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# NEWS

## Dr. Brown applies for permanent presidency Interim leader has interest in staying for the long haul

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Interim president Dr. Kelli Brown, who has been here since June, has applied to make her role permanent at VSU.

There is a current search for a permanent president for the university being conducted by the Georgia Board of Regents and a presidential search committee. In prior years' interims were not allowed to apply but at the most recent Board of Regents meeting the board waived that policy. Dr. Brown said she has applied for the position of full time presidency here.

Dr. Brown was named to be the next interim president of VSU in May and began the position on June 1. With her appointment she is the first female president, interim or not for university.

"It is an honor and I will say it's something that I'm sometimes shy about," Dr. Brown said on

being the first female president of VSU. "It says that if you work hard you can accomplish the goals that you would like to accomplish. That goes for males or females."

Dr. Brown credited the people that gave her opportunities when she was in college for driving her to accomplish her goals. She also said that helping students gaining post-secondary degrees was a big factor in her trying to help VSU.

"We've got great faculty and staff here who are very passionate and committed in what they do. Our next step is getting students here and keeping them here."

Brown said that student retention was a major goal of hers and she is starting initiatives that would increase that.

"A lot of students don't make it to their sophomore year. They come for their freshman year and go somewhere else," Brown

said. "I think I can help facilitate conversations to get students to come here and graduate here four years later."

Dr. Brown said that every day when she comes in to work she always thinks about what she can do to make things better for students.

*"I really do truly believe in what we are doing here."*  
-Dr. Kelli Brown

"We have to understand the value of a college education," Brown said. "It can change the trajectory of entire families."

Dr. Brown was not a first generation college student but she came from a family where her mother and grandparents did not go to college. Dr. Brown's father was a first generation

college student and he instilled into her the value of college. Dr. Brown and all of her siblings went on to college and now their families all have the opportunity to go to college just because her father was a first generation college student.

"We cannot put a price tag on it but we just have to make sure that those that are first generation or not first generation have a good college degree," Brown said.

Dr. Brown felt that graduation was a huge success last year and said that VSU will do the same style graduation this December where graduation will be held on the front lawn. Brown also said that when it came to changes "sometimes you have to make a decision."

"I try to be as inclusive as possible," Brown said. "I think I have a good working relationship with SGA president Maya Mapp and work closely with vice president of student affairs, Vince

Miller. I try to involve the people that are affected and involved in major decisions but sometimes somebody has to make a decision, and that's what presidents are asked to do."

Dr. Brown said she tries to be very "thoughtful" and think through things that effect VSU. Every decision she makes she thinks about how it will affect the present and future of VSU and its students.

"When I make decisions I think about how will this affect VSU and not just for today but how it will impact the future."

Dr. Brown said she believes in the future of VSU and thinks that it is headed in the right direction for the Valdosta community.

"I want everybody to know that I am always thinking about how we can make sure this institution is the best and students are succeeding," Dr. Brown said. "I really do truly believe in what we are doing here."

## Fear Faktor



Marcus Colón/THE SPECTATOR

Students participate in a "Fear Faktor"-like competition Wednesday Night at the Oak Street parking deck. Competitors ate and drank various disgusting concoctions as part of the event.

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Fear Faktor was hosted by the Lambda Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Wednesday evening.

To a background of music the audience of about 150 members of the student body were entertained - and even grossed out - by the various challenges put upon the contestants. The fraternities of Kappa Alpha Psi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, sorority Zeta Phi Beta and the winners, sorority

Delta Sigma Theta, competed in teams of two. Throughout the 90 minute event, the teams had to brave challenges such as digging through a container filled with dirt and live worms, drinking raw eggs and a cup filled with hot sauce and whip cream.

The final test, which saw teams fall away one by one, was to drink cups filled with such duos of chocolate and onions, blue cheese and garlic, and even sardines & garlic. It was fun for all in attendance, but it also considered by the attendees as another sign of unity amongst Greek organizations at VSU.

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# OPINIONS

## Inappropriate hurricane jokes should cease

### Deadly storms should not be fuel for internet comedy

Our point of view...

### Blazers need more spirit

Valdosta is Tiletown, USA. ESPN said so in 2008.

However, the empty seats on Saturdays at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium for VSU football games often make ESPN's title a lie.

It's not like VSU has a bad football team. The Blazers have won three national championships since 2004, and they go to the playoffs almost every year.

The tennis matches are sparsely attended at best as if VSU hasn't won two tennis national championships, most

recently in 2011. Mostly citizens of Valdosta and parents of players can be found at the softball complex on game day as VSU's championship winning softball team takes the field.

Some intramural sports leagues have to be shut down for lack of participants as if VSU didn't have a team win a national championship in flag football. Other sports have been successful as well for VSU, but they too suffer from a lack of attendance. The excitement and pride that comes with being a Blazer is, to be polite, lacking on campus. However, it doesn't stop with athletics.

Art exhibits, band concerts, and theatre productions are under attended by students. Academic organizations' events and research symposiums are under attended.

VSU has a lot to offer that students--to their detriment--well, to be polite, fail to take advantage of. The VSU Fire Pit, a student-inspired organization, started recently to increase school spirit at VSU, has made it easy to support the Blazers and show school spirit by organizing tailgates before football games, pep rallies and other spirit events like demolishing an old van before the Albany State game.

The Fire Pit has also created a social media campaign complete with a hashtag, #ALLIN, in order to inform students about upcoming spirit events and to generate excitement about sporting events.

Use this organization to your advantage. All you have to do is show up and have fun supporting VSU.

Sports, however, aren't for everyone. Find something.

Go to a play, concert or exhibit. Join an organization that promotes our university and shows off the talents of its students. Do research that will bring prestige to VSU. Join SGA or lead a task-force to change something for the better at our university. Scroll through Campus Connect and pick something.

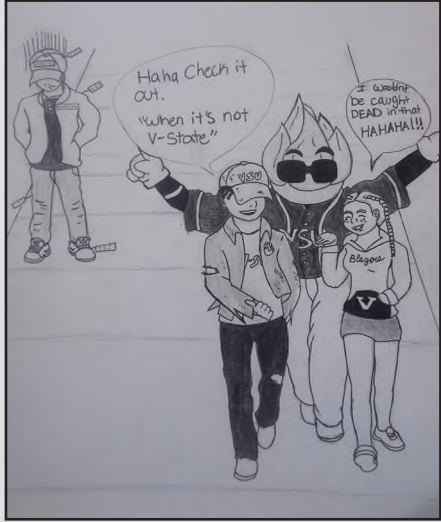
Possibly the best thing about VSU is that if you can't find what you want, you can create it yourself. Go found an organization that incorporates something new into the long-lasting tradition of Blazer pride.

A sense of school spirit can go a long way for a university and a city. When prospective students come to VSU, they are more likely to choose a campus that is full of people who love their university.

However, you don't have to show it by wearing red or shouting "Go, Blazers, go!" You can do it with hard work and a selfless mind. You can do it by *impolitely* refusing to settle for excuses that keep you away from the myriad opportunities your fellow students create to entertain and enlighten you.

Give back to the university that has given so much to its students. And don't make ESPN a liar anymore. Go Blazers.

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Hurricane Matthew was initially formed from a tropical wave that pushed off the African coast on Sept. 25 according to Weather.com.

Matthew reached the eastern Caribbean, it rapidly intensified. Its peak was Oct. 1 when it reached Category 5 with 160 mph winds. Matthew covered over 3,000 miles, reaching past the Florida coast.

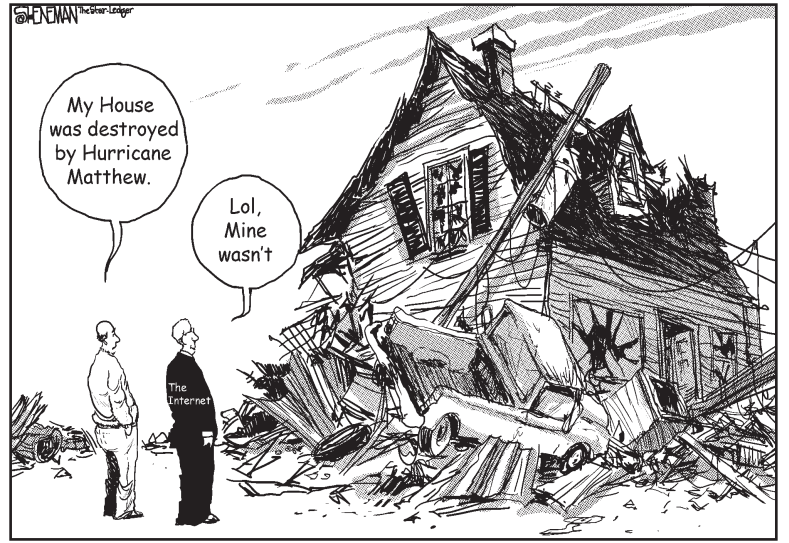
On Oct. 7 more than two million Americans were instructed to evacuate due to a direct hit to the Florida coastline.

Primarily, the hurricane hit Haiti killing at least two dozen individuals then, totaling over 100 deaths.

President Barack Obama stated in a briefing with FEMA, "If there is an evacuation order in your community, you need to take it seriously."

On a smaller scale, Florida and coastal Georgia government officials expressed common concerns of people not taking the tropical storm serious enough.

Governor Nathan Deal declared a state of emergency in 30 counties and Florida Governor Rick Scott insisted those at risk to



Representation of the internet making jokes of the Hurricane.

evacuate soon, even if orders had not yet officially been made, and to use state shelters if necessary.

"I didn't think about going home," said David Swope, sophomore. "I wanted to stay and watch the football game."

"I'm from Savannah. My mom said not to come home," said Courtni Mann, freshman. "There are memed images across social media. People really don't understand the type of damage a natural disaster can cause."

Empty grocery store tweets, backed up highway shots, and plenty of photo shopped images of Matthew McConaughey

flooded the internet. As well as more people were staying rather than going.

People fail to realize what a natural disaster is capable of doing.

Making casual jokes on social media and not taking government recommendations seriously can lead to more bad than good. Any natural disaster is a threat to a human's well-being.

Over 1,300 people lost their lives, which goes to show how strong the hurricane was.

Just because it didn't affect you doesn't mean it didn't affect someone else.

## Owners accountable for dogs' actions

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Dogs that are allowed by their owners to run loose or dogs that attack people or other animals have become a big issue for the people and the communities in which they live in.

There has been a law created in an attempt to ban certain breeds of dogs. According to ASPCA a BSL, breed-specific legislation, was created to regulate or ban certain dog breeds in an effort to decrease dog attacks on humans and other animals.

The most common regulated breed is Pit Bulls. American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers and English Bull Terriers all belong to the pit bull family. But it doesn't end here. American Bulldogs, Rottweilers and German Shepherds are also regulated breeds in some areas.

According to ASPCA, more than 700 cities have accepted and enforced the breed-specific law. The law prevents any future ownership and reproduction of

specific dog breeds. The law was made to reduce the number of pit bulls and any other breed who is considered a dangerous threat to the community.

The BSL allows existing pit bulls to remain with their owners but are required to sterilize their dog. In some cities, failing to sterilize a potentially dangerous dog can result in a fine of \$500.

Valdosta currently has no dog ban but the town can still regulate vicious dog laws. They are not allowed to single out a specific breed of dog. Although the city has no dog bans they enforce a strict pet ordinance. The city limits the number of domestic pets to three per household.

The ordinance was put in place to help residents feel more comfortable in their neighborhoods. The ordinance also allows residents to chain their dogs outside but the cable has to be at least 15 feet in length and must allow animals to move freely and lie down.

While some people approve of the dog ban, some owners feel differently and think that the owner

plays a huge role in the behavior of his or her animal.

"A dog's behavior is a representation based on how they are raised," Claire Reddings, a junior marketing major, said. "Some dogs have more aggressive traits than others but those are more so for guard dogs or police dogs but that doesn't mean they can't be a family oriented pet," she said.

Reddings owns a black Labrador retriever.

"I feel a dog's behavior reflects that of their owner and how they were raised as a puppy, not solely on the breed," Ashley Casey, a junior business management major, said. "I just think choosing to ban a specific breed based on a few bad apples in the bunch is discriminatory against dogs."

Casey owns a Shih Tzu poodle mix.

The ban has yet to show a successful outcome against the banning of certain type of breeds.

The ASPCA continues to look for an effective enforcement by holding the dog owners accountable for the actions of their animals.

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OPINIONS

# The war on drugs is ineffective and needs to end

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Most people assume the “War on Drugs” was a war waged by police to eradicate the import of drugs and to keep them off the streets and out of the hands of the citizens. Some believe the war on drugs is a war on marijuana and even some are led to believe it is a war on minorities, immigrants and poor people.

USLegal.com defines the War on Drugs as a series of actions tending toward a prohibition of illegal drug trade. It is a campaign adopted by the U.S. government along with the foreign military aid and with the assistance of participating countries, to both define and to end the import, manufacture, sale and use of illegal drugs.

Nixon’s first big move in the War on Drugs was to create the Drug Enforcement Administration in 1973. This federal law enforcement agency under the U.S. Department of Justice is tasked with combating drug

smuggling and use within the United States. Their first action was to stop the trafficking of marijuana from Mexico to the United States. However, that did not stop the importing of marijuana to the U.S.; it just changed its major supplier from Mexico to Columbia.

Presidents, including Reagan, Carter and Obama, have agreed with Nixon that if you want to stop drug use, it is far more effective to educate people about the true effects of each individual drug than trying to eradicate drugs.

That being said, none have followed up by changing the way the War on Drugs is being waged. The only change is more tax dollars being spent on foreign land and to house prisoners who are caught possessing the drugs.

Some interesting facts about the War on Drugs according to drugpolicy.org. More than fifty one billion dollars are spent annually in the U.S. on the war on drugs. In 2014 there were 1,561,231 drug related arrest.

Eighty three percent of those were for possession only. 619,809 of the 1,561,231 arrest were for possession of marijuana. Only 47,055 died in the United States of drug overdoses. No one has ever died from smoking marijuana. President Carter said himself, “penalties against possession of marijuana should not be more damaging than the drug itself.”

Studies show in agreement with many of the War on Drugs leaders that no matter what method of enforcing drug prohibition to be used, drugs will always be available.

The War on Drugs is not winning, if the purpose is still to keep drugs out of the U.S. and to eradicate them all together. You can’t easily wipe out plants growing in nature, spread all over the world. The price of drugs is going down. If the War on Drugs is kept alive to make owners of prisons and prescription drug manufactures rich, they’re winning.

There is no clear solution to this War on Drugs except to do away with the “war” all together.

It may sound irrational to legalize all drugs but it is the only solution that proved to make any changes for the better. Countries like Portugal are now resorting to decriminalizing all drugs. Portugal did so in year 2000. Now with users not feeling scared of being arrested, addicts seek help more often and deaths from overdoses have dropped drastically. Instead of being arrested, known drug users are offered help to detoxify and learn ways to battle addiction.

Hard drug use has dropped by almost half. In the U.S. states such as Colorado and California have benefitted greatly from the legalization of marijuana for medical and personal use. Colorado alone generated \$184 million in tax revenue in 2014. If every state in the country would follow suit, I think we all will be winning.

The government has spent over a trillion dollars on the War on Drugs. Evaluating Recovery Services: The California Drug and Alcohol Treatment Assessment, a

study conducted by The University of Chicago’s National Opinion Research Center, shows that for every \$1 spent on treatment for drug addicts saves taxpayers \$7.

The War on Drugs is not winning. It is not a well thought out plan to eradicate drug use. It is not saving any lives. It is taking lives. It is creating violence and segregation.

Books are written on how much of a fail the War on Drugs is. I believe the War on Drugs is a war on the people’s rights. The reasons for drug use are too broad.

If the War on Drugs is to stop people from ingesting things that are harmful to their bodies, this war will never end. Food provided by fast food companies will soon make their way onto the list of enemies this war is fighting.

Our own bodies produce some of the chemicals on that list. The War on Drugs is allegedly another step towards the Nanny State taking control of our lives and empowering factions within the world governments.

## Tax loopholes hurt working class citizens

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Are we all paying our fair share of taxes? According to presidential candidate Donald Trump that is not the case seeing as he and other “smart” business men have been taking advantages of loopholes to avoid paying taxes.

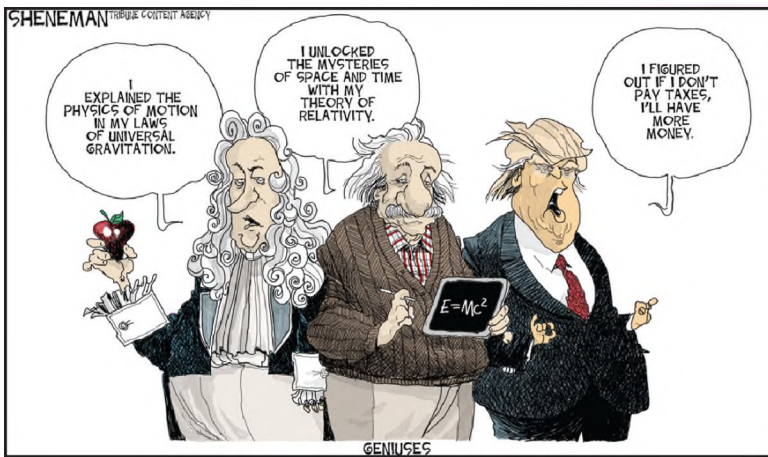
There has been a lot of controversy circling around Trump after The New York Times released pages from a 1995 income tax return belonging to Trump. The pages show that Trump claimed a \$916 million loss that may have allowed him to skip out on paying federal income taxes for up to 18 years according to the times. “I see that as very unfair,” said Mehvish durrani, sophomore biology and chemistry major.

For months, Trump denied ever saying he didn’t pay taxes, but now after the release of his 1995 tax return documents Trump recently stated that not paying taxes made him “smart” and that it was “what any smart business man would do.”

“He’s inconsistent which makes me question his candidacy,” said Duranni. In response to Trump’s excuse of being a smart business man, Duranni added, “A business leader’s objective is to make a profit so technically in that sense it is, but from a moral standpoint it’s not.”

What’s even more infuriating is that currently, Trump has yet to release his most recent tax return and according to Clinton we may never see it. During the debate, Trump that he’s waiting for a “routine audit,” and once it was finished he would happily release his tax return.

According to Trump’s website, his plan is to “collapse the current seven tax brackets into three” and “low-income Americans will have an effective income tax of 0.” Trump said he plans to tax joint filers that make less than \$75,000 at a rate of 12 percent and those that make more 225,000 at a rate of 33 percent. It is noted on Trump’ website that



Cartoon of Newton, Einstein and Trump.

the brackets for single filers are half of the previous amounts.

Clinton wants to close all “private tax systems” that allowed “smart business men” like Trump to avoid paying taxes. According to HillaryClinton.com, Clinton plans to achieve these goals by “strengthening the Buffet rule,” that ensures a 30 percent tax for those who earn more than

\$1 million a year. The website also stated that Clinton plans on closing the “Bermuda reinsurance loophole and the Romney loophole.”

America thrives off of the tax payer’s money, and it’s unfair that these kinds of loopholes exist. American citizens should be concerned about these loopholes. In fact, they should be outraged.

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# Students make the switch

## Students ready for variety

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Since the beginning of the school year students have seen Which Wich under construction while waiting in line for Moe's. Most students began to get tired of switching between Chick-Fil-A and Moe's and wanted something new.

With Which Wich now open, students no longer have to worry about not getting enough variety from their food and it even adds a healthier side to food around campus considering most food on campus is fried.

In the past two weeks the Which Wich crew has put up a countdown to show their own excitement, but also to excite their future customers.

The Which Wich menu appears to be diversified with a menu that serves breakfast through dinner and even has milkshakes to compete with their neighbor, Chick-Fil-A.

The menu also has options of meat that range from average sub choices like meatball and Italian to less than average

choices like seafood.

Their use of yellow makes the installment seem bright and welcoming to its customers. Their process to choose a sandwich is user friendly, by having the customer write the name of the

*"It's messed up to wait for it when we paid for it to already be here."*  
- Malkom Hayes, sophomore

bag describing the sandwich that they want, selecting their toppings and then giving it to one of the employees to be made.

"I hope it's going to be good" said Arroyo Gamble, sophomore. He also said that since he

has never seen this restaurant before, it needs to be especially good.

Though some people see the coming of the restaurant as a blessing, others are expressing irritation with the wait they've had to endure.

"It's messed up to wait for it when we paid for it to already be here" said Malkom Hayes, sophomore, who commented in frustration about not having it for so long.

"We're almost out of dining dollars" said Zuriel Heron, junior, who also commented in frustration about waiting on the restaurant to be built.

Overall the restaurant was receiving mixed reviews before it opened, but as we all know everyone gets a little angry when they're hungry.

This past Monday they did one of their final test runs before their official grand opening.

With hopes of satisfying VSU students for their long-endured wait, Which Wich officially opened on Oct. 18.

## Give 'Wich' a try

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VSU's dining options have expanded further with their latest restaurant installment, Which Wich.

The food chain specializes in "superior" sandwiches. The Which Wich opened for operation on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Student Union and attracted a large crowd. The line was long and wrapped around the ropes.

Since the line was so lengthy, employees came around and asked each person what their sandwich preference was to have things move a little faster.

Customers were given a bag labeled either turkey, beef, pork, Italian, cheesesteak, etc. based on their choice of sandwich. There is an option of a 7, 10 or 14 inch sandwich. The bread options are white and wheat or customers can opt for a "Bowlwich" or "Lettucewich." Sandwiches can either be hot or cold. There are also breakfast sandwich options, along with shakes and sweets.

Another noticeable aspect is there are vegan and seafood options. It

is often said that campus dining doesn't have enough vegan, vegetarian and pescatarian options but Which Wich has something for everyone.

The customer takes the bag and a sharpie and fills out what they want on his or her sandwich as well as choosing if the sandwich is hot or cold. At the cash register, the customer hands over their bag, pays for their food and then walks around to the pick-up station to wait for their food.

Once the bag was turned in, the wait is shorter. The orders are completed in the order they are given and the employees were moving at a very fast pace.

I ordered the turkey sandwich and customized it. I was skeptical at first and didn't want to get my hopes up but my sandwich came out exactly how I wanted it. Overall, I would recommend that everyone give Which Wich a try. The prices are practical and the food is great.

"It was so good. Build your own cheesesteak next time," said Nick Bell, senior, Mass Media major.

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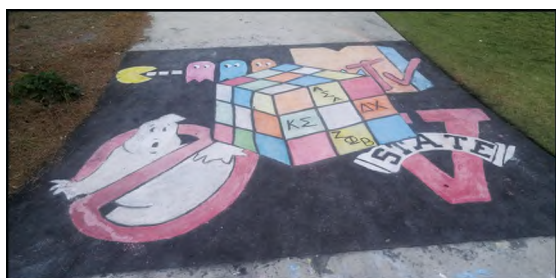


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**COLLEGE LIFE**

# Blazin' '80s Homecoming



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Valdosta State has celebrated homecoming week with an array of student activities.

Clockwise from top: A chalk drawing from a contest held for organizations on the palms quad wednesday ; knockerball on the front lawn wednesday night; the Wild Adventures ferris wheel on the students only night Tuesday.



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## REVIEW



Students waited in line Tuesday to swipe their one card and enjoy a student's-only free night at Wild Adventures.

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## A scary good time

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Wild Adventures was open to all VSU students for free Oct. 18 from 5-10 p.m.

Since the Homecoming event took place in October, there were multiple Halloween-like attractions added for better entertainment for students.

Throughout the park, there were haunted trails that offered tons of scary aspects—like a grotesque clown popping out at people at random moments around the Twisted Typhoon.

The rides were functioning well, with only some delays, like the Bug Out, which had to go through more testing before it could be ridden.

“I had fun on the rides, but I was looking forward to the Bug Out, but by the time it opened up I was ready to leave,” Trent Karr, a sophomore, said.

Everything flowed pretty well with the efficiency of the lines, and the people that worked at them to made it happen.

Some lines were too long to wait in, but people were still determined to wait it out so they could ride eventually.

“I waited in the Twisted Typhoon line for over half an hour, but it was still worth it because it is the best ride there,” Rob Simmons, a junior, said.

The haunted trails were a real thriller. Scary people in costumes dressed up as monsters were the greatest entertainment.

“There is nothing more scary than someone grabbing you when your least expecting it,” said Kirsten Fowler, a junior.

All in all, this homecoming event seemed to be a real crowd pleaser this year. Plenty of people showed up with friends to enjoy a great night of fun and entertainment.

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## Classic Horror Flicks to Watch This Halloween



by Sharnice Barnes | Staff Writer

Halloween is a time to dress up and release your alter ego, kick back and have fun. It's also the time to dust off those old scary movie DVDs of yours, pop it in the DVD player and try to be brave while you watch with friends. When I think of great Halloween movies I instantly think of old classics, because they tend to be the best ones in my opinion. Check out my top 5 picks of classic cringe-worthy Halloween movies.



### Halloween

Year: 1978

This 1978 film tells the story of a young six year-old sociopath named Michael Myers, who stabs his sister to death while dressed in a clown costume. Michael is then taken to a mental hospital where he spends 15 years before he escapes and returns back to his town to go on a killing spree.

### Psycho

Year: 1960

This 1960 black and white film will take you by surprise. It follows a woman who was asked to deposit money from her job but then decides to steal it. She makes her way to the Bates Motel which had 12 vacant rooms. You would think that would be a red flag to her. The suspense will leave you at the edge of your seat, so be ready for a dramatic twist in the end.



### Nightmare on Elm Street

Year: 1984

Imagine having a dream that someone is hurting or trying to kill you and waking up with a bruise on your arm, pretty concerning huh? Well that's what "Nightmare on Elm Street" is about. Freddy Krueger, a viscous killer is on the loose in this 1984 film. The worst part about it is no one can really help you because he gets inside your head and tortures you when you're sleeping. Find out the horror of Freddy's ways in this film.

### The Blair Witch Project

Year: 1999

The 1999, "Blair Witch Project" is a horror movie that is filmed in the style of a documentary. I first watched this movie with my younger sister, and we were scared for weeks. This story follows three young film makers in the woods while they search for the mythical Blair Witch. They did a very good job with this film making it look like a documentary.



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# Once upon a time, Limewire was the place for music

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LimeWire was founded in 2000 and established a reputation of being one of the most popular file sharing websites for downloading the latest music without ever having to pay a dime.

But on Oct. 26, 2010, a U.S. federal court judge issued a ban forcing LimeWire to prevent "the searching, downloading, uploading, file trading and file distribution functionality, or all functionality" of its

software.

LimeWire was able to run on any computer with a Java Virtual Machine installed and installers were provided for Apple's MacBook and Microsoft Windows.

The Recording Industry Association of America, said LimeWire cost the music industry hundreds of millions of dollars in total revenue.

"My brother used to use LimeWire. Before SoundCloud and iTunes, LimeWire was the hookup for all the beats," said Malcolm Jenkins, senior.

LimeWire issued the warning to its users

soon after court saying, "This is an official notice that LimeWire is under a Court-Ordered Injunction to stop distributing and supporting its file sharing software. Downloading or sharing copyrighted content without authorization is illegal."

Regardless of court-ruling, LimeWire was destined to go out due to subscription-based services like Spotify, Pandora, Amazon Music and iTunes.

"I don't really care if LimeWire isn't around anymore. I much rather prefer Apple Music," said Tiffany Yort, junior.

Like LimeWire, Napster, which claimed

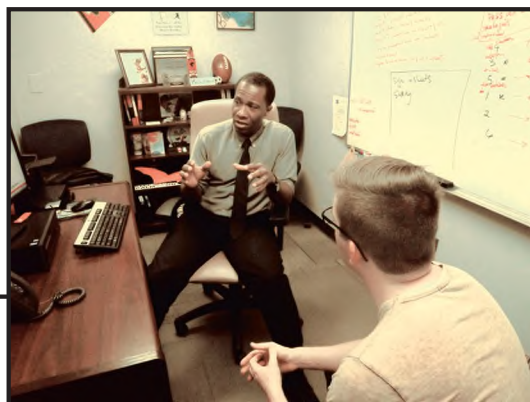
more than 100 million users at the height of its popularity, collapsed in 2002 under the strain of a plethora of legal challenges.

"I think these programs went away because there are so many different outlets out there to get your music from, a specifically pirating software is not necessary," said Richard Gomez, freshman.

No need to feel sad about LimeWire--may the company R.I.P. and let other programs like Spinrilla, SoundCloud and Mixrilla have the spotlight for a while.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

VSU Soccer's defense has been great this year, but their offense has been lacking. Eight Blazers have scored this season, but none have scored twice. VSU's Alyssa Curtis leads the Gulf South Conference in saves with 109 and save percentage with .779.



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Alyssa Curtis gets ready to defend a set piece during the game against Union, which ended in a 2-2 draw.

# Soccer playing better lately

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In a complete turnaround from most of the early part of the season, VSU soccer has gotten a lot more competitive in the team's recent matches. After a win and two draws in its last three matches, VSU Soccer's confidence is growing, according to Coach Rebecca Nolin.

On Oct. 14, the Blazers took on the Union Bulldogs and scored first for the first time this season. The team also held a two goal lead for a majority of the game.

In the 70th minute, Union scored a goal and the equalizer came roughly 10 minutes later.

The comeback forced the two teams to enter into the extra time period. During the last golden goal extra time period (the first team to score wins) for the Blazers, they gave up a goal to West Georgia minutes into the additional period.

The Blazers stayed tied against Union in both additional periods and forced a tie as Alyssa Curtis made a save on a shot as time dwindled off the clock.

Nolin credited Union's comeback to the game plan that Union went to after going down by two.

"I don't want to critique my players," Nolin said. "I'd much rather praise Union's players. Being down two goals, you're going to lose anyway, so he had

no other choice but to comeback and fight."

The game was very intense, and multiple Blazers sustained injuries throughout the contest. The injuries could be a concern for the Blazers because they had a game just two days later. However, Nolin said her players were "game fit" and didn't see it as a problem.

"We've been doing this for six weeks at this point," she said. "It's just a matter of controlling the controllable."

The match on Sunday was very different from Friday night for the Blazers.

On Sunday, the Blazers found themselves trailing Christian Brothers University less than a minute into the match. Seconds later, CBU had netted another goal. After the second goal, the two teams traded possession for a majority of the game until freshman forward, Brittney Benedict, struck a volley and found her way onto the score sheet for the first time as a Blazer.

The Blazers went into the half down a goal, but they used energy from the home crowd to gain some momentum. In the 66th minute, Riley Tenant found a Morgan Hasse pass and netted the equalizer from inside the goalkeeper's box.

The two teams stayed even throughout the remainder of regular time. For the second time in as many days, VSU played an additional period to settle their game. The two teams went into the extra time period tied at 2-2.

It was a relatively quiet extra period aside from two missed shots by VSU. Both teams looked fatigued, not only from the match but the gruesome heat that they were in.

"I think we were winded because we were pushing so hard to get the other goals," Nolin said after Sunday's tie. "We're in the same boat as everyone with playing Friday and Sunday so of course we are going to be tired but it's the exact same as the other team."

Both results from the weekend ended in 2-2, but the games were a part of a positive trend that has developed lately for the team.

VSU has not lost since its Oct. 9 matchup with Delta State, and has been playing with an aggressive streak since the West Georgia game. In their past seven games, the Blazers are averaging 11 shots a game. Their season average is only eight shots while giving up almost 20 to opponents.

The Blazers have caught fire at the right part of the season. They have not been eliminated from the Gulf South Conference Championship yet. The team currently sit at the 10<sup>th</sup> seed, and the top six seeds play in the tournament. VSU would have to win out, and they would need North Alabama to lose the rest of its games.

The Blazers have the opportunity to kill two birds with one stone as they will face North Alabama on Sunday, Oct. 23 in Florence, Alabama at 2 p.m. Eastern.

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Volleyball has won five of their last six games, putting their record at 10-11.

## Volleyball prepared for UWA

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Following two wins and one loss this past weekend, the VSU volleyball team has been working on offense during recent practices to train for the upcoming home game against West Alabama on Friday at 7 p.m.

"Our blocking and defense have been really strong, so I expect that to continue. We know that we definitely need to improve on serve receiving and just running our offense a little more efficiently," Mike Swan, Head Volleyball Coach, said.

Swan said the key to beating West Alabama is to serve tough and to pass the ball well to run all of the hitters.

"Susie [Peonia] and Antia [Rodriguez-Sanchez] have been playing very good on the front row, as well as Tristyn [Sells]," Swan said. "Now we just need to get more production out of our right side hitter, whether it's Julie [Masonheimer] and Kayla [Widera], and if we can get Ashley [Miller] into the flow of the offense in the

middle that will help. Both setters are still working and improving, whether it's Sara [Dandridge] or Carly [Smart], and we just are hoping that they can get the balls to our hitters like they need to."

The team has been playing at a high level the past three weeks and has developed confidence in both the system the team is running and in each other, according to Swan.

"I think we feel right now that we're in the groove, and there's no reason we can't beat anybody when we're playing well," he said.

Improvements have occurred in the team since the start of the season, according to Swan.

"We were a little tentative [earlier this season] when games got close, and lately, we've been winning almost all of our close sets," he said.

Swan said it's important for the team's leadership to continue to step up.

WVSU will take on West Alabama on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the P.E. Complex at VSU.

## Golf playing in Puerto Rico for second time

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While students are sitting in class on Monday, Oct. 24, the Blazer golf team will be in sunny Puerto Rico playing in the UIS Island Getaway Tournament.

Valdosta State finished sixth overall out of 11 teams at the UIS Island Getaway Tournament last year around the same time. This year Coach Richard Purvis is aiming to win.

"It's always our goal to win," Purvis said. "However, if that doesn't happen, we always strive to play hard till the end and have a good showing."

While Puerto Rico is the farthest the team has traveled this year, Coach Purvis expects the travel to have little effect on the team.

"It shouldn't have much of an impact as long as flights are on time," he said. "We will leave on Saturday morning and arrive on Saturday afternoon. Basically, same travel schedule as normal expect we are on a plane this time and not a van."

Purvis said he doesn't expect the Puerto Rican course and tourist attractions to have a large effect on the Blazers' game.

"They have the same type grasses as us," he said. "It's going to be hot and humid. No different than Titledown, USA."

Earlier this year, the golf team finished second overall out of 18 teams in the Kiawah Island Invitational and fifth overall of 16 in the Cougar Invitational in


Columbus, Georgia.

At the end of the Cougar Invitational's first day, VSU sat at ninth overall. They then jumped up to fifth on day two, passing the Columbus Cougars, and trailing Florida Tech with a total score of 863.

Another bright spot for the team has been freshman Jordan Long, who was named Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Month for golf in September.

Long has averaged a score of 73.5 for the two tournaments this year. The team will look to him in Puerto Rico for some good rounds.

The team flies out to Rio Mar, Puerto Rico, Saturday morning to compete alongside Saint Leo, Delta State and various schools that VSU normally competes against. Purvis said he believes this experience could benefit the team greatly.



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### Who's the MVP from VSU's win over Miss College?

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2. Joe Fortson (WR)
3. Cedric Hollingshed (RB)
4. Jamar Simpkins (DL)

1. 330 yds 5 TD 50 Ru Yds	65%
2. 6 Rec. 74 yards 2 TD	12%
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Roland Rivers is the MVP from the narrow win over Mississippi College. Rivers had 380 total yards with five passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown. He also threw one interception.

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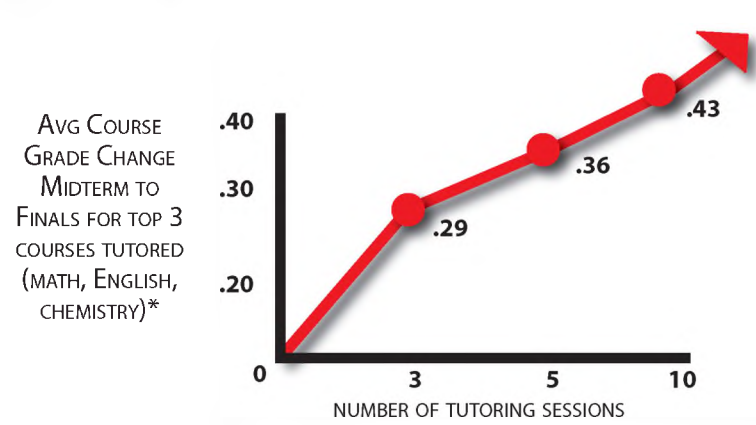
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# SPORTS



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Roland Rivers has emerged as the starting quarterback for VSU. Rivers had 330 passing yards last week.

## Football ready for homecoming

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Homecoming is '80s themed this year, but the VSU football team is hoping to channel their early 2000s selves, where the team won four straight conference championships.

On Oct. 15, the Blazers traveled to Clinton, Mississippi, where they faced Mississippi College. Because of the eight-hour drive and the placement of the game between an emotional West Georgia game and Homecoming, many dubbed the matchup as a perfect trap game for VSU.

Coming into the game, the Choctaws were winless in the conference and negative 110 point differential in GSC play. However, Mississippi College took the Blazers down to the wire and almost handed them the second loss of the season. The game came down to a fourth-down stop by the VSU defense, which sealed the one point victory for VSU.

Mississippi College rushed for 216 yards and four rushing touchdowns. Special teams also produced a punt return for a touchdown and 93 total yards on punt coverage.

In addition to the poor performance by the punting unit, the Blazers missed both field goal attempts that could've given them some cushion from Choctaws in the game.

"I think we're going to make some changes on a few (coverage) teams," head coach Kerwin Bell said in regard to his special teams concerns. "Other than that,

they're playing hard, and I think our special teams has played pretty well throughout the year."

The Blazers put up 42 points, which is the second best they've scored this season.

Roland Rivers got the start for the Blazers, and he controlled the offense for most of the day. He had 330 passing yards along with 50 yards on the ground. He threw for five of the Blazer's six total touchdowns. The sixth touchdown came on the ground from reigning GSC Freshman of the Week Cedric Hollingshed.

Hollingshed scored the tying touchdown for the Blazers to put them at 41-41 before Andrew Gray scored the extra point to put VSU up 42-41. Hollingshed has earned the Freshman of the Week honor three times this season and is becoming both a reliable rushing and receiving option for VSU.

"He's been that difference maker really," Bell said. "In the fourth quarter, we had a third and five and he went and broke about five tackles for a first down. Then he went and scored later in the drive."

Hollingshed had 106 total yards and one touchdown on Saturday, with 65 rushing yards and 41 receiving yards.

"He's a big physical kid that can run through a lot of tackles and he has been a real difference maker for us on offense," Bell said.

While VSU has a plethora of offensive weapons, they will face a Delta State team with running back Chris Robinson, who is the reigning GSC Offensive Player

of the Week. Robinson scored six touchdowns and gained over 200 total yards in the Statesmen's last game against West Florida.

Delta State's quarterback Tyler Sullivan is a veteran that has over 10,000 total yards in his time with the Statesmen. He currently leads the GSC with a 70.6 completion percentage.

Bell was adamant about protecting home field if the Blazers wanted to progress throughout the year.

"We have to dominate home field and be physical," Bell said. "We were inconsistent last week and didn't have the juice."

Bell said that no matter what football team he has been on there were always games that teams just did not have "it."

He said that was the game last week, but they would have to play better for homecoming.

"We're going to have to be juiced up and intense," Bell said. "They might put a lot of stress on our defense, but we are going to have to stop their offense if we want to win."

The game will this Saturday in Valdosta at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium at 2 p.m.



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Damien Strange leads the team in receiving touchdowns with five.

## Strange: TD machine

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Damien Strange is a senior wide receiver who is making an immediate impact for Blazer football after transferring earlier this year.

Strange is in his first year at VSU, but this is not his first year playing in head coach Kerwin Bell's offense.

"Previously, I was at Jacksonville University playing for Coach Bell," Strange said. "I played for him for three years and knew the offense, so I wanted to follow him for my last year."

Strange helped Jacksonville University's offense to over 3360 yards of total offense last season and is helping VSU's offense flourish.

At Jacksonville University, Strange amassed 1,053 yards and 78 receptions through three seasons. In his junior season, he scored a career high four touchdowns and had 48 of his 78 receptions at JU.

Strange currently leads the Blazers with five receiving touchdowns, with three of them coming in the game against West Georgia.

He is a frequent target for the Blazers, but it is not his size that makes him so dangerous to opponents.

"I just try to work on my feet so I can get good separation," he said. "The more separation I can get the better it is for the quarterback."

Strange said his personal goals included reaching double digit touchdowns.

"[My goal is to get] at least 10 touchdowns and 40 receptions on the year," he said.

If Strange keeps at the pace that he is currently at he will definitely get those records. He is averaging four catches and nearly 60 yards a game.

Strange said senior defensive back Kenny Moore helps him get better every day in practice.



"Since I came in, everybody said he was the best defensive back they've ever seen," he said. "Every time I go against him I have to bring it."


Strange and the entire Blazer offense will have to bring it against Delta State this weekend. The Statesmen defense comes in with 10 interceptions and 14 sacks on the season.

The game will be on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta at 2 p.m.

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