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Dick Gregory—Comedian and Human Rights Leader

Rowan Proposes Student on Board of Regents

State Senator Bobby Rowan of Enigma testified Wednesday before the Senate University System Committee in an effort to gain approval of a resolution he introduced calling for a constitutional amendment adding a student to the Board of Regents.

"In order to make democracy work, the governed must have a part in the governing process. We must begin to practice the democracy we preach," declared Rowan in remarks he made to the Committee. "A student on the Board of Regents can only improve communication between those groups and would be a step towards conciliation rather than confrontation."

After listening to testimony from several Senators and a number of student body presidents from university system units, all of whom supported the measure, the Committee

voted to send the bill to a sub-committee for further study. That action makes it unlikely that a student seat can be added to the Board before 1976.

"I really hoped they'd vote to send the bill out to the full Senate. Apparently there was a great deal of pressure from the Chancellor's office, although there was not any testimony at the meeting against the proposal," said Rowan.

Senator Rowan concluded his remarks by saying "It looks as if the only way to get this bill on to the floor is to get sufficient public support behind it in the form of calls and letters."

Portions of the proposed amendment which concern the change directed toward student appointment are printed below.

Georgia shall consist of one member from each Congressional District in the State, one member who is a full-time student enrolled in an institution in the University System and five additional members from the State-at-Large, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The student member of said Board shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Student Advisory Council.

The initial student member shall be appointed prior to the 1975 Regular Session of the General Assembly for a term of one year. Thereafter, all succeeding appointments to the position of student member of said Board shall be for a term of one year from the expiration of the previous term. The Governor shall not be a member of the said Board. Nothing herein shall affect the terms of office of members of the

Board of Regents now in office, and such members shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Thereafter all succeeding appointments, except for appointments to the position of student member, shall be for seven-year terms from the expiration of the previous term. Vacancies upon said Board caused by expiration of term of office shall be similarly filled by appointment and confirmation. In case of a vacancy on said Board by death, resignation of a member, or from any other cause other than the expiration of such member's term of office, the Board shall by secret ballot elect his successor, who shall hold office until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, or if the General Assembly be then in session to the end of that session...

BAW Continues With Concert, Lectures, Plays

Comedian Dick Gregory will be on hand at 3 p.m. this afternoon in Whitehead Auditorium as Black Awareness Week continues. VSC students will be admitted free with their student ID. For non students, admission is two dollars for adults and one dollar for non-VSC students with ID's.

Tonight the Albany State College Gospel Choir, under the direction of Herman Shaffer, will be featured at 8 p.m. in Whitehead. The concert is open to the public free of charge.

Tomorrow a series of seminars will begin at 10 a.m. when Dr. Richard McMurry speaks on Black history. At 1:30, Dr. Woodrow Leake will lecture on Black rhetoric,

and Mrs. Ruth Council, 1973 Teacher of the Year, will speak at 3:30 in her Black Awareness Week seminar. All of these seminars will be held in the Camellia Room of the College Union.

Thursday evening at 8 p.m., two dramas will be presented in the Performance Lab Theater at the Fine Arts Building. Ossie Davis wrote the first "Curtain Call, Mr. Aldridge, Sir," and Ben Caldwell wrote "Family Portrait." There is no admission charge.

Black Awareness Week will conclude Friday night with a talent show at the Pinevale High School gym. The talent show will begin at 8 p.m. Pinevale High is located at the old Lake Park Road.



JOHN CIARDI
POET AND TRANSLATOR

Poet John Ciardi had 'em standing in the aisles last Thursday night as he spoke in Whitehead Auditorium. After reading and commenting on some of his poetry, Ciardi answered questions from the audience about himself and his work. Ciardi proved himself a delightful speaker as well as poet and critic.

Pine Cone Gets Revamping



PINE CONE Editor Sharon Smith discusses new strategy for the year book. With many new ideas, a basically different format, and a publicity and selling campaign underway, Miss Smith hopes to at least triple the number of subscriptions for the book.

By Wesley Cox

In a recent interview with Senior Sharon Smith, Editor of the Pine Cone for the second year, this year's Pine Cone was discussed and questions about the book were answered.

Miss Smith stated: "There seems to be a myth going around that the book is

just for the staff or for the Greeks, well this is just not so. It's a student book put together by the students, for the students. It is for all of the students."

Sharon continued, "Even if the school doesn't sponsor it (any event) we want to know about it if VSC

students are involved. The students' college life doesn't begin and end with the campus. If you know of something that should be in the book let us know. Don't say 'Gosh, I wish we had a picture of this', let us know and we'll have someone there to take pictures."

When asked about the quality of the staff, she responded, "We've got a good staff, they're working hard. We've been to three workshops and we're going to have a new approach to the whole book."

This year's annual is published by American Publishing instead of Taylor Publishing, definitely a cut in price. The reason given by Sharon was to have more color and special effects in the book.

When the subject of price came up, she responded, "Our budget has been cut more than 1/2 from 2 or 3 years ago when it was free. We compromised \$12 to \$14.00 per book to the present \$6.00 per book with the rest made up by student activity money."

On the subject of what exactly the 1973-74 book would be like, she said, "The theme of the book is 'Nostalgia', though not all the way through."

"Anyone who takes pictures and thinks that his work is worthy, we pay \$2.00 per picture," stated Smith.

This year's Pine Cone has 296 pages, 6 to 10 of these are color, and the budget was reduced to \$10,000.

In conclusion Sharon said, "Please drop by and give us some suggestions, it's your book."

"I will never be able to understand how a nine year-old kid always seems to be able to find the heroin man and the FBI can't."

It is difficult to label the prolific activities of Dick Gregory. He became famous as a professional comedian. Today he is a recording artist, author, lecturer, actor, human rights activist, social satirist, critic, philosopher and political analyst, who combines all these roles to serve the cause of human liberation and to alleviate human suffering brought on by ignorance and apathy.

Dick Gregory was born in the Black ghetto of St. Louis, Missouri. While in high school, he became a state champion in track and field, and later expanded his honors on the track of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. He entered the entertainment field and rose quickly to the top, once more becoming a "champion" in American society. But society's definition of "success" was not in line with Dick Gregory's moral passions. As he has described it, "The real champion, I have come to understand, is the man who has risen to the crest of life's highest purpose—singular and complete devotion to serving one's fellow man." Dick Gregory has ardently pursued his definition of "championship" by doing the

things he does best—making people laugh, making people listen, and ultimately, helping them understand one another.

Dick Gregory chose a career in comedy at a time when Black comedians received bookings only in Black clubs and theaters. In 1961 he was called as a last-minute replacement at Chicago's Playboy Club. He was an immediate sensation. He soon appeared in all the top clubs in the country and on major network television shows, and consequently became the man who opened the formerly tightly closed doors of the white-dominating entertainment industry to all the Black comedians who followed his breakthrough.

Having opened the doors of the entertainment industry, Dick Gregory began knocking on other doors. He used his fame as an entertainer, and whatever fortune that fame would bring him, to open the closed doors in the American system which barred the entry of any man or woman to the guarantee of full freedom.

During the civil rights movement of the 1960's, Dick Gregory participated in every major (and most minor) demonstrations for human rights in America. He devoted his time and talent to giving benefits for civil rights groups, peace groups, and other clusters of people

devoted to human liberation. And though ironically, the doors he had opened in the entertainment industry began to slam in his face, he did not compromise with his ideals and his vision of a liberated humanity living together in peace.

In 1967, Dick Gregory formally entered politics, but typically in his own way and on his own terms. He ran as a write-in independent candidate for Mayor of the city of Chicago. The following year he was a write-in independent candidate for President of the United States of America. He lost that election, but on March 4, 1969, in Washington D.C., his supporters inaugurated him President of the United States In Exile, in a ceremonial which included the oath of non-office, an inaugural address and two inaugural balls.

Dick Gregory the recording artist has many albums to his credit, the most recent having been recorded on the Poppy label, The Light Side/The Dark Side, Dick Gregory On, Dick Gregory's Frankenstein, Dick Gregory Live at the Village Gate, and Dick Gregory At Kent State.

Dick Gregory the author has written six books, including his autobiography Nigger, The Shadow That Scares Me, Write Me In!, and No More Lies: The Myth and the Reality of American

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Delta Sigma Phi is now in process of compiling a lection of VSC campus

records. The collection will be similar to World Record Books, except that the focus is on VSC.

Besides investigating sports records on campus, Delta Sig would like to launch its campaign with discovering the tallest individual on campus, the largest fraternity and sorority composites ever, the largest organization on (or ever on) campus, the oldest student ever, the largest female bustline, and the youngest faculty member. In general, Delta Sigma Phi is looking for the fastest, oldest, youngest, best, and largest of almost anything affiliated with the campus. (Please limit your imagination.)

To qualify for publication in the VSC Book of Campus Records, an individual must be (or a group made up of) a past or present student(s), faculty members, or staff members of VSC. Publicity will also be recorded in The Spectator depending on available space.

The governing and decisive body of the VSC Book of Campus Records will be Delta Sigma Phi. Any record set or broken, unless otherwise proved by acceptable documentation, natural evidence, or an unretouched photograph, should be witnessed by a member of Delta Sigma Phi. The Brothers of Delta Sigma Phi will also rule on which records are worthy of recognition.

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Editorial

W. Clint Nicely, Editor

Letters to the Editor

Elections Idea

Rowan's Proposal Good or Bad?

The recent proposal of Senator Bobby Rowan to add a student to the Board of Regents has brought on a great deal of discussion. University System Chancellor George Simpson and Charles Harris, chairman of the Board of Regents, both proclaimed their opposition to the proposal. Also, the majority of the University System's institution presidents, including VSC President S. Walter Martin, have denounced the proposed amendment.

The proposal would indeed require a Constitutional amendment.

The idea of having student representation on the Board of Regents is, without question, a good one. Students should have a hand in the educational government controlling them. But a number of problems are inherent with such a proposal. Theoretically, the idea is great, but from a practical standpoint there are several things well worthy of consideration.

Rowan's proposal would require the appointee to be a full-time student in a unit of the state University System. Appointment would be made from a list of three names submitted by the Student Advisory Council (SAC). This requirement in itself poses problems: with the responsibility of a Regent's position, I doubt that a full-time student could serve effectively and maintain his academic status as well. Either his education suffers, or his representative pursuits must predicate limitations.

With respect to this, one possible solution may be to allow the full time student to serve his term while working through a facet of the Georgia Intern Program. There is a schism in this too, however, because the period of internships lasts only one quarter while Rowan's proposal calls for the student appointee to serve a one year term.

At present, the SAC serves as a means of communication between students and the Board. The SAC will be responsible for choosing the three names from which the final appointment will be made. This body will indeed have a hard decision—one that will require a great deal of thought and study.

Another problem with a student appointee to the Board will be that concerning the length of a term. I doubt that one student could become thoroughly familiar with the problems facing the Board, study them, and support action (either for or against) concerning them in a one year term. Then, as a new student appointee takes over the seat, he faces the same problems of familiarity. Indeed, it would seem that the student would do little other than make perpetual adjustment to the change. The Board surely should not object to this, but the student would, in all probability, prove ineffective.

Perhaps one solution would be to have a committee of five students from the SAC serve on the Board as one representative body—that is, one vote. With the five committee members having rotating terms (no more than two new members ever assuming duty in the same year), this would allow a type of continuous representation without a constant period of adjustment for an all new voting voice.

Indeed, the proposal has its drawbacks as well as its benefits, but if the Board would be willing to work with the SAC with the realization that a better educational system is their purpose rather than the preservation of an antiquated idealism which seeks the perpetuation of the "old school" philosophy, then I believe a reasonable compromise can be achieved.

W. Clint Nicely, Editor

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The SPECTATOR office is located in room 11 of the Student Union Building. Send all correspondence % Box 207 VSC, Valdosta, Georgia.

Dear Editor,
 "All candidates shall meet the qualifications for the office to which they aspire as expressed in the Constitution of the Student Government Association."

That sentence comes from the elections code. The candidates running for office this year will follow these rules and standards as always.

But more is needed. A modification of the campaign procedures could be beneficial to all. I would like to propose the incorporation of a full sale, full campus campaign this year.

First, I suggest that a day before elections, the candidates for office should have a "political platform forum" open to the entire student body. Such a forum would allow each candidate a chance to express his views. This has been done in the past, but because it was held at night, the student turnout was poor.

An effective means for reaching a large percent of the student body would be to cancel third (and fourth if necessary) period class on a day prior to the elections and have the faculty stress that the class cancellation is for the express purpose of allowing students to hear the platform forum.

Not only would this increase student interest in the SGA, but it would aid communications among the student body and with the administration. (Also, it would give us a chance to miss a class (in my case biology) and have fun at the same time—doing something good for the soul: listening to people talk with optimistic radicalism.

Name withheld by request.

Martin Questioned

Dear Editor,
 From the Valdosta Daily Times, Thursday Jan., 1974— "Valdosta State College President S. Walter Martin today joined a chorus of University system presidents in denouncing a legislative proposal to add a student to the system's Board of Regents." My first reaction to this was "since this chorus of presidents are supposed to serve, as well as lead the colleges, I wonder how many of them conferred with students to find out how we felt."

Later in the article, Pres. Martin was asked to comment on Senator Bobby Rowan's proposal and he stated "Why? Why has the time come?" Well I can't answer that, but I do remember a late President of the United States who was always saying "why not!"

Please do not consider this as an attack on our President at VSC, it's just that things like this seem to only widen the gap between the administration and the students.

Doodle Faulk, VSC student.

An Alternative Food Service Plan

There may be a way to solve the food service problems at VSC. We may be able to learn from our neighbors at West Georgia College in Carrollton.

At the beginning of this quarter, West Georgia College switched from a school supported meal service plan (similar to the present plan used at VSC) to a commercial food service plan contracted with a national food services firm, ARA Slater Inc. West Georgia is the first unit in the university system to employ such a plan.

How is it working? Great. The students are happy—they are getting much better food with unlimited seconds at their disposal (no pun intended). The serving hours have increased by about three per day over the old system, and the cost is for a better two meal a day plan equal to the cost of the two meal a day plan at VSC; and the three meal a day plan is only a mere pittance more than the

VSC plan. And the administration couldn't be more pleased. The new plan will "save the College a good deal of money," and the system is a lot less trouble for the College to operate. Even the food service employees are satisfied—they will all maintain their positions, and be under an experienced and competent nation-wide firm.

There have been only a few minor complaints from students about the new service. In fact, it seems that the good out-weighs the bad many times over.

Perhaps it would be quite advantageous for VSC to study the West Georgia transition, and indeed, even consider such a plan. Such a study could certainly do no harm, and it may very well prove quite fruitful—for students and for the administration as well. If the study is favorable, then perhaps the student body should be given a right to vote on the possible change of plan.

Vandalism Spreads

It has been brought to my attention that the library has faced a severe problem of vandalism during recent months. The age old problem of books being stolen is now accompanied by problems of books as well as equipment being torn and destroyed.

It seems that the everpresent dormitory vandalism has carried over to the library. Hard as I try, I can think of no rational, logical, or justifiable reason for this destructive action. It may be an avenue of protest, but if so, it surely seems useless, for no one knows who is protesting, why they are protesting, or what is being protested. But obviously, there must be some reason.

What then? Apparently the action stems from immaturity or boredom. But must this continue? The library exists for the benefit of us all; it's an investment in the educational process. Our education costs enough as it is, must we add to that cost by mutilating the materials made available to us?

Whoever you are out there, give us a break—if you feel you must destroy something, go leap off a bridge or jump out in front of a truck, but please do not tear up our library materials. What possible reason can you have for wanting to tear up a bunch of books you probably have never even read?

W. Clint Nicely, Editor

President's Hotline

Questions for the President's Hot Line should be addressed to President S. Walter Martin, VSC P.O. Box 8, or delivered to his office in Nevins Hall.

Why do you not favor a student being placed on the Board of Regents?

First, I have no strong feeling one way or the other about the bill currently in the Legislature which would permit the Governor to appoint a student to membership on the Board of Regents. The reason I even made a statement about this in the local newspaper was that a reporter asked for my personal opinion on this question.

I do feel, however, that each member of the Board of Regents should have a perspective broad enough to encompass all matters pertaining to education in

Georgia. This can only come through years of experience and study.

I am sure there are students in the University System who might serve well on the Board of Regents, but I am sure there are others who would not. Students do have an input to the Board through the Student Advisory Council. This is working well, and I hope the relationship will continue.

My position on this matter certainly isn't one which downgrades the student, and neither does it take anything away from the students. I have a very high regard for college age men and women, especially those enrolled at our institution. We have some students who demonstrate very high degrees of intelligence, and maturity beyond their years. However, I still cannot see how it can be for any real betterment of the System to have even one of these students on the Board of Regents.

None of the University System presidents have seats on the Board of Regents, nor do any members of their

faculties. Yet, all have channels through which their opinions are heard by the Board of Regents.

I hope this statement clarifies my position in the matter.

Why is there no consistency in the lighting of the basketball courts at night? On Wednesday night, January 30, the courts were not available to students in the dormitories.

During the current energy crisis, we are unable to light the College basketball courts on a full time, regular basis at night. These courts are considered part of our physical education facilities and are under the direction of the Physical Education Department. They are operated at the Department's discretion during the hours they feel the courts are needed for certain scheduled activities. It is hoped the hours can be extended when we are told by the State of Georgia that the energy crisis has been relieved.

Be On T. V.

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Guest Editorial

This week's Guest Editorial features Dr. James Daniels, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at VSC. Dr. Daniels is chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee. He received his Ph.D. in History from UNC at Chapel Hill.

The College Athlete



DR. JAMES D. DANIELS

The student who excels in athletics as well as in academics is both admired and respected on the college campus today. The reason for this is simple—excellence in athletics as well as in the classroom is difficult to achieve. But it is possible. Bill Bradley, star forward for the New York Knicks was an All-American basketball player at Princeton and also a Rhodes

scholar. Tom McMillan, center for the nationally ranked Maryland Terps, has accepted a Rhodes scholarship beginning in the fall of 1974. Thus, success in both athletics and academics is compatible; however, in most cases, the All-American athlete is not among the honor graduates in his class. Perhaps an explanation of this fact is worthy of consideration.

The athletic programs of the major colleges and universities in our country today are a big business. The football budget alone at Ohio State, a figure well above the entire athletic budget of institutions our size and larger, is indicative of this.

In order to have a successful program, those institutions which excel in athletics must not only recruit the good athlete but must also make demands on the athlete, in terms of time and effort, which can be all encompassing. After a hard fought basketball game on the road in which the team returns home around 2:00 a.m., how mentally alert is the athlete who attends a first period class if he makes the class at all? After a long and demanding afternoon practice session, how much time and effort does the athlete genuinely give to his studies following the evening meal? And yet, the athlete is treated no differently than anyone else in the classroom and should not be. So what is the answer?

In order to survive academically, the student athlete must budget his time very carefully. This means study on the weekends and it means much less free time for partying and dating, especially while the season is in progress. The student athlete must also be more dedicated than the majority of students who do not compete in athletics. He must be determined to excel both in his particular sport and in the classroom because of the very nature of his existence. It is this determination which makes him a winner athletically and it must carry over into algebra, history, and English class. It must carry over because few college athletes make it in the pros, thus it is the student athlete's education rather than his athletic ability which enables him to make a living.

Is it all worthwhile, ask the student athlete? Is the sacrifice which I am required to make worth the time and effort involved? The majority of student athletes would answer with an emphatic yes, yes because there is something special about athletics, something that is closely related to life itself. The "ups and downs," victories and defeats, the reaction of the spectators, the importance of team work, the time and effort demanded, all of these factors appear in both athletics and life and it is my contention that upon graduation the college athlete just might be a little better prepared for what lies ahead than the graduate who has no affiliation with any phase of campus athletics. The athlete also receives much acclaim personally for athletic prowess. He must never forget, however, to assume the additional responsibility of budgeting his time so that he remains in good academic standing.

In conclusion, the student athlete is in both an enviable and unenviable position on every college campus. He must be a star on two fronts, both of which are important. The athletic history of Valdosta State College indicates that our athletes have done well in meeting this challenge. As a result, we are on the verge of having a great athletic program at VSC. In order for our program to become truly great, we must have athletes of the highest quality, athletes dedicated to performing their best both in their given sport and in the classroom. Also, if we are to excel as an institution in athletics, the faculty, administration, and student body must offer enthusiastic support at all levels and above all, academic excellence which will attract the outstanding student athlete to our campus.

Transcendental Lecturer Coming

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To be able to think more clearly, to speak more effectively, to act with more confidence and creativity, and to enjoy life more: such improvements in daily life are the results of transcendental meditation as taught by Maharishi Mahesh

Transcendental meditation is rapidly spreading in the United States and around the world through the Students' International Meditation Society. Non-profit and entirely voluntary, SIMS chapters in all fifty states offer introductory lectures and workshops in the technique to a great many people each week. There are now about 100,000 people in the country practicing TM, with about 15,000 Americans beginning the practice each year.

This coming Tuesday, February 12, at 3 and 8 PM in the Camillia Room there will be two introductory lectures on transcendental meditation. The lecturer will be a teacher trained by Maharishi, and the lecture should prove beneficial and informative to all.

Transcendental meditation is a technique whereby any individual can improve his life. It's natural, effortless mental technique of direct experience. During TM one's awareness is led beyond the everyday conscious thinking level to finer levels of the mind, to fields of increasing energy, creative intelligence and happiness. Indeed, it is claimed that in TM one experiences the "source of thought", the field of pure consciousness which is the very basis of the mind. Its benefits are immediate and cumulative: more energy and clarity of mind, growing freedom from stress and tension, improved health, greater success in all activities, and a deeper sense of fulfillment in life. It is a simple, universal means of increasing one's enjoyment, understanding, and accomplishment.

For thousands of years, philosophers have held that it is possible for man to attain "higher" states of consciousness through meditation. And recent scientific investigation of Zen

meditation, physical yoga, and transcendental meditation has indicated that different states of consciousness, with different styles of physiological functioning, can in fact be produced. Research on individuals practicing TM (see report by R.K. in "Scientific American", February 73) has uncovered the following physiological changes during TM: a reduction in respiration and heartbeat, a reduction in cardiac output of about 25%, a reduction in oxygen consumption of about 20%, an increase in skin resistance (GSR of up to 500%), and brain wave patterns (EEG) of increased alpha waves with occasional bursts of theta waves.

These findings can be better appreciated in major states of consciousness. TM reduces the metabolism (as measured by oxygen consumption) to a more profound state of rest, and induces deeper state of relaxation (as measured by GSR), than is achieved in deepest sleep. However, the mental activity of the meditative state (as measured by EEG) is characteristic of an alert mind. This state of "restful alertness" is clearly distinguishable from the three other major states of consciousness (waking, dreaming, sleeping) and "altered" states such as those produced by drugs and hypnosis. The resultant physical and psychological release from stress and fatigue is more thorough, more enjoyable, and deeper than from sleep to any other known technique of self-development.

The mental activity during TM (as measured by EEG) is similar to that found in Zen monks of 20 years practice in Zen meditation. It is clear from the physiological measurements taken during the practice of transcendental meditation that the technique produces a type of rest and a state of consciousness which simply is not otherwise encountered in life. Apparently TM is the most effective means of attaining that state of consciousness which is the goal of all forms of meditation. And yet, unlike so many practices

taught in the name of "expanded awareness", transcendental meditation supports and enriches one's daily life in the world.

After only a few months of practicing TM, individuals report such results as: "an increased depth of understanding of life, increased and refined perception of the world about me, and a satisfaction deep beyond description.... increased mental capacity and memory, greater productivity, and improved physical health." Students often report that their grades go up, and those involved in the use of drugs generally say that they find the fulfillment they were looking for but were unable to find in drugs. Many describe the "fantastic optimism, happiness, and contentment" as the greatest personal rewards of the practice.

However, the most significant effects of TM are immeasurably profound: the systematic exploration and development of the highest levels of human consciousness, which philosophers have described, and intellectuals imagined, throughout the ages.

Fifteen or twenty minutes of transcendental meditation, twice a day, is said to be sufficient to bring rapid growth in energy, creative intelligence, and enjoyment to all who start. One quickly gains not only inner stability but also skill in action. The technique offers man truly unlimited possibilities for developing his consciousness and strengthening his activity.



This summer will see this pile of steam pipes and others like it put underground at VSC as the campus renovation continues.

Campus Renovation Underway

By Wesley Cox

The Comptroller's Office announced Jan. 4, 1974 that the pipes that are scattered about the campus are for a "renovation of the steam distribution system" here at VSC to begin "in early February" and to end "by early September of this year."

The money for the project was allocated by the Board of Regents to the tune of \$140,000 set aside over the past two fiscal years. In order for the pipes to be installed, areas of the campus will be torn up a good bit with dirt and concrete being taken up for the installation. The major part of the work is to be done during the summer months. In order to make the change the Central Boiler

Plant will be closed down in early June and will remain closed until the system is activated next Fall Qtr.

The only residence halls that will be in operation this summer will be Langdale and Patterson because the water is heated electrically. Men will be housed in the South Wing of Patterson and women will be housed in the first three floors of Langdale.

Ashley Apartments will continue operation with "only brief interruptions" as steam will be supplied by the small gas-fired boiler in the Cafeteria. This means that no other buildings will have steam and hot water during the Summer Quarter, '74.

In an interview with Comptroller Sam W. Brooks,

III, he commented on future physical changes to be made here at VSC. The entrance to Georgia and Langdale Halls will not be widened for the safer flow of two-way traffic due to the fact that the road is a fire lane. Brooks pointed out that widening the existing road would require cutting trees down.

The road to Langdale and Georgia will not be extended through to Oak Street due to underground cables that run between Georgia and Langdale.

Comptroller Brooks also stated that the VSC campus will eventually (he didn't say how eventually) be void of telephone and electric poles, all the power and the telephone lines will be underground.

Union Board Activity

Bike Rally
Michael Teasley coasted in last.

An air of heavy competition was evident as the second College Union Board bike rally was held Saturday morning, February 2nd. Despite the sparse turnout, the five riders endured a strenuous five mile route that included such throughfares as Baytree, Jerry Jones, and Eager Drive.

This quarters winner, Wesley Cox, peddled in a time of 16 minutes and 25 seconds while second and third places went to Joe Robinson and David Head respectively. Fourth place was won by Edie Long while

College Bowl

The past three weeks, five teams have been competing twice weekly in the College Bowl. Organizations represented by teams were Phi Mu, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Black Student League, and Delta Chi. The four man team representing Kappa Alpha fraternity walked away with the first place honors. The top three teams will each receive a trophy, presented by the College Union Board, sponsor of the annual event.

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SGA Takes Action

The SGA Senate met January 31, to discuss the everyday problems of VSC students.

Bill reports included comments on the snack bar, the Non Major Major, a board to the basketball courts, pot holes, and naming the streets on campus. Accomplishments of last week included a new board to the basketball courts and the filling in of several pot holes.

Charles Joyner introduced a bill concerning the widening of the entrance to Langdale Circle. According to Senator Joyner, the average car is eight feet wide

and the entrance is only fifteen feet wide. Thus, it is impossible for two average cars to pass in the entrance.

The bill proposed that the entrance be widened by eleven feet on the north side from its east end to the sidewalk in front of Georgia Hall and that the present corner of the sidewalk on the south side of this road be moved back eleven feet. The bill passed unanimously.

In new business, Senator Louis Goolsby has received several complaints from students including paying for CUB concerts, people leaving trays in the cafeteria, and a

real winner when someone asked if the crosswalk had been grounded in the event that lightning struck it.

In Cabinet action, Dr. Faircloth was chosen as Grand Marshall for Homecoming 1974. Besides that same half filled box of Milk Duds, the suggestion box had one suggestion. That was to equalize the outdoor basketball court hours and the tennis court hours at night.

Clint Nicely asked that the SGA sponsor a series of lectures by Lisa Lett on transcendental meditation. The Cabinet was in hearty agreement.

The Pilot Training Class of the 7506 cordially invites the girls of Valdosta State College to a Mixer to be held the evening of Friday, February 8, 1974 at the Moody Air Force Base Officers Club. Rides will be provided for girls unable to furnish their own transportation. See posters on campus for details or further information contact Russell Judge (247-0318) or John Lawrence (247-0907).

College Athlete

The student who excels in athletics as well as in academics is both admired and respected on the college campus today. The reason for this is simple—excellence in athletics as well as in the classroom is difficult to achieve. But it is possible. Bill Bradley, star forward for the New York Knicks was an All-American basketball player at Princeton and also a Rhodes scholar. He accepted a Rhodes scholarship in 1974. Thus, success in both is compatible; however, in most athletes it is not among the honor. Perhaps an explanation of this fact is...

Programs of the major colleges and universities today are a big business. The student at Ohio State, a figure well above the average of institutions our size and this...

Have a successful program, those who excel in athletics must not only excel but must also make demands on their time and effort, which can be all too hard fought basketball game on teams returns home around 2:00. Alert is the athlete who attends a makes the class at all? After a long noon practice session, how much the athlete genuinely give to his evening meal? And yet, the athlete is more than anyone else in the world. So what is the answer? Academically, the student athlete must study very carefully. This means study and it means much less free time for especially while the season is in. A student athlete must also be more majority of students who do not. He must be determined to excel in sport and in the classroom because of his existence. It is this makes him a winner athletically, in algebra, history, and English over because few college athletes, thus it is the student athlete's in his athletic ability which enables

While, ask the student athlete? Is the required to make worth the time? The majority of student athletes in emphatic yes, yes because there is about athletics, something that is in itself. The "ups and downs," the reaction of the spectators, the team work, the time and effort these factors appear in both athletics and contention that upon graduation just might be a little better prepared than the graduate who had no any phase of campus athletics. The much acclaim personally for his. He must never forget, however, to his responsibility of budgeting his gains in good academic standing. The student athlete is in both an enviable position on every college as a star on two fronts, both of which athletic history of Valdosta State that our athletes have done well in. As a result, we are on the verge of athletic program at VSC. In order for to come truly great, we must have most highest quality, athletes dedicated to the best both in their given sport and in the we are to excel as an institution in sports, administration, and student body. Enthusiastic support at games, the athletes both in and out of class, academic excellence which will attract the student athlete to our campus.



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Book of Records Records

It's been a dull week for record breaking. But of course, dullness typifies the VSC campus. The main goal of compiling the VSC Book of Campus Records is to break open this boredom.

Clyde Burnham, a British history major at VSC, perhaps better known for his editorial in last week's SPECTATOR, managed to create a new category for record breaking. He holds the record for "Playing the Bagpipes From the Highest

Point on Campus While Marching Back and Forth." Well, it's a start.

Clyde, who we also feel is "VSC's Only Bagpipe Player," set his lofty record last week when he marched back and forth on the Astronomy Lab benches high atop Nevins Hall, playing a farewell salutation to Kohoutek.

The longest streak on campus is now a record held proudly by the "Mad Streaker" whose anonymity we have assured. His name

dash across campus was witnessed by Delta Sigs and quite a few astounded individuals returning to their dorms after a date. The streak took place at approximately 1:30 am in the darkness of Sunday morning. The path of the "Mad Streaker" led from across the circle at Langdale Hall, between Ashley and Converse, past the Library, and between Brown and Lowndes to Patterson Hall.

The longest known streak on campus was previously held by Dana Giddens last year when he ran nude around Patterson Hall.

Other Record Breaking action finds Pi Kappa Phi as the oldest fraternity on campus, chartered on January 17, 1959. The youngest chartered social fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon with their charter date being Oct. 13, 1973. Pi Kappa Phi also maintains to have the largest composite of any fraternity ever, and also the smallest, or at least shortest male Greek on campus, that being Billy Mortenson. The tallest student on campus is believed

to be Bob Donohoe, standing at 6-9.

Keeping Black Awareness Week in mind, we are currently trying to find who was the first black student on campus here at VSC. Other records being sought are longest hair on campus, largest organization, and the instructor who fails the most students.

The VSC Book of Campus Records is under the jurisdiction of Delta Sigma Phi. All records may be submitted to Box 181 at VSC. For a witness to make any record breaking such as "Most Boiled Eggs Eaten" official, contact Box 181 or phone 247-1022. All record breakers or setters must be, or have been, campus affiliated according to our definition. For more information, refer to last week's SPECTATOR, or write us. Publicity is guaranteed.

Next week's article will feature the "Most Sticks of Gum Chewed" and "Most Cigarettes Smoked at Once" by VSC students.

Philosophy Club New For VSC

By Becky Daniell

Education consists of much more than just listening to someone else's ideas, beliefs, and theories. True education is an active participation in formulation those convictions by which a person shall live his life; knowledge, then derives from participating in learning.

Through out the ages some students have felt a need to attain personal wisdom and not merely to realize an education; but the few who are willing to seek for opportunities to achieve this goal often find themselves stifled by the limitations of conventional educational systemology.

If you are one of those who wishes to break out from

the confines of standardized pursuits of intellectual stimulation, VSC now offers that opportunity. The Philosophy Club of Valdosta State College hopes to provide a unique, undemanding and yet rewarding experience in which students can spontaneously discuss issues relevant to all.

Stated Dr. Hill, philosophy Professor, "The significance of the Philosophy Club is that we can philosophize outside the classroom in a casual atmosphere where everyone can participate freely without having to conform."

The philosophy club was originated by the faculty members of that department (Drs. Awerkamp, Barnett and Hill); but due to lack of interest or, more realistically to a lack of publicising, the turn-out was not sufficient to maintain regular meetings.

Now, however, because of renewed interest and enthusiasm, the club will again have weekly meetings on Thursday nights, 7:30 in the Camellia Room of the Student Union.

Some of the topics discussed at previous meetings are the problems of death, the concept of mind vs. brain, UFO's and whether VSC is relevant to a student's life.

Tomorrow night's topic will deal with the philosophical problems concerning race, and the discussion will be led by a member of the Black Student League. It should be noted that virtually any debatable or philosophical topic suggested will be discussed.

The Philosophy Club offers a unique opportunity to the students, faculty members and officials of Valdosta St. College. There is no other organization on campus that provides such a nonstructured, versatile and communicably educational experience open to all interested persons.

The worth of an educational institution is measured in the responsiveness and enthusiasm of its members to progressively stimulating and applicable ideas. It is your responsibility to ensure the success of this enlightening

and informal encounter your duty to yourself as a scholar to attend to meeting.

There are no official suggestions, proposals or questions contact Whaley at 7- or Lyn Gilmore at 242-6538.

A Plea For Help

Fish supper, Harrison Appreciation Friday, February 8, 5:30 till, at the Lake School Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Twin Lake Presbyterian Church. Tickets by donation-\$1.50. Harrison underwent heart surgery. We are trying to help with the expense. For tickets call Dr. Botts-559-7074.

GIVE!

More Free Courses Offered

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Registration is handled by the VSC Office of Public Services, which can also furnish details of fees and other courses.

News From ZTA Formal

On January 25, 1974, the 10th Annual Ball of Zeta Tau Alpha was held at the Elks Club. New officers were announced during the formal. They are: Vice President, Georgia Fallon of Jacksonville, Fla.; Vice President and Pledge Trainer; Linda Smith of Valdosta; Secretary, Miss Smith of Valdosta; Treasurer, Kay Miller of Duluth; Historian; Pamela Scripps of Mowbray; and Chairman, and Drake

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MFL EVENTS

- February 1-15 EXHIBIT IN VSC LIBRARY
French Philosophers
- February 11 RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVAL, 8:00 PM, Projection Room, West 14
- February 11 "The Childhood of Maxim Gorky" directed by Mark Donskoi, Soviet author's autobiographical trilogy.



Maintenance vs. SPECTATOR

The above is a fairly typical scene on the bus which runs from Hopper Lot to North Campus each class period.

In an effort to determine the effectiveness and need for such a large bus making the trip, the SPECTATOR conducted a survey of the number of students riding the bus each period throughout the week.

But as things sometimes go, the maintenance department procured the survey results from the bus driver and now refuse to release them for publication. And though we are not able to quote exact figures from the survey, we know that an average of about four (4) students use the bus on each trip it makes.

Several educated estimates indicate that the large bus should get no more than 8-10 miles per gallon of gas, with a more realistic figure being set at about 5 mpg.

If this is indeed the case as it apparently must be, and in view of the current fuel situation, it seems only reasonable and fair to ask that the use of the large bus be discontinued in favor of a smaller, more economic one.

We suggest the use of the smaller wagon-type bus which has been used in the past. It has more than adequate seating and is without a doubt more economical and just as safe as the large one.

Meanwhile, hang in there maintenance, maybe one of these days enough things will

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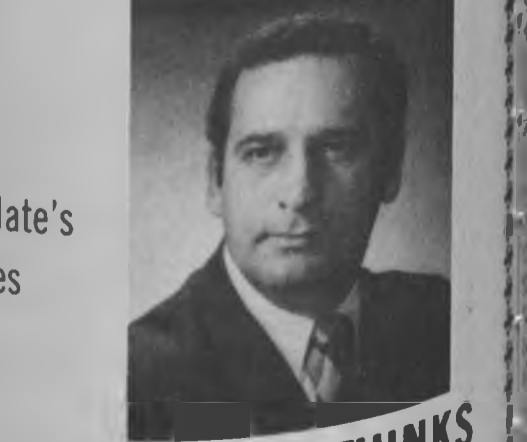
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THE SOUND COLUMN by Alias Graffiti

I want to make some comments in regard to "A Reader's" letter to the editor last week. About the "Sound Column". "A Reader" is partially right. Perhaps the article should diversify into two sections-one reviewing only well-known groups and the other just mentioning the obscure ones. Since "Rare Bird" (see last week's column) is known to only a small amount of people, and these lucky few already know what the group sounds like, it would be a hassell for all involved to print a full biographical sketch of each group's artist (which may be what a reader wants). Let it be resolved: The next issue of the "Sound Column" will have a main section consisting of well-known groups and a section about artists and groups that the minority knows called "Seeds and Stems." These headings do not in any way reflect the quality of a group or artist. In fact, such an installation would be educational.

The writers of the "Sound Column" wish to please, so after seeing the next issue of the SPECTATOR, send suggestions and comments to ALIAS G. at box 142 VSC.

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Ceramics, taught by Mrs. Richard Gillespie, is to begin Feb. 7 from 10:30 a.m. - noon or from 8-9:30 p.m., with both classes to meet in room 205A of the education center. The course covers painting of ceramic pieces, using stains, underglazes and glazes. Fee for four sessions

(Feb. 7-28), at either the morning or evening classes, is \$6, plus materials.

On Friday, the fifth monthly Public Evenings in Astronomy is to meet from 8-10 p.m. in room 305, Nevins Hall. Dr. Dennis W. Marks is to speak on "The Red Planet Mars." There is no fee for this series, and prior registration is not required.

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Tillery of Tampa, Fla., Membership Chairm. n. Sharon Yale was named the senior with the highest academic average, and Debbie Bellamy was named best sister.

Jamie Pitts of Moultrie was selected as sweetheart. Also, Zeta big brothers were announced as follows: Ed Jones, Terry Feimster, David Novack, Mac Moye, Julian Miller, Tony Santoro, Jim Travis, Jim Powell, Bobby Toombs, and Roger Reigner.



Students Read The SPECTATOR

A Pre-Registration Idea

By Debbie Brown

About the middle of every quarter, everybody participates in pre-registration. Pre-registration serves two main purposes: 1) instructors help students decide on courses for the following quarter, and 2) all the cards and necessary forms get signed. Yet some students seem to think pre-registration is an inconvenience and do not see their advisor during the scheduled time. When they finally realize their schedule cards must be signed, they scramble, often in vain, to find their advisor.

Tony Criscuslo, an instructor in marketing and finance in the School of Business Administration, proposes a new method for pre-registration for students within the School.

Each advisor in the School of B.A. is asked to keep a list of the courses requested and the number of students interested in each course. These lists are compiled. The courses actually to be offered can then be determined by the number of students signed up.

Last quarter, for example, Mr. Ware, assistant professor of Business Administration, asked his students to list the courses they wanted for this quarter. He found that BA835 was needed by 15 students. Yet BA835 was not being offered. The School of B.A. therefore added it.

The School of Business Administration has a unique problem. According to Dr. A.L. Addington, Dean of the School, each advisor has almost sixty advisees. When these students do not bother to come during pre-registration, the School is unable to make an estimate of course enrollments until the day of registration.

Dr. Addington therefore asks that all business majors purposely try to attend pre-registration this quarter, February 26- March 12. Most advisors have a time sheet on their office doors. There is ample space to sign for a particular appointment. If a student is unable to find his advisor, he should contact Dr. Addington.

By Charles John

Combined Forces Present New Course

A unique class is being arranged in this year's Spring Quarter schedule. Dr. Ron Barnette, philosophy, and Dr. Louis Schmier, history, have set about fixing their schedules to have a philosophy course and one history course back-to-back, meeting in the same room. This arrangement will enable the two professors to conduct a special (double) course for which the student

will receive 10 hours credit: 5 in philosophy, and 5 in history. The course will deal with inter-related ideas and will be designed to bring about more student involvement in class. Conducted rationally, with the student in mind, the course will give credit as History 360 and Philosophy 336.

A definite time is as yet unavailable, but tentatively,

the schedule calls for 3rd and 4th periods four days weekly, or for the 10:20-12:20 time slots on the new two hour block system instituted in the Spring.

The course will be interdisciplinary in nature. As for credit, it will offer an excellent elective on the upper level basis, or apply to the major program in either history or philosophy.

Dr. Schmier will conduct

several of his famous "costumed lectures." Also, a "readers theatre" is to be conducted with philosophical recreation of important events. Plans also include several guest lectures.

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SPORTS

Top Rated Teams Bite The Dust

It was a week of upsets in intramural basketball as top rated Delta Chi, BSU, and the BSL met their respective matches.

Delta Chi's big Green Machine came to a screeching halt when the undefeated Wesley Foundation quintet handed the Chi's a 50-39 defeat, their first of the season. Bill Parsons drove the fraternity men crazy with his outside shooting and reckless drives up the middle. Mike Archer hurt the now 7-1 Chi's on the boards and with a soft inside shooting touch. Wesley should take the Independent League crown without too much trouble the rest of the way.

The Big Blue of the Baptist Student Union fell to the long arms of Trey Bradfield and his Pi Kappa Phi teammates. Previously BSU had lost only to Wesley. The Baptists looked unorganized for the first time this season.

Both Wesley teams had a good week when Wesley-2 knocked off the Black Student League 42-39. The BSL was just coming off a 56-42 loss to Delta Chi. They now have three games in their loss column, although one of these is the forfeit they received when they were involved in the team fight with the Romans. Although the season is half over, the Blacks have yet to play several top teams. They should spring a few upsets of their own.

Besides officiating, forfeits have been the only major problem in the program so far. They are rapidly becoming more popular as the schedule drags on and perhaps the rule employed last year should be put into effect again. That rule was that any team with two forfeits did not play the rest of the year.

Mike Hamner's Hawks and the Crabs are two other teams who should end up the year better than they started. Both dropped games early in the season, but have come on strong in the past two weeks. The Crabs pounded a sound Delta Flyers team last Saturday. They have excellent outside shooting and good movement underneath.

Switching to the intercollegiate scene, the Blazers are now on the bottom third of their schedule. At press time, they held a 9-8 record with a rugged road ahead. Tonight, James Dominey's troops travel to Savannah for a crucial game with the Pirates of Armstrong State. Armstrong leads the SAC with a 5-1 record. In the past, VSC has played very well in Savannah. As Dominey put it, "If we win tonight, we will be right back in the conference race."

Don Reason and Tiny Hodge, the two Blazer big men, looked tremendous against Columbus Friday night. Reason was the turning point of the game when his three point play brought the crowd and the Blazers alive.

Hodge stuck Columbus superstar James Mitchell like flypaper and threw in 27 points himself. Tiny was taking on balance percentage shots which more often than not, hit the bottom of the net.

Donnie Wisenbaker is finally beginning to show some consistency also. Before the season, Dominey had counted on the 5-10 Dasher native to carry a heavy part of the scoring load. Donnie is now living up to his pre-season billing.

Valdosta State has nothing but SAC games the rest of the year. Each one is important because the SAC winner is the host team for the conference tournament. It would be quite a week of basketball to get those six SAC teams in here for a tournament. Maybe we would even get a few fans to show up!!

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Braves Shoot Down Blazers

By Billy Tyler

Valdosta State, failing to show a consistent offense, was dealt a crushing conference defeat by the Braves of West Georgia, 88-77 there last Wednesday night.

Leading by six (8-2) early in the game, the Blazers seemed to have things under control. However, Valdosta got cold and when "Foots" Walker, the Braves All-America candidate, hit on a three point play, the ballgame was tied at 16-all.

This was to be the closest Valdosta would come to the Braves the rest of the night. In a period of six minutes West Georgia turned a one point lead (22-21) into a 17 pointer at 50-33 as the half came to a close. West Georgia's full court press harassed the Blazers on

numerous occasions, and the Braves climbed to their hefty intermission advantage.

As in the past the Blazers came out in the second half with "comeback" on their mind. They hit their first 10 field goal attempts to close the gap to eight (62-54) with 13:23 to go. A series of turnovers gave the Braves first 10 and then a 12 point lead with 10:05 left.

Valdosta made one last surge for the lead, when with 1:55 to go, Dave Barnett's jumper pulled them to within five at 78-73. West Georgia capitalized on turnovers by the Blazers, an eight minute stall, and a number of charity tosses to ice the game away and send Valdosta reeling to their 2nd conference loss and eighth of the season.

Balanced scoring was the one bright spot for the Blazers as they placed five men in double figures. Don Reason was the leader with 18 followed by Hodge with 17, Barnett 16, Wisenbaker 14, Miller 10, and Mike Clyde added 2. Valdosta hit 50% from the floor and 55.6% from the line.

In an interview on WVLD radio Coach Dominey had these comments: "Nobody could shoot the ball in the first half. We have to realize that we must play 40 minutes to win." About West Georgia's very efficient stall in the second half: "I question whether they would have won if they hadn't stalled."

The loss leaves Valdosta at 2-2 in the conference and 8-8 overall.



Reason drives for two of his 27 points against Columbus

Valdosta State Tames Cougars

By Billy Tyler

Valdosta State took an early lead and held it throughout the game as they whipped Columbus College 82-72 last Friday to up their conference record to 3-2.

The game was close at the half at 40-35, however, VSC gradually increased their lead, to 12 at one point, to ice the game.

Valdosta, hitting a blistering 66% from the field in the first half, took an early lead of 12-10 as the game looked like it would be nin

and tuck. However, the Blazers caught fire and hit four straight baskets to increase their lead to 20-20.

But the Cougars from Columbus were not about to roll over and play dead as they countered with four straight to cut the margin to 20-18. The half ended 40-35 in VSC's favor.

The second half opened with both teams swapping baskets, but again the Blazers caught fire and opened up an 11 point lead, 58-47, with just 11 minutes left to play.

The Blazers held this lead until the final few minutes when Columbus closed to within six at 72-66. However a lone fast break, 3 point play by Don Reason, 2 goals by

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Survey Results Posted

A recent survey concerning the interest in women's intercollegiate athletics at VSC has resulted in some overwhelming statistics.

A total of 1,048 students were surveyed including 622 females and 426 males. Ninety five percent of students surveyed said that VSC should have a women's athletic program.

Nearly one half of the women surveyed indicated they would participate in the program. Most of the women who decided not to participate cited a lack of time and athletic ability.

Basketball, softball, tennis, and volleyball were the sports deemed most popular by the women. As Dr. Nancy Scott, one of the leaders of the Women's intercollegiate athletics movement, said, "This would give the women a sport for each quarter of the school year."

Insurance Man Here on Feb. 13

The insurance field Investigator from Comptroller General Johnnie L. Caldwell's office will be in Valdosta, Georgia on February 13, 1974 to help with your insurance problems and questions. Field Investigator David Whitley will be in the County Courthouse from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. through the cooperation of the county commissioners and other public officials.

Nurses Will Meet

The Student Nurses Association of Valdosta State College will meet Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the projection room of the student center. A report of the State Convention in Macon will be given and slides will be shown of the trip to national convention in Minneapolis last year.

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be implemented. The Faculty Athletic Committee will meet later in the week to resolve funding of the program when it is instituted.

Intramural Standings

FRATERNITY

Delta Chi	7-1
Pi Kappa Phi	5-2
TKE	5-2
Delta Flyers	5-2
KA	4-3
Delta Sigs	1-4
SAE	1-7
TEKE	0-8

INDEPENDENT

Wesley	8-4
BSU	6-2
Crabs	5-3
Hawks	6-3
BSL	6-3
Wesley-2	5-4
Romans	4-4
Wheatstraws	2-8
ROTC	2-8
Rebels	2-8
Doc Jim	2-8

RATINGS

1. Wesley	8-4
2. Delta Chi	7-1
3. Pi Kappa Phi	5-2
4. BSU	6-2
5. Crabs	5-3

These standings and ratings are based on games played through Feb. 2, 1974.

SAC Standings

TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Armstrong	5-1	14-3
West Ga.	4-2	14-3
Valdosta State	3-2	9-8
Augusta	2-4	10-4
Columbus	2-4	13-5
Southern Tech	2-5	8-12



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RATINGS

Chi	80
Phi	71
Flyers	62
Sigs	51
	42
	33
	24
	15
	6

SAC Standings

CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Chi	5-1 14-3
Phi	4-2 14-3
State	3-2 9-8
	2-4 10-4
	2-4 13-5
Tech	2-5 8-12

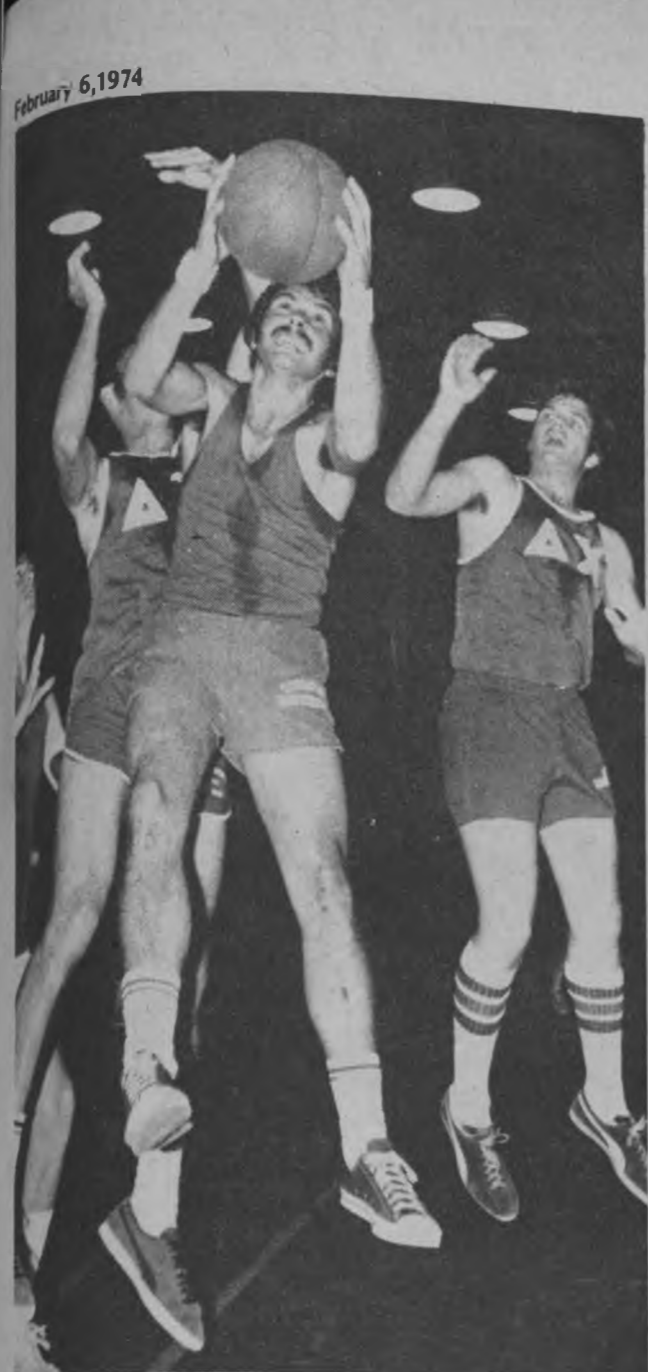
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Wesley King takes rebound as Delta Chis Jim Roquemore and Terry Fields appear suspended in mid-air. The Wesley Foundation upset the top rated Delta Chi team by a 50-39 score.

The Flea Market Shuffle

Need some money—who doesn't? Come March 2 you will have a chance to make some. The College Union Board is going to sponsor a Flea Market and we know you're just itching to set up a booth. Any one person, group of people, or organization may display their wares for sale. All you do is sign up for a booth in the office of Student Activities sometime before March 2. The booths will be set outside if the weather permits or inside the College Union building if it does not co-operate.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Flea Market, either as a seller or a buyer, or just a browser. Flea Markets tend to bring out all kinds of interesting things to buy.

If you need further information, call 244-6340, Ext. 343, or stop by the office of Student Activities, upstairs in the Union Building.

Alpha Delta Pi News

The Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi has been very busy this quarter. January 6, our new officers were installed. The new officers are Pres. - Jane Moore, Vice Pres. - Gail Hooker, Tres. - Beth Strickland, Sec. - Donna Pitts, Guard - Anne Lester.

The week of January 14-19 was initiation week. Seventeen new sisters were welcomed into ADPi. Those initiated were Susan Cahill, Beryle DeMille, Vicky Gentry, Lynette Herring, Sydney Hollis, Beth Huskey, Pam Kelley, Miriam Lester, Mary Jane Long, Lawson May, Jani Miller, Karen Omerod, Debbie Phillips, Connie Rogers, Amy Ryle, Betsy Satterwhite, and Deborah Willis.

The week ended with a mother-daughter banquet honouring the new sisters.



Alpha Lambda Delta News

The SPECTATOR

In honor of the 50th anniversary of nation Alpha Lambda Delta, Valdosta State College's Chapter of the honor society sponsored a special community project. According to Sandra Lowe, chapter president, the organization received \$75 from its national headquarters to use for this purpose.

Working with the cooperation of Mr. John Harrington and other officials of the Lowndes County Board of Education, society members decided on a project to aid the mentally retarded through the county school system. The money was used to furnish gifts as an incentive to special education students through the reward system.

Alpha Lambda Delta is also planning a pledge service for new members, to be held on February 26 in the Pine Cone Room of the Fine Arts Building. Freshmen women who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 are eligible and invited to join.

Initiation will be held on March 5, and new officers for 1974 will then be installed.

Dean Sara Fickertt serves as sponsor for the VSC chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, while Dr. Patricia Marks of the English department is the group's faculty advisor. Officers for 1973 include Sandra Lowe, president; Donna Pitts, vice-president; Micki Folsom, secretary; Mary Olive Strickland, senior advisor; and Melanie Eanes, historian.

VSC Opens to Area Students

Area school-age children are to have an opportunity to be part of a laboratory experience in art at Valdosta State College, according to Claud Singer, assistant Art Professor at VSC and director of the project.

Classes for children in kindergarten through high school are to be held Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. in room 115 of the VSC Fine Arts Building from Feb. 13 - March 7.

Fee for eight sessions is \$2.50.

"Creative activities, artistic development and exercises in visual perception will be stressed," Singer said.

To be staffed by art education seniors, the classes will be under Singer's supervision and evaluation. A graduate of Wichita, Kan., State University, where he received both the bachelor of fine arts and the master of fine arts degrees, Singer is a candidate for the doctor of education degree at Ball State University at Muncie, Ind.

His doctoral thesis concerns the measurement of creativity in the studio.

Registration for the children's art classes is being handled through the VSC art department and closes on Feb. 8, he said.

"With the littlest children, we may be doing some finger painting; with children in the middle grades, helping them to continue their appreciation of composition and drawing; with the junior high age, gaining skill in several craft areas; with the high school age, dealing with more specialized, more individualized problems in art."



Dick and Anne Albin in their fabulous concert last Wednesday.

Albins: A Possible Workshop Date

As always, after an appearance on campus by Dick and Anne Albin, there seems to be a wave of interest in making dulcimers. An after their fantastic performance last Wednesday evening, that wave is really gaining momentum.

Along these lines, Dick and Anne have graciously offered to return to VSC this spring and present a dulcimer workshop if there is enough interest. This workshop would last a week and during that period, the participants would be able to actually complete construction of their own dulcimer under the guidance of Dick and Anne.

The probable cost of the workshop would be \$50.00 per person. This is a total cost and includes both materials and instruction. If you are sincerely interested, please contact B.J. Wells at Ext. 343 or come by her office upstairs in the College Union. We must have a certain number of students for this workshop to materialize. Please make your interest known before Feb. 23.

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Your Candidates Speak To You

Bette Bechtel

CITY SERVICES

I live in the city because I want the services a city has to offer. It costs money to provide these services. I feel that these services therefore should be provided as efficiently and economically as possible and since the cost of most everything keeps going up and the town is spreading out and producing progressively more rubbish and garbage per person—therefore to provide the services and pay living wages to the employees who provide this service—I am in favor of increased efficiency and perhaps a change in the way we now do things.

CONSOLIDATION

The City and County are already working together in some areas. There is a joint Director of Inspections and an Engineer where both governmental bodies are sharing the expense. I feel that consolidation will offer more benefits than disadvantages and I would like to see this come about.

DOG LEASH LAW

I am in favor of this and anyone that knows me is aware that I do not allow my dog to run loose. I feel that as a dog owner I should not make my neighbors have to put up with a dog running through their yard and making a general nuisance of himself to them when I am the one who owns him.

DRUG PROBLEM

Supportive services are available with trained personnel to handle this type of problem and the City and the Police Department should back these agencies. Further proliferation of agencies isn't indicated since the need is not for more agencies but support of these already in operation.



BETTE BECHTEL
CITY COUNCIL
POST 1

Bette Bechtel is Valdosta's first city councilwoman. She is an Assistant Professor of Biology at VSC; she received her B.S. from Temple University, and her M.E. from Indiana State College.

UNIONS

I am against union recognition because, as I understand union movements, the strike is their ultimate bargaining tool, and I am not ready to agree that Valdosta can afford the luxury of strikes by City employees.

VSC LAND

The present City Council has agreed in principle to locate the coliseum at the site adjacent to the cemetery. I am in agreement with this. Certain minimum requirements must be fulfilled however before I will vote to transfer the land. Basically these minimum requirements revolve around absolute protection of the cemetery and a guarantee that there will be no net loss of space for the City. A committee from the City Council has already met with college representatives to put in writing a proposal to be submitted to the Board of Regents. The proposal looks as though it meets what I consider to be the minimum requirements and will now be presented to the Board of Regents. We must not forget that if the Regents allocate money to VSC for the coliseum it can be built on the North campus if the requested land is not available. It is not a matter of whether we get this building. It is a matter of where it will be located if the Regents okay the coliseum.

WATER RATES

This was decided as necessary in order to improve the water and sewer facilities. This project is temporarily slowed due to federal and state funds not available but the reasons for the present rates are still valid.

OVERPASS/UNDERPASS

The solution to this problem depends upon receiving funds from outside sources. The City cannot solve this problem alone since the money from taxable sources is needed to keep the City running and Valdosta can not undertake such an expensive project without help. I feel that all available agencies have and will continue to be contacted, but until there is available money for this type of project we will have to be patient.

TREE ORDINANCE

I believe the people know how I feel concerning this issue and if there are three other council members in favor of this there will be an ordinance.

Jack May



JACK MAY
CITY COUNCIL
POST 5

Jack May, a local business man, teaches at VSC on a part time basis in the Department of Accounting.

Consolidation and city services are somewhat inter-related in that monies saved through consolidation can be channeled in improving the city services. I believe that consolidation of certain city-county functions that can be accomplished to provide improved services should be done. The office, most frequently mentioned is the tax office. This office should be consolidated after the departments involved have met and worked out the method.

Regarding the dog leash law, I believe there are

adequate laws on the books regarding roaming dogs that should be enforced to keep the dog packs off the streets and out of the garbage. Enforcement of the present laws would solve this problem.

Much is being done here for the drug problem but we have a long way to go. The TIP line has provided many leads on drug deliveries and pushers and the law enforcement agencies have made cases in several instances. Stiffer penalties should be enacted regarding the habit forming hard drug pushers and more help provided for the users to help them break the habit.

I will continue to work for federal and state aid to build the overpass or underpass. We should enforce the existing laws regarding blocking the streets by trains. We have been lucky that a tragedy has not occurred while the streets were blocked, but it could happen at any time.

I have read the proposed tree ordinance and I think it should be stronger. At the present, it covers primarily land developers who I feel will save as many trees as possible when building as this enhances the property values. The city should clean its own yard first and treat the trees on the city property and then regulate the trees on other property. I am for a stronger tree ordinance.

I feel that a man should have a living wage and his ability should be reflected in his earnings. If the city will listen to the complaints and problems of its employees and make an honest effort to solve the problems then there is no reason for a union. The city has done a great deal of improvements in the city employees working conditions and I would hope to continue this policy.

The coliseum site has caused more controversy than any other issue. No one can deny the need and the problem seems to location. I don't believe the city can or will go out of the cemetery business. The present city council has made the offer. If the Board of Regents turns it down, the issue will be settled. If the board accepts, then the city must ratify the agreement. From the studies I have seen, the cemetery property is the best choice but if the residents feel so strongly for or against this location, perhaps a referendum would be the best solution rather than divide the citizens into two camps.

Everyone in Valdosta complains about the high water rates, but no one seems to know the reason for them. If the cause of these rates were given to the residents and explained why they were so high, the people could understand. If the city could not substantiate these rates, then they should be reduced.

QUESTION: How do you feel about consolidation of schools?

ANSWER: There are certainly advantages and disadvantages to consolidation. I think the City and County School Boards should meet and determine these advantages and disadvantages. After they have been determined, then a wise and justifiable decision can be reached.

QUESTION: How can drug abuse in the schools be controlled?

ANSWER: Perhaps, more education on the hazards of drugs as well as what drugs are, would help. Teachers, parents, and students should be aware of what drugs are, the symptoms of a person under the influence of different drugs, and the dangers involved in the use of drugs.

QUESTION: How can the transportation problem be solved?

ANSWER: If no State, Federal, or foundation aid can be obtained, then we must face the problem at the local level. Perhaps this would be one of the advantages of consolidation. Churches and some organizations could be approached as to the possibility of using their vehicles. A private company could consult with the City as to the transportation problem.

QUESTION: What is your reaction to the "Learning Packets" being used at the high school?

ANSWER: I have heard a lot of good comments and bad comments about the "Learning Packets." It may be a little early to pass judgment on this technique of teaching. One should keep in mind that teachers are trained to teach, and not to write curriculums or texts. The beginning teacher will have a more difficult time at this than the experienced teacher. If the teacher must write these "Learning Packets" and see to their implementation, it is certainly more than one can expect a teacher to do in an 8-hour day. Therefore, in many instances, neither the writing or implementation is done well. I would also value student opinion on this issue, especially, since there is not enough data to evaluate its success or failure statistically.

Dr. Joseph Gore

QUESTION: Is there need for more concern for the EMR?

ANSWER: Certainly! There are many students in the normal classroom setting that need and deserve special attention. These students hinder the progress of the average and above average student, while at the same time, progress very little themselves. The teacher of these students needs special training as well as small classes.

QUESTION: What about the academically talented?

ANSWER: Yes. The students at the other end of the spectrum also deserve and need special attention. These are the students who will probably become the leaders of our community. If they have the ability to excel, then we must encourage them to work to their potential. A student of this type who is not challenged may lose interest in education altogether. Thus, instead of being a tremendous asset, he becomes a liability. The program presently under-way for these students needs expanding and improvement as do most new programs.

QUESTION: Why is there a need for lower pupil-teacher ratio?

ANSWER: The more students in a classroom, the less individual attention each student can receive. The teacher with twenty-five, thirty, or even thirty-five students in a classroom (some of which are probably "slow learners" who should be in special classes), is expected by many to do an impossible job. One big step in the drive toward quality education is lower pupil-teacher ratio. There are many more specific reasons that I could elaborate on; however, in the interest of space and time, I shall forego these.

QUESTION: Should the Valdosta City Schools have kindergartens?

ANSWER: This would be more of a State problem than a local one. Yes, I am in favor of the kindergarten program for it would be another step in the direction of quality education. I might mention that there are several very fine private kindergartens in the City. Unfortunately, they are not available to everyone.

QUESTION: What are the responsibilities of the

School Board?

ANSWER: To insure that the students attending our public schools are getting quality education, whether it be academic or vocational. This can be done by: (1) passing policies that would insure the system is operating at its maximum efficiency and potential; (2) discarding programs that are not successful and improving, expanding, and experimenting with the ones that are successful; (3) by elimination of teachers and administrators who cannot function satisfactorily; (4) by placing emphasis in all areas of the educational process, not just a few; and (5) by soliciting as much support for the academic and vocational areas that the non-academic, non-vocational areas are receiving.

QUESTION: Are the teachers receiving enough in the way of salary and benefits?

ANSWER: There are some teachers who "aren't worth their salt"; however, the majority of the teachers are worth every bit they receive in the way of salary and benefits. Therefore, my answer is a definite NO! I could go on, it seems, forever to justify this. Allow me to elaborate just a little.

First of all, Governor Carter has stated that because of the surplus of teachers, a pay increase is not necessary. This is not true in all subject areas, or in all sections of the State. This type of attitude is one that is going to force teachers to unionize which is not desirable at this time, in my opinion. Teachers are called professionals, but it seems that they are not treated as professionals by many people. I am sure that they desire to be called and treated as professionals.

Now, I ask, "What professional receives so little and is expected to do so much?" Starting salary for a beginning teacher is approximately \$125.00 per week. They are required to get 5 years of higher education, and they are expected in some instances to be a teacher, counselor, minister, parent, and friend to students. What other professional has all of these responsibilities? It is agreed that there are some teachers who are lazy and not suited



Dr. JOSEPH A. GORE SCHOOL BOARD POST 9

Dr. Joseph Gore is an Associate Professor of Math at VSC. He got his B.S. at Indiana State University, M.M. at University of Tennessee, and his Ed.D. at University of Georgia.

for teaching. On the other hand, there are some parents who are unfit as parents.

I must conclude this answer even though I could continue for quite some time. Therefore, in conclusion, I will go on record as saying that I am 100% behind the effective, successful classroom teacher and administrator. On the other hand, I will do my utmost to rid the system of the inadequate teachers and administrators. Higher pay and better benefits are a "must," if we are to attract and keep quality teachers and administrators.

QUESTION: How do you feel about teacher accountability?

ANSWER: I certainly think that a teacher who is receiving a salary for doing a job should do a good one. It is a very difficult task to distinguish between the superior teacher and the average teacher. By the way, I think the average teacher should be a good teacher.

There are leaders in the field of education who have differences of opinion on the issue of accountability. Some think that it is a "useful idea whose time has come," while others call it a "threat." I would be happy to refer you

to articles that I have read on this topic.

QUESTION: Should we raise the school tax?

ANSWER: As you probably know, the school board does not at this time have the power to raise the school tax any higher. My answer to the question is "Yes." It is an investment in the future of the community. Certainly, you will agree, the more capital we have, the better educational system we can provide. Any new monies that we might receive should be channeled to the classroom. That is, to provide better and more supplies, equipment, and teachers. To conclude, I might say that the new law is passed regarding school tax, then I see no reason why we shouldn't.

QUESTION: What is your reaction to the results of the State-Wide Testing Program?

ANSWER: The results that have been published are somewhat misleading. A more in-depth statistical analysis should be conducted, taking into consideration the many co-variables that exist. The public should also be informed if the differences that exist are significant.

Bob Hayles



BOB HAYLES
CITY COUNCIL
POST 3

Bob Hayles is a student at VSC. The 19 year old Freshman is a Political Science major. He has lived in Valdosta for several years.

Consolidation of City and County—it would save money and improve services, especially the Fire and Water

Departments, but I would be against consolidation of two law enforcement agencies.

College Coliseum—I am 100% behind a new physical education facility. We need to be sure that whatever is to be built is more than a fancy building and basketball court for the Blazers. There is a need for complete classroom and equipment facilities.

Airport—The city needs a jet port and it is needed now. For any city to progress with the times, adequate transportation facilities are a definite need.

Water Rates—lower them. Water rates are completely out of line with other rates in the South. Also concerning the water department there is a need for more diligent maintenance supervision. The recent breakdown of the water reservoir walls and subsequent threat to the health of Valdosta citizens points up this need.

Mark J. Eanes



MARK J. EANES
CITY COUNCIL
POST 4

Mark Eanes, a VSC student, is an 18 year old Freshman, Pre-Med major.

Consolidation—I am in favor of any efforts of consolidation which would eliminate the double services now being performed by the city and the county. Consolidation is a slow process. We can't expect to see slow changes be made overnight.

Taxes—The present system of property taxes is grossly unfair to the property owner. He is forced to support the city for himself and for those of us who own nothing, and therefore pay no taxes. Local option taxes such as a 1% sales tax would be much more equitable.

In conclusion, if elected I will do my best to be totally receptive to the wants and needs of the community as a whole. I will not represent one faction, I will represent the community as a whole.

I make no promises as I will be but one of six, but I will do my best for the citizens of Valdosta.

Overpass-Valdosta is long overdue for an overpass-underpass. As long as we have the railroad, we will not only have a tremendous safety hazard, but will have two Valdostas.

Land Issue—The land issue is not really a big problem. The city will recognize the college as one of its largest industries and wake-up on the issue. The land behind the cemetery is an ideal location if all promises are carried out on both sides.

Unions—Unions have made great progress in American labor force advances. The council needs to look seriously at the union.

Drug problem—Valdosta needs a direct attack at the drug problem. I do not believe this attack can be solely initiated through police action. It should be a mass educational process. Perhaps a city them to prevent drug abuse would help get a program of this sort going. We do not need to just recognize the drug problem as

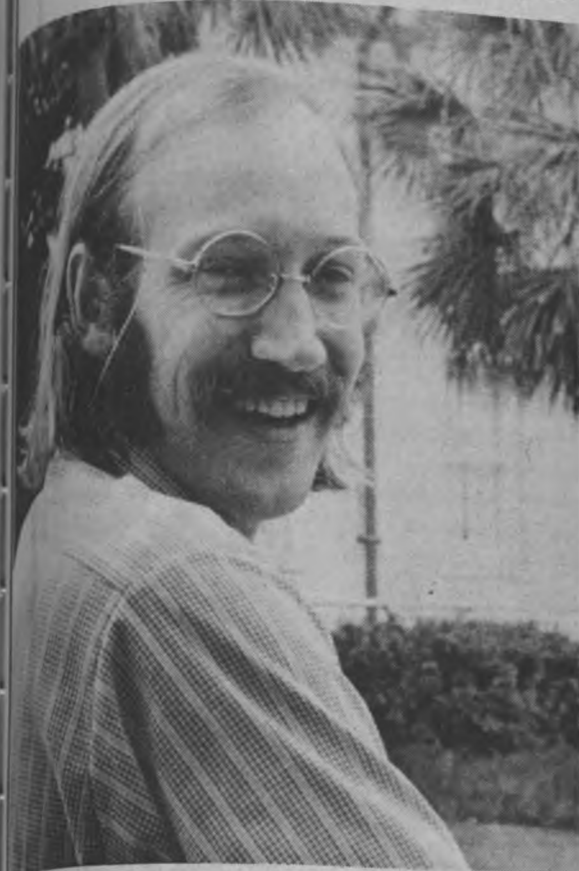
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Your Candidates Speak To You

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would not have to raised if money could be saved in other areas of government. Perhaps the consolidation of city and county in school systems and in other areas could save enough money to meet the rising cost of education. And perhaps education costs will not continue to rise so rapidly. However I feel it is irresponsible (although popular) to make a blanket statement that there should be no conditions be an increase in taxes.

Another issue raised is the problem of drug abuse. Of course, everyone is against drug abuse, but the question is what can the schools do about it. Drug education program which show students the true facts about drugs. The testimony of people who have "been there" and now realize the harmfulness of drugs may be more effective. Of course, the long range solution to the problem is to make the rest of life (including school) so meaningful that a youth need not turn to drugs for excitement. But meanwhile I think the schools should continue to search for more effective ways to educate the students about the dangers of drugs.

The question of a city-wide kindergarten program is raised, but this is not a question which the school board can decide. The state legislature must decide on this and it has given lack of funds as its reason for failing to establish kindergartens.

Another problem raised is the learning packets in the high school. There is a great deal of resistance to this innovative educational method and there have been many problems with it. The intended benefits of the method are: to give more individual attention to the student, to gear the work to the individual capabilities of the student, to make it impossible for the student to simply coast along, and to enable detection and remedy of teacher shortcomings. The difficulties seem to spring largely from the fact that students have never been exposed to this kind of thing before and have to unlearn many poor learning methods.

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other students? Or should there be education by mature and wholesome adults? Should sex be learned as something dirty which the daring will try? Or should it be taught as an important and beautiful part of life which demands to be treated with respect?

Teacher accountability is another question raised. I think the education of a person is too important a matter to ignore the accountability of everyone concerned with that education—that includes not only the teacher but also the administrators, the parents, the students, and the school board. Also, because of the flooded teacher market, teacher accountability is necessary for the protection of the effective teacher. Teachers are now held accountable in many ways. The most evident of these is periodic evaluation by the principal. These evaluations are worked out in conjunction with the teacher concerned. Of course, there are many problems with criteria for evaluation, so the question should not be whether or not we have teacher accountability but rather how to improve methods of teacher accountability. I believe there should be an ongoing study of this problem to progress toward better and better methods.

There are many other issues but I think I have used enough of the Spectator's newsprint to show you what I think of board member I would be. If you have any further questions or would like to make some suggestions, drop by my office Room 232 in Nevins Annex.

H. POTTS

I am running for Board of Education because I was not satisfied with the public education I received, and I am not satisfied with the public education present Georgia school children are receiving. I see education and learning as synonymous with living, not as something which one does for 12 or 20 years until one "has learned."

I would like to see the concept of education broadened further beyond the classroom boundaries than ever before—to include whatever interests the individual student might have. I would like to see the emphasis in learning shifted from what courses a student has taken to what knowledge and experience a student has gained.

I do not see the field of education, in general, earning or being given the respect it deserves. Whether we want or not, we influence the personalities, characters, and ideologies of the people with whom we come in contact. And in the special case of the young, I do not believe we should do so without reflecting upon what kind of influencing we wish to do. Do we as adults, as educators, wish to be merely scorned as "sources of authority" who have proven to be somewhat unreliable and uninformed in the past? Or do we wish to teach responsibility, independence, self reliance, and resourcefulness?

One area in which the public schools have proven unreliable and uninformed has been drug abuse among school age children. From a state of ignorance about what was going on in the "drug culture," we have moved into a state of panic. And in neither state have we been effective in dealing with the

Holly Smith Potts



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"problem." Educating kids to the "dangers of drugs" is no longer effective because they have too much evidence to the contrary: they see their peers "turning on" with no obvious ill effects (other than fear of getting caught) and having a lot of fun. Many kids "turn on" for the classic reason of boredom: Their schools, churches, and families are not offering them ideas and activities they see as relevant to their lives. When we are not offering them anything they see as better than drug use (no matter how wonderful we think of our plans for the youth), how can we effectively criticize their use of energy and creativity we are unable to channel into our way of thinking? We must ask them for a change instead of telling them. We must ask them what they want to do with their lives. And then we must give them all the tools we can to enable them to live lives of their choosing.

If our schools were truly democratic, they would be geared to the needs and interests of the people they were designed to help, our children. I would encourage the Valdosta Public Schools to take a less authoritarian stance towards drug abuse, because our kids will no longer respect authority for authority's sake in the matter of drug use any more than they will in respect to manners of dress, length of hair, smoking cigarettes, drinking, and ethics in general. I would encourage the establishment of a rapport between student, teacher, and administration which is trusting to the extent that a student with any kind of a problem he cannot find help for at home or in church will be able to find confidential (nonpermanent-record) help from his teachers or school counselor.

I see a relation between consolidation and transportation problems in the Valdosta School systems. As long as the school systems remain separate, we cannot obtain state funds for busing and we badly need school buses especially for Southside children who must walk miles to the High School and Junior High School. I see a partial solution to the transportation problem in using privately owned church buses for school buses. Churches could be paid for this service at a smaller cost (or be paid) to drive these buses as a Christian service. However, consolidation should be studied in depth and put to vote in a county-wide referendum. I personally see long term advantages in consolidation.

I am in favor of establishing programs for exceptional students (this is a term which includes both the gifted child and the EMR student) because they have special needs which cannot be met by merely "teaching to the common denominator." American has a tradition of individualism which should be continued in our public

children to kindergarten, but the middle class child should have the same opportunities if we are to have true equality in America. I think the public kindergarten program in Valdosta should be continued and greatly expanded.

I believe that the school should provide as many and varied learning situations for the student as possible. Some students learn better and enjoy learning more in small discussion groups. Others prefer the anonymity of a large lecture room. I think a school should be flexible enough to meet the learning preferences of a student. The curriculum should be varied enough to provide for every possible interest of the students. It should also allow for a team of student(s) and teacher(s) to design their own courses tailor made to the needs of the student. Every effort should be made to engage the interest, creativity, and interest of the student. This cannot be done by authoritarian methods. We must give respect in order to receive it.

Teaching is a serious responsibility, for what today's children and young people learn will determine all our futures as much as the latest technology. And I feel that the individuals who teach our children should be well paid, both in salary, benefits, and retirement. I do not feel that present remunerations are sufficient in comparison to the massive task a teacher undertakes. But in return for good pay, I feel our schools should have only the best teachers. Students should learn because of teachers, not in spite of them. A college degree in education is not necessarily indicative of the ability to teach.

All knowledge is not contained in textbooks, and I feel we are not making sufficient use of the educational resources of our community. If we want to know about the 1920's why not carry our learning past a textbook or library to the people of our community who were alive then. We often understand the spoken word better than the printed, and we usually understand a subject better if we have caught the "spirit" of it rather than just memorizing the "facts" involved. Much of history is lost because we do not see it as truly involving real people and all of us. I know many older people and others who would be glad to teach young schools whenever possible. There is also a tradition of equality in American which I feel would be served by county wide kindergartens for all children.

The present kindergarten, funded by O.E.O. and Title I monies, is doing a good job of preparing children for school, but it does not reach enough people. Children are taught colors, shapes, sounds, coordination, and social skills, among other things, to prepare them for a classroom situation. At present, the very (or even moderately) rich and the very poor can send their

people whatever skills they know—embroidery, knitting, quilting, weaving, farming—and whatever of their past will be interesting and useful to the young. We should make as great a use of our "human" resources as we can. Education can no longer be limited to a classroom.

If we wish to maintain communication with our children, we must stop talking and start listening. We must not alienate the young by having all the answers. We must be willing to admit our own ignorance, our own mistakes, if we are ignorant and mistaken. Experience should tell us that the young are not impressed by "the voice of experience."

In deciding to run for office, I have in effect, cast a silent vote of confidence for the out-reaching life force I see in young people everywhere. If we as a world are to survive, we must enable our young to cope with the world we give them, and we must do that through education.

REVIEWS RAVE

This ingenious blank-verse satire may not be to Richard Nixon what Barbara Carson's "MacBird" was to Lyndon Johnson, but it is not without its sting—and its timing seems painfully prophetic. Myers, publisher of the *New Republic*, is not a skilled playwright, but that seems beside the point. Word-of-mouth alone may pique reader interest in his play as the current problems of our President and Vice-President mount toward climax this fall. Using Elizabethan rhetoric, flourishes and stage conventions to witty effect, Myers has created a work that parallels the moral thrust of Shakespeare's "Richard II," casting Nixon as "Richard of America in his Second Administration." Simply, coolness between the American Richard and his number two man, Duke Agnew, develops in the wake of "trouble at the Watergate." Exiled for two months, the Duke and his men oust Richard in a palace coup while furious citizens mill outside. Too close to reality to be dull—but a roll of the dice can give this book a vogue. Illustrated with "Shakespearean" engravings.

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to articles that I have read on this topic.

QUESTION: Should we raise the school tax?

ANSWER: As you probably know, the school board does not at this time have the power to raise the school tax any higher. My answer to the question is "Yes." It is an investment in the future of the community. Certainly, you will agree, the more capital we have, the better educational system we can provide. Any new monies that we might receive should be channeled to the classroom. That is, to provide better and more supplies, equipment, and teachers. To conclude, I might say that if the new law is passed regarding school tax, then I see no reason why we shouldn't.

QUESTION: What is your reaction to the results of the State-Wide Testing Program?

ANSWER: The results that have been published are somewhat misleading. A more in-depth statistical analysis should be conducted, taking into consideration the many co-variables that exist. The public should also be informed if the differences that exist are significant.

When I usually get asked what I see as some of the problems confronting the Valdosta school system. And of course, that question is answered with: "And what would you do about them?"

The issue people are talking most about is consolidation: Should the Valdosta school system be consolidated with the Lowndes County system? Consolidation would mean that there would be one system with one school board and one superintendent's office.

The objections usually raised against consolidation are: (1) Bigger is not necessarily better, (2) We need two high schools, (3) We have some good things in the Valdosta school system that the Lowndes system does not have, and we do not want to lose these things, (4) "My parents went to Valdosta High, I want my child to go to Valdosta High," and (5) "What will happen to the 'wildcats'?"

To these objections I would answer: (1) Bigger is not necessarily worse either. In fact, bigger may mean some monetary savings, for example by purchasing equipment and supplies in larger quantities. (2) We could retain two

high-schools. That we would not is a common misunderstanding of consolidation. (3) Not only would we retain what is good in the Valdosta School system but we would also retain what is good in the Lowndes system. The reasonable procedure in any consolidation would be to first make a thorough evaluation of both systems to retain what is best in both. (4) The traditional argument can be answered: "Your parents had the best education available, you had the best education available?" and finally, (5) The Wildcats will be retained along with the Valdosta high school.

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MFL Announces State Study Abroad Program

VSC MFL Department announces the Studies Abroad Program for this summer: applications are now available in MFL, West Hall.

The following summer language programs are now available: French in Dijon, German in Erlangen and Spanish in Valencia. A Classics Program is held in Rome and Athens.

The University System of Georgia, in establishing the Studies Abroad Program has stipulated that the courses in Studies Abroad programs of USG will earn "on-campus" credit. Up to fifteen hours undergraduate credit or ten quarter hours graduate credit may be earned.

Application for the summer 1974 program for Erlangen, Germany must be made by February 22, 1974. Application for all other summer 1974 programs must be made by April 1, 1974.

The basic cost per student is \$1,200. This fee includes board and room, matriculation fee, all transportation outside the

United States including field trips, and a week's tour pertinent to the general field of study.

The French program is held in Dijon, the Capitol of Burgundy, one of the most interesting and important regions of France. Students are enrolled for a period of eight weeks at the University of Dijon where they follow an intensive program of instruction in the language and culture of France, and engage in co-curricular activities sponsored by the University and USG. Students live in the University dormitories and take their meals in the University restaurant. A valuable feature of the program is University sponsored excursions to selected historical sites near Dijon, with lectures "on the spot." There is also a final week's tour to a selected region of France.

The German program will be held in connection with the summer school of the University of Erlangen in middle Franconia, close to

Nuremberg.

Students are enrolled in the University where a wide range of courses in the language and culture of Germany is available. In the evenings, special lectures cultural and social activities are available. During July there is opportunity for participation in the theatrical and musical events in nearby Nuremberg. Housing arrangements will be made in student dormitories. A limited number of students can be accommodated in German homes. Excursions are organized during the study period to nearby sites of historical or cultural interest. A longer tour, usually during the final week, will be planned. In the past this tour has included such places as the Black Forest, Munich, the Alps, the Rhine, and sometimes Berlin. Note early application deadline for the German program.

The Spanish program is held in Valencia, one of the most interesting and beautiful cities of Spain. Courses will

be presented by Catedra Mediterranea, School of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Valencia. There are courses in two principal areas: the Spanish language, and the history, culture, and literature of Spain. An important feature of the Spanish Program is the opportunity to live with Spanish families. This feature enables the student to know and understand Spanish institutions, customs and language as is possible in no other way. Excursions are arranged to nearby areas of interest and there is a final one-week tour to a selected area of Spain.

The Classics Program is designed for the student with a lively interest in the culture of ancient Greece and Rome. The program consists of courses in two main areas: Classical Culture 120-Greece (5 quarter hours), and Classical Culture 121-Rome (5 quarter hours). The courses are organized around classes, informal lectures, and readings. Some days and week-ends are devoted to visiting historical and cultural sites in the two areas. The time is divided between Rome and Athens. Satisfactory participation in the Classics Program is acceptable in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Area I of the Core Curriculum (Humanities).

Students or teachers interested in the program should contact Mr. Lee Bradley (MFL Department, West Hall) in the near future.

EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS WINTER QUARTER—1974

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February 14

Tuesday UPJOHN
February 19

Thursday COWETTA
February 21 School System

Persons interested in interviewing should sign up in the Placement Off. Powell Hall, East Wing.

Springer Theatre in Preview

The Springer Theatre announced its 1974-75 shows today. The Summer musical is "BRIGADOON". The Lerner and Loewe musical tells the story of the 18th century Scottish Village of Brigadoon, which comes into being for only one day in each century. Memorable show tunes in the production include "Almost Like Being In Love", "The Heather on the Hill", "There But For You Go I", "Come To Me, Bend Me", and "My Mother's Wedding Day".

Season Ticket holders will see five shows, beginning with the musical "Fiddler ON THE ROOF", and the comedy "NEVER TOO LATE" in the Fall of 1974. The 1975 Winter selection is the mystery "ANGEL STREET", perhaps better known by its movie title "GASLIGHT".

The 1975 Spring

selections will include two shows from the pen of Neil Simon, the musical "PROMISES, PROMISES", and the comedy "PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE".

Exact opening dates for the shows will be announced later, according to Springer President David Lea. Season Ticket members of the Springer will be admitted to the five shows of the "season", "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF", "NEVER TOO LATE", "GASLIGHT", "PROMISES, PROMISES", and "PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE", and the

Season Tickets will be offered for Sale probably in April or May. Season Tickets also have an opportunity to make early reservations to see "BRIGADOON", even though it is not included on the Season Ticket, according to Lea.

Person to Person A Helping Hand

Person to Person is a recently initiated program designed to acquaint new students with Valdosta State College.

The Office of Student Development began the program at the beginning of this quarter with a good number of students participating.

Basically Person to Person works in this manner: A student presently enrolled at VSC is assigned an incoming student by the Student Development Office. The old student should assist the new student in his transition from high school to college life, answer any questions about student life at VSC, encourage him to become involved in various activities, and inform him of campus rules and regulations and registration procedures.

Hopefully the new student will become involved in some activity or at the very least, feel that VSC is really proud to have him here. Most, if not all, incoming

freshman or transfers feel a little uncomfortable when their arrival at VSC. This program is designed to help these people to college students and college life in general.

During the initial weeks of the quarter, new students are usually baffled by the maze of buildings and campus. In the Person to Person program the old student visits the new student one day for a week and several times during the following weeks of the quarter to help him adjust to his new surroundings.

Registration is confusing for all students; old and new. However with an old student assisting him, the new student will know when, where, and how to register.

Person to Person is in operation during the Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters. All interested students should contact Maggie Roberts at the Office of Student Development—Powell Hall.

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