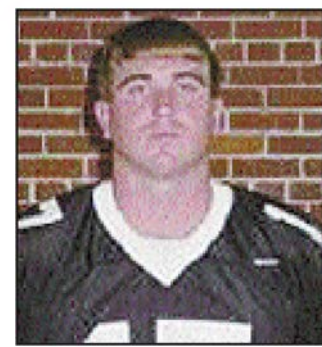


Blazers favored in round 1 of playoffs



Chris Hatcher:
 *Played for VSU '91-'94.
 *VSU first head coach position.
 *Won Harlon Hill trophy, '94.
 *21-2 in two seasons as head coach at VSU
 *2-0 against Fort Valley State.
 *Led VSU in outscoring Fort Valley State 88-6 in two games.



Dusty Bonner:
 *QB for Kentucky Wildcats '98-'99.
 *Won Harlon Hill trophy '00.
 *2001 Harlon Hill nominee - If he wins again, Bonner will be the second Division II player to win twice.
 *3,214 yards passed in 2001.
 *43 Touchdowns in 2001.



Nathan White / The Spectator

Thomas Archibald, assistant to the president for Information technology, paid for and arranged this show of Blazer pride. This is the second year he has had the chance to publicly congratulate the Blazers on a conference win.

Matt Stewart
 Staff Writer

Fort Valley State is a familiar face with a new personality.

VSU (11-0) will see a different side to the Wildcat offense when it squares off with Fort Valley (8-2) Saturday at 1 p.m. in round one of the NCAA Division II playoffs in Valdosta.

The two teams have seen each other before this season. The Blazers rolled over the Wildcats 42-6 Sept. 1 in Fort Valley, Ga. Since that game, FVSU has won seven of its final eight games. The Wildcats won a share of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last weekend with a 45-7 thrashing of conference foe Albany State.

Blazer offense

VSU quarterback Dusty Bonner lit up the Wildcat secondary in week 2 of the regular season. The reigning Harlon Hill winner and 2001 Harlon Hill nominee threw for 316 yards and four scores against a disarrayed Fort Valley secondary.

Wildcat defense

If the 'Cat defense hasn't gotten any better since Sept. 1, FVSU will hit the canvas in round one.

Blazer defense

The "Black Swarm" is hungry for its first shutout this season. The Blazers had West Georgia scoreless last weekend until the Braves scored in the fourth quarter. The last time Fort Valley made the trip down to Valdosta was in week 2 a year ago; a 46-0 shutout loss to the Blazers.

Wildcat offense

This will be the most interesting element of the game. Former wide receiver Cecil Lester takes the snaps now. Lester is much more elusive than former Wildcat starting quarterback Matt Davis, who threw for 208 yards against the Blazers in week 2. Lester has continued to improve, throwing for 155 yards and two scores last Saturday. Fort Valley also boasts Harlon Hill candidate Orlando Wiley in its backfield. Wiley has rushed for 1,400 yards and 16 touchdowns on the season. He was the workhorse earlier in the year against VSU, carrying the ball 26 times for 68 net yards and scoring the Wildcats lone touchdown. Wide out Kent Schoolfield, Jr. has now caught a pass in 46 straight games, extending the streak last week with six catches for 106 yards against Albany State.

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Blazer special teams

VSU place kicker Reid Bethea is 3-for-3 inside 30 yards on the season, but has yet to connect on a kick outside of the 30-yard range. Punter Brent Palma averages 32.8 yards per punt on the season and has punted only 32 times in 11 games.

Wildcat special teams

Schoolfield, Jr. is a special teams touchdown waiting to happen, although he was ineffective against the Blazers in the previous contest. The wide receiver/return specialist has a 97-yard kickoff return to his credit.

Blazer coaching

VSU head coach Chris Hatcher, reigning GSC coach of the year, is an offense-minded genius. Hatcher has led the Blazers to a 21-1 record in two regular seasons. Although his

postseason record is 0-1 after a first round loss to 2000 D-II National Champion Delta State, Hatcher has travel plans to Florence, Ala., (site of the D-II national championship) mapped.

Wildcat coaching

Fort Valley head coach Kent Schoolfield is a legend around middle Georgia. Schoolfield is experienced in postseason play, guiding the 'Cats to three playoff appearances in just five years. He holds a 41-16 record as coach at FVSU. But the veteran coach is 0-2 against Hatcher's Blazers. Schoolfield's Wildcats have been outscored 88-6 by VSU in the past two years.

First Round Prediction	Blazers	Wildcats	Playoff
	49	13	

Track the playoffs!

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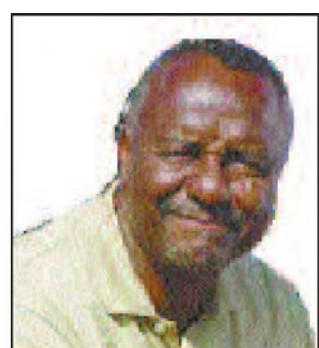
About 500 free tickets are still available at the Student Affairs office

Reserve seats: \$12, General admission (including VSU students): \$8, Senior citizens and children under 16: \$4

This week in Sports:

Recap of West Georgia Game Basketball Tennis

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Kent Schoolfield:
 *Graduated from Florida A&M
 *Fort Valley first head coach position.
 *Led Fort Valley to three playoff appearances in five years.
 *1-2 in playoffs.
 *41-16 as head coach for the 'Cats.
 *Highest winning percentage in Fort Valley history.



Wiley Orlando:
 *2001 Harlon Hill nominee.
 *1,400 yards.
 *16 touchdowns.
 *Held to just 68 net yards on 26 carries against VSU in week two of season.
 *Rushed for 191 yards and three touchdowns against Albany State last week.

IT wires for wireless classrooms

Lindsey Giddens
 Staff Writer

VSU is going wireless. Since fall 2000, wireless web has grown in popularity on campus. Only 110 students chose to surf the wireless web last year, but now 600 are online using wireless cards.

According to Chris Pyle, network specialist for Information Technology, the buildings currently capable of wireless connections are all residence halls, Odum Library, the Continuing Education Building, Bio/Chem Building, most of Powell Hall and the VSU bookstore.

Future wiring plans include the University Center, the University Union and the Special Education and Communication Disorders Building.

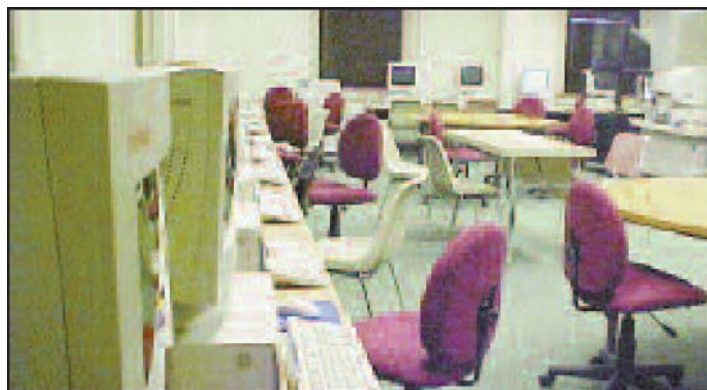
"Not the entire [University Center] maybe, but most likely the north end with the meeting rooms, food court and theater," Pyle

said. "We are trying to find the best use and need for students. For example, snack bars and places they may hang out."

According to Thomas Archibald, assistant to the president for Information Technology, most students are not able to get a wireless signal outside of classrooms unless they have a laptop.

"The College of Education has carts where students can check out laptops with wireless access they can use in the [continuing education] building," Archibald said. "The biology department has one cart and the chemistry department has one."

Each cart has 20 laptops available for student use. There are currently about 140 departmental laptops and more laptops and carts will be added, according to Archibald. The wireless card works by sending radio signals from a computer to an access point box located at any of various locations around campus. There



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Computerized classrooms such as this one in West Hall may soon become obsolete as classrooms go wireless.

are 70 access points around campus.

Each access point costs around \$1,000, including antennae equipment, according to Archibald. All funding for the wireless web comes from state money, not student technology fees.

"We've applied to the University system [for funding]," Archibald said. "They asked us if we could use \$75,000, so we're going to put it to use."

According to Pyle, the recent

budget cut by Gov. Roy Barnes should not affect the installation of more access points.

"I could see [the cuts] slowing down expansion a little, but most of our equipment has already been ordered," Pyle said.

Over the past year, the increase in wireless use has brought a few problems.

"As far as buildings actually being covered is concerned,

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Housing dates shift based on Blazers' games

Tameika Carson
 Staff Writer

The Blazer football team will determine when students leave and return for the Thanksgiving holiday.

VSU has made an exception for the record-setting Blazers due to Round I of the playoffs on Saturday. In order to accommodate the football team and all its fans, residence halls, with the exception of Converse Hall and Lowndes Hall, will officially close on Saturday at 5, which is later than the usual closing time—normally on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

"We are really trying to encourage students to stay and attend the game to support the Blazers," Joe Mattachione, director of Housing and Residence Life, said.

The additional hours allow students more time to attend

the game and head home at a decent hour.

"What is one extra day staying on campus going to hurt when you get a week off," Mattachione said.

Blazer football followers agree with the new opening and closing schedule.

"It is a good thing that they are allowing students time to support the team," Tiffany Relaford, sophomore biology major and member of Blazer pride, said "It definitely promotes school spirit."

The outcome of the Round I playoff game will also set the date and time for residence halls to reopen.

If the Blazers defeat Fort Valley State, the residence halls will open Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. If the Blazers lose, students will be allowed to enter

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The Spectator will not be published next week...we will be sleeping off our Turkey!

HAPPY THANKSGIV -

Web Watch This week:

Interested in seeing how VSU ranks among other schools? Looking for a graduate school? The US News site www.usnews.com/usnews/college/rankings/rankingin-

www.usnews.com/usnews/college/rankings/rankindex.htm

dex.com allows you to choose up to four schools to compare by program, size, retention rate, and many others.

The site also has tips on how to choose a college and how to

get accepted.

This information can help you save time in your research process. It could also help you get into the best graduate program for you.

Campus Happenings

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POLICE BEAT

November 8

Katie Nicole McCogge, 20, of 200 Eugene St., was arrested at 12:33 a.m. at West Gordon and North Toombs Street for DUI alcohol (under 21) and not having proof of insurance. She is not a VSU student.

Meghan E. MacKinnon, 20, of 35 Club Court, Newnan, Ga., was arrested at 6:05 a.m. for possession of marijuana (less than 1 ounce) in Langdale Hall 104. She is a VSU student.

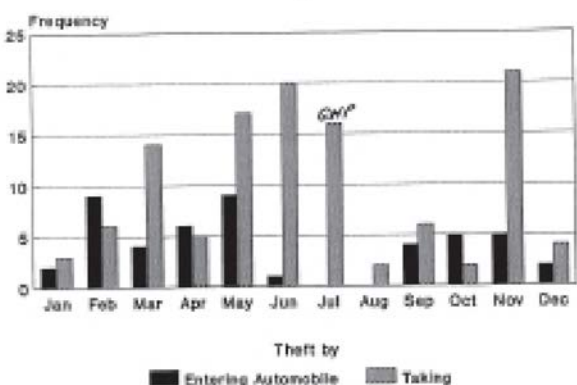
Someone took \$13 from a student in Converse Hall 145 at 8 p.m. The case has been turned over to investigations.

Public Safety Announcement

Students living in residence halls: Please secure bikes and other property in rooms to deter theft. If you are leave for Thanksgiving Break, be aware that packing your car the night before is an open invitation to thieves. Cpl. Nealon, crime prevention officer for Public Safety, said most VSU thefts occur during November. He submitted the graph below, based on information from around 1995-1996.

For more information on theft deterrence, visit Cpl. Nealon's crime prevention web site at www.valdosta.edu/vsupd/unit/CP/crimeprev.htm.

Larceny/Theft



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The Delta Sigma Theta sorority hosts a bake sale and National Smokeout display table at the student union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

James Kelley, an Institution Consultant with TIAA/CREF, hosts seminars about new tax reform legislation affecting retirement planning that take effect Jan. 1, 2002. The seminars begin at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Bio/Chem Building auditorium
Tem Miller, district manager for VALIC, also hosts seminars on Nov. 26 at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. He hosts more seminars on Nov. 27 at 9 and 10 a.m.

The Department of Curriculum & Instruction Technology hosts a brown bag seminar, "Ghana: U.S. Teaching Dialogues," featuring eight professors from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana.

The seminar is from 11:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the President's Dining Room at Palms Dining Center.
For more information, call 333-5927.

The game room hosts a spades card tournament at 7 p.m. in Magnolia Room 2 in the University Center. First place winners receive prizes and are eligible to represent VSU in another tournament at FSU.
For more information, contact John Wright, recreation coordinator, at 333-5998.

Michael Giel, viola, performs a student recital at 7:30 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium at the Fine Arts Building.
For more information, call the music department at 333-5804.

Natural High hosts bingo from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Rose Room at the University Center. Free snacks and drinks will be available.
For more information, call the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education at 259-5111.

Friday

Thanksgiving Break. VSU offices close at 1 p.m.

Attention, students and faculty:

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

Short fiction, poetry, essays, prose poetry, photography and other artwork submissions for the 2001-2002 VSU literary magazine, "Odradek," are due today by 5 p.m. in the Odradek mailbox. The mailbox is in the English Department in West Hall 207.
For more information, e-mail Kemia Irving at kcirving@valdosta.edu.

Saturday

VSU hosts Ft. Valley in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association football playoffs at 1 p.m. in Bazemore-Hyder Stadium.
Tickets are \$4 and can be bought at the athletic ticket

office in the P.E. Complex.
Student Activities is giving away 1,000 free tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If the Blazers win the game, they will host a second round game on Nov. 24 at 1 p.m.

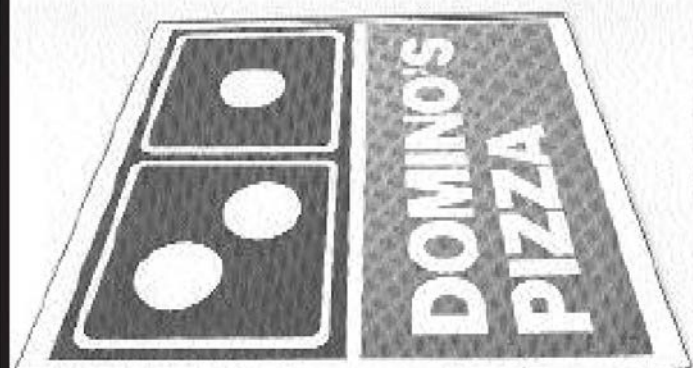
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Break is over. Classes resume.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sponsors an informational on sickle cell anemia at 7 p.m. in Powell Hall auditorium.

Note: More Campus Happenings and the Found Property listings can be found online at www.valdosta.edu/spectator.

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Weekend

Today




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Friday




UV Index:
4 Low
Hi: 78
Low: 50

Saturday



UV Index:
4 Low
Hi: 79
Low: 50

Sunday



UV Index:
5 Moderate
Hi: 78
Low: 50



Brandon Scott / The Spectator

Living Wage members hold up a sign at the press conference in front of Odum Library Wednesday. About 15 people came to the event, which precedes a demonstration sponsored by the Living Wage Campaign to be held tonight at 8 p.m.

Outrage expressed at press conference

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

The Living Wage Campaign is holding a public demonstration at 8 p.m. tonight in front of Odum Library.

"The major reason for the rally is the fact that we sent three letters to them [VSU] and they ignored them." Ben

Speight, student, said. "They didn't respond."

In a press conference Wednesday, the Rev. Floyd Rose, a member of the People's Tribunal and NAACP, addressed the community. He paid particular attention to the fact that Leigh Touchton's contract was not renewed.

Touchton is the biology

instructor and laboratory coordinator at VSU. On Oct. 31st she received a letter from Dr. Louis H Levy, acting vice president for Academic Affairs, stating: "On behalf of President Hugh C. Bailey and pursuant to the applicable section of the

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We've found a few dead spots, but we would just add another access point or get a bigger antenna," Pyle said. "Some Langdale rooms get a lower signal, but for the most part it's doing good."

According to Archibald, some of the access points are visible, making the points accessible to some tampering. Information Technology is considering getting tamper proof boxes to eliminate this.

"If we find residence hall students tampering with the boxes, it could be something like \$1000 [charged to the student]

to pay for it," Pyle said.

In addition, not all cards are compatible with all computers.

"The bookstore has had situations where a student's computer may not be entirely adaptable," Pyle said. "But out of 600 you are bound to get a few that won't work. We've tried to remedy this some by getting new adapters that are more compatible."

According to Pyle and Archibald, the bookstore plays a major role in wireless installation, sales and troubleshooting. About 80 percent of sales go through the bookstore, although some students order cards online, Archibald said.

According to Archibald, the wireless web cards are a big hit

at VSU.

"Overall, wireless is very beneficial," Archibald said. "It is about 200 to 300 times faster than a modem. Kids are loving it."

He also has a theory of why VSU is considered one of the 100 most wired campuses.

"I think we have the most extensive wireless system in the University System," Archibald said. "I think it was this that attracted the attention of Yahoo! to name us one of the top 100 most wired campuses. We're just trying to work together to make it more exciting for the students."

Students interested in acquiring wireless web can contact the bookstore at 333-5666.

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Floyd nominated for seat

Mary Ellen McConnell
Staff Writer

SGA's agenda was light again for the third Tuesday in a row.

The 29 senators present passed an amendment package to the bylaws, nominated a new senatorial candidate and discussed a possible new bus route.

After unanimously approving the Nov. 7 minutes, Sen. Ashley Collier brought forward the same amendment to Article III of the SGA Bylaws that was discussed at the senate's last meeting. The amendment did not pass because a majority of senators abstained from voting, stating they did not fully understand its implications.

Sen. Jay Hodgkin reminded

the senate to take a close look at the proposal.

"Everyone be sure to read carefully because last time this was brought up the majority of senators abstained from voting," he said.

The amendment specifically outlines how bills should be passed. It states that the president may restrict the number of bills presented to the senate, which will help keep meetings short.

Under new business, the senate nominated Adam Floyd, a freshman political science major, for an off campus senatorial seat. After the meeting, Floyd said that he would be very excited to join SGA.


"I'm really starting to concentrate on my major and I think this would be a good

experience," he said.

Finally, under miscellaneous, Sen. Martinez asked senators about the possibility of getting a bus to make twice-weekly trips to the local Super Wal-Mart. Someone later pointed out that one of the buses already makes twice-weekly trips to the Super K-Mart on St. Augustine Road as well as to the mall.

Also, brought forward by Sen. Martinez was the possibility of arranging a system for flex cards to be used at stores around town. Apparently, other colleges within the state have a similar system set up, such as Georgia Tech.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.



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News

MLIS degree a first in Georgia

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

VSU has traveled a mile farther down the information superhighway.

This semester, VSU began offering a web-based master's degree in library and information science, a program that takes four academic semesters to complete, according to Dr. George Gaumont, director of the Odum Library and Library Programs.

VSU is the only school in Georgia that offers this program.

The MLIS degree is a mixture of face-to-face courses and web-based classes, Dr. Wallace Koehler, associate director of the MLIS program, said. Students receiving this degree will become skilled in organizing and retrieving information.

"There's a wide variety of jobs for people with this kind of degree —administrative management positions in libraries, work in special libraries, such as library corporations, law firm libraries, medical libraries, information brokers (people hired to find specific information) and jobs in private sectors and government positions, such as people who know how to find complex information and program computers," Dr. Koehler said.

"There has been a recent explosion in growth for the need of librarians," Dr. Koehler said. "This is caused by a number of reasons: There was a perceived notion that the electronic explosion of the early 1990s would replace librarians, and this was proven not to be the case; a large number of librarians are anticipated to retire soon; and new jobs are

becoming available because of the recent explosion of information."

Most students pursuing the MLIS degree are working, middle-career adults who can not do a residential education because of work, Dr. Koehler said.

Dr. Gaumont said the degree takes 35-40 hours to complete, and full-time graduate MLIS students take 10 hours a semester. Students spend one third of the class in a classroom and two-thirds of the class online.

The 10 students currently enrolled in the program meet in Macon (because it is in the middle of the state and is a convenient location for Georgians all over the state to commute to) once a month for an entire weekend. Dr. Gaumont said that the students begin the

weekend class at 10 a.m. on Saturday and end at 2 p.m. on Sunday, for a total of 12-13 contact hours each weekend.

"There's not an undergraduate degree in library science," Dr. Gaumont said. "Most applicants have a degree in some kind of liberal arts."

"There's no real prerequisite degree because you deal with information according to your major or personal skills, usually," Dr. Gaumont said.

Students wishing to obtain a MLIS degree should apply to the VSU graduate school.

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In the

Plane crashes in residential area in Queens, NY.

An Airbus A-300 bound for the Dominican Republic crashed minutes after takeoff from John F. Kennedy International Airport. The plane crashed into Rockaway Beach, a residential area in Queens, NY. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said that 262 bodies have been found, as well as 181 body parts. Among those dead is a World Trade Center survivor. Five people on the ground are still missing. Six homes were flattened by debris and five more burned to the ground. At this point, investigators suspect mechanical failure, not foul play.

Ken Kesey dies at 66.

Kesey, author of the famous novels, "Sometimes a Great Notion" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," died from complications following liver cancer on Saturday. He died at his ranch on Monday. Kesey is a graduate of the University of Oregon, where he later became a professor. He is survived by his wife, Faye, his son Zane, and his daughters, Shannon and Sunshine.

McGwire announces his retirement.

After a dismal season due to injury, home run king Mark McGwire has decided to retire. McGwire broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old single season home run record in 1999. He retires with 583 career home runs, only 172 runs short of Hank Aaron's all-time career home run record of 755. McGwire's decision came Sunday. He began his career in 1986 with the Oakland A's. He won a Gold Glove in 1990 and is a 12-time All-Star. McGwire's decision comes before free-agent season, giving the Cardinals time to find a replacement.

Expert says Bin Laden may get sold out.

The U.S. has a \$5 million price on Bin Laden's head, and that might pay out soon, experts say. According to Afghanistan expert Ahmed Rashid, since the Taliban is losing support, the likelihood of Bin Laden being sold out by a mole is entirely possible. At this time, the Pentagon does not know where Bin Laden is, but are searching for him in south Afghanistan. U.S. military planners decided the best approach to capturing Bin Laden is to talk to ethnic Pashtun tribal leaders unhappy with the Taliban who might have leads.

Wage

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Policies of the Board of Regents, I am writing to inform you that this is to serve as your nine months notification that you will not be employed with Valdosta State University past July 31, 2002."

Touchton has held that position since 1999.

"We cannot allow this university to continue business as usual until this issue is dealt with," Rose said. "There was no announcement of downsizing. We can only speculate that her [Touchton's] support of the Living Wage Campaign is the cause of her termination."

At the press conference Rose suggested that Touchton's presidency of the NAACP might have been a factor.

"We [supporters of the Living Wage Campaign] cannot allow this situation to go on without protest," Rose said.

The Living Wage Campaign hopes tonight's demonstration will serve as a wake-up to VSU's administration.

"VSU has not acknowledged the Living Wage Campaign," student David Klier said. "We feel it is necessary for a public demonstration to let the administration know that we are serious. VSU employees are not making enough to live on. They are working full-time here [at VSU] and part-time to support their families."

Willie Head, Living Wage Campaign member, also suggested that VSU President Hugh Bailey makes \$700 a day. In saying this, he questioned how the administration could believe that VSU employees could live off \$5.75 an hour.

Dr. Bailey's annual salary is \$144,350, which means he makes \$395.47 a day.

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Supersize your education

That Mickey D's craving can sneak up on you every once in a while, but let's face it, you can't live on the stuff.

The same goes for school. You can only take so much franchise education.

Education in the U.S. has become something we take for granted. We assume people will go to college, we assume they will graduate, we assume it as we used to assume high school education as a minimal standard.

But not all people who attend college get an education. Often, the difference between a good education and a poor one is not the school you attend, but the attitude you bring.

So what are we doing here?

Some of us have an idea of what we want from our lives, some of us know we can't make do without that piece of paper, and some are here for mom and dad.

Right now, most of us are as tired and unmotivated as we've ever been—at least this semester. Right now most of us are heading home to a Thanksgiving break filled with projects, papers and grading (yes, faculty get tired too).

But as you sit around that table, eating turkey and avoiding Aunt Ida's comments about marriage and children, take time to take stock.

What do you want? Why are you here? What are you willing to sacrifice to accomplish your goals?

Consider what stands in your way.

In most cases, it's not VSU's administration, it's not VSU's faculty, it's not even biochemistry (well, maybe for some of us.)

It's most likely lack of vision, lack of discipline and lack of motivation.

Your education is your investment. Make it pay off.

It's not about attending classes (though showing up is half the battle.) It's about seeking knowledge, and gaining insight.

We're not here to learn to be McCorporate McClones, we're here to learn to think critically about the world around us.

Without that, we're trading the real deal for the happy meal.

Of course, if you disagree, take the short cut.

Just remember to practice: "Would you like fries with that?"

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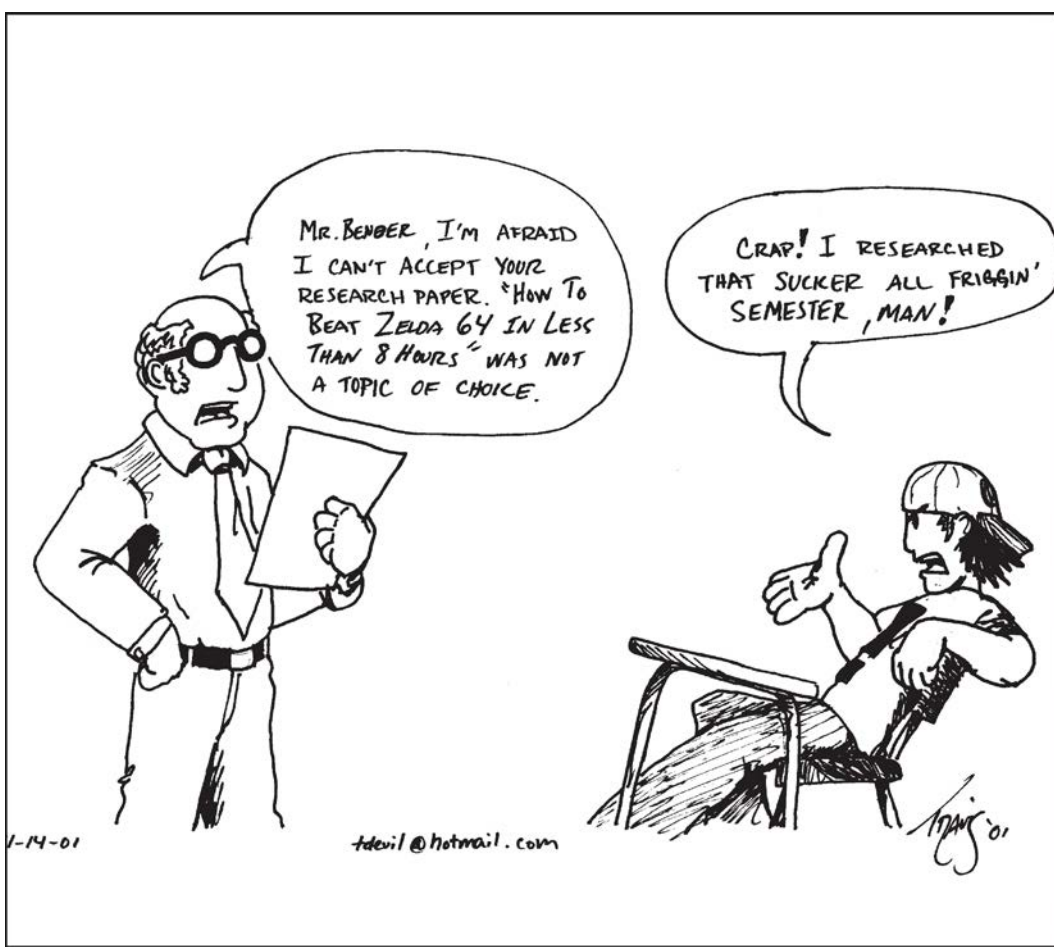
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Laziness as a virtue

I hate waking up in the morning.

I mean, seriously, it's the worst part of my day, and it's all uphill from there. I have to get out of bed, I have to go to stuff-what happened to this being a free country? Why do I feel so bounded by these things?

I get up; put my feet on the cold, linoleum floor of the dorms, and stretch. The chill in the air makes me shiver, and the luke-warm showers of Brown Hall don't warm me up much. I'll smoke a cigarette when I get out of the shower, and quickly dress in order to make it to my 10 a.m. class (I feel really sorry for students, like my roommate, who have an 8 a.m. class.)

If I'm not waking up for school, then its some job that I was forced to get due to my great need of financial support. Waking up for a job is the



Adam Platto

worst, because you know that you have to be at the same place, doing the same thing for a good six or seven hours depending on the job.

In defiance of all of this, today, I decided to lie in bed. It was the best time I've had at VSU yet! At 11 a.m., my roommate came back from class and turned on the Price is Right. What a beautiful show that is. "Billy-Bob, come on down! You're the next contestant on

the Price is Right!"

This isn't to say that I skip class all the time—actually, I rarely ever do. Nor am I encouraging you to do the same. I'm just saying that everybody, every once and a while, needs to just take a second to get away from all the people, all the classes, all the jobs and just relax for a second or two.

Anyway, today has been one of the best days of my life just because I was able to relax in the beginning of it. If I could start every day off like I did today, I would lead a pretty good life. Being lazy is great, especially when you know you should be doing something important.

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Mailbox

Student questions allegations

Dear Editor:

When I read Tameika Carson's article on the title of Homecoming Queen and its lack of worth, I agreed with her. When I read Brian Tucker's rebuttal to her alleged racism, I wondered if we had read the same Spectator.

Tameika is black. So what? I reread her article and I did not find the first hint of racism. Am I racist? Don't you believe it. I couldn't tell you the first thing about any of the candidates, least of all their race. None of the final candidates were black?

Who cares? I'll bet none of them were Polynesian either. I happen to be a white male that agrees with every word she wrote. I simply believe that everybody could put all that energy to better use. I didn't vote. I didn't care who won. I still don't care who won. Apathetic? Naah. I just have better things to do with my time. Like study. Or work. Or sleep. Or just about anything. Some people will disagree with me, but that is their right.

I commend Mister Tucker for voicing his opinion. Yes, VSU students need to work harder at desegregating their activities. Maybe a class on multicultural relations would be helpful. Should such a class be mandatory? I don't think so, but that is a mere difference of opinions.

On another note: Even if someone were offended by the article, that is no reason to be insulting. Calling the accompanying art "crappy" does not strengthen your argument at all. In fact, it weakens your argument by taking attention away from the point that you wish to make. Don't get sidetracked by things that have no real relationship to what you are trying to say.

By the way, Ms. Blount would not have won if she hadn't run so I think it is safe to say that she did ask to be Homecoming Queen.

Arthur Rinberger
Junior
Computer Information Systems



Got something to say?

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Jeremiah Bass

America, the drama queen

We all tend to do things that leave people asking, "What the hell?" And some things are better left unanswered, like, why did Michael Jordan really come back to the NBA? BUT, sometimes, an explanation is rightfully deserved. My question is how did a guy with seven knives in a plastic bag and two knives in his pocket, get past security? How is it we can now spot any 'white powdery substance' from 10 miles away yet we can't seem to find one man...? That man being Osama bin Laden.

I'm trying to 'keep the faith,' but it amazes me how the U.S. of A. can take one 'small' thing to the extreme and place one 'big' thing on a hanger and call it a day. I wouldn't be surprised if the idiots who were 'smart' enough to let that man with the knives onto the plane would also be 'smart' enough to let bin Laden and his camel take a private jet. I was always under the assumption that sharp objects that come with handles are usually considered 'weapons.' Did those idiots deserve to get fired? Hmm, let me think...

Bin Laden must love all this. He's probably in some cave with a fat Cuban cigar and a mink coat, watching as some of our fellow Americans show how stupid we can be.

Some of us can catch a fly with our bare hands, yet there are some of us who consider nine knives enough to get bumped to first class on a plane, with extra cashews. What were they thinking? "He only has nine knives. He hasn't exceeded the limit yet. Have a slashing trip sir, and thanks for choosing to fly with us idiots." This guy should be given an award for having the balls to even try such a stunt, and even worse, almost get away with it!

Why does stuff like this happen? What were those flight employees thinking about that day? Instead of worrying about the person who stole a piece of gum from the store, maybe you should worry about that person stealing chemical products in hopes to pull an anthrax scare.

Instead of worrying about the VSU student who parked 13 seconds over the 20-minute limit, maybe you should focus on that weird letter that you may have found near the post office.

Forget about all the small things, and focus on the big picture, okay?

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What is the one thing that you can do to improve your educational experience at VSU?



"Try to study harder and put more time into it."

Aundra Williams
Senior
Math



"Spend more time in the library."

Alexis Brown
Sophomore
Exercise Science



"Try to attend more of my classes."

Stewart Smirthwaite
Freshman
Special Education



"Try to find more time to study."

Andrew Crews
Sophomore
Sports Medicine



"I could be more involved in school."

Porche Chavers
Freshman
Psychology



"I could go to the library more. Its full of information, I just never go."

Chasity Babb
Freshman
Undeclared

Editor's Note



If you have ideas or comments about the Darkside page, contact Darkside editor, Jeremiah Bass at jwbass@valdosta.edu

Mary Dabbs Staff Writer

Now is a time when Americans focus on that for which we are truly grateful.

We get a chance to forget our everyday worries and appreciate our many blessings, great and small.

This year, while I am grateful for many things—friends and family come to mind—I will be especially grateful for the chance to experience a rare and cathartic thing: sleep.

Yes, sleep. Sleep has been in short supply this semester, and I know I'm not alone.

West Hall is beginning to look like the set of a B-grade horror movie with all the zom-



bies walking about.

Only, instead of looking to feast on the "Brainth" of the living, these undead, sleep-deprived people walk around in search of quick edits for 10 page papers, while mumbling curses against MLA format, its creators and the teachers who insist on using this archaic form of torture.

Sleep has become a vague myth of the past: a thing as elusive as the unicorn, as seductive as a siren and as awe-inspiring as a griffin.

And before I go home to appease my family members with a public appearance, I plan to get a full 48 hours of s-l-e-e-p.

After this period of hiberna-

tion I will be fit for human contact and another great aspect of Thanksgiving: food.



I don't know about the rest of my collegian comrades, but if I see one more bowl of Ramen—or any other meal that can be cooked by adding hot water—I will mix a highly toxic potion from the Ramen "flavor packets" and pour it into the VSU water fountain system causing everyone to die of a sodium overdose.

I have forgotten what real, cooked food tastes like and anyone who gets between me and the sweet-potato casserole had better duck and cover when I go for it.

That casserole will be gone faster than the fat kid in dodge

ball will.

I figure after I get all the food and sleep I can take I'll actually be grateful for the homework I've got to do over the break. It offers an excuse to escape relatives I can't relate to.

Like great-aunt Hilda who always talks about her sciatica and asks when I'll find a nice man to "settle down" with, or the second cousin who thinks "pull my finger" is the height of all humor.

And, on the flip side, I can go talk to my relatives when conjugating *ser* gets too stifling.

Your blessings are all in how you look at them, and I'm grateful for all of the providence I can get my grubby hands on.

Happy Thanksgiving, VSU.

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There is a new president in town

Phillip Boyd Staff Writer

I want you to sit back for a second, take a deep breath and indulge with me. Imagine that Dr. Bailey is no longer the Big Chief on campus. Now imagine that I am president of this fine institution.

Why do we have an overpass for pedestrian foot traffic over Oak Street? There is a perfectly good crosswalk not 100 yards away. The overpass shall be moved to the lawn in front of West Hall so my shoes won't get wet if I decide to go to my morning classes.

On the subject of West Hall, it shall be renamed "Middle of Campus Hall." I don't care if it is named after someone or not. If it is going to be "West Hall" then it better be the western-most building on campus, which it is not.

Parking Nazis will no longer be paid. If tickets must be written, VSU cops will do it.

Former Parking Nazis will continue on in another capacity for the university—they just won't have to dehumanize themselves by preying upon their fellow students.

Since I'm president, I'll get to keep my hunky-dory space in front of Middle of Campus Hall.

I'll keep the station wagon, but some changes will have to be made. I'll have to add some swamp tires to it and repaint it with Bond-o.

The license plate will be changed to, "IM BROKE" and a bumper sticker will be added, reading, "happy and free as a retiree."

I will find some way to enact revenge upon the Board of Regents for plaguing this school with that frigging Regents' Test. Someone cor-

rect me if I am wrong, but did we not take either the SAT or the ACT to get here in the first place? If they want to give another standardized/bastardized test before we go to grad school, go ahead. If we can't read the English language by then, don't accept us.

The Blazer Grill will be arbitrarily replaced with a Hooters. Sorry, it pains me as much as it pains you, but we have to make up lost parking ticket revenue somehow.

If there is going to be a Homecoming Queen then there damned well better be a Homecoming King. And no,

I'm not light in the slippers, but I believe there is a Title IX out there somewhere that says discrimination on basis of gender is illegal, albeit for sports, but I'll consider Homecoming Queendom/Kingdom as a sport if I have to.

People using luggage carri-

ers, the ones with wheels, as a means to carry books will be escorted off the premises. I'm sorry if this includes you, but this is a college campus, not an airport terminal.

The Bookstore, that center of evil-doing and Black Hole of the Universe, will be forced to lower prices to an acceptable level, to be determined by the first poor schmuck I pull off the street.

An arbitrary 50 percent markup is no way to force students to go through college.

Furthermore, professors will not be allowed to peddle their own books as material for class.

So say I, President Phillip. Now all Hail the Chief. No, not with that finger.

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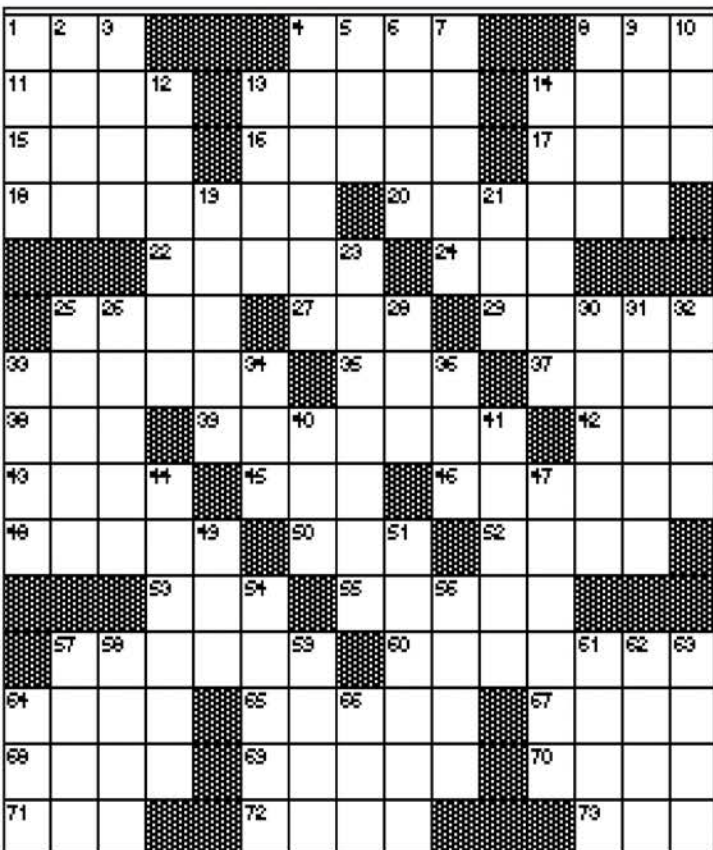
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. You're getting to ___ habit with Me (2 wds)
- 4. Exclamation of relief
- 8. ___ Sense
- 11. "The Art of Love" poet
- 13. Petrarch's inspiration
- 14. Spydrom eurname
- 15. Change over
- 16. Torpid
- 17. Egyptian eun god
- 18. Scared edit
- 20. Argumente
- 22. Jason's enchantress
- 24. Bear or bunny
- 25. "___ is that music..." (Keats)
- 27. Dirt road feature
- 29. Kingdom
- 33. Editor Steinen
- 35. Prevent speech
- 37. Leole sound
- 38. Marker letters
- 39. Graduate
- 42. Pumpnickel's kin
- 43. Hold firmly
- 45. Supplement, with "out"
- 46. Coined
- 48. Teen girl's mag
- 50. Aim
- 52. Lacrimal product
- 53. Poetic contraction
- 55. Bracing quail
- 57. State of extreme lethargy
- 60. Some chicken
- 64. Door
- 65. Jewish teacher
- 67. Over again
- 68. Clinton's third choice for A.G.
- 69. Pamper
- 70. Goosip purveyor
- 71. Homage
- 72. School attended by Prince William
- 73. Evening Shade paper boy
- 19. They may be mixed in a collage
- 21. Where to find Fin and Ger.
- 23. Increase
- 25. Native plant
- 26. Jazz trumpeter
- 28. Baker's goal
- 30. Body artery
- 31. Coat
- 32. Vocal palomino
- 33. Job for musician
- 34. Cake and ___
- 36. Kookaburra's tree
- 40. Godfrey's instrument, for short
- 41. Type of protest
- 44. Sham
- 47. Drink of the gods
- 49. Slangy agreement
- 51. Generichone
- 54. Like the "Wings"
- 56. Hammer's target
- 57. Huck's load
- 58. Strive of voice
- 59. Obivious to all else
- 61. Presently
- 62. Appetizing reading
- 63. Gob
- 64. ___ Magnon
- 66. To Kill a Mockingbird character

DOWN

- 1. Half of a Pacific island
- 2. Daredevil name
- 3. 1953 Loren film
- 4. Stray
- 5. Color
- 6. Slippe, morally
- 7. Stop or pocket follower
- 8. Binal' (Bruce Willie film)
- 9. Winged youth
- 10. Andy Gump's wife
- 12. Window type
- 13. Falsified
- 14. Dry cleaner's freebie

Crossword answers on page 8

Hostels a creative way to lodge

Beth Owen
Staff Writer

Students rarely have money to spare for traveling and lodging during breaks, but hostels provide an option for students who do not have money to spend on hotels. The only requirement is that the traveling student have an open mind and a sense of adventure. Hostels are a unique form of accommodations that cater to those traveling light, both liter-

ally and monetarily. Nearly all facilities, rooms included, tend to be shared with other guests, which helps keep costs low and offers a sense of camaradery among travelers. Hostels can range in price from under \$10 a night to over \$100, depending upon the location of the hostel and the accommodations provided. Many hostels also offer discounted rates for students. The owners or managers of a hostel may expect travelers to

perform certain chores during their stay. Hostels have a very cooperative atmosphere and those who stay in them tend to help out even if chores are not required. Hostels provide excellent lodging for people traveling alone or in large groups. While most hostels function on a first come, first serve basis, it would be wise to notify the hostel in advance if you plan to bring a large group. There are hostels located

worldwide, and many can be contacted or reviewed online. www.Hostels.com is a great website where students can find hostels, tips on traveling, and information about student discounts. The website also offers message boards where students can talk to travelers. Beth Owen is a Spectator reporter and can be reached at bethluv45@hotmail.com

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Features

Date and dine with style

Jaime Peck
Staff Writer

Look no further for a great restaurant to impress a date.

Valdosta has several eating-places that offer pleasant, conversation-enhancing atmospheres and excellent food. If your honey begs you to go somewhere that doesn't require a fake ID to get in, check out one of these places I recommend for an excellent date.

Note: These places were not chosen for their prices, but they are well worth the extra money. The prices listed for a typical meal include two meals, two drinks and the tip.

Check out Aligatou, a Japanese steak house and sushi bar located at 1922 West Hill Ave., for a place to get great food and a great show at the same time. For most dinner / combination entrees, you get a chicken broth soup, a salad with some amazingly unusual dressing, fried rice, vegetables, and your choice of meat(s), including chicken, filet mignon and a variety of seafood. The food is prepared in front of you by a chef who might have a few surprises up his sleeve...or in his hat...or wherever he decides to let a shrimp tail land. Intrigued? You'll have to visit to find out what else is in store

for you at Aligatou. Dinner for two usually costs between \$35 and \$45, and it takes about an hour and a half to eat. On Fridays and Saturdays, it may take longer, depending on the crowd. Aligatou is open Sun. through Friday 5 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday 5 - 10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5 - 11 p.m. and Sunday noon - 8 p.m.

A place to consider for a quiet, romantic meal for two is J.P. Mulldoons, at 1405 Gornto Road. The menu is somewhat reasonable, and boasts daily early bird dinner specials. You can choose from a wide selection of menu items, including pastas, steak, chicken and seafood. Most menu selections

include bread and butter and your choice of a fresh Caesar or garden salad. This restaurant enhances the romantic ambiance by its soft light and live piano music beginning after 7 p.m. each night. A typical meal for two at J.P. Mulldoons costs between \$30 and \$40. J.P. Mulldoons hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

A restaurant with excellent Italian food is Mom and Dad's, located at 4143 N. Valdosta Road. The atmosphere here is light, classy and serene, with soft light and an enchanting Italian-winery decor. The menu boasts homemade pastas,

bread, sauces, and desserts. Steak, chicken and seafood are also featured. Most meals come with a side of spaghetti or sautéed spinach and minestrone soup or a salad. A typical dinner for two (and I recommend dessert here) will cost between \$35 and \$45. The service here is also excellent. Mom and Dad's hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 5 p.m. until.

One rule of thumb for a pleasurable restaurant/dating experience: Wait until your date orders and choose something equal or is less than the price of what he or she chose. It's just the nice thing to do. Happy dating!

Thanksgiving

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residence halls Nov. 25 at 3 p.m.

"I strongly advise students to listen to the radio, watch television, or read the newspaper to find out the outcome of the game," Mattachione said.

The new schedule may affect the vacations of various students and faculty. Zenobia Roberts, a junior psychology major and resident adviser of Georgia Hall, Roberts thinks that the change is relatively inconvenient for individuals who have to alter plans in order to make it back on campus on Saturday by 11 a.m.

"I personally don't mind because I understand importance of school spirit, and I want the football team to win," she said. "But there are several

others who cannot change their agenda over the Thanksgiving break because of a game."

The only exception to odd hours in residence halls is Lowndes Hall, Converse Hall and in-season athletes.

Individuals who reside in other residence halls and wish to stay on campus during the holidays must find a resident of Lowndes or Converse who agrees to host over the holiday. A consent form, which is available at a residence hall front desk, must be read and signed by both host and guest. The same procedure is followed for students that wish to leave late or return early.

In contrast to the residence halls, Palms Dining Hall will close early. The last meal served will be dinner on Friday, and the first meal will be breakfast Nov. 26. When campus for-

mally reopens, dinner Nov. 25 will be served at the Food Court in the University Center. There is no meal plan options on Saturday or Nov. 24. Students who desire to stay on campus for the game or during the break are required to provide their own food.

Many students question the safety of belongings over the Thanksgiving break. Mattachione ensures that buildings will be locked and there will be no access into the residence halls.

"Students should always take home anything that is irreplaceable or valuable," Mattachione said.

There have been few thefts in the residence halls during previous breaks. Students should use their own discretion in choosing what should be left behind.

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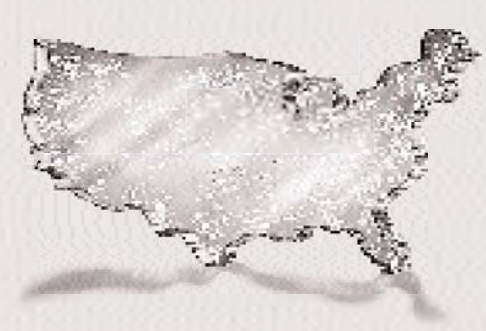
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Sport



Upcoming Games

Blazer Basketball hosts Puerto Rico de Cayey
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Lady Blazer Basketball hosts Tampa
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Where: VSU PE Complex

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VSU basketball tips off Friday at home

Jeremiah W. Bass
Staff Writer

With both teams fourth in the preseason coaches poll, the Blazers and Lady Blazers basketball teams seem to be ready for the basketball season, which starts Friday at the Complex. The Lady Blazers will play the University of Tampa Spartans at 6 p.m. and the Blazers will face Puerto Rico de Cayey at 8 p.m.

The Lady Blazers are coming off a 15-12 overall, 9-12 Gulf South Conference record last season, earning a berth into the GSC tournament as the East division's fourth seed. VSU's trip to Tupelo, Miss., the site of the conference tournament, was short-lived, however. West division powerhouse Delta State rudely greeted the Lady Blazers in the first round, defeating them 85-43.

The Lady Blazers return this year with six new players, including three Division I transfers and three high school players. Junior point guard Erin Green, who played her last two seasons at Elon College, is among the players who signed with VSU.

The Lady Blazers have two seniors returning, forward Nichole Lowe and guard Monique Kyles. Lowe started 22 games last season and averaged 33.1 minutes/game. She had a field goal percentage of .401. Junior guard Deanna Earl

will miss the season due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident this past summer. Earl started 16 games and averaged 28.5 minutes/game last year for the Lady Blazers.

The Tampa Spartans are starting off fresh after a winning season (19-9 overall, 8-6 conference) under head coach Tom Mosca. The team placed fourth in the Sunshine State Conference. Junior center Jessie McDowell, who is known to be a constant threat at both ends of the court, averaged 11 points/game and seven rebounds/game last season for the Spartans, earning second-team all-SSC. She managed to swat 89 blocked shots as a sophomore.

The Blazers, 11-14 overall, 6-8 Gulf South Conference last season, are coming back this season with co-team captains, senior guard Marcus Williams and senior forward Nick Gast. With Williams out for the majority of last season due to injury, Gast proved to be an inspiration to the young Blazers. The preseason all-GSC selection started every game, averaging 33 minutes/game and a .539 field goal percentage. For Williams, this is his last chance to help bring the Blazers a conference championship.

"I'm taking it pretty serious," he said. "This is my last time. We have no choice but to be serious. We have to be focused. You have to have the right



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Sophomore guard Heather Wilson (23) pressures junior guard Erin Green while coach Kiley Hill looks on.

mindset."

According to Williams, he is excited about playing again, as is the rest of the team.

"We're so anxious," he said.

"It's been another learning year for us. We're ready.

"I just want to win," Williams said.

Tennis duo faults at ITA nationals

Staff Reports

VSU's tennis doubles team hung with 15 of the best Division I and I-AA pairings in the nation last Thursday and Friday in the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. Southern Methodist University hosted the event held at the Brookhaven Country Club in Farmer's Branch, Texas.

The Blazer tandem of Marco Borges and Tobias Huning was the only Division II team to earn a berth into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's National Championship Event.

Borges and Huning were narrowly defeated in the first round of the doubles tourna-

ment by Ryan Muack and Krystian Preiffer of Southern Methodist University, 8-6. The Blazer duo regrouped in the first round of the consolation bracket, edging past the University of Tennessee's Simon Rea and Mario Toledo, 8-6. Borges and Huning were

one point away from advancing to the finals of the consolation bracket, but fell in the tiebreak-

er set of the consolation semifinals to Florian Marquardt and Pedro Nieto of Virginia Commonwealth, 9-8 (4).

Borges and Huning won both the Southeast Regional and the Division II national doubles titles in September to advance to the ITA national championships as a wild card.



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Blazers tomahawk Braves, 31-6

South Region No. 1 seed VSU hosts No. 4 seed Fort Valley State in first round of NCAA Division II playoffs.

Brandon Scott
Staff Writer

No VSU football team has ever entered the playoffs undefeated. There's a first time for everything.

The Blazers will enter Bazemore-Hyder Stadium next Saturday for the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs at 1 p.m. against Fort Valley State with an 11-0 record behind them.

"This is the playoffs, and its do or die," senior quarterback back Dusty Bonner said. "Lose and you're done."



Dusty Bonner
2001 Harlon Hill candidate

The No. 1 ranked Blazers (11-0, 9-0 in GSC) finished the regular season undefeated for the first time in school history defeating in-state rival West

Georgia 31-6 last Saturday. The win also gave the Blazers sole possession of the 2001 Gulf South Championship.

Losing 24-0 early in the third quarter, the Braves looked to gain some momentum, driving to VSU's 1-yard line. After three plunges netted 1 yard, West Georgia opted for a play action pass. That play turned out to be the Braves back-breaker as the pass fell incomplete.

"It was gut check time," junior defensive tackle Reggie Rhodes said. "It was 11 guys against one, and we came out on top."

What followed was a typical VSU drive, with Bonner going 5-for-5 and senior wide receiver Michael Greer passing for the touchdown.

Michael Greer passed for a touchdown? Yup. Head coach Chris Hatcher decided to open

up his playbook and what looked like a typical VSU wide

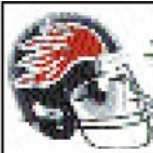
receiver screen, turned into a not-so-typical Bonner 12-yard touchdown reception.

"It was a safe play," Hatcher said. "It's a part of the offense, and the guys have been complaining that we're not fancy enough, that we don't use enough trick plays."

Although the defense missed its shutout, the secondary upstaged West Georgia's vaunted secondary. Sophomore free safety Wesley Brown, brother of University of Florida standout defensive end Alex Brown, tied a school record with three interceptions.

"The defensive line got pressure on the quarterback," Brown said. "We [the secondary] had to step up and make plays."

Bonner finished the day 24-



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Valdosta State vs. Fort Valley State

—Round 1 NCAA Division II Playoffs

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Where: Bazemore-Hyder Stadium

Radio: 107.9 F.M.

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Blazer junior defensive ends Fatari Lyons (58) and Willie Caldwell (55) battle with West Georgia linemen in the Blazers 31-6 win over the Braves Saturday.

of-30 for 294 yards with 3 touchdowns (one receiving). Aaron Jenkins was the leading rusher with 95 yards and one touchdown reception. Junior wide receiver Reggie Mosley finished the day with 144 yards receiving.

The "Black Swarm" defense allowed 226 yards of total offense against a team that was averaging 372 yards a contest.

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