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Judicial board lifts student's suspension

Kristen Newcomb
Staff Writer

A freshman arrested in October on felony charges including possession of cocaine was brought before the SGA Judicial Board Wednesday.

David M. Galka was arrested Oct. 16 and charged with driving with a suspended license, DUI under 21 and possession of cocaine.

According to the police report, Officer Derek Sinclair of VSU Public Safety was at the Chevron on 1800 N. Patterson St. talking with Sgt. Stacks of the Valdosta Police Department when they heard a crash around the side of the building. As they rounded the corner, they noticed a silver Honda Accord had struck the container holding the propane gas tanks.

As the officers approached the driver, Galka, they smelled alcohol and asked him to submit to a roadside sobriety test. Galka complied with the test but failed it. Galka and two other passengers were then arrested.

Sgt. Bunte of the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, who performed the intake on Galka, found white powder in the front change pocket on Galka's jeans. A test of the substance concluded it was .5 grams of cocaine. Galka's alcohol level was also confirmed at .105.

The incident put Galka in violation of the VSU Student Handbook Code of Ethics, Appendix A, Section II. Galka was temporarily suspended as of Oct. 29 from attending his fall 2002 classes or any other campus event under the "clear and present danger" provision of the Student Handbook's Code of Ethics.

Galka requested an SGA Judicial Hearing to discuss his suspension and determine his status at VSU. He answered "responsible" for each of the four violations brought against him.

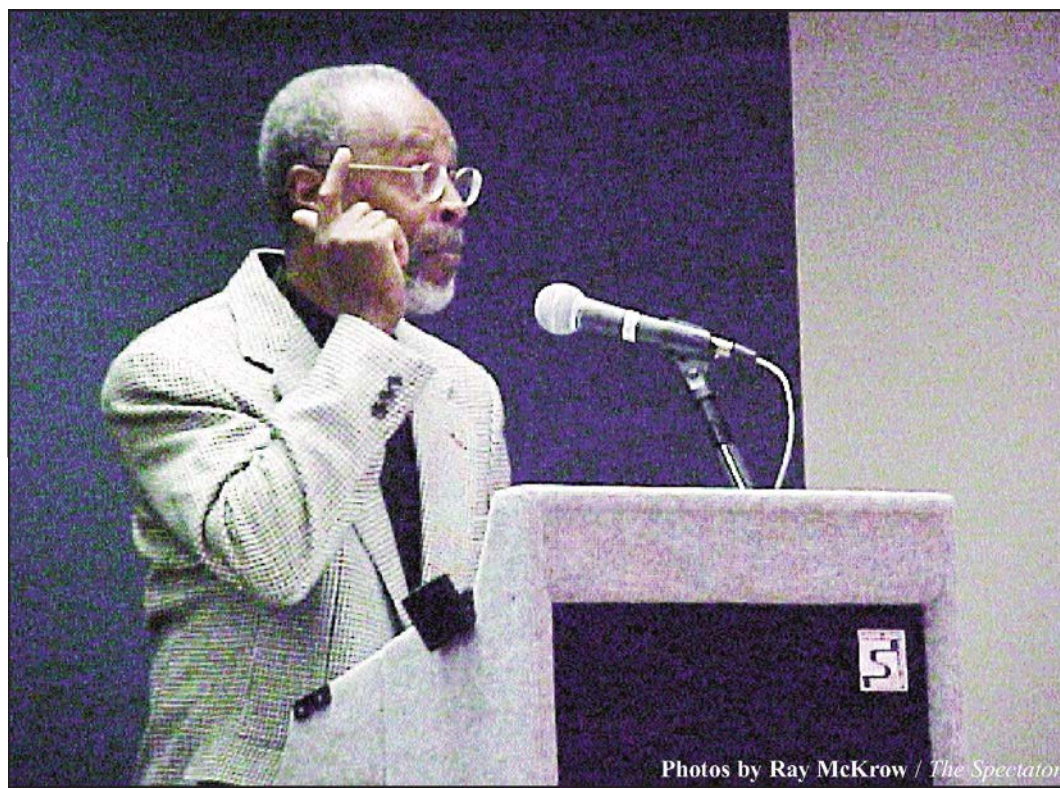
"I know I messed up," Galka said during closing arguments. "Everybody messes up."

When asked how he feels about his education, Galka replied, "I need to go to school. No one in my family went to school...I wanted to be a lawyer someday and I messed that up."

Galka and his attorney, Kent Edwards, informed the Judicial Board that he is currently enrolled in a 17-week program at REDIRECT Counseling Services, Inc, where he attends

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Diverse voices share poetry



Ray McKrow
Staff Writer

Diversity Week comes to a close today, after a week full of diverse activities.

Today from 1 to 4 p.m. a Diversity Fair will be held in Palms Quad. There will be over 30 campus and community groups and organizations supporting Diversity Week including a radio broadcast and free refreshments.

This year's Diversity Week differed greatly from last year's as a result of the mock

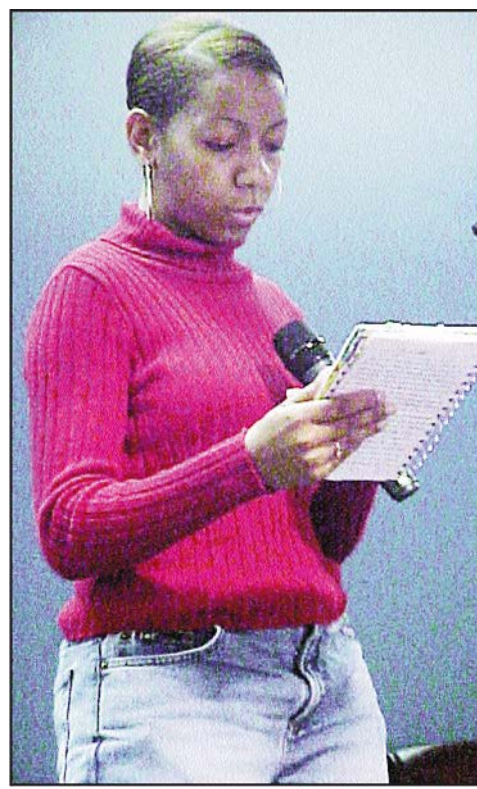
lynching of dolls at Lowndes High School.

"The racial problems at Lowndes High prompted Diversity Week to address issues not just limited to the university but in the community as well," said Dr. Viki Soady, professor and acting head for modern and classical languages and director of women's studies. "Last year the ideas covered were more general issues, this year the ideas were more focused on current community activities and issues."

According to Dr. Richardson-Blake, assistant director for equal opportunities and chair for the Diversity Week planning committee, VSU also called representatives from around campus for the planning committee and asked several departments for ideas as well.

Diversity Week kicked off Sunday with Edgar Dorante's Latin Jazz band, who shared information on cultures and how the band came about. The band also provided information on Latin music involving

Dr. John Gaston, (left) acting dean of the College of the Arts, recites the poem, "I was Cool," Wednesday night at the "Evening of Creative Expressions: Open Mic Night." Karen Cobb (right), a freshman art major, reads poetry for open mic night. The open mic night was held as part of the Diversity Week celebrations.



Euro-centric and Afro-centric mixtures.

Monday featured a 'SPEAK OUT,' which was started by Dr. Soady. The SPEAK OUT covered gender and race issues in education.

"We hope, by covering these issues, that incidents such as those at Lowndes High will no longer occur," Dr. Soady said.

"I started SPEAK OUT so that students could lead the discussions brought to the table, instead of being preached at...while the gray beards get to sit on the side and

ask the questions," Soady said. "The students really get it, and are much wiser and more sensitive than faculty and staff members, and the discussion Monday night proved this. The students thought of brilliant ideas that I honestly have never thought of, and I consider myself pretty bright."

About 50 people attended the SPEAK OUT. These included students from VSU, Lowndes High and Valwood as well as teachers from these

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SGA discusses mascot, diversity

Kate Gaulding
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered "what a Blazer, exactly is"? Students will soon have a chance to suggest a new mascot. No dates of when and where have been set.

Jason Lewis, SGA vice president, suggested at Tuesday's SGA meeting that VSU could have a stronger tradition base and a new mascot might help make that stronger.

"There are several students running around with Georgia or Florida signs on their license plates instead of VSU signs," Lewis said.

Lewis has spoken with Dr. Ronald Zaccari, VSU president and Dr. Kurt Keppler, vice president for Student Affairs, about changing the mascot. Lewis said that no mascot has been

suggested, yet. If and when the mascot is changed, VSU will keep its red and black colors

In addition, SGA Sen. Jimmy Fields invited all SGA members to help with the Campus Community Council or CCC.

Fields said the CCC would help students learn to deal with diversity, including race, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities and spirituality.

"What we have to do is get people to think outside of the box," Fields said. "I want them [students] to start thinking, so we can implement some programs on this campus, that let these people know that, 'We hear you and we're trying

to help.'"

Dr. Keppler started a similar organization while at Georgia State University. He is hoping to begin a small group (15-20) of faculty, staff and students who will meet about every four

25 people.

According to Dr. Keppler, the CCC is looking at a three tiered process, changing from intolerance to tolerance and, finally to acceptance.

"I think VSU is a tolerant place," Dr. Keppler said. "What we would like to do is move to the highest level, which is acceptance and appreciation of differences."

The CCC will have its first meeting at 4:30 p.m. Nov 20 in West Hall 104.

C r y s t a l Craig, SGA senator and environmental issues chair, said SAVE, Students Against Violating the Environment,

wants to add more recycling bins on campus.

"There are aluminum cans in particular areas, but not in main areas, like in the dormitories," Craig said.

According to Craig, SAVE still does not know how much these new recycling bins will cost VSU. SAVE will be asking corporations, such as Coca-Cola and Pepsi, to donate recycling bins.

Ashlie Perry will be re-wording her book tax bill (02-01) to say "price increases" instead of "taxation." According to Perry, taxation implies income tax, which cannot be changed. She is also creating a committee to help her conduct further research for the bill.

Students interested in being involved with SGA should contact Student Life at 333-5674.

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-Dr. Kurt Keppler, vice president for Student Affairs

weeks to discuss campus community and diversity education ideas. Dr. Keppler said it may be a larger group, more like 20-

Students vote conscience

Mirabai Oyao
Staff Writer

When it came to sharing their political views last week, VSU students weren't silent.

Of about 100 VSU students interviewed about the significance of their votes in the Nov. 5 general elections, the majority seemed to perceive voting not only to be a liberty, but a responsibility. "If you're going to complain about something, do whatever you can to change it instead of just complaining," Erin Mackeon, sophomore marketing major, said.

Several VSU voters, like Calvin Renfro, freshman public relations major, said they decided to vote on the basis of their preference toward candidates' personal attributes and the views

on social issues they retain, rather than the political party they are affiliated with.

"Voting is all about picking the candidate that you think represents you the best as an individual," Renfro said.

Students like Chris Woods, secondary biology education major said, "I feel that voting for the representation that keys in on the nitty gritty is more effective than voting for the band wagon party."

In contrast to the intent of most students to vote in the elections, many said they were deterred from voting because they felt they were not knowledgeable enough to make conscious choices.

"It is better to vote in confidence than in ignorance," Jane McGinn, sophomore mass media/ journalism major, said. McGinn said she feels voting shouldn't

be done absent-mindedly, and that her own inhibitions are sparking her new interest in politics. Like McGinn, many students are recognizing that placing a conscious vote requires them to enhance their knowledge of current politics.

Many students said the battering campaign strategies, enhanced by the media, are another aspect that hinders their faith in the candidates running and even obstructs their desire to vote.

"There is too much muscling going on," Mathew Johnson, sophomore business administration major, said. "They forget to focus on the real issues." Similarly, many students question the validity of what they heard and saw in campaigns.

Students' views pertaining to the elections and their desire to participate are as broad as the issues they voted upon.



Zack Cope, senior legal assistance major, votes on a computerized voting machine, Tuesday.

However, the consensus of the students polled that many VSU students are concerning themselves with politics.

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Campus



Oct. 31
Marcus A. Burks, 23, of 4941 Oakdale Drive, was arrested around midnight for improper lane change and driving with a suspended driver's license (2nd offense).

Nov. 1
Around 2:21 a.m., Galvin J. Hargraves, 20, 40 Lakepoint Lane., Thomasville, Ga., was arrested for operating blue lights without a permit, underage possession of alcohol and DUI.

If you suspect any laws are being broken, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Public Safety at 333-7816 (Office) or 259-5555 (Emergency).

Today
From 1 - 4 p.m. in the Palms Dining Quad, the Diversity Fair will be taking place. There will be free food and live music. All activities are free and open to the public. Call 333-5463 if interested in setting up a display or for other information.

Natural High will host a free night of Karaoke from 7-9 p.m. in the UC Magnolia Room. There will be free subs and drinks served. For more information, contact the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education at 259-5111.

There will be a science seminar starting at 4:30 p.m. on the 1st floor, Large Auditorium of the New Science Building. The seminar, "Are pesticides a water quality risk in the Suwannee River Basin?" will be given by Thomas L. Potter, Ph.D., United States Department of Agriculture. Coffee and cookies will be served at 4 p.m. in the second floor biology lounge.

Human Resource Director Pam Waters and HR Administrator Devon Conley from Doctors Laboratory, Inc. will be holding a workshop on applied HR practices in the UC Dogwood room from 6-8 p.m.

Topics will include staffing, compensation philosophies, new hire orientation and paperwork, as well as benefits administration including insurance enrollment, claim processing and workers compensation.

Career Services is coordinating interviews with Walgreen's for positions as retail manager intern and retail management trainee. Students (any major) must be a junior or senior for the intern position. Full-time positions are open to alumni through December 2002. To ensure an interview appointment, contact the Office of Career Services at 333-5942.

Nov. 8
This is the last day for staff to pick up a free VSU/Arkansas Tech football ticket along with additional \$2 tickets staff members may purchase for family members. No free tickets will be available at the stadium on Saturday.

Nov. 11
The Registrar's Office will be moving from Nevins Hall to the UC. Reduced services will be available in Nevins until the move is complete. The new office in 4107 U C will open

for service in the afternoon unless the move is delayed by weather. Computer related services will be available again.

Nov. 12
There will be a mock trial at 6:30 p.m. in West Hall 305.

Nov. 13
VSU's National Strength & Conditioning Association will have its first official meeting at 7 p.m. in the PE Complex 181.

Nov. 14
The VSU Small Business Development Center will be offering the last class in 2002 on "How to Start Your Own Business." It will be from 1-4 p.m. at Thaxton Hall (North Campus) 102. Registration is \$40. A rate of \$20 is available to VSU faculty, staff and students. Please pre-register by Nov. 13. For more information, call (229) 245-3738.

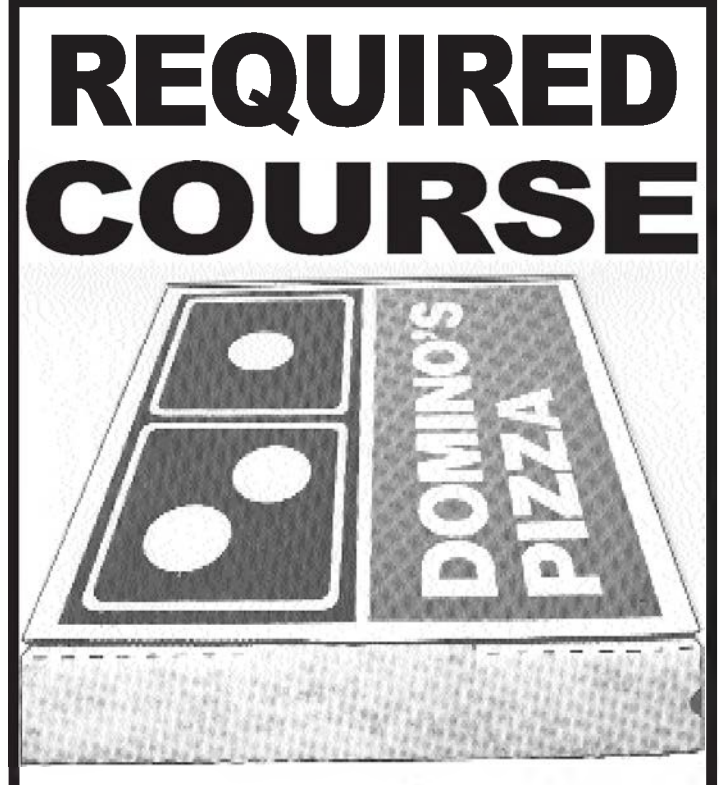
Nov. 19 - 20
Campus Recreation will have its 2nd Fitness Challenge for the semester. The four categories in the challenge are: muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and speed/agility. Come by the Student Recreation Center 2nd

level on Nov. 19 (6-10 p.m.) and Nov. 20 (4-8 p.m.). For more information, call the SRC at 333-5898.

Nov. 20 - Dec. 16
There will be seven Introduction to Microsoft Access 2000 class sessions, (Mon. & Wed.) from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the Regional Center for Continuing Education 360. The fee for the sessions is \$85 and the instructor will be Teresa Akins.

Dec. 3 - 17
There will be three Tuesday classes discussing PowerPoint. The classes will go from 6-8:30 p.m. and will be in the

Regional Center for Continuing Education 360. The fee is \$65. The instructor is Rachael Boulay.



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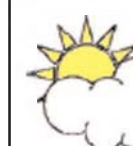
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Board hears third defendant's case

Kristen Newcomb
Staff Writer

The SGA Judicial Board heard another drug-related case Wednesday involving a freshman arrested in June on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and obstruction.

Kelvin K. Bouie was brought before the Board for four violations of the VSU Student Handbook's Code of Ethics, Appendix A, Section II.

Bouie answered "not responsible" for the violation of felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute

and to the violation of outside law.

Bouie answered "responsible" to the other two counts for repeated violations of the Student Handbook and disorderly conduct for not complying with the disciplinary sanctions set in a prior administrative hearing.

According to testimony and police reports, Bouie and two friends were driving southbound on Interstate 75 from Atlanta to Valdosta June 30 when they were pulled over for a burned out tag light and possible window tint violation.

The police report stated the

car was searched and that an officer found a Ziplock bag full

Tikishal T. Leslie, were arrested.

Everybody makes mistakes. Allow me a chance to prove to myself, my family, my peers, that I'm not the person people think I am."

-Kelvin K. Bouie, freshman

of marijuana under the front passenger's seat.

Bouie and the two other passengers, Yokeia J. Wright and

Following their arrest, all three were temporarily suspended from VSU under the "clear and present danger" pro-

vision in the Student Handbook.

In his closing statement, Bouie said he intended to comply with his previous sanctions. "I need an education," he said. "That's precious to me..."

Everybody makes mistakes. Allow me a chance to prove to myself, my family, my peers, that I'm not the person people think I am."

The Board found Bouie responsible on all counts brought against him.

The justices recommended Bouie's suspension continue through spring 2003 and that he not be allowed on campus until the end of his suspension. They

also recommended he complete a counseling session with Mark Williams, coordinator for Alcohol and Other Drug Education, by the end of fall 2002.

In addition, the board recommended Bouie be put on probation until the end of his enrollment at VSU and that he have no interaction with Wright or Leslie.

Wright and Leslie had separate judicial hearings where the justices concluded that neither was responsible for the charges brought against her. Wright's and Leslie's suspensions were lifted.

Payment, refund deadlines coming soon

Josh Stone
Staff Writer

With fall semester coming to an end, students enrolled at VSU should not worry about rolling over their FLEX accounts and meal plans until the end of spring semester.

Diana Zappier, accounting clerk for One Card Services, said at the end of spring semester, students with \$25 or more in their FLEX accounts will have to fill out a rollover form if they would like the money to remain in their accounts. If students don't fill out the rollover form or they have less than \$25 in their FLEX accounts, the money will go into their student accounts, unless they opt for a refund.

Selenseia Holmes, a junior biology major and student assistant at the One Card office, said the deadline to receive a FLEX refund is Jan. 7. This deadline is different from the date rollover forms are due.

Rollover forms are available at One Card Services and on their web site at www.services.valdosta.edu/one_card.html. Zappier said rollover forms are due at the end of spring semester, but there is no date set for the deadline yet.

Students with meal plans lasting from fall to spring also have no rollover dates to worry about in the near future.

Josie Stone, meal plan manager, said the meal plan students had for the fall semester will be automatically rolled

over for spring semester.

If students don't want the same meal plan they have to fill out a new contract before the add/drop period ends.

13 is the due date for students who completed regular registration. Students who registered late must pay fees by Jan. 17.

Stone said students applying

PAYMENT/REFUND DEADLINES	
FLEX Refund Deadline:	Jan. 7
Payment deadlines for meal plans signed up for during spring:	
Early registration	Dec. 17
Regular registration	Jan. 13
Late registration	Jan. 17

The type of registration students completed for next semester will designate when their meal plan payment is due. Students who completed early registration have until Dec. 17 to pay for their meal plans. Jan.

for a meal plan for spring semester must fill out a contract before they can be enrolled in the plan of their choice.

"If students fail to sign the contract, meal plan 'A' is automatically assigned to the stu-

dent," Stone said.

According to the Meal Plan Programs handout, meal plan "A" is the 21-meal plan. It provides students with breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday through Sunday for a cost of \$1,176.

Students who don't eat every meal their plan provides will not be given a refund for the meals not eaten.

"Anything not spent on the meal plan is forfeited," Stone said. "It's the same thing with a la carte."

Each meal plan provides students with five equivalency meals per week that can be eaten outside of Palms Dining Center Monday through Friday.

Equivalency meals are meals that are set to a dollar amount

equal to the price it would cost to eat at Palms Dining Center during breakfast, lunch and dinner. If students go to the University Center or The Loop in the future, they can spend \$4.95 for breakfast, \$5.50 for lunch and \$5.95 for dinner.

Stone said if students don't spend the full amount on their equivalency meals, they forfeit the remaining amount of money. If they overspend, students have to make up the difference out of their pockets.

Students who will eat at The Loop can use their five equivalency meals just as they would at the University Center.

For more information on other meal plans call Josie Stone, meal plan manager, at 333-5988.

New director works on policies

VSU alum hired to run Financial Aid Office

Katie Hicks
Staff Writer

Doug Tanner, former manager of operations for Financial Aid, is now the new director.

Tanner replaced former director Tommy Moore, after he retired.

As the new director, Tanner said he is working to improve current policies.

One policy Financial Aid is working on is strengthening Parent PLUS Loans. The

Federal Parent PLUS Loan is an educational loan for parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half time in approved colleges or universities. Financial need for this loan is not an eligibility requirement, but good credit is. Loan eligibility is based on the cost of attendance minus other aid received.

"We've implemented a policy where we require copies of parents' identification, along with their promissory notes to make sure there aren't any discrepancies. Discrepancies have occurred before in the process and we're doing that to prevent fraud," Tanner said.

Tanner also said Financial Aid is working to improve its web site so that it functions as a resource for students to apply for financial aid online, rather

than having to call or come directly to the office.

"We're working with the Board of Regents to improve access state-wide," Tanner said.

Financial Aid is also taking steps to reduce the amount of documents, such as W2s and tax returns, that student have to turn in.

"We are refining our selection process so that fewer students are selected for that type of verification for all financial aid-primarily those students receiving loans," Tanner said. "I'm a firm believer in taking pro-active actions-not waiting for problems to develop. In our program we try to identify problems and come up with solutions."

Tanner was born in Alma, Ga. After joining the Army, he became a student at Valdosta

State College in 1987, using the GI Bill. He familiarized himself with the office of Financial Aid while working in the department of Veteran Affairs as a work-study student.

Tanner graduated from VSU with a Veteran's Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1991, and obtained his master's in decision sciences from Georgia State University in 1994.

For more information about financial aid, call 333-5935 or visit the office in Powell Hall. The Financial Aid office will be moving to the University Center Nov. 25.

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Cocaine

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substance abuse counseling in group sessions, three hours a week. Under the program, Galka will undergo drug

screening every two weeks. So far, two of Galka's random drug screens tested negative.

After hearing the case, the Board recommended Galka's suspension be lifted for the rest of fall 2002. He must complete an assessment visit with Mark

Williams, coordinator for Alcohol and Other Drug Education, and must attend an 8-hour On Campus Talking About Alcohol seminar in the AODE office by this semester.

The justices also recommended Galka be suspended for

spring 2003, placed on disciplinary probation until the end of spring 2004 and be banned from visitation of campus housing during his probation.

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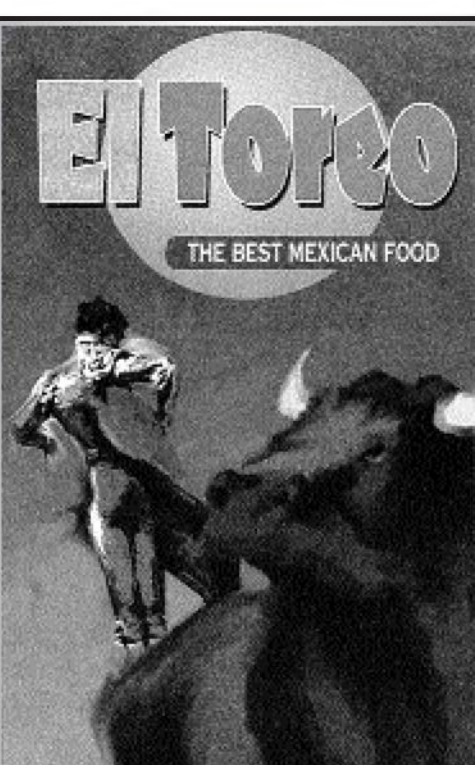
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VSU professors, student publish article

Kate Gauld
Staff Writer

Two VSU professors and a senior are doing research to see if race matters when it comes to how much fraternity and sorority members drink alcohol.

Dr. Michael Capece, assistant professor of sociology, and Dr. David Schantz, assistant professor of sociology, and senior Rebecca Wakeman, recently published an article in the Journal of Applied Sociology, entitled, "Fraternity and Sorority Alcohol Use: Does Race Matter?". They found that fraternities and sororities are at the highest risk for heavy drinking in college. Their research separated the Greek organizations into male and female and black and white.

Dr. Capece said race was included because, though previous studies had included alcohol statistics on race and Greeks, no study had separated black and white within Greek life.

According to the article, the statistics gathered were taken from the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University. Eight different colleges around the U.S. that agreed to participate show that white male and female Greeks drink more than black male and female Greeks. The sample used included 1,322 males and 1,698 females. Of these, 79.2 percent were white and 20.8 percent were black. Also, 73.6 percent were not involved in a fraternity or sorority. The drinking sta-

tistics increased with those students involved in Greek life leadership roles.

"We thought that once people

"What we want to do is make up our own research instrument and go around to schools in the southeast and collect our own data, questions written the way we want to write them,"

*-Dr. Michael Capece
assistant professor of sociology*

were in the leadership role, drinking would fall off, but, in fact, it didn't," Dr. Capece said. "And that would simply be because they became of age. When someone turns 21, their

drinking actually goes up."

The question used to measure the dependent variable of alcohol use was, "During the past 30

days on how many days did you have alcohol?"

White females who participated heavily in Greek life, only showed 28 percent engaged in extreme drinking.

About 38 percent of white males seriously involved in Greek life drank heavily. Black males who were involved in Greek life only had showed that 8.3 percent drank extremely. There were no reports of excessive drinking among black females heavily involved in Greek life.

"Without a doubt, the literature clearly shows that black women join sororities for career advancement and community service," Dr. Capece said. "That seems to be an important part of joining a sorority. You could say they are more serious about their future and, therefore the social aspect [of a sorority] is not as important to them."

The sociologists applied for grant money from the National

Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse--a \$340,000 grant.

"The grants are very competitive, not a shock that it wasn't funded," Dr. Capece said.

According to Dr. Capece, these statistics need to be more representative. He is continuing his research.

"What we want to do is make up our own research instrument and go around to schools in the southeast and collect our own data, questions written the way we want to write them," Dr. Capece said.

In further research, Dr. Capece will include alcohol and drugs, athletes and a better data set for black Greeks, because there weren't enough black Greeks represented in the study, Dr. Capece said.

In the news

Source: Knight Ridder/Tribune Wire (KRTCampus)

Osbornes tired of cameras

If she had to do it over again, Sharon Osbourne said she wouldn't have invited MTV's cameras into her home. It came at a low moment in her fight against colon cancer.

Osbourne said, in an interview to air on "20/20" at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Wednesday, that she's calling it quits after the forthcoming, 10-episode season is over.

"We can't do it anymore," she said. Osbourne then released a statement saying she intended to fulfill her contract, which calls for a total of 20 episodes.

CIA robot kills six people

A CIA-controlled robot spy plane fired a missile into a car in northwest Yemen Sunday, killing six al-Qaida members, including one of Osama bin Laden's senior operatives, identified as Abu Ali al-Harithi, a native of Yemen. The Predator was being controlled by

CIA operators based at a French military facility in Djibouti, a nation about 160 miles west of Yemen. It was believed to be the first time the CIA has used an armed version of the Predator to attack al-Qaida members outside Afghanistan.

New cell phones with tracking devices

In Rhode Island, battered women, stranded sailors, lost hikers and others in need of emergency help can dial 911 from a Sprint, Verizon or T-Mobile cell phone and authorities will automatically know where they are, thanks to global positioning system technology embedded in their phones.

The only statewide e911 system in the country still has kinks to work out, but officials expect Cingular, AT&T and Nextel phones to be connected by the end of the year. It's one of many developments that experts and analysts are studying closely as location tracking becomes the latest business opportunity and battleground for privacy advocates.

Diversity

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schools. Also attending were Lowndes County school representatives. The students and teachers broke into groups and produced plans for the issues covered.

"The plans were great," Dr. Soady said, "One plan was developing diversity camps in the summer, kind of like band camps except it would start with teaching eight- and nine-year-olds trust and cooperation between ethnicities."

Tuesday, Sabor Latino Dance Team from ABAC performed in the Continuing Education Building.

Wednesday night was "An Evening of Creative Expressions...Open Mic Night." About 75 people attended the program. Students, professors and alumni spoke and read poetry from the food court stage. The gathering was hosted by Maggie Viverette, acting director for equal opportunity programs and multicultural affairs. Viverette reminded those in attendance to take a moment to reflect on how diversity is around us and how we should appreciate the unique traits with which we are blessed.

Jimmy Fields, student senator for SGA, spoke and announced a new diversity organization starting on campus. According to Fields, the organization's purpose is to recognize diversity year-round, not just for a week.

"I define diversity as anyone who is different from me," Fields said.

Check out the Nov. 5 election results

Elections see page 5

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U.S. Senator		Attorney General		Comm. of Labor	
Saxby Chamblis	52.8	Thurbert Baker	55.5	Michael "Mike" Thurmond	51.1
Max Cleland	45.8	Shannon Goessling	44.5	Richard McGee	45.5
Claude Thomas	1.4	Comm. of Agriculture		William Costa	3.4
Governor		Tommy Irvin	57.3	U.S. Rep. Dist. 1	
Sonny Perdue	51.4	Deanna Strickland	39.2	Jack Kingston	72.8
Roy E. Barnes	46.2	Doug Morton	3.5	Don Smart	27.8
Garrett Michael Hayes	2.4	Comm. of Insurance		U.S. Rep. Dist. 2	
Lieutenant Governor		John W. Oxendine	64.2	Sanford Bishop	100
Mark Taylor	51.8	Lois Cohen	33.1	State Senator	
Steve Stancil	45.6	Helmut Forren	2.6	Tim Golden	100
Herbert F. "Herbie" Galloway, III	2.6	School Superintendent		State Rep. Dist. 142	
Secretary of State		Kathy Cox	54.3	Ron Borders	67.4
Cathy Cox	61.1	Barbara Christmas	42.9	Napoleon Bryant	32.6
Charlie Bailey	35.8	Lynn Krogseng	2.9	State Reps. Dist. 143-144	
Mike Pitts	3.2	State Senator		Jay Shaw	100
		Tim Golden	100	Ellis Black	100

2002 ELECTION ★★

Tuned out, turned off

Voter turnout rates among 18- to 24-year-olds in the United States have dropped by one-third since 1972.

Disaffected youth

Percent of 18- to 24-year-olds who say that ...

Voting is a duty 9%

Voting is a responsibility 20%

Voting is a right 31%

Voting is a choice 34%

Politicians prefer to talk with older, wealthier people 71%

Source: Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement and Pew Center for People and the Press survey of 1,000 people ages 18-29, Jan. 8-16, 2002. 3 percent error margin. Graphic: Pat Carr © 2002 KRT



Voters wait in line at the fire station on the corner of Gornito Road and Jerry Jones Drive, Tuesday evening.

There's a golden opportunity for some real reaching across the aisle. With the growing number of Republicans, there is an opportunity for a true two-party system to operate in Georgia. The new governor has a challenge on his hands in showing bipartisan leadership. There is an opportunity for consensus building, cooperation and collaboration between Republicans and Democrats. It's a whole new day in Georgia and I think it's wonderful.

-Richard Lee, District 2 Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and assistant to the dean of students for judicial affairs.

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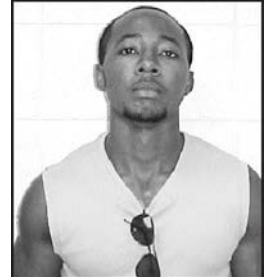
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My time's conflicted



Jeremiah Bass

So, I'm pumped up about three or four weeks ago, prior to registration. I'm almost there; almost time to graduate. All I have to do is get that physics class (since it so perfectly fits my schedule). According to the spring semester booklet with the class schedules, I should be fine.

Uhh...that's a big negative! Houston, we have a problem! What? What is this? Oh, lucky me. Something, or someone, took the time to change some class schedules around. What they forgot to do in the process is let the rest of us know about this little mishap. Well that's just great. I'll be damned; just like that. Who in the hell is running this crap? You don't just change a class schedule (as little as that may

seem to some) and not think that students won't care. Hmm...yeah, that can really piss us off. I'm sure most of you feel my drift. And that's only half of the problem.

I have never seen so many time conflicts in my life. Thanks to the mystery case behind the readjustment to the physics class schedules, I can barely take one frickin' biology

class. And oh yeah, "There is nothing I can do" is like the new slogan around here. What is this, "ER?" All the damn class schedules keep changing, (making it harder for people to make up their minds about what to take or not to take), but no one has any damn answers. It's so nice to know that money my parents are paying to this school ensures me that I may not be graduating in May because someone can't handle getting up at 8 a.m. to teach a class, or whatever the hell the problem is.

What is the problem? Does anyone have an answer? Do I have to call Ms. Cleo? I think some of us are to the point

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Editorial

Delight in diversity

Have you ever played six degrees of separation or seen the movie? Here's the premise: We are all connected by six or fewer stages of circumstance or acquaintance. So you may be related to a person whose best friend's brother knows the sister of Julia Roberts. It's a pretty small world, so it shouldn't be too surprising that it often works. But if it's such a small world, why do we insist on breaking it into groups of those who are okay with us and those we hate? You know, *those people* we blithely lump together as if they're all the same. But we sell ourselves short. Why bother hating entire groups when it's so much more fulfilling to hate people one at a time as you get to know them, their quirks and their annoying habits? Why bother, when, if you looked into it closely, you'd probably find that you know someone who knows someone who...

Ok, point made. But is the point taken? How many times have you heard someone say, "Oh, those people... Well, they can do whatever they want as long as they don't flaunt it," or, "Yeah, I'm not a (fill in your favorite superiority complex here), but those people really bug me. If only they were more like us." What safety in homogeneity. What small-mindedness. It's enough to give us a collective headache.

Dr. Kurt Keppler, vice president for Student Affairs, said he's trying to move this campus from tolerance to acceptance. We need to move beyond the willingness to put up with others and toward the acceptance that there is value in diversity, and value in others and their otherness.

But we can talk about it as much as we want. Things aren't likely to change until we start *doing* something about it. In case you haven't noticed yet, it's Diversity Week. So far, Diversity Week has included a Latin jazz band, a Speak Out, a Latino dance team, and an open mic night. Today there's a fair with free food, live music and campus groups and organizations.

The Speak Out included the *doing* something portion of the plan. Participants got in groups and put together action plans—basic, step-by-step ways we can educate others about diversity and work toward making this campus and this community one that goes beyond tolerance to acceptance.

Now it's your turn. *Do* something to change your world. Get past the stereotypes and bigotry that blinds us to the *human beings* around here. *Do* something to change yourself. And don't worry—that will be quite acceptable.

Spectator opinion written by Leah F. Cassorla

What do you expect from the newly elected officials?

<p>Justin Strong Senior Mass Media</p>  <p>"We're going to war. Everything will pretty much go Bush's way."</p>	<p>Michelle Pernet Junior Psychology</p>  <p>"I think he [Perdue] will make schools a lot safer and make better scholarships."</p>	<p>Andrea Wilkins Senior Nursing</p>  <p>"I expect them to do what they promise and to evaluate the needs of the community and citizens."</p>
<p>Seth Hays Sophomore Undecided</p>  <p>"I think a lot of money will be wasted."</p>	<p>Mario Jennings Junior Computer Information Systems</p>  <p>"I think in about a year there won't be anymore HOPE, and higher education will decrease."</p>	<p>Amanda Terry Freshman Business</p>  <p>"I'm hoping the Democrats will keep the Republicans in check so HOPE won't disappear."</p>

Charts in with the old



Gregory Barlow

There is an interesting face gracing the cover of *Newsweek's* latest issue.

Despite ever-increasing U.S. military and political activity across the world, it's not George Bush's face, or any other political leader's face. In fact, it's a face one would expect to see on the latest *Rolling Stone* or *Spin* cover. Surprisingly, the cover story is devoted to the release of the journals of Kurt Cobain, a rock musician who has been dead for over eight years.

I ask myself how the selling of a musician's scribbles and doodles is judged more newsworthy than other pressing issues: small things like war and terrorism. Is our culture so starved for meaning that we must turn to the past for fulfillment? Sources other than *Newsweek* imply the answer is "yes."

Merely look to the most recent Billboard Modern Rock Charts. Nirvana, a band that ceased to be nearly a decade ago, is at the number one position. Other older bands, though, are also making their presence felt. Foo Fighters, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Pearl Jam are all within the top 20 and all rose to popularity many years ago.

I will not even mention the shocking hype already surrounding the possible release of a new Guns n' Roses album. So why the sudden surge of interest in rock bands whose times were thought passed? Perhaps modern rock bands have lost the meaningfulness that is so crucial to rock and roll. Maybe it's a backlash to the modern trends of fusing all musical styles into one faceless product. Surely, our cultural icons have more to say than what is currently being said.

Personally, I'm not sure I care. I only hear and buy the music I like. If modern musicians and music fans are able to learn some things from their predecessors, all the better. As for me, as long as I'm able to cruise the highways and hear good music, be it old or new, I'll smile and turn up the volume.

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Great job, Langdale residents no way to begin

Dear Editor:
I want to compliment all of the students that put forth the effort to sponsor the kids' activities at Langdale Hall for Halloween. It was evident that a great deal of planning and work went into this event. Although my 8-year-old daughter didn't get scared in the haunted house (she's tough), there were plenty of other things she did enjoy. From making slime to getting a glow in the dark manicure, it was all great fun!
So to the students of the Residence Hall Council, keep up the great community service work!

Dear Editor:
I watched Dr. Zaccari's inauguration as VSU president, and I am appalled. The statements made by Dr. Stan Andrews, Faculty Marshall were demeaning to women. These comments suggest that a woman's place is behind her husband supporting his career. His remark undermines the work of instructors in the Women's Studies department to bring awareness to the issues of gender discrimination.
Dr. Andrews was not the only speaker at the Inauguration who showed a lack of sensitivity. The Reverend William Morgan of Morning Star Baptist Church showed a callous insensitivity that left me in utter dismay. Reverend Morgan decried

American society as a culture declining in ethical and moral character. As evidence of this claim, Reverend Morgan gave the example of the recent recognition of same sex marriages in other states.

The Reverend seemed unaware that many people attending this event see the recognition of same-sex unions as recognition of societal enlightenment towards the rights of an oppressed minority. The Reverend then went on to insult all those who do not share the Christian religion. Reverend Morgan argued that, "...Christian morals, values and ethics must be a duty by everyone who has been blessed to operate in the realm of higher education. Other institutions such as the home, the church, and the government, they too inherently have this same responsibility." Excuse me?

This is a state sponsored secular university; the Reverend Morgan's remarks are way out

of line. The Reverend is free to preach whatever message he wishes from his pulpit, but a secular university function is not the place for this type of message.

On behalf of women, I demand an apology. On behalf of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals, I demand an apology. On behalf of all persons who follow a faith other than Christianity, I demand an apology. Dr. Zaccari should offer a formal, and public apology to all those outraged at the Reverend's discriminatory language. It's the only decent thing to do.

The fact that this occurred just before Diversity Week is unsettling and disturbing. If this university is truly committed to the values of diversity, multiculturalism and tolerance it will make amends. It will apologize and take steps to ensure that this form of disrespect does not occur again.

Hue Jacobs

Editor's note:
Hue Jacobs' letter has been edited for length. The full length version of his letter can be found at www.valdosta.edu/spectator

Also on the Web :
April Cox's column on the masks we wear. Make sure you catch this Web special.

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The Darkside

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Must...Have...Drugs: Use your voice, not your vote

Mary Dabbs Columnist

I wake up, shoot up, have my John Wayne breakfast (that's a Coke and a smoke to you) and pop a few pills.

It's good being a junkie. Especially when it's legal.

I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in January—a disease in which your immune system attacks the myelin sheath around nerves in your brain, causing all kinds of fun side effects like vision, balance and speech problems.

Since then I've considered everything from holistic religions (if your brain hates your body, you might as well see if chanting on a mountain helps) and—perish the thought—exercise to killing my immediate family. (You may think that won't help MS, but can ya prove it?)

Now, instead of fretting over my new title as MS Mary Dabbs, I take solace in the needle. Copaxone is my drug, if not of choice, then at least of necessity. It acts as a decoy to all of the T-cells in my immune system that are bent on getting my brain. Cool, huh? My friends even support the drug habit, and I have so many people praying over my brain that it's been converted into a holy relic. Last week my car wouldn't start, so I touched the battery with my head (left lobe positive, right negative) and behold! There was life. I haven't turned water

into wine yet, but I'm currently working on turning grass into grass.

Having an autoimmune disease isn't all fun, though. First, to become a junkie you have to get the junk. Fifty-six phone calls and three written consent forms later I understood that while the medical term for all of the things that go haywire if you have MS is exacerbation, that term is best applied to health care bureaucracy. I mean, at least when I got double vision I could look at my professors, see two heads overlapping and talking at the same

wants or lesions in the brain it's better to do so while looking at someone who's in the Glory of Nature. I'd be more reassured by a picture of someone in a McDonald's drive-thru. At least then I'd feel that life as I know it hadn't changed.

Because, really, it hasn't. I am now teaching my boyfriend to stick a syringe in an orange. That's the recommended method for learning how to give shots. I learned how to put a condom on a banana, so maybe it makes more sense to me to use fruit as a teaching tool, but even though



Leah Cassoria/The Spectator

This photo is in fact not of Mary Dabbs, even though it pictures someone fitting her general description, wearing her clothing and sitting in her apartment. Mary would never allow herself to be photographed in any sort of incriminating manner.

time, and get a laugh. (I always knew my history teacher was a two-headed mutant). The only laughs I've ever gotten out of seeing health care officials was from waiting in the lobby and reading the "Wellness Approach" pamphlets. Be it MS or gonorrhea, all pamphlets in doctor's lobbies show the afflicted running through fields and going white water rafting. Evidently, if you're going to find out that you have genital

he's giving the orange the old in-out, he hasn't quite worked up to me. I told him that if he insists on thinking of boobs as melons, it shouldn't be too big of a jump to think of me as an orange.

People who get diseases with hard-to-pronounce names are usually supposed to have a big revelation about time being precious, but so far the only thing MS has taught me is that life is silly, to which I could only think, no shit. You can't wake up in the morning, and then shoot up so you won't go and do things like say "St. Hymen's Island" instead of "St. Simon's Island" and not realize that life is silly, and the deity of the day does have a sense of humor.

"J" The columnist formerly known as Fro

Now don't get me wrong, I think that our government is doing a better job that I could do. But one thing about government is wrong. You know that old cliché, "If you don't vote, you can't complain," right? Well, it's wrong. If you vote you can't complain, and I'll tell you why. I have two reasons for telling you poor misguided people the truth.

My first reason is that every person in this country has his or her or ITS own voice until people are sick and tried of hearing you and tell you to shut up. My philosophy is simple: Once you vote you have spoken...SO

SHUT UP! I am not the kind of person to argue and bicker about something that I had a say in that eventually went to hell. Believe me, when I mess up I don't run around letting people know about it. I just sit there and keep it to myself. See, folks, if you vote for a person and he or she is elected and start to screw up everything, it's your



Make your vote the anti-vote

Obviously, nobody listened the first time, so what makes you think that they will listen again?

Now, people like me, who don't vote (because nobody is unusually odd enough to represent me) have the right to bitch because all you other people either messed with the government as it was or at least tried to. I know, I know, you're just ticked because you can't argue with me on this one (you'd lose anyway). So to solve this extremely annoying, yet oddly pleasing problem, I propose a solution—let's do away with voting. In fact, let's only vote on a needed basis. I say we keep the people who are in office now until they either die in a mysterious plane crash or piss off the public. Hopefully, this solution is pleasing to you. Now, where did I put that ballot...?

HOROSCOPES section with entries for Libra, Cancer, Pisces, Capricorn, Taurus, Scorpio, and Virgo.

A circular zodiac chart with Sagittarius highlighted and text describing it.

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Anne Frank: In the World



Mirabai Oyao
Staff Writer

The Georgia Holocaust Commission has brought the traveling exhibit, "Anne Frank: In the World" to The American Legion Hall, 1301 Williamson St. in Valdosta.

The exhibit showcases a series of photos, panel boards, a re-creation of the Annex where Anne Frank hid along with seven other people for two years, and a graphic documentary detailing the significance of World War II and the Nazi Regime which swept away the lives of millions between 1933-1945.

This horrific instance in history has been depicted with graphics for the general public and the hundreds of school children who

have come to see it.

Corey Hickman, a Valdosta Middle School student said, "This exhibition is definitely a wake up call for how brutal people can be. It makes you realize that you need to treat people better, they could be gone the next day."

Sylvia Wygoda, executive director of the Georgia Holocaust Commission agrees.

"When people walk in they may think it has nothing to do with them," she said. "If the exhibit achieves its goal, they will walk out knowing it will have an effect on them today. I hope that everyone who leaves will have a much better understanding of how dangerous it could be to discriminate," Wygoda said.

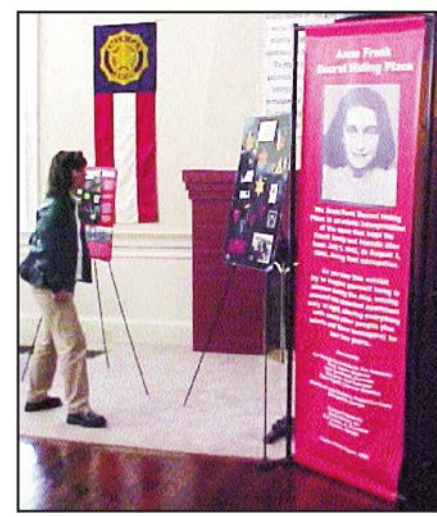
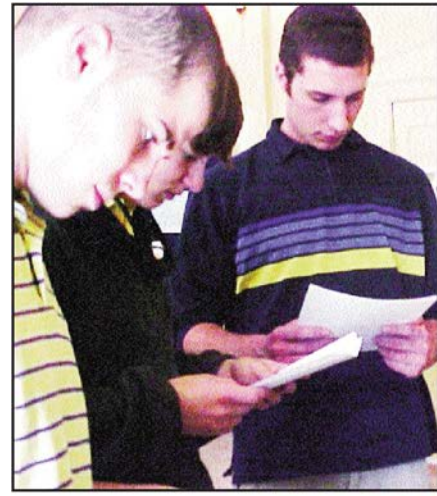
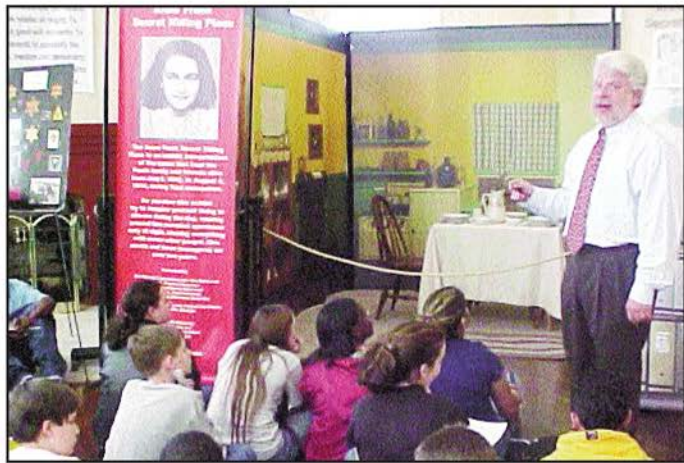
That is the significance of having the traveling exhibit. The people who are involved in showcasing the exhibit say they hope it will not only inform people of what threats discrimination has posed in the past, but that intolerance still happens and still potentially threatens our lives. Even as we have entered the twenty-first century, events like the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, remind us that social violations as severe as the Holocaust repeat, and it is up to people to remain aware and deter further assaults.

The exhibit will remain open until Friday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 242-7616.

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The Anne Frank Exhibit at the American Legion Hall includes a half-scale re-creation of the room (top left) Frank and seven other's shared for two years, until they were turned in to the authorities for a reward that would be worth \$25 today. All were deported to Westerbork transit camp from which they were sent Auschwitz in Poland. Theirs was the last train to leave Westerbork heading for Auschwitz. One exhibit is dedicated to William Alexander Scott, III, an African-American photojournalist (far left). Scott's photos make up the exhibit and include photos of the liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp. Jeff Lind (immediate left), a volunteer with the Georgia Holocaust Commission, tells the story of Anne Frank to a group of Valdosta Middle School students. The students also watched a film about the Holocaust (bottom left). Joe Lewis, a sophomore pre-law major, Brian Hodgins, a sophomore speech pathology major, and Zack Cope, a senior legal assistance major, (top right) read over hand outs given by volunteers at the exhibit. The handouts include information on Frank as well as Scott, a summary of the exhibit and a handout about taking action to make a positive difference. Visitors were also each given a copy of the Anne Frank insert from the Oct. 30 Valdosta Daily Times. Lori Wolfe, a senior middle grades education major (bottom right), came to the exhibit with the Valdosta Middle School students she student teaches. Wolfe reads the red banner at the entry to the Frank room exhibit.

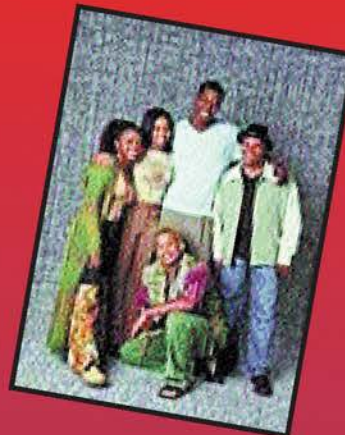
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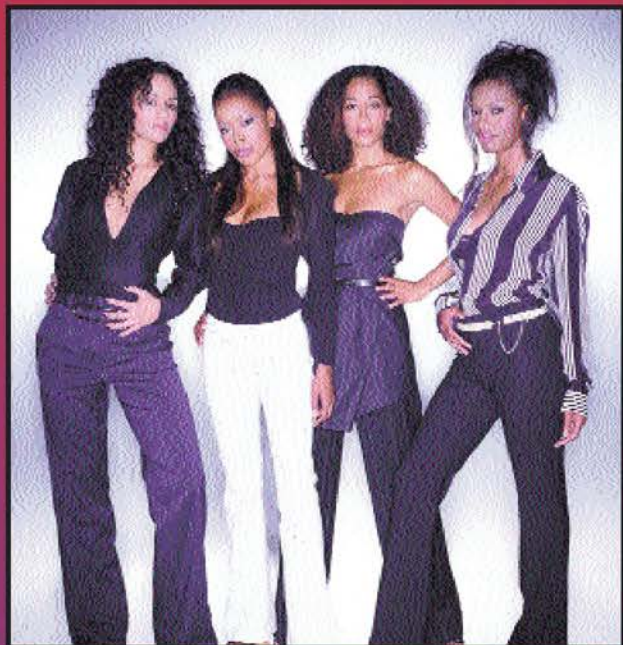
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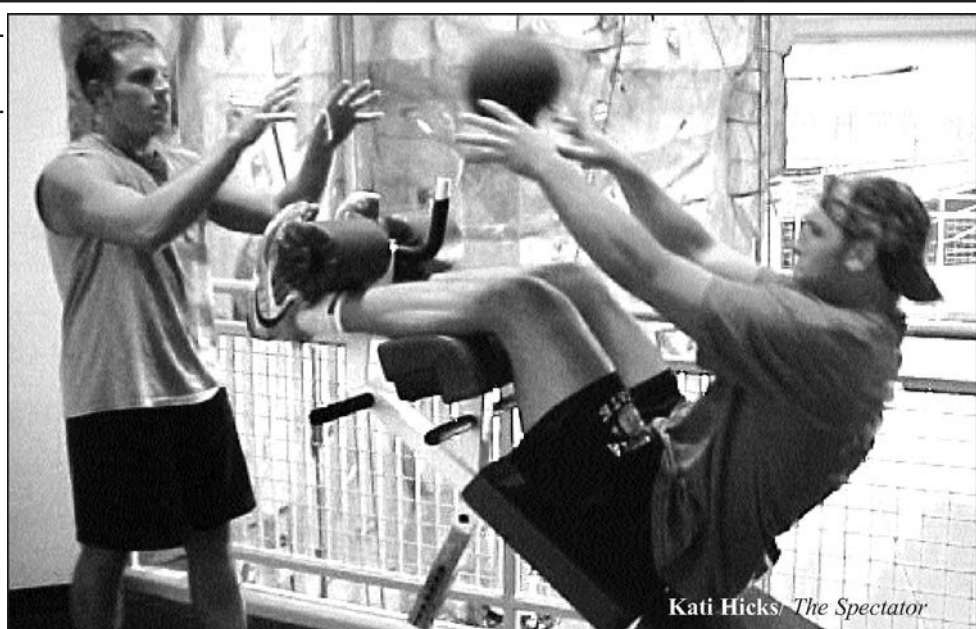
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Jaime Peck
Staff Writer



Josh Buffalo (left) and Drew Furey (right), both sophomore business/ marketing majors, throw a weight ball to prepare for the Fitness Challenge.

weight room staff member.

Smith said that more extensive fitness assessments that are planned for the future will include body fat, height and weight measurements.

According to Overton, students are awarded points for how fast they complete the shuttle run, how far they reach during the flexibility test and how many sit-ups they can complete in one minute. Students must be strong in all categories to get enough points to compete. The four students

(two females and two males) with the highest scores for any of the four assessments could win a trip to Orlando, Fla., to the National Fitness Challenge Competition, depending on if VSU is one of the top 16 "fittest" male and/or female teams in the country.

The National Fitness Challenge Competition will be in late April or early May, according to Overton.

Last year, VSU was the top women's team in its category, according to Overton.

Overton said in the category of schools with 5,000 - 10,000 students, VSU's women's team, cross country team members Teresa Isom and Danielle Potter, placed first at the National Fitness Challenge Competition. The two were featured, along with the men's winners, in *Sports Illustrated* magazine earlier this year.

Sandy Turner and Robert Echols, the men's team from VSU, also went to the national competition.

For more information on the Fitness Challenge, contact the Student Recreation Center at 333-5898.

Help available for those tired of being so tired

Ray McKrow
Staff Writer

Attention! You might need counseling or medical assistance immediately.

If you are reading this and are ready to crumple up a notebook page for a pillow and use the rest of your notebook as a blanket, then you might need to drag your weary body down to the Counseling Center on the second floor of Powell Hall East.

A sleep seminar was put on by the counseling center last Thursday in the U.C. Dr. John F. Grotgen, assistant director of the Counseling Center, hosted the seminar.

Dr. Grotgen explained what causes sleep problems, what healthy sleep is, how to correct sleep problems and what overall effects your body suffers from lack of sleep.

Some things that cause sleep problems are aging (people experience more frequent and premature awakening with age), drug use and withdrawal (prescription medications, sleeping pills, caffeine and nicotine included) and psychological factors (depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, etc.).

School can be one of the biggest contributors to sleep problems by forcing you into irregular sleep times, which in turn bring upon naps.

Dr. Grotgen pointed out that the failure to initiate sleep shortly after lying down is by far the most common complaint and is reported by 75 percent of all insomniacs. Dr. Grotgen also said that lack of sleep can have an extremely serious impact on your health, productivity and safety.

Lack of sleep can affect judgment, decision-making and reaction time, costing the U.S. \$150 billion each year in medical costs, job absenteeism and diminished productivity.

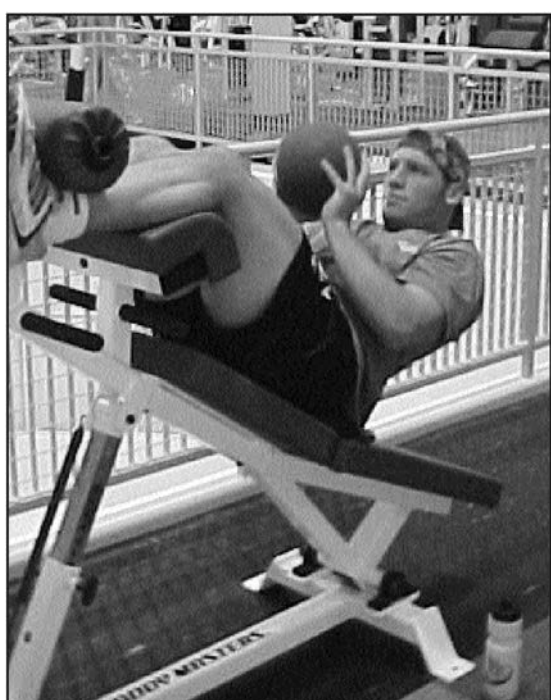
Dr. Grotgen recommended not use your bed for anything except sleep or sex. He warned not to talk on the phone, study or do anything else that can cause stress in your bed.

If you (or your grades) are suffering from sleep, you might want to call the Counseling Center at 333-5940 to make an appointment. It is free for students, faculty and staff. Walk-ins are welcome. The Counseling Center's hours are Mon. through Thurs. from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Rise to the Challenge

Students prepare to see who is the fittest of them all



Furey won a water bottle upon his completion of 15 30-minute workouts at the Rec Center. Upon completion of 30 workouts, all of which are verified by weight room staff members, he will receive a free T-shirt.

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where we don't know whether to sign up for a class or sign up with the Army. Half the time I feel like I'm running through drills anyway. Things used to be a lot simpler; how they got so crappy...who knows? Apparently, no one.

We're just the little students, trying to put our feet through the doors. There seem to be no problems with our money getting sucked through those Power2000 vacuums. It's just

the explanation of why some of us have to be stuck here an extra semester that gets left out in the wind.

Contrary to popular belief, most of us students aren't as dumb as some people would like to think. We know that the Ph.D. behind most of these professor's last names came from hard work. We also know that all the time conflicts between classes, the last-minute schedule changes and the slammed doors in our faces won't get us there any time soon.

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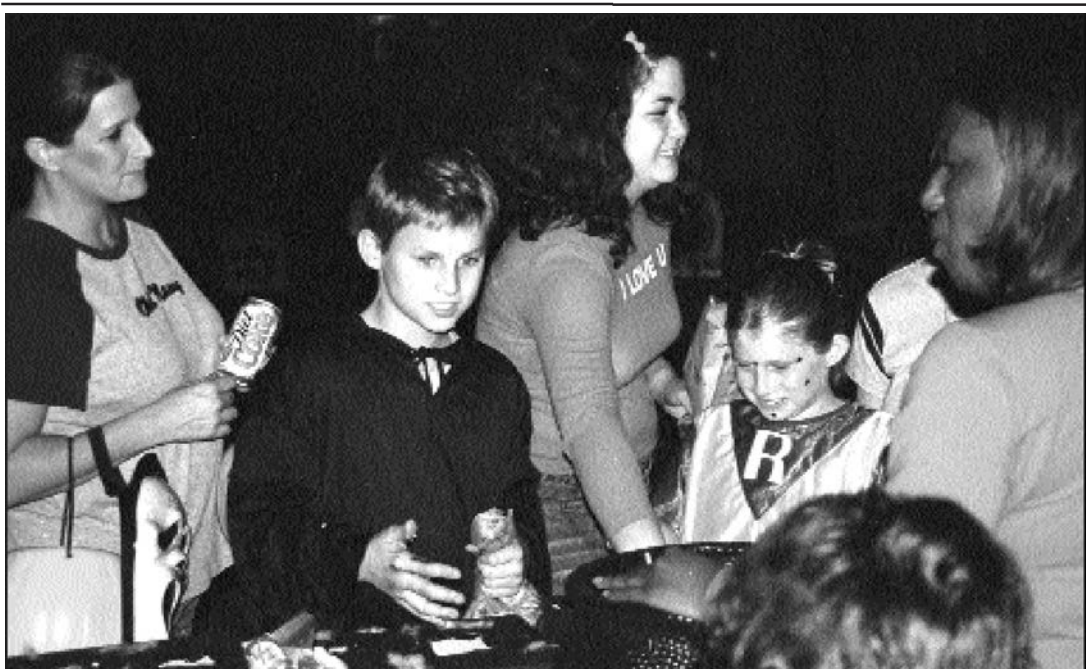
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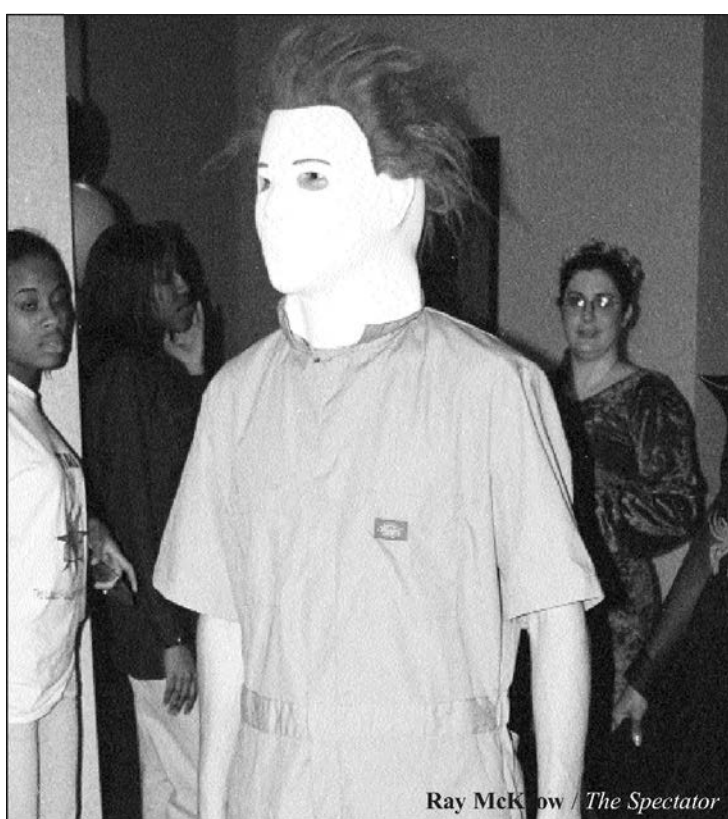
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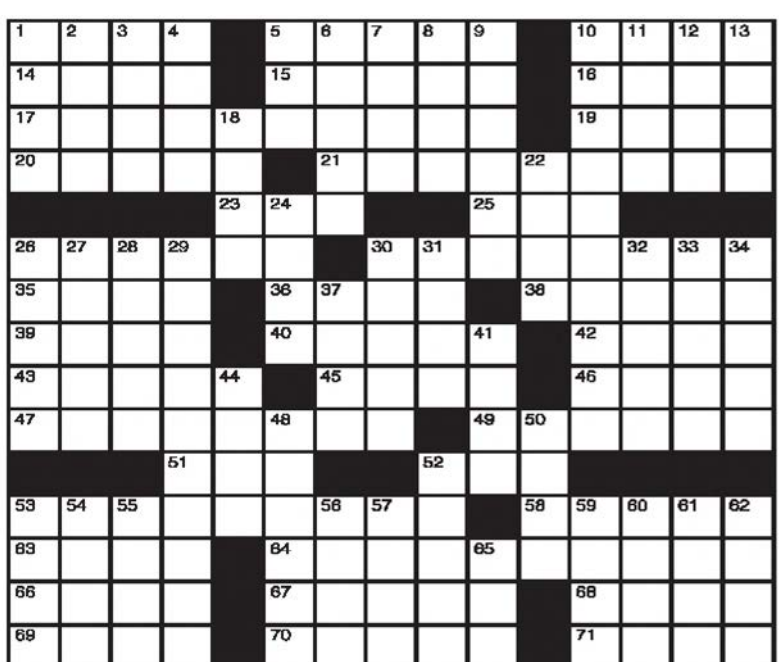


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(Above) Students hand out candy to children of faculty, staff and students at Langdale Residence Hall's first-ever Halloween carnival on Oct. 31. Organizations on campus set up various booths for the kids, including face-painting, pipe cleaner animal-making and costume-judging booths. Children could collect candy at the carnival or tour one of the first three "scarily" decorated floors of the hall, each having a different theme. (Left) "Jason," one of the Langdale Hall residents, dresses the part as a prop for one of the "haunted house" floors of the residence hall.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
- 1 Dissimulation
 - 5 Site of rites
 - 10 Strong wind
 - 14 Consumes
 - 15 Surgical dressing material
 - 16 >friendly
 - 17 Creepy>crawlie?
 - 19 "Beloved" author Morrison
 - 20 Sound adjuster
 - 21 Relating to the aged
 - 23 Author of "Foucault's Pendulum"
 - 25 Sultry West
 - 26 Founder of genetics
 - 30 Guy with a simple weapon
 - 35 Sandwich cookie
 - 36 Competent
 - 38 Addis __, Eth.
 - 39 Kind of stick?
 - 40 Trepidation
 - 42 Composer Khachaturian
 - 43 Stage a coup
 - 45 Basilica area
 - 46 Animation
 - 47 Most annoying
 - 49 Wet impacts
 - 51 Letter after zeta
 - 52 Be unwell
 - 53 Practice
 - 58 Emulate Cicero
 - 63 On the peak of
 - 64 Pane store?
 - 66 Stable denizen
 - 67 Action starter?
 - 68 Meadow mouse
 - 69 Arcturus or Rigel, 30d
 - 70 On the way
 - 71 Journalist Ernie
- DOWN
- 1 Nuisance
 - 2 Honolulu's island
 - 3 Knock senseless
 - 4 Punta del __, Uruguay
 - 5 Vital statistic
 - 6 Florida key
 - 7 London subway
 - 8 Cote d'__ John
 - 9 Government in power
 - 10 Formal dance on Ski Row?
 - 11 Hebrew zither
 - 12 Filmmaker Reifenshtal
 - 13 Viking redhead
 - 18 Shade source
 - 22 Honor student's grades?
 - 24 Dressed
 - 26 Tidy any loose ends
 - 27 Irregularly notched sword
 - 28 Mulled wine
 - 29 Key personnel?
 - 31 Pod populace
 - 32 "West Side Story" song
 - 33 Sternward
 - 34 Appellations
 - 37 Lingerie pieces
 - 41 Lucy's love
 - 44 Coup d'__
 - 45 Dance circle
 - 46 Chinese: pre
 - 47 Opposed to
 - 48 Solicit persistently
 - 49 Farm implement
 - 50 Priscilla's
 - 53 NFL squad
 - 54 Coup d'__
 - 55 Dance circle
 - 56 Chinese: pre
 - 57 Opposed to
 - 58 Letters on an invitation
 - 59 Nautical shout
 - 60 Travel charge
 - 61 Fencing
 - 62 Irregularly notched sword
 - 65 Part of NATO



Answers to today's puzzle below

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Seminar offers chance at self-esteem

Tameika Carson
Staff Writer

If you ladies feel like having "girl talk," bring your comfortable clothes and load of topics to discuss with other female students at the "Self Portrait of a Woman" seminar at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Georgia Hall lobby. The seminar will be conducted by Amira Sims, a graduate intern at the Counseling Center, but don't be misled. This is not your average therapeutic session. Instead, there will be a group counseling informal setting with lots of snacks and your peers chatting about common issues amongst college females. The gathering is intended to improve the participant's self esteem. An activity involving cutting portions of pictures from magazines to build an image that best expresses yourself will be conducted in addition to organized discussions of self-esteem issues.

"I am pretty sure that the topic about weight will come up," Sims said. "Most females have a problem with the image magazines and other things portray. They believe that is normal." Sims also said that she would like for all participants to walk away with knowing that all women are beautiful. "I want ladies to be okay with their being," Sims said. The seminar is a continuation of "Do I Have to Give Up Me to be Loved by You?", named after a book written by Virginia Sattire, which was held Oct. 22. The session mainly discussed the issues females have with the opposite sex, such as balancing relationships with family and friends while being in other relationships with men. It also discussed assertiveness without being a bully and maintaining emotional dependence. Several passages from articles were read to reinforce the mutual issues of losing identity in relationships.

According to Sims, about five students attended part one of the seminars due to the lack of time for preparation and promoting. With help from female residence advisers in the residence halls, Sims anticipates a larger turnout.

"Last semester about 30 students attended the seminars," Sims said. "So I know that I can have a better turnout than the part one seminar. I anticipate between five and 20 students will show up." For additional questions con-

tact the Counseling Center at 333-5940. Tameika Carson is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at tncarson@valdosta.edu

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Got a personal?

Poet to visit VSU

Ashleigh Collins
Staff Writer

Poetry fans, get ready, because the poet Rodney Jones is coming to read a selection of his honored and published works at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the University Center Theater.

Jones is coming to VSU as part of the Georgia Poetry Circuit.

"We pool our resources so we can get exceptional poets to come to Georgia," Dr. Marty Williams, assistant professor of English and coordinator of the Graduate Program, said.

"We always try to get one or

two poets of national prominence and Rodney Jones is in that category," Dr. Williams said.

Jones is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and is currently a professor of creative writing and poetry at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

"Sometimes I'll read a book that makes me want to write, but mainly, I play around with words, in journals, and in drafts of poems...making things up," Jones said. "At other times, friends or strangers say things that get me started."

This poet likes to write when the mood hits him.

"I prefer to be comfortable, in my own writing space, my

office, but I'm not too picky," Jones said. "Occasionally I'll stop the car on the highway and write something."

Rodney Jones has six books of published works including "The Story They Told Us of Light," "The Unborn," "Transparent Gestures," "Apocalyptic Narrative," "Things That Happen Once" and "Elegy for the Southern Drawl."

Rodney Jones has won numerous awards for his poetic works including The National Book Critics Award, the Southeastern Booksellers Association Award and he is a former Guggenheim Fellow.

Guys, start talking first

Eric Edwards
Special to the Spectator

The ability to walk up to a woman you don't know, initiate a conversation and then move casually into a more personal area is a gift.

The ability to wake up early, go to the grocery store and surprise a woman with breakfast in bed is also a gift.

But without the first talent, the second can't happen.

Those who are better at cooking breakfast than finding someone for whom to prepare it suffer from a common problem: poor interviewing skills.

The ability to keep a woman's interest long enough to prove to her you're qualified for the job of boyfriend is the key to showing her that she has found a gem and not just a mild distraction from what's on cable television.

Unlike potential employers, women are not necessarily well-trained in the fine art of the interview, and they may not be able to look past a lousy first

impression to focus on the resume.

A man with a Harvard-like relationship pedigree will easily be dismissed if his initial contact with a potential mate leaves her cold and clammy.

For every guy who got left by the roadside because he lacked the appropriate level of eye contact, there is a woman who waited days for a call from the charming fellow who hit on her for hours but got quietly ticked off when he didn't get a good-night kiss.

It stands to reason that the people who make the best companions might not make the best smooth-talkers and vice versa. If a guy is able to charm the locks off the doors of many women, why does he need to bother developing the relationship skills it takes to maintain a romance? He has never had any incentive because he could always just pick up another woman when the current one started getting difficult.

And the flip side is even more telling. Guys who have

the hardest time finally getting the woman they want will endure Sisyphean chores in order not to have to jump through the same hoops again.

Since relationships don't start with a trip to the human-resources department to establish the ground rules, people who have great references but bad interviewing abilities need to work on that weakness.

But it's important that guys not forget that a man who can get through the introductory interview and follow up with a trip to the grocery the next day is the kind of candidate most women are looking for.

And guys who have no problem getting the first call-back but are at a loss when things get a little serious need to learn that no amount of resume-padding will replace actual relationship know-how.

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Reading the cover of the Panama John CD entitled "Here I Go Again," might be the closest you ever get to knowing anything about the album, if you follow Ray McKrow's review of the CD. "Here I Go Again," he said, is appropriate for the CD's name because all the 11 tracks on the CD sound exactly alike.

Panama John: Don't waste your money

Ray McKrow
Staff Writer

Let me start off by saying that I not only review many genres of music, but love and at least respect almost all genres. What I listen for in these various genres is talent. This talent includes vocals, lyrics, music writing and instrument playing.

Unfortunately while doing my latest review of Panama John's album, "Here I Go Again," the only thing I find talent in is his ability to appropriately name his album. I say this because all 11 tracks sound like the same song over and

over again.

The album consists of apparently one guy sitting at his computer, finding one beat and writing altering (not even differing) lyrics to the same computer-generated sound. Did I add that the lyrics, the ones you can't understand through the computer-distorted voice, are pretty thoughtless and unoriginal?

I hate more than anything to give a bad review of an artist (especially a new one), but I hate even more when people waste perfectly good compact discs filled with this crap and call it "music."

Panama John shows me no musical talent whatsoever. The

little thing I do find is with a computer, and that's still not anything to write home about. Every song starts out the same, sounds the same and sounds repetitively bad.

This guy might be a con artist, so if you are offered his compact disc to either purchase or listen to, tell the shallow soul that you know better. If you have to take the disc, as I did, it makes a great coaster and looks trippy in the microwave. Two thumbs down! (Then straight to my ears to plug them.)

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Lady Blazer basketball preview

On the rebound

T.A. Glanton
Staff Writer

We've all gone someplace where no one knew us so we had to wear a stupid nametag. And even if you have a name as simple as 'Ed,' people still ask how to pronounce it.

No, the Lady Blazer basketball team didn't put on nametags, but no one could have blamed them if they had.

Head coach Kiley Hill, in his third year at VSU, has the task of guiding a team, where only four of the 12 players were a part of last year's squad.

"What we've done through individual work and through preseason is to combine the new and old players," Hill said. "Hopefully, the players that have been through everything can communicate to the new ones [players] what we look to do. The biggest thing is that we've created a melting pot of sorts."

VSU is looking to improve on last year's 10-16, 4-12 GSC record.

Hill said the only way to improve on last year's record is to win more games.

"The bottom line is that we lost seven of our last 10 games by a total of 20 points," he said. "We're a year older and we're better basketball minded and I think that's how you win

games."

The biggest difference between this season's Lady Blazers and last year's is that the current ones are bigger, faster and more athletic. This, along with improved guard play, has the team ready to run.

Not everything is perfect though. At this point, the team's major weaknesses are the inability to run its offensive schemes effectively and their

team will improve throughout the year.

"I think that the team is going to be very good this year," Traci Newton, freshman guard, said.

"We're young." It's a new beginning."

Last year, Danielle Hernandez [ankle] and Deanna Earl [hip], two of VSU's key players, suffered serious injuries. While Hernandez is completely healthy and back to drilling long-range jumpers, Earl's season is in question before it even begins.

"Earl has suffered another injury," Hill said. "It's a back injury, and her ability to play this year is in question, but we hope to have her back by January."

Hill says the goals for his team are the same as every year. The Lady Blazers want to win an east division conference title, compete for a Gulf South Conference championship and ultimately compete for the National Championship.

In a recent GSC preseason poll, VSU was picked to finish sixth of nine teams. No one from VSU was named to the preseason all-conference team.

"I think it's great to be picked sixth," Hill said. "Nobody knows who we have, everybody thinks that we're the same team returning from last year."

Newton said the one goal that the team had set for itself is to win the GSC Championship.

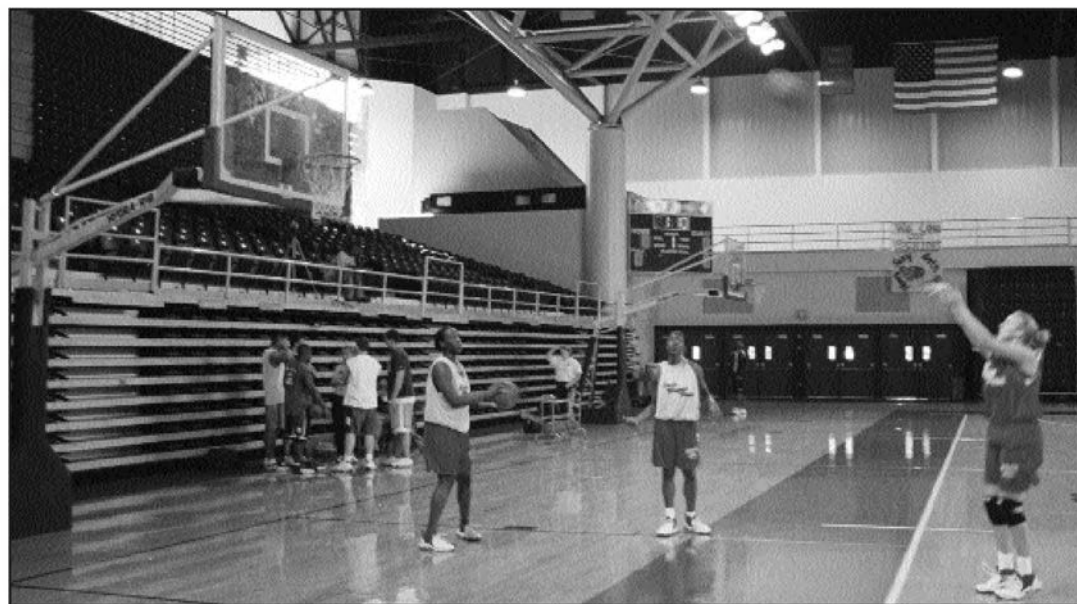


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Danielle Hernandez (near) and Traci Newton represent the old and the new. Hernandez is only one of four returning players. Newton is one of eight new Lady Blazers.

inexperience in playing together.

Hill doesn't worry about the weaknesses; he anticipates the



Jason James/ The Spectator

(l-r) Shundria Moorer, Amber Daniels and Courtney Parker practice shooting free-throws Wednesday in the P.E. Complex. The Lady Blazers tip off the season Nov. 22 at home against Puerto Rico de Cayey.

This is a new team with new faces, a new attitude and a new focus.

"We're going out to earn respect," Hill said. "Right now

people don't respect us, and that's fine. But they're going to."

Hill and his team get the chance to start earning respect

when they begin the season Nov. 22 against Puerto Rico de Cayey at 6 p.m. in the P.E. Complex.

GSC East Division Preseason Coaches Poll

1. West Alabama (61 pts)
2. North Alabama (49 pts)
3. Lincoln Memorial (47 pts)
4. West Georgia (43 pts)
5. Alabama-Huntsville (33 pts)
6. **Valdosta State (31 pts)**
7. West Florida (29 pts)
8. Montevallo (16 pts)
9. Mississippi Women (14 pts)

GSC East Division Preseason All-Conference Team

1. Amber Deline - North Alabama
2. Hillary Ross - Lincoln Memorial
3. Cara Melton - Mississippi Women
4. Tausha Evans - West Alabama
5. Kelly Barrett - West Florida
6. LaKendra Hogg - West Georgia

Lady Blazers November Schedule

Nov. 22
Puerto Rico de Cayey, 6 pm

Nov. 25
Spelman, 6 pm

Nov. 29
Christian Brothers, 3 pm

Nov. 30
at Arkansas Tech, 7 pm

Cross Country runs for nationals at D-II Southeast Regionals

Staff Reports

In the early 90s a certain shoe company posed the question, "Is it the shoes?"

Well, it's not the shoes; it's the people wearing them.

Saturday, VSU's cross country teams travel to Alabama-Huntsville to compete in the D-II Southeast Regional.

Last Saturday, the Blazers and Lady Blazers took their shot at the Gulf South Conference Championships.

The Blazers (27-20) finished seventh out of 10 teams while the Lady Blazers (41-15) finished fourth out of 16 teams, their best finish ever in the

Up next:



@
Southeast Regional
Saturday
Huntsville, Ala.

league meet.

Senior Meredith Middleton earned second team all-conference honors with a 15th place finish. Heather Franks, junior, was the second finisher (No.28) for VSU, while freshman Amanda Blalock (No.34) rounded out the top for the Lady Blazers.

Daniel Scott, junior, led VSU's men with a 24th place

finish. His closest teammates were freshman Brandon Young (No.29) and freshman Timothy Cornett who finished in 33rd place.

Both the men's and women's team from Harding captured the GSC title.

For the Bison and Lady Bison it was their third consecutive GSC title.


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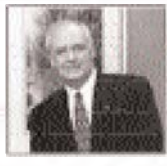
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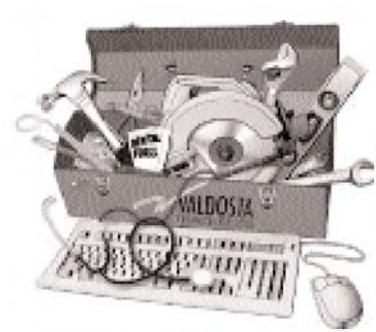


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VSU freshman Anne Marie Price and the Lady Blazers sweated through a three-game sweep by UNA Saturday.

V-ball eliminated from GSC race

Staff Reports

VSU Lady Blazer volleyball has been statistically eliminated from the Gulf South Conference tournament.

The Lady Blazers will try to salvage the final two games of the season beginning Saturday in Harrogate, Tenn., versus Lincoln Memorial at 1 p.m. The season finale is Sunday on

the road against Alabama-Huntsville in Huntsville, Ala., two hours east of Florence, Ala., where VSU really wants to be.

Florence, home to the North Alabama Lady Lions, is the site of the 2002 GSC volleyball tournament. North Alabama earned the right to host the tourney by winning the east division. UNA's most recent victory came, coincidentally,

against the Lady Blazers last Saturday in Florence. The Lady Lions (23-4, 13-4 Gulf South) swept VSU (15-13, 6-8 GSC) 3-0. With the win, UNA won its seventh straight east division title and ninth overall.

Senior Suzy Watson led the Lady Blazers with seven kills and nine digs. Freshman Anne Marie Price added seven kills and six digs.

VSU bids adieu

Volleyball seniors:

Name	Position
Beth Hallander	Setter
Rachel Hoodzow	Swing
Suzy Watson	Middle
Nicole Nightingale	Middle

Don't be so chicken, Oklahoma

Editor's Note: Josh Gordon is host of the X's and O's Show on V91, which airs every Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10 p.m.-midnight.

to 44 percent (441,210). The 44 percent, or true patriots as I call them, had it right.

I know that it is "inhumane" to have chickens try to kill each other, but isn't it a more festive and entertaining way to put dinner on our collective tables? All those human rights activists who cringed reading the lead to this article, let me ask you this - what would the chicken have wanted?

Do you really think a chicken just wants to grow up on a farm, peck corn with its chicken friends and then unceremoniously sent off to the slaugh-



Josh Gordon

SPORTS COMMENTARY

terhouse? No!! I think I speak for all chickens everywhere when I say that they want to go down fighting! Do you think a racehorse loses a race and gallops excitedly all the way to the glue factory? No!!

I am here to a l e r t human/animal rights advocates to the real animal rights - the right to die a dignified, meaningful death. Does some chick want to watch daddy get crammed into a small truck that will probably tip over on the highway and cause mass chaos? Or does that same chick want to see daddy honor the family by trying to

fight his way to freedom.

The Oklahoma state motto is *Labor Omnia Vincit*, meaning labor conquers all things. If that is the state motto, Oklahomans must believe it. So why not let your chickens live and thrive by that same credo and allow them to cockfight!? By voting out cockfighting, the people of Oklahoma have deprived the state's chickens of the very thing they all stand for.

Someone has to stick up for cockfighting and what the chickens really want. I am attuned to the plight of the chicken, and fully understand that before a chicken becomes my tasty dinner, I want to believe that it worked hard. Something tells me the meat will be juicier.

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Gators bite No. 5 'Dawgs

(KRT) JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Say this for Florida Coach Ron Zook: his team is alive in the Southeastern Conference. And he did what Steve Spurrier said must be done.

He went out and coached Florida past Georgia.

Unranked Florida upset No. 5 Georgia, 20-13, before 84,433 at Alltel Stadium on Saturday night. The Gators put a clamp on Georgia's goal to win a national title.

The Gators (6-3, 4-2 SEC) will receive no style points for their defeat of the Bulldogs (8-1, 5-1). Florida had two interceptions, two fumbles and missed a field goal and an extra point.

But it didn't matter, because just as Florida guard Shannon Snell had predicted and just as Spurrier had suggested in the week before this game, things were set up just right for Florida. And hasn't it always?

The Gators beat the Dawgs for the 12th time in 13 meetings. And Georgia Coach Mark

Richt, a longtime Florida State assistant, is 0-2 against the Gators.

The Gators won despite losing star wide receiver Taylor Jacobs to what could be a serious right knee injury on the first series of the game. In his place, wide receiver Kelvin Kight had the best game of his career.

And fellow Georgia native Ben Troupe, a backup tight end, shined as well. Troupe caught the game-winning touchdown, a 10-yard pass from quarterback Rex Grossman, who had a career-high 36 completions, in the fourth quarter.

Grossman finished 36-for-46 with 339 passing yards. And Kight finished with a career-high nine catches and 115 yards.

Troupe caught three passes on the drive that put Florida ahead 20-13, including the winning catch from Grossman, who capped it with a 2-point conversion run. So much for a sprained right knee.

And so much for recruiting gurus. What may have be the biggest play of the game was

turned in by Florida safety Guss Scott, a one-star recruit from tiny Jacksonville Trinity High School.

Scott stepped in front of Georgia wide receiver Terrence Edwards, picked off a pass by D.J. Shockley and rumbled 47 yards for a touchdown and a 12-7 Florida lead in the second quarter.

The Dogs added two field goals by kicker Billy Bennett to hold a 13-12 lead at the half. But later, usually-steady Bennett missed two field goals in the third quarter, a 50-yarder that hit the left upright and a 36-yarder that missed wide right.

Georgia had three turnovers and failed to convert even one of 13 attempts on third down. When it was over, some Florida players lifted teammates onto their shoulders. And a few Florida fans even ran onto the field.

Florida beating Georgia wouldn't ordinarily garner this type of reaction.

But nothing about this season has been typical.

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Kentucky	2	3	5	3	
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Vanderbilt	WEST	W	L	W	L
Alabama	4	1	7	2	
LSU	3	1	6	2	
Auburn	4	2	6	3	
Arkansas	2	3	5	3	
Mississippi	2	3	5	4	
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Walk-on freshman making noise

True freshman offensive tackle walks-on, earns starting job

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

Don't try to find Will Shelton in Valdosta State's 2002 football media guide. He's not there.

The one place he can be found, however, is at left tackle for the Blazers every Saturday. Shelton, a true freshman, has started every game at left tackle for Valdosta State (9-0, 7-0 Gulf South). Not only is he a freshman, he's a walk-on freshman.

"I had a good senior year in high school and I just wanted to keep playing," Shelton said.

Shelton, who played high school ball at South Gwinnett, came to Valdosta State over the summer after not being offered a scholarship from any school he was interested in. Shelton's skill level wasn't the concern for most schools, it was his size.

At 6-foot-3, the walk-on freshman has the height to play what most call the most important position on the offensive line, but his slim 240-pound frame makes him look like a hefty quarterback.

"I'm pretty undersized," Shelton said. "But I use good technique and that takes care of the rest."

"He plays well over his size," Blazers' offensive line coach Shawn Bostic said. "He has unbelievably quick feet."

Shelton joined the Blazers squad at the beginning of summer camp as the third string tackle without a scholarship.

"[Shelton] just willed his way in," said Bostic, who played center for VSU from 1989-93. "He wouldn't let us not play him."

Bostic said he noticed Shelton's good technique early in summer camp and moved him to second string tackle at the end of camp. Then one week before the season opener with Albany State, Jason Troutman, slated to start in the opener, went down with an injury. Shelton—the guy not in the media guide and the guy nobody knew about—was named the starter.

"He's been playing lights out," Bostic said. "The last three weeks, he's gone against [the opposing] team's best pass rusher and he's shut them down."

Bostic even compares the walk-on freshman to a former VSU All-American offensive tackle that also started for the Blazers as a freshman—Jason King. King graduated last season, but according to Bostic, Shelton could be his second coming.

"Right now, Will is further along than Jason was as a freshman," Bostic said.

Shelton has even won the team's top offensive lineman award twice this season. Each week Bostic gives a huge dog bone to the lineman that grades out the highest each game [see accompanying story for an explanation of grading offensive linemen]. The dog bone, which Bostic said is the "largest dog bone you can get," has each week's top lineman's name and number on it.

Shelton's won the dog bone and the left tackle job, but his name is still missing from some rosters.

"That doesn't bother me," Shelton said. "Linemen don't get much recognition anyway."



Jason James / *The Spectator*

Blazers freshman offensive left tackle Will Shelton (67) and the rest of the offensive line run through quick feet drills at practice on Reames Field. Shelton, now a starter, came in as a third-string freshman tackle.

Blazers offensive line making grades on the field

Matt Stewart
Staff Writer

Everybody notices when skill position players make a mistake during a game. But who knows it when offensive linemen miss a block?

The offensive line coach does.

An offensive linemen's performance is graded by a sys-

tem of percentages that reveals how consistent each linemen is at completing his assignment during a game.

Almost all offensive line coaches go back and review film of the previous game to grade each linemen on his performance.

VSU offensive line coach Shawn Bostic is no exception. Bostic said he reviews tape of the previous game each week

and watches each Blazer linemen on every play of the game. Bostic begins each linemen with a 100 percent grade, but deducts points for incorrect footwork on a blocking assignment or an overall busted assignment. Allowing a sack usually results in a subtraction of multiple percentage points. But it isn't all negative. According to Bostic, he adds two percentage points to

a lineman's grade for a pancake block.

The grading scale for offensive linemen is similar to that of academics. Grading out at 90 percent is extremely good, 75-80 percent is the average for a lineman.

Bostic said his grading system is pretty simple, although they can get complex, depending on the coach.

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Blazers chasing conference trifecta

-- With a win Saturday against Arkansas Tech, VSU can clinch its third consecutive Gulf South Conference crown --



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VSU wideout Tommy Parker runs routes against defensive back Timi-Aganga-Williams Wednesday at practice on Reames Field.



2 VSU Blazers
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Wonder Boys
(4-5, 3-4 GSC)

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Two Blazers named Gulf South Conference players of the week

Senior defensive tackle Dewayne Smith and sophomore punter Kenn Barnett have been named players of the week by the Gulf South Conference for their performance in VSU's 45-28 victory at North Alabama last Saturday. Smith recorded seven tackles (five for losses), two sacks and recovered a fumble. Barnett enjoyed his best punting day of the season, averaging 42.9 yards on seven punts, including two which pinned the Lions inside their 5-yard-line.



can be physical but he still has the speed to break away in the open field." Godfrey is the go-to guy, who plays wide receiver as well as running back.

Arkansas Tech is a well-coached and well-disciplined power running football team. Tech will try to get the run established early because it is the gateway to the rest of its offense. A successful running game allows Tech to stretch the field passing out of short yardage situations. The run helps take pressure off of true freshman quarterback Mark Ewersmann, who has been inconsistent at best this year.

ing off for another Blazer, corner back Chris Fowler. Fowler was benched in the West Alabama game for his role in the Tigers best passing day in the nation. However, his hard work in practice has landed him back in the starting lineup, and Shirley's good graces, but consistency is highly sought after. "Chris Fowler must work hard consistently in practice, not briefly to earn some reps in the game. Hard work must be routine and part of his nature."

Advantage: Blazers
According to Shirley, the intensity level at practice is improving. Thus, the Wonder Boys will not have a wondrous day on offense. The Blazers top-rated rush defense will force Tech out of its strength. A true freshman quarterback and an experienced, blitz-happy defense spells disaster for the 'Boys.

Special Teams: Blazers
Sophomore punter Kenn Barnett earned GSC special teams player of the week averaging almost 43 yards per punt. The Blazers are forming into a well-rounded team as the season winds down.

The Blazers do not look like a championship, potential record-breaking caliber team yet. The Blazer coaches admire the Wonder Boys ability to play a full 60 minutes of intense, dominant football. This Blazer team still has much to prove. To earn the respect of the country as a legitimate title contender in Division II football, the Blazers must play mistake free.

Blazers: 35
'Boys: 10

Blazer Defense

"We have to control the run. They cannot come out there and get six or seven yards on first down," Shirley said. A successful running attack will be difficult to field against a "Black Swarm" defense that yields a conference best 44.9 yards per game on the ground. A big reason why is the active and athletic front four, otherwise known as "Death Row." Senior defensive tackle Reggie Rhodes (6-foot-3, 275-pounds) and defensive conference player of the week senior nose guard Dewayne Smith (6-foot-0, 285-pounds).

Smith exploded for seven tackles (five for loss), two sacks and a recovered fumble. "Dewayne is one of the best athletic defensive ends I have ever been around," Shirley said. "His lateral movement inside is fantastic. He can do a standing back flip, and you can see that when the ball snaps. The way he bends, runs and the quickness that he has is tremendous."

Hard work in practice is pay-

ize this opportunistic defense. "They play hard for 60 full minutes every week," Hatcher said.

Advantage: Blazers

Do not think the Blazers are taking Tech lightly. "You can't leave any stone unturned [when preparing to play]--you must be ready for anything that could possibly be thrown at you," Hatcher said. This Wonder Boy defense is loaded with talent that performs superbly on a weekly basis. Faulkner is going to be tested and Jenkins will carry the load. No other running back averages more yards per carry in the nation--in Jenkins the "Air Raid" trusts.

Wonder Boy Offense

Anytime a third string running back wins national offensive player of the week honorable mention status, the opposing defense is concerned. That is exactly what Arkansas Tech's Marcus Godfrey did when he rumbled 21 times for 225 yards and

three scores last week en route to the fifth best single game performance by a Tech running back. Not bad for a football program that has been in existence since 1911. Blazer defensive coordinator Kevin Shirley says, "He [Godfrey] has good top end and finishing speed. He

Senior C.J. Lofton and redshirt freshman Greg Lofton combined for 17 catches and 152 yards of the Blazers 227 passing yards.

Junior running back Aaron Jenkins continues to balance the "Air Raid" attack, tallying 103 yards on just 20 carries and averaging a conference high 8.1 yards per carry. Jenkins accounted for the first two scores versus UNA on scrampers of two and 60 yards, spurring the Blazers 38-7 lead.

VSU boasts the top-ranked offense in the conference, averaging an astounding 453 yards per game, and shows no signs of slowing down. Sophomore quarterback Buster Faulkner continues to provide enough consistency to keep the Blazers "Air Raid" attack airborne.

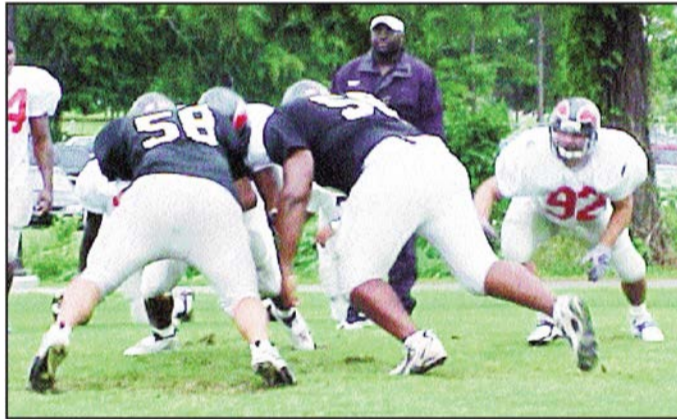
Wonder Boy Defense

Confidence runs high for a youthful defense that shut down what was the top-rated passing offense in the country.

Arkansas Tech held West Alabama 109 yards below its season average last week. Tech's defense is getting hot at the right time after recording its first shutout since 1999. Hatcher remarked, "Anytime you've shut out West Alabama you've done a great job. We're

really going to have to buckle down in order to move the football."

A big reason for Tech's exceptional defensive play this year is junior defensive end Tommy Edwards (6-foot-3, 235-pounds) who ranks second in the conference in sacks (eight), and first in the conference in tackles for loss (20). Edwards has tallied a number of national defensive honors this season including defensive player of the week; however, he is not the only defensive star. Promising sophomore linebacker Brett Hobbs (6-foot, 227-pounds) earned national defensive player of the week



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VSU's defensive line (pictured) allows only 44.9 rushing yards per game, second in the nation.

honors from the *National Football Gazette* for his efforts two weeks ago versus West Georgia. He recorded 10 tackles, one sack, caused a fumble and recovered two others, taking one to paydirt for the go ahead score.

Speed and tenacity character-

Josh Gordon

Special to the Spectator

After all of the success the Blazers have had since the arrival of head coach Chris Hatcher, there is still history to be made. With a win over the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys (4-5, 3-4 Gulf South) at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium, the Blazers will clinch a tie for arguably the most sought-after record in the Gulf South Conference--three consecutive conference titles. Chronicling another statistical achievement is not what the Blazer coaches covets, however--they want to win it all.

Arkansas Tech's Wonder Boys pose a considerable threat after destroying West Alabama 25-0--a team the Blazers trailed by 17 before coming back to win two weeks ago. If the Blazers want to clinch a share of the conference title and immortalize themselves in the record books, they have to respect the Wonder Boys, winners of eight games in 2001.

Blazer Offense

Senior wide receiver Reggie Mosley did not make the field for last week's game versus the University of North Alabama Lions because of a minor surgery. The Blazers managed to survive, 45-28 over UNA, without their top-rated wide out, distributing the ball to six different receivers, with the Lofton brothers receiving the Lion's share of offensive duty.

Coach Hatcher's Players of the week!

Offense Will Shelton	Defense Wesley Brown	Special Teams Rodney Edwards
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