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NEWS

Online accolades keep rolling in for VSU

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VSU placed 24th overall in a best value list of 2017 Top Online Colleges created by the SR Education Group on guidetoonlineschools.com.

VSU ranked 10th in online master's degree programs and fourth in online doctoral degree programs.

VSU's annual tuition for online doctoral degrees was most affordable among the 25 universities, costing \$4,395, according to the SR Education Group's list.

The 25 universities on the list were chosen based on low-cost programs, with the highest tuition in the list being \$15,000, and a high-standard of academics, according to guidetoonlineschools.com.

The list featured annual tuition costs for each university as well as an academic strength percent based on the college's average

entrance exam scores. VSU's academic strength was 64 percent, according to the SR Education Group's list.

Prior to narrowing the list down to 25, a total of 463 colleges were researched to create the 2017 top overall online colleges list, 302 colleges were researched to create the top online master's program list and 64 colleges were researched for the top online doctoral program list, according to Taitum Ridgway, a representative of the SR Education Group.

"We [SR Education Group] analyzed accredited online schools across the nation, taking into consideration academic strength factors along with annual tuition rates in order to provide a list of colleges offering the best value to students," Ridgway said. "Making it on this list shows high academic standards and a commitment to affordability, two key factors important to prospective students."

SR Education Group is an

education publisher established in 2004, Ridgway said.

According to sreducationgroup.org, "We [SR Education Group] feature schools with great student reviews and strong success metrics, and provide unbiased, comprehensive information."

According to the SR Education Group's press release, the list was created with value as the prime factor.

"A lot of education publishers release rankings of the 'best' colleges, but a list based solely on prestige is not always the most relevant resource for the vast majority of prospective students," said Sung Rhee, CEO of SR Education Group, in the press release.

VSU offers 52 online program options, from bachelor's programs, graduate programs, minor programs and certification programs, according to the VSU website. The SR Education Group's list mentioned 48 of VSU's online program options.



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Students gather for the Campus Activities Board's "Stamp A Ring" in the Student Union Rotunda Wednesday. The four hour event gave students the opportunity to get rings engraved with names and initials.

Announcements

Presidential Candidate

Dr. Richard A. Carvajal - Nov. 10

Dr. Christopher G. Maples - Nov. 14

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni - Nov. 17

Candidates will speak from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on the selected dates in the Student Union Theatre.

Dodgeball Tournament

-The "Blacklight Dodgeball Tournament" will be held Nov. 17 at the raquetball courts. Registration ends Nov. 15 at Midnight on IMLeagues.

How Sports Influence the Community

-Enjoy an inning with the Director of Community Relations of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp. The event also features a behind-the-scenes ballpark chat with Andrea Williams. The session will allow for you to learn what it takes to pursue a career in the sports industry. It will take place Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the HSBA Room 1101 (North Campus).

Wild Adventures

Representatives from Wild Adventures will be on campus today in the Student Union Rotunda from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss local employment opportunities with interested students.

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**Election 2016:
The greatest upset in
American history?**



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President-elect Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Valdosta, Georgia, Feb. 29 as Donald Trump Jr., who also spoke, looks on.

The USC/L.A. Times poll saw what other surveys missed: A wave of Trump support

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WASHINGTON - For most of the last four months, the USC/L.A. Times Daybreak tracking poll has been the great outlier of the 2016 campaign - consistently showing a better result for Donald Trump than other surveys did.

The poll now looks like the only major survey to see the wave coming.

Most of the summer and fall, the poll's results have been about 6 percentage points more favorable to the Republican than the polling averages. As of Tuesday morning, the poll's final forecast for the election showed Trump leading by a little over 3 points, 46.8 percent to 43.6 percent.

The poll's findings caused dismay among some readers, especially Democrats, who often denounced and criticized it.

But just as four years ago the poll was one of the few that didn't underestimate President Barack Obama's support, it seems as though it may have been on its own in not underestimating Trump's.

Although the final popular vote

margin won't be known for days, it's clear that the poll was at least as accurate as the majority of surveys that found Clinton ahead by 4 or 5 points.

The biggest difference between the Daybreak poll and most other surveys involves what pollsters refer to as weighting, the process of adjusting a poll's data to make sure it properly represents the diversity of the population. The Daybreak poll uses a weighting plan that is more complicated than most other surveys, perhaps too complex, critics said.

Regardless of which poll was right about the candidates, the Daybreak poll has produced a lot of useful data.

The poll told us in August, for example, that Trump's chance of winning depended on mobilizing white voters who had sat out the 2012 election - something that he clearly has succeeded in doing in several key states.

Because the poll represented views of those voters more than other surveys, it "presents something of a best-case scenario for Trump," we wrote then, noting several reasons why Trump might not be able to mobilize the voters

he needed.

The poll also told us about how much Trump's strength depended on the votes of men, and about his edge earlier this fall among voters who were most certain about their vote.

The poll asked respondents whether they were comfortable talking to people about their vote. The survey found that Trump supporters reported themselves as being slightly more comfortable than Clinton voters in talking to family members and acquaintances about their choice.

But Trump voters were notably less comfortable about telling a telephone pollster about their vote. Voters who backed a third-party candidate were even less comfortable. Women who said they backed Trump were particularly less likely to say they would be comfortable talking to a pollster about their vote.

That doesn't mean a poll conducted online, the way the Daybreak poll is, necessarily will be more accurate than polls conducted by phone. But it is yet another indication that polling needs more, diverse ways to look at public opinion, not fewer.

COLUMN:

Election changes nothing: America can still be great

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The final curtain fell.

"I'm devastated," a women's rights advocate and fellow editor-in-chief texted me late last night.

"I fear so much for us all. I'm so scared," texted Tayler Lawhorn, my friend who's a member of the LGBT community.

"All my hope and belief in this country is gone," said a minority friend who works for a well-known financial services company in Manhattan.

Of course, I received a number of jubilant texts.

"He did it!"

"The bastard pulled it off!"

"TRUMP!"

Either way, the election drama is over.

Donald Trump will be president of the United States on Jan. 20, 2017.

Many of you fall into the first group of messages: disappointment, disbelief, fearfulness. Others of you fit the latter: celebratory, excited, rejuvenated, optimistic. After a long, and at times painful process, America reached its conclusion. The country hired Trump, a man who has more experience with the WWE than the military. The country hired Trump, a man whose name was nowhere to be found in Washington D.C., but landmarked on Hollywood Boulevard.

In 2008, Barack Obama won the presidency on overtures of change. Sec. Hillary Clinton wished to follow in his footsteps. She possessed similar philosophies and represented a monumental milestone for the progressive movement: a female presidency. The most qualified candidate in American history, according to some, was largely considered a lock.

In the end, change won again.

There are roughly 241 million people of voting age, and most media outlets project around half that number visited the polls.

Over 15,000 citizens voted for "Harambe," the deceased gorilla. Both candidates were so disliked, Libertarian candidate Gov. Gary Johnson managed to snatch a handful of votes, including in the crucial state of Florida. If you believed your vote wasn't important, or you wrote in Selena Gomez or Taylor Swift on the ballot, perhaps this election serves as an indelible lesson that every voice matters.

Clinton and Trump were close in the popular vote, meaning most of you are in a sphere of despair. That emotion is magnified - both in the positive and negative lights - by the erroneous polls thrown around for months.

Folks, your voice mattered. The majority of America chose a candidate, and even if you don't like it, you should support his administration. As President Obama said Wednesday, we all must hope for Trump's success.

It's no secret Trump's discourse concerned minorities, women and others. I'm a white male. I cannot begin to understand how some of you may feel. I don't know Trump personally, and neither do you. What I know is the United States appointed him as our leader. That's not changing. That's the final performance of the show. It's time to accept it and move forward as an amalgamated nation.

You matter. All people, regardless of race, gender, sexual preference or anything else matter. One person doesn't make a nation. Americans should pull together to love and support everyone. The president won't affect that. The slogan "love always wins" has recently gained prevalence. It should stand strong.

Without unity, the final curtain falls on a country that prides itself on freedom. Let's band together. Let's gather not as Republicans or Democrats, but as a nation. We're all on one team, but that requires supporting one another. It requires us to love one another.

Then, and only then, will America be great again.

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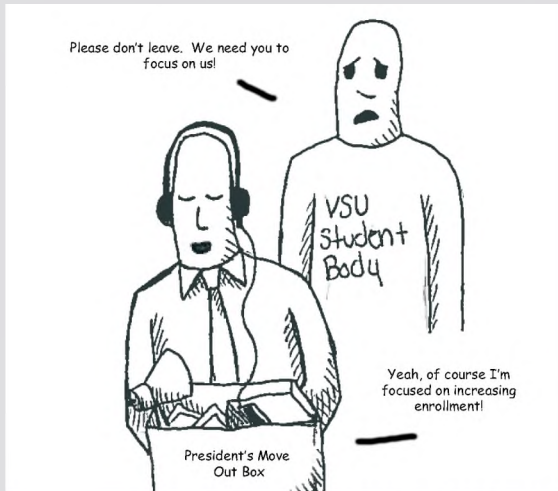
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OPINIONS

Students' thoughts on presidential election

Our point of view...

VSU needs long-term president



Julia Rodriguez/ SPECTATOR

A letter to the future president of VSU in the aftermath of a polarizing election:

Welcome to our college. We hope you stick around. Valdosta State has had three presidents in the last year and a half, and it's in need of some stability.

Prior to 2002, the average presidential tenure at VSU was just over 17.5 years, with the exception of the second president, Dr. Jere Pound, who only served a year due to illness. After Dr. Hugh Bailey retired, the average time in office of the three succeeding presidents dwindled to just over four and a half years—about the same amount of time a student might spend at VSU.

The president of VSU has the power to lead the university in whatever direction he or she chooses. How can VSU prosper if its direction changes every four years? In order to continue to succeed, VSU needs you to be here for the long-haul.

This semester freshmen enrollment increased for the first time since 2011, but students have no reason to stay at a college that has little or no established leadership at its core. The class of 2019 has already seen three presidents since they began at VSU. This sort of change can keep a student from feeling a true connection with the college.

Ahead of the presidential search, students seemed to feel the same way many citizens did during this election cycle: fed up with the system and pessimistic about the ability of the government (or, in this case, the college) to fix itself.

As our next president, we need you to take us into account when it comes to making big decisions for the university. Students should have a say in all major performances, rallies and speaking engagements happening on campus. Last semester's 2Chainz concert, which cost the university almost \$90,000, had no student input at all. That is unacceptable. Transparency is the best way to gain the trust of the student body.

After five years of declining enrollment, and especially since beginning of the "Invest.Ignite.Inspire." campaign in July 2014, the university has been too preoccupied with its outward image, and not the opinion of the students it already has. You have a chance to make that right.

Though part of your job may be to fundraise, happy students will speak well of the college and do most of the recruiting for you.

As students, we need to acknowledge that it is our responsibility to be vocal about our needs. We must understand the importance of attending Student Government Association meetings and paying attention to who we elect to represent us.

The relationship between students and the president of a university isn't a one way deal. We need you, and you need us.

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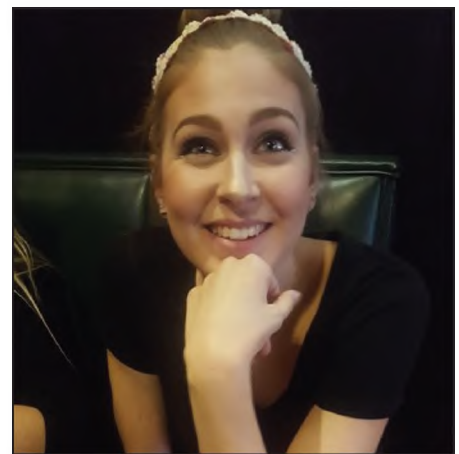
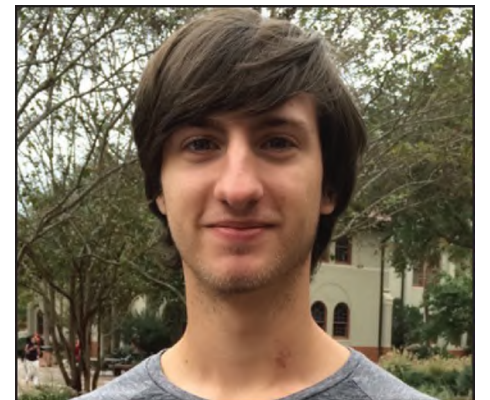
"I don't really care for any of the candidates. I don't think either the Democratic or Republican party were strong this election."
-Aleah Castillo, freshman, undecided

"Out of the given possibilities and all jokes aside, Clinton should be president."
-Tavion Morris, sophomore, engineering major



"Look at the facts, the statistics, or just do your own research Clinton deserves to be president."
-Taylor Sewell, junior, communications major

"Definitely Trump. After doing a lot of my own research, I find he is the most fit, also I like his use of vocabulary."
-Ethan Moulds, freshman, music performance major



"Not Trump and not Clinton. I don't know enough about the Libertarian party and I'm not writing in Harambe."
-Madison Townsend, sophomore, art major

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OPINIONS



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Voter watches in suspense at the results of the election are slowly released.

Stand in the other party's shoes

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Trump won the presidential election and American reactions range from ecstatic to completely distraught.

It is clear from many verbal and physical fights that many Americans are divided on politics—but those fights never change anyone's mind. Fights only do damage and enrage the opponent even more.

Keep it friendly and aim to enlighten, not to enrage.

If you know it won't end well, don't start it.

It is more than possible to comment on a post you disagree with without using an insult.

What's done is done.

Though Americans don't agree on if it's good or bad, we prove through our friendships that no matter who is president, our community thrives and intermingles without thought to who belongs to what political party.

It is not the president who makes a society, ensures that

friendships exist or brings a community together.

It is you, your family,

“Let the Trump supporters be excited... Let the Hillary supporters be upset... Don't get mad at your neighbor for feeling.”

friends, acquaintances and fellow American citizens who make a society, ensure friendships and bring a community together.

If you don't think so, remember how you felt about your neighbors before you found out they aren't a part of the same political party as you.

In other words, don't let the political hostilities cloud your view of everyone in your life.

Do not forget that this country is free and everyone has the right to express themselves freely; it is wrong to yell at people for expressing themselves.

Let the Trump supporters be excited that their candidate won. Let the Hillary supporters be upset that their candidate lost. Don't get mad at your neighbor for feeling.

Though it may sometimes be hard to understand how someone could possibly vote for the other candidate, keep in mind that they think the same way about you and your candidate. Disagreeing with someone else's point of view does not constitute spewing hate.

Everyone who voted is at least 18; they are all legally adults. Act like it.

Not too late to be kind 2016 election brought out worst



MCT Campus

Demonstrators protest against Trump in Philadelphia Nov. 9.

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The presidential election is and has been one of the most relevant reoccurring events in American society.

Barack Obama proudly served as president of the United States for two consecutive terms. He succeeded against John McCain and Sarah Palin in 2008 and Mitt Romney and Joe Biden in 2012.

Many conclusions were made about his campaign—some said it was luck, or it was actually powered by 'hope,' bottom line is that Obama won the presidency with the largest margin of victory than of any other Democratic candidate in history.

Obama received the highest number of votes from African American, LGBTQ and other marginal communities.

“Obama is a people pleaser. He is charismatic, charming, educated, and for the better of the people. I am sad to see him go.” Jennifer Rubls, freshman, nursing major said.

As Obama's delegation comes to an end, a nation is an affirmed split. Between the plethora of conservative followers of Donald Trump and many liberal Hillary Clinton advocates, no party was projected to have a clean sweep.

In the final showdown between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, the Republican Party was declared victorious with 279 votes over 228.

“I did not want Trump to win. I wish people took this election seriously. To the people who wrote in 'Harambe' or 'Hennessey,' your vote is even more of a waste,” Felicia Suarez, junior, mass media major, said.

Jokes have been made public on all social media outlets including Facebook, Instagram and even Pinterest.

Some people predict with Trump as president, white privilege will continue to reign and minorities will continue to suffer.

“I feel defeated. I feel like we could have tried harder, but we didn't have a chance. I never gave up, but I do feel defeated,” Joshua Mills sophomore, history major said.

Others say the American economy and infrastructure will thrive.

The thing to remember is to not distress yourself over something that is no longer in your control. Do not belittle yourself, nor change your beliefs because it seems unpopular. If you ultimately feel dissuaded, stay strong, walk talk and stand together. Unified as a body, whether if it is under a regime or not, it is better than being alone.

American citizens should choose president without Electoral College

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The Electoral College exists, but some individuals don't think it should.

In fact, some individuals don't know what the Electoral College is.

The official U.S. Electoral College website defines the Electoral College as a process, not a place established by the founding fathers of the United States in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the president by a vote in Congress and election of the president by a popular vote of qualified citizens.

This means that the average person is not “qualified” to vote. They merely have an input.

It's hard for me not to perceive this as an elitist statement of educated leaders ruling the herd of what they think are simpletons who are quieted down by taking part in a voting process.

It's the same way an older brother would give a crying sibling a video game control that isn't really turned on to make the sibling feel contributing and equal.

We live in a time when our

country is truly divided. More than any time before people mistrust our government and politicians who represent us.

Some people are uneducated when it comes to voting for president.

With things like Wikileaks exposing corrupt and illegal acts within the government, like Hillary Clinton deleting emails, it is not farfetched to say that most of the population is uneducated about what really goes on in the government and what the candidates really have in store.

The “qualified” are apt to make important decisions but that also says this is not a democratic process.

The Electoral College process consists of the selection of the electors, the meeting of the electors where they vote for president and vice president and the counting of the electoral votes by Congress.

The running candidates select their electors but in some states electors are nominated in party conventions.

The electors pledge to vote for the candidate that won the state's popular vote. An elector chooses whether to uphold this pledge. Electors have chosen to vote

other than instructed 82 times in the country's past elections. These electors are known as faithless electors. Some electors choose not to take this pledge at all and never agree to choose as the voters wish.

Thirty of the fifty states have laws that bind the electors to their pledge. Georgia is not one of these states.

An interesting thing about the Electoral College is the weight that each state's individual vote carries.

The Electoral College has a total of 538 votes to disperse among the states.

Each state starts with three votes, one for each state's two senators and one vote from the total 438 votes handed out by the House of Representatives.

The rest of the House of Representatives' votes are handed out based on population.

A total of 270 electoral votes are required to become president.

Electoral votes of each state range from 3 to 55. This allows for the potential of the president-elect not being the candidate that the majority of the people chose. The president can be elected based on the decision of 11 states. These powerful states are called

swing states.

Most people think of the election as one big election where in fact it is the accumulation of 50 small elections.

Some argue the Electoral College takes the power away from the people.

In California there are 55 electoral votes.

If the number of votes in California were split 49 to 51 percent on their decision for president, their votes would not be represented accurately.

In a popular vote these votes would basically cancel each other out. In an Electoral College system it is quite different. California would give all of its 55 votes to one candidate, giving the candidate a huge advantage.

The Electoral College-elected president has reflected the popular vote chosen candidate throughout history except for on one occasion and that was the 2000 election where Al Gore received more popular votes than George W. Bush but lost the election due to electoral votes.

Kevin Price of CNSnews.com argues that we still need the Electoral College today.

“It is designed to make sure that all the smaller states have

political influence,” Price said. “If it were pure popular vote, the voice of most of the states would not be heard. The death of the Electoral College would lead to the demise of liberty.”

I think we do not need an Electoral College today.

I believe there was a time when we needed an Electoral College and that was a time before the internet.

When there were days when information being delivered across the country was only received from a messenger on horseback, there was very much a reason and a need for the Electoral College.

Today, I believe the popular vote is all we need.

Supporters of the Electoral College claim it is necessary for the states to have a voice.

Today we live in an era where information can be found at home or at the library via computer or smart phone.

I say the voice of the people should speak louder than the voice of a state.

If we are to trust the “qualified” electoral voters who have the option to vote how they please, just let them vote and be done with the elections in those states all together.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to Playbill, three film adaptations of 'Into the Woods' were attempted before Disney successfully produced the movie in December of 2014.

Preview

Students go 'Into the Woods'

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After weeks of rehearsals, the grand drapes will finally part tonight at 7:30 pm to reveal students' work on "Into the Woods," a musical hosted by Valdosta State University's Theatre and Dance departments.

The haunting melodies of the second act of the musical filled the halls of VSU's Fine Arts Building in the week leading up to opening night. Cast and crew gathered together to go over trouble spots and finally a run through of the entire production.

"This show is going to change rapidly over the next four to five days," the director of the musical, Duke Guthrie, said.

"Into the Woods" is comprised of two acts. The show features characters from the Grimm brothers' fairy tales, characters people are familiar with. The first act will conclude with a happy ending, after the intermission, a second act will open and turn all the stories upside down.



Students did voice warm ups from wall to wall in Sawyer Theater before practice.
Olivia Studdard/THE SPECTATOR

Stephen Sondheim's songs for "Into the Woods" became so popular that a movie musical was made and released in 2014.

"It's a very dark and dreary take on all the fairy tales," junior Hannah Findlay, who will play a stepsister in the production, said. "The movie version was really good, but it's so different than this. This play is so much longer, and you really get to know the characters."

For some students, this production means the end of a lifetime of waiting.

Senior Ethan Glass, who will play the part of the narrator in the play, has been dreaming of playing a part in Sondheim's production for years, and this performance gives him that chance.

"This is my favorite musical of all time," Glass said. "I've been watching this show since high school, at least every two or three months I'm watching it again. I can die happy knowing I've finally made it."

Students have been preparing for this production since open auditions were held during the

first week of the semester.

"Finding out I was narrator was an incredible feeling," Glass said. "We've become a true family over the past few weeks."

Cast members aren't the only ones excited for the upcoming show. The musical's stage manager, sophomore Kelsi Holland has also put in countless hours of preparation.

"The first act is a fairy tale, but the second act is what really happens," Holland said. "It's what real life is like: reality, truth and

fact. The idea of a fairy tale is fun, and the sequence between from "The Last Midnight" to "No One is Alone" is so powerful and exciting. I can't wait for everyone to see it."

Show times this week are tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. The show will run next week, Monday through Wednesday at 7:30.

"Into the Woods" is not recommended for children as it contains mature themes.



Stretching helped students prepare their minds and bodies for one of their last practices ahead of tonight's performance.
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Office hours move to dorms

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Next week, students will have the opportunity to meet and interact with professors in a whole new way.

The House Call program is an open invitation for students and teachers to interact on a more personal level.

The program allows faculty and staff members gather information from the Housing and Residence Life office about the on-campus experience and resources on campus.

The information is used to go into the residence halls and get feedback from the students on issues concerning their on-campus experience.

The program is in its sixth year and has been extended to upper-classman residence halls. On the first night staff will visit Brown, Lowndes and Patterson; followed by Langdale, Georgia, and Reade on the second night.

Mark McNalley, Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life, said this program is effective because it allows students to have a face-to-face experience.

He said that students in the past have been very appreciative of the program.

According to McNalley, faculty and staff members love going out into the halls and interacting with students.

Staff members are sometimes surprised to hear the feedback they receive from students.

"I feel the House Call program is effective and valuable to the students, faculty and staff participants" Lynette Lewis, health services administrator, said.

She said taking the time to meet

the students in the halls allows the students, faculty and staff members to connect with each other.

Overall, students have been very receptive and appreciative of House Calls.

"This program makes the classroom have a more open-minded setting due to the students and teachers having a more personal connection," said Briana Shearer, sophomore communications science and disorders major.

While many students have a positive reaction to this program, there are some students who find it less than ideal.

The program allows faculty and staff members to gather information from the Housing and Residence life.

"I would feel really awkward, and I do not know where they would sit if they came inside my dorm," Rachel Davis, freshman biology major, said. "I feel weird about a male professor sitting on my bed."

Mark McNalley said that the program understands the concerns students may have.

According to McNalley, program coordinators and participating staff try to make students feel as comfortable as possible.

One tactic they use is sending female volunteers into the female side of the residence halls and the male volunteers on the male side.

If too many students are uncomfortable with staff members coming in to their dorm room, McNalley said he would work with RA's to get students to meet faculty in the lobby or communal rooms instead.

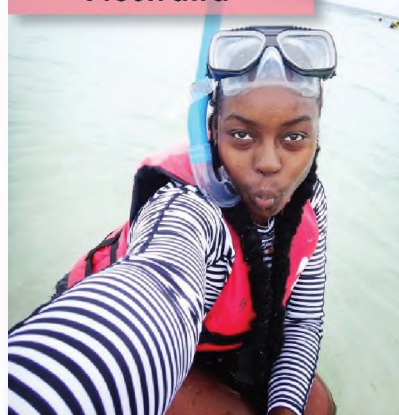
There are many faculty and staff members that have and will continue to participate in the upcoming House Call program.

Interim President Kelli Brown will also participate in the program.

This program is an opportunity for students to voice any concerns they have with their experience at the university. For more information about this program contact the Housing and Residence Life office.

House Calls will be taking place in upperclassmen dorms Nov. 14 and 15.

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Students discuss election news sources



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Who: Kiley Rusen
senior marketing major

News source: Twitter

Who did you vote for: Rusen chose not to vote because she was "unintressed" and not registered to vote in Valdosta.



Tiana Foster/THE SPECTATOR

Who: Shaniya Cisco
junior nursing major
News source: social media

Who did you vote for: Cisco voted for Clinton because she felt she had a better plan for the U.S.

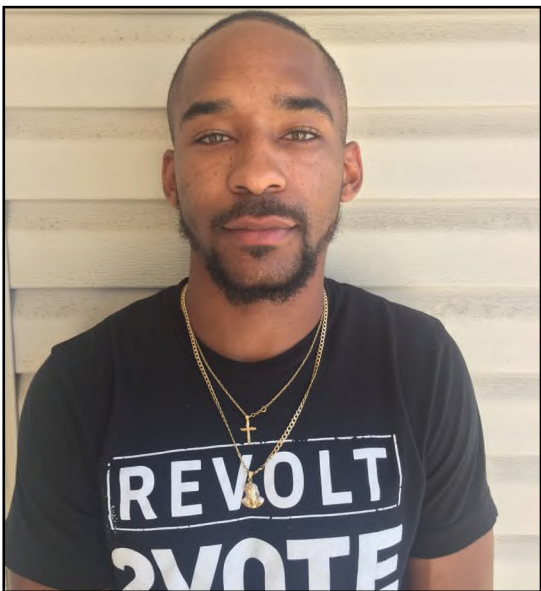


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Who: Isaiah Arrant
freshman undecided

News source: his parents, Fox News

Who did you vote for: "Based off the best intentions and research, I voted Donald Trump."



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Who: Adrian Chambers
senior marketing major

News source: News4Jax.com

Who did you vote for: "I voted for Hillary Clinton because I believe in what she stands for."



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Who: David May
junior applied mathematics
News source: Fox News, CNN

Who did you vote for: "I voted for Donald trump."



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Who: Rebecca Fornie
senior mass media major

News source: Mostly CNN

Who did you vote for: Fornie voted for Clinton because she felt Trump "downplayed other races" when he came to VSU.

Native American Women

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An examination of the contributions of North and South American Indigenous women in the areas of epistemology, ontology, metaphysics, religion, spirituality, and ethics. The course will include a range of Indigenous cultures, such as Alaskan, Hawaiian, and Pacific and Atlantic islanders and will explore the issues faced by Indigenous women in the Western Hemisphere.



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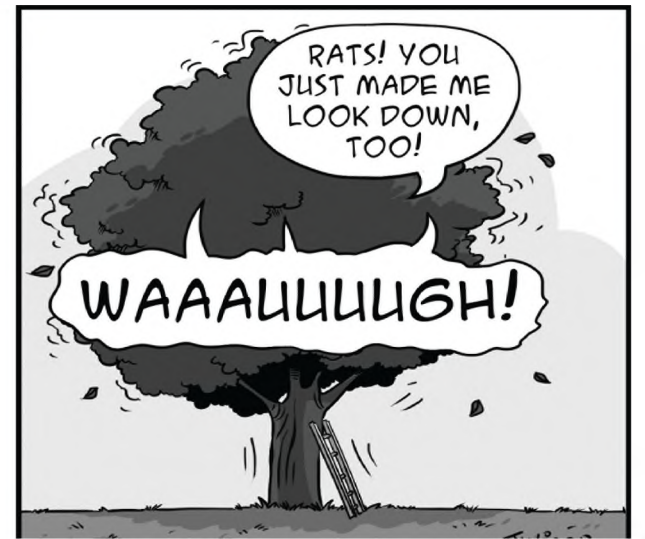
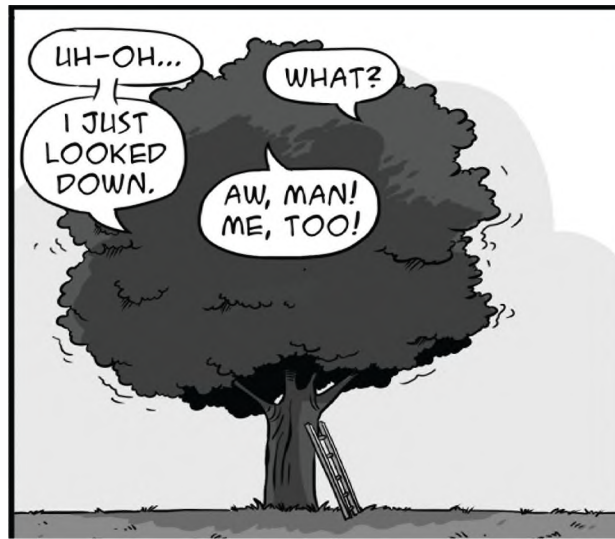
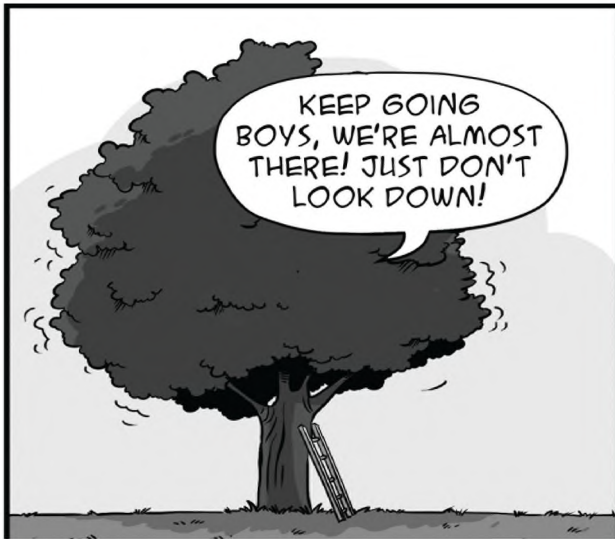
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A review of "Into the Woods" by Evelyn Dunn



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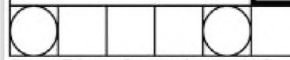
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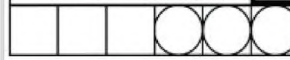
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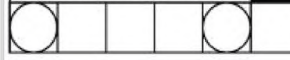
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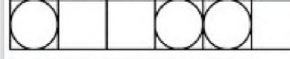
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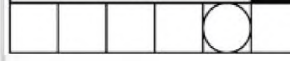
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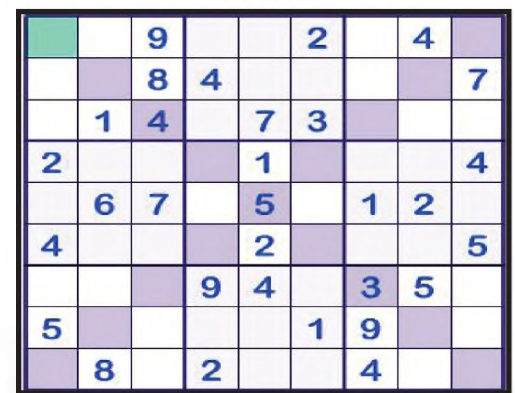
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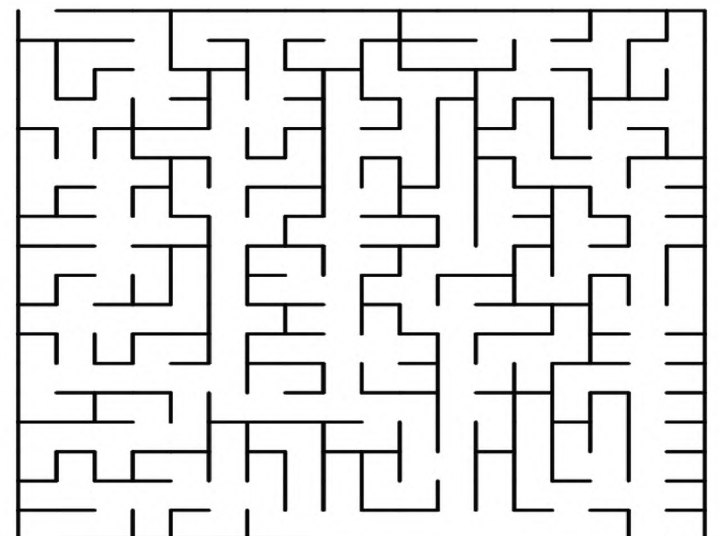


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Social media wields powerful influence in politics

Candidates use new weapon to exploit opponents' past blunders

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Social media has brought out a new face for politics, and with this election that will surely go down in the history books. Is it for better or worse?

Technology has taken some huge leaps since Obama was re-elected in 2012, so this year's election has definitely benefited from new advancements. The run for president would be very different if not for social media boosting campaigns.

We all know how this election had ridiculous moments where the candidates are concerned, all thanks to social media. Almost everything — including the unwanted information — about Trump and Clinton is public knowledge, and the line between which candidate could be worse for the job is pretty blurry.

"Morning in America has now become mourning in America," said Kathleen Parker of the Washington Post.

The use of social media has become the norm for this generation, so it would only make sense for Hillary and Donald's teams to advertise their campaigns through it.

Social media brought both benefits and backlash to each candidate throughout their run for president. America got to see every moment of it through posts, commercials and news.

They have produced commercials and advertisements pointing out the other opponent's faults while boosting their own campaign — not the most sportsman-like strategy, but certainly an effective one.

The media is notorious for uncover things from the past. Social media document anything and everything. Once it's out there, it is out there, especially for people with a lot of popularity and power.

Whether it is Donald and Hillary verbal-

ly attacking each other on Twitter or their teams posting videos on Facebook boasting about their campaigns, none of it would be there if it weren't for social media and the people taking advantage of it.

We have all heard and seen videos or posts of the things both candidates have done in the past — some of them before they even wanted to run for the presidency.

There is Hillary in one corner with her email scandal and Trump in the other accused of sexual assault; both these things happened years ago, but social media dug it up again as a slap in the face.

Do these things matter? Of course they do; they depict what type of character we might have as president one day. It is because of social media that we now know these crimes, and once it's out there, it will be forever.

There are things happening now that are just as distracting and being recorded extensively by the media.

There are multiple videos out there that have recorded supporters of both candidates being "booted" or harassed at conventions or speeches. In fact, these incidents have become the highlight of some gatherings.

Once these situations have been posted and shared all over the internet, people almost completely forget what important political issues were brought up during the speech.

Barack Obama even acknowledged these matters should be handled more appropriately in some of his speeches. "Don't boo; vote," said the 44th President of the United States.

Without a doubt social media changed politics this election. With all the terrible and shocking things on social media — even outweighing the good things — it's inevitably killed politics.

Twitter snips Vine

Video apps compete for viewers

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With Twitter taking over Vine in 2012, short six-second clips started swarming all forms of social media. The majority of them focus on making us laugh or showing off talents. Many "Vine stars" and comedians got their start on the video platform. It wasn't long until Vine was everywhere.

Vine made it easy to broadcast a video. With a world filled with people with diminishing attention spans, the six-second concept was short, sweet and straight to the point.

Its restricted time limit allowed users to get creative with how to successfully use each second, thus giving birth to a new generation of celebrities.

"I remember when everyone used Vine," said Taylor Loculom, Junior, business major. "I would always share Ariana Grande videos on my Facebook and Twitter."

So, what killed Vine? It wasn't too long till other social media platforms caught onto the broadcast video option. Instagram videos allow up to 60 seconds of

footage and give users more time to fit more content.

Facebook live soon followed allowing Facebook users to broadcast live and in real-time to all of a person's friends and followers. Periscope was also invented as a broadcasting app.

With so many options to broadcast videos, it was not long before Vine was left in the dust. These successors aimed to fill the gaps their predecessor left open.

Even Snapchat, a video app with a 10-second time limit, found a way to compete with Instagram and Facebook. Vine struggled to differentiate itself from the competition.

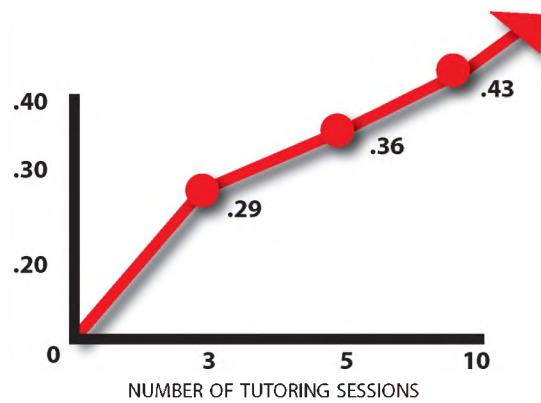
Now upon hearing of the death of Vine, many are posting some of their favorite vine clips in homage. Maybe if people continue to remember the start of all these broadcast video apps, the love and usage of Vine will flourish once again.

Although Twitter announced its plan to shut down Vine on Oct. 27, there is talk about saving the app. There are a few companies interested in buying the video platform. Even if Vine is shut down, Twitter announced the video archives will still be available and playable.

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DID YOU KNOW?

VSU volleyball is looking to get a Gulf South Conference Tournament berth for the eight time in a row. The team won the conference tournament for the first and only time in 2014. Last year the team lost in the second round.

Volleyball has tourney hopes

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Last weekend, the volleyball team took one step forward and one step back with a 3-2 loss against Christian Brothers on Friday and a 3-1 win over Union on Saturday.

Friday's game against Christian Brothers started with some tough back-and-forth, which ended in a victory in the first set for the Blazers by a score of 26-24. The next set also provided some tough back-and-forth for both teams. The teams went point for point, and the match ended with the Lady Bucs winning the set with a score of 29-27.

The Bucs won the third set 25-16, but the Blazers returned with a vengeance, defeating Christian Brothers with a score of 25-14.

During the final set, both teams went back and forth, but an unexpected kill by Erica Maurer for the Bucs started an 11-4 run. There were two double-double performances in the game for VSU. One each by Susanna Peo-

nia and Sara Dandridge. Peonia had 13 kills and 10 digs, while Dandridge had a career-high 17 digs and 41 assists.

During the first set of Saturday's game against Union, the Blazers kept the game close, but Union took the lead after a three-point run while the set was tied. The Blazers regained the lead after a 5-0 run, and they kept their momentum going until they won the set.

The second set started with a 3-0 Union run against VSU but was eventually tied 8-8. Union gained some momentum with a 5-0 run, but VSU went on a 5-0 run of its own.

"We definitely improved on our passing, which helped us close out the set," Sydney Chick, defensive specialist and libero, said.

VSU got behind 23-14 in the next set. They went on a six-point run, but were ultimately lost 25-22.

"Collectively, we tend to do better at home because we have the home crowd, but I think that



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Volleyball is working hard before their last two games, which will determine if they get into the GSC tournament.

this year we've been playing on the road better than we have been in the past," Taylor Holder, setter and defensive specialist, said.

Head Coach Mike Swan said it was nice to finish on a positive note. He said the team still has a chance to get into the Gulf South Conference tournament, and they'll be working on serve receives, blocking and passing

in preparation for the upcoming games.

This past weekend was senior weekend, which celebrated the four senior members on the team.

"It's an amazing feeling," Natalia Campos, senior libero, said. "I think we're really happy with how we played. If this is the way how I'll leave the gym, I'm okay with how the four years

have been."

The volleyball team will take the road to play against Alabama-Huntsville on Friday at 8 p.m. and North Alabama on Saturday at 2 p.m.

VSU is currently tied for fifth in the GSC. The top six teams make it to the conference tournament. If VSU wins both games, they're in. If not, they need West Alabama and Lee University to lose to get in.

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Sydney Chick digs defense

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Sydney Chick started playing volleyball only to spend time with her friends but the game eventually turned out to be something she truly enjoys. Now Chick is one of VSU volleyball's fiercest defensive specialists and liberos.

Chick hails from Leon County High School in Tallahassee, Florida, where she lettered in volleyball for four years, was named MVP and led her team to victory in the 6A State Championship as captain her sophomore year.

Chick's athletic prowess didn't end on the volleyball court. She was also a successful tennis player who won the 2013 3A No. 2 Doubles State Title and the No. 4 Singles State Runner-Up Title. She was eventually selected as an all-star in 2013 both tennis and volleyball.

Chick is a self-proclaimed competitor. Her competitive nature and determination is what has helped her to become a leader for VSU.

Her competitive nature also coincides with her love for business, which she said comes easy to her.

"I think a lot of it comes from wanting to be like my mom," Chick said. "She's a very successful business woman."

She said because her mom and sister have shown her what a successful, strong and independent woman looks like, it keeps her going and makes her work hard. Chick is a finance major and with a mother, brother and sister all in business careers, its understandable why she chose a similar path.

"I've always been humble and been taught that I can't just be given everything," Chick said.

Chick's teammates said she sets



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Sydney Chick has 460 digs on the season. She averages 4.6 per game.

an example for the other players on the team.

"She's a crazy person, but other than that I'll say that I see a very strong woman who knows what she wants." Susanna Peonia, Chick's friend and teammate, said.

Peonia as well as teammate, Julie Masonheimer, both agree they have learned a lot from Chick with the advice she has given them, as well as their heart-to-hearts.

"She is a great best friend, very loyal, always someone I can talk to," Masoheimer said. "She's always someone on the court that I can go to if I ever need anything."

Peonia and Masonheimer said Chick is always able to make her own decisions, but still be a great team player.

"The energy that she gives on the volleyball court really gets to

me," Peonia said.

Chick said she is the type of person who does not like to stay "cooped up" in one place for too long. She's always up for going somewhere new, no matter if it ranges from a short walk to a few hours away.

"I'm pretty outdoorsy, so whenever I get a chance, I try to go walk around," Chick said.

Chick's future plans involve following in her brother's footsteps as a financial analyst. After finishing her undergraduate degree, Chick plans on either going to law school or enrolling in graduate school somewhere.

"I just hope that when I graduate, I can be as successful as my siblings, not just financially, but emotionally as well," Chick said. "I hope I have the same success as they do when I graduate from VSU."

XC comes up short

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VSU's cross country ran into some stiff competition at the NCAA South Region Championships.

The women's team claimed 13th place and the men's team Claimed 15th place at the meet on Nov. 9 in Saint Leo, Florida.

The female team's Tyra Holloway and Meghan McShea earned All-Region honors after finishing in the top 25. Holloway finished fourth overall at last year's regional championship, which earned her a trip to nationals.

"Earning All-Region was great and all but my goal was

to make it to Nationals again this year," Holloway said. "I just know I have to work harder."

Holloway placed in the top 15 out of more than 100 participants. Just 11 seconds off of securing a trip to NCAA Nationals, Holloway's total time of 22:52.94 landed her an 11th place finish in the 6k race. Last year, she finished with a time of 22:29.71.

"I was upset," Holloway said. "Going into the race, I was confident and I thought I was going to do better."

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Football looking to hand Shorter perfect 0-10 season

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After securing a road victory over West Alabama, VSU will look to avoid a trap against Shorter. Saturday is supposed to be a cakewalk as Shorter is 0-9 on the year.

The Blazers beat the Tigers 37-22 in a region matchup featuring the No. 2 and No. 3 teams in the Gulf South Conference.

Coming into the game, UWA was riding a five game win streak. The Blazers were coming off a road loss to Florida Tech in a game that was one of VSU's worst offensive performance of the season.

Earlier in the season, Roland Rivers and Adam Robles have shared playing time at quarterback during games. However, Rivers could not practice all week ahead of West Alabama with a shoulder injury. The injury forced Robles into being the full-time starter, with backup and full-time specialist, Jacob Chesser serving as the second string.

Robles went 34-56 for 353 yards with three touchdowns in the game. He also completed passes to 12 different receivers, including nine to Damien Strange who lead the Blazers with 108 receiving yards.

Head coach Kerwin Bell has faith in Robles going forward if Rivers cannot come back to full health in time for playoffs.

"This is [Robles'] ball team right now," Bell said. "We're going to hang our hat with Adam. We want him to have the confidence to know that this team is behind him."

Robles' success against West Alabama opened up the rushing game for the Blazers. The team's offensive performance led to two players being named GSC Players of the Week. Robles was selected as the GSC Offensive Player of the Week, while Cedric Hollingshed won his fourth GSC Freshman of the Week.

Special teams and defense also played a big role in the game for VSU.

Gary Simon opened up the



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Adam Robles has taken command of the Blazer offense due to Roland Rivers' injury. Robles will look to lead the offense into the playoffs after next week.

scoring in the first quarter when he returned a punt for a touchdown. Simon's returns earned him a nomination for GSC Special Teams Player of the Week. The Tigers had another special teams blunder when they turned the ball over on a fumbled on a kick return in the third quarter. The fumble put the Blazers inside the 5-yardline and resulted in Cedric Hollingshed's lone touchdown.

The Black Swarm defense came up big as they have several times on the road this season. The defense had two interceptions, four tackles for a loss, and one sack to stunt the Tigers progressions.

"I think two out of the last three games you've seen a good, all-around football team," Bell said. "I think we are starting to get more consistent."

Bell said the win was important for the Blazers as they enter into their final game of the season.

"We needed it," Bell said on the road win. "We've played well at

home but to go on the road and win, was big for our confidence."

On Nov. 12 the Blazers will take on Shorter University at home. Shorter is the only winless team in the GSC. They have given up 372 points on the season and allowed opponents to score an average of 37.2 points per game.

Five different quarterbacks have attempted a pass for the Hawks this season and they have combined for only five passing touchdowns and 12 interceptions on the season.

The Blazers will enter the game on Saturday averaging 37.5 points at home. They will be looking to keep their momentum in hopes of landing a high playoff seed which will be selected on Sunday afternoon.

The game against Shorter will be Military Appreciation Day and Senior Day. The Blazers will wear special camouflage helmets.

The game will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium in Valdosta.

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Who is your MVP from VSU's win over West Alabama?

1. Adam Robles (QB)
2. Damien Strange (WR)
3. Brandon Roe (DB)
4. Gary Simon (DB)

1. 34 for 56 353 yds 3 TD	46%
2. 9 Rec. 108 yards	6%
3. 9 tckls FF & recovery	33%
4. 62 yard punt return TD	15%

Adam Robles is the MVP from this week's Twitter poll. Robles is now the starter as Roland Rivers recovers from an injury. Robles has 1488 passing yards on the season.

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