

## Additional parking spaces allocated for students

To accommodate students request for additional parking close to campus, Valdosta State University officials have announced that 53 spaces, formerly designated for faculty and staff parking only, have been allocated for students to use on Georgia Ave., and at the University Center.

According to Jill Ferrell,

director of Parking and Transportation, 33 spaces are now available for students to use in the Conference Lot, located on Georgia Ave., and 20 spaces are open on the south end of the University Center. Ferrell said that spaces in the Conference Lot became available after several offices were

*"We are currently looking at other locations on campus that would allow for additional student parking opportunities close to main campus."*

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## VSU gets 'In The Loop' with new restaurant

Valdosta State University students, faculty and staff will welcome "The Loop" to campus on Jan. 22, when the new restaurant opens its doors in the University Union.

"Our students said they wanted a place with a varied menu but also wanted pizza and burgers—so The Loop is a perfect fit," said Rob Kellner, director of Aux-

iliary Services. "I believe that The Loop will provide another dining option on campus in an atmosphere that has a

real restaurant feel about it."

The restaurant will

be open seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and feature a variety of specialty



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## Campus events

### January 21

#### Art Exhibits

The 2003 Valdosta National Art Exhibit opening reception from 6:30–7:30 p.m., Art Gallery. Folklife of Wiregrass Georgia Exhibition, 7–8:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building lobby.

#### International

The foreign film "Wings of Desire" will be shown at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

#### Workshop

"How to Start a Small Business" sponsored by VSU's Small Business Development Center, 1–4 p.m., Thaxton Hall room 102 (North Campus). Cost: \$40 and \$20 and VSU students/employees.

#### Work-Study Orientation

Three separate orientation sessions for work-study students are offered at the following times: 9:30–11:30 a.m.; 1:45–3:45 p.m. and 7–9 p.m., University Center Rose Room.

### January 22

#### Athletics

Booster luncheon, noon, in the University Center. Cost: \$6 per person.

### January 23

#### Science Seminar

William Landing, Florida State University Dept. of Oceanography, 4:30 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building large auditorium.

### January 24

#### Workshop

"Quick Books" sponsored by VSU's Small Business Development Center, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pound Hall Decision Center (North Campus). Cost: \$129.

### January 25

#### Athletics

Cheerleading clinic for children ages 3–11, from 9–11:30 a.m. in the Old Gym. Cost: \$10.

#### Basketball

vs. West Florida at 2 p.m., and 4 p.m., in the PE Complex.

### International

"The German Cultural Mosaic" will begin at 7 p.m., in the University Center Magnolia Room.

### January 28

#### Computer Training

"Excel 2002 Intro" 9–11 a.m., Pine Hall room 107. Free to faculty, staff and student employees. Registration is required. Contact Ann Holland at 333-7395 or [aholland@valdosta.edu](mailto:aholland@valdosta.edu).

### January 29

#### Athletics

Booster luncheon, noon, in the University Center. Cost: \$6 per person. For more information, contact Athletics at 333-5890.

#### Computer Training

"Excel 2002 Intro" 2–4 p.m., Pine Hall room 107. Free to faculty, staff and student employees. Registration is required. Contact Ann Holland at 333-7395.

#### Workshop

"Introduction to Small Business Innovations" sponsored by VSU's Small Business Development Center, 1–4 p.m., Thaxton Hall room 102 (North Campus). Cost: no charge. 245-3738.

### January 30

#### Science Seminar

Shannon Curtis, Auburn University Chemistry Department, 4:30 p.m., Biology/Chemistry Building large auditorium.

### January 31

#### Computer Training

"Excel 2002 Intro" 9–11 a.m., Pine Hall room 107. Free to faculty, staff and student employees. Registration is required. Contact Ann Holland at 333-7395.

For more information and a complete list of campus events go to: <http://www.valdosta.edu/news/calendar.shtml>

## VSU presents the Valdosta National 2003 art competition

Valdosta State University's Art Department invites the community to attend the opening reception of the Valdosta National 2003 competition on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6–7:30 p.m., in the Art Gallery (located in the Fine Arts Building). The exhibit continues through Feb. 16 and is open to the public free of charge.

The competition will feature a diverse collection of artworks including: paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, printmaking, collage, jewelry and mixed media. A total of 42 individual pieces of art were selected from 342 submissions.

Two local artists, Chris Valle and Katie Hutt, both of

Valdosta, were among the 34 artists from Massachusetts, Illinois, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina, New York, Missouri and Georgia, chosen to exhibit their work.

Judging this year's competition is Amy Vigilante Dickerson, Ph.D., director of the University Galleries at the University of Florida.

Monetary awards in the amount of \$1,000 will be divided among "Best of Show" and first, second and third place winners.

The VSU Art Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and until 3 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call the Art Department at 333-5835.



*"Sisters Reading" by Edie Brown is one of 42 pieces of art on display through Feb. 16 at the Valdosta National 2003 competition, in the VSU Art Gallery. The competition will feature a diverse collection of artworks including paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, printmaking, collage, jewelry and mixed media.*

## Exhibit examines the history of South Georgia

The public is invited to a reception to view the newly revised "Folklife of the Georgia Wiregrass" exhibit, on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 7–8:30 p.m., in the Valdosta State University's Fine Arts Building.

The folklife exhibit, which will remain on display until Jan. 24, interprets the traditional culture of South Georgia that was historically known as Wiregrass Georgia, as it examines farming, religion and community art and life.

This traveling exhibit uses photographs and text to highlight local customs past and present, such as turpentine, syrup making, tobacco auctions, quilting, gospel music and singing conventions, fiddling, community celebrations, hunting and fishing.

"The Folklife of the Georgia Wiregrass" is intended to foster increased awareness and appreciation for the traditions that give South Georgia its unique sense of place and identity," said Laurie Sommers, Ph.D., director of the South Georgia Folklife Project. "This includes traditions of newer cultural communities such as Hispanics

and Asians, as well as long-established European Americans and African-American communities."

Sommers said that one goal of the exhibit is to serve as a catalyst for educators interested in engaging their students in writing about community culture and history.

The exhibit will open in Homerville on Feb. 9, with additional shows planned for Cairo, Quitman and Tifton. For more information and schedule of exhibit dates and locations, contact Sommers at 293-6310.

## Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2003 honored

Valdosta State University's seventh annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the University Center Magnolia Room. Tickets are \$15 per person and should be purchased in advance through the Athletic Department.

This year's class includes Jeff Agerter, baseball 1982–1983; Sue Ann Christie, women's basketball 1974–1978; Masa Oreskovic Dolicki, women's tennis 1991–1994; and Libby Parks Steel, softball 1992–1995.

The induction of this year's class brings the Athletic Hall of Fame total to 34.



# International film and lecture series focuses on Germany

Valdosta State University's Center for International Programs (CIP) is sponsoring "Germany in the Heart of Europe" a series of films and lectures, beginning Jan. 21 and running through April 14. All films and lectures are open to the public free of charge.

According to David Starling, assistant director of the CIP, Germany was selected as this year's theme country, in preparation for the University System of Georgia's (USG) study abroad initiative in Germany that begins this summer with a faculty enrichment seminar, followed by a student summer program in 2004.

The following films will begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater:

- Jan. 21: "Wings of Desire" is a Wim Wenders reexamination of the divided city of Berlin, as seen through the eyes of a fallen angel.

- Feb. 5: "Nasty Girl" tells the story of a young woman who investigates the secret past of her hometown and uncovers more than she expected—and more than the townsfolk want to reveal.

- March 12: "Tin Drum" a film about the influences of pre-war Nazi Germany on a young boy and how he deals with life.

The lecture series begins with "The German Cultural Mosaic" presented by VSU assistant professor of geography Michael Noll, Ph.D., on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in the University Center Magnolia Room.

Noll is a native of Germany and will serve as the co-director for the USG's faculty enrichment seminar and program director for the summer 2004 student program.

The following additional lectures will

begin at 7 p.m. in the University Center Magnolia Room:

- Feb. 10: "Understand Germany: Cultural Issues in the Red Green Republic" presented by Sabine Smith, from Kennesaw State University.

- Feb. 24: "Germany Since 1945" presented by Mark Finlay, from Armstrong Atlantic State University.

- March 24: "German American Relations" presented by John Duffield, from Georgia State University.

- April 7: "Germany, Poland and Eastward Expansion of the European Union" presented by Malgorzata Znoykowicz-Wierzbicka, a Georgia Southwestern University Fulbright Scholar.

- April 14: "Germany in Europe" (presenter to be named at a later date).

For more information, call the CIP 333-7410.

## SCOPE offers fun and learning for local children

Valdosta State University's School-College Outreach Program of Enrichment (SCOPE) is gearing up for another fun-filled educational experience for local school children.

The six-week program offers a variety of enrichment courses designed to help students explore new areas of interest while discovering their own talents and abilities.

Classes are held on Saturdays, beginning Feb. 1 and continuing through March 8. The program is open to students in first through eighth grades.

This year more than 30 classes are offered including Computers for Children, Nickelodeon Factory, Star Struck, Trashy Treasures, Radical Rainforests, Kids in the Kitchen and There's More to Art than Painting.

For more information and a complete schedule of classes and fees, contact Continuing Education at 245-6484 or visit the SCOPE Web site at <http://www.valdosta.edu/conted/Programs/kids/scopeprelim.htm>

## Student handbook available on disk

Students can now access information about academics, campus recreation, Greek life, housing and dining services, the student's code of ethics and a campus map, through a new CD-ROM version of the Valdosta State University's Student Handbook.

The first distribution of the CD-ROM took place during spring orientation and according to Richard Lee, assistant to the dean of students, the new version provides a more convenient and cost effective way to distribute information to the university's growing student population.

"Since many items dealing with research, policies and procedures are going online, and since VSU continues to lead the charge in creating easily accessible and accurate information to its students, staff, faculty, administrators and alumni—it seemed the natural thing to do," Lee said.

Lee said the financial savings is estimated at \$2,500 and students can request a copy through the Dean of Student Affairs office in the University Union.

The updated handbook can also be accessed on the Web at <http://www.valdosta.edu/activities/handbook/>

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pizzas, burgers, sandwiches, salads and shakes.

This is the first Loop to offer a breakfast menu featuring breakfast pizzas, wraps, breakfast sandwiches, muffins and bagels.

Kellner says that they are looking at offering a delivery service to VSU residence halls and offices in the future. Students will be able to use their Flex accounts to purchase meals at this location.

There are currently 21 Loop Pizza Grills open throughout the Southeast with 16 restaurants in Florida and five in North Carolina. The VSU restaurant will mark the first Loop in the state of Georgia and the second on a college campus. The other Loop operating on a college campus is located at Duke University.

For more information visit The Loop's Web site at <http://services.valdosta.edu/food/loop/>

