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Major projects near completion

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With two major projects nearing completion and some other new developments, the university is showing no signs of slowing down construction.

The addition to Bailey Science Center, which costs approximately \$3.1 million, is scheduled to be completed on June 1, while renovations to Ashley Hall, costing approximately \$5 million, have a scheduled completion date of Oct. 1.

Sue Fuciarelli, vice president for finance and administration, is confident that these projects will be completed on time.

"VSU is fortunate to have a very highly professional facility planning staff which includes Ray Sable, Robert Tindall and Victoria Douglas," she said.

"Each of these individuals works closely with the architects and construction companies to make sure projects are completed on time and are within budget."

The university is also working on increasing the amount of student parking available on campus for commuter students.

"We are waiting for Board of Regents approval for the university to purchase the former Barnes Drugstore property, which is currently owned by the VSU Foundation, Inc.," Fuciarelli said. "If that purchase is ap-

Recently completed projects:

- Flooring and painting work in the Powell and Thaxton Halls
- Resurfacing and the addition of four new tennis courts
- Resurfacing of the gravel parking lot on Georgia Avenue
- Odum Library roof replacement
- New lighting by the Education Center, the PE Complex and the Georgia Avenue parking lot
- Seago House parking area grading
- Various sidewalk maintenance
- Concrete blocks under bike racks

proved, the immediate plan is to use the property for parking."

Ashley Cinemas was also recently purchased by VSU and is now available to faculty, staff and students looking for daytime parking Monday to Friday.

Projects at VSU are done according to most urgent needs; things that will benefit the university, faculty, and students are considered urgent.

Funds for these projects come from the general operating expenses budget that is created for each year.



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(Above) The Ashley Hall construction project is slated for completion in October. This hall, built in 1921, is one of the oldest on campus. (Right) This pile of bricks sits inside the construction site at Bailey Science Center.



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The university tries to schedule construction so that it does not disrupt the academic environment.

"When possible we try to schedule projects during holidays, spring break and summer so that there is as little disruption to the academic mission as possible," Fuciarelli said.

The construction does disrupt some students though.

"The construction noise is annoying and distracting during class and tests," Kaytlin Marie

Alston, a sophomore legal studies major, said. "I also do not like how you never know if the sidewalk is going to be blocked or not."

Victor Adebawale, a sophomore chemistry major, felt the

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(From left) Crystal Paden, Beth Thompson, Kwanesia Ellis, Gioriana Rivera, Alyssa Blair, and Danielle Roush showcase props from the upcoming "Vagina Monologues." The "Monologues" will begin tonight at 7 p.m. and run through Saturday in Jennett Hall.

Event raises awareness of sexual assault issues

Women and Gender Studies' annual production of the 'Vagina Monologues' to benefit Haitian women and girls.

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Abuse and exploitation of women happens around the world, and the Vagina Monologues was created to raise funds and awareness for this rising problem.

The Vagina Monologues is a production written by playwright Eve Ensler.

Ensler interviewed over 200 women of all ages about their memories and experiences with their own sexuality.

"Each year is a different spot-

light," Alvinette Patterson, director and alumna, said. "For this year, it's Haiti."

The theme of Haitian women and the abuse they endure was also last year's theme.

However, due to the lack of resolve in Haiti, the theme has remained in hopes more awareness will bring peace to the women who have suffered.

And however crude the subject matter may appear, there is an obvious message to the Vagina Monologues: the need for healing.

Women in Haiti, even female children, experience some of the worst sexual violence from rape

to complete genital mutilation.

Through humor and tears, the Womens and Gender Studies department plans to tell the stories of several women who conquered their own sexuality, or have experienced the worst of sexual violence.

"People don't really realize what's going on [in Haiti], and I think after they see this they'll question it a bit more and educate themselves about what's happening," Samantha Bryant, director and alumna, said.

The cast and crew of the Vagina Monologues want a chance to be open and honest about

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'Dancing' gets local

VSU models a local dance competition on the hit show, "Dancing with the Stars."

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The Student Union Grand Ballroom will be twinkling as the Music Scholarship Alliance Board and the Golden Circle Board host their very first

"Dancing with the Valdosta Stars" event Saturday, beginning with a social hour at 6 p.m.

This event is being held in an attempt to raise scholarship money for the music, theatre and dance programs.

Similar to the television show, local and professional dancers will be paired with a local Valdosta "star."

There are eight couples, including pro Jeani Synyard, retired dance teacher and former studio owner, and star Dr. Ronald Zaccari, former VSU president.

Couples also include pro Eric Nielsen, VSU dance director,

who is partnered with star Ashley Thompson, teacher at the Valdosta School of Ballet.

Dr. Stephanie Gee was forced to withdraw due to surgery. Jacque Wheeler, area head for theatre and dance, and Duke Guthrie, associate professor for theatre, are set to emcee.

The various ballroom dances consist of the Tango, the West Coast Swing, the Cha-Cha, the Foxtrot, the Jive, the Merengue and the Swing. Each couple picked their own dance style.

The attire for this brand-new event is described as being

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Plane gets a new home

The McIntosh Plane, currently sitting on the corner of Woodrow Wilson Drive and Ashley Street, will soon be moved to its new home at Moody Air Force Base. When the plane is installed at its current location, it was dedicated to Lyn McIntosh, who was stationed at Moody. See pg. 8 for more.

Question of the Week

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

- A. I'm sad that the semester's ending.
- B. I can't wait to get out of here!
- C. My brain can't think anymore...

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Previous question

What are you doing for Easter?

Eating rabbit for dinner. Yum!	57%
Easter-egg hunting with the family.	29%
Getting up early for sunrise service	14%

Weather at VSU

Today	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
76 H 47 L	79 H 52 L	88 H 59 L

1.5 Minutes of Fame Winners
Week 2



Abrieli Blake
Category: Singing
Class: Freshman
Major: Psychology
Inspiration: Brother was a singer who passed away, church, and mother.

Photos by J. Daniel Young/THE SPECTATOR

Look out next week for the Spectator's series on how departments schedule core classes.

Check out the web Spectator for more news including the newest developments in SGA.

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Happy Tator Day!

Event

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honest about women's sexuality, and to be able to spread awareness for the issues others may face.

"When you start talking about vaginas anywhere, you always get questions," Patterson said. "Or they think it's a nasty word. Or we're being vulgar."

The cast and crew aim to break those barriers.

Many members have been involved in the Vagina Monologues for years, and even newer cast members are excited to partici-

pate again next year.

"I volunteered last year, but this is my first year in it," TaNay Hamilton, a sophomore mass media major, said. "It made me more accepting of different kinds of people. It brings you together."

The Vagina Monologues is a powerful production, but the name still makes the student body apprehensive to attend.

"We get a lot of people that come, that really enjoy it [...] then we also get people who are like, 'Vagina Monologues? What's that? That's gross! Why would I go to a play about vaginas?'" Bryant said. "They know

us because we're the t-shirt people. The 'I heart Vaginas' t-shirts!"

The Women's and Gender Studies department is set to perform the Vagina Monologues Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Jennett Lecture Hall.

Tickets for the event are \$5 with a student ID and \$10 for general admission.

"If we can get just one person—because we have some students, from last year, in the cast—just one person interested in the Vagina Monologues, we've gotten more than we could hope for," Bryant said.



Construction equipment sits outside of Bailey Science Center. The addition to the building is scheduled to be completed on June 1.

Projects

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construction was being dragged on.

"The construction in front of Ashley, it's been happening a little too long," he said. "Since the construction has been going on, no one has any space to carry on

events that they used to have, like their little barbecues.

Some students are pretty indifferent to the noise, though.

"I always have my headphones on, so I don't even notice," Mark Ansley, a freshman engineering major, said.

Eight other major maintenance and repair projects were also recently completed.

During spring break the construction projects completed included: Seago House parking area grading, the maintenance of multiple sidewalks around campus and the addition of new concrete pads under bicycle racks.

Chad Stone contributed to this article.

Famous architect's work highlighted in new documentary

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Historic downtown's 'Dosta Playhouse will exhibit director Michael Miner's documentary "Romanza, The California Structures Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright" on Saturday at 7 p.m. Unique to the movie was the discovery of drawings for a dog house.

Local architect and president of the local American Institute of Architects (AIA) chapter, Dave Kirk, explained the excitement about the documentary.

"[T]his is the icing on the cake, [Miner] has an actual replica of a doghouse, the only doghouse known, and the smallest structure ever designed by Frank Lloyd Wright," Kirk said.

The structure was designed by Wright for 12-year-old Jim Berger.

The boy wrote Wright in 1956 asking that he design a dog house for his black Lab Retriever, Eddie.

Wright provided the design drawings to the family, and the father built Eddie's house in 1963.

A replica of the doghouse will be on display at the documentary showing.

"We learned of Michael Miners' work through the [AIA] and he was recommended to us and we decided to sponsor his film," Kirk said. "This is actually a series of seven films that Michael plans to complete on Frank

Lloyd Wright. He is an expert on all things Frank Lloyd Wright."

Proceeds from the film's showing will go to the AIA Southwest Georgia Scholarship fund.

"We need the money for our scholarship fund and it's a very worthy cause," Kirk said. "It basically helps pay for students in the local area."

According to Kirk, this fund will assist students in Valdosta, Albany, Tifton and Southwest Georgia to attend an architecture school in Georgia.

The movie is the third of seven that Miner has planned to document Wright's designs.

This story emphasizes the 50-year relationship that Wright had with California.

With more than 25 of his 80 projects built in California, the buildings ranged from grand to modest and encompassed each major era of Wright's 7-decade-long career.

"Now I advise people to come a little early, because we're also gonna have on display some original drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright," Kirk said.

Miner will be in attendance with a Q&A after the movie.

Tickets are available at the "Dosta Playhouse box-office, and can be purchased the night of the show, or by calling 244-2364 or 415-3286 for reservations.

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Ashley purchase shows interest in campus growth

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A VSU official says that the recent purchase of Ashley Cinemas is part of a greater plan for future university expansion into northern Valdosta.

Ashley Cinemas Theater was purchased in order to expand the campus and provide 273 needed parking spaces for North Campus and according to Sue Fuciarelli, vice president for finance and administration, the purchase was just a small step in a big process.

"The Ashley Cinemas property is a long-term strategic purchase for us since the property is adjacent to our North Campus," Fuciarelli said.

The property deal was closed on Jan. 31 in which VSU acquired a total of 6.08 acres of land for 2.39 million dollars. In the short-term, VSU will contract with the theatre company to continue operations and provide a revenue stream from the prop-

erty. Immediate uses for the campus include much needed parking during the day and continued operation of the theatre during the afternoons, evenings and weekends.

"This will provide a revenue stream for VSU plus keep our options open as our campus continues to grow," Fuciarelli said.

Since July 1979, the 25,000 sq. ft. Ashley Cinemas has offered movies throughout the community. Originally owned by Litchfield Theaters, Ashley Cinemas was a popular weekend activity throughout the area. In spring 1991, Georgia Theater Company withheld new ownership and the theater remains to be a popular attraction.

With all the talk throughout the community, a VSU student and former VSU baseball coach, Tommy Thomas, speak their opinion.

"I really like how VSU is trying to expand the campus," Matt Towe, sophomore criminal justice major, said. "The only thing that sucks is that I am a broke college student and Ashley Cine-

mas is cheap fun." Thomas shares a similar opinion.

"I believe that the purchase of Ashley Cinemas for the future growth of this great University is a phenomenal idea," Thomas said. "I think that some people will be upset about it because of the cheap movies, but I also believe that Valdosta State is one of the fastest growing colleges in the state of Georgia. The purchase of the stadium cinemas is just another step forward to the University."

In the meantime, long term plans for the property are still being developed.

"There are big plans for the Valdosta State North Campus," Fuciarelli said. "We share much community and state support for a new Health Sciences Business Administration building, which would be located directly across from South Georgia Medical Center's new parking garage that is currently under construction.

We will be undergoing campus master planning to look at a number of possibilities for this entire North Campus property."

all participants will receive a fun prize.

"Since the event is a benefit, focus is placed on having 'fun' first and any level of competition is secondary to the objectives of this wonderful collaborative event," Nielsen said.

According to Synyard, they attempted to find community leaders that wouldn't mind helping to raise scholarship money.

"They are the 'stars' coupled with area dance teachers or dance/theatre majors at VSU," she said.

There are hopes that "Dancing

with the Valdosta Stars" can be an annual event.

"As it is, the VSU Ballroom Club's biggest fund raiser is Dancing with the Greeks, which is already an annual event," Nielsen said.

"It would be great to see the club also support Dancing with the Valdosta Stars in the future." Admission is \$75 per person, which includes a dinner that will begin at 7 p.m.

Shuttles will be available to pick up attendees from the Oak Street parking lot to take them to the Student Union.

Dancing

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The VSU Department of Music's Jazz Combo will provide the music.

The event will open with a group dance number displaying a Waltz choreographed by Nielsen.

There will be an Audience Favorite Award given to the couple who sells the most tickets and that receives the most donations during the performances.

There will be no judges' scores. Aside from the audience award,

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Applications for 2012-2013 Student Organization Office Space due by Sun., April 15. Email Robin Vickery at rvickery@valdosta.edu.

Clothing Drive!

Bring your gently used, still in good condition clothing to one of the boxes in the residence halls or the Union. Sponsored by Catholics on Campus.

Vagina Monologues April 12-14

7pm in the Jennett Lecture Hall in room 1111. Students \$5.00 with ID and \$10.00 for general public. Tickets can be purchased in the Women's and Gender Studies Program located in Carswell Hall (located on Patterson Street across from Farber Hall and Palms Dining). For more information call 249-4842.

April 12

Careers in Communication-- Guest Speaker

7 p.m. - Library Auditorium. Student Society of Communication Scholars (SSCS) is hosting the event. The guest speaker is Terri Jenkins, Executive Director of the South Georgia Chapter of the Red Cross. She will be talking about her job specifically and students can also find out more information about Careers in the Communication field!

Shoot Some Pool! Play Ping-Pong!

8 p.m. - Union Station. Join Natural High as they shoot pool and play ping pong. Snacks provided. It's all free. If you have questions, please call 259-5111.

International Dinner Ticket Sales

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - North Campus. The Society of International Students will be selling tickets for the International Dinner. Tickets are \$10 for students with student ID and \$20 non students. The 36th Annual International Dinner will be in the Student Union Ballrooms on Saturday, April 21, which will include food from the four regions of the world: the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Minute to Win It!

7 p.m. - UC Cypress room. It's a game show! Come and play! Totally FREE! Sponsored by CAB

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7:20 p.m. Bailey Science Center Room, 3009. Many have tried to

give you financial forums, but NONE can top Alpha Theta's annual Money Forum. We not only teach you how to manage your money as a college student, but there will be prizes to win and games to play.

April 14

Kickball Tournament

11 a.m. - Recreation Center Fields. Kickball Tournament for Missions presented by the VSU Wesley Foundation. 6-10 people per team. All teams co-ed: 4 girl minimum. Prizes for top 2 teams and people's choice. \$100 per team **Entry Fee --Due by Thursday, April 12**

Criminal Justice Informational

1-5 p.m. - UC Fountain Area. We are excited to announce that in addition to traditional Bachelor's and Master's degrees, VSU is now offering online Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Criminal Justice. This event will showcase the courses offered in the new programs. Free food will be provided.

April 15

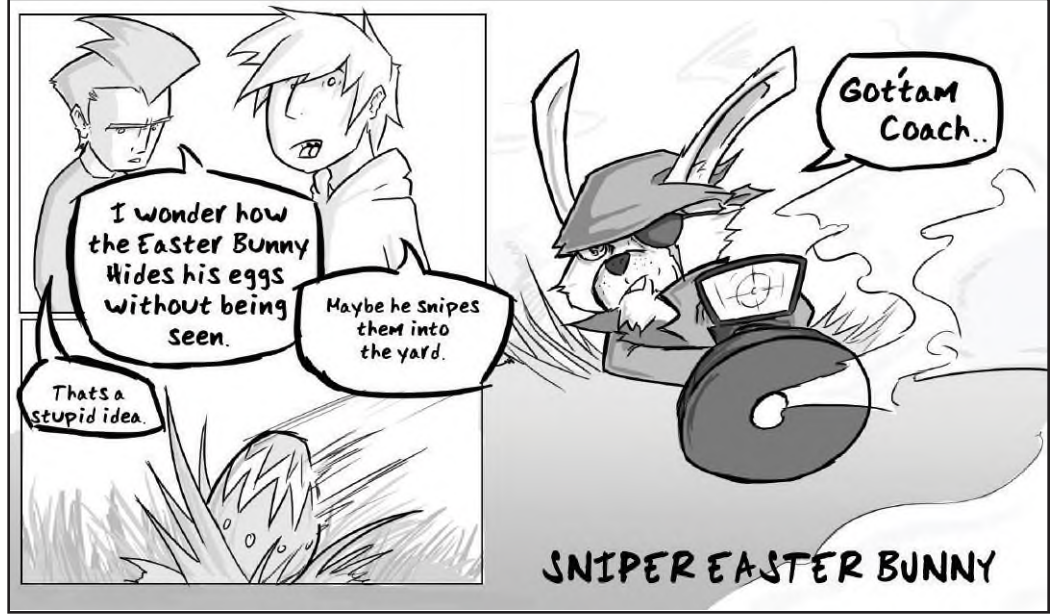
VSU Choir presents "An American Experience: Gospel, Spirituals, A Capella" 7:30 p.m. - Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Free entry.

Today in History

April 12, 1861: The Civil War began in the United States when Confederate troops opened fire on the Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston Bay, SC.

Police Briefs

Fri., April 6
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THE RESIDENCES AT FIVE POINTS



Our point of view...

SGA election rules go too far

Running an election campaign is tough on the candidate and all of the people working to help that candidate, whether the election is on a national level or just for a spot on the VSU SGA.

Therefore, the editorial staff of the Spectator does not believe a candidate should have to monitor whether or not people are privately making endorsement t-shirts, nor that the candidate should be penalized for the actions of other people.

Not only will fixating on such trivial matters distract voters from focusing on the qualifications of the SGA candidates, it will also start a fixation that insults the intelligence of an edu-

cated student body.

This is not to say that some campaign issues do not warrant genuine attention.

In national election campaigns, reducing the flow of special interest money has posed a challenge, and it is something that requires a lot of attention. Those who are responsible for causing this problem should be held responsible.

Candidates misusing their campaign contributions have also been a problem. For example, when Senator John Edwards allegedly used hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep his mistress and illegitimate child hidden, he deserved to be punished and held accountable.

These situations are examples of serious problems. A student painting a candidate's name on a t-shirt is not.

Why waste energy, and why disqualify a candidate, for a t-shirt or a lawn sign he or she is not responsible for? That will not solve problems, and it will reflect badly upon VSU's policies.

SGA candidates should win or lose based on their own merits and what they have to offer VSU. The Spectator understands that rules for running campaigns are important, but some of them go too far.

We hope that in this election, the candidates will be free to focus on the issues, not the little matters.



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Eroding the Bill of Rights

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Where is the Constitution these days? What about the Bill of Rights?

The Judicial, Executive and Legislative branches of the government have been slowly eroding away the efficiency of both the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to the point that they both feel like skeletons of their former selves.

At a neighborhood gathering over the weekend, we were discussing this very issue. We were all enraged at the way we've allowed our politicians to take away rights. When citizens in foreign countries take to the streets, France, or the U.K. for example, things happen. The politicians are afraid of their citizens.

U.S. politicians no longer fear their citizens.

It's because we, as citizens, no longer have power. As a result of political influence from corporations, decisions such as Citizens United give corporations some of the same rights as people.

This very Supreme Court decision has been instrumental in allowing Super PACs to play a part in our politics. Corporations are giving excessive money to the political campaigns and are therefore steering policy away from what's good for the people, to what's good for the businesses.

The US Supreme Court recently decided that strip searches on detainees were constitutional, regardless of the charges for which the detainee was incarcerated.

The courts allowed for certain reservations, including that there should be no contact with the detainee or that the searches should apply to the general population.

However, it begs to question if this still allows for an overreach of power of prison officials. With over 10 states prohibiting unreasonable routine strip searches without reasonable suspicion, the Supreme Court decision continues the downward spiral toward the erosion of our rights since 9/11.



Garrison Muelhausen/The Spectator

Since 9/11 and the advent of Homeland Security, the political bosses continue to squeeze control of our country from our hands into the hands of the political elite.

For example, multiple states have introduced bills that would ban employers and colleges from requiring access to employees or student's social media webpages.

This seems to be a tentative move in the right direction. However, when a similar bill in the U.S. House of Representatives was voted on at the end of March, this was shot down by House Republicans, showing once again that they are not concerned with your privacy. Unfortunately, they are more concerned with their own agenda.

Freedom of speech is being attacked as well. The Arizona state senate unanimously passed

a bill making it illegal to say mean things online, which means that everyone we know could possibly be charged. We can only hope such a law will not be adopted in other states.

Additionally, a Tennessee senate bill is making its way through the senate. In essence, it steps into the classroom and prevents teachers from teaching about homosexuality prior to the ninth grade. This is yet another add-on to a misguided sexual education system in America.

Tie all this with the right to assemble being stomped on by police forces across the country, especially with regards to the Occupy Movement, (think UC-Davis and NYC) the trend toward eroding rights is now an avalanche against private citizens.

Voter's rights are being threat-

ened by a plethora of legislation that is making it harder for voters to exercise their rights to do so. Women's rights are on the chopping block through the same types of legislation.

We think that we are safe, because we are US citizens, but are we? So much of what we thought true about our citizenry is looking startlingly like one of the countries in which the US intervenes to keep these things from happening. No one is intervening on our behalf.

Maybe it's time to take to the streets, like the French or the English do.

Perhaps we need our own Arab Spring, because if we don't start acting now we are going to look like one of the countries against which the U. N. holds sanctions for human rights violations.

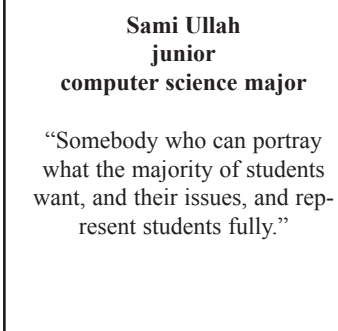
People Poll:

What qualities are you looking for in an SGA presidential candidate?



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marketing major

"Willingness to stand up for the student body, and willing to make make changes."



Sami Ullah
junior
computer science major

"Somebody who can portray what the majority of students want, and their issues, and represent students fully."



Jay Winn
senior
sign language interpreting major

"Gets students involved with functions that are happening around campus."



Christina Hipsley
senior
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"One with a vision, who knows where they want to go but does it with integrity."



Alyssa Krug
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"I want someone who is real. They should be genuine."



Raves of the week



"The new psychology building is gorgeous." -Alex Stanaland, masters, psychology major

"Even though The Loop is just too slow sometimes, and the prices can be ridiculous, I do like it." -Miesha Jenkins, junior, communication sciences and disorders major

"I like the option of having two places to eat for the meal plan, like Hopper and Palms." -Rebecca Geertsema, freshman, civil engineering major

"I don't like all the construction. It's just in the way." -Micah Smith, junior, finance major

"I am very unhappy about the student fees I have to pay for summer school, and I'm not using it." -Aris Lonon, junior, communication sciences and disorders major

"The housing department made me unhappy when I wanted to change rooms. I had complications during the beginning of the semester, and it was just disorganized and crazy." -Rebecca Loskoski, freshman, undeclared major

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Never give up when the going gets tough

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During my experiences at VSU, I have been faced with many ups and downs.

I have been faced with challenges, both on and off campus as well as in and out of the classroom. We all have.

The difference between me and those who dropped out, packed up and shipped out is that I never gave up.

When I graduated high school in May 2008, I was revved up. I couldn't wait to bolt five hours away from my peppy, hovering family. When that move-in day in August 2008 came, I thought, "Finally I am free."

I came to VSU and immediately got into a relationship that started out great and wonderful but turned out to be the worse, most consuming relationship of my dating history thus far. I had to do laundry and learn to shop for groceries. I had to stand on my own feet, no matter what.

Welcome to college. Here, you are away from mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, whoever. Here, you are away from the pats on the back, and good job kiddo; all the praise your high school days might have brought you. At least, I was.

VSU is a wonderful school. Here you aren't a number. Here you are a person. Here your

teachers know you by name. Here your teachers care. This is a good school with a lot of good resources. Use them.

I came to VSU to be a theatre major. I loved acting and I thought performing was the best thing ever. I thought that I was going to be the next headliner on Broadway.

However, after failing to get into the musical theatre program, I stepped back and reevaluated my options. Eventually, I was led to journalism, thus "The Spectator."

I was promoted to the Editor-in-Chief slot this past December when Desiree Thompson graduated. It was a position I never thought I could do. It was a position I didn't want to do, but I was chosen to do it. So I did. I put my heart and soul into it. I cared about my staff.

I have seen the hard work that was put in every Wednesday night. I have heard all the comments made about the "Spectator."

And I was about to make sure I didn't hear those comments again. I wanted a change. Yes, the position was tough, a lot tougher than I expected. Yes, I had some uncommitted and apathetic writers; every editor-in-chief has. But I had a good staff. This is a good staff.

It is easy to judge something without knowing what really goes on. It is easy to look at the front page and see that one typo and toss the whole paper aside.

Honestly, I take that as a compliment. If all you can find wrong are typos, we are doing something right.

"The Spectator" works every week. We deal with a misguided, misinformed administration every week; I know this by personal experience. We deal with so many brick walls. We deal with so many issues. But we never stop delivering and coming out every week. Why? Because it's our job. Journalism is a service. It's a good service with a good mission: to deliver the news to you.

So what am I doing now, you might ask? Well I got sick. Point blank. I left my job, which I hated doing but had to, and went home, that place I so happily fled almost four years ago.

I am still a student. My professors are working with me so I can finish online by July while I get some rest and spend time with my family.

I worked really hard to get where I am at today. This semester alone I was doing an internship at The Voice, working at the paper, working at Valdosta Catering, trying to finish school, living on my own in an off-campus apartment, while still trying to have a social life. Yeah, I was exhausted.

But I never quit. And I guess that's my point. You do what's right for you. You do what makes you happy. Because at the end of the day, that's all what matters.

Religion nurtures or divides everybody

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One of the most delicate issues discussed is religion.

There are different interpretations of each religion, but the largest (debate/controversy) is the definition of being Christian.

Christian: Professing belief in Jesus as Christ or following the religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus, relating to or derived from Jesus or Jesus' teachings, manifesting the qualities or spirit of Jesus; Christ-like, relating to or characteristic of Christianity or its adherents, showing a loving concern for others; humane.

There are all these definitions of being Christian, but who can say what being Christian really is?

What I interpret as Christian-like may not be the same as someone else's interpretation. Neither is right nor wrong.

It's not right preaching on your high stool when you know nothing of that person or their religion.

I'm not categorizing everyone in the same group. I'm referring to the Bible toting, crucifix wearing type that judge everyone and continue to press their religion on others without cause.

There is no need to go around acting holier-than-thou and casting your judgments on others.

These types of religious people, extremists, should keep their opinions and judgments to themselves.

VSU students have experienced this in an abrasive way. Preachers have come to campus to rail against women, Jews, gays, and anyone and anything else they might consider sinful in the eyes of God.

"I feel like you shouldn't press your religion on other people," Wilson O'Neal, a sophomore Spanish major, said. "I think more people have died in history disputing religion than anything else. Religion as a whole is something that should be for the individual. People should believe what they want to believe."

Religious leaders have advocated violence in the distant past, and some continue to do so now continue to do so now, mostly with politics as a driving factor as well.

Those people who take their devoutness too far should be an example of why everyone should have a clear understanding of their own faith.

Just because some people go out and "party" and others drink and smoke does not mean that they are less Christian than anyone else.

Adding to this controversy is the interpretation on the Bible.

The ones who walk around judging people and telling them they are going to Hell don't consider the fact that people interpret the Bible in different ways. No one

is right or wrong.

I am tired of people treating others this way, and don't get me started on church.

Just because I don't go to church every Sunday does not make me any less Christian. I don't attend church because there is no Greek Orthodox Church here in Valdosta.

How dare anyone think they have the right to frown upon me or any others who don't attend church on a regular basis?

No one knows how others connect with their God, and trying to force your ideas on people does not lead them towards your God.

"I feel like people who are Christian extremist drive people away from God," Britney McCrae, a sophomore economics and business major, said. "I personally think that everyone (who wants to) has a personal relationship with God and it is no one's right to "righteously" judge anyone."

God spreads his word in his own way to fit every one person. He loves us all even when we sin. "Everyone has flaws and the beauty of my religion is that God forgives us for what we ask to be forgiven," McCrae said.

For all you religious Christian extremists out there, you need to find a new approach to spreading The Word.

Judging others and telling them they're going to Hell for their sins is to me a sin in itself because only God can judge us.

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Art exhibit showcases senior talent

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VSU's Spring Senior Art Exhibition will be open from April 15 to April 30th.

On Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m., the art will be ready for public viewing in the Fine Arts Gallery and a showcase of the seniors' most influential works will be on display.

VSU senior and artist William Massey, plans to display some of his own work, and felt the exhibition was meaningful.

"The exhibition is meant to show the artistic and personal growth that the students have cultivated as a result of seeking knowledge and creative expression with the VSU Art Department," he said.

"With that being said, one should expect to see the most ambitious, thought-provoking and well-crafted work of the graduating seniors' collegiate career."

Director of the Art Department, Julie Bowland felt the senior exhibit was beyond beneficial.

"The Senior Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for the graduating seniors to really show their stuff; they not only produce the art, they create a catalog, host a reception, install the show and do the publicity," she said.

Massey and fellow student Alli Delledonne collaborated on an art piece.

"Alli Delledonne works with the notion of what is considered domestic," Massey said.

"Alli's artwork is typically very clean and refined, while mine is raw and organic, so the results will be an interesting balance between the two."

Massey hopes the student body will see the artistic and personal growth that the students have cultivated as a result of seeking knowledge and creative expression with the VSU Art Department.

Massey's work will also be able to be previewed at an exhibition set for April 20th downtown at Hildegards from 7 to 10 p.m.

"This will include many works focusing on my idea of divided mass, as well as live jazz, experimental electronic and classical violin," he said.



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The Spring Senior Art Exhibit opens Sunday and will display senior artwork until April 30. Left is senior William Massey's piece called Taste.

Photo contributed by William Massey

Kim and Kanye official, Odom inactive for season

Hello guys and dolls! I've got my remote ready. Are you ready to surf some channels?

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Kim Kardashian and Kanye are now dating, but according to their exes this is not a new thing.

Hopefully we can watch this unfold on a new season of "Keeping up with the Kardashians."

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According to sources close to RHOA, Sheree Whitfield from the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" has been fired.

It shouldn't surprise you because none of the other housewives besides Kim are feeling Sheree.

Well maybe Sheree can sell some She hair at the Goodwill.

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Nicki Minaj wants you to know that it "irks" her when you compare her to Lady Gaga.

According to an ABC News reporter, she said: "I mean GaGa is a fantastic artist. She's paved her way. She's opened her own lane, but I feel like I have my own lane. And we never

cross...ever."
Well, I guess she told you! Click.

Paula Patton is a new spokeswoman of Pepsi. These checks keep rolling into the Thicke-Patton household.

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Ruben "the Velvet Teddy bear" Studdard, as he was called in his American Idol days, has probably the greatest divorce



ever.

After four years of marriage, Studdard and Tip Drill video girl, Surata Zuri McCants, filed irreconcilable differences in January.

Well not only can Studdard celebrate his singleness, but the fact that Ms. McCants didn't get anything.

Yes, I said nothing! I am pret-

ty sure Studdard's divorce will be the blueprint for future celebrity divorces.

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For all you Mob Wives fans, Big Ang is getting her own spin-off. It will start filming in July. Who's gonna watch?

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Dallas Mavericks star, Lamar Odom, has been put on the inactive list for the rest of the NBA season.

After a hectic, condensed NBA season it seemed Odom couldn't get over that fact he was no longer a Laker and played miserable ball. Khloe and Lamar have already headed back to L.A.

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Oh yea.
Rumor has it that Odom and Dirk Nowitzki had a little altercation in the locker room after a loss.

The Mavericks and Odom might as well say good riddance to each other.

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Ride continues for Blazer bikers

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For students who enjoy cycling, whether for sport or recreation, Blazer Cycling is looking for interested members.

Blazer Cycling began in spring of 2009 with Jessica Avra, who left to join the Marine Corps.

She then handed over the club to president Ed Rollins and vice president Austin Sullivan.

"She had contacted me and Ed knowing that we were cyclists on campus, and asked us if we wanted to take commanding role since she was going to the Marine Corps," Sullivan, senior anthropology major, said.

"It wasn't really our inspiration that got [Blazer Cycling] going, but we've made it into what we've wanted it to be."

Both Rollins and Sullivan have been adamant riders since before their involvement in the club.

"I wonder if people are intimidated by how into it we are," Sullivan said.

The president and vice president are in love with cycling and enjoy competing and training.

In the past couple of years, Blazer Cycling has steadily attracted more cyclists to their weekly rides around town, with

up to 12 to 15 members regularly showing interest.

"When we first started riding as a club, it would usually only be Austin and I along with another person," Rollins, a junior religious studies major, said. "Now, we have an average of about six every ride."

"Being cyclists we get negative responses from the communities, with cars honking at us, but my friends have taken to it."

-AUSTIN SULLIVAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF
BLAZER CYCLING

As for now, the club focuses mostly on recreational road biking, but is interested in other aspects of cycling as well.

"Being cyclists we get negative responses from the communities, with cars honking at us, but my friends have taken to it," Sullivan said. "We haven't done too many races. I would like to do more races, and I know Ed would."

In order for the club to be able to race, however, they would

have to receive funding from the school through Club Sports.

Due to their club members not expressing any interest in the competitive side of cycling, Blazer Cycling will have to wait to compete as a team in any races in the near future.

According to Sullivan, having a coach is another goal for the club, but until the club grows, the need for a real coach isn't a priority.

"Another idea I've been bouncing around is doing workshops on campus, like setting up tents on campus and teaching people how to maintain their bikes and help them with their biking problems," Sullivan said.

The leaders of Blazer Cycling have long-term goals they would like to see the club achieve, but until then they hope to mold new leaders out of regular members not graduating at the end of this spring.

"I desire for the club to grow and be involved in more events, either casual or racing," Rollins said.

"Getting more women to be part of the club would be wonderful too because we currently don't have any."

Sullivan likewise hopes the club grabs the attention of more cyclists, and hopes it will be a more active campus club sport.

"Within the next year, I'd like



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Blazer Cyclists from front to back: Ed Rollin, Austin Sullivan, Thoma Ganas and Sky Neary. Blazer Cycling was born in 2009 and has been on a roll ever since.

for us to have some sort of race around here," Sullivan said. "To hold some kind of small-

scale race, maybe—couple-hundred riders, if that—but also to get a regular training group, and

get more people involved on campus."

Sullivan also expressed a concern that he admits is "bigger than a Blazer Cycling problem": bike thefts.

"We'd like to get involved with the bike racks here on campus, because there aren't many," Sullivan said.

"I lock my bike up on the fence right there [pointing to the back-side of the Student Union], and make it obvious that we need something to try and get the awareness out on that. My friends tell me they have their bikes stolen all the time."

Every Tuesday, Rollins and Sullivan meet up with fellow cyclists and take trips around town.

These rides are their ways of getting to know their members and bond over their love of cycling.

"We kinda joke that our rides are our meetings—like we have hour-long meetings on Tuesdays," Sullivan said.

Blazer Cycling can be found on Facebook under the name "Blazer Cycling Club."

Those interested in riding with the club are more than welcome.

"The club is open to anyone who enjoys cycling and wants to be involved with others like themselves," Rollins said.

Alumna bakes on Oprah network

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VSU graduate Tiffany Young showed students how to turn "lemons" into "pink lemonade" in the Pound Hall Auditorium Tuesday at 5 p.m. as she shared her trials towards opening her own business, the Pink Pastry Parlor.

Though Young has the highest rated pre-teen television show titled "Party at Tiffany's" on the Oprah Winfrey Network, it is her bakery business that has her

name streaming through the streets of Atlanta as one of the leading cupcake and party destinations.

She owns a cupcake shop with a party area in the back.

She has focused herself on creating theme parties for young girls as both she and her staff come together to make each party unique and entertaining.

In her white suit, pink shirt and matching shoes, Young served the purpose to let students know not to allow their past to hinder them from accomplishing their dreams as she told some of

her struggles

During her presentation, one of the slides read: "You do what you have to do, so you can do what you want to do."

As a part of her encouragement to students, she said, "I consider it failing when you don't get back up. When you fall, keep going."

Young began with just a lemonade stand where she sold "lemon-flavored Kool-Aid" for 25 cents per cup and her life has flourished since then.

According to her, hard work does pay off.

As a first generation college graduate, she received her bachelors in marketing.

As part of her job search, once she relocated to Atlanta after graduation, she applied to 14 restaurants.

Three called her back and the Cheesecake Factory gave her a job.

In Young's opinion, students should build self-confidence, leadership skills and determination.

Michael Jordan, former NBA basketball player and Major League baseball player, was

among her examples of people who demonstrated these characteristics. He was cut from his high school basketball team many times before he finally made it to the NBA.

She talked about her church, where she volunteered, that would go to prisons and preach. An inmate asked her if he could teach her how to play chess.

This was his way of telling her about principles that he said one should know about life.

Number 1: One is either a pawn or a king. "You're either gonna win this life, or you're

gonna be someone else who watches other people win," Young said when talking about the inmate.

Number 2: Life is chess, not checkers. In the inmate's opinion, there's no jumping around in life.

There were positive comments flowing about Young's presentation.

"I thought it was fantastic," Aerolyn Shaw, senior public relations major, said. "Her main message was [to] be a leader of your life. You're in control of your life [so] be confident."



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Airplane not airplane after all

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We've all seen it, driven by it, glanced at it, or maybe even taken a picture of it.

This landmark sits high on the corner of Ashley Street and shares a space with Mathis City Auditorium. It's grey and blue with wings of steel ready to take flight.

Yes, folks I am referring to that glorious artifact. The plane.

If you've ever wondered about the meaning of this symbolic relic, then wonder no more!

As it turns out, the plane is not really a plane at all.

Some residents have drawn their own conclusions, whereas, others, did not have a great interest in this familiar landmark.

Residents of Valdosta have their own theories.

"I have never really thought about it or its meaning," Ashley

Stewart, a freshmen sociology major, said.

Thomas Hightower, a college junior, said that he thought the plane signified the very first barricade to enter Georgia, the first flight of Moody Air Force Base.

Truth is, the display is not really a plane. It is simply a stock display.

Bummer? Not quite. According to Donald Davis of the Valdosta Historical Society, the plane was placed there as a memorial to the family of Lyn McIntosh.

"I used to be neighbors with his family," Davis said. "Lyn McIntosh was a soldier stationed at Moody Air Force Base. He died attempting to free hostages during the Iranian embassy in 1980; we call it The McIntosh Plane."

The plane honors McIntosh's service to the Air Force.

There is a plaque located just in front of the plane encrypted with the deceased hero's information, his date of birth and death date.

The plane was not always located at the familiar intersection of Ashley and Woodrow Wilson Drive.

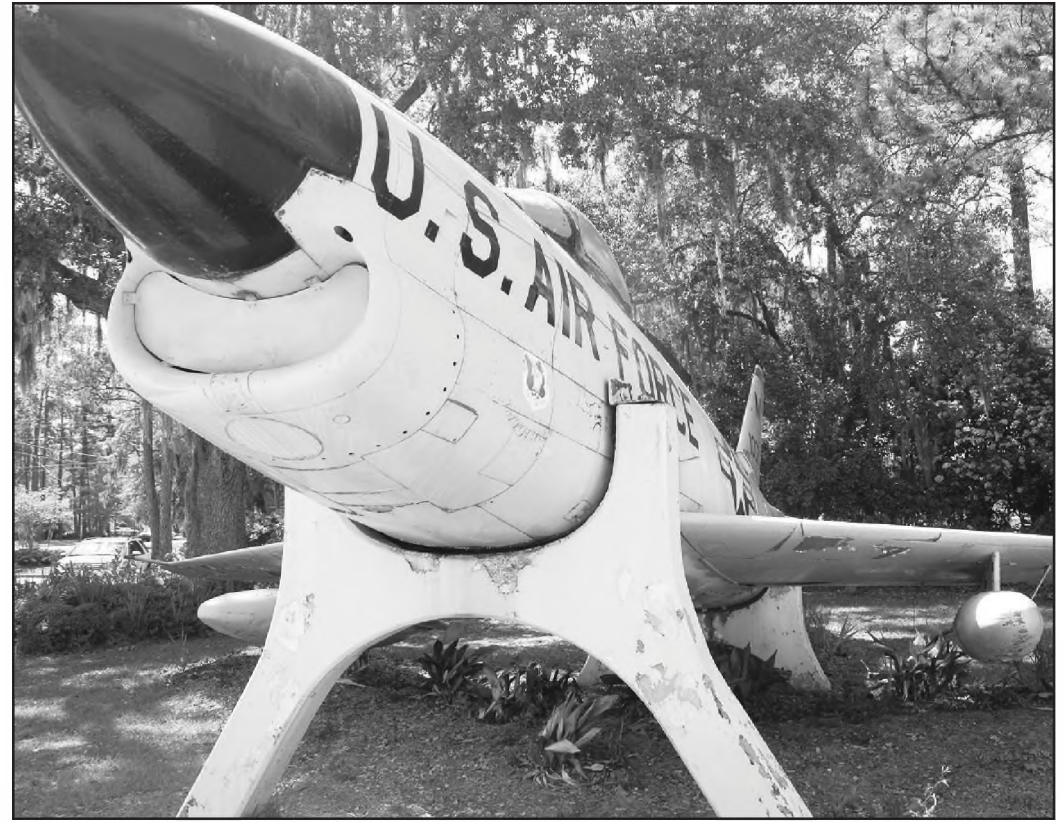
In the early 50's, it used to be housed in the yard of the old Coca-Cola plant on Ashley Street.

"They moved it to the auditorium after Lyn died," Davis said.

According to Davis there are further plans to move the plane. The location of the memorial is expected to change to Moody Air Force Base to be viewed and honored by fellow airmen.

The base is expecting to open an airplane museum and hopes to include this memorial as a significant piece of Valdosta history.

So next time you're driving by why not stop and take a gander at Valdosta's very own "McIntosh Plane."



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An old Valdosta landmark is actually a memorial to the family of Lyn McIntosh, a soldier once stationed at Moody Air Force Base. The plane is to move Moody Air Force Base to be viewed by fellow airmen.

Forgive and forget

Trust.

This is a word that requires time.

It requires patience, as well as effort.

True enough, events happen that make you lose your trust in someone. Once a relationship has lost trust, it becomes pretty difficult to revive it.

But through honest and open communication, you can learn to trust again, only if you forgive your partner and move forward to a happier future.

Not putting your all into moving away from those hurtful experiences can hinder not only yourself internally, but your relationship, as well. You could harbor resentment, which leads to misplaced trust.

The amount of effort you put into the relationship is equal to the quality of the relationship as a whole.

The worst thing you can do is not forgive and be left with regrets later.



"[D]on't let your past experiences keep you from putting your heart out there again," says a rep. for Seventeen Magazine.

Experience is meant to teach you lessons, not hold you back.

Trust is a two-way street—in order to get over the bigger problems, you and your partner must both be willing to rebuild your trust.

Trust is like a game of hide and seek, it's still there waiting to be found—you just gotta go look for it!

Remember:

A person that cannot trust is a person scorned

A relationship without trust is one that will be mourned

It is a necessity for both sides of the human race

It is something that needs a few moments of pure and sheer grace.

This week is not going to be a usual Spec Tech article; instead I'm announcing a video review contest. You can make a video review of anything tech/video game related and do it however you want it.

It can be a video of you just talking about the product or you can use footage of the product in use. To enter, you need to upload the video on YouTube and e-mail me the link.

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The winner will be posted on the Spec Tech blog as the final story of this semester on May 3rd! Please make sure you do it yourself, don't use a professional's video review. My email address is smsetser@valdosta.edu. Also, be sure to watch my video review of Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode I which will be on the Spec Tech blog on Friday at vsuspectech.blogspot.com/.

Don't forget to send in all your relationship questions to vsulovegame@gmail.com or to the blog at vsuthegame.blogspot.com. Don't worry--it's anonymous!

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Fool me once, fool me twice

This has been an interesting week in sports to say the least. Bobby Petrino and Ozzie Guillen made fools of themselves while embarrassing and enraging fans.



So let's talk boneheads. Ozzie Guillen, the Miami Marlins new manager, started the media storm over the weekend with a thunderous boom when he told Time magazine that he respected the former Cuban dictator, Fidel Castro.

"I respect Fidel Castro," Guillen said in an interview with Time. "You know why? A lot of people have wanted to kill Fidel Castro for the last 60 years, but that [expletive] is still here."

His comments greatly offended many Cuban-Americans who live in the city that houses Guillen's newly rebranded team. Now he is facing a lot of hatred and disconnect from these key fans that are now calling for him to be fired after only coaching five games.

Guillen has always been classified as a bit of hothead, but this



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Petrino's dismissal will announced Tuesday night by AD Jeff Long.

can't be the way that he wanted to be starting off his new tenure in Miami. He quickly apologized in a press conference Tuesday, but he was still handed a five-game suspension.

Time will only tell how this all plays out, but knowing Guillen it will only be a matter of time before he runs his mouth again and digs himself into an even deeper hole.

While what Ozzie did was pretty bad, Bobby Petrino easily takes the cake this week when he further solidified himself as a compulsive liar who knows how to make a bad situation a thousand times worse.

backs released a statement from Petrino's family that stated that Petrino was the only one involved in the wreck.

Even with all the accomplishments and success he has brought the Razorbacks, especially in the last two years, I have to say that Petrino had it coming and he deserves every bit of the punishment that he was served.

I may be slightly biased because of the underhanded way that he ditched my Atlanta Falcons in 2007, but that's just my two cents.

Comparing the two events brings only one question to mind for me. Would Petrino's situation have been any better if he had just admitted that Dorrell was with him when he initially wrecked the motorcycle? He probably would have been fired for fraternizing with an employee that he recently hired, but maybe he could have at least saved some face if he just manned up and told the truth.

Now he has been labeled as a major liability, and any team that would be interested in bringing in such a talented coach on the field has to worry about what he will try to pull when he is off the sidelines.

Masters champion Bubba Watson lets imagination run free

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bubba Watson's mind runs at about 300 mph, far faster than that jump-out-of-your-shoes swing the lefty uncorks on the tee.

He might be remembering the chores left undone at home. Perhaps it's a pair of shoes he'd like to buy. Watson can stroll the fairway, look up and wonder about the birds flying overhead. Certainly he's dwelled a lot in the past week about the 1-month-old boy adopted two weeks ago.

The native of Florida's Panhandle also has a green jacket, courtesy of a shot that only he could visualize and now goes into the Masters annals as one of its all-time best.

"It was complete imagination," Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chamblee said of the 160-yard wedge that started low, rose quickly, escaped the trees right of Augusta National's 10th fairway, took a hard right, missed a TV tower and came to rest 15 feet from the flagstick.

Or to hear Watson describe it: "I got in these trees and hit a crazy shot that I saw in my head and somehow I'm here talking to

you with a green jacket on." In a state-of-the-art game where swings are dissected on computers by straight lines and angles, Watson's game is sheer Van Gogh - sweeping lines and bold plays.

Watson and caddie Ted Scott call it "Bubba golf" - though it also bears a strong resemblance to the late Seve Ballesteros, the escape master who seemingly had little use for fairways but won two green jackets and three British Opens.

Like Ballesteros, Watson's swing is purely self-made. He's never had a lesson and doesn't want one. Watson said: "It's more fun to do it on my own. I like to figure it out on my own. It's just like a math problem - except I probably wouldn't get the math problem right."

Nor can Watson remember much of Sunday's trophy ceremony, because he was trying to recall his flight time back home, then spotted a helicopter overhead and wondered what make it was.

He's sure he has ADD, but isn't getting anywhere near a psychologist. That would mess with his creativity.

"I just swing funny," he said before a runner-up finish at Doral, "and somehow it works."

Intramural Sports Schedule

Thursday Night Matches

8:00 p.m

The Grapist vs Ten Jerks

P-town projects vs Phi Sigma Kappa

Bump, Set, DEATH vs Scared Hitless (sand volleyball)*

SAO Athletics vs Spikeholics (sand volleyball)*

9:00 p.m

Victorious Secrets vs The Wolfpack (soccer)

10:00 p.m

Moose Attack vs Footloose (soccer)



*regular season games

Upcoming Playoff Matches

Monday: April 16th

Tijauna Tigers vs Dream Team (softball)
DIVERSITY UNITED vs Pitch Crew 9 (soccer)
The KickBacks vs Kappa Sigma (soccer)

Tuesday: April 17th

lakers vs Sigma Chi (extreme dodgeball)
Team Logan vs The Disciples
Blue Ballers vs Swagg
Chi Omega vs Alpha Delta Phi (soccer)



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Blazers stay hot extending win streak to 31

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The Valdosta State Blazers softball team showed on Saturday exactly why they are known as the best in the nation, in front of a vocal record-breaking crowd, and under the sun that turned Blazer red around the time the team really turned up the heat.

The No. 1 ranked Blazers, who also are atop of the Gulf South conference, entered Saturday riding the wave of a 29-game winning streak, but faced a formidable rival No. 22 ranked Alabama-Huntsville, who entered the day No. 2 in the GSC.

Despite this challenge from UAH, who took early leads in both games, the Blazers emerged triumphantly and swept the day, winning game one 6-1 and game two 4-3. The team's winning streak now stands at 31 games.

The first game was highlighted by a dominant complete game performance by Alanna Hadley, who struck out five en route to the winning her 19th of the season.

A few home runs by Courtney Albritton, her 12th, Sam Posey, her 6th, and Natalia Morozova, her 2nd also were huge contributions in both victories.

The strikeouts in the first game put Hadley past the 100 strikeout mark for the season, but rather than think of milestones such as that, she stated that she just thinks about the task at hand, and chose to deflect credit for the success to her teammates.

"I just try to go out there and just play every day as a new day," Hadley said. "I know I have a great defense behind me, and our team is on fire right now, so I just take it one matter at a



Daniel Young/ The Spectator
Coach Thomas Macera gives Natalia Morozova words of advice as she waits for her at-bat. Morozova registered her second home-run of the year this past weekend against Alabama-Huntsville.

time, and just try to focus, and know that my team has my back."

In game two, Alabama-Huntsville took an early lead, until the Blazers offense caught fire in the bottom half of the fifth inning, scoring four runs.

This scoring run was highlighted by a deep ball hit by Albritton, one that nearly went over the fence in right-center field, and into a sea of fans under a tent just past the fence, where Morozova hit her home run in game one.

The shot brought two runs in. Head coach Thomas Macera, using the holiday weekend as a motivator, gave his team a very good reason to get the bats and base running going.

"I told them if they didn't get their act together, we'd be practicing on Easter," Macera said. "I told them that if we're going to play this badly, then we needed

to work tomorrow, and I told them that win or lose, I just wanted them to play better."

event known "Pack the Park" at the Softball Complex at North Campus, saw a record crowd of 652 fill the park, but Macera beg to differ that the number was accurate.

"It's a skewed number, because that's only what was inside the stadium," Macera said. "If you look outside our stadium, there's another 100 or 125 people outside the stadium, (so) you had over 700 people here for a Division II softball game, you don't see that anywhere, and these fans are in for the game - they're not just hanging out with their buddies, they're screaming, yelling, cheering these girls on, stomping in the stadium, you've got the crazies in the outfield, these girls know they're here to watch them play, and they know they're here to see good ball, so the support

in Valdosta is just second to none."

One fan, Bobby Blanton, a recent VSU graduate, was optimistic about the chances of the softball team in the future.

"They've got such a good team right now," Blanton said. "It's hard to say, but if they keep doing what they're doing, it's going to be something real good."

Hadley was also quite happy about the large crowd, and hopes to see these large crowds for the remainder of the season.

"I think we have a great fan-base, and we love it that they come out and show support, and I hope they continue to come out, because as you can see, we try to play for them, and give them a show, so we're very thankful," Hadley said.

National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Poll

1. Valdosta State (15) [37-2]
2. Indianapolis (1) [37-2]
3. Winona State [32-3]
4. Central Oklahoma [33-3]
5. Kutztown [36-1]
6. Armstrong [37-8]
7. Tampa [31-5]
8. Cal State Monterey Bay [33-9]
9. Minnesota State Mankato [34-7]
10. Cal State Dominguez Hills [38-10]
11. Barry [34-9]
12. Angelo State [35-8]
13. North Georgia [35-7]
14. Rollins [31-7]
15. Missouri Western State [34-7]
16. Emporia State [27-7]
17. Grand Valley State [31-9]
18. Southern Connecticut State [37-5]
19. Cal State Chico [27-13]
20. Lenoir-Rhyne [38-11]
21. Augustana (South Dakota) [36-7]
22. Alabama-Huntsville [31-12]
23. UC San Diego [32-14]
24. California (Pennsylvania) [26-6]
25. West Texas A&M [27-15]



Daniel Young/ The Spectator
The Blazer softball team agrees that team chemistry has played a significant factor in the this season's success.

Upcoming VSU games

Wednesday night: Blazers baseball team routs Georgia Southwestern 14-0.

Blazer baseball faces Alabama-Huntsville this weekend in a double-header at Billy Grant Field.

No.1 Blazer softball team faces West Alabama Saturday and West Florida on Sunday.

Blazers Mens' and Womens' tennis team faces Armstrong Atlantic at the Tennis Complex this weekend.

VSU women's soccer team faces Clayton State and Emory Saturday

Blazer baseball faces Georgia College on Tuesday (4/17) at BGF.

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