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# Armed robbery suspects at large

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As of Wednesday evening, the Valdosta Police Department

has released no new information concerning the armed robbery that occurred last Saturday night at approximately 9:40 p.m. According to the Valdosta Daily Times, a

nineteen-year-old female student was robbed at the corner of East Jane Street and Williams Street in front of Bazemore-Hyder Stadium, a mostly residential area which hosts little foot traffic at most times of day.

The offenders asked to use the student's phone and the student willingly handed it over in order to help. When she refused to give the password, one of the individuals produced a handgun and demanded the password. She refused, and the men took her phone and her handbag.

The suspects were described as two black males, and rode away from the scene on bicycles. Any information that may further the investigation of this crime should be reported to the Valdosta Police Department Crime Tip Line at (229) 293-3091 or (229) 293-3145.

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# OPINIONS

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Our point of view...

## VSU works to better accommodate students of all gender orientations

Celebrity advocates Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox are shining light on an invisible population of transgender people, and now so is VSU?

The additions of gender neutral bathrooms throughout the campus show a sign of progression for the university.

Since 2011, VSU has offered a program called "Safe Space" that provides a more appreciative and nurturing environment for LGBT people by establishing an identifiable network of people who can provide support, information, and act as allies to LGBT individuals within the campus community.

It is impossible to know the number of individuals who identify as transgender on VSU campus, just as it is hard to tell who identifies as Republican, Democratic, or Independent. But that does not mean that there shouldn't be a place for those students to feel welcome and safe.

These designations show that VSU is open to having a diverse community of students.

Everyone is different, and there are going to be those that feel this is wrong; they are completely entitled to their opinions.

But as a population of adults at a univer-

sity, everyone is here to get an education and further their lives, so everyone should be able to be themselves and feel like they are being supported by their school.

As a university, we are allowed to have sporting events, religious affairs, and now gender neutral bathrooms so that we can express ourselves in any way that we choose.

We at The Spectator agree with the gender neutral restrooms on campus, and we hope to see more changes like this to encourage individuals to be who they are and not worry about what other people think. This goes for everyone in the VSU community, not just transgender people.

It has taken many years for different races, genders and classes to be seen as somewhat equal and we are still striving for equality in America today. Let's not revert back to old ways, but continue to grow and develop as a society that treats everyone as equals.

At the Spectator, we hope to continue to see diversity among our students, faculty and staff at VSU and hope the university proceeds in making steps in the right direction.

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## Sex ed that includes all students: VA school district adds transgender education into curriculum

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Fairfax County in Virginia recently announced its plan to add transgender and gender identity education into its middle grades Family Life Education curriculum. While some rejoiced, others like the Traditional Values Coalition are not pleased with the decision.

According to the Washington Post, the Fairfax County school board voted 10 to 2 in approval of the new addition to the course. The new curriculum will include heterosexual and homosexual relationships as well as transgender identity issues for seventh through tenth graders.

The purpose of a family life class is to teach students ways to refrain from sex or have protected sex in order to avoid sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. These are issues that gay and transgender students face as well

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as heterosexual students, so denying them the right to the same education that their heterosexual peers receive is wrong.

Along with being denied proper sex education, it sends the message to students that being gay or transgender is wrong and not normal. This is not the message we should be sending to young, impressionable minds that will run our country in the next 40 years.

Now that same-sex marriage is legalized in America, it is time for citizens to stop pretending same sex and transgender relationships are immoral. These relationships are no different than the heterosexual relationships that

are being taught in Family Life classes around the country.

Aside from fixing the feelings of being ostracized, educating kids about gay and transgender people will help combat the bullying that homosexual and transgender students face nearly every day. The best way to combat ignorance and hate is education. Educating children at school instead of trusting that they will learn not to bully transgender and gay kids at home is the only way to end the epidemic of bullying in the United States.

Same-sex marriage being legalized in the United States was only half of the battle the LGBT community has to face, and like the other battles, this one cannot be won alone. Fairfax County School System has made a great decision for all of their students, and I can only hope every school system in America will decide to do the same.

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## Editorial Staff's Rant and Raves

*"Women are not in control of how guys view them when it comes to their outfits."*

-College Queen

*"Parking and Transportation worker are like vultures preying on the poor carcasses of unsuspecting students."*

-Boss Man

*"Hey Valdosta, where's Chipotle?"*

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## Davis' arrest justifiable

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As many of you already know, Kim Davis, a county clerk of Rowan County in Kentucky, was arrested for refusing to issue marriage licenses to any couple because of the Supreme Court decision to allow same-sex couples to be married. Did she deserve to get arrested for it, though?

The answer is a resounding yes. Now, it doesn't matter what religion you choose to believe in, if you choose to believe one at all. That's one of the beauties of the First Amendment—freedom of religion.

However, a religion or belief should never have to impact someone else's beliefs or their lives, and Kim Davis's decision to act "under God's authority" is doing just that. By refusing to give out marriage licenses to any couple because of one type of couple that she didn't agree with, she not only infringed upon same-sex couples' rights to get married, but the rights of opposite-sex couples as well, all

*That's one of the beauties of the First Amendment—freedom of religion.*

because she was unhappy about a new law.

A religion or belief should never interfere with a person's job or duty either, especially when that person (Kim Davis) is an elected government official. While I don't agree with her views, Davis has the right to express her belief that same-sex marriage should not be allowed.

However, she is an elected county clerk working for the government which means that she must follow all laws. Davis allowed her personal beliefs to interfere with her job and ultimately interfere with all people's right to marry.

It was right for her to get arrested for contempt of court, and by refusing to do one of the duties she was elected to do, it would be right for her to lose her job as well.

## Hands-on experience proves best way to prepare students for the work force

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Fifteen weeks of classes per semester, two semesters per year, or more if you decide to take Maymester or summer classes—on average an undergraduate degree will take four years to complete.

But even after spending all of that time in the classroom, are we really prepared for the world that awaits us after the caps are tossed and diplomas are handed out?

Professors spend countless hours drilling everything that they've learned and practiced into students' brains. We take courses

that not only focus on the exact career we want within our field of study, but also other areas of our field. These courses teach us not only the facts and dates about the past, but also the current state of our career fields and the future advancements.

Occasionally we ask ourselves as students what is the point of going to school? Anyone in the work force right now will be quick to tell a college student that we are the future. After graduation we advance into our careers and begin to put into practice what we've been learning, but is that enough?

"I was definitely not prepared. I had so much 'head knowledge,'

but absolutely no real experience. Even after my internship. Everything just seems different now—real," said VSU alum Laura Bracken.

Bracken is now working in her career field and has plans to go back to grad school in the spring to further her education. She loves her career choice, and knows it is where she is meant to be.

No matter how many classes you take or how many hours you put into studying, nothing can prepare you for "the real world" other than actual hands-on experience. It's why students are encouraged (and sometimes required) to take on student teaching, internships, apprenticeships,

or clinicals. There is no replacement for the hands-on preparation that students should get while in college.

Whether you graduate and go straight into the work force or decide to further your education and experience before you move forward, it is up to you. Remember, it—meaning student loans—only goes up from here.

We're growing up, boys and girls. Trust yourself and your professors. And, in the words of Dr. Seuss, "You're on your own. And you know what you know. And you are the one who'll decide where to go."

## Comedian's fat shaming more cruel than funny

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Recently, I watched a video by "comedian" Nicole Arbour called "Dear Fat People," and it was pretty awful.

In the video, Arbour gives her opinion about obese people. She says that she believes that obese people make themselves obese, but she also points out that if a person has a physical disease the video is not for them.

"Fat shaming is not a thing. Fat people made that up. It's the race card, without the race," said Arbour.

She then goes on describing her experiences with "fat people." She talks about an experience where she was standing in line behind an obese person and was upset, because she couldn't get Starbucks.

She continues fat shaming obese people by saying that they should have parking passes and need to have a parking spot in the back of the lot, because it is like "assisted suicide" and people with shopping bags are the ones who actually need the close parking spots.

In my opinion, she's not funny.

I watched all six minutes of this video, and I didn't laugh once. So far Arbour has reached a little over 29 million views. Shortly after the video was uploaded to YouTube, Arbour's channel was suspended. Arbour then took to Twitter saying that she "literally broke the Internet... with comedy #censorship".

Even though she's obnoxious and I don't agree with the things she said, I don't believe she should be censored for speaking her mind.

TLC star, Whitney Way Thore, of the show "My Big Fat Fabulous Life," was one of many people who showed opposition to Arbour's video. Thore suffers from polycystic ovary syndrome.

"You cannot tell a person's health, physical or otherwise, from looking at them," said Thore.

Thore was funnier than Arbour and she described the effects of body-shaming and told viewers to love their body no matter what.

"Your weight does not measure your wealth," Thore said.

Body shaming is a real thing. It affects millions of people all around the world. We need to join together to help people learn to love themselves.

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# NEWS



## This Day in History:

On September 24, 1991, grunge gods Nirvana released their rock masterpiece, *Nevermind*. The album included teenage rebellion mega hit, "Smells Like Teen Spirit". The album brought grunge into the mainstream and cemented Nirvana's status as musical geniuses.

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## Ignite out, VSYOU arises from ashes

### Valdosta State unveils new improved marketing campaign, aims to focus on individual student experience on campus

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Valdosta State University is blazing the trail with its new marketing campaign.

Beginning earlier in the fall semester, Valdosta State rolled out a new marketing campaign titled "VSYOU".

The basis of the marketing campaign started back in 2013. Former President William McKinney's term gave funding for an identity study.

"The point of [the study] was to see really who VSU was, what we represent in the community to perspective students, to current students, to alumni, to faculty, to staff," Keith Warburg, Assistant Director of Creative Services, said.

Along with the study, VSU also hired a firm to do research with focus groups. These focus groups took place on campus with faculty and staff and also in Moultrie, Atlanta, and Tallahassee.

"What those results showed us is that our students really key in on the fact that they have an individual experience," Warburg said. "It's all about when I come to VSU, I feel like I get individual attention, that I am not just a number on campus like Georgia or Alabama or Florida."

According to Warburg, the individual attention to each student is what the research showed; hence the "YOU" in "VSYOU".

What resulted was the first marketing campaign called "Ignite". Ignite ran between 2014 and 2015 for recruitment of new students.

"We are still using the same research, the same sentiment behind 'Ignite' and really, this is where 'Ignite' was going in a year anyway," Warburg said. "We just sort of changed the paint job [but it's] the same car."

*-Keith Warburg,  
Assistant Director of  
Creative Services*

According to Warburg, the point of the "Ignite" campaign was high energy and spirit, a goal to build excitement and school spirit for Valdosta State.

The "Ignite" campaign was under the McKinney administration; VSYOU is under Interim President Cecil Staton's administration.

"We are still using the same research, the same sentiment behind 'Ignite' and really, this is where 'Ignite' was going in a year anyway," Warburg said. "We just sort of changed the paint job [but it's] the same car."

While "Ignite" and "VSYOU" have the same basis as a marketing campaign, there are several differences.

"VSYOU" has three main focuses. The first focus is the individual experience.

"Everything that you encounter, every interaction that you have with

a faculty member, with another student, with the department, everything on campus is an experience," Warburg said. "For us as an institution, we want to make that the best possible experience."

The first focus directly feeds into the second focus: service excellence.

According to Warburg, this is the push for faculty and staff to put the students first. This means that whatever experience, the goal is a positive experience in the end.

The third major aspect is the individual. This is the core of the "VSYOU" campaign.

"It's all about the opportunities that [the students], are going to have at VSU, so our wording instead of doing the big explosive fire and sparks ignite, that kind of thing. We're really focusing more on if you come to VSU, you're going to have the chance to build your major, to get involved in the activities that you want to, and that your experience is going to be different than everyone else's, but that you're going to have the opportunity to do anything you want to on our campus," Warburg said.

Along with pushing the campaign in Georgia, "VSYOU" is also gaining traction in different areas of Florida, North and South Carolina due to in-state tuition being offered in those states.

"It's a good value no matter what, so we're really trying to push that. We've already seen good results out of Florida already, and we're surprised to see a lot of interest from South Carolina as well, so that kind of surprised us," Warburg said.



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## 'The Visit' Review: The most comedic terror of the year

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M. Night Shyamalan, the same director who brought us "The Sixth Sense" brings us yet another psychological thriller with "The Visit". It may not be the scariest movie of 2015, but it can't be denied that it is definitely a good, entertaining movie that will have your cheeks hurting from laughing. You'll constantly have to remind yourself that it's a horror film and not a comedy. But all jokes aside, the plot twist in the movie is one you would have never seen coming.

Just as a quick synopsis of the movie, 16-year-old Becca and her 13-year-old brother go to visit their grandparents for a week. This may sound pretty typical, as children go to spend time with their grandparents all the time. Here's the plot twist—Becca and Tyler had never met their grandparents before. Not only that, but they really had never seen any pictures or anything of them.

Their mother had gotten into a huge fight with her parents when she was 19 years old and had not seen or talked to them since. Nonetheless, her parents contacted her and wanted to finally meet the grandchildren they thought they never had. So basically, Becca and Tyler were going to spend a week with complete strangers.

Throughout the movie, the viewer is really convinced that the grandparents are acting strange because they're just old and have "old folk" things going

on. Even if that was really the case, it would have still been pretty creepy to walk in on your grandfather with a shotgun in his mouth or seeing your grandmother running around the house naked at night. However, what was really going on was so much more intense and far beyond just "being old."

The last twenty minutes of the movie will have you on the edge of your seat. This is when all the action in the movie happens. The Becca and Tyler have figured out their grandparents' secret and have executed a plan to escape. But of course, things never work out that easily in a thriller.

Just like "The Sixth Sense," "The Visit" turns really dark, really fast. The movie may have you laughing in the beginning, but once the grandparents' secret is out, there's no more laughing. Instead, you'll be covering your eyes wondering what's going to pop up on the screen next. Not to give away too much of the movie, but the scene at the end between "Pop Pop" and Tyler will have you in complete disbelief. Your jaw will literally drop down to the floor. Shyamalan really went where no director has gone before—at least not in our time.

"The Visit" may look like one of those films that you'll just wait to get from Redbox a few months down the line, but spending \$10.50 to catch it now will be well worth it.

## New camera attachment for iPhone

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The Olloclip four-in-one photo lens for iPhone has been receiving rave reviews. With all new optics and a sleek design it could help you capture beautiful photos with your iPhone like never before.

The Olloclip combines four different lenses—the fisheye lens, wide angle lens, 10x macro lens, 15x macro lens, and the verdict lens—that give iPhone users a variety of options when taking photos and video.

The fisheye lens has 180-degrees, circular field of view, and it can be used to take weird pictures

procure striking images in small spaces. The wide-angle lens is great when you need to get more into a shot. The wide angle lens has double the field of view of an iPhone lens.

The macro 10x and 15x lens allows you to take really detailed pictures of a small object or focus in really closely on a subject.

This is one of multiple camera attachments that work with Apple products, and it allows users to take pictures with more than just their standard iPhone camera lens. So if you are looking for a product that could enhance your photos, the Olloclip four-in-one may be for you.

## College-based music app offers free music to students

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We're college students, so most of us aren't rich. Yet, a lot of us love music and can't always afford to pay for a monthly subscription. How can we have all the access to the music we want without breaking the bank? There's a new free music app that's combining easy access to unlimited music and affordability—Trebel.

"Trebel is a free music download service designed by millennials for millennials," Corey Jones, chief of product of Trebel Music, said.

You're probably thinking, "There's no way that it can be completely free. There must be something I have to pay for." No need to be in doubt; Trebel is free. Look at it as how you used to download music for free and go through all of the trouble to get it from your computer onto your phone before there was Spotify, SoundCloud or Pandora. Trebel eliminates all of those steps you and condenses it into only one step.

"The users we are targeting are largely users who are using video streaming sites or mp3 converters, because we know that's kind of a big issue on college campuses," Jones said. "What we're delivering is a much cleaner, one-touch download experience."

Trebel gives you the option to stream and download free music from both major and indie record labels, mix and match playlists with songs that are already in your iTunes library with songs that you download using Trebel, create and share playlists with other Trebel users, and even see the users near you who you are most musically compatible with.

The neat thing about Trebel is that it combines free music streaming with social media. This college-specific app allows you to see a live feed of all the music being downloaded on your campus in real-time and to see the top downloads on your campus.

Think of Trebel as being a music-based Facebook. You can search through the list of all of the users who use Trebel either on your campus or on other campuses, and add their Trebel profile. You are then able to see that person's activity feed which includes what music they've played, their song library, and all of their playlists. Also, when a Trebel friend discovers new music or new artists, you'll get a notification on your phone informing you of that. From there, you can download songs from their playlist onto your own.

The app is extremely easy to use. All you have to do is click the menu icon at the top left of your screen, click either "Get Music" or "Search," type in the song

you want to search for, and click "Download For Free." As your song downloads, you'll notice an advertisement plays at the bottom of the screen.

Although Trebel is not completely ad-free, you do get something out of watching ads. You see at the top-right of your screen that there's a number. As you download songs and ads play, the number increases. This is somewhat like a virtual currency. You actually get awarded for using the app receiving coins.

You can either send your coins to other Trebel users you know, or you can use them to listen to your playlists ad-free.

Trebel also offers a very interactive design that you won't find on any other music app. As the song plays, the artwork spins on a turntable. You also have the option to view the song lyrics as you listen, or watch the music video if there is one available for the song. If you're not a huge fan of the yellow and black theme that comes with the app, you can change it to match an album's theme colors by simply shaking your phone. Pretty cool, huh?

Trebel is available to only a handful of colleges and is now available to Valdosta State students. All it takes is going to the App Store on your phone, downloading Trebel music, and signing up for a free account.

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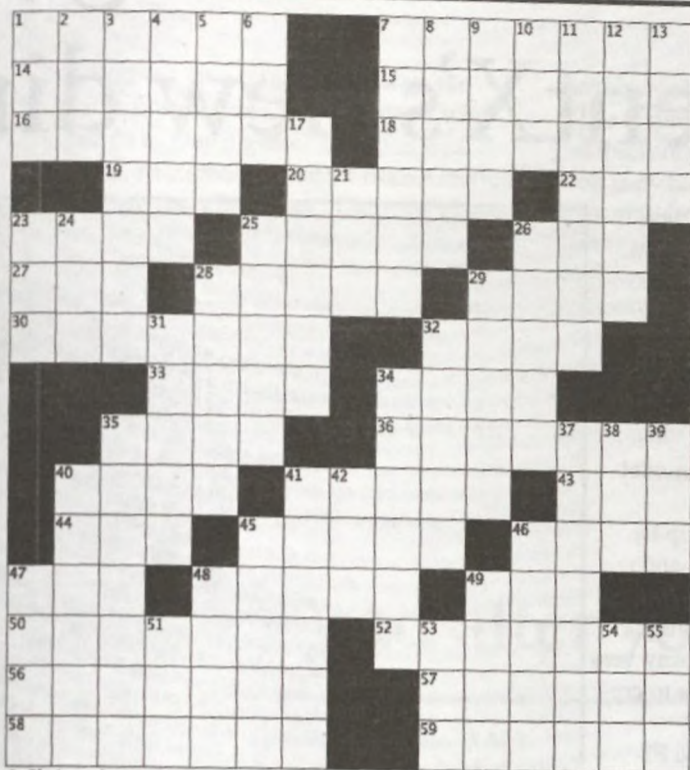
Answers to last week's Sudoku puzzle are on The Spectator website: www.vsuspectator.com

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- 18. More disorderly
- 19. Smidgen
- 20. French wine valley
- 22. Creature of habit?
- 23. Particle
- 25. Stones man
- 26. "Treasure Island" document
- 27. Walter Scott, say
- 28. Bundle
- 29. Dahs' partners
- 30. Peeping Tom's vantage point
- 32. Driver's hazard
- 33. Old name for mascara
- 34. Mind's creation
- 35. French ailments
- 36. Gallery abstracts
- 40. "The Death of Bunny Munro" writer
- 41. Pacific prisons?
- 43. Greek seventeenth
- 44. Good source of iron?
- 45. George Eliot river
- 46. ABC sitcom
- 47. Write
- 48. Soft leather
- 49. Brief afterthoughts
- 50. Androgynous
- 52. King of literature
- 56. Like some professors
- 57. John Williams novel
- 58. Tolkien's ring-wraiths
- 59. Kazakhstan's capital

DOWN

- 1. Darkened
- 2. Might be burned: Abbr.
- 3. Subject for Bennett's boys
- 4. Elite squadron



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- 5. "Extremely \_\_\_ and Incredibly Close" (Foer)
- 6. \_\_\_-One, rapper
- 7. Joe Gargery, for example
- 8. Afrikaans speakers
- 9. Otherwise
- 10. Small power sources
- 11. Micturate
- 12. Rush hour snarls
- 13. It's a long story
- 17. Deep purple?
- 21. Non-prescription: Abbr.
- 23. Seek clarification
- 24. Overtime's cause
- 25. Dylan Thomas' birthplace
- 26. Bible book prophet
- 28. "Slumdog Millionaire" director
- 29. Waist removal systems?
- 31. Ho partner?
- 32. Ian McEwan novel
- 34. Murdoch and Krasnow
- 35. Dirty drink?
- 37. Hare follower
- 38. Astonished gasps
- 39. Fifth note
- 40. "The Last of the Mohicans" author
- 41. Loses color?
- 42. Lightning attractor
- 45. More entertaining, loosely speaking?
- 46. "Treasure Island" bad omen
- 47. Inky
- 48. Arid
- 49. Class favorites
- 51. Ruminant's chew
- 53. Bag-checkers: Abbr.
- 54. Poets' dark hours
- 55. Many-armed org.?

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

The sudoku grid consists of eighty-one squares in a nine by nine grid. To solve the sudoku, each square in the grid must contain a number between one and nine, with the following conditions:

- Each row of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once.
- Each column of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9 once and only once.
- Each of the nine 3 by 3 boxes of nine cells must contain each of the numbers from 1 to 9

ANSWER BELOW

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## WORD SEARCH

- CRIMSON TIDE
- TIGERS
- BULLDOGS
- REBELS
- VOLUNTEERS
- RAZORBACKS
- GATORS
- WILDCATS
- GAMECOCKS
- AGGIES

## Unscramble the words!

hint: each word is the name of an NFL team

- 1. snalfco \_\_\_\_\_
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- 3. tirtopas \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. sreletes \_\_\_\_\_
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- Chargers
- Giants
- Saints
- Ravens
- Steelers
- Patriots
- Seahawks
- Falcons

Answers to word unscramble

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# COLLEGE LIFE

## VSU's got talent: Introducing Jamila Chambers, ElementX's new director

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VSU is an institution with extraordinary students and their even more extraordinary talents. VSU is also home to some very notable alumni—Kip Moore, Nancy Grace, Pauley Perrette from CSI, and former NFL player, Jessie Tuggle, to name a few.

With all of the amazing athletes, performers, and scholars that have attended VSU through the years, there are still so many talented students who deserve recognition, but may not get it.

One talented student, Jamila Chambers, a sophomore psychology major, is making her mark on VSU as the new director of ElementX Modeling Troupe.

ElementX has been operating on campus for quite some time now, and they have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to really showcase their brand. Now that they have a brand new director along with new models, Element X is ready for their big debut once again.

Chambers is a native of Warner Robins, and said the reason she chose to attend VSU was because the institution offers her the education she wants for a price she can afford.

Aside from her role as director for ElementX, Chambers is the vice president of Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society, a summer orientation leader, a university ambassador, and a student assistant at the Office of Admissions here at VSU.

Chambers plans to use her degree in psychology to become a family therapist for military veterans who are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, because she feels that she is a good listener and wants to help those who fought for our country in any way possible.

Even though this is only Chamber's second year participating as a member of the troupe and her first year acting as director, she was introduced into the modeling world three years ago when a fellow church member asked if Chambers would like to model clothes for her online clothing site.

After that, she realized that modeling was something that she was seriously interested in.

Chambers names super model Tyra Banks as one of her biggest inspirations. She said that she was able to relate to Tyra on a personal level, because like Tyra, she was the "tall girl in school who felt awkward because of her height". And with Tyra's help, she was able to overcome that.

Chambers has big plans for the modeling troupe as its new director.

"I would like to expand the group by becoming more ethnically diverse and broaden our horizons by showcasing our talents beyond just print modeling. ElementX plans to start doing runway very soon," said Chambers, "our goal is to create a bigger presence on campus."

Be on the lookout for Jamila and ElementX next week, as the troupe will be taking their first steps down the runway at the Collegiate Week Fashion Show Forum on Thursday, Oct. 1.

The forum will be hosted by the Collegiate Women of Valdosta State University. Chambers hopes that this will be a break out year for ElementX.

If you are interested in becoming a model or booking ElementX Modeling Troupe, you can contact Chambers at Jchambers@valdosta.edu or on Instagram @JamLee-Cham. You can also follow ElementX on Instagram @Element.XP.



Jamila Chambers, sophomore psychology major, models and is the new Director of Element X. In her free time. When she is not modeling she is the Vice President of Alpha Lambda Delta freshman honor society, summer orientation leader and a university ambassador. She is one busy woman!

## 'The Perfect Guy'; expectedly unexpected

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We've heard this story before, girl meets great amazing boy after a tough breakup with boyfriend. New guy and girl hit it off and begin seeing each other. Everything is going well: he holds the door open, sex isn't just great, it's intense and he accomplishes the impossible, wins over her father.

But then he gets nuttier than squirrel poo over something extremely trivial and she begins to wonder, "Maybe I should've tried counseling with my ex instead of dumping him and getting with this loon."

Too late for that now because instead of squabbling over things that could have been fixed in her previous relationship, she now has to fight for her life.

Yawn. Until you realize that these familiar characters are being played

by Sanaa Lathan, Michael Ealy and Morris Chestnut. Plus dark chocolate Morris Chestnut and pretty eyes Michael Ealy don't fight to the death to win seductive Sanaa Lathan's heart.

It's not a crazy twist, but it adds a little bit of mystery to a storyline many are all too familiar with. This movie is chalk full of sex as well as good friends giving bad relationship advice—one who, of course, is single—old people house sitting with a crazed ex-lover lurking about, pets in

dange, unhelpful cops and an extreme invasion of privacy.

Although it wasn't a bad movie, I recommend waiting for this one to come out on DVD or better yet, Netflix. The movie was enjoyable, but being a broke college student \$10 per person to see this movie once with strangers yelling at oversized actresses and actors just isn't worth it.



Courtesy of the Screen

Did you know? According to Uber Facts: It has been calculated that rent on "Bob's Burgers" is \$3,924 a month—he would have to sell 788 burgers just to pay the rent.

## Book Review Black

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For some people, book is the ideal way to spend free time when you have little time in your first place. However, if you don't know how to read, you may miss out on the escape you need. Black Chalk by Christy Hines is a book that will certainly keep you reading. It tells you anything about the story and the best way to experience it is to read it in blind.

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THE SECRET HISTORY  
by Donna Tartt

In many ways 'The Secret History' is the classic campus novel. The genre's strengths become very much on display—pretension, youthfulness, class/social weakness, class/social weakness... Throw into this mix a murder that Tartt writes on right from the very page and you have the makings of a gripping tale. And looking for more than just a novel, it also happens to be a beautifully written and fully told.



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# COLLEGE LIFE

## Book Review

# 'Black Chalk'; college story with a twist

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For some people, books are not the ideal way to spend free time, especially when you have little time to spare in the first place. However, if you find the right book to read, you may discover that it is just the escape you needed.

Black Chalk by Christopher Yates will certainly keep you reading. It is hard to say anything about the storyline, because the best way to experience this book is to go in blind.

Without giving too much away, the novel is about six Oxford students who decide to play a game. It begins with Chad, an exchange student from America, and Jolyon, a local Brit. These two boys immediately become best friends, and as they develop the idea for the game, they recruit four other students to join them.

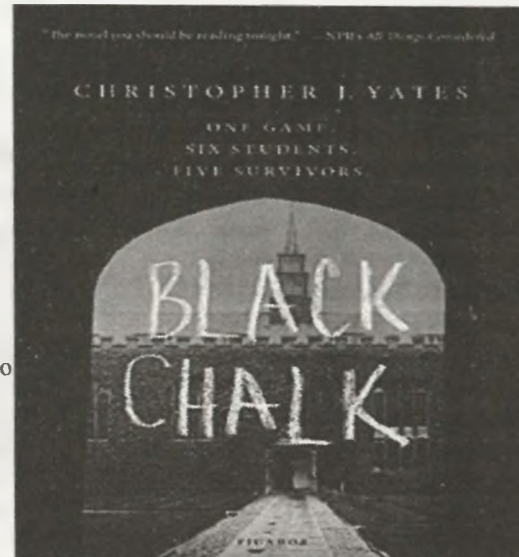
The story takes place between the 1990s and present day. The narrator, while trying to rediscover himself, reveals the game and how it all happened, and how it is still going on.

Things never seem to go as planned, but that's what makes life an adventure

and this book such a thriller.

The ending is brilliant and will leave you questioning all that you read. This book is disturbing, thrilling, and can leave you dizzy with thought.

This story of six friends, a huge amount of money, and deadly consequences is certain to keep you busy. Whether you are looking for something to do in your free time or something to do while waiting for class to start, you will undoubtedly be entertained.



## Five campus novels to read after you finish 'Black Chalk'

**THE SECRET HISTORY**  
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In many ways 'The Secret History' is the classic campus novel, the genre's strengths being all very much on display—intimacy, pretension, youthfulness, human weakness, class/social hierarchy... Throw into this powerful mix a murder that Tartt lets you in on right from the very first page and you have the formula for a gripping tale. And if you're looking for more than this from a novel, it also happens to be beautifully written and meaningfully told.

**THE RULES OF ATTRACTION**  
by Bret Easton Ellis

Read this novel alongside Donna Tartt's—she and Bret Easton Ellis were classmates at Bennington and both of their fictional colleges seem to have been inspired by their academic days together in Vermont. This is a darkly comic tale of a college love triangle full of drugs, debauchery and unreliable narration. 'The Rules of Attraction' is a raucous tale in which questions of campus morality are thrown at the reader like firecrackers.

**DISGRACE**  
by J. M. Coetzee

This novel, by Nobel prize-winner Coetzee, is campus life revealed from the other side, so to speak, the tale being told from the perspective of a South African professor, David Laurie. There are many disgraces in this novel, but the pivotal one is Laurie's ill-advised sexual relationship with one of his students. You can't help but stare on aghast and utterly absorbed as Laurie's comfortable-but-dull academic life unravels. Coetzee writes a precision timepiece of a tale, every tick and hand-sweep laden with a sense of great wisdom, melancholy and immense humanity.

**PALE FIRE**  
by Vladimir Nabokov

Arguably this Chinese puzzle of a novel is only a borderline campus tale, but as it's one of the greatest pieces of literature ever written, there's no point in quibbling. The story (although story is such an inadequate word) is of a 999 line poem written by John Shade, presented to us by his neighbor Charles Kinbote, an academic, possibly a lunatic and also, perhaps, one-time King of Zembla! What is Shade's poem really about? Should there have been 1,000th line? Who wrote any of this anyway? And why? 'Pale Fire' throws up a labyrinth of questions, it is a novel written by a story-weaving grandmaster who wants you to attempt to solve the greatest of literary chess problems.

**THE ART OF FIELDING**  
by Chad Harbach

If 'Pale Fire' leaves you scratching your head, 'The Art of Fielding' will soothe your fevered mind. It's an easy-to-read but literary masterpiece. College baseball star, Henry Skrimshander, has star potential. But one day the stellar shortstop makes an error on a routine play. Don't worry if you don't care for baseball, this is a tale about humanity. Intelligent, warm and generous, this college life novel is also the most contemporary of my five picks. And like many great campus novels, it might soon become your favorite classmate.

Courtesy of Declan Taintor



DWE members from left to right: Daneesha Edwards, president Taranesha Wright, Nina Singleton, Kierra Lindsey, Alexis Outlaw, Sednice Young, Ariel Roddy, Kimberly Taylor, Gabrielle King and Elesha Cole.

## Successful DWE week paves way for future traditions

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Distinguished Women of Excellence had their first annual "Week of Excellence" last week. The week consisted of numerous events ranging from church and community service to a movie night and "Ladies' Night" event.

DWE is striving to set their members up for success in all aspects of life while having fun doing it.

"We want our members to devote their time to exceeding in the classroom while also making sure that they use their time and talents to give back to the community," said Taranesha Wright, DWE president and early childhood education major.

"We expect our members to strive for excellence in whatever they do, but we also make sure that we create friendships and networking opportunities to enhance their social lives."

This was DWE's first time hosting a week of events, and they hope that "DWE Week" will get bigger and better each year.

# SPORTS

## Making a Dent at VSU

### Greg Dent and the rest of the Blazers look to first home game

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A football field for some people is just a 120 yards of green grass. But for others, like VSU wide receiver Greg Dent, it's a sanctuary—a sacred place where he can block out the entire outside world and be happy.

The Florida State transfer is a new addition to the VSU football family. Dent was born in Belle Glade, Florida, so Valdosta State was an ideal choice for Dent coming from a big school like Florida State, because it was close to home.

"I like to think about my family, especially my mom, when I go places and this (Valdosta State) was the perfect place. Not only is it one of the most winning schools in Division II, it gave me a chance to make a statement for the future," Dent said.

His mother also made an impact on his decision to come to VSU. Because Valdosta is so close to Florida, it gives her a chance to come to all of the home games.

Family is very important to Dent. His initial love for the game started at a young age, when his grandmother would take him to football games all of the time. While the excitement on the field persuaded him, Dent didn't start playing football until the eighth grade.

At Glades Central High, Dent started off as a quarterback then moved to defensive back his

junior year. His senior year, he played both defensive back and wide receiver. This made him a true student of the game by knowing all positions.

This 5'11", 195-pound slot receiver has true ambition, as he strives to be the best offensive weapon on the field.

With inspiration from his Florida State teammates, Jacksonville Shark's Greg Reid and Jacksonville Jaguar's Telvin Smith, he hopes to make the leap to professional status. He keeps in contact with both former teammates for motivation on the field to be the best.

"I want to be the top receiver, lead the team in kick return and punt return yards by the end of the season. I know that I have not played in a while, but after these first two games I feel like I can be very productive in this offense," Dent said.

Averaging 52 yards a game, Dent is looking for a promising season his first year at Valdosta State, and his mind is set to make it one. Last year depended profoundly on the run, while this year, Valdosta wants to pass the ball more which will improve Dent's production for the rest of the season.

"I take the game as it comes to me and make the best out of all the opportunities I get with that ball in my hand. I'm striving to be the best and make the leap to being the number one option," Dent said.

### R.I.P Yogi Berra

Lawrence Peter, American professional baseball catcher, coach and manager died at 90 years old on Sept. 22.



Blazer volleyball holds an undefeated season with a record of 7-0. The first three GSC games were not a part of the team. The team looks forward to being on the road for the weekend, with two GSC games against Shorter University and Lee University.

## Blazers hawk down Shorter to keep undefeated season

### Volleyball hopes to keep up season during weekend with two Gulf South Conference matches

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The Valdosta State Blazers volleyball team continued their undefeated season with a 3-1 victory over West Alabama Saturday. The Blazers are now 7-0 on the season, including 4-0 in Gulf South Conference play.

To this point, VSU has had no trouble defeating its opponents. The Blazers currently have a .217 attack percentage to their

adversaries' .086. The team has won 21 sets as opposed to only five for the opposition. In total, VSU has a point differential of 140, scoring 614 against their opponents' 474 points.

The team travels to Rome, Georgia, for their first of two matchups with Shorter Friday night at 7 p.m. The Hawks (5-3, 3-1) are coming off a 21-6 season that saw them go 18-2 in conference play. Shorter and VSU split their head-to-head matches in 2014.

Because the Hawks have already lost a previous match with North Alabama, a Blazers win could build some distance between VSU and Shorter in the conference standings. The Blazers are currently tied for first with North Alabama, a foe they will see Oct. 9 in Florence, Alabama.

The Blazers return home to The Complex for a match with Union on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The Ladies then host Christian Brothers the following evening at 7 p.m.



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Senior wide receiver Greg Dent breaks away from the defense, one of Dents's six catches on the night against the Albany State Rams. VSU plays Cumberland University at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium at 4 p.m Saturday.

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# SPORTS

## VSU looks to dog it out

### Blazers return home after a winning streak on the road

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Bazemore-Hyder stadium opens up this weekend for the Blazers to continue their smoking season Saturday at 4 p.m.

After coming off a dominant 31-3 victory against the Winston-Salem University football team, the Valdosta State Blazers are set to face off against the Cumberland University Bulldogs this Saturday.

The Blazers are coming in at a perfect record of 2-0 while the Bulldogs stand at a record of 1-2.

Defense has been a key role in the Blazers two victories this season after holding Albany State to 79 rushing yards and 13 points in their first game of the season. And the Blazers held Winston-Salem State to 178 passing yards and only 3 points were allowed in the Blazers second victory this season.

The Blazers look to continue the strong effort, especially this week after Cumberland just posted a total of 495 yards of offense this past week which resulted in a loss.

Blazers defense look to be

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conscious to limit Bulldogs quarterback Justin Snyder's opportunities after he contributed five touchdown passes last week. The team looks to slow down Snyder who has been on fire after throwing nine touchdown passes in only three games so far this season.

One spark for the Blazers is that the Bulldogs have struggled to protect their quarterback after allowing seven sacks so far this season. That should give confidence to a Blazers defense that has really been able to get pressure this season.

The Blazers offense must show up because Cumberland has

proven that they can score big time after scoring 41 points in their last game.

Blazers offense starts when the run game which has not been bad this season, but can be way better with two running backs that has each rushed for over 2500 yards in their collegiate careers. Neither one has had a game where they have rushed for over 80 yards this season, but coming off a bye week, it is expected that the run game will improve and open hole in the passing game for the new quarterback EJ Hilliard.

As for injuries, Linebacker Thomas Wright should be returning this week after a broken hand kept him out for about a month. Thomas is excited to be able to get back on the field.

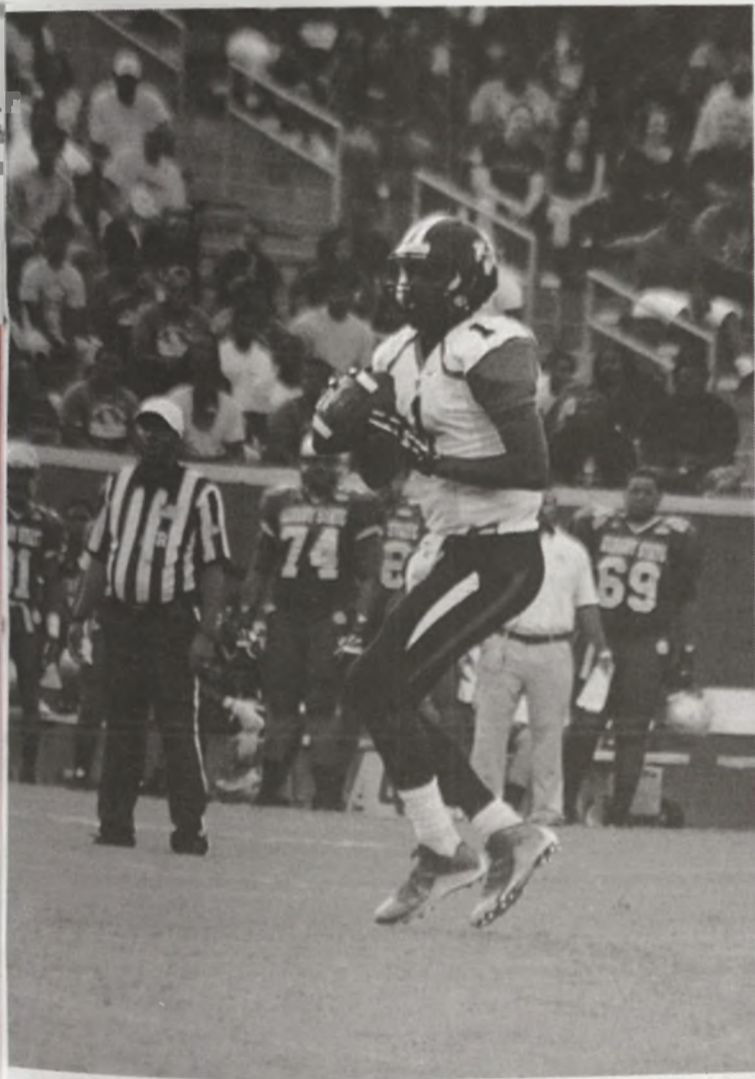
"It's been a long time coming since getting back to play alongside his boys," Wright said. "I'm looking for a large turnout for the first home game of the season."

The first home game will bring even more excitement to the field by being parents weekend.



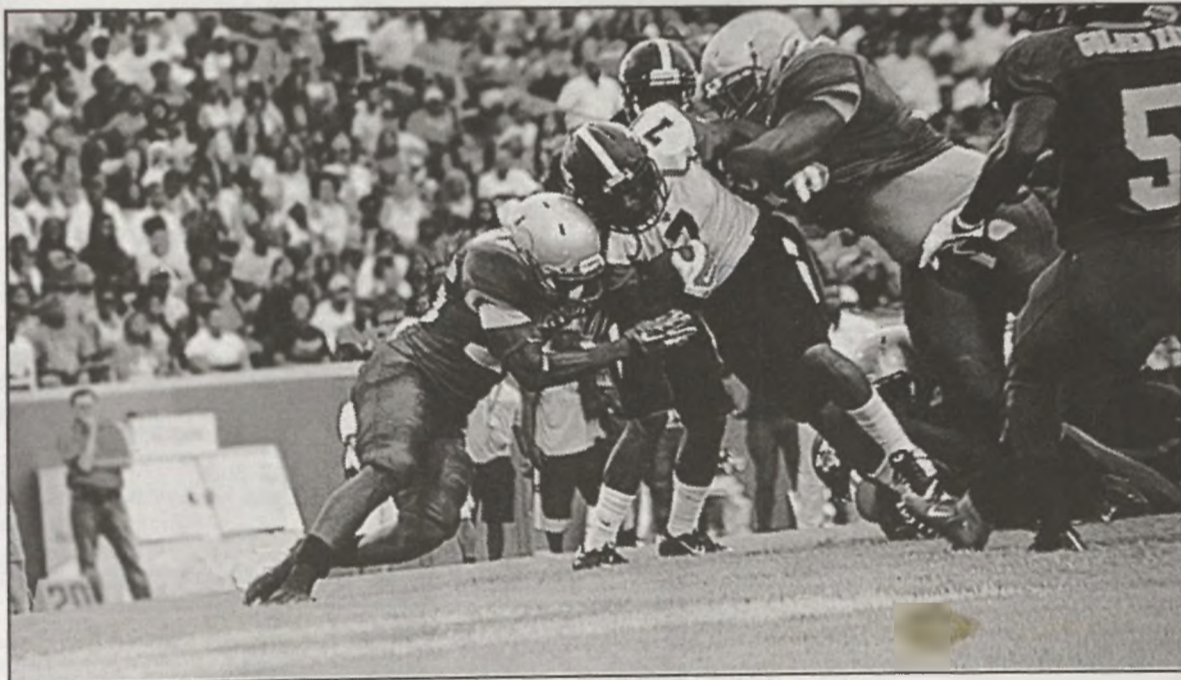
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Cedric O'Neal runs over ASU defender. O'Neal made a gutsy play late in the game to help lead the Blazers to a 21-13 win over the Golden Rams.



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Transfer quarter back E.J Hilliard steps back to pass during the first game of the season. Hilliard threw one touch down pass in the second quarter to give the Blazers the lead. Hilliard has three passing touchdowns and one rushing on the season.



Courtesy of Alyssa Riggs

Three Albany State Rams attempt to take down senior running back Cedric O'Neal during the game on Sept. 5. The Blazers took their first win on the road against ASU.

### Division II Top Ten Teams

- 1 Minnesota State-Mankato (29)
- 2 West Georgia (2)
- 3 Northwest Missouri State (1)
- 4 Ferris State
- 5 Delta State
- 6 Angelo State
- 7 Sioux Falls
- 8 North Alabama
- 9 Valdosta State
- 10 Colorado State-Pueblo

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