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Valdosta State University is committed to the ideal that total education involves more than academic pursuit. Therefore, the University provides a variety of extracurricular activities to supplement the academic program. Most student activities are specifically planned to meet the cultural, social, and recreational needs of students in a coeducational atmosphere. The University Union and University Center are designed for group activities: informal dances, sorority and fraternity meetings, departmental club meetings, and films and activities sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center, located in Powell Hall East, offers a variety of services to all students, faculty, and staff at the University. A staff of professionally trained counselors is available to assist with personal, social, or educational concerns. The Counseling Center offers an atmosphere in which students may discuss their problems with the assurance that all counseling information will remain confidential.

Individual counseling is available for students who wish to discuss and explore their thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and life styles. Group counseling provides an opportunity for students to grow in their communication, social, and interpersonal skills

with others who have similar goals and interests. Tests for assessing students' interests, personality, aptitude, or abilities are administered and interpreted by the Counseling Center staff. The Center also provides consultation to faculty and staff in addition to offering outreach programs to various groups on campus and in the residence halls. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 333-5940. When necessary, appropriate referrals will be made to use all available resources to meet student needs.

CAREER SERVICES

The University understands the needs of university students to establish career goals. The Office of Career Planning and Placement, located in Powell Hall West, assists students in the choice of major programs of study, career objectives, and obtaining satisfactory employment upon graduation. Individual career counseling helps students explore how their abilities, values, and interests match particular career fields. Also, group workshops and seminars on career-related topics are offered each quarter.

Students may utilize the varied resources available in the Career Library: printed career materials, audio and video tape descriptions of occupational opportunities, and a computer-assisted career exploration program. Workshops in résumé preparation, job-interview skills, and job search strategy are offered each quarter. Job vacancy listings of interest to seniors and graduate students are posted. On-campus interviews are scheduled with employers interested in interviewing students.

PUBLICATIONS

The University also provides opportunities for experience in journalism through *The Spectator*, the campus newspaper; *Odradek*, the literary arts magazine; and other student publications. A large number of students participate in producing these publications, which, in turn, provide a forum for presenting current issues and also generate spirit within the student body.

TESTING

The University is designated as a national test center for the administration of standardized tests. The Office of Testing, in Powell Hall West, assists students with university requirements. Many tests are given in specific areas to students for placement, proficiency, or admission to specialized programs. Information about specific tests and their administration is available in the Office of Testing. Some of the available tests are Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing Program Assessment (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), National Teacher Examination (NTE), Collegiate Placement Examinations (CPE), Regents' Testing Program (RTP), and Independent Study Examinations (ISE). In addition, other College Board and Educational Testing Services examinations are available.