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# HB981: Proposed bill could change concealed weapons laws on Georgia campuses

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A bill that would allow concealed weapons on Georgia campuses is facing opposition within VSU and beyond.

Twenty-three states in America allow campuses to determine their own gun policies. Most states choose not to; however, Utah, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Oregon are the four states that allow guns on campus. Wisconsin prohibits guns from buildings only.

HB 981 is a bill that may allow guns on Georgia campuses if passed.

The bill states that it will allow Georgia campuses "to provide persons holding valid weapons carry license to carry a concealed weapon into certain locations under certain circumstances."

This bill will allow guns on Georgia campuses; however guns will not be allowed "to enter, occupy, or remain within the state capitol building or any building housing committee offices, committee rooms, or offices of members, officials, or employees of the General Assembly or either house."

This bill has created much controversy all over the state of Georgia.

VSU's faculty senate is currently considering a request by professor Michael Noll that it pass a resolution against concealed weapons on our campus.

There is a petition located at signon.org that will be delivered to the Georgia State House and Gov. Nathan Deal if at least 750 people sign it.

Many Valdosta citizens have already signed this petition, including Leigh Touchton, president of the Lowndes/Valdosta NAACP, and Dr. Thomas Hochschild, a sociology professor.

"Gov. Deal, are you prepared to pass back an exam grade of 'F' to a stressed out student with a gun," Hochschild said on the petition. "No? Me neither. I will resign from Valdosta State University immediately if HB 981 passes."

Touchton was also disturbed. "As a professor, I now have to sit down with students carrying concealed handguns when they come in irate about a grade," Touchton said. "This is crazy. Along with professors, most students will have the same anxiety of always feeling threatened if HB 981 is passed."

Students have also given negative reactions to the bill. "I will not attend school if this bill is passed," Necoyiah Swain, a sophomore, said.

The bill is not without its supporters though.

Robert Eagar, leader of Georgia Tech's chapter of Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCC), believes that people should have the right to protect themselves at all times.

"Individuals should have the same right to protect themselves on campus as they do off campus," Eagar said in an article published in the Atlanta Journal Constitution on Feb. 16.

Students for Concealed Carry has many chapters located on university campuses across the country all with the aim to raise awareness for bills like HB 981.

Seventeen colleges in Georgia alone house chapters of the organization.

Starting on Monday, SCC chapters across the nation will

### WHAT HB 981 COULD CHANGE:

1. Guns may be allowed on Georgia campuses.
2. Concealed weapons may be carried in places of worship, state mental hospitals, polling places, bars, school zones and some government buildings (excluding courthouses).
3. Private property owners will have the right to forbid weapons possession on their properties.
4. Officers, employees and officials will not be able to seize or prohibit possession of a concealed weapon.

Graphic by: Jennifer Gleason/ THE SPECTATOR

hold empty holster protests on campus where participants will wear empty holsters in plain sight and hand out pamphlets and flyers to raise awareness for their cause.

The protests are scheduled to last from April 2 to April 6.

The VSU Faculty Senate will hold its next open meeting on April 19 where the resolution will be considered.

Chad Stone also contributed to this article.

## Citizens fight city alcohol ordinance

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A petition to repeal Article VIII of the Valdosta City Alcohol Ordinance has recently started circulating and has already received the support of over 500 citizens thus far.

The article requires entertainment industries in Valdosta, such as Vegas Nightclub and Rockin' Rodeo, to close their doors at 2 a.m. The businesses had been closing at 4 a.m. before the recent revision.

The revision to the ordinance has caused a lot of stir in Valdosta from both sides of the issue already.

"I feel the ordinance targets us specifically because of the complaints we've had up here," John Thornton, assistant manager of Vegas Nightclub said. "We've been really slow since this revision. We usually pick-up our crowd at 2 o'clock when Remerton has closed, but with the revision in effect we have noticed about a 50 percent drop in our revenue."

Other local nighttime business owners have experienced similar negative effects due to the article.

"We can only pick up so many people at 2 o'clock," Felix Vayner, founder of the Tippy Transit said. "Our first priority is the people who pay for round trips."

Vayner explained, "We have to guarantee those people make it home first before we can get new customers. Before we'd have an hour or two once Remerton shut down to pick up people from Rockin' Rodeo and Vegas, but now we just don't have the time."

Even with some businesses reporting a significant loss in revenue, others see Article VIII as a way to keep citizens safe.

"My mother always used to tell me that nothing good happens after midnight and I have a hard time understanding why anyone would want to stay out until 4," John Gayle, Valdosta City Mayor, said. "It's a matter of doing what's right for everyone. The more exposure to alcohol the more problems we have, the more DUI's we have, and the more conflict with law enforcement we have."

Alex Abell, co-founder of DearDrunkMe which promotes safe partying, is responsible for the petition to repeal Article 8.

Abell has one goal for his petition.

"We are really trying to get the word out about the petition, we want everyone to sign and share it so we can party as long as we want without forcing intoxicated drivers on the road," Abell said.

Abell's problems with Article VIII are abundant. While he understands the mayor's point of view, he feels that the mayor is off base on the effects of the revision.

"The ordinance is really backwards," Abell said. "You have to stop serving alcohol at 1:55 and at 2 a.m. you have to be in the parking lot."

He added, "You end up having officers trying to push people onto the road. There are officials saying nothing good happens after midnight, but really the new legislation encourages DUI's and unsafe behavior."

The amount of taxis and designated ways home had been a problem in Valdosta even before the revision.

"They didn't have enough taxis before and they damn sure won't have enough now to handle Remerton, Vegas, and Rockin' Rodeo all at 2," Aaron Brewer, Tippy Transit driver said.

The petition can be found online at change.org/petitions/repeal-article-viii-of-the-lowndes-county-alcohol-ordinance.

## Rock out: FCA entertains through music



J. Daniel Young/ THE SPECTATOR

Justin Crenshaw entertains the audience as part of Vertical, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' regular Wednesday night event. Over 100 students enjoyed

his acoustic performance in the Student Union Theater. Crenshaw, member of local rock band Soular Seven, has performed on campus several times this school year.

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Valdosta's Public Works Department will host an Electronics Recycling Event at Mathis Auditorium on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event, which began in

2006, is hosted by Keep Lowndes/Valdosta Beautiful and Atlanta Recycling Solutions.

To avoid electronics building up in the landfill, the community is working to dispose of electronic devices in a safe manner.

Most electronics will be accepted, but each TV set dropped off will cost \$10 for dissembling for recyclable parts.

## Mega Millions jackpot hits record high

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\$500 million. That is the current Mega Millions national jackpot, as of Wednesday night, that has VSU students and faculty rushing off to buy tickets.

This record high is an increase from Tuesday night's prize of \$363 million, which had no winner.

Even those that don't normally buy lottery tickets are taking the time out to buy one-dollar tickets with hopes that one of these tickets will wind up winning the lion's share of the largest lottery jackpot in American's history.

For instance, Daniel Garcia, a marketing junior, someone who rarely plays the lottery, expressed a desire to play after the huge numbers were announced.

"Yeah, I saw it the other day," Garcia said. "I actually wanted to play it after that."

Eileen Lowers, a computer science and anthropology junior, who works in the Odum Library, also expressed a desire to play. "My family plays, but I personally haven't thought about it," Lowers said. "I think I might have to buy some now."

Lindsey Wilson, a 21-year-old cashier at Blazing Brew, said, "I think I'll have to go out and buy a ticket, especially if it's that high."

Others in the community play a little more often.

"Yes, I am aware of the \$500 million [jackpot]," Mainnie Jenkins, a cashier in the University Center, said. "I play it every day."

Matthew Patel, a cashier at the Smitty's gas station, reported an increased amount of lottery sales over the past few days. "People have come in to buy tickets a lot more frequently," Patel said. "About three to four times as much as before."

Patel also expressed his own desire to play. "I'm going to buy two [of them] myself," Patel said.

This record-breaking jackpot has inspired hopes and ideas, and the idea of what one would do with this jackpot has made those here at VSU wonder.

"If I won," Lowers said, "I would pay off all my debts, finish college, go on a trip around the world and spread the rest throughout my family."

April Thomas, early childhood education major, said, "I would make sure my family is straight, and then start my own business. I would also invest some of that money into other businesses and save some to make sure I do not go broke or be in debt."

Garcia said, "I would give the money to my family and friends to enjoy it, and then I would probably just save it and then See LOTTERY, Page 2

## City to host electronics recycling event

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"Last year there was 65,000-pounds of equipment that was brought to the 'dump site,'" Mayor John Gayle said. "There will be people able to help anyone if they are elderly or can't unload and move [equipment] themselves."

Since the program began, 170 tons of electronic waste have been recycled, according to the

city's website.

Gayle said that the Valdosta Public Works Department has no set goal for the Electronics Recycling Event, but hopes to attract enough people to keep up the momentum of the preceding years.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at 671-3640.

## Question of the Week

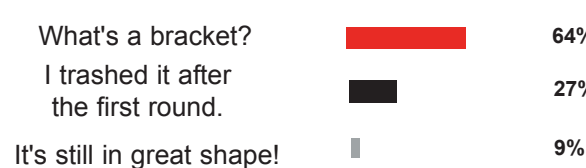
Do you think that George Zimmerman should be tried in the Trayvon Martin case?

- A. Yes. It's racial profiling.
- B. No. It was self-defense.
- C. Who are these guys?

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## Previous question

How is your NCAA bracket doing?



## Weather at VSU

Today	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Isolated T-Storms	Scattered T-Storms
88 H 60 L	87 H 66 L	82 H 61 L



**Lottery**

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use it when I need to live off of it, and I would finish school.” Zach Gravette, a special education freshman, said, “I would pay off tuition for the next eight years. I would buy a house, a car, buy my parents a house, a car, invest and that’s about it.” Josh Cates, another special education freshman, said, “If I won it, I would probably buy my parents something, a house, and probably new cars, pay off school, buy me something and the rest I’ll save up.” Another student was a little more ambitious. “I would spend it on a lot of unnecessary things and some useful things, like education (pay that off first) and then pay off my bills and make sure my life’s set straight, and then try to invest it so it can grow more and hopefully I won’t have to get a job.” Jerry Hinkle, a political science junior, said. The drawing for the Mega Millions lottery will be held on Friday night at 11 p.m and the odds of a ticket winning are 1 in 176 million.

Derrick Davis, Maya Kellam, Katerina Grigoriadis, Morgan McFarland, and LaBrit Bulluck also contributed to this article.

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**Thurs., March 29**

**2nd Annual Volunteer Service Fair**  
Bailey Science Center Atrium, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Over 25 agencies and organizations will be available for networking with students.

**Leadership Seminar**  
Rose Room in the UC, 6-7 p.m.  
Speaker, Kohle Paul, is discussing leadership, higher education administration and training and development in I/O Psychology.

**Karaoke**  
Odum Library Theatre, 8 p.m.  
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**First Ever Diversity Seminar**  
Pound Hall Auditorium, 5 p.m.  
Business casual dress code featuring Black Student League,

Gay-Straight Alliance, NAACP and American Sign Language Club.

**Delta Sigma Theta Week Events**  
Scavenger Hunt due at 4 p.m.  
Men’s Appreciation Dinner at 7-8 p.m.  
Annual Black and White Cabaret at 8-10 p.m.  
Contact a Delta for details, tickets and locations.

**Sat., March 31**

**Electronics Recycling Event**  
Mathis Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley Street, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Drop off your electronics. Televisions cost \$10 per set; no washers, dryers or refrigerators.

**Tues., April 3**

“The Line”  
Powell Hall, 7 p.m.  
A documentary film about a

victim of rape.

**Wed., April 4**

**Blazer Pride Informational Football Complex, 9 p.m.**  
Girls interested in being part of Blazer Pride next year should attend the meeting.  
Applications can be picked up at the office in the football complex, and are to be turned in at the meeting Monday, April 9 at noon.  
E-mail Caroline Russell at crussell@valdosta.edu for more information.

**Every Monday**

**SGA Meetings**  
Magnolia Room in the UC, 8 p.m.

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**Thurs., March 22**  
Reported a student has threatened to harm a roommate in Centennial Hall.  
Student reported 2001 red/orange Dodge Neon broken into in Sustella parking deck.  
Student reported iPod stolen.

**Fri., March 23**  
Student’s debit card reported stolen from unknown location on campus.  
Student’s debit card reported missing from wallet on Mar. 21.

**Tues., March 27**  
Foreign exchange student reported book bag stolen.

**Wed., March 28**  
Student reported broken lock on red Dodge Neon in Sustella parking deck.

**Sun., March 25**

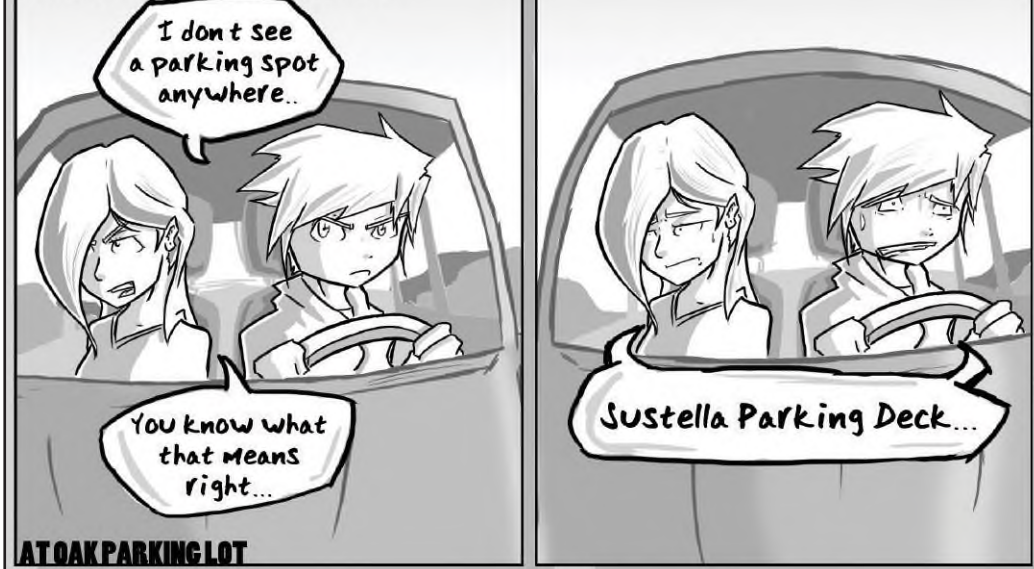
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\* Each of the nine 3 by 3 boxes of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9

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Our point of view...

# I am a Blazer, hear me roar!

It must be pretty hard to teach school spirit. I checked the course catalog, and the subject wasn't an option.

The majority of our student body could use a crash course. If only it was available.

People who proudly sport their red & black attire aren't the ones who need the lesson.

We're talking to those who go to VSU sporting events wearing their favorite SEC team logos.

We're calling out the students who have been enrolled at this school for years and still haven't attended one VSU related event.

The community support of Valdosta is pretty strong, but the university acting as the nucleus is sadly declining in school spirit.

Students continue to promote the trend to not get involved with campus activities and focus on things like planning weekends to drive home, or figuring out who's throwing a party..

It's quite ironic how the most involved students are the same ones who show the most loyalty to the VSU community.

We applaud these students because they would rather cheer for their school than for a keg stand.

Don't get us wrong; we love to have a good time.

Aside from that, we do believe that celebration should come after accomplishment, not just for fun.

The nonchalant attitude in many students together shows

not only in classrooms but at sporting events as well.

For example, the Lady Blazer softball team is arguably the best team in the country right now, yet the attendance at home games on average barely pass 200.

Does that sound like Blazer pride to you?

The sports teams that do well continue to be overlooked. This spreads to clubs and organizations who continue to desperately ask for help yet there are so many who don't give it.

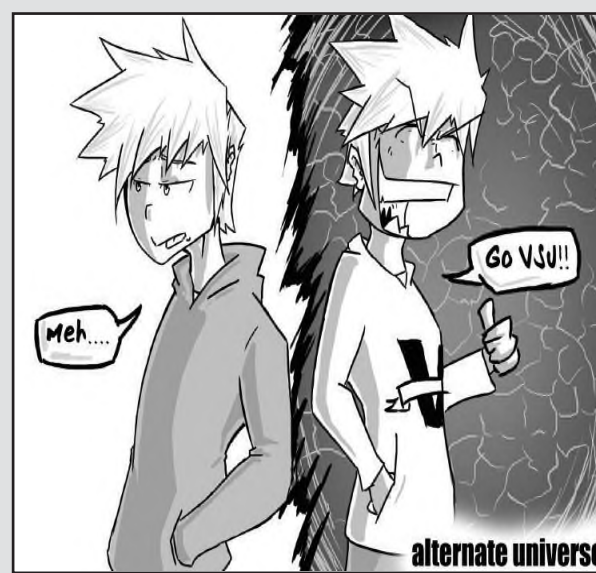
Staff and faculty are accountable too for this spiritless inclination, but a change starts with the students.

Ladies and gentlemen, if we

don't make an effort to change our demeanor, it will keep this lackluster label on VSU instead of moving closer to having more employers satisfied with where our degree comes from. Sure VSU isn't as big or "cool" as some Division 1 schools, but the mix of tradition and potential should be more than enough to change crummy attitudes about this place.

The university will benefit noticeably as soon as school spirit increases, not only through athletics, but more importantly in the classroom.

We're not asking you to be a cheerleader, but be somewhat proud to call yourself a Blazer.



alternate universe

Garrison Muelhausen/The Spectator

This editorial was written by Eric Jackson(epjackson@valdosta.edu) and it expresses the general opinion of the editorial staff.

## Donors keep campaign alive

**Peter Stone**  
CENTER FOR PUBLIC  
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Billionaire Sheldon Adelson and his family, who have kept Newt Gingrich's flagging presidential campaign alive with donations, seem poised to send millions of dollars to Republican-allyed groups and possibly a "super" political action committee backing front-runner Mitt Romney, according to fundraisers with ties to the casino owner.

A private dinner March 22 at Adelson's Las Vegas home drew the chairman of the Republican National Committee plus some of the GOP's best-known fundraisers and donors. The dinners were in Las Vegas early for a weekend summit of the Republican Jewish Coalition, a nonprofit advocacy group that Adelson has backed heavily.

During the soiree, the Adelson

family members privately sent strong signals to Romney allies that they'd donate millions of dollars, perhaps on par with their support for Gingrich, to a super PAC that has heavily supported the former Massachusetts governor's campaign for the GOP presidential nomination, assuming that Gingrich eventually drops out. Gingrich is badly trailing and as of the end of March, his campaign was in debt.

The big-name attendees at Adelson's dinner included Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus and former Minnesota Sen. Norm Coleman, who now chairs a super PAC and a nonprofit group raising millions of dollars to help House Republican candidates.

Also in attendance were Florida real estate magnate Mel Sembler, St. Louis investor Sam Fox and Washington lobbyist Wayne Berman. The three men are Republican Jewish Coalition board

members; each has raised large amounts for Romney.

Federal Election Commission records show that Berman has bundled \$424,825 for Romney's campaign, including his own donation of \$2,500, the legal maximum. Sembler also gave \$2,500 to Romney's primary campaign, as did his wife, Betty, sons Brent and George and a daughter-in-law, Fox, his wife, Marilyn, and their two sons and daughters-in-law each also gave \$2,500. Aside from Romney's campaign, Adelson is now weighing requests for financial assistance from other outside groups. They include: the Coleman-chaired American Action Network, which in 2010 reported spending \$26 million on political activities; and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which is planning a \$50 million issue advocacy campaign to help the GOP take control of Congress, according to fundraisers familiar with the

casino owner's political operation.

Nonprofit groups such as the Republican Jewish Coalition, Coleman's American Action Network and the chamber are not required to publicly identify their donors.

But the Center for Responsive Politics found some of the Jewish Coalition's donations listed in its 2010 tax filings.

Adelson is also expected to make a multimillion-dollar donation to Crossroads GPS or an affiliated super PAC, American Crossroads, say GOP fundraisers. Adelson has been a big GOP check-writer for some time and also has been close to Rove since his days as the top political adviser to former President George W. Bush. Adelson provided the lion's share of the \$30 million raised in 2008 by Freedom's Watch, a now-defunct nonprofit that was a major outside spender in that year's elections.

## Letters to the Editor

### Professor takes issue with light Spectator content

Is there a strategy I missed when editor of my college newspaper? The last few editions of

the Spectator, which I read every week, have been front page free adverts for Olive Garden, iPad 4G, and the "Hunger Games" movie. A black aviator who visits our campus to talk about flying against Nazi jets in 1945 is consigned to page three and less space. I'll show my age here,

but in the 1980s, I would have put a short story on page 5/6 about Olive Garden et. al., and only if they purchased an ad. Our flyboy would have been assigned to the best writer, and would certainly be considered for page one. Hope the editor and her writers are getting some

"payola" in exchange for their stalwart efforts to promote corporate America.

**John Dunn**  
professor of history at VSU

## Change major, plan carefully

**Kat Grigoriadis**  
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The anxiety that comes along with a child possibly disappointing his or her parents is high among college students. This makes students uneasy when discussing college related material with their parents.

When it comes to talking to your parents about changing majors, I'm an expert. In the span of four years at Valdosta State University, I have changed my major three times. I started in Business and ended up with English/Journalism.

There was a downside to this, because I have to complete an extra year to finish my degree.

If your parents are like mine,

they want you to major in the most practical field of study, one that ensures a job. The first time I told my parents I wanted to change my major, I was so unprepared!

Here are a few simple steps to follow when informing your parents you are changing majors. Follow these steps and the conversation should go smoothly.

Step 1: Talk early.

It's like a Band-Aid. The longer you wait, the more painful it becomes. Don't wait until the last minute to tell your parents you're not happy with your field of study. Take the initiative to open the discussion and lead the conversation.

Step 2: Do your research.

It is important to know why you want to change your major in the first place. Once you've figured it out, the next step in

conducting your research is to figure out what major you want to change to. Talk to your adviser and discuss the pros and cons of making the switch.

Also, talk to some professors in the new field of study you've decided on. Take everything into consideration. Keep your credits in mind as well as tuition rates/issues. Keep in mind you might be in college a little longer, but with careful planning, you don't have to be.

Step 3: Lead with facts, not emotion.

Anytime we talk to our parents, we tend to get emotional, especially when it's something important that we want to be heard on. Lay out all the particulars and results of your research. Your parents will take you a lot more seriously if you have facts to present instead of just saying

"because I want to."

Step 4: Reassurance.

If your parents are still a little apprehensive about the switch, reassure them that you will continue to do your research and that you will answer any questions they may have. Assure them, repeatedly, that you have a plan.

Step 5: Ask for their support. In the end, your parents' approval is significant. After you have laid it all out, ask for them to support you. If you are an independent free-spirit like I am, you will still change majors regardless of their support or not. Let them know that you will change your major, but their support is very much desired.

If you follow just a few of these simple steps, you can avoid an awkward and tense conversation. After all, it may be their money, but it's your life.

## People Poll:

### Do you think the Slut Walk will be a good way to prevent sexual harassment?



**Sosa Thompson**  
sophomore  
nursing major

"People are going to judge you for what you show them. So if you wear provocative clothes you're basically saying you're lower-class."

**Cate Campodonico**  
freshman  
biology major

"That's what's up!"



**Kelly Bunn**  
freshman  
biology major

"I think it's important to be aware of your surroundings no matter what you're wearing."



**Zack Griffin**  
freshman  
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"I don't really care for it."



**Gabriel Viso**  
freshman  
engineering studies major

"I don't really know much about it."

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# VSU fights human trafficking



**Quasha Ross**  
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The organization "IGNITE PROMISE" hosted the NEFARIOUS Screening event on March 25 and 26 in Jennette Hall.

Representatives of Exodus Cry, a human trafficking abolition organization, came to speak about the issue of human trafficking in further detail.

**"It makes you want to really help out because the stories are heartbreaking."**

- TIFFANY EDWARDS  
JUNIOR ACCOUNTING MAJOR

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, with nearly two million children involved in the international commercial sex trade.

One hundred and sixty-one countries out of 192 are in-

involved in human trafficking.

The documentary, "NEFARIOUS: Merchant of Souls," exposes trends of sex slavery.

The documentary includes first-hand interviews with real victims and traffickers and expert analysis from international humanitarian leaders.

Founder and President of Exodus Cry, Benjamin Nolot, started planning "NEFARIOUS" in 2007.

Nolot wanted to document the distress of human trafficking and soon discovered that the issue was larger than he ever imagined.

During the filming of "NEFARIOUS," Nolot and his team traveled to 19 different countries, from Central America to Europe.

He heard many stories from victims of sex slavery and increased awareness in these countries.

The film left viewers inspired and broadened their insights on the subject at hand.

**"I had no clue that this was going on right here in the United States."**

-BRENT SUTTER  
FRESHMAN SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

"This documentary really does something to you," Tiffany Edwards, junior, accounting major said. "It makes you want to really help out because the stories are heartbreaking."

Brent Sutter, freshman, sociology major, said he was surprised to find out the issue was in such close proximity to our country.

"The film was great insight into what is actually going on in our world," Sutter said. "I had no clue that this was going on right here in the United States. I thought it was only happening in other countries."

Join the frontlines in the battle against human trafficking by spreading awareness on both the issue and the documentary "NEFARIOUS: Merchant of Souls."

You can also show your support by donating \$3 per week to Exodus Cry's efforts to end sex slavery and honor the victims of this injustice.

For those interested in becoming involved with the prevention of sex trafficking, IGNITE PROMISE will host a meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Georgia Hall multipurpose room.

To learn more about reform visit [exoduscry.com/reform](http://exoduscry.com/reform).

Photo courtesy of Exodus Cry  
"NEFARIOUS: Merchant of Souls" is a documentary exposing the trends of human trafficking. IGNITE PROMISE, a VSU organization hosted the screening on this documentary March 25 and 26.

Unfortunately, there is no Spec Tech for this week. Check back next week for all your tech updates with Steven Setser!



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# Iverson goes broke, Magic buys Dodgers

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

Click.  
The Trayvon Martin tragedy is a big topic amongst everybody. Celebrities everywhere have become a part of the fight for justice including singer Chaka Khan who recorded a tribute to the slain teen.

Irish singer-songwriter Sinéad O'Connor even wrote an open letter to Trayvon's family and the black community.

The Miami Heat took a picture with hoodies on. And people around the globe are posting pictures in hoodies. Let's hope this movement teaches people a valuable lesson about race discrimination.

Click.  
Remember when Allen Iverson was one of the best NBA players? Remember when everybody wore his jersey?

Well it seems that his wife feels he is no longer relevant either.

**"That awkward moment when Rue is some black girl and not the little blonde innocent girl you pictured?"**

- ALANA PAUL, @SW40

Tawanna Allen wants a divorce from the former sports superstar but it seems "The Answer" is not feeling the divorce.

Iverson and his lawyer have sent papers to show their divorce judge that the couple is still intimate, and that's enough for the judge to throw it out. Nobody is sure whether AI wants to save his marriage or slow down the process of spousal support since he is supposedly "broke."

Click.  
Magic Johnson has written the blueprint for athlete entrepreneurs to follow after their sports careers. The NBA legend and his business group have become part owners of the MLB franchise the LA Dodgers. Johnson dished out \$2 billion for this deal. LA Dodgers fans everywhere were excited.

Click.  
Tennis Legend Martina Navratilova was the first dancer eliminated on "Dancing with the Stars." Why does it always seem like the male athletes do better than the female ones?

Click.  
Lindsay Lohan and Whoopi Goldberg have been confirmed to guest star on "Glee." Lindsay is rumored to play herself as a celebrity judge at a competition. Whoopi will play a professor from the New York Academy Dramatic Arts, (Kurt and Rachel's dream school).

Click.  
"Hunger Games" broke the box office with its release last Friday bringing in \$2.5 million. It had the third best opening ever.



When they say reading is fundamental I guess some Hunger Game fans should have paid attention.

Many fans were disappointed that characters Rue (Amanda Sternberg) and Cinna (Lenny Kravitz) were played by black actors.

Some tweets read: "why does rue have to be black? I'm not gonna lie, it kinda ruined the movie."

"Call me racist but when I found out Rue was black her death wasn't as sad. #ihatemyself."

"Awkward moment when Rue is some black girl and not the little blonde innocent girl you picture."

Well if they were such fans, they would know in the book Rue is described as having dark brown skin and eyes. I guess reading between the lines isn't everyone's strong point.

Click.  
Director Michael Bay is telling fans of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle franchise to take a chill pill. Fans are upset about that he is shortening the title to simply "Ninja Turtles."

Well at least he kept the turtle part. I don't care about the changes he made as long as the movie is awesome!

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

Be sure to check the web for more features, including a preview of "Suessical, The Musical Jr.!"

**Sudoku Answers**

3	8	6	5	1	4	9	2	7
1	4	9	2	7	6	8	3	5
7	2	5	3	9	8	4	1	6
9	6	7	1	5	2	3	8	4
5	1	4	6	8	3	2	7	9
8	3	2	9	4	7	5	6	1
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Pitcher Alanna Hadley picked up two wins Wednesday night in the sweep over Saint Leo to extend the Blazers win streak to 21.

The scorching hot Blazer softball team is ranked #1 in the nation.

# Bringing some magic to LA



\$2 billion. That's a whole lot of dough. On Tuesday night, Magic Johnson and major league baseball executive Stan Kasten, along with other investors, threw down this exact amount in a bid that resulted in the record breaking acquisition of the LA Dodgers baseball franchise from former owner Frank McCourt.

I think it is great that such a huge icon like Magic is part of this deal, but \$2 billion is a price tag that is really hard to agree with.

Having Johnson's name associated with the club is obviously going to help drive people into the stadium after their lackluster attendance in 2011, the first year the team missed the three million attendees mark for the season since 1992 according to

ESPN.com.

The deal shattered the previous sale record of a major league baseball franchise that was held by the Chicago Cubs, who went for \$845 million in 2009.

I understand that the Dodgers stadium and surrounding properties are on a hot piece of land in the middle of one of the most expensive cities in the U.S, but \$2 billion?

The Boston Red Sox, who have experienced a lot of success over the last 10 years, went for \$700 million in 2002, so I just feel like Magic's crew spent

way more than was necessary. Makes you wonder what drove the price up to this ridiculous number.

They didn't even get the whole of the property either! Frank McCourt and his affiliates, who owned the team when this deal went through, are getting to keep half the parking lots owned by the Dodgers.

McCourt was a huge winner in the deal, and he will keep winning because the fans have got to park somewhere.

And that is who I feel is going to ultimately lose in this deal, the fans. Getting Magic Johnson's name on this deal was a very smart PR move because he is so popular in the city of LA, but the exorbitant price tag they settled with is going to be have to be paid for somehow, and it seems like

the fans are going to get the short end of the stick when they have to start raising ticket, food and drink prices.

The spending isn't even over for the new ownership either. The Dodgers have some solid pitching in 2011 Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw, and you couldn't ask for a better bat than Matt Kemp who had a .324 batting average in 2011 and 126 RBIs.

All they need now is to fill in the gaps and the future looks bright for a franchise that had become stagnant in the city of critics. "I won't get in Stan's way," Johnson told ESPN's "Baseball Tonight" on Wednesday. "I won't get in our manager's way, [but] I will be heavily involved. I'm writing a big check here."

## Blazers look to tame the Lions

Eric Jackson

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The Valdosta State baseball team is sitting barely at the top of the GSC and must defend their ranking against co-leaders North Alabama this weekend in a three game series at Billy Grant Field.

The Lions (24-7) (6-3) who are ranked #1 (according to NFCA) in the nation have more overall wins however the Blazers (15-10) (7-2) have been the most dominate team in conference play.

VSU has shocked many already this season putting together a good record so far by executing the small ball style.

The Blazers will need to cool down the surging Lions who have won five games in a row coming into this weekend.

Both teams have been mostly led by their star seniors in their success in VSU's catcher Christian Glisson and UNA's infielder Michael Schmidt.

It should be intriguing to watch what these two offensive mules do when they match-up together for the first time of the year.

While Glisson leads the league in batting and slugging percent-



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Pitcher Benjamin Weil will bring relief on the mound this weekend. (430) (.779), Schmidt is tied for most runs scored (31) in the GSC.

The Blazers no doubt must be connecting on all cylinders for them to win the series and hold the top spot in the conference.

VSU has won both of their previous three games series this season against conference foes Christian Brothers and Delta State.

This will be the last series of the year and by far will be the most challenging.

Lions outfielder Jake Sloan, regarded as the conference's best DH, could cause trouble in the

first game depending on who takes the mound for the Blazers. UNA has outscored VSU in total runs by a wide margin so its pivotal for the Blazers to focus on defense and pitching like they have already.

Not having as many offensive weapons as Lions, the pressure will rest on the Blazer pitchers to keep the score low as possible.

The first game is Saturday and two games without a DH on Sunday.

This match-up could easily be a preview of the GSC tournament in May.

**VSU scoreboard:** Blazer baseball team lost 16-8 Wednesday night at Saint Leo  
Blazer tennis teams were swept by Rollins Monday ~upcoming games ~ Saturday and Sunday home baseball games against UNA and home softball games against CBU & DSU

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