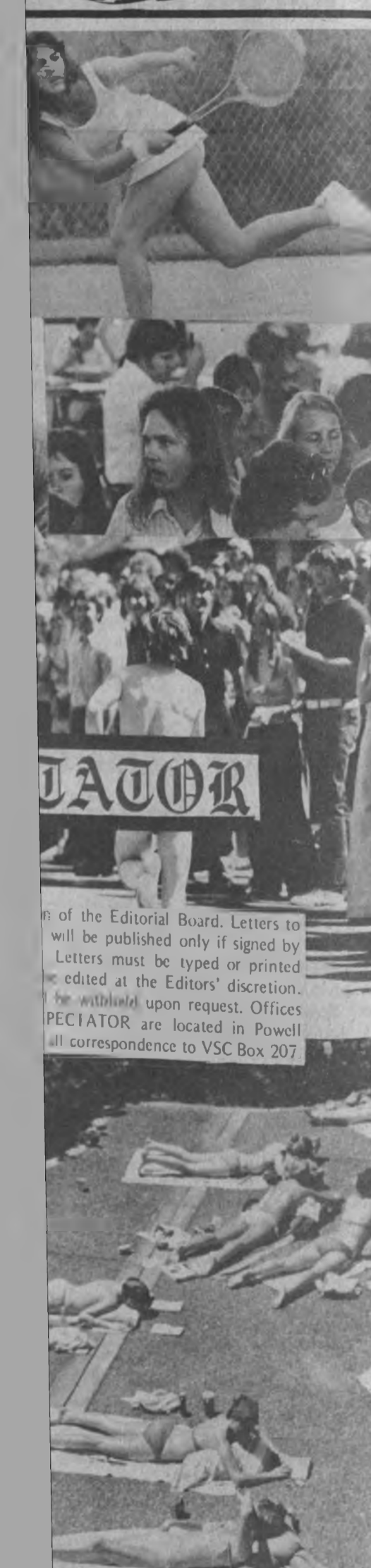


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College Union Board to Present Marshgrass

The College Union will present a concert on Tuesday, September 30. The event is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium. The featured group will be MARSHGRASS. MARSHGRASS has been picking and singing their way to popularity on the Atlanta scene for several months now. John Boggan, the group's lead singer likes to describe their style as "contemporary music in the bluegrass vein." Their repertoire includes bluegrass classics, their own versions of songs by modern composers—such as Bob Dylan and John Denver, and a few original songs every now and then. MARSHGRASS has been together for over two years. They are five young, talented musicians—four versatile gents and one lovely lady. They all sing, and between the five of them, they are capable and expert musicians

professionally playing mandolin, banjo, guitar, dobro, steel guitar, fiddle, accordion, stand-up bass and electric bass. Through a smooth blend of good musicianship and friendly personalities, they are adept at establishing a warm rapport with their audiences. Besides the critical acclaim they have been achieving in Atlanta, working hard on the club scene at places such as the Great South East Music Hall, the Bistro and the many Steak and Ale clubs, they have been gaining fans almost daily as they keep busy working the southeastern college, festival and club circuit. They have recently been at Columbus College, Georgia Tech and Mercer University, just to name a few schools. Some festivals along the way have been the Coney Grove Bluegrass Festival in Cordele, Georgia, the Atlanta Arts Festival and the Millers

Landing Bluegrass Festival in Tallahassee, Florida. Generally speaking, MARSHGRASS has a complete show they do on their own—but occasionally they have been the opening act for others such as Tom T. Hall, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Tanya Tucker. MARSHGRASS' act centers around a modern approach to bluegrass music. And even though music is the most essential element in their performance—they know what to do between songs; plenty of jokes, comments and stories to further bridge the gap between audience and performer—until they become just one big happy party. Entertainment IS the name of their game. And besides all the above, we have no prima donnas in MARSHGRASS—just dedicated musicians and entertainers. They are a pleasure to work with.

After 33 years

VSC's Dean Wall Retires

Question: How can 33 years be made to equal 12 feet? Answer: It's easy if you're Dr. Graham Wall, who retired July 1 from Valdosta State College with 12 feet of notes, stacked side-by-side, after 33 years of teaching math. "Everything I've done has been somehow associated with mathematics," said Dean Wall, who also served as associate dean of students at VSC and retired with the status of professor emeritus of mathematics and associate dean emeritus of students. "After teaching high school math seven years, I realized I wasn't making a living at it, took a North Carolina safety inspector's exam and barely passed it (but they told me experienced engineers often failed it), then spent two years as an inspector of boilers and steam equipment," he recalled.

"By 1942, World War II was well under way and I was about to get drafted; so rather than be inducted a private in the Army, I applied for a Navy commission and became a lieutenant, junior grade, and spent two years, 10 months and 22 days in the Navy." His AB and MA in math from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill paid off when he was assigned to navigation on the USS Lake Champlain, an aircraft carrier. "But first, the Navy sent me to navigation school, then they sent me back to Chapel Hill to teach navigation at the U.S. Navy Pre-Flight School," he said. "I was sent from that school to the navigation school at Opalocka, Florida, where I taught advance navigation to people who had already been practicing it. Then I

got orders to report to the Lake Champlain." After his Navy discharge in 1946, he had his first non-math-related assignment. "I helped my father-in-law in his well-drilling business at Remington, Virginia, and there's absolutely no math in well-drilling," he smiled. "But then I got a job teaching math at North Carolina State in Raleigh, which—even in those days—was predominantly an engineering school. A higher salary took me to Georgia Tech two years later." After two years on the Georgia Tech faculty, he took a leave of absence to attend graduate school at the University of Georgia. On the verge of accepting a position at the University of Houston after he earned his doctorate in math, Wall was recruited to

the Valdosta State faculty by Leroy Babcock of the math department and Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, then VSC president. Dean of men at VSC from 1953-67, Wall can't help but grin now when he remembers some shenanigans that were too serious to overlook at the time. "There was the student who painted the seats in a certain facility in the men's dormitory with a strong solution of silver nitrate," he grinned. "The prank resulted in some second degree burns in embarrassing places! One student had to stand up to eat." Needless to say, the culprit was sent home to reflect on his inhumanity to his fellow man. In his 22 years on the Valdosta State campus, Dean Wall has witnessed phenomenal growth.

"I have seen the physical plant grow from three dormitories, a library and a classroom/ administration building to the present

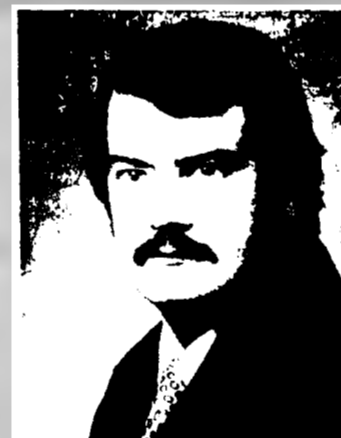


Dr. Graham Wall

multi-million dollar facility," he said. "The potential for the future of VSC is unlimited." Since his retirement, Dean Wall has been catching up with an estimated '20 years of neglected yard work,' and he's made room for those 12 feet of notes. With his wife, Mary Virginia, he plans a trip to Naples, Florida, for a visit with son John and six-month-old grandson John Michael. A native of Benson, North Carolina, Dean Wall is a member of the American Association of University Professors and is a deacon at Valdosta's First Baptist Church. He has been a member of the American Mathematics Society and the American Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Dr. Balof Announces First Class Opposition Set For Upgraded Schedule

A debate coach is a lot like a football coach, according to Dr. Eugene H. Balof, forensics director at Valdosta State College.



Dr. Eugene H. Balof

"Debate is a kind of intellectual football," Balof said. "And like a football coach, a debate coach works with students who like to compete. In fact, I look for the kind of student a football coach would call a head hunter, one who is very competitive, dedicated and unafraid of competition." Like a football coach, a debate coach "wants to play the best possible schedule," and VSC's debate team is to play an upgraded schedule this academic year.

"We're scrimmaging with Florida State University on Thursday, September 25, in an unjudged, practice debate," Balof said. "The opening event of our 1975-76 schedule is the Middle Tennessee Tournament at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, October 3-5. The next weekend, October 10-12, we travel to the University of Kentucky Debate Tournament, a really rough one with about 50 schools' teams, including Harvard, Northwestern and Cornell. "October 17-19, we host the VSC Debate Tournament, at which the University of Alabama is the defending champion and for which invitations have gone out to more than 100 colleges throughout the South. And no sooner is that over, than we hit the road again to the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill for the UNC Debate Tournament." And that's just October. "Not really!" Balof laughed. "On October 31, the Peachtree Invitational Debate Tournament opens at Emory University in Atlanta." The weekend of November 8-9, the VSC debaters will take a breather, but plans are afoot for a high school invitational tournament at Valdosta State the next weekend. "The weekend of November 21-23, we go back to North Carolina for another biggie, the Dixie Classic at Wake Forest, and that's it for fall quarter," Balof said. "It's true we have a young team, but the way to have a first-class team is to meet first-class opposition." What he calls 'pure

enthusiasm' will carry a debate team as far in some instances as it will a football team, he's convinced. "Debaters who go into competition determined to win have been known to overcome more able, but less well-prepared teams," he said. "My approach with this year's VSC team is that every member of it must have a commitment to excellence." He points to Tom Odom of Valdosta, President of the VSC Debate Forum, and Vice President Susan Hall of Hahira as examples of such commitment. Returning debaters are Schaune Griffin of Valdosta, Michael Parker of Fountain, Florida, Robin Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida, and Marilyn Hartbarger of Granite City, Illinois. Joe Bishop of

Albany is a new recruit. A veteran of four years on the Lincoln Illinois Community High School debate team and four years on the debate team of Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, Balof said Augustana 'has been to the national finals more often than any other college or university in the United States.' Balof comes to VSC from the University of Missouri, where he was director of forensics. Under his direction, the team racked up the best record of any year in the history of the university. He has also been employed as an instructor at Baylor University and the University of Wisconsin. He holds the BA degree from Augustana and the MA and PhD from the University of Missouri.

Dr. Ratajczak Speaker at Fall Convocation

Dr. Donald Ratajczak, director of the Economic Forecasting Project at Georgia State University, is principal speaker at the fall convocation at Valdosta State College on Wednesday, October 1. "Reflections on the State of the Economy" is the topic of his address.



Donald Ratajczak

Many of Dr. Ratajczak's papers reflect his current interest in developing economic models of national and various regional economies," said Dr. L. Addington, Dean of the VSC School of Business Administration, at the convocation. Ratajczak is a member of the truly

outstanding young economists in the nation, he is highly respected by his colleagues in the profession. Because the economy is this year's leading concern, we feel fortunate to have this eminent economist open our 1975-76 academic year. Ratajczak received the BA degree from Haverford College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and his PhD in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. While pursuing graduate work in economics, he was an instructor at MIT and a lecturer at Boston College. Prior to joining the faculty at Georgia State in 1973 and becoming director of the GSU Economic Forecasting Project, Ratajczak taught in the University of California at Los Angeles Graduate School of Management and was director of research for the UCLA Forecasting Project. Concurrently with his work at UCLA, he served as consultant to the California Department of Finance, the Kappel Commission on

Postal Reform, the Pay Board and the Federal Home Loan Bank. He also publishes, gives papers at professional meetings and presents numerous public lectures and forums, according to Dr. Addington. VSC President S. Walter Martin is to preside at the 11:15 a.m. gathering of students, faculty and friends of the college in Whitehead Auditorium. Valdosta Mayor Gil Harbin is to represent the community; Student Government Association president Dick McLeod of Albany, the students; and Dr. Jay Arnold, chairman of the faculty affairs committee and head of the department of physical education, the faculty. Dr. W. Ray Cleere, vice president and dean of faculties at VSC, is to recognize the President's Freshman Scholars. The invocation and benediction are to be given by Dr. Gordon L. Teffeteller, head of the VSC history department. Ruth Sisson, assistant professor of music, is to present the organ prelude and postlude.

Smoking Cycle Coming Again

History repeats itself. Even the history of smoking. Early explorers and colonists in the New World learned to inhale tobacco from the Indians, who smoked the leaf in a Y-shaped pipe. Each end of the double-forked pipe, which was called a tabaco, was inserted into a nostril. Historical records show that Colonial women as well as men smoked pipes, and in the early days smoking was even permitted at church services. Matches were unknown then, and pipes had to be kept lighted by sparks created when flint was scraped. The sounds of scraping were such an annoyance during services that soon smoking had to be banned at church meetings. Other offensive aspects of tobacco were recognized early by the General Court in Massachusetts, which

passed laws making it illegal to grow the weed or to smoke it in public. "Those who wished to do so might smoke in taverns, but only if no one present objected," says one historical source. "At the first complaint the smoker had either to stop smoking, hire a private room where he would not disturb anyone, or face a possible fine of two shillings and sixpence." The cycle is coming 'round again. Smoking in enclosed public places is being restricted or prohibited by legislatures across the country. At this point in history, the purpose is to protect the health as well as the comfort of nonsmokers. To find out more about efforts to protect nonsmokers in public places, contact your Georgia Lung Association, the 'Christmas Seal' people. They know the facts about second-hand smoke. It's a Matter of Life and Breath.



BEAUTY AT VSC

Juniors Mona Houston and Charlotte McRaine admire unusual sunflower in front of V. S. C. Library.

Artificial Lung Expected to be Available Soon

It'll never replace the real thing. But some day an artificial lung may be available for short term emergencies. Such a device is now being tested. It is to be used during acute respiratory failure—the critical inability of the lungs to do their job. To get oxygen into the blood. To get carbon dioxide out.

membrane is far thicker, however, than the natural tissue. The total gas-exchange surface of the artificial lung is only about one-fifteenth that of the human lung. But then the artificial lung is meant to take over only during the emergency period.

Acute respiratory failure can result from a number of conditions, not just a pulmonary disease. It can occur, for example, because of drug intoxication, electric shock, or the failure of another organ. Its death rate is high. More effective treatment for it is a primary need.

A three-year test program, sponsored by the National Heart and Lung Institute, was established last year. Its objective is to compare the effectiveness of the artificial lung with other forms of treatment of acute respiratory failure. To date, the artificial lung has supported some 150 patients in advanced stages of acute respiratory failure for up to three weeks.

This experimental artificial lung is nowhere near as efficient as the human lung. The artificial lung is made of a very thin silicone rubber, shaped into a flat sleeve wrapped round and round a spool. Blood from a patient's vein is circulated between the layers of this coiled sleeve, and oxygen is diffused through the sleeve into the blood. The thinnest practicable rubber

No matter how effective this artificial lung is, the natural lung must eventually take over if the patient is to recover. At least so far, there is no adequate substitute for that vital organ. Learn how to protect it. Ask your Georgia Lung Association—the Christmas Seal people. It's a Matter of Life and Breath.



It's all right with Adam Penny, 5, if grownup visitors to the Valdosta State College Art Faculty Exhibition rave about the artistry of the batik carousel animals by Lee Bennett (right), but all Adam wants to know is how to make them go 'round. Standing by as Mrs. Bennett demonstrates is Adam's mother, Mrs. Donald Penny, wife of the VSC potter whose work is also on display with that of Irene Dodd, Ruth Kahler, Bill Martin, Russell McRae, Joe Pember, Claud Singer and Bruce Wallace. The show runs through October 3. VSC gallery hours are 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. weekdays.

VA Facts You Should know

Practicing what it preaches, the Veterans Administration has hired more than 28,000 Vietnam-era veterans. All but one of America's dental schools is dependent to some extent on advanced facilities in Veterans Administration hospitals. About 2 million more people than attend National Football League games during a regular season receive treatment annually in outpatient visits to Veterans Administration medical facilities. The total value of home loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration since the GI home loan program started shortly after World War II exceeds \$112 billion.



Holly and Charles Potts clown around with headgear she brought from the Soviet Union. Modeling babushka, she finds her new fur hat is not quite big enough for her husband.

VSC Graduate Spends Two Months in Leningrad

I was more impressed by the friendliness of people in the Soviet Union than anything else,' said Holly Potts, June graduate of Valdosta State College who was just returned from two months at Leningrad State University. 'Private citizens I got to know were extremely liberal,' she said. 'We talked about almost anything, and there were a lot of topics we couldn't discuss. We talked a lot about politics in America and the Apollo-Soyuz space use whatever the local legal fight, and I observed the lie happens to carry. To take a Soviet-U.S. knowledge of your housing law, yet we the Soviet students (a few rights and survive officially declared dead. 'They didn't seem to see a last tactic or symbolic protest as a competitive thing in your negotiating strength, but as an honest attempt at an honest communication. I think it was as much a symbol for them as an actual event,' she said. Mrs. Potts added she noticed no attempt in the American technology as inferior to Soviet now-how. 'We watched the liftoff on the television room of our dormitory,' she said. 'Among the 120 watching together in the room I was in there were Soviet, American, Swedish, Finnish, English, Scottish and Irish students. There were even a few African and Latin American students watching with us. 'At liftoff, everybody cheered. Our tightly structured schedule kept us going from 8 a.m. to almost midnight every day, so we didn't get to watch the launching, but there was an awareness of it, of course.' The Soviets refer to ex-President Richard Nixon as having 'retired,' she noticed. 'But he's really respected because of detente and his work in international relations,' she said.

VSC/SGAE Meets Thursday

The VSC chapter of the Georgia Association of Educators, a campus organization of students interested in a future of teaching or school administration, will have their first meeting of the 75-76 school year this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting upstairs in the Graduate Lounge of the Education Center. Come and meet President Martin, Dr. Letson, and some of the education faculty. You will also be able to find out what the activities of VSC/SGAE will be for this year. The dress has become a lot more Western in the past few years, and young women are wearing very short skirts, as well as mid-lengths and maxis,' she said. 'Bluejeans are like the cat's pajamas, and you can name your price on the black market. My friends and I exchanged presents, and since American clothing is highly valued there, my gifts were shirts and costume jewelry.' Though only grandmothers, babushki, wear scarves over their heads, Mrs. Potts couldn't resist buying one for herself. 'This floral pattern is a traditional design, and my new fur hat is cut on traditional lines, too,' she said. The Savannah native found Leningrad

Trees May Stand in Courts

Trees may follow women and minorities as the next group to be given protection under the law if the theory of a California law professor takes hold.

Christopher Stone has suggested that natural objects, such as trees, be given legal standing in courts. Attorneys could be appointed by the court to defend the interests of the environment, much as attorneys would be appointed to defend a child. Any money awarded in damages would go to the benefit of the environment.

For instance, if a polluter were ordered to pay \$10,000 in damages to a tree or stream, the money would go into a trust fund tended by a legal guardian. The money could be used to reforest a cleared area or restock a stream with fish. Stone's theory is gaining ground in legal circles. The attorney general of New Jersey used the argument in a suit involving fish kills, and California's attorney general plans to use the same case to win compensation for birds and fish injured and killed in the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill.



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CONNIE COLEMAN (Junior--Early Childhood Education) 'It was a lot better and easier, I was through in about 15 minutes.'
DENISE IVIE (Freshman--Undecided) 'I went in at 10:00 and all the classes I wanted were closed out.'
JAMES TAYLOR (Junior--Biology) 'It was a lot more organized this time. I think they could have computerized pre-registration.'



MISSIE HOWELL (Freshman--Undecided) 'Confusing, but I don't know how it was before.'
WALT SIMPSON (Senior--Accounting) 'Ah! Fantastic!'
DEBBIE MATHIS (Sophomore--Physical Education) 'It was real good because it was more convenient and easier.'
CATHY CROWLEY (Sophomore--Undecided) 'It was awful and I couldn't get what I wanted.'

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More college women choosing the lucrative career engineering as students both sexes turn away from the less promising humanities and sciences, according to a survey conducted by Stanford University Academic Information Center.

The survey, based on preliminary academic interests of this freshman class, also showed that the boom fields of engineering and medicine declining in popularity year while natural sciences and technology attracting more interest.

Engineering Lures Women

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Campus Radio News

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Welcome back to our stener's column. Things now beginning to take shape quickly around here. At the time of this writing our broadcast hours are from 8 a.m. until midnight. Hopefully, they are more extensive by the time you read this. Twenty-four hour operation should be coming soon. That goes well with those who work or study at night. By the way, it's not too late to join our staff, especially if you like odd times like late night or early morning shifts a few times weekly.

But let's get down to the business of music. Here are the specials.
MONDAY NIGHT SPECIAL - September 29 - Jimon & Garfunkel.
FEATURE ALBUMS - Tuesday - George Harrison, 'Extra Texture,' Wednesday - Pink Floyd, 'Wish You Were Here,' and Thursday - The J. Geils Band, 'Jelly Jam.'

Sorry, next week's RSNS special cannot be predicted as far in advance. But listen in on October 1 at 10:30 p.m. Don't forget we need your input: phone 47-3248 after 8 p.m. on Friday nights. Send your request for a Monday Night Special Group to - M.D., c/o WVVS, VSC Box 142. The groups with the most votes win.

Send announcement material to WVVS at the above address, and let us hear from you students, our listeners and supporters. Forms are available for announcement material if you are in an organization that expects to regularly provide material.

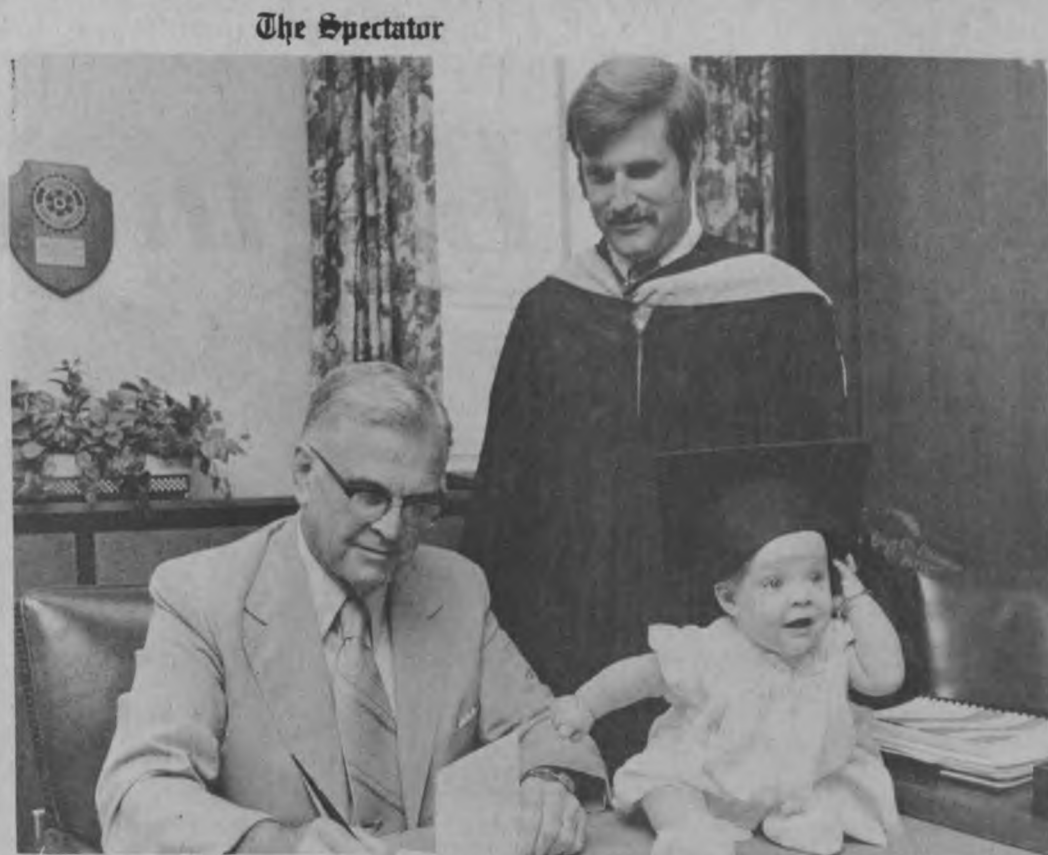
RANDOM NOTES ON PROGRAMMING - We all hope you were able to listen to 'Insight to the Classics' last Sunday at 2 p.m. In the same time space as our old classics program, this quarter we are adding an extra dimension in more carefully selected music. Also included are interesting facts and guides towards better appreciation of the music.
EARPLAY - September 29 at 11 p.m. - Remember ARGIVE SOLILOQUIES? It's about the Trojan War. Next week comes Part II, DEATH OF A ROYAL VIRGIN. Here Agamemnon, impatient to sail to war over Troy, sacrifices his favorite

daughter Iphigenia to bring the wind he needs. Wow! It sure beats the crime and hospital scenes on TV. Just relax and listen; let your mind create the scenes.

And speaking of the tube, here's a special for cable subscribers. WVVS now provides audio for VSC-TV, Channel 12. Watch WVVS-TV now! We'll be making interesting use of this facility later in the year. Keep reading and listening.

This week we close with a special message for the local fans of Led Zeppelin. Lead singer Robert Plant and his two children have been released from a London hospital. They were taken there following a car accident in early August on the Greek island of Rhodes. Plant's wife Maureen remained in the hospital with multiple fractures of her pelvis and multiple lacerations on her face. Plant had sustained a broken elbow, ankle, and foot in the accident.

According to the latest issue of ROLLING STONE, well wishers can write to Plant and family at 484 Kings Road, London SW 10, Old England. That's it for this week's trivia.



Six-month old Clare Martin tries daddy's mortarboard on for size during diploma signing. VSC President, S. Walter Martin, practices flourishes as son, Philips Martin, stands by.

President Martin Awards Son Diploma

Valdosta State College President S. Walter Martin estimates he's signed 22,000 diplomas—give or take a few sheepskins—in his 40 years in education. But he says the one inscribed 'Louis Philips Martin, Master of Education' and dated August 16, 1975, must be the most important diploma he's ever signed.

Philips Martin is the VSC president's son.

'I'm sure no other diploma I've ever presented has meant this much to me,' said Dr. Martin as his son and six-month-old granddaughter, Clare, witnessed the inking. 'I must have signed between 20-25,000 diplomas in my forty years in education in Georgia, but this one has to mean the most to me.'

In the past 25 of those 40 years, Dr. Martin has served as dean of the College of Arts and

Sciences at the University of Georgia, as president of Emory University, a year as acting chancellor of the University System of Georgia and now as president of Valdosta State.

Philips Martin, 1975 STAR teacher at Clinch County High School in Homerville, has followed in his father's footsteps as a history teacher. According to his father, it was inevitable.

'He grew up on the University of Georgia campus, moved to the Emory campus with us when he was 10 and he was 15 when I moved to the Chancellor's Office,' said Dr. Martin.

'The books he's been most familiar with all his life are books about history. Around the house, he's heard us talk history because I taught history the first 22 years of my career.'

As her daddy stood by and her grandfather practiced a few flourishes with the presidential pen, young Clare Martin made a little VSC history of her own. She is the first young lady allowed to sit on the president's desk to try on a VSC mortarboard.

There was no official reprimand.

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Sigma Alpha Chi Welcomes Over 100 New Members

Sigma Alpha Chi would like to welcome and congratulate our over 100 new members, initiated Spring Quarter at Christ Episcopal Church. Sigma Alpha Chi was founded at VSC in 1952 when two honor societies combined. Its purposes are to promote scholarship, leadership, and good character. To become a member, a student must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 at American University, Washington. Members with a minimum of 29 academic hours. The new officers for 1975-76 were elected after initiation ceremonies. They are: President, Bud McLeod; Vice President, Robert Goette; Secretary-Treasurer, David Bozier; and Reporter-Historian, Jody Jones.

One of the annual projects of Sigma Alpha Chi is the sponsoring of the Marga and Mac Awards presented on Honor's Day.

The Marga and Mac Awards are given to the man and woman in the junior and senior college division who have shown academic superiority and outstanding student leadership. This year, there were two Marga Awards on the junior college level to Dawn Duckworth and Jody Jones; and the senior college Marga and Mac winners were Pam Revis and Jimmy Westlake. We are proud of these students and extend our congratulations.

A new award sponsored by Sigma Alpha Chi this year was the Book Award, given to eight students who have shown by their performance a 'scholastic interest in both books and their studies.' The Book Award is a check for \$50 to be spent by the students on books that interest them. We congratulate these eight students also.

To all new members: If you missed initiation

Spring quarter, please go by Dr. Mayo's office, Room 3 in the English Department, and pick up your certificate within the next two weeks.

To all members: If you are interested in volunteering some of your time tutoring at the Boy's Club, 1-4 hours weekly, contact Larry Norman, Boy's Club of Valdosta, P.O. Box 682, Valdosta, Georgia 31601.

FBI Sinks to Yellow Journalism

FBI documents made public recently indicate that the agency publishes at least two bogus newspapers during the sixties. One of them, ARMAGEDDON NEWS, was distributed at Indiana University's Blooming campus; the other, RATIONAL OBSERVER, was distributed at American University, Washington. Both newspapers were intended to expose the New Left. The New Left was elected after initiation ceremonies. They are: President, Bud McLeod; Vice President, Robert Goette; Secretary-Treasurer, David Bozier; and Reporter-Historian, Jody Jones.

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FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

In accord with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its subsequent amendment, students attending Valdosta State College are notified of their right of access to their education records.

Definition of Student. The term student refers to students currently attending VSC and former students.

Definition of Record. Within 45 days of receiving a request, VSC must allow students to inspect their "education records," which are defined broadly to include "records, files, documents, and other materials which (1) contain information directly related to a student; and (2) are maintained by (a) college) or by a person acting for (a college)."

Records Not Available for Students Inspection. Students need not be allowed to look at (1) financial information furnished in the past or future by their parents; (2) confidential letters of evaluation which have found their way into the records before January 1, 1975. As to such letters received after 1974, the law allows the student to waive his right of access, if the letters have to do with admission, employment or honors, if the letters are used only for those purposes, and if the student is told, on his request, the names of all letter writers. No student or applicant may be required to execute a waiver; but an unsuccessful applicant, waiver or no, has no right to inspect all or any of the file accumulated in his case.

Other materials falling outside the definition of "education records" and thus not open to inspection by parents or students include (3) the records about students made by teachers and administrators for their own use and not shown to others; (4) campus police records, under certain circumstances; (5) employment records for college employees who are not also current students; (6) records about college or over 17-year old students "created or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or para-professional acting or assisting in such capacity, for treatment purposes, and which are available only to persons providing such treatment."

Challenge Procedure. The student has a right to the opportunity of challenging the content of his education record and to secure the correction of inaccurate or misleading entries. Furthermore, a student may insert into his records a written explanation, respecting the content of such records. A student may challenge a grade only on the ground that it was inaccurately recorded, not that it was lower than the instructor ought to have awarded.

What kinds of information about a student may be released, to whom and under what conditions?

The following information is considered "directory information" and may be voluntarily released to the whole world, without the consent of the student unless he has specifically asked that his prior consent be obtained. A student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational institution attended by the student.

The student will have annually during his or her first quarter of registration, before publication of the student directory, the opportunity to request that "directory information" as defined above be considered confidential information.

Such a written request must be furnished to the Dean of Students in writing (form available in Dean of Students office) within fourteen days after the final day of regular registration for the student's initial quarter of any academic year. Upon the receipt of a properly completed form, directory information will be withheld.

Access Without Student Consent. Other than in the exceptions listed below, or in the case of directory information or in responding to judicial process, a college may not release "personally identifiable information in education

records" or allow anyone access to those records, unless the student has given his written consent "specifying records to be released, the reasons for such release, and to whom" and a copy of the released records is furnished the student.

Teachers, administrators, and the like (in the same institution) may look at the record if they have a "legitimate educational interest."

Also, Valdosta State College may transfer information: a) to other educational institutions in which the student intends "or seeks" (new) to enroll (though the student must be given a copy of the record, if he wishes, and an opportunity to challenge it); b) to enumerated public officials (like the Comptroller General of the United States); c) "in connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid"; d) state and local officials to whom state law in effect on November 19, 1974, required information to be reported; e) organizations like ETS and CEER in connection with "developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and improving instruction," but such organizations must not show the personally identifiable information to outsiders and must ultimately destroy it; f) accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions; g) parents of a student who is a dependent for income tax purposes; h) "appropriate persons" in the case of health and safety emergencies.

Judicial Process. If Valdosta State College is responding to a court order or subpoena, it is under no requirement to give a student a copy of the materials furnished, but it will notify him "of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of compliance therewith."

Access Trail. Anyone looking at a student's record must sign and leave in the file a statement indicating that person's "legitimate educational or other interest" in inspecting the file. Valdosta State College's own employees if within the category determined by the college itself to have a legitimate educational interest in the file, need not execute any explanatory statement, nor must a record of their access be kept.

Records available for student review and inspection and the official responsible for such records are as follows:

1. Academic Records - Registrar, Admissions, Dean of School, and Student's advisor.
2. Financial Records - Comptroller, Director of Financial Aid.
3. Disciplinary Records - Dean of Students
4. Placement Records - Director of Placement

Any student wishing to review or challenge his records or desiring further information should contact the Dean of Students.

Disciplinary Records Review - Records concerning major offenses are kept permanently, and records concerning minor offenses are reviewed after five years. Educational, Financial Aid, and Placement records are maintained permanently.

Student Access - Students will be furnished copies of any records desired at a cost of 25¢ per page.

A student desiring to review his records should make a written request to the Dean of Students who will forward the request to the appropriate record keeper. Within 45 days the student will be allowed access to his records as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Any student desiring to challenge the content of his records should notify the Dean of Students in writing, who will, within 45 days, allow the student to present his argument before the Valdosta State College Judicial Committee for a decision.



KD's enjoy afternoon ride in style.

Kappa Delta Pledges Told

The Gamma Mu chapter of Kappa Delta sorority is proud to announce 24 new pledges. They are: Kathleen Crawford, Kathleen Johnson, and Connie Warren from Atlanta; Chrystle McDonald, Ginni Steward, and Lili Martinez from Valdosta; Debbie Williams, Cheryl Hiley, Beth Reddick, and Kim Woodson from Thomaston;

Julie Hadaway, Julie Sang, and Lana Walker from Jacksonville; Marie Stoddard from Thomasville; Cathy Carter from Lakeland; Jackie Davis from Bryan, Ohio; Tammy Carter from Jekyll Island; Lorry Heninger from Stone Mountain; Sue Immel from Ocala, Florida; Michele LaFrance from

Winter Park, Florida; Salley Masters from Dalton; Susan Myrick from Gainesville, Florida; Lynn Ryner from Vienna; and Jennell Stawley from Lakeland, Florida. Kappa Delta is very proud of each and every one of these girls. With these great girls, Kappa Delta is sure to have the best year ever.

The Valdosta State College continuing studies program will offer an additional dozen courses beginning next week, according to Dr. Horace M. Watkins, associate director of public services at VSC. 'All classes are still open for new registrations,' Watkins said, 'and interested persons may contact VSC's Office of Public Services to register or for details.'

Media in Constructive Design (For Ages 8-13), with Tommy Cato as instructor, is to begin from 4-5 p.m. Monday, September 29, in Room 115, Fine Arts Building. Students will work in batik, macrame and lead casting,

learning basic fundamentals. Fee for six Monday and Tuesday sessions ending October 14 is \$8, plus some material cost.

Self Defense for Women, for ages 16 and up, with Wayne Ennis as instructor,

is to begin from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, September 29, in Room 108E, South Georgia Regional Education Center. Designed to prepare a woman to defend herself against any attacker. Fee for eight Monday and Wednesday sessions ending October 22 is \$15.

Military History of World War II: Part II (German Navy), with Professor Louis Schmier as instructor, is to begin from 7-9 p.m. Monday, September 29, in Room 207, Regional Education Center. This is the second

in a series on the history of major combatants in World War II. Fee for five sessions ending October 27 is \$10.

Karate and Self Defense, with Steve Fiduk as instructor, is to begin from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, September 29, on the VSC Gym Stage. Designed to cover basic karate and elementary self defense. Fee for 10 Monday and

Wednesday sessions ending October 29 is \$15.

From Washington to Watergate: A History of Presidential Elections, with Professor Dale H. Peeples as instructor, is to begin Monday, September 29, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 214, Regional Education Center. Examines personalities, issues and campaign tactics in American presidential elections. Fee for six sessions ending November 3 is \$10.

Calligraphy (The Art of Beautiful Writing), with B. Y. Jamerson as instructor, is to begin Tuesday, September 30, from 7:30-9 p.m. in Room 210, Regional Education Center. Teaches basic techniques of using the broad pen and various calligraphic alphabets. Fee for 10 sessions ending December 2 is \$25, plus pen.

Kodokan Judo (For Ages 8-17), with Mrs. Sandra Layson as instructor is to begin Tuesday, September 30, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the VSC Gym Stage. Teaches basic judo as a sport, and for self-defense. Fee for 10 Tuesday and Thursday sessions ending October 30 is \$15.

Kodokan Judo (For Ages 18-up), with Mrs. Layson as instructor, is to begin Tuesday, September 30, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on the VSC Gym Stage. Fee for 10 Tuesday and Thursday sessions ending October 30 is \$15.

Art of Weaving (Chair Caning Porch Rockers), with Mrs. Laurel Fryslye as instructor, is to begin from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, in Room 205A, Regional Education Center. Includes recaning of porch rockers from weaving to varnish finish. Fee for two sessions ending October 8 is \$7.50, plus materials.

Manual Language of the Deaf, with Rev. Russel P. Johnson as instructor, is to begin from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 2, Room 213A, Regional Education Center, introduction to the language used to communicate with deaf. Fee for 10 sessions ending December 4, plus textbook.

China Decorative Tinting and Gold with Mrs. LaRue Howland as instructor, is to begin 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 4, at

Loganberry. Designed to teach decorative china piece designs, giving them an antique look. Fee for sessions ending October 18 is \$20, plus materials.

Art of Weaving (Pre-woven Chair Caning), with Mrs. Fryslye as instructor, is to begin 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 4, in Room 213A, Regional Education Center. Includes the replacement pre-woven caning in chair seats. Fee for the one session is \$5, plus materials.

Talent Show Next Month

There will be a talent show held Friday, October 10 in Whitehead Auditorium. All students who feel they have some sort of talent are encouraged to participate. There will be judges present to rate the participants. A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded for first place with \$30 for second and \$10 for third. A professional performer

will be available to help performers and to serve as master of ceremonies. More details will be available next week in THE SPECTATOR. Rules and regulations will be posted in Powell Hall next week.

Pinecones Are In

Here are the school books we've all been waiting for! The 1975 yearbooks are now available in the PINE CONE office, upstairs in Powell Hall. Students who did not have a chance to order yearbooks last year may purchase them for only \$7 apiece at any time.



Students pictured here are only a few of the ones wondering when the courts will open.

VA Announces New Education Loans

BSL Gets Acquainted

The Black Student League is presenting 'Get Acquainted Night' on Thursday, September 25, from 8-12 p.m. upstairs in Powell Hall. The meeting will give an insight into what BSL stands for. Everyone is welcome. There will be plenty of music and refreshments for your enjoyment.

The Veterans Administration is processing applications for new education loans for veterans attending school under the GI Bill,' announced A. W. Tate, Director of the VA Regional Office in Georgia today. The loans, up to a maximum of \$600 in one academic year, were established by the

Vietnam-era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, enacted by Congress last month. According to Tate, the new law also provided a 22.7 percent increase in monthly payments for 1.5 million veterans in training under the GI Bill.

'Under the new law,' Mr. Tate explained, 'those granted loans will be required to execute promissory notes agreeing to repayment of principle plus 8 percent interest. Repayment of principle and interest will be deferred while the student is attending classes on at least a half-time basis.'

The Regional Director stated that the new measure provides that

applicants must exhaust all efforts to obtain student loans administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. A student must list all loans applied for, with the notified of final decision. If denied a guaranteed student loan, copies of denial statement from lender must accompany VA application.

Tate concluded, 'Students must certify the student's course of study, tuition and fees for students and any room board charges. No loan will be approved unless the student's intercession or periods of enrollment are less than 10 weeks.'

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