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Anti-Trump groundswell erupts for colleges to become immigrant sanctuaries

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SAN JOSE - As fear grows over the possible immigration moves by the incoming Trump administration, a groundswell movement is spreading around the Bay Area and across the country with petitions signed by students, faculty and alumni at colleges and universities to turn the institutions into "sanctuary campuses."

The worry is that federal immigration enforcement officials could soon swoop onto college campuses to apprehend and deport immigrant students. So activists stretching from St. Mary's College, Santa Clara University and Stanford University to East Coast Ivy League schools, are answering the threat with a call of their own: Our school administrators must protect our at-risk students by declaring the campuses to be safe places where federal immigration officials aren't welcome.

Around the United States, campuses have suddenly assumed a key role in the burgeoning movement against Trump's immigration policies, even while those policies remain vague. And the defiance is coming at the highest levels.

Among campuses joining the sanctuary effort is Santa Clara University, a private, Jesuit institution known for teaching values of social justice and inclusion.

The school's Undocumented Students and Allies Association will host a walk-out Thursday afternoon standing in solidarity with undocumented students, who have felt a growing panic following the election. Some have considered not returning to campus for the start of the winter quarter in January, according to Marlene Cerritos-Rivas, co-president of the organization.

"I've heard a lot of 'what's



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Stanford University is one of many schools across the country dedicated to becoming a "sanctuary" for immigrants

going to happen to us' and 'what's going to happen to our families?'" she said. "We want this walk-out to symbolize the community coming together and protesting (immigration officials) from taking students away from campus."

The association has met with the Office for Diversity and Inclusion and with an attorney to discuss the possibility further, according to Cerritos-Rivas. But in many ways, the school is simply growing the support and protection it has always offered to undocumented students, according to Ray Plaza, director of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion.

"The university is looking at all angles, but in the end as an institution we have always been supportive of undocumented students," he said. "A lot of efforts are taking place behind the scenes to assure students feel safe."

In the East Bay, students and faculty at St. Mary's College in Moraga weighed in on the subject of Trump and his immigration policies by sending a letter this week to the college president

requesting he make St. Mary's a sanctuary.

"I think it's nice to have something that sends a message that we're a community and we're together," student Kyla Cole said.

The St. Mary's administration responded to the letter Tuesday night by saying they take the safety of all community members seriously.

According to the online publication Inside Higher Ed, more than 20 such petitions calling on administrators to take action to make their institutions "sanctuary campuses" have circulated through social media since the presidential election.

The campus-sanctuary movement comes in tandem with a similar ongoing effort by cities around the country to create the same sort of safe spaces for immigrants -- an effort that actually began under the Obama administration, whose own aggressive deportation efforts provoked strong resistance. Trump has promised to up the ante by canceling federal funding for sanctuary cities such as San Francisco that decline to cooperate with federal immigration authorities.

SGA talks dining

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During SGA's meeting Monday, the Dining Service Committee discussion on Aramark's plans for on-campus dining and Interim President Dr. Kelli Brown paid a visit with a brief message.

Dr. Brown wants to encourage students to come support the Valdosta State Football team during their playoff game this Saturday. A game in which a win guarantees a rematch with regional foe North Alabama.

"The first 2000 students get in free," said Dr. Brown. "So there should be no reason why everybody shouldn't be there."

SGA's Dining Service Committee spoke on how Aramark has already invested five million dollars into modifying conditions on campus. The food service company has plans to renovate Palms dining and change the dynamics of Sustella and Langdale market. The convenience stores will be redesigned to serve made-to-order sandwiches, Italian food, and salads

prepared by the employees. A concept similar to the hot meals available at the new Quiktrips.

Relocation of the Blazer Sports Grille was also explained. The new eatery will be moved into where Palm dining is located summer 2017. The old drinking machines will be replaced with floor machines, so

that students will have a better variety of drinks to choose from.

Nov. 22 through Dec. 5, Sustella and Langdale market will be downsizing on the products on their shelves. The top 25 items will be all that is left to buy until next semester.

There will be a couple of more opportunities to support on-campus dining with two programs Aramark is trying to implement. Customer appreciation week with Chik-fil-a is coming soon and customers can receive free fries on those designated days. Starbucks will also have a BOGO deal, where customers will be able to buy one drink and get another free.

At 6 p.m. on Nov. 30, students will have an opportunity to meet with representative from Aramark to discuss their upcoming plans with on-campus dining.

*"There should be no reason why everybody shouldn't be there."
-President Brown on Saturday's game.*

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Dr. Carvajal speaks with VSU students

The first of three external presidential candidates fielded questions at forum

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The U.S. presidential election might be coming to a close, but who will become the Valdosta State University president is still being debated.

One of the candidates for the VSU presidency is Dr. Richard Carvajal, who has served as interim president of Darton State College and president of Bainbridge State College.

Dr. Carvajal was a co-leader in consolidating two institutions in Albany, Georgia, and since that work will be finished by the end of the year he was able to seek out the opportunity for presidency at VSU.

Dr. Carvajal stated that VSU is the preeminent university in this region, and he will strive to continuously better the institution.

"If you're not excited about the idea of a continual pursuit of excellence, if you're not excited about somebody who is always going to challenge you to ask 'what could better look like?' then I'm not your guy," Dr. Carvajal said.

Dr. Carvajal cited the concept set forth in "Good to Great," a book that inspired him.

"An organization should never say, 'well, we're as good as all of those that are around us therefore

we're done'," Dr. Carvajal said. "The day you say we've succeeded, we're done, the day after that somebody will pass you."

Dr. Carvajal said that the path to excellence will be reached through communication and forming a close relationship with SGA.

Dr. Carvajal explained why he sought out the presidential position at VSU.

After moving to Oklahoma when he was 11 years old, Dr. Carvajal faced economic struggles, living in a 1973 Ford Thunderbird for a period in his life. He found a way to attend college, and he said the experience changed and saved his life, which is the reason he works in higher education today.

"I had some people there [at college], faculty and administrative leaders, who saw something in me that I didn't see in myself," Dr. Carvajal said. "What I'm here [at VSU] for, and why I'm interested in this, is because this [university] is so akin to the place that saved me, and I think we have an opportunity to help a lot of people like I was helped years ago."

Dr. Carvajal stated that he has grown to care about South Georgia.

While he was living in South Georgia in 2014, Dr. Carvajal was diagnosed with pancreatic

cancer, and he received numerous get well cards from friends and strangers around the area. The cards were taped on a set of French doors and a wall at home, the surfaces covered with well wishes.

"I literally had the love and support of South Georgia sitting right behind me, and it connected me to this place in a way that's hard to fathom and to understand," Dr. Carvajal said.

Dr. Carvajal is cancer free now, and he said that he learned to make every day count, and one of Dr. Carvajal's favorite days to make count is graduation day.

"To me, it [graduation] is the culmination of why we do what we do," Dr. Carvajal said.

He plans to work on improving enrollment as well as retention and graduation rates at VSU, Dr. Carvajal stated.

The solution to these issues will come from thorough communication and participation from the parties with which the issues concern, according to Dr. Carvajal.

"When you have an issue I expect you to be a part of the solution," Dr. Carvajal said. "I hope that folks . . . [will be able to] say, 'under his leadership we got better, but, boy, he involved a lot of people in that work too.'"

Dr. Carvajal's curriculum vitae is available on Valdosta.edu.

Dr. Maples visits VSU

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Christopher G. Maples, VSU presidential candidate, answered student questions in a forum Nov. 14 in the Student Union Theatre where student and faculty retention, graduation rates, student familiarity and many other points were discussed.

The first question presented was about concerns with student and faculty retention. Maples explained that one way of fixing retention issues is to ensure students have access to the things they were promised before coming here.

"There's often a perception of this bait and switch, where you tour campus and see all these things that are going to happen and then you try to find them as students, and they're not there," Maples said.

As far as professor retention Maples discussed the importance of communication between the faculty and himself. Concerns need to be brought up so they can be handled and departments need to be looked at to see what's growing, what's not, and therefore how the budget is dispersed.

Furthering the discussion of retention, Maples addressed the university's general need to focus on the students, and not so much on recruiting, specifically the need to focus on getting students to graduate.

"I think the most important thing you can do is graduate," Maples said. "That's the ultimate student success. I would tell you the worst thing a university can do is have students come in and take their money for two or three or four years and not have them graduate, have the students accumulate debt, and go away in debt without a degree."

Maples suggested the solution of a "Finish line" scholarship for

students who are very close to finishing but aren't quite there yet and need a little extra money so they don't have to drop out and work or extend their debt.

Then a discussion on how to keep students from dropping out due to grades started and Maples suggested student-to-student tutoring. With the Student Success Center already in existence, Maples pointed out the issue would then be getting students to go and get tutored. He proposed encouraging faculty to tell struggling students to get the help they need.

Questions were then brought up in regard to the president's actual involvement with students, to ensure he is always keeping their best interest in mind. Maples said he would like to get to know as many faces on campus as possible should he become president. He would go to student events, make himself available for conversation and get to know the community better.

"I'm out and about and I talk to people," Maples said. "I have also used classroom forums to have a chance to talk to students."

He additionally proposed switching roles with students once a semester, allowing individuals to be president for a day so they can better understand his job.

Towards the end of the forum, a student brought up that VSU has had a lot of presidents come and go. The individual wanted to know if he planned to stay here should he become president. Maples said that he not only wants to stay, but wants to be a president that students want to stay.

"People can sit here and promise they're going to stay until the cows come home but that doesn't necessarily mean they will," Maples said. "My intent is this is the last place I'll ever be, so, I plan to stay."

KSU struggles with registration, parking

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After registration this semester, students at Kennesaw State University might graduate late, but it won't be their fault.

At the start of registration for the spring 2017 semester students at KSU began to realize that there were not enough sections of some classes to accommodate everyone, a fact that will delay graduation for upperclassmen and some sophomore students.

"I can never get the classes I need, and if I do it's right down to the very last minute," Abby Snyder, a sophomore nursing major at KSU, said. "I am put on the waitlist for a lot of my classes because of how fast they fill up. I feel like they should offer more sections for the classes because there are always way more people than there are classes for them to take."

Kaityln Lewis, a senior KSU student and Opinions Editor for the KSU Sentinel, penned an opinions piece that appeared on the paper's website on Nov. 7 detailing her struggle to get into a capstone class needed for her to graduate. More specifically, Lewis wrote about her almost two-year struggle to register for a class she needs to graduate.

"Unfortunately for me, a senior trying graduate in the summer, three-fourths of the classes I registered for next semester are only offered in one section," Lewis said. "I have been especially trying to get into Advanced Media Writing since I was a second-semester sophomore." The class Lewis needs is only offered in one section once every semester.

A petition started two weeks ago on change.org calling for KSU to expand its class sizes or the number of classes available has accrued 2,031 signatures, just shy of the 2,500 it needs.

In the petition, Kameron Patel, a sophomore transfer student, argues that course offerings are also effecting underclassmen attempting to meet requirements to join their college of choice. Patel, who will apply for the Coles College of Business, claims that KSU will have an excess of 307 students unable to apply for acceptance to Coles College because they could not complete the class requirements.

Per the 2015-2016 KSU factbook, 66 former VSU students who transferred to KSU could be in the same boat as Patel. As of last school year, every college within KSU conferred less degrees than the previous year. With registration fears this semester it seems that graduation numbers

look to go down again and there isn't a current remedy to the problem.

"I went to my adviser and there wasn't really much they could do," Snyder said. "They only told me to stay on the waitlist and just wait for a seat to open up in the class, and if that doesn't happen then I am SOL."

KSU's classes aren't the only thing that's over-crowded, though. Earlier this year, enraged students reached out to Atlanta news outlet 11Alive about the parking situation on campus. According to 11Alive, about 22,000 KSU students have parking permits while the college itself only provides 14,000 parking spaces.

A struggle with campus parking is known on campus at VSU as well. Where last year enrollment declined by 261 students, VSU's parking and transportation revenues increased by \$803,896. With this semester's enrollment growth, VSU could be in for the same "growing pains" KSU has felt if faculty numbers and resources are not kept up.

While KSU faculty, students and staff have participated in protests regarding recently appointed president of the university and Attorney General of Georgia Samuel Olens, no formal protests have been formed regarding class sizes.

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Students' thoughts on VSU election

Our point of view...

Enjoy Thanksgiving, not sales



Julia Rodriguez/ THE SPECTATOR

Thanksgiving Thursday we sit down with our family, eat a big meal and give thanks for all of the good things in our lives. In the same 24 hours, before the food in our stomachs has even digested, we grab our wallets, speed to the mall and thoughtlessly trample our neighbors to death over a discounted television.

Why are discounts rated above safety?

It's shameful. It's Black Friday.

It seems every year the insanity worsens. Now the Black Friday madness has slowly started eating away at Thanksgiving. Stores start offering deals not just at midnight, but as early as Thursday afternoon.

Shoppers don't think of the workers who have to skip Thanksgiving dinner to be there for people to get "early deals," or the families who miss out on time with their loved ones. Then there are the individuals who feel they need to subject themselves to this foolishness just to afford Christmas presents for their children. By the time everyone impacted is considered it becomes clear that we have diminished Thanksgiving all for material things.

What's worse is stores claim they care about their customers by giving these deals but if they really cared, they wouldn't create such dangerous circumstances. These retailers are luring people away from family time with deals, and they are doing it dishonestly.

According to the Wall Street Journal, most stores hike up the price before discounting it. So that new hat you just bought for \$15 at 50 percent off was never originally worth \$30, it has always been worth less than \$15. The only ones saving money on Black Friday are the retailers.

Time with your family should be more important than getting a good price on an appliance. There are plenty of deals throughout the year, but only one Thanksgiving.

Appreciate the time off from school or with your family. If you need deals that badly, just wait until Cyber Monday when you can shop safely from home.

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"Apparently one of the finalists is a scientist or was a scientist, and that's what I want to do with the rest of my life, but I haven't really looked into it all yet. I guess I should."

-Savannah Rainey, Junior,
Chemistry major

"I get the good ole 'Office of the President' emails but I still don't think we have much of a voice. They're going to elect whoever they want, regardless of our opinions."

-Jonathan Tomberlin
Sophomore, Early Childhood
Education major



"I think they've narrowed down the choices well, different people from different regions. I personally like Carvajal."

-Jenny Rainer, Sophomore,
Mass Media major

"I've actually had the chance to meet Kelly Brown, the Interim President. I liked her pretty well, so I haven't looked into other candidates."

-DeAunte Holloway, Senior,
Communication major



"I had no idea this was even going on. I didn't know VSU even had a President; I thought you were asking about the nation's President."

-Kate DeShong, Freshman, Early
Childhood Education major

"I'm graduating and I'm busy. I've heard about it, but I don't really care to look into it."

-Jared Scott, Senior,
Psychology major



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Student seen skating to class on pedestrian mall.

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Skateboarding ban shouldn't exist

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Bicycling is allowed and so is driving a utility vehicle, but according to the lone sign at the end of the pedestrian mall at Valdosta State University, skateboarding is not permitted on the campus mall.

Despite the no skateboarding rule, numerous individuals are spotted skating on the mall.

The lack of visibility of signs displaying the no skateboarding rule may be one reason for it being disregarded.

Matthew Godwin, a freshman computer science major, said he was unaware that skateboarding was not allowed on the pedestrian mall.

However, Ted Brown, a freshman biology major, said he believed ignorance is not the reason for the no skateboarding rule being broken.

"I feel like there shouldn't be a [no skateboarding] rule because it's going to get disregarded," Brown said.

Though it is overlooked, one main reason for the no skateboarding rule may be for safety.

"It [people skateboarding on the mall] kind of makes me nervous," said Esmerelda Eichler, a senior psychology major. "I don't want to get hurt."

However, some students are indifferent about the presence of skateboarders.

"It doesn't really affect me," Godwin said, "as long as people [skateboarders] are considerate."

Skateboarders should be mindful of their surroundings and pedestrians, and when that is the case skateboarding is, arguably, a safer activity than bicycling. Fewer accidents occur with skateboards than with bicycles, according to National Electronic Injury Surveillance System data highlights for 2015.

In 2015, there were approximately 497,134 bicycle related injuries, compared to only 125,145 skateboard related injuries, according to NEISS.

"I feel like it [skateboarding] is safe," Brown said.

Both skateboarding and cycling are convenient forms of transportation, which are harmless to others and the environment if used responsibly.

"The reality is that skateboards are used every day by thousands of people, predominantly youth, not only for recreational purposes, but as a convenient, compact and economical mode of transportation," Curt Loch, owner of Elite Products and Design, said on recmanagement.com.

"Please don't penalize all skateboarders because of a few isolated incidents," Loch said regarding liability and property damage issues.

Finding joy in exercise, such as skateboarding, doesn't seem like something to discourage, especially in Georgia where approximately 30 percent of adults are obese, according to The State of Obesity website.

In Tessa Walker's dissertation research for Portland State



Kimberly Cannon/ THE SPECTATOR
Sign warning students.

University, she found that skateboarding was utilized by study participants as a fun form of transportation.

"Focus group participants elaborated, describing skating as a way to take ownership or enjoyment of trips which - especially as teenagers - sometimes felt like obligations beyond their control, such as traveling to school," Walker said in her dissertation Skateboarding as Transportation: Findings from an Exploratory Study.

If the no skateboarding rule is frequently unenforced, the majority of students and property are unaffected by skateboarding and skateboarding promotes exercise in a country that suffers from inactivity and obesity, then the rule should not exist.

harbor so much power, yet are weakened by their obliviousness to their own potential. In essence, we are strong in numbers

"While we are quick to post, share, or like things online, it is pertinent that social media serves only as a 'diving board' for our ideals"

and passion, but in drive and mind set we falter.

While we are quick to post, share, or like things online, it is

pertinent that social media serves only as a "diving board" for our ideals, a platform from which we spring forth into the water that is the world beyond the screen; talking the talk, and walking the walk, so to speak. It is quite clear that we must delve further into the issues that are going on around us, and actively participate in or commit to creating substantial change if we expect to make a difference.

Unfortunately, there are chains that bind us to our technological devices, and even tighter ones that link us to social media platforms. So we must break them.

We must check in, literally, instead of checking out, with a promise to ourselves to look deeper, to care more, and to no longer float aimlessly about, allowing everyone around us to make the important decisions for us. We must strive to be #strongerthantheholes.

Home remedies may not be worth it

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Modern medicine was invented people solely relied on herbal home remedies to relieve the pain they were experiencing.

Even though modern medicine has been proven to be the better option, some people think that herbal remedies tend to have less side effects and tend to be more cost effective.

Although the cost of healthcare has plummeted making healthcare more affordable for many Americans; people still fail to get their child the vaccination they may need.

Some parents think that if they provide their child with herbal home remedies they become immune to many diseases. As a result of parents failing to provide their child with the proper vaccinations many non-vaccinated children have been exposed to, and are getting sick from diseases that haven't existed for decades.

While home remedies have been proven quite effective, not all of them are safe. Many natural herbs supplements contain plants; therefore they are not required to meet the FDA safety and health regulations. This means that people don't actually know what they're putting inside of their body, and may be harming and causing more damage to their body than they know of.

Home herbal remedies are

less researched than traditional medicine. No one really knows whether or not it is a better alternative because of the many mixed reviews that they receive. Some say that it helps; while others say it harms.

So what is the right thing to do? Do you believe that modern medicine practitioner or the alternative medicine practitioner?

Many people flock to the idea of using alternative medicine because many alternative medicine physicians advertise a whole-body treatment, meaning that the body is not only receiving physical treatment, but is getting spiritual treatment as well. But how do people know if that's true or not, if it hasn't been proven to be effective?

The safer option may be to use modern medicine. People may be skeptical because of the many side effects that comes along with it, but at least the side effects are known before going forth with it. With herbal remedies the side effects are unknown. There's beauty in the unknowing, but not when it comes to physical health.

If you are opposed to modern medicine, consult with a physician and ask them questions about alternative medicine. Always get a second opinion when it comes to things concerning your health, and most importantly do your research. Educate yourself on the medicine you take. This is your body and you take care of it the best way possible.

Stand clear of voter fraud

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Every year the average person might hear "The election was rigged!" Voter fraud is something that can be ranged from a myth to a large conspiracy.

According to Ballotpedia, voter fraud is the illegal interference with the election process. The site goes on to report that sources such as the Heritage Foundation and the Brennan Center of Justice have very different views upon the subject of voter fraud. The Heritage Foundation believes that the U.S has had a "long and unfortunate history" of voter fraud while the Brennan Center for Justice believe that the "allegations simply don't pan out."

The site also reports that even if it's real, the policies designed to halt voter results in the hindrance minorities from voting.

There are quite a few types of voter fraud which include double voting, dead voters, felon voter fraud and voter suppression just to name a few. Voter fraud such as double voting, dead voters and voter suppression are real.

Take a second and just ask your peers what they think about voting. Examples of voter suppression can be seen when people say things like "It doesn't matter if we vote, it's all about the electoral vote anyway" or "We're not even the majority in the country, so how is our vote going to even matter." You even have people who vote as a joke when they write in candidates like Harambe. Voter suppression can

even be an involuntary suppression. An example would be like a college not endorsing students to fill out an absentee vote if they're already registered in a different county or to re-register in that county in order to vote there.

According to the Washington Times, voter cards were sent to non-registered voters in Pennsylvania, some Pennsylvania and Oklahoma voters voted twice, and dead voters voted in Colorado. There were even underage voters in Wisconsin. Counties in the states of Texas, Indiana and Kentucky are being investigated for voter fraud.

It can't really be said that voter fraud is a big problem, but the security at the areas voting takes places needs to be upgraded. The fact that dead people are still able to vote is mind-blowing and begs the question of what would've happened in the election if all the cases of voter fraud never took place.

Politicians should go out into the community to inform people on how to vote and then encourage to go vote because their vote does matter. If you think they don't, just look at the last election.



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People wait to vote for US President.

Breaking through social media

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#Imwithher and #makeamericagreatagain are both trending topics on Facebook and Twitter, representing the eagerness of the millennials to run to social media instead of the voting booth. This is not to pass judgment, but rather to invoke a sense of commitment that today's youth appears to lack.

Oftentimes, people find more comfort behind their computer screens than they do out in the world, but #socialmediaislazy.

In George Orwell's "1984", Winston claims, "if there is hope, it lies with the proles." Orwell's "proles" are the majority, but are too distracted by visceral pleasures to organize and revolt and make any significant difference. The parallelism to today's youth is quite astounding; millennials

According to History.com, Congress declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1941.

Review:

Theater production anything but 'Agony'

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Valdosta State's Theatre and Dance department opened its doors to "Into the Woods," on Nov. 10, to a full house and great anticipation for a great play.

"Into the Woods" features characters from the Brother Grimm's fairy tales. Characters come from well-known stories like Cinderella, Red Riding hood, Rapunzel, and Jack and the Beanstalk.

The play was held in Sawyer Theatre, which accommodated a good sized audience. The stage was a little smaller than expected, but it wasn't an issue once the play started.

There were multiple props and platforms that the actors used extensively that definitely made a difference for the audience. The whole setting gave a more realistic experience and transported us further into the story.

Lighting and sound effects by the production staff complimented the actors on stage, and the audience seemed to enjoy the fact that it actually looked like they were

in the woods.

The play opened with a prologue of "Into the Woods," performed by the Narrator Ethan Glass and company. Seeing all the actors performing at once was a great way to open the play, as well as to get the audience excited for more.

For someone who walked into the play only knowing it was a musical and had no inkling of what the story was about, the characters and narrator gave a clear picture of the plot without much confusion.

The story begins with the Baker and his wife—the most prominent characters—who are unable to have a child because of a witch's curse. They must venture into the woods to find ingredients to break the curse in order to conceive.

The Witch, played by Alexandria Joy, performed her parts with precision and charisma. Barely catching a breath between lines, she had the crowd laughing from her lyrics and hanging onto every word.

One duo that had the crowd on

their feet at the end of the show was Cinderella's Prince, played by Daniel Griffin, and Rapunzel's Prince played by Vaughn Meccod. Their performances together in both act one and two were charming and hilarious.

When act two began, it was clear that it had a very different tone compared to the first act. While act one was light and funny, act two had much more darker notes.

The audience started showing more emotional responses during the second act, most likely due to the deaths of characters that had become very well-liked by the audience in the first act.

With another solo performance of the song "Last Midnight" sung by Joy, the audience couldn't help giving her another loud round of applause.

"Your Fault," sung by Jack, played by Brandon Chandler, Little Red Riding hood, played by Ursula Trassorras, the Witch, played by Alexandria Joy and Cinderella, played by Haley Aquero, was another crowd pleaser.



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The Baker's wife (Junior Risa Ramsey) tries to cut off part of Rapunzel's (Freshman Bekah Ward) hair to break the curse against her house.

The actors had an entrancing performance of bantering lyrics back and forth, all relying on the right timing. It was almost hard to keep up because of the speed of the actors on stage.

The show went on without as much as a hiccup. All characters performed well together and

separately, making themselves extremely likable on stage.

Luckily, no technical issues plagued the play, as they so often can. The crowd got to experience special effects that helped make the entire story more exciting and realistic.

Go back to your basics Cold-weather wardrobe prep tips

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You walk outside in the morning in a T-shirt and shorts only to realize it's way colder than it was yesterday, but you don't have time to change before class. You trek to your classroom in the cold and you swear to yourself you'll go out and buy a whole new wardrobe tomorrow.

Don't pack away your summer clothes just yet.

Transitioning into fall doesn't necessarily mean creating a whole new wardrobe. Fall allows some of the very same clothing items worn during the warmer days to transition into the chilly days. It can even be done with some of the most popular trends.

For example, instead of wearing the checker print flannel tied around the waist, switch it up and layer it over a white V-neck or your favorite graphic T-shirt.

Layering is your best friend.

Layering helps recycle some of the same pieces year round. Not only does layering add warmth, but it can also showcase a side of creativity. Scarves are great accessories for those who want to add a pop of color while being cozy and chic.

Almost everyone loves to restock their clothing collection as the season changes, but as a college student managing expenses, this can cut into your budget for clothing.

One of the easiest transitioning steps is switching colors. Summer days are all about bright vibrant

colors and patterns. Fall is the total opposite; deep rich-toned colors such as olive, burgundy or any neutral shades transition well into the fall and winter months.

Aside from choosing the appropriate colors, owning a few basic items can help save some money.

Transitioning into fall doesn't necessarily mean creating a whole new wardrobe.

Plain solid color t-shirts such as black, white and gray can be paired with just about anything. They can be worn during the summer with a pair of denim shorts but can also be worn in the fall with denim jeans, a jean jacket and a big scarf.

Fall months are not as cold as winter months which are an advantage for those who prefer skirts and dresses over jeans.

Adding tights under a favorite sundress or pair of shorts is a cute yet easy way to transition into the cooler months. If you're feeling spontaneous, try a pair of tights with a pattern to add extra flare to the outfit.

The next step for transitioning into the fall is making a small investment in outerwear like cardigans, sweaters and jackets.

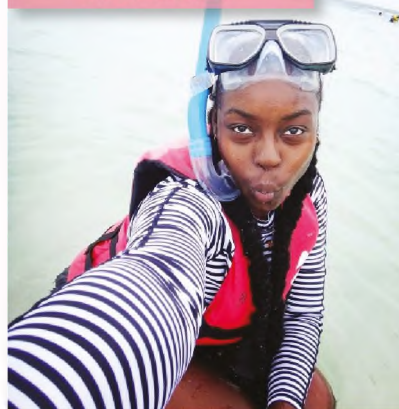
Cardigans and sweaters are perfect fall essentials; they are super comfortable items that can be paired with jeans or leggings for a more casual look.

Oversized sweaters, black leggings and knee high boots return every fall season, becoming more popular every time.

Cardigans and oversized sweaters help recycle tank tops and sleeveless shirts into the fall. It can change the overall look of an outfit making them more fall-appropriate. These key pieces offer variety and new combinations for different outfits.

Although it is easier to purchase a new wardrobe for every season, exploring your creative side while saving money and clothing is more beneficial for college students on a budget.

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COLLEGE LIFE

Students fly high at ropes course



Freshmen Ravan Burston and Aaliyah Sample-Britten prepare to tightrope on the pathway to the zip-lining portion of the course.



The two friends, Ravan Burston and Aaliyah Sample-Britten, take the final step to the end of the course and prepare to zip-line.



Ravan Burston braves the zip-line and screams in joy as she speeds away from the rest of the course.



Two student helpers rest on top of the course. The ropes course can be found behind Sustella Parking Deck in the middle of the surrounding forest.

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“It was a leap of faith,” Aaliyah Sample-Britten, freshman criminal justice major, said.

CORE outdoors held its last free tech day of the semester for students on Nov. 10 from 2 p.m.—7 p.m.

The rope course was a fun challenge for anyone, even those who

wanted to get rid of their fear of heights.

“It was pretty fun,” said freshman and biology major, Ravan Burston. The rope course contained four parts to it a climbing net, the broken bridge, scaling a rope and zip-lining.

Both Burston and Sample-Britten said zip-lining was their favorite part of the course.



Jackie Kelly, graduate assistant, watches over the broken major as a silent guardian for students attempting the course.

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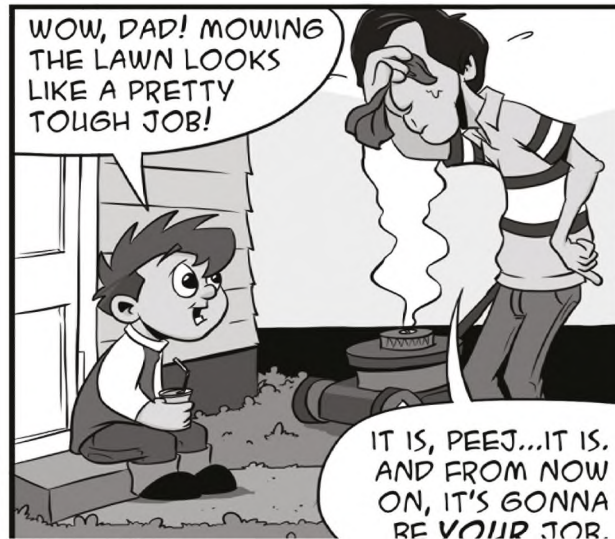
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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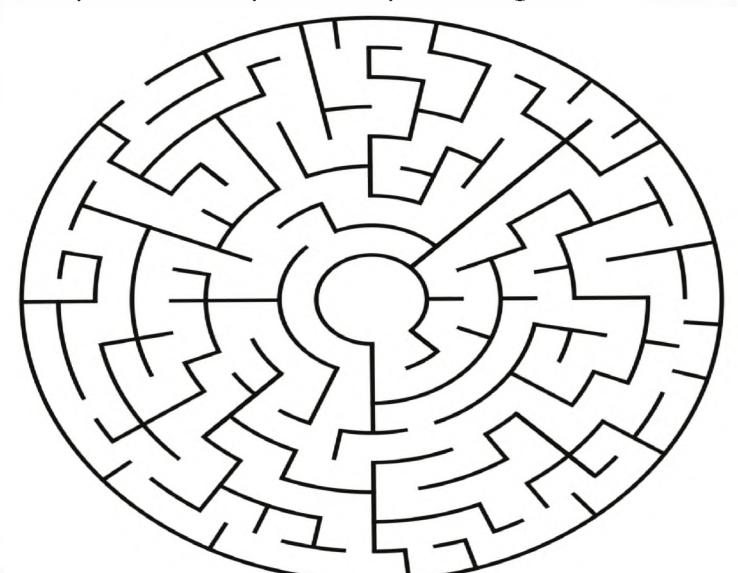
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Health Tip *of the week*

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'That's So Raven' to return Disney show to come back in near future

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Remember Raven Baxter, the teenage physic that could see into the future? Well the popular 2003 television show, "That's So Raven," will be returning to a TV near you.

Raven-Symoné recently announced that she will be leaving "The View" and returning back to Disney to begin filming a sequel to "That's So Raven." She has served as a co-host on "The View" since 2014. It was obvious that Raven was working on other projects after her appearances became very limited on "The View."

According to Slash Film, "That's So Raven" was the first Disney show to make it to 100 episodes. At the time Disney had a 65-episode rule but the show was so popular it exceeded that number and had more than three million viewers.

The original show was about a teenage girl who could see into the future. She and her friends, Eddie and Chelsea, would try to follow Raven's visions which would get them in some sort of trouble.

In the new spin-off, Raven will return to her role as Raven Baxter. This time Raven plays a divorced mother to two teenage son and daughter. Her daughter, Nia, inherits Raven's psychic abilities.

"We now have our eyes on the future with her, and we're looking forward to telling more stories for a new generation with an adult Raven Baxter raising her young family," said Adam Bonnett, EVP Original Programming, Disney Channels Worldwide.

Raven is the first African-American woman to have a comedy show with her birth name in the title. She was also named executive producer of her own show at the age of 19. The show won several awards such as, an NAACP Image Award, Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award and others.

Scott Thomas and Jed Elinoff are two producers writing the sequel. Raven will continue to be executive producer of the spin-off.

Raven decides to bring an original character with her to the spin off. This time Anneliese van der Pol, Chelsea Daniels, plays a divorce mother as well. In the new series Raven and Chelsea team up to raise their kids together.

Van der Pol was in numerous projects since she was last seen on the popular TV show. She began her Broadway career starring as Belle in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and Kathy in the Off-Broadway play "Vaniities."

It hasn't been confirmed whether the rest of the Baxter's family will return to the new sequel. Although the spin-off begins production in 2017, there isn't an official title yet.

New craze a real freeze

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Many are familiar with the mannequin challenge, the viral sensation that seems to have everyone's attention. The point of the challenge is to stand as still as possible mid-task as if the person is a mannequin.

Everyone from high school students, to celebrities, to political figures are all anxious to perform the challenge and add their own spin.

The mannequin challenge started when a group of high school students decided to record themselves standing as still as possible, doing different activities. They never could have predicted that it would turn out to be so popular and gain the recogni-

tion of some famous individuals.

The most popular song played in the background of the mannequin challenge videos is "Black Beatles" by rap group Rae Sremmurd. No one knows why this is the designated song played throughout most of the mannequin challenge videos, Rae Sremmurd themselves can't even explain it.

With the song gaining popularity from its affiliation, Rae Sremmurd decided to do their own mannequin challenge at their concert.

The challenge even gained the attention of the famous Beatle himself, Paul McCarthy. His mannequin challenge featured "Black Beatles" in the background. Paul McCarthy caused quite an effect on the rap duo, who were in disbelief that the legend was playing their song.

While this challenge is fun for people do with friends, many people have used it as a platform to bring awareness to many social issues in our society. This challenge has captured the attention of a lot of people causing them to be more knowledgeable of the issues in our society.

The issues that have been portrayed are domestic violence, police brutality and bullying. These issues are things that our society needs to focus on. It's good to know that the mannequin challenge is creating such a positive up rise in our society.

Many people see this challenge as just a fun activity, but it has proven to be so much more than an activity. Using the challenge as a positive statement is just what our society needs and it's good to see people shedding a light on the social issues.

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DID YOU KNOW?

VSU Volleyball's season came to an end last Tuesday in the first round of the Gulf South Conference Tournament after losing to North Alabama. The team won the tournament in 2014, and they were second runner-ups last year.



Swamp Bowl

P-Rex is comprised of many members of the men's team Nikes. Both teams won the 2016 Swamp Bowl.

VSU flag teams headed to nationals Nikes looking to repeat as champions after Swamp Bowl

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After winning the University of Florida's Swamp Bowl, VSU is sending two flag football teams to the national championship tournament.

The University of Florida held its annual National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Regional Championship from Nov. 4-6. The tournament featured teams from Florida and Georgia competing for a spot in the national championship tournament that will be hosted at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida in January.

VSU sent the Nikes and P-Rex to the Swamp Bowl. P-Rex is a co-rec team with male and female students who scored 182 points in four games, while allowing opponents to score only 25 points.

P-Rex won the championship game 64-0 over the University of South Florida. With their win, they qualified for the national tournament where they'll be competing for the national co-rec championship in January.

VSU also sent the men's defending National Champions to the Swamp Bowl, and they had the same result as P-Rex. The Nikes pulled a come from behind win to secure their ticket to Pensacola.

They completed a triple pass play with less than two minutes remaining to score a touchdown and scored again with under a minute left to play to win the game.

The Nikes finished first in scoring with 46.5 points per game and had a 67-point differential in pool play.

Lance Jarriel, captain of both teams, earned tournament MVP honors for P-Rex as well as

Nikes.

VSU is a perennial power in flag football. The last time both the co-rec and men's teams were national champions was in the 2014-2015 season.

The national tournament will be seeded after pool play in the early rounds of the tournament.

"When they go into the national tournament they'll be put into a pool, they'll be guaranteed at least two games of pool play and then they'll be seeded out," Assistant Director of Intramural Sports, Drew Devore, said. "It'll be based off of win-loss record. They'll then be seeded out into single game elimination."

The tournament will be held January 6-8 on West Florida's campus in Pensacola, Florida.

Jock Jams

Sports and music go hand in hand. The Blazers of VSU are no exception. Sports editor Kyle Dawson asked four athletes at VSU what their favorite pregame music is.



Maggie Davis Athletic Department Graduate Assistant

"The World's Greatest" by R Kelly. The motivational lyrics made me feel like I could accomplish anything. It helped my confidence rise high before each game and helped calm my nerves.



Jacob Chesser Football Quarterback

As a team, we listen to "From the Bottom of the Map" by Young Jeezy as loud as possible before the games and change the lyrics to "Black Swarm from the bottom."



Maci Fletcher Softball Pitcher

"Fergalicious" by Fergie. It puts me in a good mood and helps me let loose and relax before a game. It's not a song that's meant to pump you up, but it's a fun song that makes me want to dance and have fun, which is what the game should be about.



Kayla Robles Soccer Defender

"Heroes (We Could Be)" by Alesso ft. Tove Lo (Branchez Remix). It pumps me up and I feel like I can do anything after I listen to it.



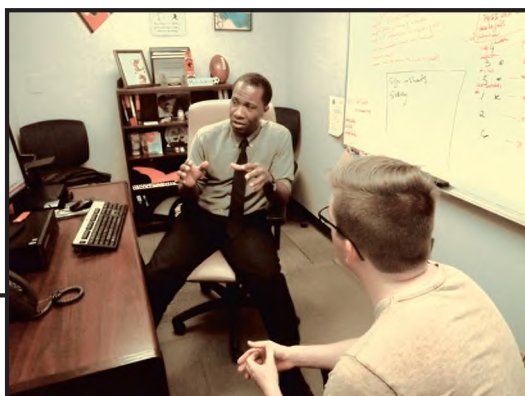
Gaughf Ivey Football Linebacker

"Too Many Years" by Kodak Black ft PnB Rock. It talks about how life can be taken away from you and how a lot of people are in jail and dead. People should make the most of their opportunities while you can because you can't go back and redo anything in life.

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Jeremiah Hill (34)

Rebounds
Muhammad Saadiq (15)

Women

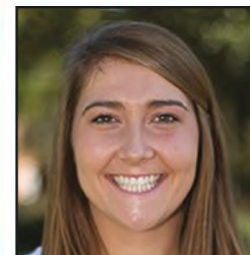
Points
Madi Mitchell (36)

Steals
Jazmyn McIntosh (7)



Next Week:

A look at VSU Women's Basketball player Madi Mitchell. Mitchell, who is a junior for the Blazers, is in her second year after transferring from Mercer.



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VSU selected as fourth seed ahead of playoffs

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VSU Football is hosting UNC-Pembroke in the first round of the playoffs next Saturday, but they've been in playoff mode for weeks.

The Blazers ended the regular season on a two game winning streak after an impressive win against West Alabama, which knocked them out of the playoffs, and a shutout victory against Shorter, which was its eleventh loss of the season.

Head coach Kerwin Bell said the Blazers have been in playoff mode for a long time.

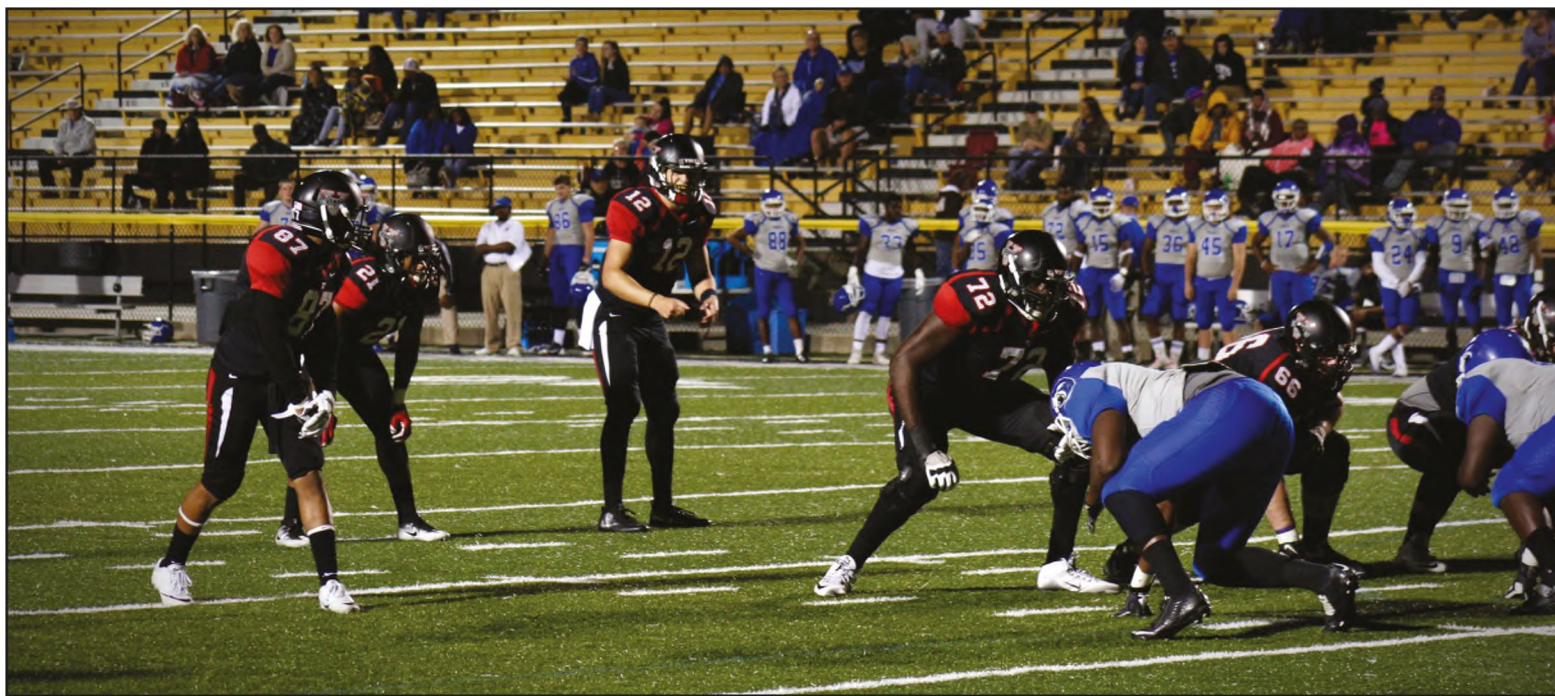
"We believe in a process ... we're going to stick to it, and I think the last two weeks we've started to get in that mode," Bell said. "We're going to continue that and keep them in that mode where we are really focused and these last two weeks we've really gotten in that mode of playoff football."

UNC-Pembroke is riding a five-game winning streak. The Braves will be coming to Valdosta with only one loss on their record. A blemish that the playoff committee saw fit to drop them to a five seed. The loss came against Tuskegee University, which was ranked fifth in the country at the time.

UNC-Pembroke has a high-powered offense driven by junior quarterback Patrick O'Brien. O'Brien has passed for 2,485 yards and 20 touchdowns on the season. They also have a weapon on special teams in senior place kicker Matt Davis. Davis has converted 26-29 field goals this season with six of them being of 50 or more yards.

The Braves offense averages 35.6 points per game, while VSU's defense only allows 24.4 points per game.

The Black Swarm has 64



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Adam Robles led the VSU offense with 333 yards passing and three touchdowns in three quarters before senior Jacob Chesser came in during the fourth.

tackles for loss, 23 sacks and 22 interceptions to go along with giving up less than 25 points per game on the season. Turnovers could give VSU an edge entering into the playoffs. They are tied for ninth in the country in turnovers gained with 29. They are tied for third in interceptions with 22.

"When you go into the playoffs and you know you got a championship style defense, it gives you a chance against anybody," Bell said.

VSU's offense should not be overshadowed by the defense's performance. They have the seventh most passing yards in the nation, with 320 yards per game. The emergence of freshman running back Cedric Hollingshed has provided the Blazers with a change of pace ground game and passing threat out of the back-field.

VSU has five players who have been honored by the Gulf South

Conference. Senior defensive back Donatello Brown and redshirt freshman guard Brandon Kemp received first team all-conference honors for the year. Senior defensive back Kenny Moore and senior defensive lineman Jamar Simpkins were named to the second team all-conference. Hollingshed was also named the conference freshman WIn the last 10 years, VSU has been to the playoffs six times, including two championships in 2007 and 2012 and a second round exit last year. In the last matchup with UNC-Pembroke, which was in 2014, the Blazers won 36-7. VSU will be hoping for a similar result on Saturday.

The game against the Braves will be at 1 p.m. at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium on Nov. 19.

Who's your MVP from VSU's win over Shorter?

1. Adam Robles (QB)
2. Xay Howard (WR)
3. Cedric Hollingshed (RB)
4. Andrew Gray (K)

1. 26/40 333 yds 3 TDs ⊕	30%
2. 3 catches 99 yds TD	6%
3. 110 Total yds TD	9%
4. 3/3 FGs career long 44	55%

Andrew Gray is the winner of this week's poll after making all three of his field goals against Shorter University. Gray hit his career long, a 44 yarder, in the game. Gray also had nine kick-offs, with an average of 60 yards per kick.



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Senior fullback Alex Brock caught his only pass of the season against Shorter on senior night last Saturday.

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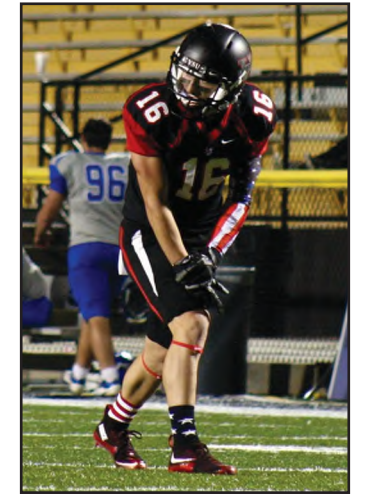
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Playoff Bound



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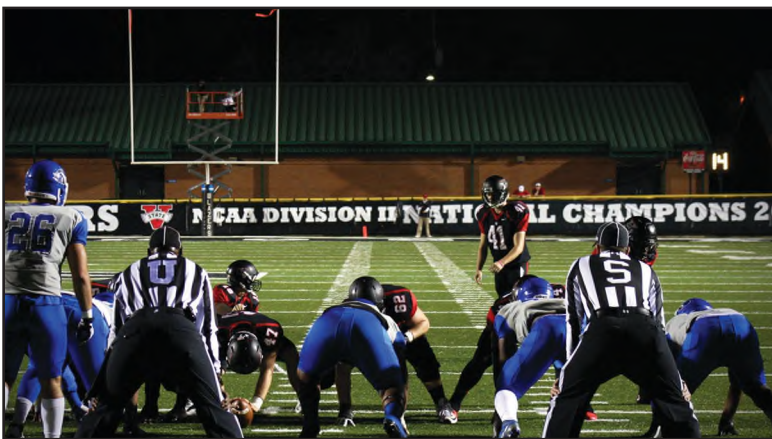


VSU Football punched its ticket to the playoffs last Saturday after routing Shorter University, 44-0. VSU honored the military throughout the game. It was also senior night, and many seniors got the most playing time of their career. The game served as a warm-up for the team as they get ready for the playoffs for the first time under Head Coach Kerwin Bell.

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Blazer Stats Leaders:

Passing Yards:
Adam Robles (1,821)

Rushing Yards:
Cedric Hollingshed (474)

Receiving Yards: Xay Howard (601)

Tackles: Kenny Moore (55)

Interceptions: Raymond Palmer (4)

Sacks: Jamar Simpkins (4.5)

Touchdowns: Roland Rivers (16)

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