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Presidential finalist announced

Board of Regents to vote on recommendation

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After a nationwide search, Dr. Bill McKinney has received the recommendation as the finalist for VSU's next president.

Don Leebern, chair of the Special Regents' Committee for the presidential search at VSU, and University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby announced the recommendation in a press release Friday.

McKinney said that he is both very excited and humbled by the recommendation.

"I want the student body to know that when I made the decision years ago to move into ad-

ministration, and away from being a fulltime faculty member, I did it with the idea not to get away from students but to help as many students as I could," he said.

McKinney added, "...[H]opefully, if all goes the way I hope that it does and I become VSU's next president, the students need to know that I will be accessible, that universities exists for our students. And as a president I take that very, very seriously and I look forward to getting to meet all of our students."

The Board of Regents still has to vote on his recommendation, but McKinney is the sole finalist.

If approved, he will take over as President on July 1.

Step right up



J. Daniel Young/ THE SPECTATOR

The carnival came to town Friday and is here to stay until April 15. Geren Rides, the company that runs the carnival, has armbands available each night for \$15 and tickets available for \$1 a piece or \$20 for a packet of 18. There will be a special Easter Sunday deal featuring armbands for \$10. Geren Rides is a touring carnival company whose runs starts in Valdosta, where the company is based, every spring and travels on to Tennessee and Alabama. Most of the carnival's locations are in Georgia.

Umbrella involved in student's arrest

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William Mathews didn't expect his Friday evening plans, a trip to a local coffee house, would land him in a jailhouse and cost him \$1,000.

Mathews, a senior psychology major, was arrested Friday evening at 7:40 pm, and charged with theft by taking. The item he was charged with stealing: a large black and white striped VSU umbrella.

According to the VSUPD police report, arresting officer Yolanda Calhoun saw Mathews taking an umbrella that was not his. Mathews disputes those facts.

"I picked up an umbrella that was part of a stack at the cross walk at Baytree and Oak," Mathews said. "I put the umbrella back down and walked across the street with my friends."

Mathews said that after he crossed the street, he turned back around and saw that Calhoun, who was sitting at the red light, was on her police radio.



Photo Illustration by J. Daniel Young/THE SPECTATOR

Mathews and his friends were walking across the Oak Street parking lot when they saw a different VSU police car pulling into the lot.

According to Mathews, the second police car was driving furiously through the parking lot, swerving around, cutting close to cars.

"We all kinda scattered out a little bit," Mathews said.

He ran toward Sustella, partly because of the rain, but mostly because he was freaking out.

Mathew said that this second VSU police officer followed him to Sustella. When he got there, Mathews approached the officer to ask why he was being chased.

The police officer said that running could get him shot, because he looked suspicious, Mathews said.

In a matter of minutes, three more VSUPD officers arrived, surrounding Mathews, he said.

He asked what he was charged

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SGA campaigning starts today; rule change eyed

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Discussion during Monday night's SGA meeting in the UC Magnolia Room was dominated by the upcoming SGA elections, which will be held on April 19 and 20.

Up for grabs in these elections are 40 seats, as well as the seats of the executive committee – the president, the vice president, the secretary and the comptroller.

SGA Sgt. at Arms Rob Thrower, who is this year's Election Commissioner, spoke to the SGA about the upcoming elections, seats available and important dates.

Thrower made it a point to mention that campaigning begins today at 7 a.m.

"The spring SGA elections will be used to fill senate seats 11 through 50 and the executive

branch," Thrower said.

He also announced a few other dates for the elections, such as a debate, which is set for April 17 in Powell Hall.

"That's where we hope it's going to be," Thrower said.

In addition, the results for this year's election will be announced on April 23 at 8 p.m.

The SGA also opened up the possibility of a referendum on smoking being put on the ballot for the upcoming election, which is dependent on passage from the SGA Senate.

"We've discussed a no-smoking policy around campus with a lot of detail," Derika Powers, SGA vice-president, said.

She asked whether anyone in SGA had written legislation to that effect.

Senator Candace Brown was called on and explained the status on that legislation.

"It's taken me a while because

I really don't know," Brown said. "I asked Graham [Davis] about that the other day, so I have to send it to Senator [Ryan] Baerwalde to have him look over it."

Powers said that if the legislation passes the Senate, it would then have to go in front of the entire student body in the next SGA elections.

In an attempt to curb some of the chaos that occurred during last year's elections, an amendment was presented that would clear candidates of responsibility for what voters did with campaigning materials.

In 2011, candidates were disqualified and a huge controversy developed over illegal campaigning.

"Essentially, what this is saying, is that, for example, Candidate A sells t-shirts and someone

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Vigil planned for Martin

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VSU's NAACP will assemble an all-black silent protest and prayer vigil today at 12:30 p.m. in front of West Hall to bring awareness to the case of Trayvon Martin.

Martin was a 17-year-old Sanford, Fla., resident who was shot and killed in March under questionable circumstances. This case

has generated controversy around the nation and on college campuses.

The VSU NAACP, along with millions around the nation are demanding justice for Trayvon Martin.

They have developed the "Do I Look Suspicious?" campaign, which will be an organized, committed and responsible effort to educate the campus about Martin and why the public should be concerned with whether a person is African-

American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian, or any other ethnicity. Students are encouraged to wear all black and bring a sign related to Martin.

Also, later that evening at 6:30 p.m., there will be a prayer vigil in front of West Hall on the pedestrian mall.

T-shirts will be sold for \$12. For every t-shirt that will be sold, \$2 donations will be sent to Martin's legal fund, "Justice for Trayvon Martin."

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The very first campus-wide Undergraduate Research Symposium will begin in the Student Union Ballroom and Theatre at 9 a.m. today and will continue on Friday.

For the last 17 years, only students within the geosciences department could participate.

This year, the symposium is open to all undergraduates.

Dr. James LaPlant, associate dean for College of Arts and Sciences, is coordinating this event, held by the Undergraduate Research Council.

"The fundamental purpose [of the symposium] is to showcase the really exciting undergraduate research that our students are doing across all of the colleges at undergraduate departments at VSU," he said.

Over 160 students are presenting their in-depth research projects or creative work.

This symposium will include eight panel sessions consisting of

38 oral presentations, 80 poster sessions and a student debate from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. that will pose the question, "Should the U.S. Federal Government lower gas prices?"

Each panel session has been appointed a moderator, a panel of various faculty advisers, and includes an estimated 5 paper presentations. Students will be able to give feedback about the presented projects.

Some titles for poster sessions include "Bullying in School Set-

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Question of the Week

What are you doing for Easter?

- A. Easter-egg hunting with the family
- B. Getting up early for sunrise service
- C. Eating rabbit for dinner. Yum!

Vote online at www.vsuspectator.com!

Previous question

Do you think that George Zimmerman should be tried in the Trayvon Martin case?

Yes. It's racial profiling. 81%

No. It was self-defense. 19%

Who are these guys? 0%

Weather at VSU

Today	Friday	Saturday
Scattered T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms	Sunny
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Research

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-ting." The Homeless Children in the U.S., "Will China Become the Next Superpower?" and many more.

There will be awards for best paper and best poster handed out in the different disciplines.

A few participating students have expressed their opinions about this year's symposium.

"I believe the symposium is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together and showcase their research," Katherine Wagnon, senior political science major, said.

"Students will become part of an educational event that encourages them to continue their undergraduate research, but at the same time preparing them for opportunities offered outside of VSU."

Other students also feel the symposium will lead to other realizations.

"I hope that the outpouring of undergraduate research across all disciplines shows students that there is a healthy, intellectual community at VSU for any student with their own research interests," William Gay, a senior history major, said.

A plenary session will also be held. This is a general gathering during which Dr. Alfred Fucia-

relli, chair of the Undergraduate Research Council and dean of the Graduate School, will speak.

Dr. Louis Levy, interim president, and Dr. Phillip Gunter, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, will also give their remarks.

At 6 p.m. today, there will be a brief reception.

On Friday at 9 a.m., there will be refreshments and a pizza lunch for students and faculty sponsors at noon.

Some students have benefited from the held symposiums.

"As a participant in many conferences/symposiums, I have gained experience in public speaking and presenting research," Ryenne Ogburn, a senior chemistry major, said.

"These venues are also a great location to learn about other research."

Dr. LaPlant has high hopes for this event.

"My dream is that we have so many posters, we have to take over the P.E. Complex," Dr. LaPlant said.

This event is free and open to the general public.

An abstract of all research and findings will be available online on the Undergraduate Research Council's website for the public to view.

Georgia Power is helping to sponsor both the reception and awards.

County Jail.

According to Mathews, Lowndes County officers joked about his arrest.

"They said it was petty," Mathews said. "They couldn't believe I was arrested for this."

Mathews said he was released five hours later on \$1,000 bail.

He walked to McDonalds on Patterson Street around 1 a.m. to call someone to come pick him up.

A court date was set for May 8, Mathews plans to fight the charges.

"If I really wanted to steal an umbrella, I could have taken that thousand dollars and bought all of the umbrellas in the bookstore," Mathews said. "I didn't have to steal one."

The arresting officer was contacted by the Spectator, but was not available for a comment at the time of publication.

Guest talks healthy living on campus

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Dr. Joel Wallach, a nutritionist from Missouri, was guest speaker for the Health and Wellness Seminar, Monday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Theater.

Dr. Wallach attended the University of Missouri where he received a bachelor's degree in the Agriculture.

After graduating, he was a veterinarian pathologist for 30 years with the National Institute of Health and worked with several other organizations.

Dr. Wallach was the first one to discover and identify the first animal models for cystic fibrosis in monkeys.

He found that he could reproduce their condition at will because it was a nutritional deficiency.

His find offered great promise for children with the disease, but when he made it public, Emory University fired him with a 24-hours' notice.

Perplexed, Dr. Wallach decided to attend medical school so he could treat children that suffer from cystic fibrosis directly.

Dr. Wallach believed a traditional medical school would re-

press his ideas just as the National Institute had, so he instead accepted an invitation to teach nutrition at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Oregon.

"Ninety-nine percent of American people are deficient in minerals, and a marked deficiency in any one of the more important minerals actually results in a disease," according to a study made by the U.S. Senate.

Dr. Wallach said, "The only way you can heal your body is to give it the 90 essential nutrients daily that it needs to rebuild and maintain itself over time."

Dr. Wallach is one of the most popular health lecturers, and speaks to hundreds of people advising them on how to overcome diseases through proper nutrition.

He has sold over 120-million copies of his CD, "Dead Doctors Don't Lie," and published several books on dietary deficiencies.

Dr. Wallach's nutritional company, Youngevity, is dedicated to providing nutritional and healthy lifestyle solutions by providing products that promote a long, healthy life.

For additional information on Dr. Wallach and how to purchase his products, go to www.thewallachfiles.com.

SGA

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who is not affiliated with the campaign wears this shirt on the day of the election," Baerwalde said. "Candidate A will not be held responsible for that person. I know this caused a bit of trouble last year, as we had a vice presidential candidate actually disqualified because people she had sold shirts to wore them on the day of the election."

Baerwalde also said that the candidate was held responsible by the current bylaws.

"Also, hopefully this would never happen, and our elections should never get this serious, but also [this potential amendment] prevents another candidate get-

ting four or five of his friends buying a bunch of t-shirts from their opponent, and then wearing them all on election day," he said. "All of a sudden, that candidate that had nothing to do with this is disqualified for something their opponent was actually doing, so essentially, this is just saving a lot of people a lot of headaches, and this is simplifying a lot of our current election rules."

The amendment will be reviewed by Dean Russ Mast before it will be released, and is expected to be reworded by the SGA.

SGA meets every Monday night in the UC's Magnolia Room at 8 p.m. The meetings are open to all students.

Upcoming Events

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.

Zeta Phi Beta Blue and White Cookout
4-6:30 p.m. - Georgia/Langdale Courtyard

April 5

Sigma Gamma Rho present: The Brother and Sister SrHOH Off

6:30 p.m. - Admission will be \$1.00. Proceeds will be given to the philanthropy of the winners choice. Intermission will be done by APO! UC Magnolia Room 1&2

Zeta Phi Beta Gold Digging Relationship Panel Forum
7:20 p.m. - Student Union Theater

April 10

Zeta Phi Beta 90's Impersonation Talent Show
7:20 p.m. - Powell Hall Auditorium

April 11

Spring Presidents' Council Meeting
7 p.m. - Student Organization Office Space - This meeting is designed for presidents to voice their concerns. If you want your input heard, please RSVP to Doel Parrilla at daparrilla@valdosta.edu for this meeting. Spaces are extremely limited.

Zeta Phi Beta Sex and the City Fashion Show
7:20 p.m. - Student Union Theater

Game Board Night in the Library!

8 p.m. - Join Natural High for Game Board Night. We will meet in the Library, room 1480. It will be more fun if you're there. Snacks provided. It's all free. It's Natural High!

April 9

Heart of Faith Bible Study
8 - 10 p.m. - Bailey Science Center Auditorium, Room 3007 - Heart of Faith Interactive Bible Study aims to enhance the spiritual growth of college students.

1.5 Minutes of Fame Winners

Week 1



Iborya Jones
Category: Singing
Class: Second year Grad student
Major: Social Work
Inspiration: Family and church.



Terrell Andrews
Category: Singing
Class: Junior
Major: Criminal Justice
Inspiration: Older siblings, church and Mahalia Jackson.

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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:
* 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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Police Briefs

Sat., March 30

Employees reported for stealing from the Sustella and Langdale markets.

Mon., April 2

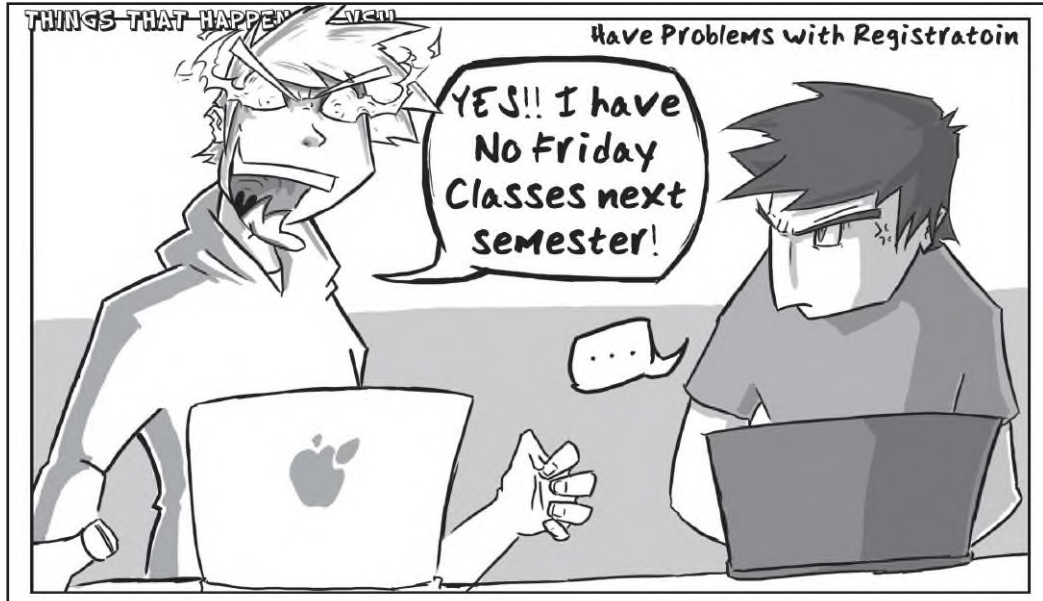
Calculator reported stolen from Student Union.

Xbox reported stolen from Patterson Residence Hall.

Items reported stolen from somones car in Georgia Residence Hall on Friday, March 29.

Tues., April 3

Graffiti reported in the Georgia Residence Hall elevator.



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Our point of view...

To slander, or not to slander

The Internet often borders the boundaries of what we consider legally correct.

Our society holds libelous content (published content), which directly harms the reputation of others, as a very serious criminal offense.

There are now websites that blur the boundary of libel laws.

One site has gained media attention because of how it brings to question our right to Internet freedom. The site is called STD-carriers.com.

This site collects data about others who supposedly carry STD's. Anyone can add content to the site anonymously.

As long as this site exists anyone can add a person's informa-

tion, their name, and most importantly what sexually transmitted disease they may carry; whether they actually have one or not.

The information is easily searchable. If you are looking for a job and your information pops up on this website, you would have a hard time repairing your reputation in their eyes.

It is fairly easy to see how this kind of service can be easily abused to harm reputations.

If this falsity was published in any other fashion it would be quickly deemed as libel, but the creator claims he is legally right.

The author of the website, Cyrus Sullivan has made his case on a number of media outlets.

Normally he would be held li-

belous for content, but he resides in a grey area of Internet libel.

The editorial staff does not condone this site and feels that sites that publish such defamatory content are morally wrong. However, we cannot say that they are illegal.

It's easy, but wrong, to say we should write laws that completely prohibit this type of content.

Such legislation has been proposed. The SOPA fiasco should come to mind. But we could not have sites such as Facebook as we know them if laws were rewritten in this way.

We should expect people to hold themselves responsible for their personal interactions with others on the web, but to expect

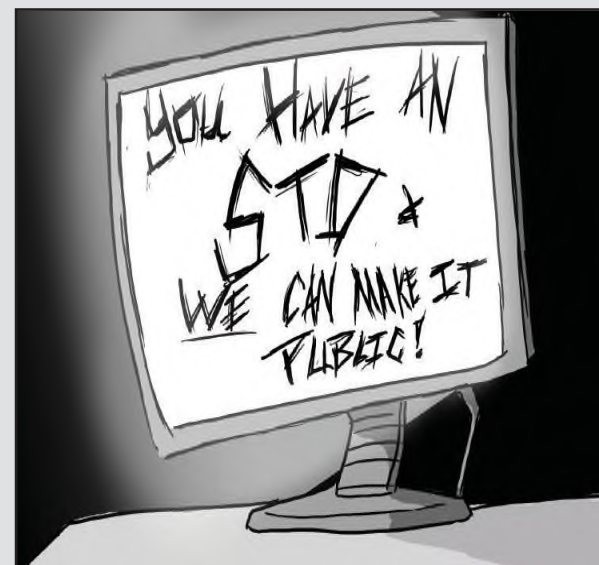
such is simply naive.

The Internet is a new frontier and there are grey areas about its legality we have to keep in mind when utilizing it. We believe such acts of libel should be punishable by law but only against authors of content.

STDcarriers.com is a misuse of the safety that these laws about Internet content provide.

If such sites want to continue to provide their services they must ensure that they hold themselves accountable.

Sites that deal with private, defamatory and possibly illegal content should not allow their users to post anonymously so that they can be punished if their content harms others.



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Faith comes to the club

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On March 30, the campus organization, Xchange Ministries, took over Club Heat on North Ashley Street and hosted Elevate: The Light Club.

The rationale behind the title is to live as people of the light. The light within you produces only what is good and true.

Elevate provides an alternative for those searching for good, clean fun. It mixed food, music, and a dance floor to worship God in respectable setting.

For a night, Elevate made it acceptable for Christians to say "I'm going to the club tonight!" Christians were krumping,

singing their hearts words, "beefin' it up" and enjoying being in the Lord's presence all at the same time. There are not too many clubs where you can praise and worship and have it be pleasing in the Lord's eyes.

DJ Sematic kept the records spinning as loud, upbeat music greeted people at the doors of Elevate, but the lyrics of the Christian Rap drifting through the air glorified Christ in more ways than one.

The music had many in a daze, lifting their hands to the sky and praising the most high. Christian artist, T-Haddy, was in attendance and blazed the stage with songs such as "Holy Ghost Fire" and "Peace Be Still."

Other artists, such as Church-boy and Kuntry Keith, attended

the event as well and gave hype, inspirational performances. Some guests that attended, including Darrel Boner, felt instant inspiration.

"Our high comes from praising the Lord, whether it's through song, rap, poetry, dance, etc," Boner said.

"This is a scenario where God could meet people where they were, even in the club. And despite their initial expectations, they were able to receive something completely different, something very positive and beneficial."

When we think of Christians, we think about people who read the bible all day and rarely have any fun, but Elevate disproved those stereotypes.

"It disproves some of the

stereotypes saying that Christians are stuck up or up tight, but we like to have fun while still uplifting the name of God," Vernique Esther, a member of the Xchange dance team, said.

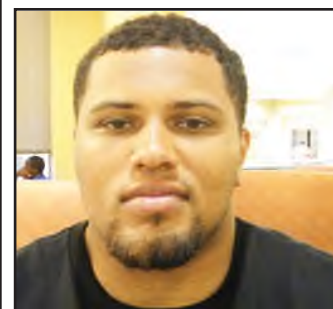
"I enjoyed just being free to worship, dance, jump around, and just have fun without compromising my faith."

Police officers came to see what the loud music was all about, but once they saw this crowd of youth on fire for God, they decided to join in on the fun.

I witnessed one cop bobbing his head to the beat of the music, wearing his bullet proof vest and gun holster on his hip. God brings everyone together and he will surely meet you where you are, just call out His name.

People Poll:

What should happen to the man who shot Trayvon Martin?



Michael Pate
junior
undeclared major

"I just think justice should be served. He should be arrested and they should change the law around. Just because Trayvon had a hoodie on they shouldn't have assumed things."

Shaquandra Mesidor
senior
mass media major

"For one, I think he should be arrested. And probably a life sentence."



Rebecca Carter
freshman
psychology major

"I don't think we know that much about it."



Kiara Clark
freshman
pre-nursing major

"I think he should be sentenced to jail. He should get life."



Steven Shepherd
junior
anthropology major

"I'm surprised he hasn't yet, but he should have been put in jail immediately. He murdered a human being. I think he did it out of racial profiling."



College liberalism flourishes

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Already inclined toward liberalism, college freshmen are leaning even farther left on key political issues, a nationwide survey of first-year students has found.

An all-time high of 71.3 percent of the new students support same-sex marriage, 6.4 percentage points higher than in 2009, according to the annual survey of more than 200,000 freshmen conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute.

Nearly 43 percent of conservative freshmen said gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry.

Opinions on abortion, marijuana legalization, immigration and affirmative action also grew more liberal in 2011, according

to data released Wednesday. The 270-school survey _ the country's largest sampling of college students _ was first used in 1966.

"It's not so much that liberal students are becoming more liberal," said Linda DeAngelo, one of the report's authors. "It's that students who describe themselves as conservative are becoming more progressive."

A little more than 22 percent of respondents described themselves as conservative or "far right." About 30 percent said they were liberal or "far left," while 47.4 percent called themselves "middle of the road."

Despite the apparent liberalization, political advocates hoping to recruit students to their causes need to realize the survey is more reflective of young people's tolerance on social issues, not enthusiasm, said Ange-Marie Hancock, a political science professor at the University of Southern

California. "They're not like ATMs, where you can just withdraw their support," she said. "You have to cultivate them as voters."

Conservative students in the Bay Area said they weren't surprised by the shift to the left. In a region that gave birth to California's gay-marriage push, political views are not always black and white, students said.

"My time is spent more on fiscal issues," said Mark Luluan, a 24-year-old Cal State East Bay graduate student and chairman of the campus College Republicans chapter. "Over the past four years, we haven't really dealt with traditional socially conservative issues. Students are more concerned about getting a job after graduation."

The same is true among San Jose State University conservatives, said 19-year-old sopho-

more Mark Williams, chairman of that school's College Republicans.

"I think the conservatives in our club are not as focused on social issues," he said. "We're not really for or against" same-sex marriage.

At the University of California, Berkeley, where liberal politics have long been the cultural norm, several students said Wednesday they rarely discuss politics with their peers and they rarely come across students who are outwardly conservative.

But being conservative would not earn a Cal student a scarlet letter, said 18-year-old freshman Alex Mangels.

"I don't think being conservative would be a huge problem," said Mangels, who said he did not yet know how to describe his political beliefs. "They're not going to hate you for it."

Police protection stifling

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The police are here to assist us when we're in predicaments.

People shouldn't be afraid to ask for their help. It seems common that a lot of people are afraid of the police. It's typical that people view police officers as "out to get us" as opposed to a symbol of protection.

It is unfortunate that officers sometimes abuse their authority and take things out of hand. I will never forget the first time I

witnessed this my freshman year here at VSU. Two officers used unnecessary force on a student who wasn't even resisting arrest. They literally threw him on the pool table and were both on top of him twisting his arms behind his back.

When people witness isolated occurrences such as this, they get a harmful idea that the police are abusing their power.

"I think police officers are over-the-top sometimes," Rane-sha Jackson, a senior early childhood education major, said. "I shouldn't be hesitant to get the cops involved if I myself am in trouble because I'm afraid I'll be

treated unfairly." We shouldn't hold such a negative connotation of officers but how can it be helped if you hear or witness stories of "injustice"? People are afraid that they will get into more trouble than absolutely necessary.

Rape victims as well are tentative to involve the police. Victims shouldn't be afraid of being treated unfairly. Victims need to feel protected, not disrespected. They do not need attitude from an officer who thinks that all women ask for it just because they are dressed a certain way.

I believe people who belong to different ethnic groups have the

hardest time with the police, especially in small southern towns. People of different skin tones/colors should not be treated differently because of racism. Everyone deserves respect.

Your position as a police officer does not make you above the law nor any better than anyone else.

Bottom line: Police officers are here to protect us, make us feel safe and help us no matter what the situation. Not all officers can be held in a negative light but there are major improvements that are needed to be done. The first being attitude adjustments.

NOTE:

Don't worry, readers. J. Daniel Young's political column will return next week. Let's hope not all of the candidates stay in the race that long.

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New Sonic 4 slightly flawed

Welcome to this week's review; I hope you guys didn't get pranked too hard on Sunday.

After 16 years of waiting and begging, fans finally got a sequel to Sonic 3 and Knuckles, a 1994 platform video game for the Sega Mega Drive/Genesis. This was the first time Sonic has had a purely 2D platformer on a home console since.

The story takes place right after the Death Egg is destroyed from Sonic 3 & Knuckles.

Sonic parts from Tails and Knuckles and starts to explore new areas of the world, but Dr. Robotnik, a.k.a. Dr. Eggman, survived and is recreating his past inventions to hopefully defeat Sonic once and for all. Sonic travels through four zones and one final zone in space.

The game ends with Sonic celebrating in the game's first

level, Splash Hill Zone, with all the rescued animals, much like Sonic 1. If the player collects all the Chaos Emeralds, they get a secret ending revealing some information about Episode II. Also, Sonic and Dr. Eggman have a modern design, not a Genesis one.

Gameplay feels very fun and fast. Sonic is armed with both his Spin Dash and the homing attack which helps to reach higher areas of levels.

In the game there are five levels, Splash Hill Zone, Casino Street Zone, Lost Labyrinth Zone, Mad Gear Zone and E.G.G. Station Zone.

These zones are modeled after past zones: Green Hill Zone, Casino Night Zone, Labyrinth Zone and Metropolis Zone.

All of the zones, except the last one, have three acts as well as a boss act. Each act has its own gameplay gimmick.

For example, Splash Hill Zone Act 1 is very simple with speed and platforming, Act 2 has vine swings and Act 3 has zip lines. The special stages to collect the Chaos Emeralds are back and they feel both old and new.

Spec Tech with Steven Setser

To get to the special stage Sonic must collect 50 rings and jump into the giant ring at the end of the stage, much like Sonic 1 and Sonic CD.

These stages are modeled after Sonic 1's special stages, but instead of controlling Sonic, the player controls the stage.

You have to move the stage to allow Sonic to get to the Emerald safely. Once a player has collected all of the Emeralds, Super Sonic is playable in all acts except boss acts and the E.G.G. Station Zone.

This is the first time this has happened since Sonic 3 & Knuckles.

Sonic is sometimes difficult to control. The physics in this game are much different than the Genesis games. Sonic tends to have "floatiness" about him.

This game also doesn't have the momentum based gameplay from before, meaning that if you jump and stop holding a direction, Sonic will reach the peak of his jump and drop straight down.

Sonic also "uncurls" which happens when he rolls up a hill and into the air; he comes out of his ball form and makes himself vulnerable.

Sonic will also occasionally

stick to a wall. You can actually stand vertically and then perform the Spin Dash. He can also walk up vertical walls.

I feel that this game is not a sequel to Sonic 3 & Knuckles, but rather Sonic 2. Each of the past Sonic games changed so many things after the previous game.

Sonic 1 was simple. Sonic 2 introduced the Spin Dash, Tails, larger zones, a new special stage and an even harder final zone.

Sonic 3 & Knuckles introduced Knuckles, the Super Emeralds, the Master Emerald, environmental shields, larger levels, and continuity of levels, bonus stages, the insta-shield and a new special stage.

Sonic 4 just feels like Sonic 1 and 2 put together, almost ignoring all the things that Sonic 3 & Knuckles introduced.

Sonic the Hedgehog 4:


Episode I is a good game; it will take a while for classic Sonic fans to get used to, but it is a lot of fun when one does.

I feel like the game completely ignored Sonic 3 & Knuckles I hope the physics will get an update as Episode II is changing lots of issues that Episode I had. I give Sonic 4: Episode I 7 out of 10. Sonic 4: Episode I is now available on Xbox LIVE Arcade, WiiWare, PlayStation Network, iOS, Android Market, Steam and Windows Phone 7.

Look forward to Episode II on Xbox LIVE Arcade, PlayStation Network, iOS, Steam, Windows Phone 7 and Tegra 3 Android devices this spring.

The question this week is, "Are you excited for Sonic 4: Episode II?" Email your answers to smsetser@valdosta.edu or answer at vsuspectech.blogspot.com/

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Project X: No adults allowed



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A hilarious new comedy will leave you in tears, as long as you're under the age of 25.

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Project X, a comedy written by Michael Bacall and Matt Drake, tells the hilarious story of two friends, Costa (Oliver Cooper) and J.B. (Jonathan Daniel), who organize a birthday party for their 16-year-old friend Thomas (Thomas Mann) in hopes that it will improve their popularity in school. Luckily, Thomas' parents were

planning to celebrate their anniversary, giving them the perfect opportunity to put their plan in action.

At first, Thomas knew that he really shouldn't have a party while his parents were away, but eventually agreed to use his house for the gathering.

The 3 friends quickly spread the word of the party throughout their high school.

The party was well underway and everything was going fine until everyone from the entire school, and even some random people they had never seen before showed up.

Word continued to spread fast and things began to go very wrong as more and more people filled up the house.

Things continued to get out of hand, and in the aftermath, Thomas' house was trashed, the whole neighborhood was burnt to ashes and, to make matters

worse, the local news station captured the whole event on television.

Thomas knew that he was going to be in a lot of trouble, but he didn't care because he was happy that everyone at the party had a good time getting high and drunk.

Overall, this movie is a must see for teenagers.

I wouldn't recommend that adults go see it unless they are ready to hear a lot of foul language.

Many of the teenagers that I spoke to after seeing this movie said that it was great and hilarious and that they were going to try to throw a big house party like the one in the movie.

I personally enjoyed the movie. It was packed with comedy and had no boring scenes. I give Project X 5 out of 5 stars.

Project X

Director:
Nima Nourizadeh

Starring:
Miles Teller, Oliver Cooper, Jonathan Daniel Brown, Kirby Bliss Blanton, Dax Flame and Nichole O'Connor

Released:
March 2, 2012

Kardashian dates wanna-be Bieber

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Mary J. Blige, one of America's most treasured voices, is now using her soulful voice to sing about the crispy chicken sandwich at Burger King in a new commercial.

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Tuesday the ad was pulled by Burger King citing that the music license is the reason it was pulled.

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Kim Kardashian's little sister Kylie Jenner, has a new boyfriend and he is a cutie.

Kylie, 14, is now dat-

ing Aussie singer Cody Simpson, 15. For those who don't know who Simpson is, you will.

The Aussie singer started singing on his personal YouTube account and caught the eye of record executives in Australia.

"Preggers power. I'll cut a b---h if you mess with my baby!"

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In all honesty, he is just another Bieber. He even hired Bieber's manager as his own.

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Snooki is letting it be known that her unborn is not to be messed with. Snooki tweeted "Preggers power. I'll cut a b---h if you mess with my baby!"

Isn't Snooki just the perfect cover model for Parenting Magazine?

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Well if you thought the Kim Kardashian-Kris Humphries saga was over, you're wrong.

Humphries hasn't granted "Kimmy K" her request for divorce yet. Sources close to Humphries say the New Jersey Nets forward just wants Kim to admit that the marriage was false from the beginning and clear his name as the bad guy.

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Rihanna has word for those who have something to say about her reconciling and collab-

orating with Chris Brown.

"I do what I want," said the Bajan singer. Well, I guess she told you!

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Beyoncé created a tumblr page dedicated to her 4-year anniversary to her mogul husband Jay-Z.

The couple was married on April 4, 2008 in a private ceremony in New York. The tumblr features pictures of the couple on vacation, at parties and doing

things millionaire couples do.

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It seems good days are ahead for Bobbi Kristina. After first talking with Cissy Houston (Bobbi Kris's grandmother), Tyler Perry has taken her under his wing as her mentor.

Bobbi will be on Perry's TBS television show "For Better or Worse" this summer.

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Speaking of the Browns, Bobby Brown is creating a movie script based on his life called "The Bad Boy of R&B".

The script was written in Nov. 2011 and has been revised to include the untimely death of Brown's ex-wife, singer Whitney Houston.

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Speaking of Whitney, the highly anticipated trailer for her final movie Sparkle has been released.

Producers and cast members are raving about the fallen star's performance in the movie.

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It seems Ryan Seacrest is taking all the anchor jobs. On Wednesday, he announced on the Today Show that he will be joining NBC as a correspondent for the 2012 London Olympics.

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Well guys, check back next week for a full blast of channel flipping!

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Don't forget to check the web for more features, including how to sign up for Putt-Putt tomorrow!

Planetarium brings springtime stars

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The Department of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences will be hosting "Spring Stargazing" tomorrow.

There are three public shows at 7 p.m., 8 p.m and 9 p.m. at the VSU Planetarium located in Nevins Hall rm. 3004.

The recently renovated planetarium is equipped with a Digitalium Kappa digital projector, the first of its kind in the world.

This facility allows reproduction of the night sky as seen from anywhere on Earth or from the surface of any object in the solar system, and at any time in history, past or future.

If the weather permits, telescopes will be available on the

deck after sunset to monitor the planets, full moon and stars.

Spectators will observe the progress of Venus and Jupiter in the west which is setting earlier due to the Sun catching up to both planets.

"This is the first time I will be attending one of the events hosted at the Planetarium, so I'm excited to see how it goes," Amy Gonzalez, a junior biology major, said.

Both Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest stars in the western sky, are situated among the familiar constellations of winter: Taurus, Orion, Gemini and others.

But there are two other bright planets among the "spring" constellations further east: Mars can be found in Leo and Saturn in Virgo.

Each planet will be visited in

turn, followed by a tour of the springtime stars, including constellations to the north, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor.

"With this being the last preview of the academic year, it is expected to be a good turn-out," Dr. Kenneth Rumstay, professor of astronomy, said.

"I would like to thank all our patrons for a successful season!" The program is free and open to the public, but seating is first come, first served.

With 47 seats per program, viewers can arrive as early as 6 p.m. to sign up for the various shows.

Upcoming previews include an exciting astronomical event: an annular eclipse of the Sun on May 20, visible to some in the western U.S.

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Posey continues to hold the torch for VSU

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Sam Posey has improved her batting to .396 and is one of the key contributors to the Blazers domination this season.

The Spectator recently caught up with the senior third basemen, who spoke on the team's success, the upcoming post-season, and more.

EJ: Your team is currently on a 27-game winning streak and showing no sign of slowing down. How does it feel to be #1 in the nation?

SP: "It feels great, we've worked hard, and definitely have earned it."

EJ: What has been the main key to the team's success this season?

SP: "As a team we all get along really well. We have great camaraderie and everybody works hard. There's not a day that goes by where people are complaining about being at practice because we want to win. We want to be the best."

EJ: What has been your biggest improvement in your second year as a Blazer?

SP: "Just keeping my head up and trying to come through when my team needs me the most. Just getting that extra RBI to secure the win or something like that."

EJ: You recently got some ESPN publicity again for the second time, how was this year different than last years?

SP: "This year the article was based on title 9. It was a really fun interview, the girl did a really great job. She was just comparing my brother (Buster Posey) and myself, cause it was about sibling rivalries. We were ranked one of the top nine sibling rivalries in the country. It was fun, I got to talk about my childhood and Buster as always."

EJ: Before transferring and starting your career at VSU, what made you want to play for Coach Macera?

SP: "He's an awesome coach and he's a great person. He knows what he's talking about especially when it comes to hitting. He's changed me as a hitter for the better of course. He wants to win and he's about the girls too, not just about himself."

EJ: A few weeks ago he became the winningest coach ever at VSU, what did the team do as a celebration?

SP: "We tried to pour the water cooler on him but we actually got ourselves more wet than him. He really won't let us do anything to congratulate him. Even if we tried to throw this big surprise party, he's so modest and doesn't really want everybody to know. We all signed a ball and gave it to him. I think that was enough for him."

EJ: Would winning another Gulf South Conference be enough to satisfy you?

SP: Absolutely not. We're looking at the big picture, taking it game by game. We're going for a national championship and nothing less.

EJ: Does the pressure of being the team to beat when the post-season comes bother you?

SP: "I'm not going to look at it like that. Yes, that's probably how it will be, but I'm not going to think of it like that. We'll take one game at a time. That's our motto."

EJ: Do you expect to play for a national champion this year?

SP: "I would definitely hope so. As hard as we've worked and as good as we're playing right now. I don't want to come up any less than that."

Sam Posey



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Posey is on her way to making the All-GSC first team again this season for the second time.

Blazers rise to the occasion against nation's best UNA

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The Valdosta State baseball team came out on top this past weekend in a tough three game series against the North Alabama Lions.

The Lions being ranked #1 (according to NFCA) and having a higher amount of overall wins, helped the Blazers enjoy their victory even more.

The first game of the three-

game series indeed went in the Blazers' favor.

In the 10-2 win over UNA, Blazer pitcher Kevin Rodgers picked up his third win of the season.

The second and third game of the series was played the following day.

The Lions bounced back to get a 7-6 victory against the Blazers the next day.

North Alabama started off the second game with earning six runs in the second inning off three hits.

VSU at the time managed to

only score one; a homerun by freshmen catcher Bryant Hayman.

Hayman's homerun was his fifth of the season.

It wasn't looking too well for the Blazers until the fourth inning when right fielder Ryan Noelte hit a single that advanced designated hitter Christian Glisson to third before he eventually scored.

Noelte, a senior finance major, held his head high and didn't let the score bother him.

"I know that the score of the first one didn't show it, but I

think we out-performed them," Noelte said.

The Blazers attempted to rally in the 9th inning tallying two more runs in the bottom half.

However, VSU failed to tie up the game before the third and final out was recorded.

The tiebreaker and final game of the series looked to be more hopeful with more consistent defense on the field.

Lefty pitcher Pete Whittingslow had a great outing, striking out eight through seven innings pitched.

To go along with better de-

fense this game, VSU's hitters were also swinging the bats much better.

Senior Cameron Graves hit a high-flying ball out of the park in the fourth inning to put the Blazers ahead 3-2.

After seven innings, the Blazers managed to pull out a winning score of 5-3.

Chaz Bagwell, was very pleased with how his team played in the three game series.

"I think we did very well, I think we outplayed them, outside of that one inning in the second game," Bagwell said. "It was a

wrap. We're clearly the better team, and I think we came out and showed it today."

The Blazers baseball team won two out of the three games this past weekend against the North Alabama Lions, thus proving that they're still the most dominant team in the conference play.

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If your organization would like to attend and participate in this effort, please contact V-State Dining before **Friday, March 30**. For individuals or non-organization groups to attend, please contact V-State Dining before **Friday, April 20**.

