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Our point of view...

Take time for mental health

In the famous words of Lucille Ball: are you feeling tired, run-down, listless? Do you poop out at parties? Are you unpopular? The answer to all your problems is in this little editorial.

Let's talk stress. We've all been there. Pulling out your hair, screaming into a pillow and crying your eyes out is completely normal. It wouldn't be college without these experiences, right?

We write essays, study for tests, and work on the inevitable "group who must not be named" project all while simultaneously maintaining part time jobs, a social life and an appearance of a normal human existence. Don't even get us started on figuring out our plans after graduation.

In other words, we're superheroes, but even superheroes need a break from saving the world from time to time.

What's important first and foremost is you. Taking care of your mind, body and spirit is essential to maintain a happy, healthy life, despite what society thinks.

Luckily, VSU understands the importance of mental health and offers many services and events geared toward releasing students stressed spirits.

On Nov. 29, VSU's Campus Recreation, Counseling Center and Campus Wellness are teaming up for their annual De-Stress Fest, happening in the Student Union Rotunda. Students can expect therapy dogs (who doesn't love dogs?), massages (yes please), stress tips (we all need these), games (cha-ching!) and much more.

While this is a one-time event, current students enrolled in the Counseling Center can participate in the relaxation room, but all students can participate in the virtual relaxation room online on VSU's Counseling Center page. They offer videos for mindful meditation and guided imagery.

If relaxation rooms aren't your thing, try unplugging for 30 minutes or an hour, exercising, or turning on your favorite song and dancing until your life doesn't feel like its crumbling.

Either way, hang in there stressed student. There's only 23 more days until Christmas break. Yes, we're counting, too.

Sincerely,
The also stressed Spectator

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Our favorite movies to get in the holiday spirit

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It's that jolly time of the year again. 'Tis the season to wear ugly Christmas sweaters, drink eggnog, and ball on a budget when buying your loved ones' gifts.

What about holiday films though, the ones that you grew up with and can't wait to watch every year no matter how big you get? I think that people tend to forget that part of the holidays. Here are some of my favorite Holiday movies.

Home Alone

A boy named Kevin McAllister (Macaulay Culkin) gets accidentally left behind when his family leaves on a vacation to France for the holiday season. Well, while he's home alone (get it), two burglars try to rob the McAllister house. Kevin learns how to fend for himself in order to protect his house. I think that every '90s kid has grown up watching this movie. It's a family Christmas movie that makes the viewer feel warm-hearted and excited for the holidays.

Jingle All the Way

Personally, this movie is one of my absolute FAVORITE Christmas movies. Howard Langston (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is a dad who wants to make his child happy for Christmas. His kid wants a Turbo-Man action figure, but there's one problem. Howard waited until Christmas Eve and can't find one anywhere. If that

wasn't too much of a battle, he also has to compete against the whole city and Myron Larabee (Sinbad) to get the action figure. Myron is also desperately looking for this action figure for his son. This movie is hilarious, and could become a new family favorite.

Christmas with the Kranks

When their daughter is away, the Kranks try to skip Christmas. Luther Krank (Tim Allen) proposes that he and Nora Krank (Jamie Lee Curtis) take a cruise and not celebrate the holidays at all. While hatching this plan, the Kranks burn holiday bridges with their neighbors and the community. At the last minute their daughter decides to come back home, and the couple calls for help from their community in order to help them prepare for their daughter.

Helping the Kranks get a Christmas tree, food, lights, etc. in order to make her daughter think that nothing changed.

Dr. Seuss' "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

The Grinch is a green menace that hates Christmas. Every Who in Whoville avoids the Grinch because of his negative spirit, although he is only misunderstood. One small Who by the name of Cindy Lou finds the Grinch and tries to get him to interact with the townspeople so that she would have a

good reason to get involved with his situation. Cindy Lou also gets the townspeople to change their perspective of the Grinch. By the end of the movie the Grinch's heart grows three-fold, and he starts to accept the fact that he loves Christmas.

The Santa Clause

Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) accidentally startles Santa Clause off of his roof on Christmas Eve. After he kills Santa Clause, Scott puts on Santa's costume and gets in his sleigh to finish the job. Well, Scott doesn't know that by doing those things, he's obtained and agreed to the responsibilities of Santa's job. Scott even gains weight and grows white hair. This movie is a family comedy that will make viewers crack up.



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Division of Student Affairs

Meet Jayla: The woman behind the crown

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Jayla Flournoy, VSU's new homecoming queen, is ready to make some changes around campus.

Flournoy is a Thompson, Georgia native who plans to graduate with a degree in communication sciences and disorders. She won't stop there, though. She wants to continue her education to obtain her master's degree in speech pathology.

"The reason I want to become a speech pathologist is because of the way my brother was affected in his speech classes," Flournoy said. "The classes changed his whole personality, and he became a better person. My little brother is six years younger than I am, so I watched him struggle with his speech and become frustrated when he couldn't pronounce words correctly. I was always the one who would try to help him say words correctly. Since then, our relationship has been better than ever."

Flournoy is an active senior on campus, serving as the corresponding secretary in Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and it's a big part of her giving back. She volunteers with S.U.C.C.E.S.S mentors by reading to young kids, is the treasurer of The Black Student League and a VSU ambassador.

She is also a member of the National Speech Language Hearing Association, National Society of Leadership and Success, Collegiate Women and Sigma Alpha Chi.

Flournoy has thought about running for homecoming queen for a few semesters now, and it was her sister in A.K.A. who pushed her and supported her throughout the campaign. Flournoy's parents were also a large support system in her life and her campaign.

Her campaign slogan was "Flourish with Flournoy" and "There's always room to G.R.O.W." The slogan "G.R.O.W." means to "Go Recognize Opportunities Within."

"G.R.O.W. means to believe in yourself and in all of your abilities," Flournoy said. "I was shy and didn't talk a lot my freshman year, and I bettered myself by looking within. You have to fix yourself before you fix others, and I want to spread G.R.O.W. to the world."

Flournoy wants to do more for her community by expanding G.R.O.W. to the population.

"Eventually, I would like to start a non-profit organization back home to help benefit young girls with G.R.O.W.," Flournoy said. "I want to help girls get a handle on high school and college."

Currently, Flournoy wants to bring a new spirit to the student body as homecoming queen.

"As King and Queen, we want to get more people out to sporting events and start more inclusive activities so that everyone will come together," Flournoy said. "I have always heard that we need to improve and as queen, I feel I can be that person to help. I want to be the change."

Noah Stephens, a friend of Flournoy, believes in her determination.



Photo courtesy of Jayla Flournoy

Jayla Flournoy after the crowning ceremony.

"Jayla gets anything done that she says she will," Stephens said. "She said she was going to be an AKA. Jayla said she was going to be in all these clubs, and she said she was going to be homecoming queen."

He also thinks of her as selfless, authentic and a caring person.

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Meet Michael: The man behind the crown

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Michael Sanders is VSU's new homecoming king who wants to use his new status to give back to the students who supported him during his campaign. He plans to inspire his peers to be as involved and outgoing as possible to reach their goals.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Sanders is an active student at VSU. He is currently the vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha, a member of Media Arts Geniuses and the Membership Coordinator African Student Association. He also interns every summer at UCLA, where he mentors high school students that live all over the world.

Sanders is a senior public relations major who is graduating in May of 2018. He wants to integrate himself more into the entertainment industry and enhance his career in acting after he receives his diploma.

"I plan to continue working on my craft in acting," he said. "I see myself being on TV and in movies."

Sander's hobbies include rapping, writing poetry and working on his acting skills. He would describe himself as ambitious, creative and selfless, which is probably why he was the best fit for homecoming king.

Sanders was inspired to run for homecoming king because of all the support he received from friends and family.

"My reason for running for king was fueled and ignited by all of the love and support that I get," Sanders said. "I also wanted to inspire my peers to know that as long as we put our mind on a goal and work hard, success will be inevitable."

When Sanders realized that he was campaigning for king, he knew right away that he needed to work hard to get as many people to vote for him.

"My strategy going into this I knew I had to use all of my creativeness and put it to use," he said. "Being a PR major, I have been studying how to market myself and the best ways to reach campus effectively. My biggest strategy was to just be as transparent and genuine as possible."

Sanders explained that he knew how important it was to just be himself. He also could not have accomplished his crown were it

not for the help he had from his campaign manager.

"I knew that the moment I started acting like something I'm not, it would show," he said. "My amazing campaign manager, Jasmin Martin, was my rock throughout this whole thing. She is probably one of the smartest and selfless person I've met, and I am forever thankful for her and my entire team."

After Sanders realized he won homecoming king, he explained that the feeling didn't hit him until long after the ceremony.

"When I won Homecoming King, it didn't hit me until the next morning," he said. "I just couldn't believe that this actually happened."

Although, Sanders always knew that the important part was not winning the crown, but reaching out and impacting the student body with his positive attitude.

"Going into this, I didn't even want to think about if I'd win or lose," Sanders said. "I knew that as long as I can reach my peers positively, winning or losing wouldn't change the impact that I would have made."

Now, Sanders wants to contribute as much as possible to get students more invested in supporting VSU, and the fun events they



Photo courtesy of Michael Sanders

Michael Sanders after the crowning ceremony.

host each year for homecoming.

"I plan to enhance the school spirit that students have now," Sanders said. "I want everyone to be proud to be a blazer. Jayla and I are actually starting a scholarship that we will grant next semester to students. I'm so excited to give back and make a difference in the VSU community."

His advice for other students who wish to be more involved and accomplish their goals is to be a

force of nature that will not back down from any obstacles.

"Never let anyone dictate what you want to do," he said. "There was people praying that I would crack under pressure, but through prayer I knew that whatever God has for me is for me and nothing will change that. So to anyone out there that has a goal, I want you to have tunnel vision and never let any roadblock stop you."

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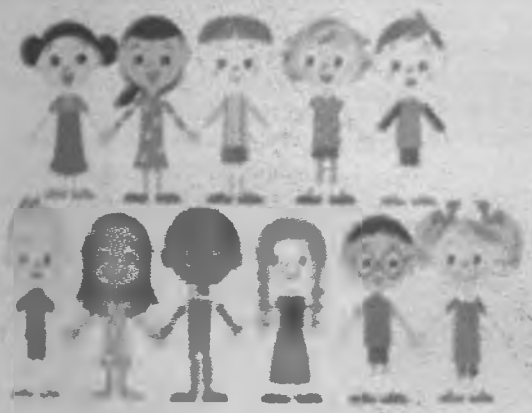
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SPOTLIGHT Freidhoff named new director of advising

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Photo courtesy of Robert Freidhoff

Robert Freidhoff has worked in advising for 15 years and understands the importance of academic advising impacting the success of students.

jump into this field." From 2002 to 2008 Freidhoff worked his way up, and then in 2009 he became the senior academic advisor for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. From 2009 to 2013 he worked at GVSU as the director of the Padnos College of Engineering & Computing Advising Center.

He then went on to the University of Michigan from 2013 up until recently to work as the director of Engineering Advising Center. During this time, he also worked with the Appreciative Advising National Team which allowed him to interact with and consult with many advising center directors, deans and vice provosts

around the world.

This opened a door for him to experience the different ways each leader chose to work towards increasing student retention, persistence and graduation that included the creation of new policies, advising structures, faculty and staff development, physical spaces, data implementation and utilization.

His 15 years of working in advising involved figuring out how academic advising impacts the success of students as well as how do they help students navigate college and how to do that effectively.

Freidhoff saw that a spot had opened up for Executive Direc-

tor of Advising here at VSU and looked into it. He was familiar with VSU from being a student at GVSU when both schools played in a couple of national championship football games.

"They really stressed the importance that academic advising has the overall success of students," Freidhoff said. "I got a really good opportunity to meet and interact with quite a few people in part of the search process, and I am really impressed with the leadership on campus and the direction that it is moving and the focus in student success overall."

Freidhoff stresses how important student success is to him and really focuses his goals for the

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Decorate
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How to get into the holiday spirit

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your home with festive garlands, pumpkins, leaves and various shares of oranges and yellows. Do whatever you need to create the perfect Thanksgiving setting.

If you're decorating for Christmas, then you pretty much have no limit to what you can do. You can put up a tree, decorate your yard, hang lights everywhere and make your home as gaudy and Christmas-y as you can get it.

Get Creative

Gather up a bunch of your friends and do a bunch of DIY activities that cater towards the holidays. You can bake and decorate festive cookies that look like Christmas trees or snowmen.

You and your friends can decorate a tree together and even make your own ornaments. Fox17 online has a tutorial for making customized snow globes. It's a great way to push yourself into the holidays and do something fun with your friends.

The sky is the limit when it comes to making your own decorations, and you can have your own personalized decorations as well.

Listen to holiday music

Listening to holiday music always gets me in the mood for the holidays. According to The Odyssey Online, Christmas and Thanksgiving music all have a certain tune that will make you think of the holidays. Listening to music can help you think of all the



Chloe Bradshaw/THE SPECTATOR

Get into the holiday spirit by looking at festive decorations.

good holiday memories that you have made over the years, and can get you excited for the good times you'll have during the season.

Go look at Christmas Lights

The holiday season is a time where people can show off their decorating skills by creating beautiful images with holiday lights.

Go to a Christmas festival or even drive around some local neighborhoods to see all the beautiful outdoor decorations that have been created with Christmas lights. Most holiday festivals offer food, warm drinks and many other

holiday activities that will get you in the mood for some festive fun.

Throw a Party

If you're away from home, it can be kind of hard to get into the holiday spirit without having your family around. Throwing a party is an easy way to jump into the holidays.

Artofmanliness.com said that planning the food, decorations and tunes will thrust you head first into the holidays. You can throw an ugly Christmas sweater party, a pajama party or even a Christmas costume party. No matter which

one, your friends and family will be there with you to enjoy the holidays. The warm atmosphere and familiar company will put you in the mood to have a happy holiday season.

There are plenty of other ways to get into the holiday spirit, but no matter what you do, the holidays are a time to enjoy yourself and surround yourself with people that you love. So, no matter what the holiday season brings, as long as you're happy you'll definitely feel the joy of the best time of the year.

Seniors present 'After Hours' exhibit in the gallery



Bryce Decker/THE SPECTATOR

The "After Hours" art exhibit houses art from 16 VSU artists.

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On Sunday, Nov. 12, art students from the class of 2017 held their fall exhibit "After Hours". The students had many different media used to express their messages.

The art show had pieces in drawing, painting, graphic design, photography, mixed media, ceramic, sculpture and jewelry metalworking.

The artists in the showing are Ansley Vicknair, Jesse Suda, Bemis Smith, Hunter Pope, Aramis Phaire, Katherine Ogletree, Brit-

tany Morales, Sarah Moore, Kelly Jones, Carla Johnson, Katrina Perez, Sandra Barrios, Marsica Burrow, Ashley Cheeks, Casey Daniel, and Hanna Hamstra.

A lot of time and effort went into these projects.

Sandra Barrios' art consisted of different photography and oil paintings.

"In the oil painting portraits, color allows me to express my inner emotions and of those I have had the opportunity to explore during my lifetime," said Barrios.

Katherine Ogletree's art was full of color and organic shapes.

"The most notable influence in my art is from Earth itself," said

Ogletree. "After seeing these elements and principles of design hidden within the world around me, both organic and man-made, combining the two seemed natural and necessary."

Once you walked into the art building there was a band playing live music and a catering table full of food.

The artist set up their own art pieces for the art show. Artists seemed to set up the gallery in a pattern of alternating colorful and neutral style art pieces.

The artist put up some of their works for sale.

A patron purchased a piece of art for 50 dollars on the first day of the exhibit's opening. The piece, "Bluebeard," was made by Bemis Smith, and all of the proceeds went directly to him.

"Some galleries would split the difference of the purchased item," said Hunter Pope. "The galleries would either do a split of maybe 60/40 or 70/30, and most of the time in favor of the artist."

The gallery will be open until Dec. 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

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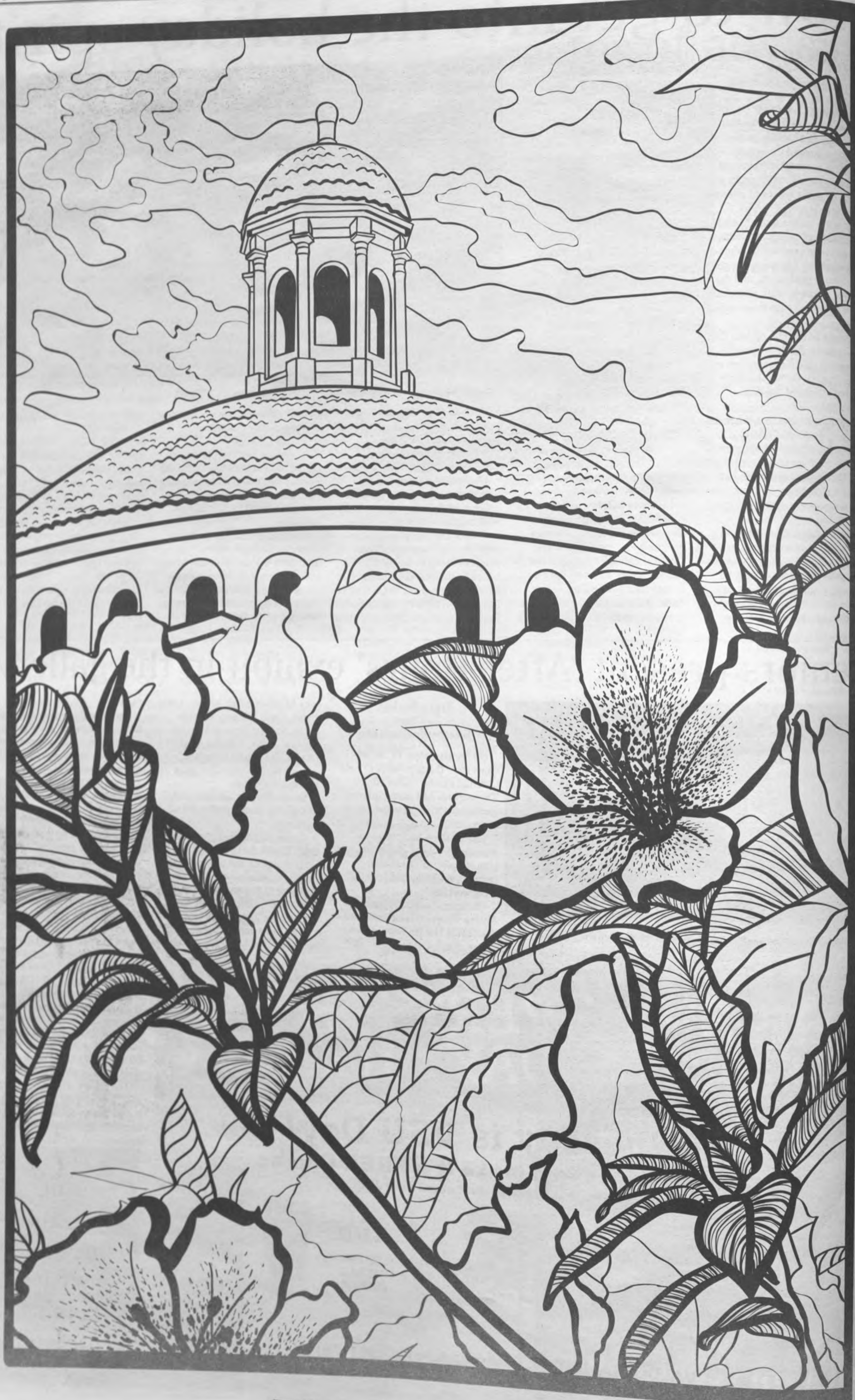
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UPD gives tips on bicycle theft prevention

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UPD uses this decal to stop bicycles on campus during late

hours of the night and early morning to verify ownership. The decal also allows for tracking in case the bicycle is ever stolen or lost.

According to Leschber, it is more likely for someone to steal certain parts rather than the entire bicycle.

"We rarely see cases where the whole bike is stolen," Leschber said. "If someone tries to steal a bike, they take it apart. Students usually report expensive tires and seats taken."

UPD also has information at their office on the best bolts and locks to use to secure bicycles on campus. The best lock that Administrative Sergeant Heidi Bertsch and Leschber recommend is the U-Bolt lock.

"The U-Bolt lock is the best lock to use because it has to be welded off or sawed off to get the bicycle," Leschber said. "No

normal person would be able to get that lock off."

Suspects of bicycle theft are tracked down multiple ways by UPD. For instance, all local pawnshops are aware of the B.A.T. program at VSU and know to look out for and report any suspicious activity when someone tries to pawn a bicycle part.

"We do not often catch the suspects of bike theft, but when we do, it is because of the B.A.T. program," Leschber said.

Freshman mass media major, Noah Fritz suggests that more surveillance is needed around bike racks across campus in order to prevent thefts.

"I believe the best way to prevent theft of bikes on this campus would be to have security cameras located near each of the bike racks, giving thefts less incentive to steal," Fritz said.



Bryce Ethridge/ The Spectator

Bike racks are placed around campus for the use of students but are often preyed upon by thieves.

Students currently using a bicycle on campus or interested in using one, should stop by UPD's office to get registered for the

B.A.T. program. This will help prevent chances of their bicycle being stolen.

VSU proposes new alcohol policy change

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Vice President Vincent Miller, the revamped policy would contain all of the same information as the prior policies, combined for the sake of efficiency.

"The largest priority was to establish one policy for the university instead of the two currently on record," he said. "It was confusing for those requesting use of event space on campus to know what policy to review and follow should they choose to request permission for alcohol service on campus."

If the proposed policy is made

official, there would only be one source to consult for requesting permission or clarification of the rules in general.

Miller says the hope is that this will prevent any errors in interpreting the policy that could be caused by discrepancies between the two current documents, should change occur in one and not the other.

"Additionally, the Student Code of Conduct and Student Organization Handbook provides oversight for student and student organization activity, so duplicating those

expectations in multiple policies leaves room for error should something change in one document or the other," he said.

Further changes would take place most notably in the section of the document regarding the serving of alcohol at events. A list of parties exempted from the policy is included, a change from the current policy.

Corporate tents and skyboxes along with tailgaters at athletic or other university events are among those exempted. Also exempt are guests of the university president

at official meetings.

Residents of legal drinking age at residence halls owned by the Department of Housing and Residential Life are subject to the rules and policies of that department, and as such are also exempt.

The proposal has been posted on the university's website for comment until Nov. 30. The policy can be accessed here: <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/policies/>

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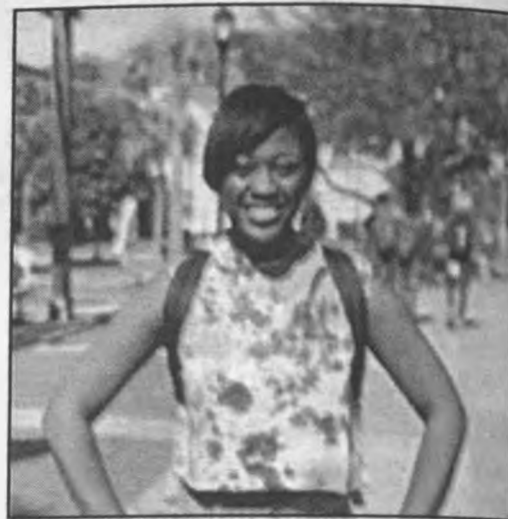
What artist do you want for the VSU spring concert?



"I voted for Waka Flocka because he was the only name I recognized," Snowflake Stubli, a freshman theatre production major, said.



"I voted for Dolph because I've seen all the other guys and I like Dolph a lot," Geoffrey Davidson, a sophomore exercise physiology major, said.



"I voted for Lucci for the spring concert because I like his music a lot," Amari Jones, a sophomore early childhood education major, said.



"I voted for Dolph because of the possibility of him bringing other well-known artist with him," Raekwon Williams, a senior art major, said.



"I voted for Waka Flocka because I listen to his music more than I do any of the other artist," Jaylah Wells, a freshman biology major, said.

Quotes and photos by Briana Salem, Staff Writer.

Career Opportunities

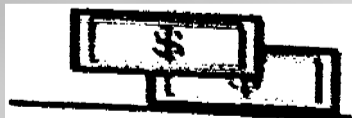
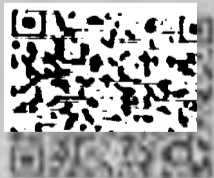
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Not really.

Consider looking at examples. What about the interview, have you practiced?

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How much thought have you put into your future?

Should I?

Duh!

Have you developed any relationships by networking or interning?

Maybe 5 minutes

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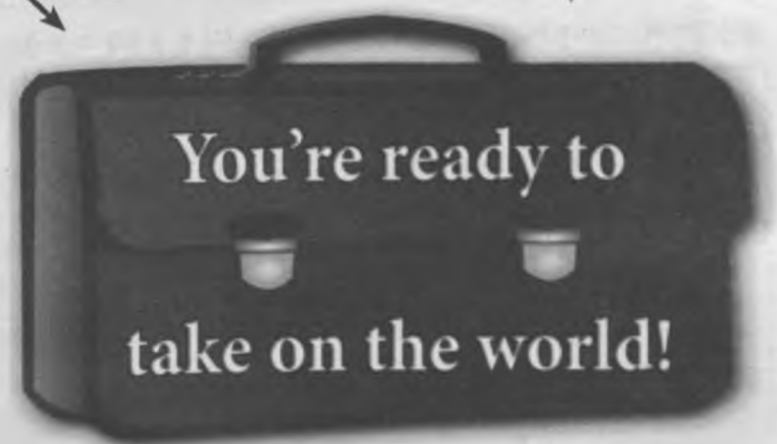
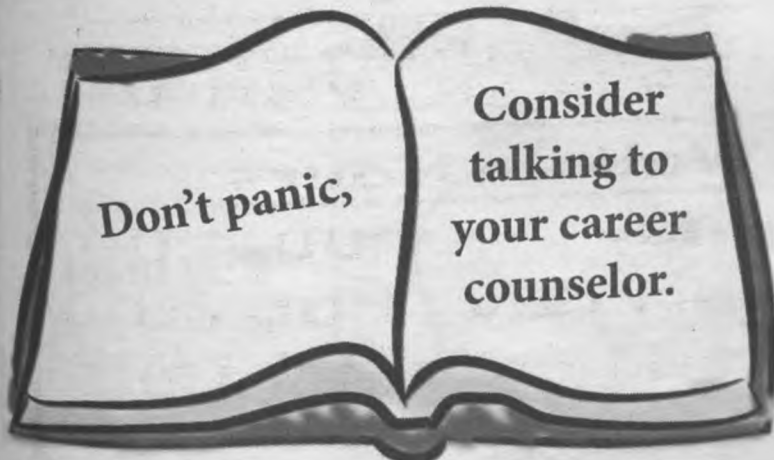
What about sitting down with your advisor and discussing your options?

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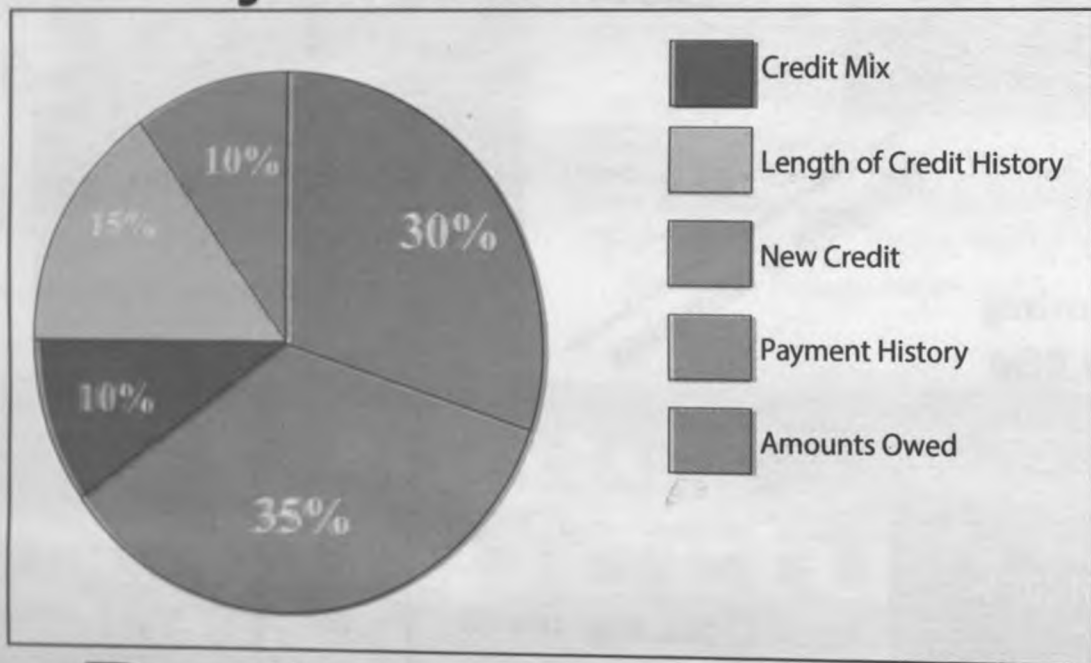
Do

- DO pay all of your bills on time. 35 percent of your credit score is based on your payment history.
- DO set up automatic payments on your credit cards. You can eliminate the possibility of any late payments this way.
- DO keep old credit cards open. 15 percent of your credit score is based on how long you've had credit history.
- DO request copies of your credit scores before making any major purchases such as a house or car. This allows you to take simple steps to improve your credit further before making the purchase.

Don't

- DON'T open multiple credit cards at the same time. Each time you apply for new credit an inquiry is placed on your credit report which can lower your score anywhere from 2-20 points.
- DON'T transfer all your credit card balances to one card. One credit card balance that is near the limit will shoot your credit utilization up, which hurts your credit score.
- DON'T avoid credit cards completely. Building credit is important for being able to apply for loans and before making investments on big purchases, such as buying a car or signing a mortgage.

Factors that determine your credit score



Renting vs Buying

Pros

- The landlord pays property taxes and repairs.
- There's no long term commitment. You can move every year or at the end of your lease/renting contract.
- Renting can help establish good credit as long as payments are made on time.

Cons

- You're living on the landlords property, which means you must follow the landlords rules. (They may have pet and remodeling restrictions specified in the leasing contract.)
- You cannot build equity on the property as you are not the owner of the property.
- Monthly payments could increase anytime at the landlord's discretion.

Pros

- Homes generally increase in value and build equity.
- You are free to remodel your house as you please.
- You can have pets without restrictions, while renters must follow their landlords policies regarding pets.

Cons

- Buying a home is a long term commitment. Are you ready to spend 10 or more years in the same location?
- You're responsible for all home repairs, landscaping and other costs such as pest control. Be sure to consider these costs before you buy.
- Buying a home has a lot of up-front costs such as a down payment and home appraisal.

Stretching your dollar

Cook your meals at home

Millennials spend 44% of their food dollars – or \$2,921 annually – on eating out, according to the Food Institute's analysis of the United States Department of Agriculture's food expenditure data from 2014.

Brew your own coffee

If you're the type to grab a cup of joe before work consider investing in your own coffee brewer. You can save between 5-20 dollars a week by brewing your own instead of hitting the gas station daily.



Tap yourself into instant savings

If you drink 8 glasses a day you will spend \$1400 a year buying bottled water. If you're buying bottled water for a family of four you will spend roughly \$5,000 in bottle water. If you drink 8 glasses a day and you get it from your tap you'll spend 49 cents. If the taste of your local tap water is undesirable you can invest in a filtered pitcher or a filter that attaches to your faucet.



Start thrifting

Instead of going to the mall when you need new clothes, try going to local thrift shops such as Goodwill, Plato's Closet or The Salvation Army. You can find name brand clothing at lower prices than you would at full price retail stores.

Buy used

If possible buy things gently used or refurbished to find extra savings as opposed to buying the same things brand new. For example a refurbished Microsoft Surface Pro 4 is \$639 while a new one is \$760. This equals to over \$100 in savings for the same product.

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BUY NEW

On average new cars depreciate 19 percent in the first year. This is bad for you because high interest rates on car loans can make you end up paying more than the vehicle is worth.



DON'T LET PRICE BE THE ONLY FACTOR

While price is an important factor when buying a car, don't let it be the only factor. Make sure that the car is reliable, doesn't have any mechanical issues that need to be repaired after buying.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT EXTRA FEES

So you've done all the research and found the perfect car within your price range. But you forgot about taxes and dealer fees and now the car is out of your budget. Keep in mind when shopping that there will be taxes on the vehicle you purchase whether new or used and other fees as well.

Getting a loan

Things to consider:

1. There are several types of loans

There are seven different types of loans: conventional, conforming, non-conforming, secured, unsecured, open-ended and close-ended loans. You should figure out what type of loan will suit your needs beforehand.

2. Not everyone qualifies for a loan

Your credit score helps determine to lenders if you qualify for a loan or not. Check out some of our tips for building good credit on page 12. If you have low credit a secured loan may be a viable option for you if you have assets that you are willing to put down as collateral such as proof of some savings or putting your home down as an asset.

3. Pay attention to interest rates

When shopping for a loan keep in mind what the interest rate is for different lenders. Your credit score determines what kinds of interest rates you are eligible for. Those with high credit scores are usually able to get lower interest rates on their loans.

4. Compare types of borrowing

Do you really need a loan to make the purchase you are considering? There are other options such as credit cards to make large purchases. While most loans tend to have lower interest rates than credit cards take the time to weigh out all of your options before deciding to take out a loan.

5. Use an online loan calculator

Online loan calculators such as LendingTree Smart Borrower Center can help you figure out what your monthly payments will be based off of how much you borrow, the length of the loan and projected interest rates. This can help you get an idea of your rates before you get a loan.

Investing 101

What is investing?

Investing is the act of commit money or capital to an endeavor with the expectation of making profit. Investing can also be considered the amount of time you put into the study of a prospective company according to investopedia.

How can I invest?

You can make your first investment through a bank, broker or insurance company. There are many types of investments and styles to choose from. There are stocks, bonds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds as well as other investments such as real estate.

Why should I invest?

Investing is a way to set aside money while you're busy with everyday life (i.e. working, school, etc...). Investing is about making priorities for your money. Investing can turn \$100 into \$1000 if you're smart about it and help you prepare for the future financially.

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Myth Busters: Job hunting edition

1. The most qualified job seekers get the best jobs

Getting hired is a matter of presenting yourself as the best and only solution to the employer's problem: an open position that's ultimately costing them money and disrupting the flow of business. Convince them that you've got the right skills, the right attitude, and the right stuff to solve the problem.

2. A look at the employer's website is good preparation for the interview.

That's just the tip of the iceberg. Don't just look, scrutinize the website! See what the company is all about, who the players are, what their concerns are, as well as who their customers and competitors are. Read the organization's annual report and press releases. Search the web to see what else you can find out about them. Ask friends and contacts what they know. Do your homework and you'll have an advantage, because most job seekers don't bother to go that far.

3. "Nobody reads cover letters anymore"

Cover letters are an integral part of your job-search. A resume just skims the surface, it's all but useless if not accompanied with a document that gives a detailed description of why you are uniquely qualified for the job. A cover letter is also a writing sample that shows off your communication skills. Even if no one reads it, the fact that you bothered to write a cover letter gives the impression that you'll be willing to go the extra mile, that you pay attention to detail, and that you won't submit a project with missing pieces.

4. Take the first job offer you get

You'll have weeks where you interview for positions and you are sure you'll get an offer and no offer ever comes, and then there will be weeks when you get multiple interviews and perhaps multiple offers. Should you take the first job offer that comes along? Only if you are sure that the job represent the right career move. If not, a better offer will come along. There is nothing wrong with holding out for the job in the direction you want to move in.

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20-20-60 APPROACH

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Spend 20 percent of your time looking for jobs that you're obviously qualified to handle.



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Spend 20 percent of your time making sure your resume and LinkedIn profile can be found.

60%

Spend 60 percent of your time networking for potential jobs you're fully qualified to handle. Pull out every contact, reference you've got.

Do's and Don'ts for job interviews

DO close the interview by telling them that you're very interested, and ask if they have any concerns about your fit for the job. Mention that if they have additional questions at a later point they can give you a call or send a email.

DON'T indicate that you intend the job to be a "stepping stone" to something else.

DO dress appropriately for the job you want, be neatly groomed, and dress relatively conservatively. Bring breath mints.

DON'T answer questions with a simple "yes" or "no." Describe the things about yourself that showcase your skills and determination. Give detailed examples of your accomplishments.



Student Spotlight

Dustin Wall

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Since Oct. 30, VSU has been hosting candidates for the position of Dean of the Dewar College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).

Four candidates have participated in on-campus interviews. These interviews include a full day's schedule beginning with an 8 a.m. breakfast with the deans of each college, including open meeting times for COEHS faculty, staff and students.

Each candidate also prepared their own presentation to give at an open campus presentation and a question and answer session in the student union theater. At this session, any student, faculty or staff member could attend, evaluate and question each candidate's credentials.

The candidates are, in order of presentation, Dr. Beth Freeburg, Dr. James Scottile, Dr. Keith

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Dustin Wall at the study abroad fair. He volunteered to help promote study abroad to Japan.

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Wall does have an advantage within his desired career. Not only is he motivated and passionate about what he does, he can also communicate with a wide range of people from different cultures.

"I can speak 20 languages; I can speak English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Dutch, Portuguese, mandarin Chinese, Cantonese Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Hindi, Tagalog, Hmong, Turkish, Hawaiian pidgin and some archaic Latin."

Because he grew up speaking English and Spanish, Wall finds that his other favorite languages

are Japanese, Thai and Filipino.

Wall began his path to learning different languages when he was eight years old. He explained that growing up in a small town didn't leave much opportunity to meet people from different ethnic groups.

"When I was growing up, I didn't like to speak English all that much like once you speak so much of one language you get bored of it," he said "You want to learn something new. My best friend in second and third grade was Hmong, not Mongolian but from a culture of nomads from Asia. So, I began learning Hmong. After I learned a little bit

of Hmong, I thought it was pretty cool to learn another language, and I wanted to learn more and more."

Although Wall is not fluent in all 20 languages, he can hold conversations in all of them. His most fluent languages are English, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.

"So now if I see somebody who does not speak English, I'll go up to them and try to listen to their language and most likely I can catch on," Wall said.

Ironically, he said the hardest language to learn was Chinese even though it is one of his most fluent languages.

"It is just because I speak both Mandarin and Cantonese," he said. "Mandarin has four tones and Cantonese has nine tones. I am better in Cantonese, so when I speak Mandarin I have to think of what I'm saying because I think in Cantonese."

These skills are the ones that paved the way for his decision in his major, while also enabling him to perform better in his classes and internship.

Wall said he finds most of his class's pretty straight forward and that you just have to understand how you want to approach every obstacle and treat each situation. "The major classes are actu-

ally very easy," he said. "All you have to do is go to the class and see what the teacher wants. It's more likely that you have to actually think about what you want to do. This is your future career: something you want to put up with or something you don't want to put up with. How you deal with an incident that comes up and those thoughts is what you have to process."

When he is not in class or teaching classes, Wall enjoys extracurricular activities at his dorm.

"I dance once a week," he said. "I just teach them in my dorm, Centennial Hall. There is a free room there, so I teach them once a week. I did teach dance club once, and it was pretty fun. I also like traveling, photography, dancing, music and of course, learning different languages."

Wall's intended graduation date is fall of 2018, and he has big plans for the future.

"After I graduate, I'm planning to teach blind and deaf students in Japan, but I want to teach them English," he said. "When I studied abroad, I learned more Japanese, but I also began to study Japanese's sign language to better benefit my future career. I thought ASL and JSL were the same thing but their completely different."

VSU hosts candidates for new position

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Since Oct. 30, VSU has been hosting candidates for the position of Dean of the Dewar College of Education and Human Services (COEHS).

Four candidates have participated in on-campus interviews. These interviews include a full day's schedule beginning with an 8 a.m. breakfast with the deans of each college, including open meeting times for COEHS faculty, staff and students.

Each candidate also prepared their own presentation to give at an open campus presentation and a question and answer session in the student union theater. At this session, any student, faculty or staff member could attend, evaluate and question each candidate's credentials.

The candidates are, in order of presentation, Dr. Beth Freeburg, Dr. James Scottile, Dr. Keith

Wilson and Dr. Bernard Oliver.

Dr. Freeburg, the first candidate, visited VSU on Oct. 30. According to her curriculum vitae (CV), she is currently a professor in Higher Education and Administration at St. Louis University and held the position of dean of the School of Professional Studies from June 2014 to Sept. 2016.

She has a Ph.D. in education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and received her bachelor's in Georgia, at Agnes Scott College.

Dr. Freeburg has also published two books, "Dress and Society" and "Foundations of Work Education" along with several articles in professional journals with two currently under review. She is also involved in the Girl Scouts and became a member of the Board of Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois in April 2016.

The second candidate, Dr. Scottile, visited VSU on Nov. 7. According to his CV, Dr. Scottile currently holds three positions. Chiefly as an associate dean of the

College of Education at Missouri State University. He also works as a professor with graduate students at Missouri State and as doctoral faculty at Missouri State-Columbia.

Prior to working at Missouri State, he held a position as the School of Education assistant chair at Marshall University in West Virginia from 2003 to 2012.

While at Marshall University, Dr. Scottile received the Marshall University Excellence in Teaching Award and the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award for Outstanding Research.

Dr. Scottile received his Ed.D. in Psychology with a minor in counseling from West Virginia University.

He has completed more than 40 refereed research presentations and has completed additional grant-based research.

Dr. Wilson, the third candidate, presented at VSU on Nov. 14. According to his CV, he is currently a faculty member at Southern Illinois University's Rehabilitation Institute in

Carbondale. Before assuming his position, he worked as the dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Southern Illinois from July 2012 to June 2015. While he was working as dean, the college bettered its overall national ranking by 18 places and was first in extramural funding and training grants in the university.

According to his CV, Dr. Wilson has almost 50 refereed articles published and one book "Expanding What We Know through Research across the African Diaspora." He has also won several research-based awards.

Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Services and Education from Ohio State University.

The last candidate, Dr. Oliver, visited VSU from Nov. 16 to Nov. 17. he received his Ed.D. in Teacher Education and Curriculum Development at Stanford University. He received a Fulbright scholarship to Germany in 1995 to study administration.

Dr. Oliver is currently a dean and professor at the College of Education at United Arab Emirates University. Before assuming his position, he was a professor, director and program coordinator at the University of Florida. There, he led a university partnership program for leadership preparation for low income and low performing high schools near the University of Florida.

He has more than 20 published research articles almost all dealing directly with teaching and its improvement and is a member of 13 associations and alliances including the National Association of Multicultural Education, the American Association of University Administrators and the Association of Teacher Educators.

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Voice of the students

What are you doing for the holidays?



"I will be working and eating over the breaks," Jamilla Chambers, a senior psychology major, said.



"Over the Thanksgiving break I will be traveling to North Carolina, and for Christmas break I will be here in Valdosta with family," Hannah Jones, a junior middle grades education major, said.



"Over the break, I plan on spending time with my family and enjoying my time away from school," Trey Wilcoxon, a sophomore business major, said.



"I am going home to Atlanta and I'll probably help teach cheer for my high school," Kailey Wise, a freshman exercise physiology major, said. "I'll also go to games and prepare for next semester."

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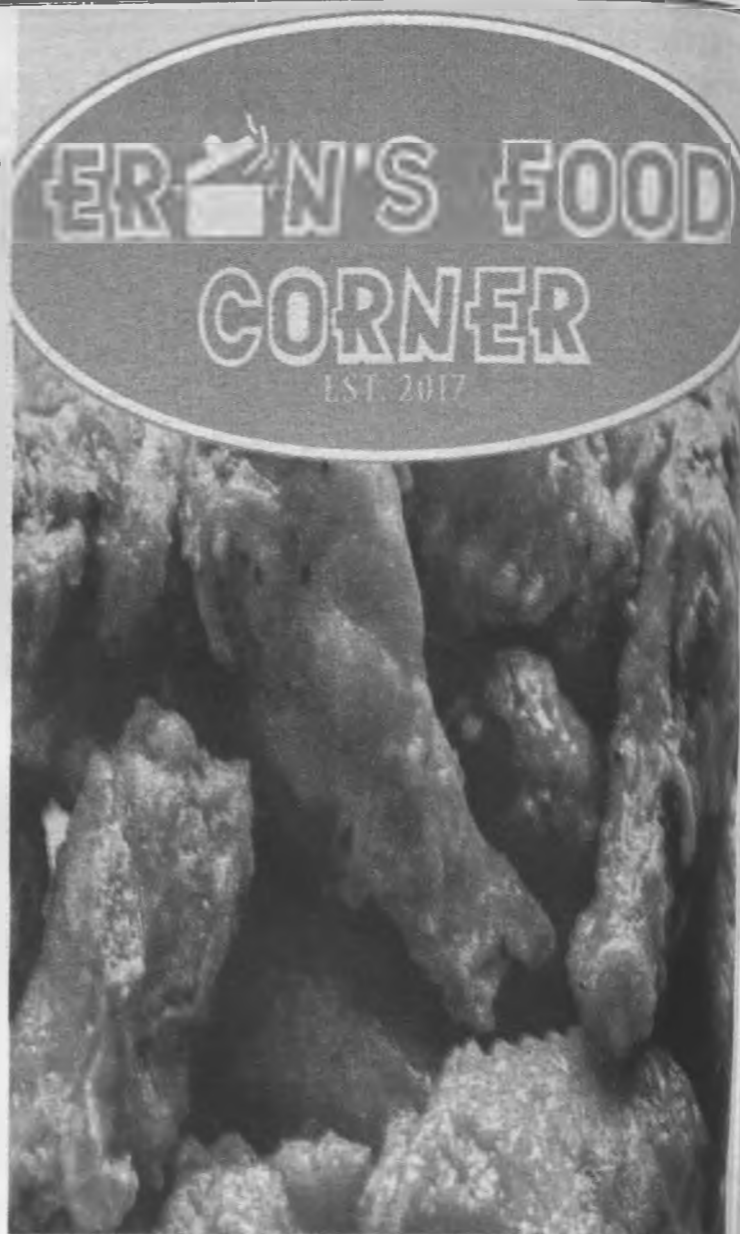


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Baked Crispy Chicken Wings

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Steps:

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3. Sprinkle both sides of chicken wings generously with seasoning mix.
4. Place wings on cookie sheet in a single layer; place a pat of butter on each wing.
5. Bake chicken on 450 for 30 minutes, or until juices run clear.
6. Turn oven to broiler, and broil chicken for 5-10 minutes. Be careful not to burn the chicken while broiler is on.
7. Remove from oven and enjoy your crispy chicken!

The best part about baked chicken is that it's extremely college student friendly. Not only can you buy a pack of chicken wings for 5 dollars at Walmart, but it's also super easy to make. Now, I don't know about you, but easy and cheap sounds pretty good to me. Enjoy this crispy baked chicken recipe as much as I did making it!

Ingredients:

- Chicken Wings
- 1 1/2 - 2 tsp seasoning salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano/thyme
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp creole seasoning

Beau Justice

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On the hardwood, Beau Justice and the hoop have a very special relationship.

Justice, a sharpshooting junior guard for the scorching 2017-2018 Blazers basketball team, shattered nearly every scoring record during his high school career and has continued to perform here at VSU. Growing up in Peebles, Ohio, a small town 64 miles east of Cincinnati, Justice was deemed the successor to his oldest brother, Blake. Blake finished his high school career with 314 made three-pointers, the second-most in the history of high school basketball in the state of Ohio.

Beau remembers how dominant his brother was as a freshman. "His first game he had 46 points and that just carried suit for 2,100 points," Justice said. "He had multiple 40-point games and averaged 27 [points per game]."

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Beau Justice makes VSU home

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Justice's stats were very astronomical, but the team's success means the most to him.

"We won our first district championship my junior and senior year since 1984, winning back to back," Justice said. Leading up to capturing the championship, Justice scored 40 points in a district tournament win.

In the championship game, he went 28-for-32 from the foul line and notched 39 points.

Justice holds many records at Peebles High School. He set the single-game scoring record (51

and the most points scored in a single-season (839). Justice was also a finalist for the Ohio "Mr. Basketball" award.

After a stellar high school career, Justice committed to play for the West Liberty Hilltoppers in West Virginia.

"I think I did that just because I wanted to have space away from Blake," Justice said of his brother Blake, who had left Ohio to come to Valdosta and play for the Blazers. "I wanted to create my own path a little bit, and it was closer



Beau Justice was the only Blazer to be selected to the Men's preseason All-Conference team.

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like it was home to me," Justice said.

Justice decided to head south to Valdosta and joined the VSU Blazers, where Blake is currently an assistant coach.

Beau had a great sophomore season, starting all 32 games for the Blazers and averaging nearly 34 minutes per contest. His sharpshooting ability did not waver when he averaged 14.3 points per game and drilled 87 three-pointers for the season.

Compared to his opponents, Justice ranked No. 4 in the Gulf South Conference in three-point field goal percentage with 40 percent.

Fans salivate on the scoring ability of Beau, but his teammates gravitate towards his ability to lead.

"Beau is a great leader," Jimmy Kodet, the Blazers junior forward, said. "He's out here all the time working really hard. He knows how to get on to everybody and to make sure we are playing to the best of our ability."

Although shooting has been a huge identity for Justice, Men's Head Coach Mike Helfer taught him another dimension of being a true basketball player.

"Pretty much just how to win and what it takes to win," Justice said.

And certainly, Justice is dedicated to bringing a championship to VSU.

"Valdosta is my home now," Justice said.

FOOD RECIPES



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Buie brings experience to VSU

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When Taylor Buie was just learning about sports, her brother, who wanted to be Michael Jordan, introduced her to the game of basketball. Now, years later, Buie will finish a successful college basketball career with the VSU Blazers, chasing one last shot at a national title.

Buie, a 5'5" guard who grew up in Puyallup, Washington, a town 35 miles outside of Seattle, joined the Blazers after a stellar career at Nova Southeastern University in Broward County, Florida.

"I started playing basketball with my older brother," she said. "My brother wanted to practice every day to be like Jordan, so I practiced with him."

Buie joins an already formidable squad that is coming off a season that featured its first conference championship in 20 years and goes into this season ranked eighth nationally.

Buie played other sports back in high school, including softball. But she was partial to bowling, and said that if it didn't interfere with basketball season, she would

have played that too. "My high school bowling team was four-time state champs," Buie said. "I wasn't four-time state-champ good, but I would love to join a bowling league soon."

Nothing drew her in like basketball did, however.

"I was first team all-conference in softball," she said. "I was competitive playing softball, but it's not like basketball. Basketball is more fast-paced, up and down. Softball can be a really slow game."

Buie's style features a variety of shots from the perimeter. In her 2013-2014 season at Nova, she was eighth in the country in 3-point shooting percentage and 15th in 3-point baskets per game. "My favorite player in the NBA is Klay Thompson," Buie said. "We both have quick shots, and I play more of a catch and shoot type of game."

This will be Buie's sixth year playing college basketball. During her years at Nova, she racked up a closet full of awards, including South Region Tournament Most Outstanding Player in 2014, the same year she led the Sharks to the Final Four. They eventually

lost to West Texas A&M in the semifinals.

In the 2014-2015 season, she suffered a season ending knee injury. Prior to the injury, she averaged 15.1 points per game on 44.8 percent from the field and shot 43.9 percent from 3-point land.

In her senior year at Nova, Buie suffered a foot injury that cut her season to four games. Now, she starts her final year of eligibility in Valdosta.

"She is an experienced player, who brings a lot of knowledge and some leadership," VSU Head Coach Carley Kuhns said. "With a lot of new people and somewhat of a young team, Taylor knows how to play at that highest level, and she wants a championship, so her presence is going to be beneficial."

The transition from Nova to Valdosta has been welcoming.

"I love my teammates," Buie said. "I just came in and I felt like we clicked immediately, meshing together earlier is going to set us up for success later and that's what we want to do."

Kuhns likes how Buie is fitting in.

"The chemistry on the court is great with the addition of Taylor,"



After multiple injuries interrupted her playing career at Nova Southeastern, Taylor Buie's goal is to help lead VSU to a championship this season.

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she said. "We preach good chemistry, and chemistry is what takes good teams to great teams."

This year the Blazers are heading to Buie's home state of Washington for a tournament during Thanksgiving.

"I'm excited to play in front of my family and friends that are coming to the game," she said.

"It's basically going to be a home game for me," she said.

Buie is glad to be healthy and excited to get back on the court.

"This is the comeback year and the plan is to win a championship," she said. "This is my last hoorah. I thought I was never going to play basketball ever again. I'm getting a second chance and taking advantage of this opportunity. I see how hard we are working. After all this work we will be where we want to be."

Fire Pit continues to burn bright

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The Fire Pit is making sure the flame is on at VSU and it isn't dwindling any time soon.

Last year, co-founders Jackie Marrero and Colleen Kavanaugh both came together and created the organization the Fire Pit. As a recognized organization on campus, its purpose is to enhance

school spirit on campus and in every activity, that involves VSU.

"Jackie and I really wanted to see a change in school spirit," Kavanaugh said. "We wanted students to be students that went to a division two school and actually support it rather than a division one school. We really wanted to see that type of culture change within the student body as well as in some administration and faculty."

In the fall of 2013, when Marrero and Colleen Kavanaugh first came to VSU as freshmen, they didn't feel any spirit on campus.

Both growing up in the South, the hype of college football here at VSU was no match for the intensity of high school football games back in their home towns.

"When Jackie and I came, we were roommates our freshman year in Patterson Hall," Kavanaugh said. "We were so excited for our

first football game and homecoming pep rally. When we got to the first home game, everyone was on their phones, no one had on Valdosta State wear, and people just weren't proud to be Blazers. We both knew freshman year that we wanted to do something about the spirit on campus."

Since starting the Fire Pit in 2016, Kavanaugh, who is the standing director over the organization, and all the members have made huge improvements to the spirit at athletic games, events and, of course, homecoming.

"I never realized how much the Fire Pit impacted the school," Kiara Clark said. "Last year all of the basketball games and football games were lit."

This year the Fire Pit is doing everything they did last year and more. They are now connected

with Student Life and the Campus Activities Board.

For homecoming this year, the Fire Pit will be continuing to students at VSU in the school spirit.

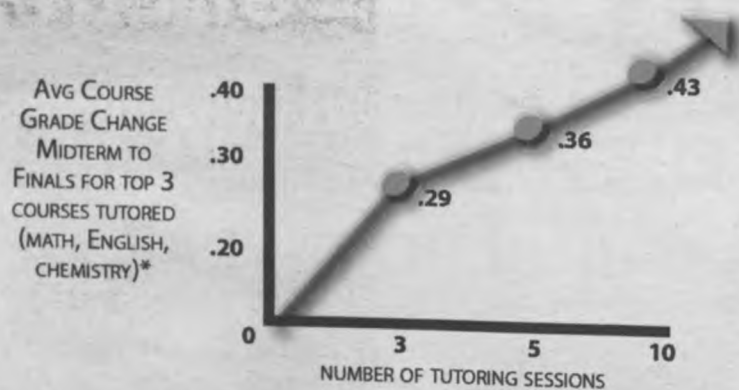
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Although the organization is fairly new, they are busy year-round assuring that the spirit of VSU never dies. Always needing extra hands, the organization is open for any VSU student to join and there are no requirements.

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VSU's parking map of main and north campus.

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ing Lot, North Campus Lot and the Ashley Cinema Lot. VSU students parking at the SGMC parking deck on north campus are only able to park on the top level with

a valid permit. Even though there is enough parking for both resident and off campus commuters, students have to walk a long way from the

parking areas to their classes. There is very little parking available for students on main campus, unless it is timed. Students will receive

tickets if they are parked for longer than the space allows which is usually 45 minutes. For example, if a student only had one class all day, they would still have to walk from the bigger parking decks instead of parking on main campus near class.

Parking for students is permitted anywhere that is labeled reserved, staff or handicap without authorization. If a student parks outside of an assigned area, the tickets are 15 dollars, and if he or she parks in a disabled space or is blocking a disabled space, tickets are 105 dollars.

Students' cars will be towed along with a parking ticket if they are parked in fire lanes, service vehicle lanes and 24 hour reserved spaces.

Parking tickets are also issued to students with no parking permit, an expired parking permit and a misplaced parking permit on windshield. All of these offenses are 15 dollars. Students who use a parking permit other than the permit that person has been issued will receive a ticket of 55 dollars. Altered parking permits will also result in a fine of 55 dollars.

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