

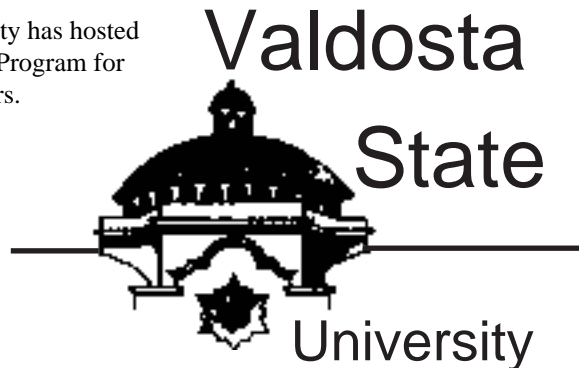
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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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- ◆ The five colleges within the University are: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Arts, and Nursing. VSU also has a Graduate School.
- ◆ VSU was founded in 1906 and named South Georgia State Normal College. In 1922, the school became known as Georgia State Woman's College. The school became co-educational in 1950 and changed its name to Valdosta State College.
- ◆ Valdosta State College became a Regional University within the University System of Georgia on July 1, 1993, and changed its name to Valdosta State University.
- ◆ Valdosta State University has hosted the Governor's Honors Program for the last twenty-two years.



### History

The idea of establishing a state college in the Valdosta area originated with local citizenry. State representative C. R. Ashley and State Senator William S. West presented bills proposing the establishment of a college in Valdosta to the House of Representatives and the Senate, respectively, in 1906. By an act of the Georgia State Legislature in 1906, the establishment of an agricultural, industrial, and normal college in South Georgia, as a branch of the University of Georgia, was approved.

The institution was named the South Georgia State Normal College for young ladies in 1913. All functions of the college were located in one building, Converse Hall. The state approved operating budget for the first year was \$50,000. In the initial quarter of operation, the college had two chief administrators (Dr. R. H. Powell, President, and J. M. Guillian, Superintendent of the Training School), ten faculty members, a matron, a secretary and bookkeeper.

An act of legislature in 1922 changed the name to Georgia State Woman's College and authorized a four-year program leading to the bachelor's degree. The Board of Regents made the College co-educational in 1950 and changed the name to Valdosta State College. Valdosta State College became a Regional University within the University System of Georgia on July 1, 1993. In 1998 Valdosta State University began operating on the semester system.

Valdosta State University offers undergraduate degree work leading to the Associate of Applied Science, the Associate of Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in 14 major programs, the Bachelor of Science in 10 major programs, the Bachelor of General Studies, the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Bachelor of Science in Health Fitness, the Bachelor of Science in Education in 10 major programs, the Bachelor of Business Administration in 5 major programs, the Bachelor of Fine Arts in 4 major programs, and the Bachelor of Music in 2 major programs. Graduate degrees offered are the Master of Education in 11 major programs, the Master of Arts with majors in English and History, the Master of Science with majors in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice, the Master of Public Administration, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Accountancy, the Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Music Education, the Master of Social Work, and the Educational Specialist in 9 major programs. The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) is offered in Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction, and Adult and Vocational Education.

### Accreditations and Memberships

Valdosta State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (for the Teacher Education Program), the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business Administration-The International Association for Management Education, the National League for Nursing, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs and the National Athletic Trainers Association (for the Sports Medicine Program), the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (for the Communication Disorders Program), the National Association of School Psychologists (graduate), the

National Association of Schools of Music (graduate and undergraduate), the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Association of Schools of Theater.

### The Campus

**WEST HALL**, long known as the symbol of Valdosta State University, was restored and expanded in 1992 in accordance with the original design for the building. It houses faculty and the administrative offices of the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and classrooms/offices for the Departments of English, Political Science, and Modern and Classical Languages. This building also houses the Master's of Public Administration Program, the Foreign Language/International Culture Center, the Language Laboratory, an electronic classroom, and the Campus Writing Center.

The **BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY BUILDING**, occupied in 2001, provides offices, classrooms, and laboratories for the Departments of Biology and Chemistry as well as offices for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The new retirement walkway is located between West Hall and the Biology/Chemistry Building.

**NEVINS HALL** houses the Department of Physics, Astronomy, and Geosciences, the math faculty, the computer science faculty, and offices of the Vice President for Business and Finance, Registrar, the African American Studies Program, and computer facilities. Dedicated in 1966, this building is named in honor of the late Beatrice I. Nevins, head of the Biology Department for many years.

**POWELL HALL**, named for Richard H. Powell, the first president of the University, houses the Offices for Campus Recreation, Financial Aid, and the Powell Lecture Hall. It also houses the Office of Student Development with facilities for counseling, career guidance, and testing.

The **ADMISSIONS OFFICE** is located across the street from Nevins Hall in the former Panhellenic House, renovated in 1977. Behind the Admissions Office is the **HONORS HOUSE**.

The **FINE ARTS BUILDING**, opened in 1969 houses the College of the Arts, composed of art, music, and communication arts. In addition to classrooms, laboratories, offices, and many specialized areas, the building contains an art gallery, TV studios, and two auditoriums. The Whitehead Auditorium contains a fine concert pipe organ, another gift to the University by the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead. In appreciation of this generosity, the auditorium is named in memory of his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Whitehead. Sawyer Theatre is named after Louise Sawyer, former head of the Communication Arts Department.

The **ODUM LIBRARY**, completed in 1972, is the center of academic life for the campus. In August of 1990, the library was renamed the Gertrude Gilmer Odum Library after Gertrude Gilmer Odum who was a major benefactor of the University and former faculty member in the English department. Housing over 422,000 bound volumes, the library is staffed with trained librarians to lend every assistance to students and faculty. The library also contains over 3,000 current periodicals and newspapers and a microform collection of over a million volumes. The library is

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a Selective Depository of U. S. Government publications and maps. In addition, the library has a special collection in the field of Southern History and houses the Archives of Contemporary South Georgia History. Expansion of Odum library, which began in 2001, will double the current size of the library.

The College of Education, excluding the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, is housed in the Education Center, dedicated in 1973. The **EDUCATION CENTER**, which includes several computer labs, provides the most modern facilities for training teachers, school administrators, and other specialists in education. It is located adjacent to the main parking lot.

**PINE HALL**, formerly known as Plant Operations, located behind Odum Library and renovated in 1999, now houses the offices of Social Work and Public Safety.

**S. WALTER MARTIN HALL**, acquired in 1985, is located on Patterson Street across from University Center. This modern facility houses the College of Nursing. **SPECIAL EDUCATION - COMMUNICATION DISORDERS** building, completed in 1999, is also located across from the University Center. This building houses the classrooms and offices for the departments of Special Education and Speech Language Pathology. VSU's **BOOKSTORE** is now located between Martin Hall and the new Special Education - Communication Disorders building, on Patterson Street.

**UNIVERSITY CENTER**, completed in 1995, contains a commodious Student Recreation Center Union and houses the Learning Skills Center, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Department of Philosophy, and facilities for the Art Department and the Dance Program. Upon completion of additional renovation (the old Woolworth building), it will also provide facilities for the Offices of the Vice President of Business and Finance, the Registrar, Admissions, and Financial Aid.

**THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION**, located at 901 North Patterson Street, houses the Office of Public Services, which includes Continuing Education, Distance Education, the Off-Campus Credit Program, and the Evening Program. The Office of the Graduate School and the Office of Grants and Contracts are also located in the Center. The Psychology Department and the Psychology classrooms are located in buildings nearby.

**ASHLEY HALL**, named in honor of C. R. Ashley, houses Human Resources, the faculty for the Department of History, the VSU Credit Union, and the Division of Information Technology. **CARSWELL HALL** on Oak Street provides facilities for the Women's Studies Program. The **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS** is located at 204 Georgia Avenue.

University residence halls include **CONVERSE HALL**, named in honor of W. L. Converse; **READE HALL**, remodeled in 1987 and named in honor of Frank R. Reade, third president of the University; **HOPPER HALL**, named in honor of the University's first Dean of Women, Anne Hopper; **BROWN HALL**, named in honor of Joseph M. Brown, governor of Georgia when the University opened its doors in 1913;

**LOWNDES HALL**, named in appreciation of the county in which the University is located; **GEORGIA HALL**, named for the State and for the avenue on which the building is located; **LANGDALE HALL**, named for one of South Georgia's pioneer developers and leading citizens; and **PATTERSON HALL**, named after the street on which the building is located.

The **UNIVERSITY UNION**, dedicated in 1966 and expanded in 1976, contains the Offices for the Vice President for Student Affairs, Blazer Grill, radio station WVVS, a gameroom, and mail services. The facility is built around the swimming pool which is used for physical education aquatic classes and recreation. Also housed are recreational facilities, the offices of the University Union Board, Student Government Association, and other student organizations, such as the yearbook and newspaper editorial offices.

The **PALMS DINING CENTER**, renovated in 1969, seats 1,000 diners at a time. Featuring cafeteria-style serving, this food service facility is under direct supervision of a trained dietician, and all employees are required to undergo periodic physical examinations.

The **PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX** was completed in 1982, at a cost of approximately \$6,000,000. This modern facility, one of the finest in the South, seats 5,500 people for basketball and 6,000 for graduations and concerts. The 100,000 square foot building contains Physical Education faculty offices and all Athletic offices except football and baseball. Classrooms, a Health Fitness Center, Athletic Training room, varsity and physical education dressing rooms for men and women and a Human Performance Laboratory are also included.

The **OLD GYMNASIUM** has undergone extensive renovation. The first floor contains all the offices of the football staff, varsity football locker rooms, a weight room and training room. The second floor holds the dance studio and auxiliary gymnasium.

The **PRESIDENT'S HOME**, acquired for the University in 1948, is the scene of numerous receptions and other functions throughout the year. Located at the Northwest corner of Main campus on Georgia Avenue, the residence was first occupied by the Institution's fourth president, J. Ralph Thaxton.

The new 64,000 sq. ft. **STUDENT RECREATION CENTER**, located on Sustella Avenue, will house an indoor swimming pool, climbing wall, aerobics rooms, 3 raquetball courts, 3 basketball courts, an indoor track, and 9,000 sq. ft. for free weights, a cardio-theater, and cardiovascular equipment. It should be open for student use in 2002.

### North Campus

**BARROW HALL** on the North Campus was remodeled in 1971, to house the Division of Aerospace Studies. The other two buildings on the North Campus are **POUND HALL**, named after the second president of the University, Dr. Jere M. Pound, and **THAXTON HALL**, named after Dr. Ralph Thaxton. Pound Hall, completely renovated in 1991-1992, and Thaxton Hall, remodeled in 1982, provide facilities for the Harley Langdale Jr. College of Business Administration. **BILLY GRANT FIELD**, and other recreational facilities as well as the VSU Warehouse are also found on the North Campus. The **Office of Institutional Research** is located in "The Little House" north of Billy Grant Field. The university's bus service connects the two campuses.

**Comprehensive and Special Purpose Universities**  
 Georgia Institute of Technology;  
 Atlanta - B,M,D  
 Georgia State University;  
 Atlanta - C,B,M,S,D,P  
 Medical College of Georgia;  
 Augusta - C,B,M,D,P  
 University of Georgia;  
 Athens - A,B,M,S,D,P

**Regional Universities**  
 Georgia Southern University;  
 Statesboro - B,M,S,D  
 Valdosta State University;  
 Valdosta - A,B,M,S,D

**Independent Research Unit**  
 Skidaway Institute of Oceanography

Degrees Awarded:  
 C = Certificate  
 A = Associate  
 B = Bachelor  
 M = Master's  
 S = Ed. Specialist  
 D = Doctorate  
 P = Professional

**State Universities and Senior Colleges**  
 Albany State University;  
 Albany - A,B,M,S  
 Armstrong Atlantic State University;  
 Savannah - A,B,M  
 Augusta State University;  
 Augusta - C,A,B,M,S  
 Clayton College and State University;  
 Morrow - C,A,B  
 Columbus State University;  
 Columbus - C,A,B,M,S  
 Fort Valley State University;  
 Fort Valley - A,B,M,S  
 Georgia College and State University;  
 Milledgeville - A,B,M,S  
 Georgia Southwestern State University;  
 Americus - A,B,M,S  
 Kennesaw State University;  
 Marietta - A,B,M  
 North Georgia College and State University;  
 Dahlonega - A,B,M,S  
 Savannah State University;  
 Savannah - A,B,M  
 Southern Polytechnic State University;  
 Marietta - C,A,B,M  
 State University of West Georgia;  
 Carrollton - A,B,M,S,D

**State Colleges**  
 Dalton State College; Dalton - C,A,B  
 Macon State College; Macon - C,A,B

**Two-Year Colleges**  
 Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College;  
 Tifton - C,A  
 Atlanta Metropolitan College;  
 Atlanta - C,A  
 Bainbridge College;  
 Bainbridge - C,A  
 Coastal Georgia Community College;  
 Brunswick - C,A  
 Darton College; Albany - C,A  
 East Georgia College;  
 Swainsboro - C,A  
 Floyd College; Rome - A  
 Gainesville College;  
 Gainesville - C,A  
 Georgia Perimeter College;  
 Decatur - C,A  
 Gordon College;  
 Barnesville - C,A  
 Middle Georgia College;  
 Cochran - C,A  
 South Georgia College;  
 Douglas - C,A  
 Waycross College;  
 Waycross - C,A

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