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Three Seek Vice-Presidential Post



"Bud" McLeod

To serve you, the students, a Vice-President has one overriding responsibility—to vote many hard-working students to the position, while, at the same time, remaining a lifetime student.

During the past year, I've served in student government as senator and as a member of the Rules and Judiciary committee, while maintaining a 3.8 grade point average.

For my platform, I conducted an informal survey, asking students which problems they were confronted by most often and would like to see remedied. The problems most frequently mentioned, along with solutions, are listed below.

First, I must point that all of these problems have been researched and remedies are possible.

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possibility. A possible consequence, however, might be a slight increase in prices; but, if the students preferred the Snack Bar alternative, I would work for such a change.

PREREGISTRATION

At registration, classes often "close-out" before a student can sign up for a course he would like to take.

SOLUTION: With the acquisition of more sophisticated equipment in the future, preregistration would be a possibility, according to Registrar Bill Moore. For the present, however, efforts can be made to give different departments an idea for the demand for the different classes. Hence, the problem of classes "closing-out" would be alleviated.

PARKING TICKETS

As a deterrent to overparking, parking tickets are used. Granted, parking tickets are necessary, but the high fines levied are not.

SOLUTION: In view of the fact that room, board, and tuition costs are rising, and it's becoming increasingly more expensive for a student to attend college, I think some means of lowering the parking ticket fine should be sought.

DORM CONTRACTS

Ambiguous wording and misinterpretation appear to be a problem with the housing contracts.

SOLUTION: A solution here is already being sought. Beginning this summer quarter, the questionable wording will be changed and a student will be able to specify more clearly for which quarter he or she

would like to sign up.

CONCERTS

Under the present system, the majority of the students have no voice in which entertainment plays at the college. Consequently, many students are not satisfied with the bands that play at concerts.

SOLUTION: Why not conduct inexpensive surveys and let the students themselves give preference as to what entertainment they want?

TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

You, as students, are not informed on a regular basis of Senate and other SGA activities. Also, no efficient means of students registering opinions and ideas with the SGA now exists.

SOLUTION: As for the first problem, I recently introduced a bill in the Senate, providing for a weekly article in the SPECTATOR informing the students of all SGA and Senate activities. Once this bill has final committee approval, weekly articles will be appearing.

For the second problem, the SGA phone number should be printed weekly in the Spectator for the benefit of the students.

If you have any questions or opinions you would like to discuss, please contact me at: 242-3570 or Box 831, VSC.

Not only do I desire your support in the election Thursday, but I would like to encourage each of you to evaluate every candidate and then vote for the one you feel to be best qualified. After all, the SGA can only be as good as you make it—so please vote. Thank you, "Bud" McLeod



R. L. Norman, Jr.

The Student Government Association is presently in a sad state of affairs in that it is but a ceremonial window dressing; an expensive window dressing at that. It is student government with a few, by a few and for a few. My basic aim is to rid Valdosta State of this elitist type of SGA and help create an SGA which will be responsive to and work for the students.

One of my primary aims, is to create an atmosphere in which the students know what is going on inside the SGA. One way to accomplish this goal, is to have the Senate minutes published in the Spectator each week. This action would put a little "sunshine" into the proceedings of the Senate. Also each proposed bill should be published in the Spectator at least one week before the Senate is allowed to pass judgement upon it. This would allow the students sufficient time to make their feelings known.

I would dearly love to see a return to the old style dormitory contract in which qualified students could leave the dorm upon giving the college 30 days notice. Many

students are unable to plan ahead for a full year and wind up signing a contract which obligates them to a full three quarters occupancy. The type of contract that I desire is illustrated on pages 32 and 33 of the 74-75 VSC Catalog. It is a real pity that the 74-75 contract does not conform with the 74-75 catalog.

I would like to see a complete system of bike ramps and trails on the campus and in the greater Valdosta area. I've heard rumors that the city council was considering the idea. Perhaps the college and the city could collaborate on this project and create a system that would benefit both the college and the city for years to come.

I would like to see a little more efficiency on the part of the administration and the SGA. All of the monies in the college and Student Government budgets are paid in by the students, their parents and the tax payers of the state of Georgia. We are entitled to a dollars worth of goods and services for each dollar laid out in the respective budgets.

To create this money awareness in the SGA, I would like to see an audit held at the end of each six month period. We have many, many competent business majors who probably would do the audit for the experience.

I would like to see the \$17.50 over-parking fines lowered. While these fines are not levied upon the campus proper, there ought to be some means of recourse. \$17.50 for five minutes of overparking is both an outrage and an insult.

I would like to see a faculty evaluation with student input published quarterly, but I would in no way be in favor of an evaluation which would put our professors in the position of being in popularity contests. Some of VSC's best professors are "difficult" to get high grades from—but are good teachers. A few of VSC's louisiest professors are easy to get good grades from; but are poor teachers. There has to be a middle ground; where the

teacher is not put into an untenable position; but where the student has a fair idea of what the professor is like. (Other campuses around the nation have quarterly faculty evaluations published for the benefit of the students. No riots or strikes have occurred yet as a result.)

I am totally against the use of student activity fees as a source of scholarships for winners of campus contests. I refer specifically to the recent scholarship award by the Senate to Pi Kappa Phi's Miss VSC. This scholarship was in no way based upon academic excellence or financial need, but rather upon the ability of certain groups of students to railroad an issue through the Senate. If elected, I will find a way to get the misappropriated funds returned to their rightful place in the SGA treasury. Any officials responsible for this action should be required to publicly justify their actions. I call upon those officials to do so now.

I could also get into the idea of being able to park my car on campus past midnight—say until 6 in the morning. I see no reason why cars should have to leave the campus at 12:00. They don't even close the bars until 1:00.

I would like to see a student government which is responsive to the students and one which will in fact work for the students, not just be an arm of the administration. We have quite enough administrators on our campus. We don't need four more paid for by the students out of their activity funds. We need a student government which will be responsive to student needs and respected by the administration.

If elected to the vice presidency, I will work faithfully to bring about these changes. So how about getting out there and voting for the vice presidential candidate who has stuck his neck out before (I helped put out the V.D. Clarion) and who will stick his neck out again when necessary. Thank you, R. L. (Banjo) Norman.



Jane Clifton

I welcome this opportunity to express my ideas to the student body, and hope you will take a few moments to read and consider my proposals. I could list my qualifications, but a leadership position such as SGA Vice-President requires more than past honors. It requires enthusiasm. Ideas could never be carried out unless an enthusiastic person or group is willing to work for them. My main goal is to work for and represent my fellow students at VSC. The students need someone willing, determined, and eager to listen to their problems and ideas, and work to carry them out.

One of the major gripes of the students is meal tickets and ID cards. If an ID card is lost you must buy your meals until the card is found or another is

purchased. A receipt should be given to the student and when his card is found or another is purchased he may be reimbursed for the meals. The card used for advising could be used for this purpose.

Dorm contracts are another problem at VSC. Students should have a copy of the contract, and should be informed of every minor detail. I think the \$75 deposit should come off of dorm fees fall quarter instead of spring quarter.

There is a lack of communication between the SGA and the students. The SGA suggestion box should be reestablished. A personal letter could be written from the SGA to the student or it could be published in the Spectator in a special column used only by the SGA.

Also, we need to have use of the library during later hours, especially during exams. Work study students could work during the later hours, making more work study positions available to students.

The SGA has no more power than you give it. I would like to have your vote, but also I would like to see every student vote for next year's SGA officers, because they are your representatives. Thank you for your time. Jane Clifton
Candidate for SGA Vice-President.

WVVS Manager Resigns Post

David Johnson has resigned as manager of WVVS's radio station, WVVS, because of increased involvement in his graduate studies in finance. Mr. Johnson served as manager of WVVS for two years. His experience at radio stations WCFA in Valdosta and WGRA in Cairo has helped him in his management of WVVS.

Mr. Johnson says of Mr. Johnson, "He's very much a part of this place. He literally built the radio station. He's the last of the original people who started at WVVS in July '71...David knows about radio management, as well as the technical aspect of the work...If we had a problem over here at one o'clock in the morning, we could just call David, and he'd be over here."

college and the public. He also acts as program director.

Mr. Johnson's resignation became effective on February 6, 1975, when the communications board appointed Mark Elliott, a sophomore radio and TV major from Atlanta as the new manager of WVVS.

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SGA Elections Tomorrow

Student Government Association elections will be held tomorrow from 9:00 am-10:00 pm in the student union.

All students are eligible to vote upon presentation of a valid ID card. Each voter will receive two ballots, one for executive offices as well as one for the appropriate senatorial position.

Candidates in the election are as follows: President; Glenda Clay, Dick McLeod, and Roger Reigner.

Vice-President: Jane Clifton, Bud McLeod, and Reuben Norman, Jr.

Secretary: Charles Johns and Marcus A. Richardson.

Comptroller: Raymond Chauncey, Marion P. Odom, Tom W. Odom, David Rozier

and Gary M. Wisenbaker.

Sophomore Women's Representative: Susan P. Cox, Kathleen O'Neal and Polly N. Pabon.

Sophomore Men's Representative: Robert Brinson, James Collins and Gregory Guthrie.

Juniors Women's Representative: Kristine C. Dahl and Kin Kellam.

Junior Men's Representative: Stewart M. Borders, Robert Hagen and L. Edward Hay.

Off-Campus Women's Representative: Martha Brite and Lee Ann Stidham.

Off-Campus Men's Representative: Michael C. Mixon, Steven Schmidt, Irwin Taylor and Welen Smith.

Crosby Bids Farewell

Since the Student Government Association elections are this Thursday, I would like to encourage each student to consider his choices very carefully. The officers and senators selected to take over beginning spring quarter will determine many of the policies and possible accomplishments of the coming year.

Not being too hung up on long-winded farewells, I would like to thank the students, faculty, administrators, and staff members who have helped me during my tenure in office. I found their helping hands invaluable in making many of my desires for the students a reality. It would be a lie for me to say that I was 100% successful in my goals for the Crosby administration. However, there were priorities which I established, and I feel confident that the best interest of the students was served through my decisions.

Since election into this office, our motto has been, "The SGA, What Can We Do For You?" Until recently, few students have been interested enough to take advantage of our offer to serve. In an effort to adhere to our motto, we were able to effectively represent the students' views concerning items ranging from meal ticket plans to P.E. proposals. We were also able to assist many individuals with their particular concerns.

that constructive criticism is always welcome in the SGA (and always has been), and for this reason, I only condemn the coalition's blatant condemnation of the present system—not their concern for its effectiveness.

I was told by a member of the coalition that they meet nightly at 10:00 to discuss their objectives over a cup of coffee. If this group feels that its interest in constructive change is genuine and helpful to the students of VSC, I suggest that they concentrate their energies to help the SGA work through the system. To work against the SGA, an established student force, has already indicated to me that they find it much easier to sit on their duffs and gripe about what others have or have

not done. Figurately speaking don't sit on the sidelines and criticize the SGA for not winning the ballgame when you had a chance to play, but instead you sat there watching over your cup of coffee because if you had to play by the rules, you wouldn't play at all.

So, it is my hope that the criticism gushing through in their derogatory remarks concerning past action, or lack of it by the SGA, can be converted directly into positive action without losing its fervor and determination.

I was approached by both of the male candidates for endorsement in this year's presidential race. Both are long-time personal friends, and I would hate to think that I might jeopardize my friendship

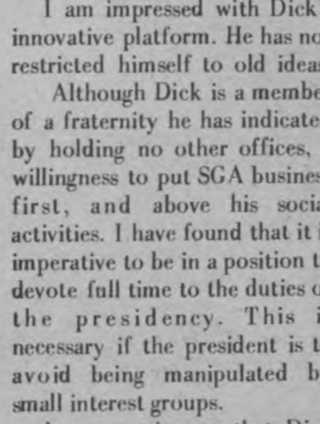
with either of them. At the same time, there is a separation between my obligation to the student body and my personal feelings. Therefore, after carefully considering the declared candidates, I whole-heartedly recommend Dick McLeod as the most qualified man for the job.

I have known Dick for his work in the senate during the past two years. Recognized by his peers for his legislative ability, Dick was selected president pro-tem of the senate. Legislation which Dick introduced was carefully researched according to validity, feasibility and method of implementation. In voting on any matter he conscientiously endeavored to represent what he ascertained to be his constituents views.

I am impressed with Dick's innovative platform. He has not restricted himself to old ideas.

Although Dick is a member of a fraternity he has indicated by holding no other offices, a willingness to put SGA business first, and above his social activities. I have found that it is imperative to be in a position to devote full time to the duties of the presidency. This is necessary if the president is to avoid being manipulated by small interest groups.

Let me reiterate that Dick McLeod is the most capable candidate for the office of president, but don't simply take my word for this. Examine his platform and most importantly his past record and qualifications.



Remember that these elections are not intended to be popularity races. Be conscientious and take your right to choose your leaders seriously. Above all do cast your vote, this will indicate to both administrators and faculty that you do plan to support the Student Government of your choice. Derry Crosby

EDITOR'S NOTE: The SPECTATOR Staff would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to get out and vote this Thursday for the candidate of their choice. Regardless of whom you are for, please vote.

We would also like to mention that there are two Odums and two McLeods running for office. They are not related!

The SPECTATOR does not endorse any candidate for office. We feel that it is our place to present the facts and qualifications of each candidate, without bias, and allow the student to exercise his intellect and vote for whom he feels is better qualified.

LETTERS

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Students Urged to Vote

With SGA elections so close at hand, I would like to take advantage of your media to discuss APATHY, a syndrome which seems to have hit many VSC students.

Much protest has been voiced in recent weeks with regard to certain school policies. Everywhere I turn I hear vicious remarks concerning the "usefulness" of the Student Government Association. So, on February 18, I asked fifteen people from the general population at the Snack Bar one question; "Did you participate in last year's election by running for office or by voting?" Out of the fifteen, thirteen said they had not participated in any way!

Any student who cannot take the time to vote his convictions and let himself be heard should not expect the right to spout off about the "evils" of the resulting situation. For any organization to be representative of all the students, all students must make themselves heard. The only way for this to ever come about is for every student to make time to get involved and vote!

Kathleen O'Neal
Candidate for SGA Sophomore Senator

Mr. VSC Pageant Suggested

I have been very pleased by the last SGA decision to grant a scholarship to the PKP Miss VSC. I am a student in need of money but I couldn't get any financial aid. I would then propose to the thirteen members who voted positive, to extend their initiative to all the other fraternities and sororities. In fact why are men excluded from the possibility to get this scholarship?

SGA itself could organize a Mr. VSC pageant. maybe it will provide more enjoyment.

I am thankful to R. Norman to have informed us promptly about this decision.

Pablo Zacchera

ERA Defended

True to form, Georgia is staying in its self-appointed place—a few steps behind other states—in the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment. Maybe the fact that we are one of the frontrunners in illiteracy has something to do with our being so misinformed on the ERA. We are too content to let the press do our thinking and opinion forming for us.

I am reminded of the time a few years ago when some bright soul came up with the phrase "bra-burning" and the sensation-seeking press held onto it like leeches until most everyone in this nation was firmly convinced that all the women who were trying to be regarded as thinking, valuable people had all burned their underwear in a show of unity. The people of the press realized that we wanted to read about the bizarre, the unusual, so they printed it. And we believed them.

Now once again, a few warped rumors have evolved into a huge misconception about the amendment for equal rights. To the general TV-watching, comic page and Dear Abby-reading, Paul Harvey-listening public, ERA equals their little lily-pure daughters being

gawked at in public restrooms by whiskery old men.

What the people who wrote the amendment are trying to do is insure that no woman who wants to enter an avowed all-male domain, such as a poolroom or bar or public establishment will be dismissed with what was previously a "sorry, we don't allow niggers here" type of attitude. They are looking ahead—too far ahead—to a time when the sexes do not fear, mistrust, and misuse each other. We are not ready for that. We are still afraid of each other; that is what we have learned from our parents, who learned it from their parents.

I somehow feel that it is the women of Georgia who have defeated the ERA—not our legislature. Women are still content to play dependent child-roles. They are convinced they cannot survive alone, even to the point of demanding money from a husband they have discarded.

No woman should be ashamed to accept money from the father of her children for their care and support, but what self-respecting woman could hold her head up while a man she no longer loves has been ordered by a court of law to be "concerned" financially about her welfare? (I repeat, welfare.) Child support is right and good; it is a responsibility we give to ourselves when we procreate. But alimony is a ridiculous and unfair burden on men because they are born male, not owing to their individual capabilities at all.

And to the women who are afraid (yes, afraid, no matter what rationalizations they put forth) of being drafted: I agree. No woman should be drafted. And I will go one step further. No man should be drafted. Maybe if women were faced with the possibility of what men are faced with—the fear of dying violently in youth, the indignity of being commanded by a court of law to learn to efficiently destroy human lives—maybe then they would join in the dialogue for world peace instead of sitting back comfortably feeling the sorrow of wars only in the way that Scarlett O'Hara did...no new dresses, no luxuries.

When I look at the way some of the sisters of my sex conduct themselves I try to be patient, but I find it very difficult not to be ashamed for us. We say we have come a long way, and we have. But that is no reason to stop, only scratching the surface of what we are capable of.

Cynthia Shearer

Vice-Pres. Supports Candidate

With elections for SGA coming up Feb. 27, I think that it is only fair that the students who may not know one or both of the candidates for President be informed as to the various qualifications of each. In my past year as Vice-President I have worked closely with both Roger Reigner and Dick McLeod. Roger has been the Comptroller of the SGA and I appointed Dick as President Pro-Tem of the Senate. Dick has a lot of experience,——in the Senate. It was my hope that he would run for Vice-President and therefore President of the Senate, because of this experience. Why Dick chose to run for President I really don't know, as this was a change from his original intentions. As it is we are going to lose one of two good men as far as the SGA is concerned. Roger Reigner is by far the best qualified person for the position of President. He has proven his desire and determination this past year. As Comptroller he completely revamped his position, finally giving this office real meaning. When the Spectator was in dire need financially Roger worked closely with the new business manager and helped to get the Spectator back on sound financial ground. Through Roger's contact the various administrators during his time in office, he has come to know the inner workings of the



SGA—which administrators can he count on to look after the various interests of the students, which administrators to take various proposals to and so forth. Roger's input in faculty and administrative meetings has always been in favor of the students. He would back down to no one in his efforts to help the people he serves; the students. In this manner Roger has gained the respect of both the administrators and the students who have been fortunate enough to work with him.

As Vice-President of the SGA I want to offer my full support to Roger Reigner in his bid for the office of President. I feel that he is the most qualified and that he is the person who can accomplish the most in improving the status of students at VSC.

Don Whitman
Vice-President, SGA

Behavior Reform Needed

After suppressing my feelings on this situation several times, I feel a necessity to speak out. I am referring to the behavior of the students at college concerts. A concert is held for musical enjoyment. It is not a place to go just because you are intoxicated and want to be rowdy. I, for one, am embarrassed by the student's behavior. The students that have attended concerts to hear the music, only to be disappointed, know what I am referring to. I realize that the local high school students attending our concerts are also part of the cause. Slowly but surely, VSC is earning a bad reputation concerning concerts. Concerts are a privilege to students and should be appreciated. If this privilege is to be enjoyed the students should behave accordingly. Let us set an example to the high school students by showing some consideration towards the entertainer and maybe they will follow the example. Remember, concerts are not mandatory. If you want to scream and be loud do not go. At least let the students who are going to hear the music, hear it!

Pat Foley

Who? What? When? Why? Where?

This is a radical interrogation of man as student. I am trying to do something with your head. Ask yourself, and students too, these questions and see if I can:

What are you doing here? Did you come here of your own free will? How did you get here? What do you expect college to do for you? Will college get you a better job with better pay? How will it do this? How do you know? Who told you it would? Who told them? Is college good for you? What is it doing for you? What is it doing to you? How long have you been here? Is it too late? Are you learning anything? What? Are they teaching you anything? Who are 'they'? How did 'they' get here? Can you trust them? Do they know what they are doing? How do you know they know? How many of these questions can you answer for certain? Do you want to know the answers? Who taught you that? What would you do with these questions if it were up to you? Is it up to you? What do you do with their questions? Why? Is that part of what they are doing to you? Do you like it? Is there anything you can do about it? Do you want to do anything about it?

What did you say you were doing here? Does it have anything to do with living or only with making a living? Is there a difference? What is the difference in your life? Is getting an education making a difference in your life? Is it supposed to? Who said so? What do they know? Does education have an inherent value? What does that mean? What is the value of an education? Who is to say what an education is to be? What do they know about education? What do you know about education? Is it preparing you for graduate school—whether that is what you are here for or not? How old are you? Do you know what you want from an education? Do you know that VSC can give it to you? How do you know?

Who runs VSC? Who said they could? Did you know that they get paid to do it to you? How is that for prostitution? Who pays them? Are those who run VSC educators or administrators? What are their titles? What does

that sound like? If you were doing it to yourself, would you do it any different? Is college big business? Whose business is it? What do they sell? Is it anything? Where is it? Can you look it over before you "buy" it? Do you know what you are getting once you have bought it? Is it guaranteed or under warranty? Should it be? Can it be? Who can do that? Anyone? Can you? Should you be asking yourself these questions? Can you handle it?

Are you doing what you thought you were doing here? Do you know what you are doing here? What are you doing here?

Charles C.V. Dennis

Scholarship Receives Criticism

It has been called to my attention, as to many others, that at last evening's meeting of the SGA, a bill was passed to the effect that the scholarship for Miss VSC would be paid for by the SGA with student activities fees. This to me is both an insult of the educational process, as well as a breach of the responsibility that was accepted by the Pi Kappas to sponsor the scholarship.

After a careful review of the scholarships and loans that appear in the VSC catalog, I came to the conclusion that all financial awards either made directly by this school, or with this school acting as administrator of the aid, are all based upon academic achievement, or proof of financial need. Neither of these points were considered in reference to the decision made last night. Some points that were discussed were these: 1) She is good public relations for the school and represents VSC, 2) The monies for her scholarship could have been approved and awarded by the comptroller without student vote, and 3) The cost of the scholarship per student would be less than ten cents. Let me point out some contrasting points; 1) Miss VSC is voted on by judges of the state association, not by students, 2) The contest is sponsored, run, and attended primarily by the Greek organizations on campus, and therefore not really representative of the campus, and 3) Financial gains from the contest, if there are any, are not placed in the kitty for other student activities, it is directed back into the Pi Kapp fraternity.

All in all, there are some very ironical things to think about in the midst of all of this: Why should students who have no say, in any form whatsoever, support and pay for, although the cost is minimal, a scholarship for a person who has neither demonstrated extreme financial need or outstanding achievement? And, while I do not understand the costs involved in sponsoring such a beauty contest, I did attend the pageant and the place was packed, at two dollars a head. If I make an underestimate of the attendance that night at a thousand people, then I still have to ask where two thousand dollars was spent? If the Pi Kapp were aware of the fact that they would lose money on such an endeavor, why volunteer to sponsor the thing?

In conclusion, just let me say that I think this is another one of those beautiful times illustrating the ineffective administration and appropriation of student funds, as well as the presumptuousness that the SGA is representative and in touch with student opinion and needs at VSC.

Michael E. Miller

'Gripe Money' Needed Elsewhere

In response to the students gripe of the Administration issuing memos to every student on campus about various things, it seems ironic that the same students will spend about the same amount of money to print their "so called" gripe against the SGA. Is this really an honest attempt to help make the students aware of the things going on around the campus? Or is it a perfectly planned political campaign to get votes? I think these people should, "Practice what they preach". (Also, remember there is a paper shortage.)

But turning away from this petty issue, there are a lot of things that are much more important

FELLOW STUDENTS:

On Thursday, February 21, the Senate, of which I am president, held a weekly meeting at 9:00 p.m. The meeting was in "old business" and whether or not the Student Government college should pay the tuition for Miss VSC. There has been a lot of controversy on this and a lot of misconstrued ideas. I would like to take this opportunity to explain the situation.

In the beginning the Miss VSC pageant sponsored by the Student Government Association. When the burden of pageant (at present our pageant is one of the top five in the state) began to weigh much time away from the SGA and therefore students, it was handed over to the Department. The Athletic department that it took too much of their time to pageant was awarded to the Pi Kappa Fraternity. It never has and never will be Pi Kappa Phi's pageant. It always has and will remain the Miss Valdosta State College Pageant. The cost of putting on the Miss VSC pageant close to three thousand dollars. This is taken into consideration the amount of work involved, because no salaries are given to the Pi Kappa Phi for their efforts. With the passage of time it has become increasingly difficult to put on a high caliber pageant.

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Marcus Richardson

The secretary of the association has many responsibilities and duties. The secretary is responsible for maintaining all of the by laws of the senate, college union board, campus communication board, Governor's Residence Hall Board, and all SGA files and records. The secretary is the supervisor for all campus election, a member of the cabinet, and clerk for the senate. This gives rise to the duties of maintaining all minutes, knowing the life of a senate bill (responsible for seeing that the bill is presented to the proper committees for approval), and knowing the election procedure for fall quarter, winter quarter, and spring quarter elections.

Experience is indeed a vital aspect that must be taken into consideration before electing an individual to fill this office. Last winter quarter, I was elected as a sophomore men's representative to the senate. Later I was appointed and approved by the senate as being a member of the senate rules and judiciary committee. At the first of this quarter I was asked to fill the position of secretary previously held by Bebe Berry. I agreed and with the approval of the Senate, I became the secretary of the association.

Winter quarter is definitely the busiest time for the secretary. With all of the duties listed above, along with homecoming elections and SGA elections, I have well been initiated into the office. Having promoted various changes in the voting procedure for homecoming elections, this year there proved to be better participation than ever. I have currently been planning SGA elections, with hopes in improving participation as well.

Another chief objective of mine is to include better communication among the students, SGA, and the administration. Having access in attending administrative council meetings, plus senate, communication board, cabinet, resident hall, and union board meetings, the secretary obtains all the first hand information of what's actually happening and has no excuse for not releasing the proper publicity. There has been and will continue to be, an article in the Spectator reporting this information on a weekly basis. In aiding correspondence between the senate and the students, I have reestablished the suggestion box located downstairs in the student union. I also have plans for an SGA bulletin board that



Vote David Rozier Comptroller

will post the minutes of the various SGA committees, along with a list of the names and addresses of all the senate representatives.

As you see, the secretary's job is a working job. There are basic duties and responsibilities for the secretary stated by the constitution; however, if willing, the secretary has the potential to give more.

If further information is desired, I may be reached at the SGA office at 247-3308, or room 100 Patterson Hall.



David Rozier

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the office of Comptroller of the Student Government Association.

I am presently a Junior accounting major with a 3.6 grade point average. I have remained on the Dean's List since entering Valdosta State in 1972, and am a member of Sigma Alpha Chi Honor Society and Kappa Alpha Order, of which I am the treasurer. I am proud of my Greek affiliation but I am aware of the need for unity within the college community as a whole and would never let that affiliation interfere with my duties of serving the entire student body.

Among the duties of the Comptroller as defined by the SGA constitution are the supervision of the proper expenditure of all association monies, the maintenance of accurate records of all business transactions which involve association funds, and the preparation of the association budget for the following year. I feel that I am fully qualified to perform the obligations of the office, and since I anticipate attending school this summer quarter, I will be able to serve a full year.

This is your chance to install those individuals who will serve as concerned representatives in the SGA. I urge everyone to take the opportunity available and vote this Thursday. I would appreciate your consideration and support in the upcoming elections. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call me at 242-6876.



Marian Odum

I am presently in my second year at Valdosta State College. I have lived on campus both years and am well acquainted with the problems that dorm students face. Furthermore, I will be living on campus again next year and will be readily

accessible to the students.

I have been on the Dean's List every quarter that I have been here and presently hold a 3.7 cumulative grade point average. I was chosen as a Freshman Scholar and am presently a member of the honor society Sigma Alpha Chi. I am an accounting major and furthermore, I worked in the comptroller's office at VSC last year. I am presently working with the office of Student Development in the area of freshman orientation. I am an independent and will work to represent the entire student body equally.

If I am elected Comptroller, I will keep the records of the SGA open to anyone who wishes to see them. I will do this because I believe the students have a right to know how their money is being spent. I will also work to see that the financial records are accurate and current at all times. The comptroller is responsible for preparing the budget of the SGA. If elected, I will strive to see that the funds are allocated to the areas in which they are most needed and where they will better benefit the whole student body.

I will see to it that the budget is prepared fairly and does not favor one group while harming another group.

I would like to keep my campaign open to the students. At any time anyone has a complaint, suggestion, or question, I will be glad to talk with them. I would like to hear from as many students as possible. I may be contacted at: 116 W. Brown Hall Box 1002 VSC 242-9576 Thank you, Marion Odum



Tom W. Odum

Being charged with the supervision of the expenditure of all Association monies and the preparation of the SGA Budget, the Comptroller is a vital cog in the operation of the SGA. I am academically and intellectually qualified to hold this position and am more than capable of meeting the duties of the office. Dispensing with further introduction, I find that several crucial issues present themselves:

First, students should know how their funds are distributed. Students do not have easy access to financial reports which outline SGA allocations.

Second, these allocations must be justified. Many students believe that their activity fee is a rip-off, and such complaints are often legitimate. These problems can be

solved by openness and candor in the office of the Comptroller. By keeping myself in contact with student gripes and opinions, I can see to it that SGA funds are efficiently distributed. Furthermore, an active Comptroller can ensure that these funds are properly handled once they are appropriated. I will, of course, publish office hours and keep all the information on hand necessary to answer questions. This will improve the office of Comptroller, making it an extension of the student body.

Other issues outside the realm of the Comptroller's office are important to the student body also. As a major part of the SGA, I can see to it that these proposals are acted upon or at least considered:

There should be a student evaluation of faculty members. Such an evaluation, with the proper controls exercised upon it would be of great benefit to Valdosta State students and faculty as an academic tool.

There should be action taken in matters concerning student interests and comforts. Housing contracts should be reformed. The addition of bike ramps is long overdue. Pressure should be brought to bear on city leaders to change unfair parking regulations on streets adjacent to campus.

The SGA should concern itself with the protection of academic freedom. Academic and aesthetic freedom is necessary for the open-minded pursuit of education.

Each student should be responsible for his own personal conduct and morality. Each person should have adult rights to choose his own moral standards, respecting, of course, the rights of others. In this regard, dorms should be allowed to extend visitation periods if that was their preference.

Change can be brought about not only by structured reform, but also by a change in attitudes. I feel that I offer a new attitude. Tom W. Odum

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Films In Focus

Frank Blair

START THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT ME almost perfectly represents the kind of limbo that the American film comedy exists in today. It has almost expired due to the lack of frequent transfusions of new blood. Aside from the films of Woody Allen and Mel Brooks (which only adds up to 10 films at the most) there have been precious few genuine film comedies made or released in America in the last four to six years. Elaine May's A NEW LEAF and THE HEART BREAK KID come readily to mind as do the social satires of Paul Mazursky whose BOB AND CAROL AND TED AND ALICE, BLUME IN LOVE and HARRY and TONTO, achieve an easy blend of comedy and drama. Peter Bogdanovich's WHAT'S UP DOC was a well scripted, slickly executed comedy but even Bogdanovich admitted that it was based on the comedies of Howard Hawks, specifically BRINGING UP BABY and HIS GIRL FRIDAY.

One reason the American film comedy may be dying out is because of its absorption by other genres. There have been comedy westerns, comedy horror films (whether intentional or not), porno comedies; the list goes on and on. Also, films which are basically dramatic in-nature have, in the last few years, begun to use comedy as an undertone to the drama, not in the sense of "comedy relief", but in a sardonic send-up of traditional expressions of tragedy. Consequently one often has trouble not only in judging whether a film is a comedy or otherwise, but also in judging just when the comedy turns to tragedy and vice-versa.

The situation of START THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT ME is less complicated. It is one of those recent comedies that begins with an interesting premise, builds to a potentially hilarious

climax and the falls apart at the end. The audience expectations are carefully manipulated so as to expect an extremely funny finale but instead of a climax and resolution the film simply stops, leaving the audience with a bundle of unreleased tension the results of which range from disgruntled anger to the feeling of having been cheated. The effect is as if one saw all but the last ten minutes of a real comedy.

The film was directed by Bud Yorkin and produced by Yorkin and Norman Lear, the creators of "All in the Family", "Maude", "Sanford and Son" plus all the recent "Spin-off" series which these shows have produced. Yorkin and Lear have also made a few other excursions into feature film comedy, most notably in COLD TURKEY, a film with another interesting premise and a similarly flawed ending, but never with the success of their television work. The premise of START THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT ME is simply this: a parody of the swashbuckling films and novels in general and "The Corsican Brothers" in particular. The plots concerns the mix-up of twin brothers at birth, one set common, the other noble and the consequences this event has on the outcome of the French Revolution. The film opens with a hilarious childbirth sequence (a bit similar to an undertone to the drama, not in the sense of "comedy relief", but in a sardonic send-up of traditional expressions of tragedy. Consequently one often has trouble not only in judging whether a film is a comedy or otherwise, but also in judging just when the comedy turns to tragedy and vice-versa.

Donald Sutherland and Gene Wilder play both pairs of mismatched brothers with an intense comic flair. Sutherland is perfect as the less intelligent common brother but he really excels when playing the effeminate, lace and ruffled noble brother who loathes

violence. Wilder is quite good as the brains of the common pair and gives a bizarre, near psychotic edge to the riding, fencing ill tempered Corsican prince. One insanely funny scene has his terrified wife attempting to tell him that the hawk perched on his wrist has been dead for years. He then rebukes her at great length as the obviously fake hawk hangs stiffly from his arm. Such inspired lunacy frequently pops up but unfortunately not often enough to save the film as a whole. When the common brothers are mistaken for the blue-blooded pair who are thrown in the Bastille as revolutionaries, the classic comedic device of mistaken identity again works its daffy sort of magic. However, after a lengthy and not particularly funny chase among the magnificence of Versailles, the film quite simply stops with the confrontation of the revolutionists and the soldiers and the two flabbergasted pairs of brothers.

The film then cuts to our esteemed narrator, Orson Welles, as he delivers an insipidly written speech about this incident being the true cause of the French Revolution. He is then abruptly shot by Sutherland in trench coat and sun glasses who is then shot by Wilder, dressed in much the same style who is then shot by the other Sutherland who is then shot by Wilder again...; well, you get it don't you? Ha-ha, funny? No, not very, and not very original either. This device is merely a cheap shot on the part of the filmmakers in trying to get themselves out of the corner they've painted themselves into. After all, they can't very well show us a real revolution can they? Instead they blow the whistle on themselves and shout "It's just a movie!" and hope we won't get mad. So the movie ends with five phony deaths; the only trouble is that the film itself has been dead for quite awhile.



(l-r) Marilyn Hartbarger, Michael Parker, Susan Hall, Dr. Leake, and Tom Odum display trophies. (Photo by Tim Bork)

Debate Forum Wins Trophies

The VSC debate forum has been bringing trophies home again. Beginning in October, the forum has traveled extensively debating at colleges and universities almost every weekend. Emory, Wake Forest, Western Kentucky, Vanderbilt, U. of Alabama, and West Georgia are a sampling of the tournaments in which VSC has participated.

The same topic is debated at each tournament. Announced each summer, the topic's researched and prepared for debate by the various teams. The debate topic for the current year is Resolved: That the powers of the Presidency should be significantly curtailed. The working sounds innocent enough, but the forum ended up debating everything from war powers to the Food for Peace program.

Debate tournaments are set up on the basis of pre-elimination and elimination. All teams debate the pre-elimination rounds with the top teams advancing to the elimination rounds on to the quarter-finals and semi-finals.

Feb. 7-9 the forum sent two teams to the U. of South Florida where both advanced into elimination rounds. The team of Michael Parker and

Marilyn Hartbarger advanced to the quarter-final rounds and include the top eight teams in the tournament. They were beaten in the quarter-final by Broward Community College. The team of Tom Odum and Susan Hall advanced to the semifinals (top four teams lost there to Stetson University). In addition, Susan Hall awarded the second speaker's trophy. On Feb. 14-16, the forum sent teams to a tournament at Florida State University. Odum-Susan Hall and Parker-Schawn Griffin and Tom advanced to the quarter-finals (eliminating Georgia University), through (meeting North Texas) finally losing to West Georgia in the final round, Michael Odum won the sixth speaker's trophy. The teams all now are preparing for a tournament to be held at the University of Florida on Feb. 28-Mar 2.

Anyone interested in debating more about debating the forum should drop in on the forum room (rm. 248) in the Fine Arts Building. Interested students are invited to drop in on practice which are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons three o'clock.

Phi Mu Jamboree Success

This quarter has proven to be a very busy one for the Kappa Beta Chapter of Phi Mu. On January 23rd, the Phi Mu entertained the sister's with a "Phi Mu Jamboree"-complete with a hayride, a wiener roast, and a bon fire. Due to the hard work placed into the makings of the party, it was a huge success.

Saturday, February 1st ended "pledge days" for 24 of our Phi's. The sisters welcome the following new initiates into the bond of sisterhood: Bonnie Alexander, Charlotte Blanton, Deborah Crew, Dawn Duckworth, Sharon Everson, Cathy Hand, Martha Hall, Kerry James, Nancy Klingler, Debbie Letson, Dorsey Lynch, Cile Maxwell, Tara McCoy, Cheryl Miller, Allison Mosley, Betsy Newton, Debbie Parker, Robin Pierce, Kay Roberson, Sam Sams, Lee Statom, Debbie Taylor, Susan Webb, and Kristie Wood. A banquet honoring the new sisters was held after initiation at the Plantation. The girls enjoyed a delicious meal. Afterwards, special awards were made--Dawn Duckworth

received the Most Outstanding Pledge award, and Cile Maxwell received the Scholarship award. At the close of the banquet, the Phi's presented the sisters with a vacuum cleaner to be used in our Panhellenic Room. To bring initiation to a close the sisters and pledges attended church at Park Avenue Method. Many congratulations and thanks are in order. First, our thanks to the girls who participated so well in soccer. Also, our congratulations are extended to our fine basketball team for such an outstanding season so far--keep it up girls, you're doing fine!

Carla Helbert, Bonnie Alexander, and Dorsey Lynch represented Phi Mu in the Miss VSC pageant February 6th. Thanks girls for a hard job so well done.

Phi Mu was honored to have Betty Brinson voted second runner-up on the Homecoming Court. We are also proud that our lawn display received an honorable mention.

Charlotte Blanton, a newly initiated sister, has accepted an invitation to become a sponsor for SAE. Congratulations, Charlotte!

Thanks to our Washboard Band who has had several, recent engagements. They appeared January 24th at the Moody AFB Officer's Club, and then, on February 8th, they traveled to Waycross, Ga.

We are very proud to have several of our sisters initiated into the different honorary societies here on campus. Omicron Delta Kappa-Charlotte Crew Alpha Lambda Delta-- Dawn Duckworth-President Deborah Crew Debbie Letson Sigma Alpha Chi-- Charlotte Crew Debra Connell Lila Gammage Alpha Chi-- Barbara Tanning Charlotte Crew Way to go, girls! Phi Mu is now busy preparing for their up-coming formal which promises to be a memorable occasion.



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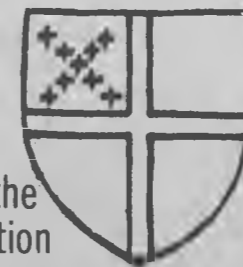
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EARTH NEWS Patty Porn?

(EARTH NEWS)-The film division of Grove Press has completed production of the porno-film "Abduction," based on a 1972 novel that closely parallels the 1974 kidnapping of Patricia Hearst.

The film tells the story of "Patricia Prescott," a young California newspaper heiress who is kidnapped by a gang of political radicals. After being raped, she eventually becomes the lover of several members of the gang, and ends up joining the revolutionaries in a shoot-out with police. In almost every detail, the story is that of the real Patricia Hearst kidnapping, spiced up with lots of X-rated sex.

The film features Academy Award winner Dorothy Malone and veteran actor Leif Erickson as Patty's parents, and Judith-Marie Bergan as Patricia. Bergan is a young actress who bears a striking resemblance to Patty Hearst.

Producer Kent Carroll says that all scenes in the film were shot in three different ways—one for an "R" rating, one for a so-called "soft X," and one for the "hardcore X." The company is currently negotiating with several major distribution firms.

Detective Collection

URBANA, ILL.-(EARTH NEWS)-This campus city, home of the University of Illinois, is hiring a private detective agency to collect on overdue parking tickets. The city has had a poor record of collecting parking fines, particularly from students who often pay no attention to tickets and change addresses frequently.

According to City Attorney Jack Waaler, the detective agency will have the authority to hunt down parking violators, to "collect on the spot," and to serve court summons if an individual refuses to pay up. Urbana's Secur-Tec Agency has been hired to do the snooping.

One city alderman who voted against the measure charged that the tactics "invariably employed" by such agencies give "no regard to a person's rights."

Nude Olympics

PURDUE, Indiana-(EARTH NEWS)-Officials at Purdue University are getting tired of all the national publicity they receive each year when one of their dormitories hosts its annual "nude olympics."

The University's discipline office this year is cracking down on participants in the "Gary Quad Nude Olympics," an annual event for at least five years. In the past, no one involved has faced any disciplinary action. But, each year the event has been drawing increased coverage by the national media. The event features assorted outdoor sports and games, conducted in the raw.

Now, Dormitory President Kurt Sacksteder reports that the 30 students who participated in this winter's 1975 olympics—conducted in sub-zero weather—will be "written up for their offense" and may face disciplinary action. Explained Sacksteder, "I was told that a crackdown was going to have to be made because of pressure from University superiors. Evidently, it's supposed to be bad publicity for the University."

Prostitution May Be Legal

SALEM, ORE.-(EARTH NEWS)-The Oregon legislature is considering bills to decriminalize prostitution and to implement an even more liberal marijuana law.

A bill has been introduced to decriminalize prostitution in the same way the state decriminalized marijuana in 1973. Authored by Rep. Vera Katz, the bill would set a maximum \$100 fine for prostitution convictions and treat the violation as a civil, rather than criminal charge. The bill also provides that the penalty would apply to both prostitutes and to those who engage the services of prostitutes.

Meanwhile, the legislature is about to take up a proposal to make even more liberal the state's marijuana law. A bill has been introduced calling for a reduction in the criminal penalty for manufacturing, transporting and/or furnishing up to one ounce of marijuana. The proposed penalty would be a maximum fine of \$100, the same fine already imposed for possession of up to an ounce. The new proposal also would set a maximum fine of \$100 for cultivation of up to ten marijuana plants.

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TKE's Hold Carnation Ball

This past weekend was very special for Zeta Nu Chapter, for not only was it the weekend of the TKE formal, The Red Carnation Ball, which saw the presentation of the new TKE sweetheart, but the chapter also won the College Union Board's College Quiz Bowl.

Miss Mina Smith, a 20 year old junior from Newnan, Ga., was named the Sweetheart of Zeta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon at the Red Carnation Ball.

Mina, an Early Childhood Education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Smith. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the TKE's Order of Diana. Mina was Treasurer for the Zetas last year and is currently their vice-president I. In the Order of Diana, Mina is the Scrapbook Chairman.

Along with the presentations of the chapter's sponsors and Order of Diana members, three

past chapter sweethearts were presented to the audience. They are Fancy Beal, Carol Infield, and Kathy Bransford.

The Order of Diana presented "Smoky" Sullins with the OD "Man of the Year" award. Fraters Gary McMillan and Joey Sheppard were also recognized by the Order of Diana with plaques.

The OD also recognized all seniors in the chapter, giving each a mug with the TKE crest

on them.

"Space Gnome" provided the musical entertainment for the formal, which hosted a great number of the chapter's alumni, as well as many guests, including TKE's from the University of Georgia and Georgia Southern College.

The Red Carnation, which started at 8 p.m., was held at the Valdosta Elks Club.

Saturday was a big day for the chapter in more ways than just the formal, as the chapter won the C.U.B.'s College Quiz Bowl with a 3-0 record. The team, composed of Joey Sheppard, captain; Ken Cavanaugh; Gary McMillan; and Ferrell Whiddon, will now go on to represent Valdosta State in the Southeastern College Quiz Bowl contests to be held at Berry College this weekend.

The chapter was visited for two days last week by Chapter Services Director Jeff Hatfield. Jeff presented the chapter with many ideas and new innovations in chapter business operations.

Old South Week Planned

The brothers and pledges of the Kappa Alpha Order have set the date of the first week in April as OLD SOUTH week. The Southern tradition of KA will begin on Mon. and end with the highlight of the OLD SOUTH BALL on Sat. night. Many events have been planned for this week and all the KA's are looking forward to this great time.

Starting next week Kappa Alpha will start selling raffle tickets for a weekend trip to

Jacksonville Beach. Four of these weekend trips will be given away to stay at the fabulous Ramada Inn Hotel. Each winner will receive a weekend trip for two to stay at an oceanfront room for two days and nights and will also receive one free breakfast in bed. The proceeds of the raffle will go to the Butch Pierce Scholarship Fund. You may purchase your ticket from any KA brother or pledge and the drawing will be held at the end

of March.

Homecoming was enjoyed by all the KA's last weekend. We would like to congratulate our Southern Belles Kay Willis and Loretta Gillis on being in the Homecoming Court. We'd also like to thank Debbie Harrison for representing Kappa Alpha during this time.

Last Monday night wildcat bids were accepted by two fine gentlemen. They are Steve Mullis from Valdosta and David Frame from Jacksonville. KA

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The new law also provided a 22.7 per cent increase in monthly payments for 1.5 million veterans in training under the GI Bill. Single veterans now receive \$270 monthly. A veteran with two dependents receives \$366. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree, who exhaust their 36 months' entitlement, were given, under the new law, up to nine months additional time to complete studies.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Richard L. Roudebush said the effective date for the loan program was January 1. However, he added that all eligible veterans, wives, widows

and children will be considered for initial loans based upon the full amount of their tuition and all other costs of attendance anticipated for the entire 1974-75 academic year. This is considered to have started about September 1.

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

Installment payments must start nine months after the student ceases at least half-time enrollment, with full payment within 10 years and nine months after that date. Part or all of the loan may be prepaid without penalty. Interest will not accrue on the loan balance until the required beginning date of repayment.

A 3 per cent loan fee will be deducted from the approved loan amount to provide a fund to insure against defaults under the loan program. Defaults will be considered overpayments and recovered in the same manner as other debts due the government.

The new measure provides that applicants must have exhausted all efforts to obtain student loans administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The student must list all lenders applied to, with dates notified of final decisions. If denied a guaranteed student loan, copies of denial statement from each lender must accompany the VA application.

All financial resources must be reported by the student, including other educational loans, grants, scholarships, VS educational assistance and cash assets. The year in which the loan application is submitted will be the base year for reporting income.

VA also said the school must certify the student's course of study and tuition and fees for all students and any room and board charges.

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VSC SPORTS

Susan DeGange,
Editor

Blazers Place 4th in Tourney

Two disappointing losses this past Friday and Saturday night put VSC's Blazer basketball team fourth in the South Atlantic Conference tournament. Valdosta's eager squad started the tournament off on the right foot by zapping Columbus College Thursday night 102-70, but the Blazers lost their balance in the semi-finals against West Ga. the following night by dropping an 84-69 match, and then added insult to injury with a 69-65 loss to Augusta during Saturday night's consolation game. What started out to be a pretty good weekend really bombed out in Savannah.

In the opening round contest with Columbus, the Blazers were in excellent defensive form. Within minutes of the starting buzzer the Blazers were in the lead, and they kept it through the final second of the game.

"I thought we played well," said Blazer head coach James Dominey after the victory. "The key was getting control of the game early."

The Blazers definitely governed the court the entire evening. The second half Dominey cleared the bench, and still the Blazers scored onward, ever onward.

Senior Captain Don Reason retired for the night after playing only 26 minutes, yet he still captured high scoring honors with 23 points and 16 rebounds. "Reason played well," commented Dominey. The Blazer coach was extremely pleased that all of his players

got tournament game experience the first night of the contest, explaining the need of a strong bench when playing three games back-to-back.

Unfortunately, things did not go so well for VSC when they battled West Ga. The Carleton Braves tied the score at ten all with 14:47 left to go in the first half, and West Ga. player Pat Magley's three consecutive buckets put the Braves in the lead. The Blazers were down 47-31 at the half, and a late offensive spurt was canned when the West Georgians froze the ball during the final minutes of play.

Mother Nature complied with the overall feeling of gloom that reigned following the loss to the Braves. It rained continuously throughout Saturday, and the lethargic atmosphere carried into the game against Augusta that night. "A consolation game," shrugged Dominey, is meaningless to the players. It's hard to get up for emotionally."

Augusta took the lead just prior to the end of the first half, 29-32, and increased their lead with a bucket 33 seconds into the second round. The Blazers rallied their offense and took the lead again with 15:28 left to play, and kept it for six minutes before turning it back over to the Augusta Jaguars.

VSC took the lead once again and with 7:37 remaining had Augusta down 57-52, but six consecutive Jaguar points gave the upper hand back to Augusta, and they kept it out

Blazers Top Giants

The baseball Blazers game with ABAC Saturday was rained out, and it seems the team saved all effort for Sunday's game against the Valdosta Giants. The Giants, a semi-pro team from Valdosta stayed with the Blazers in the early goings of both games. But the Blazer, with more practice under their belts, came out on top 10-0, and 9-1. Costly errors by the Giants and clutch hitting by the Blazers were the story of the day. Ample pitching provided by Billy Petty, Dan Darden, Steve McDiffitt, Tony Ferrera, and Bill Parsons kept the Giants at bay.

Next week the Blazers will host ABAC on Saturday, and Sunday will play VSC baseball alumni. Many of the great names in VSC baseball history will be present to play. Everyone is urged to attend those games and support the Blazers. First regular season home game is on Sunday, March 9 against Florida State.

of reach for the remainder of the play.

Just as disappointing as the two tournament losses was the fact that Kenny Alston was not chosen as the SAC's most outstanding player. Alston lead the conference in three scoring categories: scoring, rebounding, and field goal percentages. The top award was given to West Ga. guard Dave Edmonds, who was fifth in scoring, the only conference statistical category he placed in. The award was voted on by all of the conference team coaches who named ten outstanding players not including members of their own team.

Both Kenny Alston and Don Reason were named to the ten man All-Conference team, and during the awards presentation Saturday night Don Reason and Mike Patrick were both named to the All-Tournament team. The team was selected by press media present during the tournament games.

The SAC title was claimed by Armstrong State, who dunned West Ga. in overtime during the championship game Saturday night, 74-72.



VSC'S 1975 WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

Photo by Karen Holmes

Women's Tennis Begins

Valdosta State's women's tennis season will officially begin this Sunday, March 2. The women played a match with Flagler College of St. Augustine Sunday, February 3, but the first official match could not be scheduled until March 28, when the VSC women will meet Columbus College in Columbus at 2:00 p.m.

The tennis team is in its initial year at Valdosta State. Miss Judy Phillips, who is also the director of women's intramurals, has taken the position of coach for the new women's tennis team.

"We started out with about 15 girls, and narrowed it down to 10 who all seem anxious to play," said Miss Phillips. The young coach then remarked that she was anxious to get the season started so she could discover how her group will do.

"Since this is our first year in women's intercollegiate athletics, and specifically the tennis program, I have no idea of the type of competition we'll be meeting," stated Phillips. "However, since most of the other schools have been competing for one or more years, they probably have some seasoned talent."

The ten women that comprise the VSC tennis team

are: Seniors Edie Long of Tennessee, and Nancy Price from Dublin, Ga; sophomores Judy Seymour, Beth Brady, and Melanie Moseley; and freshmen Kay Thornton, Melissa Hunnicutt, Linda Haddock, Karen Holland, and Dinie Stover.

The women's tennis schedule was made up at the Georgia Association of

Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (GAIW) workshop held this past fall. The VSC women are currently scheduled to play 13 matches.

"We have some good players," stated Phillips, "and with continued practice, when we get into our season March 28, we should be ready to give the other teams some good competition."

Baseball Blazers Alumni Game

Sunday, March 2, the baseball Blazers will play returning alumni at 3:00 p.m. in a benefit game for the Valdosta Boy's Club.

The game was essentially designed to bring alumni back as a sort of homecoming. This is the first year the project has been conducted on such an organized scale. The game will be played as a gesture to a service group in the community, providing good entertainment, and the money raised in gate receipts will be donated to the boys club.

In collaboration with the

project the Blazer baseball team will hold an observation clinic for young boys prior to the game. The clinic will be conducted by VSC coaches, players, and alumni. A drawing will be held, giving away a bat and a ball to participants in the clinic.

The game will feature, besides current players, such notable returnees as VSC's three graduates who have joined the professional ranks: Gene Felts (New York Mets), Sam Bowen (Boston Red Sox), and Jerome Register (Boston Red Sox).

Lady Blazers Fall To Ft. Valley

Valdosta State's Lady Blazers journeyed to Statesboro February 21-22 for their first Georgia Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women State tournament. The VSC women survived the first round of the competition but were sadly eliminated that very afternoon by an old rival, Ft. Valley, 79-60.

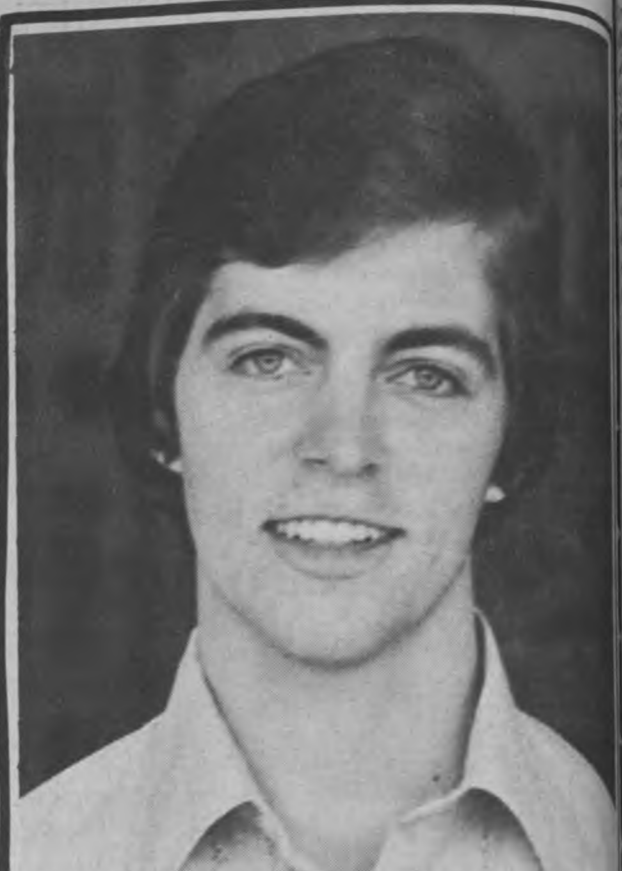
Bright and early Friday morning the Lady Blazers met Tift College's Cagers in the first round of the single elimination tournament. Valdosta State's girls kept it all together in the first meet and streaked by the opponent 83-56.

After a three hour rest, the

Lady Blazers hit the court to meet their opponent for the second round, Ft. Valley Friday afternoon. The Valley women led round 39-27, and the Blazers 12 point deficit increased to 19 before the buzzer sounded and a victory for Ft. Valley.

Ft. Valley defeated the College Saturday at night was downed by the of Ga. In the consolation round.

The Lady Blazers their first season intercollegiate competition an 18-5 record.



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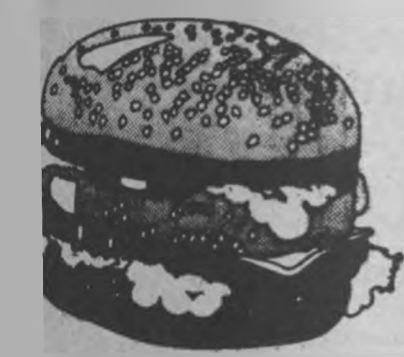
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Students, parents, and local business should demand to know why the \$707,850, most of which would be spent by the college locally, is not available to the community.

Our second demand is that faculty salaries at VSC be brought up to the level of professors of the same rank in other masters degree granting colleges in the state system. Our instructors are underpaid \$200 each, assistant professors \$200, and associate professors \$600, and

AAUP Favors Union

The results of the ballot announced at the monthly meeting of the VSC chapter of AAUP on Thursday. The speaker at the meeting was Dr. Doug Martin, AAUP president at Towson State College (Maryland), which voted collective bargaining last year.

Dr. Martin, AAUP president at Towson State College (Maryland), which voted collective bargaining last year. He shared his experience with collective bargaining and the strategy for the VSC chapter. AAUP demands first and foremost, Valdosta College has not been receiving its fair share of state funds from the Chancellor's office. The state provides \$242 for each student at VSC for students at the other colleges in the University System. That works out to \$707,850 total each year.

Our fourth demand is a more flexible retirement plan. With pay so low, it is difficult to attract and retain excellent faculty members. We are of course aware of the supply of Ph.D.s in some fields; but it still remains difficult to attract outstanding, rather than mediocre, faculty. We want an Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) so that we can recruit, nationwide, faculty of proven excellence. Such faculty have often accrued sizable equities in national or commercial retirement plans and are therefore reluctant to come to Georgia whose mandatory state retirement plan provides no benefits for the first ten years.

Senate Bill no. 98 to permit Optional Retirement Plans was killed in committee on February 11 despite testimony by AAUP that this would aid in recruitment and retention of quality faculty and despite testimony by Mr. Wesley Rucker of the Georgia Teachers Retirement System that ORP would cost the state no additional money if the state's

full professors a whopping \$2,600 it would take \$155,200 (out of the \$707,850) to accomplish this catch-up. We want to catch up and keep up. The governor has budgeted a 5% pay raise in the teeth of 12.2% inflation. That's a 7.2% pay cut in purchasing power. Last year the legislature granted a 5% pay raise while inflation was 10%. That was a 5% pay cut. We are falling farther and farther behind. Unlike other state employees we do not receive automatic step increments. Our third demand, therefore, is an escalator clause.

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share were held to 4.81% in place of the present 8.78%. It is inconceivable to us in this tight budget year how a bill to improve the retirement system at no cost to the state could be rejected. We therefore call on the Retirement Committee of the State Senate to reconsider its motion to table for the interim Senate Bill no. 98.

Our final two objectives are strengthening the system of tenure and implementing a good system of evaluation of faculty by students. We have already made great strides in both of these areas. The revised standards of tenure and due process recently adopted by the University System comes much closer than previously to the long-established AAUP standards.

In the area of faculty evaluations, the VSC chapter has been working with students and administrators nearly two years to formulate balanced faculty evaluation forms. The forms are flexible enough for each department to shape questions particular to that academic discipline. Faculty evaluation procedures have now been adopted by almost all departments of VSC. The purpose of faculty evaluation is to improve the quality of instruction. To that end the forms will be filled out by the students, sealed, and after the end of the quarter given to the faculty member. Faculty evaluations are to be confidential. We are pleased that the college has adopted the AAUP procedure of faculty evaluations.

We are confident that our other demands, all aimed at improving the quality of education at Valdosta State College, will also be met.



MARTIN SWINGER AS TOM PAINE Rehearsing With Him Are Danny Yates and David Head

Valdosta, ----- Tom Paine, a highly technical and intellectual play, is to be the winter production for the Speech and Drama Dept. Performances will be Feb. 27-March 1.

Basically the play traces events in the life of Tom Paine. His involvement in revolts in America, England and France are a cronical portrait of his last few years. In his notes about Tom Paine, Del Hamilton remarked, "There is no attempt in this production to be needlessly tricky, although we do use many theatrical tricks. There is no clear story line, yet there is unity and coherence. No attempt to be realistic either. We are displaying a time in history two hundred years

ago and, thus, we invite comparison with our contemporary times. In our production the audience can see all the effects of the theatre—lights, fly gallery, actors waiting off-stage, etc. Nothing is hidden."

Hamilton justified his reasons for this kind of production by pointing out that most theatre presentations today are escapist and thereby condescending and insulting to their audiences. TOM PAINE is an attempt to get the audience to think with the actors. Technically the play offers an exciting round of special effects. Curtain time for the production is 8:00pm. Admission is free to all students with a valid I.D. card and general admission is \$2.50.

Oops We Goofed

Students at VSC have recently had the opportunity to witness Free Street Theater. The purpose of Free Street Theater is to promote more student awareness on campus. The photograph in last issue was a student attempt to stress

the lack of academic freedom at VSC and was not a direct attack at the SGA. The students felt that since academic freedom was dead at VSC there might as well be a funeral so concerned students could pay their last respects.

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Lyles are fearful that this
year's team will not measure up
to the standards of the 1974
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"I am worried about our
pitching this year," revealed head
coach Tommy Thomas. "Because in all the
pre-season practices,
scrimmages, and exhibition
games, we have yet to hit the
ball with authority. The
pitching for in some of the
pre-season games has not been
what we need for the regular season."
Lyles is still hopeful to find
the hitting that we are looking
for and will need if we expect
to be any kind of champion.
"I have been very pleased
with the performance
of our pitchers," added
Thomas. "I feel like pitching
will have to be our strong point
this year. Definitely we should
be sound in the infield. Our
outfielders are inexperienced,
but I think they are improving
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team is still the void left by these
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