

## VSU celebrates National Athletic Training Month

VSU's department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, joins the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) in celebrating "National Athletic Training Month" during the month of March. This year's focus is injury assessment and the steps involved in treatment and recovery.

According to the Center for Disease Control sports-related injuries in children and young adults cause 2.6 million hospital visits annually, with an estimated cost of \$500 million.

Certified athletic trainers (ATCs) are often the first professionals on the scene to treat athletes of all ages when injuries occur. ATCs are medical professionals who specialize in the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses that occur to athletes.

"Athletic trainers are be-

coming an ever increasing presence in the health care system," said Russ Hoff, assistant professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education. "You will find them working in high schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, therapy clinics, industry and as physician extenders."

Currently there are 134 students majoring in sports medicine at VSU. Only 32 of those 134 students will be accepted for clinical instruction, and they must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited VSU's athletic training program in 1990.

The NATA represents more than 30,000 members of the athletic training profession through education and research. For more information, visit their Web site at <http://www.nata.org/>

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## Prospective college students visit campus

Visitation Day will be held on Saturday, March 22, in the PE Complex beginning at 10 a.m. High school juniors and seniors, transfer students, parents, teachers and counselors are invited to attend this event to learn more about VSU and its admissions procedures.

Representatives from the Admissions Office, Student Government Association, Greek Life and all academic departments will be available to answer questions and provide information to potential students and their families. Campus tours will be available and lunch will be provided in the Palms Dining Center.

## Campus Events Calendar

### Monday, March 17

Opening reception for VSU President Ronald M. Zaccari's art exhibit, 7-8:30 p.m., VSU's Art Gallery (Fine Arts Building). The exhibit will continue through April 8. The Art Gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event is open to the public free of charge. Contact: 333-5835.

### Wednesday, March 19

"Patriotism, Peace and Alternatives to War" sponsored by Center for International Programs, 1 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building large auditorium. Event is open to the public free of charge. Contact: 333-7410.

### Thursday, March 20

"Who Moved My Cheese" a workshop based on the #1 best-selling book of the same name, 2-5 p.m., University Center Rose Room. Cost: no change. Registration required. Contact: 259-5105.

### Friday, March 21

Online Lifeline Conference: To Facilitate Strategic Planning for Learning Through Cooperation and Collaboration, sponsored by Department of Curriculum and Instructional Technology. Cost: \$15. Contact: Lorraine Schmertzing at 333-5927. Web site: <http://coefaculty.valdosta.edu/info/cait/conference/>

### Tuesday, March 25

Harley Langdale Jr. Lecture Series welcomes Jennifer E. Powell, chief administrator at Fresh Beginnings Inc. of Valdosta, at 10 a.m., in Pound Hall Auditorium on North Campus. This event is open to the public free of charge. Contact: 333-5991.

### Wednesday, March 26

"Religious Rhetoric and War" sponsored by Center for Inter-

national Programs, 1 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building large auditorium. Event is open to the public free of charge. Contact: 333-7410.

### Wednesday, April 9

•VSU will honor students for academic excellence during Honors Day at 11:30 a.m., in Whitehead Auditorium.

•Alpha Lambda Delta Freshmen Honor Society, 5-6:30 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building Auditorium (first floor). Contact: 333-5409.

### Tuesday, April 15

Defensive Driving Course, two-day course (part two April 17) designed to fine-tune your safe-driving skills. Both classes will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m., in the Plant Operations Training Room. Cost: Free to VSU employees and \$10 for relatives. Registration required. Contact: 259-5105.

### Wednesday, April 16

"What Have We Learned? A Summary Panel Discussion" sponsored by Center for International Programs, 1 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building large auditorium. Event is open to the public free of charge. Contact: 333-7410.

### June 2-27, 2003

South Georgia Writing Project Summer Institute, this invitational institute provides professional development for teachers across grade levels and subject area. Tuition scholarships are available. Contact: Chere Peguesse at 333-5946 or e-mail [cpeguess@valdosta.edu](mailto:cpeguess@valdosta.edu).

### Event Listings:

To have an event listed in the Campus Events Calendar complete the electronic submission form at [http://www.valdosta.edu/news/forms/calendar\\_submit.html](http://www.valdosta.edu/news/forms/calendar_submit.html)

## ACHIEVEMENT NOTES

**Drs. Carol Barnett and Susan Worth** (Special Education and Communication Disorders) presented “Effective Teaching Practices: Perspectives on Good Teaching” at the Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children annual conference, Jan. 30–31, Macon, Ga. Barnett also presented “Successful Implementation of the Word Identification Strategy” at the conference.

**Del Blue** (Cooperative Education), **Debi Frocks** (Athletics), **Mary Frances Hightower** (Athletics), **Regina Lee** (Training and Development) and **Debbie Wisenbaker** (Athletics) attended “The Conference for Assistants” on Feb. 26, in Albany, Ga.

**Lee Bradley** (Academic Affairs) was coeditor of “Models for Excellence in Second Language Education” published by the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (2003).

**Drs. Phil Gunter, Susan Worth, Martha Venn and Julie Reffel** (Special Education and Communication Disorders) supported student initiated research that was conducted by the following graduate students: Natisha Bartlett, Cody Guined, Amanda Hunter, Spring Henry, April Gibson, Andrea Micklon and Jennifer Hodges. The students presented “Effective Teaching Applications: Student Teachers Making Connections Between Research and Practice” at the Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children annual conference, Jan. 30–31, Macon, Ga.

**Dr. Tracy Harrington** (Center for International Programs) and Michael Black (graduate student) represented VSU at the Graduate Student Recruitment Fair for prospective Belizean students and attended the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation meeting, Feb. 6–8, in Belize.

**Dr. Ikhide G. Imumorin** (Biology) presented a paper “Molecular Genetic Mapping of Imprinted QTL Affecting

Gestation Length in Bos Taurus x Bos Indicus Cattle Produced by Embryo Transfer,” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, Feb. 1–5, Mobile, Ala. He also presented “Genomic Imprinting Studies in Cattle: Potential Applications in Biotechnology of Growth and Reproduction,” at the Biochemistry and Biotechnology Symposium 100<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, Feb. 3, Mobile, Ala.

**Eric Nielsen** (Communication Arts) is the recipient of the Dance Educator of the Year Award for Georgia from the Georgia Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

**Drs. Martha Leake and Kenneth S. Rumstay** (Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences) attended the 201<sup>st</sup> meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Jan. 5–9, Seattle, Wash. Leake and Elizabeth Jeffery (student at Brigham Young University) presented a paper titled “A Photometric Survey to Determine Rotation Rates of Primitive Asteroids.” Rumstay and Sarah McGregor (student at St. Michael’s College) presented a paper titled “A Multicolor Photometric Study of Three Type I Seyfert Galaxies.” Jeffrey and McGregor spent last summer at VSU as participants in the summer Research Experience for Undergraduates sponsored by the Southeastern Association for Research in Astronomy.

**Dr. James Reffel** (Psychology and Counseling) presented “Creative Perception in Pre-service Teachers and Creative Characteristics in Students” at the Georgia Federation Council for Exceptional Children annual conference, Jan. 30–31, Macon, Ga.

**Maggie Roberts** (College of Education) and **Mike McKinley** (Cooperative Education) presented “Working in Partnership with the University System” at the 2003 State Tech Prep Conference, Feb. 28, in Atlanta. The presentation included information regarding the “Teacher Youth Appren-

ticeship” model, Cooperative Education’s “School-to-Career” model and Program Right Track’s “If I Had a Hammer” contextual learning project.

**Drs. John E. Oliver** (Management) and **Sarah B. Bartholomew** (Political Science) received the “Best Case in the Human Resource Management Track 2002” award from the Southeast Case Research Association (SECRA) at their annual meeting, Feb. 20–22, in Myrtle Beach, SC. **Dr. Fred Ware** (Management) was awarded a certificate for “Best Case in the New Case Writer’s Track 2003” from the SECRA.

**Dr. Catherine Price** (Curriculum and Instructional Technology) co-presented a College Administrator/Faculty Experience (CAFÉ) workshop titled “In Class Observation for Evaluation of College Faculty,” at the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation meeting, Feb. 6–8, in Belize.

**Steven Scheuler** (Odum Library) published an article titled “Artists of the Mexican War” in the *Mexican War Journal* (Winter-Spring 2003).

**Dr. Laurie K. Sommers** (Arts) has produced “The Florida Music Train” an educational module that includes an audio CD of archival, field and studio recordings of Florida’s traditional music, lesson plans, posters and background information about the artists and musical tradition represented in the unit.

**Elaine Yontz** (Library and Information Science) wrote an essay titled “How You Can Help Save Library Education” in the January 2003 issue of *American Libraries*.

**Dr. Jane Zahner** (Curriculum and Instructional Technology) coordinated College Administration/Faculty Experience (CAFÉ) workshops for college and faculty administrators at the University of Belize and surrounding junior colleges on Feb. 6–8.