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VSU's 9th President

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Small tuition increase, large concerns

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VSU's tuition will increase by 2.5 percent for undergraduate students and 3 to 5 percent for graduate students by fall 2012 enrollment.

The increase is a result of the Georgia Board of Regent's decision made Tuesday.

Ray Andrews, assistant director of financial aid, said the increase typically affects only the cost of tuition, while the rate of additional student fees remains the same.

The 2.5 percent increase means an additional \$59 for undergraduate student tuition.

Doug Tanner, director of financial aid at VSU, said he doesn't think the \$59 is going to af-

"The added fee is cutting into the money we use to support ourselves with food, gas, and rent."

- BREJAE WYLLIE

fect students.

"UGA tuition is \$1200 more than VSU and its up 5 percent," Tanner said.

However, many VSU students are not convinced that the effects of the tuition increase will be miniscule.

Nikki Martin, a freshman nursing major, believes VSU's tuition is high enough.

"There are a lot of people already sort of struggling to pay it," Martin said. "Although VSU's tuition rate did not go up as much as UGA's did, or even

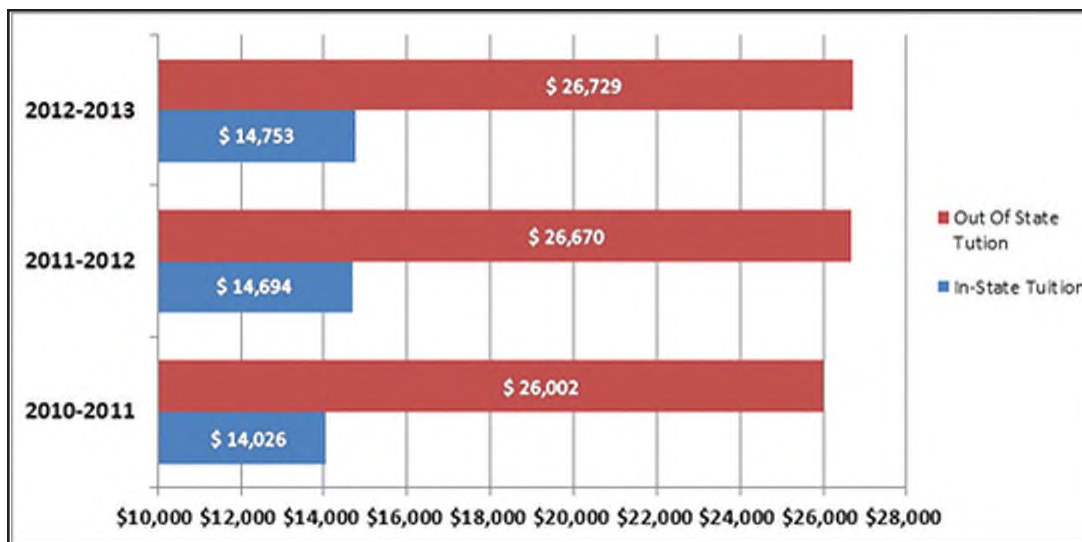
Tech, it is enough to cause struggling payers some stress."

Brejae Wylie, a sophomore mass media major, said she believes the increase in tuition will affect students more than they might think.

"When you think of \$50, you think that isn't a lot but a lot of us students pay out of pocket and don't depend on our parents," Wylie said. "The added fee is cutting into the money we use to support ourselves with food, gas, and rent."

Chelsea Mells, a freshman criminal justice major, said the increase will affect lower income households as well as incoming freshman.

"The tuition increase affects the families of lower incomes be-



Infographic by: Jacob McWhorter

cause most people can't afford college for their children already," Mells said.

"This also affects incoming freshmen because they may not

meet the requirements of some of the loans offered and other scholarships. Nowadays families are struggling with their own household issues and are having to

raise more money than expected for college." According to Tanner, Hope will not change as a result of the tuition increase.

Baseball:



Mac Ingram/ THE SPECTATOR

Centerfielder Alex Smith advances to third base on a sacrifice fly in Tuesday night's victory over Georgia College. The Blazers beat the Bobcats 4-2, earning their second win in a row as they get ready to play their last road games of the regular season.

Projectors stolen from West Hall

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Tuesday morning at 10:38, three classrooms in West Hall reported stolen overhead projectors.

The department most affected by the technological setback was the Modern and Classical Languages (MCL), whose classes are centered near that part of the first floor of West Hall.

"Our first four classes, especially, we shuffled around, and moved as many of those classes into our lab [room 140] as we possibly could," Dr. Viki Soady, department chair for MCL, said.

West Hall classrooms 147, 153 and 154 had their projectors delicately removed from the mounts in the ceilings sometime between the last classes of the evening and the following morning.

"[T]he thieves have gotten good enough to where they know what tools to bring to take them down," Brian Anderson, Computer Services coordinator for IT, said.

The only damage to the ceiling mounts was a cable easily removed during inspection by the VSU police department and IT.

Students and teachers had to find alternate methods to proceed with the usual class.

"Now, for most professors—history, philosophy, even English—that would be really easy to do, but our [MCL] classes are highly interactive," Dr. Soady said. "First thing the professor does is turn on the online exercises for that day, or put up a PowerPoint with sound that students are going to be reacting to. So, the general impression is everyone just saying, 'Oh my

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Etling recovers, may return next semester

Mass media professor injured in February car wreck moved from Shand's to SGMC.

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Dr. Larry Etling, associate professor of mass media, has relocated to South Georgia Medical Center's Inpatient Rehab after being involved in a head-on car collision right before Super Bowl XLVI.

Though an email has been sent out earlier this week saying that he was in room 277, he has been moved to room 286 and can now have visitors.

He was transferred from Shands hospital in Gainesville,

Fla. on April 11, where he was being treated for an estimated two months.

Though he survived the accident, he broke his nose and his leg.

On Wednesday, he was set to receive a possible date for release, though it is subject to change.

This professor was not going to allow the accident to claim his life.

"I knew I was gonna' survive when I woke up in ICU," Dr. Etling said.

He does rehab in the hospital gym every day, excluding Sunday.

Dr. Etling hopes to be back in the fall and is sad that he will be missing this year's graduation. He said one of the best things that could come out of this whole

situation is to know that his students care about him.

"To know that they appreciate what you do," he said. "You don't really know if they think you're doing a good job."

He has a message that he wishes to send to those students.

"Thank you for your support," he said. "My advice to you is [to] wear your seatbelts." The seat-belt played a major part in saving his life.

There's no word on the female driver that was also involved in the other car, who was said to be driving down the wrong lane.

The car that Dr. Etling was driving was totaled.

While he has been away recuperating, the rest of the mass media professors have been stepping in to cover all of his classes.

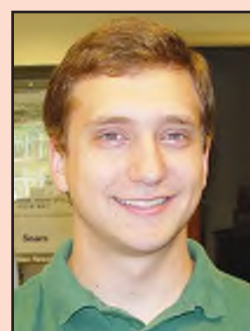
Words of encouragement and support have been placed on his office door in the mass media building.



Etling

Meet the candidates

Below are the two candidates for SGA President. Go online this afternoon check out the other candidates for executive offices.



Ryan Baerwalde

RUNNING FOR: PRESIDENT / CLASS: JUNIOR

PLATFORM: "WHEN I LEFT SCHOOL MY FRESHMAN YEAR, I WEIGHED 275 POUNDS. WHEN I CAME BACK HERE THIS FALL, I LOST ABOUT 100 POUNDS...I GOT MYSELF HEALTHY, BUT THE SCHOOL HASN'T GOTTEN ANY HEALTHIER. I WANT TO SEE SOME MORE FOOD OPTIONS, HEALTHIER CHOICES.I WOULD DEFINITELY GET THE STUDENT BODY MORE INVOLVED, AS WELL. THEY SHOULD GET INVOLVED, AND THEY CAN GET INVOLVED, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT IS FOR THEM, AND NOT FOR US."

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS, PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

GOALS: WANTS THE STUDENT BODY TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AND TO SEE THE STUDENT BODY MORE UNIFIED, RATHER THAN THE DIVIDE THAT EXISTS NOW.

RUNNING FOR: PRESIDENT / CLASS: SOPHOMORE

PLATFORM: "OUR SLOGAN IS "UNITED LEADERS BRINGING PRIDE BACK TO VSU". I'M RUNNING WITH A FEW OTHER PEOPLE - JORDAN LEE, HASSANAT OSHODI, AND KELLY HESSLER. WE COME FROM A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS HERE AT VSU. WE ALL WANT TO SEE VSU GROW AND FLOURISH, AND SEE BLAZER PRIDE REALLY MAKE A COMEBACK."

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS: SGA SENATOR FOR TWO YEARS. CHAIRMAN OF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS.. CATHOLICS ON CAMPUS. HONORS COLLEGE. THE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM.

GOALS: MAKE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY AND ITS FUNCTIONS MORE KNOWN. INCREASE TRANSPARENCY WITHIN THE SGA. HELP TO BRING BACK BLAZER PRIDE.



Junior Jackson

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Question of the Week

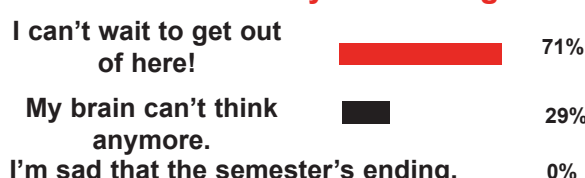
Are you ready for finals?

- A. Totally ready. I stocked up on CliffsNotes.
- B. No! I need a few more weeks to prep.
- C. Wait... We have finals?

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Previous question

With three weeks left in the semester, what are you thinking?



Weather at VSU

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T-Storms

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Celebrating Earth Day

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Students Against Violating the Environment (SAVE) will host Earth Day events in Drexel Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"The purpose is celebrating the community, celebrating the earth," Austin Sullivan, vice president of SAVE, said.

According to the Earth Day website, the events are designed to raise awareness of environmental issues.

This year's SAVE event will focus on the sustainability of locally grown foods and helping to

educate the community, primarily younger people, through a variety of hands-on activities and guest speakers.

"We are really trying to reach out to the middle schools and elementary schools and educate the younger kids on the importance of knowing where your food comes from," Zach Capland, secretary for SAVE, said. "College kids are pretty aware of the importance of recycling, but younger kids don't know."

Local band, Jason Brandt Band, and Soul Tribe, an Atlanta band, start at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Local singers and bands from VSU will also be performing throughout the day.

Food will be served at 11 a.m.

The menu includes: roasted corn on the cob, vegetable skewers, chicken breasts, a honey mint mango salad, and sweet tea, water and lemonade to drink. Each item will cost \$1.

Activities include a bounce house, face painting and an animal petting zoo. Hoopa hoops will also attend, and will demonstrate and sell hoopa hoops.

A number of local groups will participate in the event: Wiregrass Activist for Clean Energy (WACE), American Chemical Society, Blazer Gardens, American Sign Language Club, Student Action Council and the VSU Horticulture Club.

There will be items for sale, including honey from a local

honey producer.

American Chemical Society will demonstrate ways to recycle.

The Horticulture Club will sell plants that were grown in the greenhouse on top of the Bailey Science Center.

"Pretty much everything you'd need, plant-wise, to start your summer garden," Capland said.

Blazer Gardens will also be there giving away plants and doing planting activities for kids where they can take home flowers in a cup.

The Humane Society will have animals available for adoption.

Stolen

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God! It's back to pencil and paper!"

Students in the MCL department are often provided with both a digital and physical copy of their textbook.

As such, professors are able to pull up the textbook through the overhead projector, allowing students to stop relying on their loose-leaf or hardback textbooks during class.

"So, unless they actually had their laptops with them—something that we actually discourage because you don't always know they're reading the chapter—it really seriously affects our ability to instruct in the space-age manner in which the students have become used to in our department," Dr. Soady said.

Teachers may have been set-back Tuesday, but IT is working to setup the classrooms in West Hall with projectors they can use for the remaining couple of weeks.

In the meantime, IT is looking into installing alarm systems that will be hooked into every projector, but the process is slow.

"We've got to take them down, put the alarms on them, let the glue cure and put them back up," Anderson said. "And with classes going on during the day, it's just not feasible for us to do that. We're 100-percent in the University Center and 100-percent in Nevins Hall, and we've moved into West Hall. We don't put any projectors out now

that do not have an alarm on them."

The alarm system currently plugs in with a simple telephone jack, and when unhooked sets off an alarm with a 130-decibel pitch.

Anderson compares the system to the alarm hooked into cameras and other displayed products in electronic stores. The alarm will sound for 18 hours straight, and hooking the jack back into the projector will not stop the alarm.

"We've got one projector that we've had almost for a year that is just in Powell Hall," Anderson said. "It's just sitting out in the open with this alarm on it, with this warning on it with what's gonna happen if you unplug it [...] it's easy to get to, but no one has bothered to take it because it's just too much trouble."

Two of the stolen projectors were set to be replaced the following year—with each classroom projector only in use for three to four years.

Each projector that is taken out of classroom-use is given to Media Services to be checked out by the students.

The stolen projectors will cost \$1200 each to replace.

According to those present during the investigation, there was no forced entry.

During IT's sweep of West Hall, Anderson noticed that all but three classrooms were unlocked.

Investigations are still underway to find the perpetrators and the stolen property.

Today in History

April 19, 1951 - Shigeki Tanaka won the Boston Marathon. Tanaka had survived the atomic blast at Hiroshima, Japan during World War II.

April 19, 1943 - The Warsaw Ghetto uprising against Nazi rule began. The Jews were able to fight off the Germans for 28 days.



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Blazefest promotes music homegrown in Valdosta

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Duren, who will perform songs from his new mix tape named "COULDABEEN," said that the community is really supporting the "229 Anthem."

"People see it and all [of] the views it got and notice that it's locally done, and in turn that inspires them and shows that they can do it too if they just go for it," Duren said.

The song idea started with Erich "E-Rich" Weigand, music producer and former VSU graduate.

Other performances include Rescue Blues, SIN, Ninja Gun, The Lindsey Paige Band and many more.

Local neighborhood Blanton Common will provide free t-shirts, Tiletown will give out water and Jimmy Johns will hand out samples.

There will be an after-party at Tiletown following Blazefest, which is set to end at 8 p.m. The only way for students to get into the after party will be to get a wristband from one of the tables at Blazefest and show it at the door.

Andrew Ritfield, promotions director for BlazeFm, said that Blazefest is a way to support the music scene, bring awareness to BlazeFm and the event will feature a balance of music genres.

Ritfield added that Blazefest will bring the attention to Valdosta's music scene that this city needs.

"I feel like it's a lack of awareness about Valdosta," Ritfield said.

Each artist performing at Blazefest will get 1 hour sets.

1.5 Minutes of Fame Winners

Week 3

Calvin Jones
 Category: Singing
 Class: Freshman
 Major: Theater
 Inspiration: Mom, Christina Aguilera and chorus.

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Spectator Sudoku

The sudoku grid consists of eighty-one squares in a nine by nine grid. To solve the sudoku, each square in the grid must contain a number between one and nine, with the following conditions:

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* Each row of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once.
 * Each column of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once.
 * Each of the nine 3 by 3 boxes of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9

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Student Opinion of Instruction (SOI) surveys are open now through May 1. VSU students may access their SOIs by logging into Banner and selecting "Answer and Survey"

Early registration for Fall classes ends on Fri., April 20.

April 19

Latin America Student Association information meeting 5-5:30 p.m. - West Hall 104. LASA is reorganizing for the fall session with lots of new ideas and objectives. All students with an interest in Latin American Culture are welcome to attend. Planned activities include Spanish speaking practice, and discussions about the Hispanic community in Valdosta.

Natural High Movie Night 8 p.m. - Library Auditorium. Natural high will be showing "Tower Heist." It's all free and snacks will be provided. Valid VSU ID required.

Take Back the Night! 7:30 p.m. - In front of West Hall. Candle vigil and march. There will be a guest speaker, Jenny Lynn Anderson, who is a survivor of sexual assault. She will share her story and provide

valuable awareness information.
April 20
Graduate Student Research Symposium Poster Session 3-6p.m. - UC Magnolia Room. The Graduate School invites you to a celebration of graduate student research and scholarship. Please join our graduate students and their faculty mentors in a poster session with refreshments.

April 23

Majors Fair 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Student Union Ballrooms A and B. Learn about VSU's major and minor programs from faculty & advisors. If your major is currently undecided or you're considering changing your major, this event is for you.

April 25

1st Annual Free Hunger Awareness Banquet 6 p.m. - Student Union Ballroom C. We are currently collaborating with VSU's Dining Services to host an even larger Hunger Banquet that will continue to be an annual event here at VSU. The event is hosted by VSU Dining Services and the Student Action Council.

Ebilling made easier

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In addition to receiving excess financial aid electronically, students can now pay for services such as orientation and housing using VSU's new online payment system.

The new system, known as Touchnet, is a real-time, third-party payment system that encompasses eBill and eRefund.

According to Sue Fuciarelli, vice president for finance and administration, the move to Touchnet was made in an effort to accommodate student preference whilst providing the most efficient payment methods possible.

With the implementation of eBill and eRefund, the university will no longer send out paper invoices by mail. The last semester for which students should re-

ceive paper invoices is summer 2012.

The eBill system not only allows students real-time access to their student account information, but it also gives them the ability to authorize others to access it, according to a press release. These authorized third parties can view bills posted to the authorizing student's account as well as pay bills on his or her behalf.

"Implementation is three processes," Tracee Martin, associate vice president of financial services, said. "Parents can pay the bill for students, but not see the grades. It allows students to pay the bill online."

Fuciarelli explained why the new system will benefit students. "The payments include orientation and graduation payments, not just tuition, with no additional cost to students included in their tuition," she said. "We are trying to make students' lives easy. We hope students sign up for the digital option."

Before Touchnet, students had to enroll in direct deposit for excess checks by filling out a paper

form. The press release states that students can enroll themselves in eRefund and maintain their own bank account information. Once enrolled in eRefund, students will be notified via email when funds are deposited into their student accounts.

One downfall of upgrading to a new system is that bank account information cannot be pulled from the old payment system into the new one, an email advised earlier this month.

"...[T]o continue receiving your excess financial aid electronically, you must re-enroll as soon as possible via eRefund," it read.

Students may enroll through BannerWeb or at secure. http://touchnet.com/C20243_tsa/web/login.jsp.

Step-by-step enrollment instructions are also available through financial services. Direct any questions to studentaccounts@valdosta.edu.

The first Touchnet eRefund payment is scheduled for May 15. More details on this will be released at a later time, according to the press release.

Police Briefs

Fri., April 13

Shoes were reported stolen from Patterson Residence Hall. Student reported black/white iPad 2 was stolen from West Hall.

Sat., April 14

Individual was reported for attempting to solicit drugs to a student on Carter Dr.

Sun., April 15

Student reported duffel bag stolen from outside Nevins Hall.

Mon., Apr. 16

Theft reported in Odum Library.

Tues., April 17

Projector stolen from West Hall.

Student reported Biology book stolen from book bag in Odum Library.

Student reported Nintendo Wii and rent money stolen from Odum Library.

Happy Tator Day!

Grad school hosts event to educate undergraduates

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The graduate program hosted an event called "Is Graduate School for Me?" on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom aimed to help undergraduate students learn about the masters programs here at VSU as part of Graduate Student Week.

Dr. Alfred Fuciarelli, assistant vice-president of research and dean of the graduate school, and students from the graduate program were there to answer questions that students had.

Students who attended ranged from all levels in their undergraduate years.

There were numerous booths set up from different graduate programs: sociology, history, nursing, social work, education, biology, English and psychology departments.

Fuciarelli offered his opinions regarding the benefits of attending grad school.

"Although it's a lot of work, it's very self-fulfilling and satisfying," he said. "I am hoping that students will take the wonderful opportunity to advance in their education. Graduate school was one of the most exciting times of my life."

Ramya Chetty, a clinical psy-

chology grad student, was also there to comment on the pros and cons of grad school

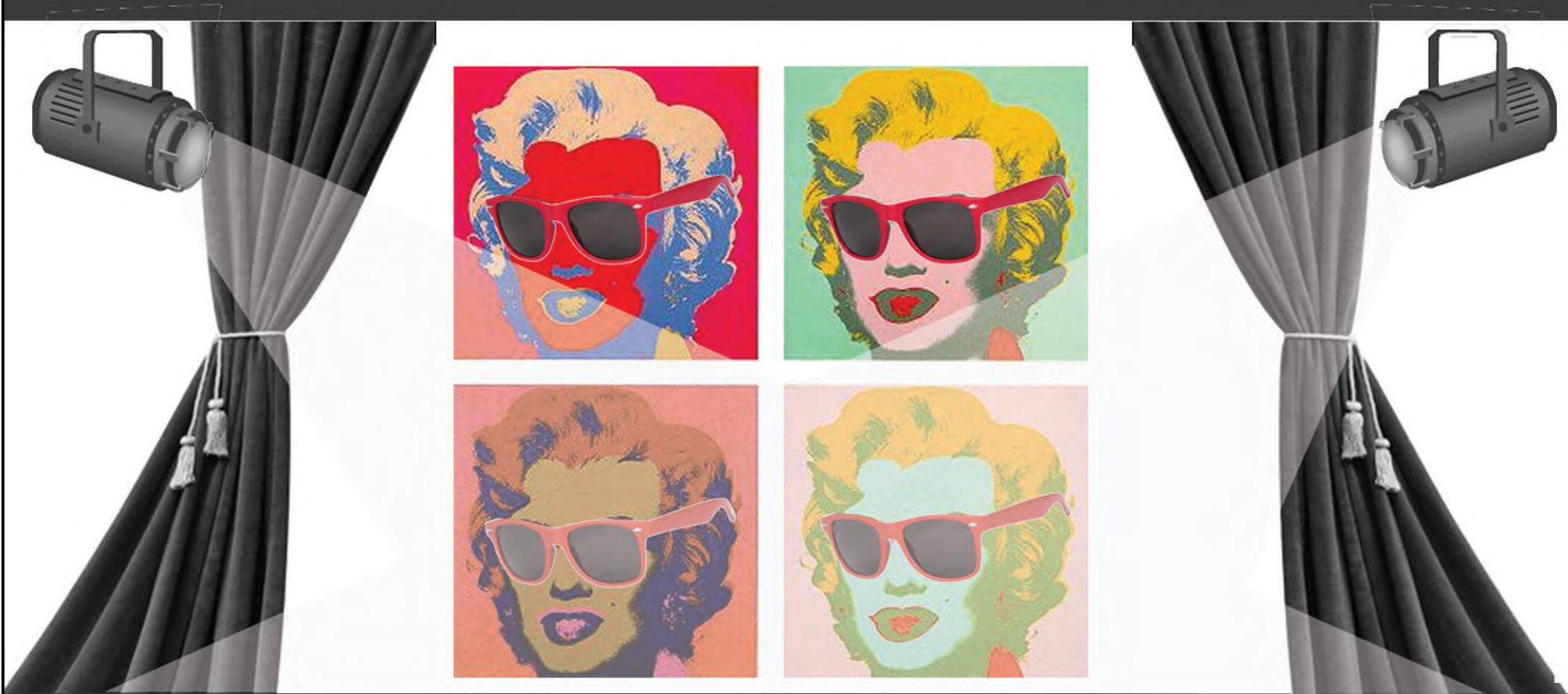
"It's an uphill battle but when you get the swing of things it is a great feeling," she said. "I am glad that I went to grad school. I feel accomplished in life. You learn a lot about yourself, and you learn how to push yourself."

Hans Luidor, a marriage and family grad student felt time management was one of the most important aspects regarding grad school.

"Time management definitely plays a key," he said. "I think that students should consider grad school because it opens the doors for more opportunities in life. In general, it's a step up from undergraduate school, but do not freak out. Remember that you can do it and some else has been in your shoes before. If they can do it, why can't you?"

Fuciarelli offered undergraduate students advice on how grad school would better them.

"The advice I would like to give the undergraduate students is that they need to distinguish themselves from their peers," he said. Whether it be engaging themselves in undergraduate research or establishing connections, students should be able to find opportunities that set them apart from anyone else."



It's Here!

You've voted on your favorites and now its time to see them in action. Join us on **Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 pm** to watch them battle it out live in the **UC Theatre** to impress our celebrity VSU judges. This event is free to students. For more information, check out www.vsuspectator.com.

Our point of view...

VSU events running on empty

Anyone who has been to a campus event in the last year can attest to the fact that students simply aren't as interested in them as they used to be...

But is there more than that? The hoops student organizations jump through to get their events in line sometimes border on the ridiculous...

With so many Greek or activist organizations on campus, it is very easy for simple student interest groups to get run over by those with more power...

Rooms can only be booked so far in advance, which conflicts with the advertising approval time. How can we ask the student body to give us their time when the process is such a pain?



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Women getting victimized

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woman in today's society, so there are rules that women are expected to abide by when going off to college: do not be promiscuous, do not get pregnant...

Tiera Johnson, a junior speech communications major, works at the front desk of Langdale Hall. She has the night shift, from 12 to 6 a.m., on Friday and Saturday nights.

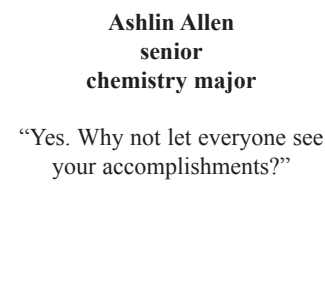
know that college students are going to be college students," Garrett said. "We are going to make mistakes, and some of us are more mature than other."

People Poll:

Do you believe it is important to attend your college graduation?



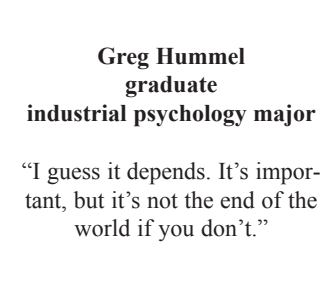
Jasmine Horn senior chemistry major
"I think it is. It's kind of like a motivation for other students who aren't graduating."



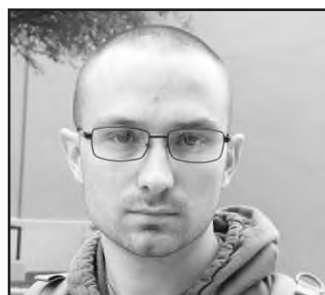
Ashlin Allen senior chemistry major
"YES. Why not let everyone see your accomplishments?"



Hannah Aldrich senior sociology major
"To walk, yes. It's just your way of showing you've done it to the world."



Greg Hummel graduate industrial psychology major
"I guess it depends. It's important, but it's not the end of the world if you don't."



Eric Schanafelt sophomore biology major
"No. I've never been big on graduations, as long as I get the paper I worked for it's fine."

'Cosmo' sparks controversy

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the public in a frenzy. How could Cosmo place an underage girl on its magazine cover with such explicit sex headlines alongside her photo?

integrity, values, or self-respect. Cosmopolitan does not seem to be promoting any of these issues. Rachel Friberg, a media expert interviewed by FOX, said, "Cosmopolitan is going overboard by putting an underage girl on its cover surrounded by such article titles..."

Weider said, "This magazine has the devil written all over it because he wants to kill and destroy young girls' hearts and minds and Cosmopolitan is just a vessel for that."

Raves of the week



"Bailey's just top notch and I love the Education Center."-James Hamlett, junior, middle grades education major
"The thing I like is my residence hall because it's like a big family."-Chayla Bryant, freshman, marketing major

"Other schools allow you to sign in multiple devices for the Internet and WiFi. VSU only allows one."-Jose Segarra, sophomore, biology major
"It would be nice if more buses ran during the week and also on the weekend."-Chelsea Desbiens, freshman, chemistry and biology major

NOTE: Don't worry, readers. J. Daniel Young's column will return next week. Let's hope gas prices improve before then.

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New Wii U rumors surface

Hello and welcome back to a regular edition of Spec Tech. This week, Facebook buys Instagram, rumors from Wii U, Samsung Galaxy III launches, and the largest tablet screen is presented.

Facebook bought the very popular app, Instagram for \$1 billion.

No one knows exactly why this deal was made, but it could be that Instagram wanted to spread to an even wider audience. Facebook not wanting competition could also be a factor.

I will report more on this story as information becomes avail-

able.

A rumor has surfaced that Nintendo's new home console, the Wii U, will launch with a \$300 price tag later this year.

More information about the Wii U should surface at E3 this summer with the debut of a new Super Mario Bros. game and Pikmin 3.

Another rumor has surfaced on the next Nvidia Tegra 4 chip. Officially called the Cortex A15, this chip will make quad-core tablets even faster.

A Q1 2013 release is expected to debut in a 10-inch tablet.

Take this next bit of news with a grain of salt.

A Foxxcon employee revealed that the iPhone 5 will release in October. It is rumored to be 4G and come with a 4.6-inch screen.



The next Samsung Galaxy, rumored to be the Galaxy 3, is hosting an event in London on May. 3.

Some say it will be completely different from the Galaxy 2, while others say it will be a minor update.

Stay tuned for more information.

How would you like to carry the largest tablet being sold in bulk? The Toshiba Excite 13 has a 13.3 inch screen with 1600x900 resolution. It will launch with Android 4.0: Ice Cream Sandwich. It is only 0.4 inches thick, weighs 2.2 pounds and has two cameras. The internals are a Tegra 3 CPU, 1GB of RAM, Micro-HDMI and an SD slot.

It will be available in June

with 32GB for \$650 or a 64GB version for \$750.

Intel has read my mind and answered my prayers.

In my reports I try to keep my opinion out, but not this time. I, personally, think that tablets are dumb. I don't understand why there is such a strong demand for them when laptops are much better and can do so much more. I always thought that tablets and laptops should combine, and at last they will!

Intel introduced a hybrid ultrabook; both a laptop and tablet. With the help of Windows 8, it is much easier to create a device like this. No other details were

given.

I would like to remind everyone that my video review contest is still running. You have until May.1 to submit your video reviews to be the story for Spec Tech on May 3.

Post your videos on YouTube and email me the link at smsetser@valdosta.edu.

The question for this week is, "Would you buy an ultrabook hybrid?" Submit your answers online at vsuspectech.blogspot.com or email me at smsetser@valdosta.edu.

Unfortunately there is no Pop Addict for this week's issue. Check back with us next week for the latest in celebrity news and gossip!

Bandana Project raises sexual assault awareness

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awareness campaign that addresses the issue of workplace sexual violence against migrant farmworker women in the United States.

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), a nonprofit civil rights organization, launched this campaign in 2007.

"These women use bandannas and baggy clothes in order to try to look like men, all to avoid being brutally raped," Tracy Meyers, director of WGST, said. "Because they're in the fields all day, this rape is easily hidden."

According to SPLC's website, these immigrant women don't know their rights and often fear that reporting abuses will lead to unemployment, deportation and separation from their children.

To raise awareness of the sexual abuse of migrant farmworker woman, students were provided

with bandannas and paint.

The decorated bandannas were then hung on the Pedestrian mall.

White bandannas symbolize the sexual exploitation of farmworker women and the decoration of bandannas is done to support the fight to end workplace sexual violence against migrant farm worker women.

Because April is sexual assault awareness month, WGST will host other events like the Slut-Walk on the 26 in Palms Quad, and a showing of "The Line," a documentary that explores the line of consent.

For more information on WGST program and their events, contact Tracy Woodward-Meyers at tmeyers@valdosta.edu or Dorothy Sumner at dsumner@valdosta.edu.

Imagine working in a field all day in 100 degree weather, planting, harvesting and packing fruits and vegetables.

The work is hard and the pay is low. But worse is the constant fear of being sexually assaulted or raped by your boss or coworkers.

Immigrant women, working on farms or cleaning hotels, have been silently subjected to these worries for years.

Awareness on the issue has been pushed for the past five years.

This week, VSU's Women and Gender Studies program hosted The Bandanna Project, a public

VSU presents music and dance showcase

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VSU's Music and Dance Showcase will be held in the Sawyer Theatre of the Fine Arts Building today at 7:30 p.m.

"This is the 4th Annual Musical Theatre Showcase," Christopher Bailey, Director of the Musical Theatre Showcase, said.

"This is an opportunity for graduating seniors in the BFA program with an emphasis in Musical Theatre to showcase various styles, characters and genres in and outside of the musical theatre repertoire.

A vast array of styles are represented in this showcase, and the goal of the show is to focus on the seniors' strengths."

The Showcase is broken down

into two sections: Musical Theatre and Southern Writers Readers.

The spotlight will focus on graduating seniors as they give their last performance, and also highlight the talent of outstanding students.

"This is the last show these seniors will be a part of before they enter the real audition world," Bailey said.

Some composers being featured in performances are Harold Arlen, Stephen Schwartz, Jason Robert Brown, The Rembrandts and new composers like Kerrigan & Lowdermilk.

Those performing their works include Susanna Agnew, Jon Butts, Luke Newsome and Tim Olivar.

Bailey hopes the audience will be entertained.

"There are comic pieces, serious moments, duets, trios and a couple of four-member production numbers," Bailey said.

"The most rewarding part of this showcase has been working with these four seniors this year," he said. "They are a joy as performers, young artists, and creative collaborators."

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, \$8 for children, non-VSU students and groups of 10 or more at a single performance and free for VSU students with identification.

The Musical Theatre Showcase dates are today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Southern Writers Showcase dates are Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.

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Love vs. Lust: Pick a team

The confusion between love and lust can make for a fatal attraction.

Once the lust dies, the person can see that he or she actually didn't love the person that he or she was with.

It's true that the beginning of any relationship begins with the physical attraction.

However, shortly afterward, you can become attracted to your partner mentally and emotionally.

If you don't wait for the relationship to blossom into a deep emotional connection, your relationship won't progress.

So that leaves the question: What is love?

"Love is like the wind," Landon Carter (Shane West), a character in "A Walk to Remember," said. "You cannot see it but you

can always feel it!" Love is an intangible element that drives the bond between two people.

It's when you feel that you cannot live without that person and you long to be with them—when he or she is the only person that you think about.

Because of love, people go through battles and hardships, but a relationship has the potential to grow into something powerful through love.

"My friends have told me that if I had to question whether I truly loved [a guy], then it probably means I didn't," a blogger from Datingish.com recalled. "When you're in love, you know it," they declared.

On the contrary, lust can cloud a person's better judgment. "Curiosity is the lust of the

mind," Thomas Hobbes, English philosopher, said.

But, to us, it's lust that's the curiosity of the mind.

Do not let your fiery desires take the driver's seat in your life.

Lust will destroy you if you let it.



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When people lust, they are curious about that person's physical abilities to satisfy their needs or cravings.

They are curious to see if that person can live up to their standards.

It will break your heart into two pieces and leave the crumbs at the door.

It will hit it and quit it and then leave you stranded.

If you lust after someone and then grow feelings for that person, that partner may not feel the

same way.

It is better to find someone who you can connect with on a deeper level than it is to fall in love with the sexual performance.

In other words, don't get attached to the sex.

In the end, you protect yourself from despair, pain and sexually transmitted diseases.

If you find yourself caught between love and lust, know how to distinguish between the two, and realize which one it is you want to pursue.

Don't forget to send in your relationship questions to vsulovegame@gmail.com or vsuthelovegame.blogspot.com! Don't worry—it's anonymous!

Love demonstrates patience; it displays kindness
It can make a person feel like gold when it's at its finest
But, lust complements the body and takes care of its needs
It takes over, it devours, and it feeds
The mind with many thoughts of pleasure
And dominates the heart's loving treasure
To get rid of it, one has to be smart
One has to treat the body like a valued piece of art
And not let love get lost deep in an ocean
Or be harmed and consumed by lust's potion
(Amanda Usher)

'Lockout' great for sci-fi fans

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"Lockout" is a fascinating movie that is set in the futuristic year of 2079.

This science fiction movie has a combination of nail-biting and funny scenes.

The movie begins with Snow (Guy Pearce), who is a former C.I.A. agent who is being framed with the murder of another agent and is accused of being in possession of information against the government.

Snow gave his friend, Mace

(Tim Plester), a briefcase which held the information. Mace was later arrested and sent to prison.

The prison is set in space and is called "M.S. One."

Meanwhile, the President's daughter, Emilie Warnock (Maggie Grace), is on "M.S. One" on a mission to make sure that the prisoners are being treated humanely.

She discovers that the prisoners are being put in a state which causes them to suffer from mental illness.

Emilie is confronted with a difficult situation when one of the prisoners breaks free and takes the visitors on M.S. One as

hostages.

C.I.A. agent Shaw (Lennie James), who is aware of the hostage situation, tells the head of C.I.A., Scott (Peter Stormare), that the best person to send to space to save the president's daughter is Snow, though Shaw has a secret motive for sending him.

Snow struggles, but is eventually able to rescue Emilie as M.S. One is falling from space.

The directors of "Lockout" do an excellent job of portraying issues that can be caused by experimenting with human lives.

The inhumane treatment of the prisoners caused many of them

to be subjected to many different forms of mental illness.

There were scenes with the prisoners, once freed from their individual cells, fighting one another, killing each other and those who had a total loss of memory.

The movie leads one to imagine how the world could look in the future, especially with the different types of automobiles shown in the movie.

"Lockout" is a great movie for anyone who loves sci fi. I rate this movie 5 out of 5 stars.

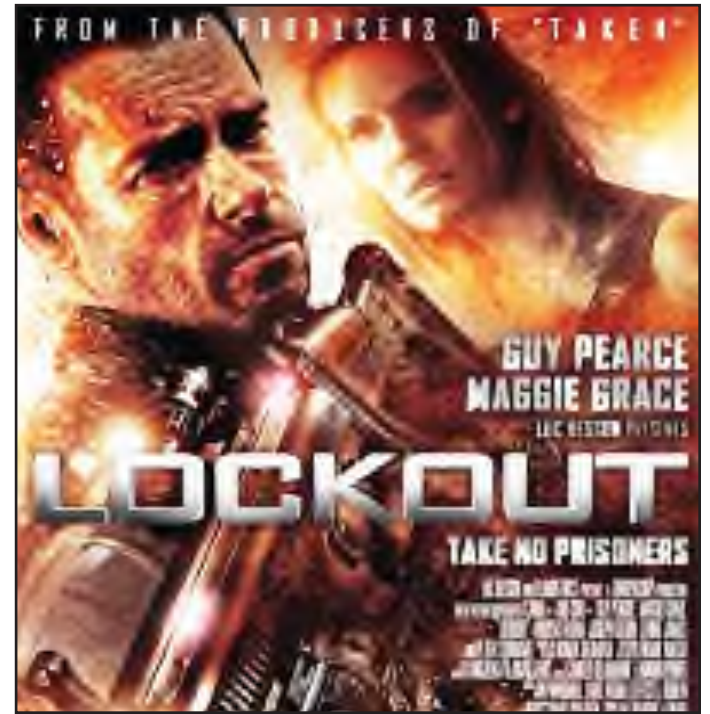


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(Brian Cassella/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

Marian Hossa receives medical attention in the first period of Game 3 of the Western Conference Quarterfinals while his teammate Jonathan Toews has a few words with the Phoenix Coyotes' bench.

Cold as Ice

The National Hockey League playoffs started on April 11, and the play so far has been highlighted not by amazing breakaways and power plays, but by nasty fights and dirty hits.

Hockey has always been known for its high intensity action and heated tempers that lead to fights on the ice, but a lot of the hits and scrums that have been happening on the ice this year have made the league look like a joke.

No wonder NBC is the only network brave enough to air these games, and 95 percent of them are aired on their cable only NBC sports network (formerly Versus).

All the action hit a low point Tuesday night when Phoenix Coyotes left wing Raffi Torres collided with Chicago Blackhawk's veteran right winger Marian Hossa with a rising shoulder to the chin that sent the five time all-star to the hospital on a stretcher.

The hit was late and Torres, a known goon in the NHL, jumped off the ice to force extra impact causing Hossa to instantly collapse.

Somehow, all four of the refs on the ice missed this huge hit and Torres was not even handed a penalty in-game.



Torres is now facing an indefinite suspension until he has a hearing in person on Friday causing him to miss at the least Thursday night's game 4 in the series. This is nothing new for Torres, who is considered a repeat offender after receiving a two-game suspension for a similar hit earlier in January, and in the end it will most likely not change his character or actions

on the ice.

This is only one instance of many that have occurred in the first week of a long two-month playoff season.

In the first game of the Nashville-Detroit series, Shea Weber, Predator's captain, smashed Henri Zetterberg's head into the glass with five seconds left in the game that the Predators were winning 3-2.

This total loss of composure was uncalled for, especially for the guy wearing the hard-earned "C" on his chest. Weber was only handed a two minute minor for roughing and a \$2500 fine but no suspension.

Almost nothing compares to the circus that happened on Sunday though.

The Pittsburgh Penguins and the Philadelphia Flyers faced off in a game that looked more like a WWE brawl than a hockey game. Three players were ejected in the first period alone, including top defensemen for both teams Kris Letang of the Pen-

guins and Kimmo Timonen of the Flyers.

Arron Asham of the Penguins took the cake in the second period when Brayden Schenn, Flyers forward, completed a crushing but legal, hit on Penguins defenseman Paul Martin. In reaction, Asham delivered a brutal cross check to Schenn's neck that dropped him to the ice where Asham followed up with a right hook to the face.

He was immediately ejected followed by a four-game suspension.

I am glad that the NHL is bringing the hammer down on these players to set an example of what will hopefully keep happening in the future.

The fast pace of the game is a lot of fun to watch, but it's frustrating to see all these players hitting with the intent to injure.

All these cheap shots do is add fuel to the fire that will eventually combust, leading to dangerous hits like the one on Hossa.

Gulf South Conference 2012 Tennis Tournament



Men's quarter-finals schedule

- Match 1- No.4 Delta State vs No.5 Alabama-Huntsville
- Match 2- No.2 Valdosta State vs No. 7 Christian Brothers
- Match 3- No. 3 West Alabama vs No. 6 North Alabama
- *No.1 West Florida receives bye

Men's semi-finals

- Match 4- Match 1 winner vs No.1 West Florida
- Match 5- Match 2 winner vs Match 3 winner

Men's final

- Match 6- Match 4 winner vs Match 5 winner

Women's quarter-finals schedule

- Match 1- No.1 West Florida vs. No.8 Christian Brothers
- Match 2- No.4 West Alabama vs. No. 5 Delta State
- Match 3- No. 2 Valdosta State vs. No. 7 West Georgia

- Match 4- No.3 North Alabama vs. No.6 Alabama-Huntsville



Women's semi-finals

- Match 5- Match 1 vs Match 2 winner
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5:45-7:55 PM TWTH
(Includes lab time)

World Literature

10:45-11:45AM TTWH
5:15-7:55PM M

Microbiology

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Blazers gain momentum before three game road trip

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“That’s one of the best pitching outings if not the best pitching outing that anyone in a Blazer uniform had this year.”

-COACH GREG GUILLIAMS

Junior pitcher Benjamin Weil recorded four strikeouts and gave up zero runs in relief for the Blazers in their 4-2 victory over Georgia College in a non-conference match-up Tuesday night at Billy Grant Field.

“He was phenomenal,” said VSU head coach Greg Guilliams. “That’s one of the best pitching outings if not the best pitching outing that anyone in a Blazer uniform had this year. He just filled the bottom of the strike zone, he was really special.”

VSU improves to 22-14 while Weil picked up his fifth win of the year.

The Bobcats entered the game at the top of the Peach Belt Conference looking for their 26th win.

The score stayed deadlocked at zero until the fourth inning when the Bobcats got ahead. Blazer pitcher Nick Fogarty was pulled from the game in fourth inning so he’ll be well-rested for the long weekend of road games.

The Blazers will need his arm facing West Alabama and Columbus State away from home.

Before Coach Guilliams made the sudden replacement, his starting pitcher was having a good outing only giving up three hits and no earned runs.

Nevertheless, the skipper brought in transfer Jarod Carlton early in the top half of the inning.

Carlton, didn’t stay on the mound for long giving up back-to-back hits allowing Georgia College to tally their two and only runs of the game.

“Jarod has been a little sore, his arm has been a little sore. I could just tell he wasn’t 100% and he’s pitched really well so we wouldn’t want him to be hurt so we got him out,” said Coach Guilliams.

Showing signs of lingering injuries, Guilliams waited no time to bring in his most reliable relief pitcher, side-armed Weil.

It was the second substitution

of the side and it came in the matter of minutes.

Weil immediately made an impact striking out his first batter and managed to get out of the side leaving three base runners stranded.

The Blazers continued to struggle batting while Kaplan kept controlling the strike zone.

Kaplan finished the game with three strikeouts and gave up three runs.

VSU finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the sixth inning.

After senior Christian Glisson and Cameron Graves were hit by pitches, Bryant Hayman recorded a double that drove in two runs to tie up the score at 2-2.

Senior lefty Matt Kaplan’s superb outing had come to an end and he was immediately replaced by Chris George.

Following the pitching change, Copper Lemonds knocked in a single.

Hayman scored on a close play at home plate after appearing to be out, but Bobcats catcher Benton Yaun committed an error by dropping the ball as the freshman catcher slid into the plate.

The decisive play went in the Blazers favor and put them up 3-2 heading into the seventh inning.

The Blazers extended their small lead in the bottom half of the eighth when Glisson singled then his pinch runner Buster Jackson stole second and was brought home by Hayman who got his second hit of the night.

Hayman was two for four and drove in two runs.

“I love my teammates, wouldn’t trade them for anything in the world,” said Weil.



(Above) Senior Cameron Graves slides home to tie up the game in the sixth inning.

(Left) Shortstop Steven Groves makes a routine out during Tuesday night’s game.

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