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SOFTBALL:



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Lady Blazers sweep UWG

Marty Littlefield takes a swing in Wednesday's double-header against West Georgia. In the first game, the Lady Blazers crushed the Wolves 13-0 and held on to a one-run lead to win game two to secure the sweep and keep them undefeated in conference play. See pg. 7 for the story.

iPad 4G now available in tech shop

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The iPad 4G reached the shelves of the Tech Shop last Friday boasting improved features, the option for more gigabytes and a \$499 sticker price.

According to Casey Stokes, a sales associate at VSU's Tech Shop, the iPad 4G differs from the iPad 2 in three major ways including the new retina display with its higher quality screen resolution, a dual processor and a 5 megapixel camera.

"The only physical difference is that the new iPad is a bit thicker than the iPad 2," Stokes said.

The iPad 4G comes in three storage capacity options: the 16, 32 and 64 gigabyte flash memory models and are available in both black and white.

Since the release of the fourth generation iPad, the price of the iPad 2 has been reduced to \$399 and is available in the tech shop with 16 gigabyte flash memory.

"A lot of students have been asking about the iPad 4G, but it has not been flying off the shelves," Stokes said.

According to Jed Brogdon, tech shop manager, this could be due in part to the tech shop's tendency to receive these new shipments during school breaks when students are not on campus.

Students' responses were varied in their interest concerning the iPad 4. Some students, like junior paralegal studies major Jason McDaniel, are concerned with the efficiency of the device. "Being in Valdosta isn't great for 4G, so the new model isn't very useful for us," McDaniel said.

Other students like Shelby Grieshaber, a freshmen undecided major, are interested in obtaining the iPad 4G, but can't swing the cost on a student budget.

"I'm interested in the new iPad, I just can't afford it right now," Grieshaber said.

Some students were less enthusiastic.

"The new model sounds nice but I wouldn't be interested in the 4G because it's not a necessity to me...I already have the older one," Oprah Mitchell, a sophomore undecided major, said. "Besides, there is always paper and computers."

Other students decided to wait.

"I'm going to wait for the iPad 2 to become a little more obsolete," William Perkins, a sophomore para legal studies major, said. "It seems that the only real upgrade is the HD screen."

LaBrit Bulluck and JJ Wortham also contributed to this article.

VSU enters 'Great Debate'

The College Democrats and Republicans sound off on hot button issues.

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VSU's College Democrats and Republicans took part in Phi Alpha Delta's "Great Debate" on Tuesday night, where they gave their take on many hot-button topics in front of a packed Student Union Ballroom.

Dr. Jim Peterson, head of VSU's political science department partook in asking questions involving HOPE Scholarship, immigration reform, health care reform and foreign policy.

The Republicans and Democrats each had their own viewpoints concerning the HOPE Scholarship and the future of it.

"There have been some suggestions, such as video lottery terminals, and that has been hotly debated in the last few months in the General Assembly," Alex Thomas, former College Democrat president, said. "Our governor, Nathan Deal, has come out against video gambling, but I for one am in support of it as long as that money goes towards education of college students in Georgia."

Thomas went on to state further suggestions to help ensure the future of education.

"Another suggestion [would be a] cigarette tax increase," Thomas said. "You know, smoking and alcohol have always been one of the first areas that people look for, in terms of raising taxes, and a lot of people refer to it as 'sin taxes', and also, with Sunday alcohol sales, we can increase the taxes on alcohol specifically on that one day to go towards the education of college students in Georgia."

His colleague, Kelli Cody, College Democrat president, also added a few ideas towards keeping the HOPE viable.

"I know some of you don't like some of the new regulations on the HOPE Scholarship," Cody said. "I've been here a while, so when I received the HOPE Scholarship, there were a little different requirements, but I think that making the requirements tougher is going to help reduce the number of money that needs to be taken out."

"I know that sounds terrible, but in my opinion, it is something that needs to be done, if anything, it will encourage kids to work harder and to get those grades up so they can get the HOPE Scholarship."

The Republicans also had a few things to say regarding it.

"The HOPE Scholarship is the largest merit-based state-financed scholarship program in the United States," Preston Porter, secretary of the VSU College Republicans, said. "And this is what gives many of us our education, and there are many different ways that they are talking about to get to finance this thing."

Debate High Points

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| 1. HOPE Scholarship | Candidate Electability |
| 2. Gas Prices | 4. Unemployment |
| 3. Presidential | 5. Immigration |

"One of the most important things to look at is where this money comes from, and it comes from lottery revenues. Now, the current percentage on lottery revenues to beneficiaries and education is 35% to 65%, which means that only 35% of lottery revenue goes towards the HOPE Scholarship," Porter said.

"Also, the HOPE Scholarship includes Pre-K level children, so what Governor Deal has done with revamping the HOPE Scholarship is insure that Pre-K children will be able to go to Pre-K, but at the same time, ensuring that certain college students that succeed and do well in school can afford their education," he added.

With that background information, Porter explained how he felt the HOPE could be funded.

"One of the things we can do to be able to afford this and to be able to offer it to more students is we can actually increase the amount of revenue from the lottery that goes towards education and not towards beneficiaries," Porter said. "Also, Governor Deal has also created the Zell Miller scholarship in lieu of raising the GPA for the HOPE Scholarship."

"Many people that I go to

school with actually get the Zell Miller scholarship, and it pays for full tuition rather than just the 90% that HOPE pays for."

The Zell Miller Scholarship, which Porter explained had "more strenuous requirements" than HOPE, requires a 3.7 GPA along with a 1200 on the Math and Reading sections, and a 26 composite score on the ACT.

Gas prices were also discussed, and the Democrats expressed what they viewed as a "common misconception"; the president was responsible for high gas prices.

"That is completely not true at all," Cody said. "It's all actually speculators that rise gas prices, also holidays - I was just down in Savannah, and I saw the gas go up 20 cents and go back down 20 cents because there was an increase of people in the town, and also conflicts in Syria and other Middle eastern countries causes speculators to increase the price of gasoline, essentially, so really, the president doesn't directly affect the price of gasoline."

Cody went on to say that the demand of gasoline is too high, and changes to people's transportation.

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Valdosta Stadium Cinemas prepares for 'Hunger Games'

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The highly anticipated "Hunger Games" hits theatres everywhere tomorrow at 12:01 a.m.

The movie, which was first a novel series, is taking America by storm as a major motion picture.

Valdosta Stadium Cinema is preparing for a franchise that has the potential to match Harry Potter and the Twilight movies.

"I'm extremely excited for 'The Hunger Games,'" Anthony Pope, a junior journalism major, said. "I think it will be interesting to see how the magic of the book that swept the nation translates to film."

Suzanne Collins who wrote the book also co-wrote the screen play which could potentially make the changeover from book to motion picture seamless.

The story is set in Panem, which was once North America, and follows Katniss, played by Jennifer Lawrence, and her younger sister Prim, Willow Shields.

Due to a previous rebellion in which a 13 district was destroyed, all children ages 12 to



Morgan McFarland/THE SPECTATOR

18 must partake in a raffle to represent their district. Katniss, who takes Prim's place as a tribute, fights for her life in the dangerous Hunger Games.

The book got a higher rating by fan Angel Moore than the movie, which goes to show the importance of accuracy from the book to the movie by "Hunger Games" fans.

"I won't watch the movie unless I read the book first," Moore said.

Foreseeing a big turnout, the theatre reserved all 16 rooms for the eager fans to watch the midnight premiere.

Currently three of the 16 are See **GAMES**, Page 2

Question of the Week

How is your NCAA bracket doing?

- A. It's still in great shape!
- B. I trashed it after the first round.
- C. What's a bracket?

Vote online at www.vsuspectator.com!

Previous question

Due to technical issues resulting in the loss of our poll archives, the Spectator cannot bring you the answer to last week's poll (How early do you leave for spring break?).

Weather at VSU

Today



Isolated T-Storms
86 H 63 L

Friday



Partly Cloudy
87 H 66 L

Saturday



Scattered T-Storms
80 H 61 L

Games

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sold out and the fourth room is almost there. The theatre will continue to sell tickets until all of the rooms are sold-out.

"Because it is such a big premiere, most of the employees in the theatre are put to work at the concession stands," a VST employee said. "We make sure we're stocked on candy and popcorn and make sure we have more than enough so we won't run out of anything."

For the midnight premiere, attendees begin to line up as early as 10 pm. Compared to "Twilight," whose predominant age range is 13 to 22-years-old, "The Hunger Games" predominant age ranges from 18 to 25-years-old.

Even though it is not as big as the "Twilight" movies just yet, it will become just as big. "It'll be positive energy just like 'Twilight,'" Alexis Seward said.

After the midnight showing, regular views of the movie can be seen at 12:30 p.m. at the earliest and 10 p.m. at the latest for all the fanatics who miss the midnight show.

Maya Kellam and Morgan McFarland also contributed

Debate

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portation habits could be changed. In addition, she also discussed the Keystone XL pipeline, explaining the environmental disadvantages to the pipeline, while stating that most output from the pipeline would not be usable by the US.

The Republicans disagreed. "The Republican stance is that the president should support the pipeline," Political Director Jordan Lee, said. "There are regulators that control the gas prices, but the president can still affect this process through legislation."

College Republican Chairman Ryan Baerwalde offered a different Republican approach.

"To put it simply, at some point, we have to start making sacrifices in either the economy or the ecology," he said. "At some point, the American people really would like to see lower gas prices, they have spoken out, and President Obama's approval rating has dropped to about 41%, probably due to a lot of the American people wanting lower gas prices, and as we have said, he has affected gas prices in some way, and he has to be held

responsible for that."

Further, the two groups were asked how their respective parties could find victory in the November elections, with the Democrats feeling to be in a great position - the best in years, according to them, while Republicans felt confident that the party would unite behind whoever was chosen.

"One thing that's helping Barack (Obama) right now is that he's kind of sitting pretty and making money and getting ready while the Republicans fight their little battles in the primaries," Cody said.

"You have a candidate that should back out and two that are kind of going at it and may actually end up going to convention which is only going to help the Democrats more."

Baerwalde was there to remind the Democrats that there was one more candidate, and that the situation for the Republicans wasn't as bad as previously mentioned.

"First of all, I'd like to point out that there are currently four candidates, and I believe the most often forgot is Ron Paul," Baerwalde said.

This statement brought applause from the crowd.

"As far as sitting pretty, I would like to point out that the Republicans recently took over the House of Representatives, so I don't think they're sitting pretty as they may think, and as far as the issue of fighting that seems to be going on with the Republicans in the primary, I think a lot of that has to do with the media and how they're framing it."

"Truly, I do believe that whether a nomination comes within the next couple of weeks or goes all the way to the GOP convention, all Republicans will unite behind whomever that may be," Baerwalde said. "The GOP will be united against current President Obama, due to the fact that a lot of the stuff he has done, he has not fulfilled a lot of his promises, and not only that, but he has actually doubled the deficit that President George W. Bush did in his entire eight years in office, and all of these things are definitely going to draw independents more towards a GOP candidate."

In addition, the Democrats and Republicans also debated a host of other topics such as unemployment, immigration reform, healthcare reform and national defense.

SGA: Graduation gifts found unethical

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The SGA discussed the possibility of giving seniors gifts upon graduation among other miscellaneous business during Monday night's meeting in the U.C Magnolia room.

The SGA had planned to present this year's graduating class with a gift in order to utilize their continuously rolling over funds.

The graduates' gift was to be a tassel for their graduation caps.

According to Senator Hissanat Oshodi the idea of presenting gifts to seniors for the graduating class of 2012 was discontinued after it was determined that said gifts would be a "per-

sonal gift."

Students are not allowed to receive money or gifts directly coming from the school funds, and because the gifts would be purchased using the funds SGA received from the school yearly they were considered personal.

SGA had no old or new business to discuss this week which made for an in and out meeting.

After giving kudos for a successful cookout on March 7, the meeting was dominated by miscellaneous news.

A HOPE Forum for SGA week was proposed to the floor, in which there would be a speaker whose name could not be released.

The speaker is to present on the issue of the HOPE Scholarship running out by 2014. According to SGA Senator

Ryan Baerwalde the VSU student government is "more efficient than national senate."

Senator Baerwalde attended the Model Senate at Stedson University in Deland, Fla., during spring break where he observed what it would be like to serve on a national senate floor.

"We're more efficient when it comes to getting bills passed and things like that," Baerwalde said.

Senator Baerwalde represented Valdosta State well by receiving the Best Senator Award during the Model Senate.

Members of the SGA will also hold tours for prospective students of VSU during visitation day this Saturday.

Contact DeAndre Jones at djones@valdosta.edu for any questions about the speaker or event.

Police Briefs

Thurs., March 8

Macbook Pro and Beats by Dre headphones were reported stolen from Odum library.

Unlawful entry was reported in Converse residence hall.

Student reportedly stopped vandalism in Odum library.

Tues., March 13

Theft was reported in Palms Dining Center.

Thurs., March 15

Student's laptop was reported stolen from Odum Library.

Tues., March 20

Medicine was reported stolen from Physical education complex.

THINGS THAT HAPPEN AT VSU

Spring Break Fever comic strip showing a student looking at a digital clock showing 7:00 AM. A speech bubble says: 'I wish it was still spring break so that I can sleep in.. Class starts at 9:00am, I can sleep for another 5 minutes..' The next panel shows the student asleep with 'ZZZ' above them and '2 hours later... (9:00am)' below them.

Comic by: Garrison Muelhausen /THE SPECTATOR

Upcoming Events

Thurs., March 22

Create Your Own Bumper Sticker!

Student Union Ballroom, 6-10 p.m.

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Interviewing Workshop, 12 p.m.

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Career Fair Tips

Career Services Office, Powell Hall West, second floor, 5 p.m.

For more details, please call DeLois Hargett at (229) 333-5942.

Pizza with a Professor

Reade Hall, 6 p.m.

The guest is Dr. Dixie Haggard from the history department. Dr. Haggard is also the consultant for the Honors Haunted House.

Tuskegee Airman to Visit Campus

Jennett Lecture Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Lt Col (Ret.) Leo Gray, a documented original Tuskegee Airman comes to VSU for a Q&A with an audience and a showing of the film, "In Their Own Words: the Tuskegee Airmen."

This event is free and open to VSU and the public.

STD Screenings

Student Health Center upstairs balcony, 3-4 p.m.

The SHC will be administering free STD urine screenings.

The STD screening originally scheduled from 6-7 p.m. has been cancelled.

Sat., March 24

Visitation Day

PE Complex, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Potential students are coming to VSU to explore what the campus has to offer.

Mon., March 26

Registration Begins

Registration begins at 7 a.m. for graduate students, seniors and priority registration.

Tues., March 27

Target Distribution

Powell Hall West, second floor, 5-6 p.m.

Call (229) 333-5942 by Friday to register your attendance.

Angles and Perspectives - A Brown Bag Presentation

Student Union Meeting Room 1A & 1B (third floor), 12 p.m.

Dr. Kimberly Tanner and Dr. Kathleen Lowney will be presenting "Campus culture and disability at VSU: Where are we and where are we going?"

Dr. Miryam Espinosa-Dulanto will be presenting "Life/Death Disruptions: The Right of a Legal Space."

Wed., March 28

U. S. Department of State

Powell Hall West, second floor, 3-4 p.m.

Learn about possible U.S. Department of State career opportunities and State internships.

Call (229) 333-5942 by Monday to register your attendance.

Peace Corps

Powell Hall West, second floor, 5-6 p.m.

Call (229) 333-5942 by Monday to register your attendance.

Career Fairs Spring Career Expo

UC Magnolia Room, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A list of participating organizations is available from the office or online www.valdosta.edu/career.

First 100 attendees receive a prize. Attendees may register to win \$100.00 cash.

Arrive early, dress professionally, and bring several resumes!

The Diversity Days Faculty/Staff Open Mic Night has been cancelled.

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: Answers on Page 5

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 4, 1, 7, 6, 5, 9, 6, 4, 2, 3, 8, 1, 7, 7, 5, 3, 2, 6, 9, 3, 4, 2, 9

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Pageant charms crowd

Red Tail airmen visits VSU



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The participants of the Miss Black and Gold Georgia Pageant pose after the awards were handed out. From the left: Brittany Hewitt, Carolyn Ayinla, Darshanna Loveland, Janequa Williams and Alexis Bell.

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Bell, sophomore mass media major. She received \$150 towards one program for her "Sweet Victory" platform.

Loveland not only took home Miss Black and Gold, she swept the competition as she also grabbed the Physical Fitness Award, the Community Service Award, the People's Choice Award and the Talent Award. Williams also won the Scholarship Award and the Goodwin-Kea Award.

Bell took with her the Sphinx Award and Miss Congeniality. Carolyn Ayinla, junior psychology major, won the Spirit Award.

The pageant opened with each contestant carrying bags that characterized the country that they chose to represent. On the bags, were words that they thought best described the women of that particular country. The chosen characteristics were class, strong, poise and hopeful.

They did an introductory dance as the Miss Black and Gold hopefuls gave speeches illustrating their platforms.

Sophomore Brittany Hewitt created the platform "Inequality

is an Injustice," which focused on bullying in the LGBT community. Loveland's platform went against the infamous "No Snitching" policy. Ayinla hoped to bring to light the issue of teen pregnancy with her "Prevent and Prevail" platform. Williams platform included raising awareness about multiple sclerosis while Bell wants to raise awareness about diabetes.

The pageant, then, moved on to the swimsuit portion before heading into the talent competition.

Hewitt performed a poem titled, "Color Blind." Loveland performed a self-written poem titled "Has Hushing Gone Too Far?" Both Williams and Ayinla did interpretive dance performances to their chosen songs. Bell sang "At Last," by Etta James.

After a brief intermission, the evening gown portion came up as the contestants showed off their flowing gowns. Also a part of this section, each young lady was asked a question in which they gave their responses to before judging.

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One of only 43 surviving, black World War II pilots visited the VSU campus on Wednesday and will be on campus today to continue his tour of the school and the Valdosta community.

Retired Lt. Col. Leo R. Gray, who served as one of the famous Red Tail pilots and Tuskegee Airmen, met with the African-American program, Moody Air Force Base pilots and the Boys and Girls Club of Valdosta on Wednesday.

Today, Gray will spend the day with cadets from AFROTC Det. 172 at VSU, AFJROTC cadets from Lowndes High School and students from Valdosta High School.

Also being held this afternoon will be a special viewing of the Tuskegee Airmen documentary, "In their Own Words: The

Tuskegee Airmen," at 3:30 p.m. in Jennett Lecture Hall, followed by a question and answer session with Gray.

The event is open to the entire campus and Gray has also made himself available for pictures and autographs after the program.

"The Tuskegee Airmen experience is the first time that the United States government embarked on any major program, with any major minority group, in which they set forth a hypothesis, measure a performance and evaluate the results - this ended up being a positive experience," Gray, said.

The Tuskegee Airmen are famous for being the first, black military pilots to serve the U.S. and playing a significant role in WWII.

Red Tail pilots are a group of the Tuskegee Airmen that are considered to be elite among all of the airmen for their special efforts in the war.

"All Red Tails are Tuskegee

Airmen, but all Tuskegee Airmen are not Red Tails," Gray, said. Gray began serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and left active duty in 1946, continuing to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1984. During this time, he flew 15 combat missions (750 hours of total flying time) and was awarded a Coveted Air Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster as well as a Presidential Unit Citation.

"Anyone who's been in the military would acknowledge that they have been impacted positively," Gray, said. "One thing that you have to learn is that if you want to accomplish anything, you have to persevere - if you're a quitter, then you'll never make it."

Gray is a member of the East Coast Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, the Forum on Blacks in Agriculture, Good Hope East Civic Association and Richmond, California Model Neighborhood Citizens Board.



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Our point of view...

Don't invade our privacy

Nowadays every college student is at least partially aware of the dangers social media can pose to future career prospects. A compromising photo hosted publicly on Facebook can easily destroy any job interview, for example.

Many people are now quick to set most of their settings to private. It's a simple way for people to regulate their public and private lives. But it seems like even these precautions do little to maintain privacy.

A new trend is emerging in the job market. According to a report by the Associated Press, some companies and public agencies are now asking for potential employees to release their social

media log in information. This allows the employer to look at all information a person may have considered private and frankly should be considered a huge invasion of personal privacy.

People are more open about themselves online. We're more willing to reveal personal details about ourselves to people we barely know online that would be impossible to share with someone down the street. This has been noticed by interviewers.

"Their virtual friends will know more about them than a person living 30 yards away from them," Capt. Mike Harvey said in the Associated Press article.

When applying for a job the

employers want to know everything about that person beforehand and think it is ethical to ask someone for their private social media information based on this pretext.

They claim that they have the right to turn down the offer, but in this job market who could turn them down? It's flat out exploitation of a person's privacy.

We understand that companies want to hire credible people. But accessing information that someone posted under the pretense of privacy is unethical.

Not only can someone potentially incriminate themselves, but it also opens up the Pandora's box of discrimination based on personal information.

What if an employer finds out that the person is of a religion they frown upon or is of a sexuality they disagree with? Neither of these factor into how well someone can do a job but can cost someone an employment opportunity based on the bias of the interviewer.

It's a slippery slope that can lead to the destruction to the thin level of Internet privacy that we can still enjoy.

There comes a point where we have to say that enough is enough. An act such as this should be considered equal to a physical invasion of privacy. It should be punishable by law to force someone into this kind of situation, plain and simple.



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Social networking becomes less private for all citizens

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Before social media came along, our employers didn't come into our houses to read our letters. They didn't read our mail. They didn't come in and view all our photos from our vacation. Yet a startling trend among employers and colleges shows that they are doing exactly this, only instead of at our homes they are doing it on Facebook.

Schools and potential employers are demanding access to private social media of students and applicants. This is a huge violation of the First Amendment, according to D.C. based lawyer Bradley Shear. He started raising awareness on this activity and has garnered the attention of lawmakers on the hill.

According to an MSNBC article, Shear's actions have prompted two bills that will keep colleges and employers out of the social media monitoring business. The goal is aimed at stopping schools and potential employers from this practice. The ACLU wholeheartedly backs Shear's efforts.

"Maybe it's OK if you live in a totalitarian regime, but we still have a Constitution to protect us. It's not a far leap from reading people's Facebook posts to reading their email. ... As a society, where are we going to draw the



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Facebook has become an international source of socializing online. The interference of employers and teachers into the lives of their students could pose a threat to the privacy rights of American citizens as they move beyond the privacy of their homes.

line?" Shear said. When I came to orientation at VSU, the orientation staff mentioned that VSU takes social media complaints seriously and would act accordingly if a student was found to have posted something that could be considered a threat to another student.

The Office of Student Affairs confirmed that it does take threats seriously, but unlike other schools, it doesn't have the staff to monitor social media.

One of my co-workers men-

tioned that her former place of employment dedicated a person to monitoring employees' social media. When my neighbor confirmed that at his former job, as a corrections officer, they did the same thing, I realized that these are not isolated incidents.

It all boils down to freedom of speech and privacy. Students and professionals alike should have the expectation of personal privacy that Americans have always enjoyed. What bothers me is that numerous students are

preparing to graduate soon and once they do their eyes will be on job searches. It's bad enough that the economy isn't the greatest, but students shouldn't have to worry that something on their Facebook page could kick you out of the running.

I don't know about you, but I am cleaning up my Facebook page. My apologies to those of you that may be cut in the process, but I am looking for a job soon.

Ethical issues create challenge for cautious authority figures

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Authority is defined by Webster's Dictionary as the right or power to enforce rules or to give orders; ethics is defined as the study of moral conduct and how it affects behavior. Society is often faced with an authority figure that does not possess ethical attributes like former President Richard Nixon or Benedict Arnold. However, authority and ethics are attributes that should be married to one another instead of living separately.

I recently came across a controversial issue involving academic achievement and religious freedom. The instructor, who will remain unnamed due to pending administrative action, told a student that he/she did not have the right to express a religious affiliation. Violation of this rule would result in the student receiving a zero on all academic work in that class. This issue bothered me for three reasons;

1. It denied the student the freedom of speech and choice;
2. It was discriminating; and,
3. It denied the student the right to be judged based on academic merit.

Did the instructor have the authority to make such a "rule"? Should the student fail everything in the instructor's class because of such a "rule"? My answer is NO to all of the above questions. No authority figure has the right to make discriminatory rules in violation of the constitutional rights and laws of the United States of America.

I call for a reassessment in the way that authority figures are chosen. Ethics should be at the top of the list because ethics guide authority figures into just leadership. Moreover, Ken Hanson, the executive director of Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University, in a live interview with David Miller, director of Faith and Work Initiative at Princeton University, discussed an issue similar to the situation involving the student and instructor mentioned above.

"People want to feel comfortable at the work place and be themselves," Miller said. "Being themselves means bringing their sex, religion, and politics into the work place. So, a female should not feel like she should have to act in a male way. You can bring your whole self to work; you do not have to hide it."

Miller also said, "The company should deal with an employees' religion cautiously."

In conclusion, work places, schools, and other public places must start embracing and demanding ethical leadership from people in authority and stop tolerating unethical leadership.

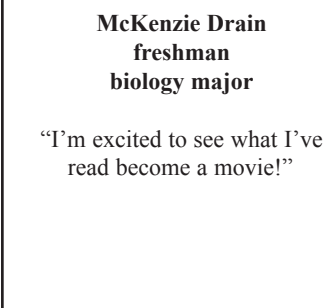
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Are you looking forward to seeing 'The Hunger Games'?



Skylar Gordon
freshman
psychology major

"I'm actually interested in seeing the movie after seeing how excited my younger sister was about it."



McKenzie Drain
freshman
biology major

"I'm excited to see what I've read become a movie!"



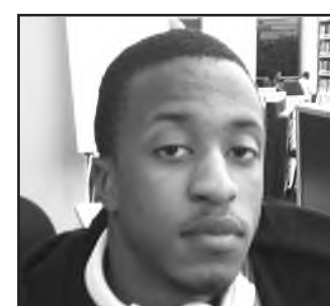
Rastarja Heard
freshman
criminal justice major

"After seeing the previews, the movie actually looks adventurous. I can't wait to see it."



Chad Lawson
freshman
computer information systems major

"I haven't even heard of it."



Amber Robinson
freshman
dental hygiene major

"I am very excited to see if the movie is similar to the books I have read."

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'The Situation' in rehab

Hello guys and dolls, do you have your cups ready because I have some hot tea for you guys. Let's flip through these channels!

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino has certainly gotten himself into rehab. Let's hope it works.

For all you Jersey Shore fans; don't worry Snooki will return for Season 6. Who is going to watch the baby? We don't know. Snooki and J-Woww are currently filming their new reality show.

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Tim Tebow will be taking his prayer and jock strap to the New York Jets. The Denver Broncos signed NFL Great Peyton Manning for \$96 million over 5 years. Tebow Mania might have just come to an end.

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Singer, dancer and rapper Teyana Taylor from My Super Sweet Sixteen was in Miami at the famous Club LIV "knuckin' and buckin'" with a stripper named "Skrawberry."

Click.
If that isn't bad enough the two young ladies shattered a

window at the club. To be so talented she sure is involved in a lot of foolery. Let's keep her in our prayers.



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Nicki Minaj signed a multi-

million dollar deal with Pepsi. Onika is really building her brand; let's just hope she's done with exorcisms.

Click.
Beyoncé "Queen Bey" Knowles will be returning to work in Atlantic City on Memorial Weekend where she will be doing three shows at the Revel Casino. She gave the other girls a chance to shine, but now she's baaaaaack.

Click.
In other news, Katy Perry covered Jay-Z and Kanye West's song "N*ggas in Paris" in Lon-

don. In my opinion it wasn't that bad for \$3.39. Now let's note that Katy did not say the "n" word, but instead "ninjas."

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Someone will have an interesting story to tell at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

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Harry Potter actor Jamie Waylett, better known to Potter fans as "Vincent Crabbe," has been sentenced to two years in prison for being a part of a small gang that partook in the London Riots. Go figure.

Click.
It seems Sweetie will be taking care of another baby. Real Housewives of Atlanta star Kim Zolciak and her husband Kroy Biermann are expecting another child. Let's just hope Sweetie can juggle two babies.

Click.
Speaking of the Real Housewives of Atlanta; several tweets from the Housewives indicate that the reunion is not one to be missed. It will be full of wig snatching, tea spilling and foolery, which we all love.

Click.
Well I'll be pouring hot tea again next week so come on back!

Don't forget to check the web for more features, including Spec Tech with Steven Setser!

C.A.B. entertains VSU with Family Feud

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VSU's Campus Activities Board hosted the Fabulous Feud in the Student Union yesterday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Victoria Robinson, a sophomore criminal justice major is in charge of this CAB event, and chose this game show through an entertainment company called Kramer.

CAB sponsored The Jackman Brothers, Paul and David; twins from Syracuse New York that have been entertaining since they were 12.

The performing duo also came to VSU four years ago.

"We love to entertain," David said. "Me and brother use to do magic shows."

The brothers make balloon animals, host live game shows and give away cash prizes to win-

ners.
Keeping the crowd entertained with music and witty jokes, the fabulous feud was soon underway.

The room was divided into four teams: Pink, Screaming Tigers, Knights and Georgia Hall, and battled each other for three back to back rounds.

The Knights came out on top and won the grand prize of \$200.

"This is maybe the second CAB event I've attended," Emily Bradford, a sophomore early childhood and education major, said.

"I love to watch Family Feud on TV, so me and my friend decided to come out and give it a try; it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed it, especially the balloons!"

Other students are more enthusiastic about CAB events.

"I attend CAB events once a month thanks to Valdosta's

weekly event e-mails," Jacqueline Jones, a freshmen nursing major, said.

"I love family feud. I watch it regularly; it's interesting to see the answers everyone comes up and voted on."

The Jackman brothers plan to come back to VSU next month with another game show extravaganza, One Minute Or Less.

Sudoku Answers

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Recent VSU graduate releases first E.P.

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VSU alumni, Benjamin "Been Jammin" Williams, has gone from independent film star to music star, and released his first E.P. "iBEEN JAMMIN" Feb. 24.

The free download includes seven tracks, with a short intro and outro.

The single for the hip-hop album, "iBEEN JAMMIN," is Been Jammin's hit "Out of Control" featuring fellow artist Star 69.

The entire album is reminiscent of the popular sounds and rhythms found in some of the top pop and hip-hop songs of 2011 and 2012.

"Out of Control" brings to mind the song "Blow" by pop singer Kesha. The same intriguing studio techniques in Kesha's

chorus are likewise used in the chorus of "Out of Control."

However similar the two songs may be, the song "Out of Control," coupled with Been Jammin's lyrics and style, is indisputably his own.

The clarity throughout the album is professional and clear. Even still, during the songs "Feel Good" and "On the Market" featuring artist Jamius, the bass is harder than a cheap pair of headphones can equalize on their own. But Been Jammin's album is not meant just for a cheap pair of ear buds.

Been Jammin and Defense Records Studios created the E.P. "iBEEN JAMMIN" so it would be blasted from larger speakers.

The entire hip-hop album is full of songs perfect for a club or party. Even "On the Market" tricks the listener into believing it is a typical R&B ballad for the first few seconds of the song, and then the rhythm shifts up-

beat. It is clear Been Jammin and those involved in making "iBEEN JAMMIN" a reality studied what has worked in music trends when producing the album.

The lack of slow R&B songs gives the E.P. a refreshing sound and feel. Audiences get a good taste for Been Jammin's style in "iBEEN JAMMIN."

The rest of the E.P. includes the song "She Choosin'" featuring Stebo, and "15 Minutes" featuring Claire Bochenko.

The album is available for free download at beenjamminmusic.com.

There is a space for people to put in their email address and receive their free copy of "iBEEN JAMMIN."

Been Jammin has physical copies of the E.P. available for those who want them.



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VSU alumni Benjamin Williams also known as "Been Jammin" has recently released his first E.P., "iBEEN JAMMIN" in both digital and physical copies. The E.P. includes seven tracks, an intro and an outro.



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- 3/28- Saint Leo (H)
- 3/31- Christian Brothers (A)
- 4/1- Delta State (A)
- 4/3- Albany State (H)
- 4/6- North Alabama (H)
- 4/7- Alabama-Huntsville (H)
- 4/14 -West Alabama (A)
- 4/15-West Florida (A)
- 4/21-Christian Brothers (H)
- 4/22-Delta State (H)
- 4/27 -GSC Tournament (N)

All regular season games are Double-headers

**H - denotes home game
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Lady Blazers extend winning streak

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The Lady Blazers softball team extended their amazing winning streak to 15 games Wednesday night by sweeping the West Georgia Wolves in a double header at home.

VSU softball advances to (8-0) in conference play atop of the Gulf South Conference and 21-2 on the season.

West Georgia had no answer for the Lady Blazers in the first game of the doubleheader thanks to their success swinging the bats winning 13-0.

UGA transfer Alanna Hadley like she has done all season indeed pitched another superb game.

Hadley, who picked up her second Gulf South Conference pitcher of the week award, moves to a team leading 10-1 record.

The senior ace only allowed two hits, struck-out six and she did not allow a run during her outing.

The first game could not have started any better for VSU as they loaded the bases early with a double by junior Morgan Johnson in between two walks.

The Blazers then began their stroll by hitting three two-run singles off the bats of Marti Littlefield, Ashley Steinhilber, and April Hutchens.

Senior Samantha Posey ended up doubling her home run total on the season to four by hitting a solo shot to lead off the second and a two-run homer in the third.

The Lady Blazers final runs of the first game came off a passed ball in the third inning that



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VSU third basemen Sam Posey watching one of her two homers on the day soar over the outfield wall. Posey was a huge contributor Wednesday night's sweep over West Georgia.

wored Steinhilber and Fran Johnson.

The fourth inning was the only inning that VSU went scoreless in the first game.

The game was then ended early after the top of the fifth due to the mercy rule.

The Lady Blazers pounded everything at the plate through-

out the game, arguably their best display of offense this season knocking in 13 runs off of 13 hits.

The second game was much more competitive from West Georgia and due to a great pitching performance by junior Courtney Gunby, the Wolves didn't score enough to split the series.

The impressive defense the Lady Blazers displayed was enough to pull out the win 2-1.

Fran Johnson drove in the first run for the Blazers in the bottom of the second after a single from captain Marti Littlefield.

Then Posey hit a sac fly in the third to score Courtney Albritton, who doubled earlier in the in-

ning.

The Wolves mustered up a little bit of a comeback in the top of the sixth, but it proved to be too little too late.

The Lady Blazers defense easily closed out the top of the seventh with three straight outs and sent West Georgia home with two defeats.

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Manning loves horses

All the hype and unnecessary super-stalking by the media ended Monday when Peyton Manning announced that he would be suiting up in the blue and orange of the Denver Broncos starting next season. It only cost them \$96 million for a five-year contract with \$55 million guaranteed if he can stay healthy through his first year.

So what does this mean for Tim Tebow, the man who rocked the blue and orange motif throughout his college and short professional career so far?

This move by Broncos executive vice president and former NFL superstar John Elway brought to light a fact that can sometimes be forgotten in professional sports. The NFL is a business, and when you are in the business of winning, it can get a little ugly.

Elway did the right thing in getting Manning. I mean come on, who wouldn't want an elite QB like Manning even with a neck injury that saw him in rehab for all of last season, still it was a shady move on Elway's part when not even two months before the deal was announced he was saying that Tebow would be "the guy" at the beginning of training camp.

"Tim's earned the right to be our quarterback going into training camp next year," Elway said during a press conference on Jan. 19.

Elway also mentioned that the team would be looking into acquiring other quarterbacks through either the draft or free agency, and with the possibility of Manning being released from the Colts still a factor at the time of the conference, I can only imagine that he had little Mannings dancing in the back of his mind around the Lombardi trophy.

Same situation happened in San Francisco. Quarterback Alex



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Smith led the 49ers all the way to NFC championship last season and was told by his coach, Jim Harbaugh, that he would be safe in San Fran and his deal would be renewed, until, of course, the news dropped that a man with a cannon arm and a football IQ equivalent to Einstein became available. Then no one was safe as Harbaugh and the 49ers became one of the front runners in the race for No. 18.

I guess that is just what happens when a player as prolific as Manning becomes available and your team may have a shot at nabbing him. Someone's feelings are going to get hurt.

There is still hope for Tebow, though, as he was just signed to the New York Jets as of Wednesday afternoon. He was traded for a 4th and 6th round draft pick.

Even if he is second string under Mark Sanchez, he should be able to bring a lot of the competitive fire and good spirits to the locker room and sidelines which will help a team that is constantly being scrutinized by critical fans and media outlets.

I guess all we can do is wait and see how everything plays out with all these big trades going on in the offseason. Peyton has said that he still is working on getting to 100 percent and he better be, because everyone knows he will have a huge target on the back of his neck during that first game in September.

"I have a lot of work to do," Manning told the Denver Post on Wednesday. "I'm not where I need to be."

Blazer tennis ready and recharged

Tennis is back in action on Sunday at home after a three week break.

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The energizer bunny isn't the mascot, but VSU tennis Coach John Hanson agrees that going weeks in between matches "refreshes batteries", and expects both his teams to end the season on a good note.

The Blazer tennis teams hosts the North Alabama Lions on Sunday at the tennis complex and it will be their first match in the last three weeks.

It has been a rather slow start for VSU tennis thus far.

The defending NCAA national champion men's team suffered back to back losses early including a demoralizing 0-9 loss to non-conference foe Barry.

However, since the losses the men's tennis team is now on a two match winning streak and sits in the third seed of the conference.

The men's team is led by Christian Hansen, the only senior on the roster this season.

Hansen, a key contributor to winning nationals, admits that this young team isn't as strong as the championship team from last year losing Daniel Duren and Phillip Pakebusch.

"That's our two best players we lost so it's quite difficult. We're trying to make the best out of it and we have great new guys, who all play very well but obviously it's a different situation," he said.

Although talent has decreased, Hansen is molding more into his leadership role acknowledging his primary goal this season as assisting the newcomers to blossom.

"Now I feel like I've grown into the role, I'm starting to like it," Hansen said. "I want to be the leader on this team. I want to show the young guys how to act on the court, get them prepared and be a good role model for them. It's really about growing as a team, building relationships and were in good shape thinking positive to our next match."

The men are perfect against teams in the Gulf South Conference this year and put that on the line in their upcoming match against the (1-9) UNA team.

Both women's and men's teams aren't only (2-0) in conference play but are also perfect

at home too.

The women's team is deadlocked at a .500 record right now (3-3) and Coach Hansen expects them to turn up the energy for the rest of the season.

"We'll find out Sunday and Monday," Hanson said. "Our girls know they can be very good and this stretch coming up is very important to where we'll end up at the end of the season."

The women's team has shown their inexperience while on the road having only one win away from Valdosta this season.

Two of the three losses that the women's team has suffered came against top five teams.

The winner of the women's game on Sunday most likely will take the third place in the GSC.

The match begins at 10 a.m. at the tennis complex against the Lions and the Blazers face Rollins in Winter Park, Fla. on Monday afternoon.

Coach Hanson didn't hesitate to label this a "rebuilding" season and does not worry about his players losing motivation despite a few rough patches.

"Well I'm lucky in that I don't have to do much their pretty individually motivated. We all have the same goals and that's to finish the season on a high note," he said.

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