrie-Ann Moss) who seems to pity him and wants to help. His picture of Teddy (Joe Pantoliano) has a note on the back, reading, "do not believe his lies," but Leonard can't remember why.

Leonard struggles to figure out who is telling the truth,



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who is playing mind games with him and who might be using him to kill the wrong man. He must rely on his instincts and mementos to help him solve the mystery and avenge his wife's death.

This movie is an excellent suspense thriller from the first scene to its gripping conclusion. Guy Pierce does a superb job of acting, becoming totally engrossed in his obsessive quest, convincing the viewer

he truly cannot form any memory. Moss and Pantoliano also deliver excellent performances, adding to the realism that absorbs the viewer throughout the film.

The plot is rich with twists and turns, and the unique style of starting at the end of the story and slowly working back to the beginning is an intriguing approach that keeps the viewer waiting to see what more will be revealed. When the astonishing sequence of events is finally revealed, the viewer will immediately want to watch it again, this time taking their own notes along with Leonard.

"Memento" is based on the short story by Jonathan Nolan, and was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. His talent as a director is evident in his unique sequence of events, black-and-white scenes and original cinematography. Viewers will be captivated by the many diverse and intriguing elements that come together to form one of the best, original and most suspenseful movies of the year.

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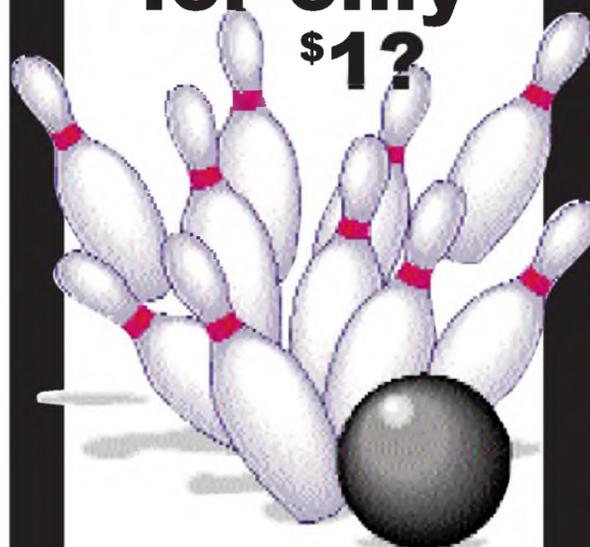


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GSC crown in reach

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

The top-ranked and unbeaten VSU Blazers are a bit selfish this season... and rightfully so.

Last season, VSU had to share the Gulf South Conference championship with two other teams, Delta State and West Georgia. The triad each suffered one blemish during the regular season, forcing the Blazers to settle for a three-way tie for the conference crown.

With two conference games remaining, VSU (9-0, 7-0 GSC) has emerged unscathed to this point in the season. Call them

selfish, but with two more wins, call them undisputed GSC champions.

The Blazers can guarantee themselves a tie for the conference title this Saturday with a win over Ouachita Baptist (2-6, 1-6 GSC) in Arkadelphia, Ark. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m. (E.T.)



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Blazer offense
Saturday could be a record setting day for two Blazers. Quarterback Dusty Bonner needs 259 passing yards to become only the third signal caller in GSC history to throw for back-to-back 3,000-yard seasons. The two that came before him also roamed Cleveland Field; Lance

Funderburk (1995-96) and Chris Hatcher (93-94). Wide receiver Reggie Mosley can etch his name into the conference record books with two touchdown receptions. Both marks are in serious jeopardy of falling, considering VSU waxed the Tigers 49-21 last season in Valdosta.

Tiger defense
Defensively, OBU doesn't resemble a 2-6 team. The Tigers rank third in total defense in the GSC behind Delta State and VSU, allowing 324 yards of offense per contest and just over 20 points per game. OBU also lines up pass rushing specialist, T.J. Bingham, at defensive end. Bingham is tied for the GSC lead in sacks with seven and leads his team in tackles with 62. Bingham went wild last week in the Tigers 31-13 win over West Alabama, recording

12 tackles, six for loss, one sack, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Blazer defense
The "Black Swarm" has lived up to its name this year. Defensively, the Blazers continue to lead the conference in scoring defense and total defense. VSU's average margin of victory is 38.7

points per game, thanks in large part to the defense. The last shutout posted by the "Black Swarm" came last season at the expense of Fort Valley State, 46-0. OBU could be seeing zeros Saturday.

Tiger offense
Tiger tailback Montoya Brown

is suffering from a sophomore slump, or more specifically a nagging hamstring injury. Brown, who broke the 1,000-yard mark last season as a freshman, has only played in five games this season because of injury. He only played in one play last Saturday against

UWA. Donte Waldon was impressive in Brown's absence, rushing 25 times for 112 yards and three touchdowns. Too bad the passing game is non-existent.

Final Prediction
Blazers 42
Tigers 7



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VSU backup quarterback Buster Faulkner tries to haul in a pass Tuesday at practice. Faulkner has completed 29 of 37 pass attempts this season for 271 yards and three touchdowns.

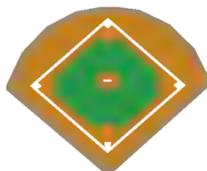
Colors clash in VSU World Series

Ashlie Mash
Staff Writer

Both the majors and the VSU baseball team are in full swing competing for World Series titles.

In order to complete the last two weeks of the fall baseball season, VSU coach Tommy Thomas has implemented his own World Series. Major League Baseball's World Series plays a best of seven series. The VSU program

makes it harder by drawing out playing time and awarding the title to the first team to win five games, according to Thomas. During the VSU World Series exhibition, the 37-man team is split evenly into two teams, the Red and the Black. The coaches choose the teams by drafting their desired players according to the order of the positions on the field.



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SPORTS

Blazers run out of steam

Series

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The Black team led the series 4-3 as of Tuesday.

"I am commissioner and umpire," Thomas said. "My assistant coaches do all the coaching and team choosing."

The NCAA has reduced the maximum number of games teams play outside of inter-squad, Thomas said.

"So rather than playing practice games in the fall, we can have all 56 games in the spring," he said.

Although pitchers may only throw five innings per game and 10 per week, junior left-handed pitcher Michael Smith, senior and junior right-handers Braxton Fernald and Corey Wachman are throwing heat for the Black team.

Offensive standouts for the Black team are junior outfielder P.J. Brown, juniors first/third baseman Jay Berryman and

infielder Scott Simpson.

Graduate assistant Ryan Page, last year's second baseman, Jason Brett, who has played four years of professional baseball and recently returned to VSU to further his studies, coaches the Red team. Junior infielder Josh Grube and junior Scott Fletcher and senior Denny Bryant led the Red squad in the early stages of the series.

Thomas said the team needs to bone up on hitting and cut down on walks.

"Overall pitching has been good, but some of our pitchers need to improve on control," he said.

The Blazers lost pitching ace Jason Bulger. Bulger was selected as the 22nd overall pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the MLB draft this past summer, becoming the first VSU baseball player to be a professional draftee in the first round.

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

The Lady Blazers and Blazers cross country squads prepare this week for the season's last meet at the South Regional Championships, Saturday in Marietta.

The men will run 10K and the women 6K. The standard men's meet is 8K and the women's is 5K.

In last Saturday's Gulf South Conference Championships in Memphis, Tenn., the Lady Blazers [45-15] finished sixth out of 16 and the Blazers [24-26] finished sixth out of 10. None of the runners made first or second team all-GSC.

The top three colleges in the women's 5K were Harding [39], Alabama-Huntsville [65] and

Arkansas Tech [96].

For the Lady Blazers [178], the top three finishers, who've been leading the way all season, were juniors Cindy Barkley [21; 19:54], Amanda Bennett [23; 19:56] and Meredith Middleton [26; 19:59].

Middleton, team captain for the Lady Blazers, was dissatisfied with their performance at the championship.

"The competition was so steep," Middleton said.

In the men's 8K, the top three teams were Harding [15], West Florida [76], and Alabama-Huntsville [78]. VSU will run side-by-side with these teams at the South Regional Championships Saturday.

The Blazers three leading men were sophomore Daniel Scott [23; 27:28], senior Jim Wright



VSU's Jennifer McCall runs at the GSC Championship in Memphis, Tenn., this past weekend. Both the men and women finished sixth.

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[27; 27:49] and sophomore Jonathan Craig [34; 28:16]. Scott, Wright and Craig have been strong forces all season, with Scott and Wright placing first three times.

Harding University dominated the competition, winning the men's and women's events. No.

four Harding University Lady Bisons became the fourth team in GSC history to defend its conference title, while the Bisons became the third team to defend its title. HU coach Bryan Phillips also became the first coach since 1995 to be earn GSC Coach of the Year in consecutive years.

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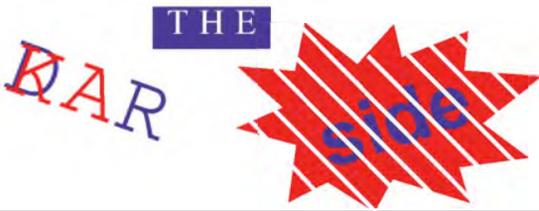
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Jeremiah W. Bass Staff Writer

In the spirit of this whole 'honor the rescue workers at Ground Zero and the American people,' I just have one thing to say...how many more music/concert tributes are they gonna show on television before I puke all over my new Pumas?



Sure, I'm all for respect and honor, but we don't need to see Kevin Spacey or Elton John on TV every other night hosting some event to honor America and all it stands for.

Tell you what: If you want to honor my American ass, send me 15 million bucks, Sir Elton! That'll give me something to

sing about.

Everyone wants to do something on television to honor the firefighters and cops in New York...just go away! It's bad enough that these rescue workers have to do what they're doing day and night, but now they have to listen to Mariah Carey and Barbara Streisand perform? Mariah is the last person I'd want to hear; if I was her [I'D BE EXTREMELY HOT] I would find a safe place and hide after shooting a film like Glitter.

Speaking of which, did anyone happen to catch that catastrophe of a movie? What a waste of seven bucks that would have been for me.

I feel bad for the poor glutons who actually paid to see that crap...seven dollars that could have gone into some-

thing more valuable, like a microbiology lab kit [Bacillus aureus microbes not included].

Maybe Mariah should hide out in a cave with bin Laden...I'm sure they'd be 'tha bomb' together!

Some of these celebrities are making it seem like they are God, and they bring everyone light and sunshine by making an appearance. Oh, please! Gimme a break!

Like it's such a treat to be greeted by Oprah Winfrey...yeah, just what the fellas from the 55th precinct need, a visit from a chick who supports The Lifetime Channel for Women and the WE network [sorry ladies...no, wait, I'm not sorry. I just couldn't resist. Oh, well, whatever].

It's like they [the so-called stars] try to make it seem like

the sun shines every time they are in the spotlight.

The only thing shining when Kevin Spacey is in the spotlight is that gleam coming from his incredibly huge forehead!

Come on, let's admit it...Spacey's got a gigantic forehead! And ladies, he is not Mr. GQ at all. I swear, if I hear one more chick say 'Kevin Spacey is so hot,' I'm gonna...I'll think of something later.

How do y'all pick your so-called 'hot guys' anyway? Do you chose by forehead length and biggest teeth or somethin'?' It's like...!@#***@!!#*! Never mind.

Now if we're talking about hot ladies, let's talk about Jessica Alba. Whoop! Now that's hot! She can be my Dark

Angel anytime!

And the Emmys...I won't even go there! Yes, I will! Who cares anymore about the Emmys? Why don't they just forget about the whole little fiasco and have Mariah Carey personally deliver the awards to all the winners? Besides, I highly doubt that her 'acting' career is going anywhere any time soon, you know?

The producers are apparently doing this big thing where they pay honor and tribute to the victims, rescue workers, volunteers, and America in general.

You could honor me by not mentioning Survivor, Big Brother 2, The West Wing, and Ally Mcbeal in any of the nomination categories.

And some of you just love this kind of stuff; you pop popcorn and order a pizza to stay



up all night watching these things. It doesn't even matter!

Unless the actors, producers and other yutzes winning these Emmys can get me an 'A' in microbiology or physics, then forget it. Not wasting my time.

I'll find something more productive to do, like reading the articles in a Playboy magazine [just the articles, mind you].

Hey you, before you get all red in the face and call me a butt-hole, realize this... in no way is this article intended to disrespect the victims of the terrorist attacks, the firefighters, police officers, volunteers, or America as a whole. This article is meant to address to the world of entertainment that enough is enough with the tributes and what have you. Let's move on and let the rescuers do their jobs.

Homecoming

Tameika Carson Staff Writer

The mindset of rushing to the library before closing to study disappeared with the approach of "The Battle of the Cubic Zirconia Crown." The herd of followers crowded the internet with the best intensions of voting for the Queen with the best dress, neatest makeup and tiniest waist.

It is somewhat amusing how idle hackers find time to vote for Barbie dolls when they failed to vote for the president who is dragging our brothers and sisters to war. As a result, they hope that the queen's pretty face and dazzling dress will put an end to today's disasters as well as horrible time management skills (yeah, right).

Conversations of dead bodies and terrorist bombs convert into dead gorgeous contestants and their "bomb" figures. However, the madness doesn't stop there. The patriotic colors

of red, white and blue that reminded us of Sept. 11 were eventually covered with voting deadlines of Oct. 12. Collages of fliers, painted sheets and chalked sidewalks hovered VSU campus along with its trouble-free minds.

Those who had the dream of being Homecoming Queen in order to walk on red carpet took the opportunity to sling mud and cat fight with the jealous rivals. Showing horrifying elementary school pictures that exposed bucked teeth, crossed eyes and acne resulted in the opponent revealing the deepest, darkest secrets of the latest sex change amongst the challengers, all hoping to decrease the competition and increase their chances.

The contestants that managed to remain active after abducted cars, anthrax pranks, and public humiliation wouldn't let a couple of scratches and pulled hair stop them in the way of their meaningless dream. Instead, they proceed-

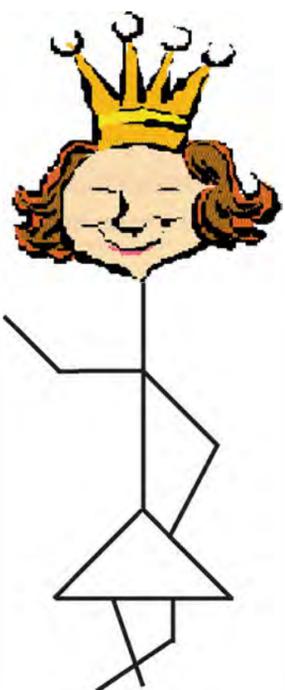
ed to the next level.

A week's amount of grooming and preparation is beyond describable for a spotlight that lasts barely five seconds. Time in between classes to apply tons of makeup and place every strand of teased hair in its exact desired location becomes a necessity for the hectic "wannabe."

Speaking and smiling at each stranger that walks by tires the cheek muscles but guarantees all their votes will take them closer and closer to the top of the pretend pedestal.

There, the Homecoming Queen will stand waving as the breakable porcelain doll that everyone will admire for six minutes or until she makes her way off the field where she becomes just another figure once again.

The applause and cheers lead to the question, I am Homecoming Queen, now what? (Absolutely nothing, just as before).



Crossword puzzle fun!

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

A	W	A	Y	W	E	A	V	E	C	A	T	T
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Shag
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Do these shorts really make my butt look big?

HOT 102.7
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Sat. 11-2PM
Catch Cat & the Party Prize Patrol at All American Wireless for Sprint PCS in the Food Lion shopping center. She will have prizes and more.

Sat. 9-12mid
It's "Fight Night" at Herbies Hide-a-way. Join Todd & Shag for Fights, Fun and FREE stuff (t-shirts and Jacksonville Jaguars tickets).

E.M.T. s will be on site!!!!!!!!!!!!!!