

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/>

ACHIEVEMENT NOTES

Mauel Cachan, Ph.D. (Modern and Classical Languages) was invited to attend the XVI International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico. On Dec. 7 he presented a paper titled “The Reasons of Why I Write” at the Round Table “Cuban Literature of the Dispersion.”

Cachan had the following short stories published: “Las Moscas” (“The Flies” in *Isla Tan Dulce Y Otras Historias* (Such a Sweet Island and Other Stories) ed., Carlos Espinosa. La Habana: Letras Cubanas, 2002, pp. 81-92; and “La Reencarnación de los Difuntos” (“The Reincarnation of the Deceased”) in *Cuento Cubano Del Siglo XX* (The XX Century Cuban Short Story), ed. Jorge Fornet. Mexico: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2002, pp. 331-337.

Duke Guthrie (Communication Arts) has been named to the Brooklyn College Performing Arts Management Diversity Committee. The committee consists of alumni, educators and professionals committed to diversity in the field of arts management.

Guthrie participated in a workshop titled “Diversity in Graduate Education: Jobs, Salaries, Mentoring and Externships in Performing Arts Management” at the New York City’s Lincoln Center Theatre, on Dec. 12.

Ruth Renee Hannibal (Special Education and Communication Disorders) and senior **Ruby McMillian** presented their research titled “The Influence of Culture/Ethnicity on Dysphagia Management” at the American Speech Language Hearing Convention, Nov. 21-24, in Atlanta.

Russell Mast (Student Affairs) and **John Grotgen**, Ph.D., (Counseling Center) attended an Advanced Assessment Workshop, Jan. 9-11, at Georgia State University, in Atlanta.

Julie M. Reffel, Ed.D. (Special Education and Communication

Disorders) achieved National Board Certification in 2002 from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Certification is a voluntary process established by the NBPTS that takes applicants through a rigorous performance-based assessment and takes approximately two years to complete. Through the process, teachers document their deep knowledge of the subject matter they teach, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.

Len Weld, Ph.D., (Accounting and Finance) wrote an article titled “Cash Bond, Tax Payments, Interest and Refunds” in the *National Public Accountant* (Dec. 2002-Jan. 2003 issue).

INFORMATION

VSU’s faculty and staff are invited to make Achievement Notes submissions by sending information to: achieve@valdosta.edu or thboyd@valdosta.edu.

African-American Studies lectures begin Jan. 30

Valdosta State University’s African-American Studies program will host its seventh annual African American Studies Lecture Series beginning Jan. 30. This year’s theme is “We, Too, Sing America: Celebrating Humanity and Sharing Our Lives.”

The following lectures will be presented at 7 p.m. in Biology/Chemistry Building and are open to the public free

of charge:

- “The Georgia Sea Island Singers” on Jan. 30;
- “Valdosta’s Firsts: The Unsung Heroes and Heroines” on Feb. 13;
- “Celebrating the Life of Dr. Bobby Blake” on Feb. 27.

For more information, please contact African-American Studies at 249-4843.

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relocated, including the office of Financial Aid. Additional spaces were made available at the University Center, when construction was completed on the south side of the building.

“We are currently looking at other locations on campus that would allow for additional student parking opportunities close to main campus,” Ferrell said. “In the meantime there are still more than 300 spaces open daily at the Sustella Street parking lot that is directly behind the student recreation center.”

To assist in coordinating parking and transportation concerns a “University Parking and Transportation Advisory

Committee” is being formed to help identify the parking and transportation needs of the campus and evaluate various options.

The committee will consist of three representatives each from the Council on Staff Affairs, Faculty Senate and the Student Government Association; and one representative from both the City of Valdosta and the local community, plus a chair.