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- ▶ VSU has a variety of clubs and student organizations including twenty different national honorary fraternities and societies, nine national social sororities, and nine national social fraternities.
  - ▶ All of the Residence halls possess occupancy rates of ninety-three percent or higher for fall quarter 1996.
  - ▶ The VSU Career Planning and Placement Office sponsors Career Days, where several school systems, hospitals, government agencies, and businesses recruit students on campus.



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### Clubs and Organizations

There is a diversity of clubs and student organizations at Valdosta State University, including nine national sororities, nine national fraternities, various service organizations, honor societies, and departmental clubs. All students are members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The purpose of this organization is to work for the best interest of the students, cooperate with the VSU administration and faculty in all matters of common interest to the University, approve and coordinate campus student organizations, and provide a means of communication between the students and all areas of the university. Representatives are elected in annual campus elections and meet weekly in the SGA office in the University Union.

### Career Planning and Placement

The Office of Career Planning and Placement is responsible for assisting VSU students in choosing their major programs of study, their career objectives, and in obtaining satisfactory employment upon graduation. Individual career counseling is available for students who wish to explore how their abilities, values, and interests match up with particular career fields.

### Cooperative Education

Valdosta State University offers all students the opportunity to gain work experience directly related to their academic majors, begin their career decision making process, and earn money for their educational expenses.

### Counseling Center

The Counseling Center offers a variety of services to all students, prospective students, staff and faculty at Valdosta State University. Professionally trained counselors are available to assist with any personal, social, or educational concerns. The Center provides individual consultation in addition to offering outreach programs to various target groups on campus and in the residence halls.

### Financial Aid

The primary purpose of the student aid program is to make higher education a reality for persons who would be unable to attend without financial assistance. The Financial Aid Office also houses the Veterans Affairs Office, which has been set up to assist all veterans at VSU with their education.

### Foreign Student Advisor

Valdosta State University employs a full-time foreign student advisor who provides support services to the international student community at VSU.

### Health Services

The University Health Service provides health care for students in a 12-bed infirmary under the supervision of a university physician and registered nurses. The objective of the student health service is to maintain a state of optimum

health among the student body and to educate each student to proper attitudes and habits regarding personal and community health.

### Intercollegiate Athletics

Valdosta State University's men's and women's programs compete in the Gulf South Conference, which is composed of seven institutions in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, and Arkansas. The Gulf South Conference is part of Division II of the NCAA.

### Intramural Athletics

The Intramural Department at Valdosta State University provides students with the opportunity to participate in well organized programs of recreational sports and special event activities. Intramural's goal is to develop positive recreational habits that students will use well beyond their years at VSU.

Intramural activities include: basketball, flag football, softball, volleyball, and soccer. Dual and individual sports are offered in tennis and racquetball. Special event activities include such programs as: slam dunk contest, Schick super hoops, tug-of-war, and home run derby.

### Publications

Valdosta State University provides opportunities for experience in journalism through *The Spectator*, the campus newspaper, *The Odradek*, the literary arts magazine, and other student publications.

### Special Services

The Special Services Program serves students that have documented disabilities, who have met all of the VSU admission criteria and are otherwise qualified. These students voluntarily register with the program and must meet Board of Regents' criteria. The types of disabilities include but are not limited to learning disabled, visually impaired, hearing impaired, mobility impaired, attention deficit disorder, and other health impaired.

Services include diagnostic testing, tutoring, test modifications, classroom modification, and assistance with accessibility. This program attempts to make reasonable accommodations which enable students to pursue their educational goals. The program strives to provide equal access for students and uphold the academic standards of Valdosta State University.

### Testing

Valdosta State University is designated as a national test center for the administration of standardized tests. The Office of Testing assists all students with their testing needs.

## GENERAL STUDENT INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS - FY 1997

### General Student Interest Organizations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Related Discipline/Sponsor</u>
Ambassadors	Alumni Relations
American Chemical Society Student Affiliates	Chemistry
American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	Health, Physical Education, and Athletics
American Marketing Association	Marketing and Economics
American Psychological Association	Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance
American Psychological Society	Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance
American Society for Personnel Administration	Management and Information Systems
American Society for Training and Development	Psychology, Counseling and Guidance
American Speech and Hearing Association	Speech and Language Pathology
Angel Flight	Air Force ROTC
Angels	Co-op
Arnold Air Society	Air Force ROTC
Association for Computing Machinery	Computer Science
Association of School Psychologists	Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance
Black Student League	Student Affairs
Blazin' Brigade Marching Band	Music
Campus Activities Board	Student Activities
Campus Outreach	Residence Life
Cantabury	Student Activities
Concert Band	Music
Concert Choir	Music
Debate Club	Fine Arts
Fashioneers Modeling Club	College Union
Georgia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	Health, Physical Education, and Athletics
Georgia Association of Nursing Students	Nursing
Georgia Association of the Student Council for Exceptional Children	Special Education
Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics	Secondary Education
Georgia Speech and Hearing Association	Speech and Language Pathology
Gospel Choir	Music
Jazz Ensemble	Music
Music Educators National Conference	Music
National Athletic Training Association	Health, Physical Education, and Athletics
National Model United Nations	International Programs
National Society of Professional Engineers	Physics, Astronomy, and Geology
National Student Speech and Language Hearing Association	Speech and Language Pathology
Pendragon	English
Orchestra	Music
Political Science Club	Political Science
Psychology Club	Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance
School Counselors Association	Psychology, Counseling, and Guidance
Soccer Club	Intramurals
Society for the Advancement of Management	Management
Society of International Students	International Programs
Spectator University Newspaper	English
Students Against Violating the Environment	Biology
Student Chapter of the Association of Childhood Education International	Early Childhood and Reading Education
Student Georgia Association of Educators	School of Education
Student Government Association	University Union
Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators	School of Education
Student Music Educators National Conference	Music
Writer's Bloc	English
WVVS Campus Radio Station	University Union

Updated information was not submitted for 1997

**SOCIAL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES - FY 1997**

National Honorary Fraternities and Societies

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Related Discipline</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Related Discipline</u>
Alpha Chi	Education	Phi Kappa Phi	History
Alpha Epsilon Alpha	Accounting	Pi Gamma Mu	Political Science
Alpha Epsilon Delta	Biology	Pi Sigma Epsilon	Business
Alpha Kappa Delta	Sociology	P.R. Students Soc. of America	Honor Society
Alpha Lambda Delta	English	Sigma Alpha Chi	Honor Society
Alpha Phi Sigma	Sociology	Sigma Alpha Iota	Music
Cardinal Key	Honor Society	Sigma Pi Sigma	Physics
Honor Student Association	Honor Society	Sigma Tau Delta	English
Omicron Delta Kappa	General	Sigma Theta Tau	Nursing
Order of Omega	General		
Phi Alpha Theta	History		

Note: Updated information was not submitted for 1995-1996

Social Fraternities/Sororities

Sororities-Intersorority Council

(Sponsored By Student Affairs)

- Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Alpha Delta Pi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Kappa Delta
- Phi Mu
- Sigma Gamma Rho
- Zeta Phi Beta
- Zeta Tau Alpha

Fraternities-Interfraternity Council

(Sponsored By Student Affairs)

- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Delta Chi
- Kappa Alpha
- Kappa Alpha Psi
- Kappa Sigma
- Omega Psi Phi
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Nu
- Tau Kappa Epsilon

RESIDENCE HALL OCCUPANCY RATES FALL QUARTERS 1994, 1995, & 1996

<u>Building</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Occupancy Rate</u> <u>Fall 1994</u>	<u>Occupancy Rate</u> <u>Fall 1995</u>	<u>Occupancy Rate</u> <u>Fall 1996</u>
Brown Hall	191	97%	95%	97%
Converse Hall	99	93%	97%	100%
Georgia Hall	202	97%	100%	99%
Hopper Hall	186	87%	91%	98%
Langdale Hall	464	111%	112%	111%
Lowndes Hall	194	89%	92%	93%
Patterson Hall	273	112%	114%	116%
Reade Hall	107	95%	99%	100%
Motels*	Varies	78%	89%	0%

\*Motels are no longer used for residence halls

SOURCE: Director of Residence Life

## CAREER PLANNING

### Career Planning and Placement Summary for 1996/97

Career Placement Activities	Student Participation	Employer Participation
1. Placement files created .....	223	
2. Percentage of seniors creating files .....	9.6%	
3. Conduction of interviews on-campus .....	174	21
4. Attendance at Education Career Day .....	211	58
5. Attendance at Business and Government Joint Career Day .....	615	61

### Companies Recruiting at Valdosta State University in 1996-97

<u>School Systems:</u>	Savannah-Chatham County	AllTel Georgia, Inc.	Kmart
Appling County	Seminole County	Alpha One	Knoll Pharmaceutical Company
Atlanta Public	Sumter County	American Weavers	Lanigan & Associates
Baldwin County	Suwanee County	American General Auto Finance	Levi Specials
Barrow County	Terrell County	AON (Combined Insurance Company)	Lorillard Tobacco Company
Ben-Hill County	Thomaston-Upson County	Atlantic Coast Federal Credit Union	Lowes Distribution Center
Berrien County	Tift County	Austin E. Lamb, CPA	MacTavish Furniture
Brantley County	Troup County	Auto Owners Insurance	Manpower Temporary Services
Brighter Day Care Center	Valdosta City	BDM	Marriott International
Broward County	Walton County	Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc.	MARTA
Brooks County	Ware County	Becker CPA Review	Mauldin & Jenkins
Butts County	Wayne County	BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Company	Maurice's
Calhoun County	Worth County	Berlin Corp.	MECO-Macon
Camden County		Better Brands	Meldisco Shoe Corp.
Carroll County		Betty Webb, Ltd.	Mercury Finance
Cartersville City	<u>Health Care/Social Service Agencies:</u>	Bobs Candies, Inc.	Micro-Flo Company
Charlton County	American Therapy Services/Rehability	Burch-Lowe, Inc.	MRI
Cherokee County	Archbold Memorial Hospital	C. H. Robinson Company	MRS Homecare
Clay County	Behavior Health Services	CDI Corp.	NationsBank
Clayton County	Berrien County Hospital	Cairo Banking Company	New Ideas International, Inc.
Cobb County	Camden Medical Center	Cameron & Barkley	Norfolk Southern Corp.
Coffee County	Care More, Inc.	Cannon, Powell & Duggan Insurors	Norwest Financial Inc.
Colquitt County	Crisp Regional Hospital	Cargill Steel & Wire	North Florida Financial Corp
Columbia (Fla.) County	Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives, Inc.	Citizens Bank	Old World Financial
Coweta County	Georgia Pines MH/MR/SA Services	Cleaver Brooks, P.C	Olde Discount Stockbrokers
Decatur County	Greenleaf Center, Inc.	Cleaveland Electric Company	Prinsho Products
DeKalb County	Lowndes County Health Services, Inc.	Client/Server Technologies, Inc.	Quadgraphics
Dougherty County	Lowndes County DFCS	Coats & Clark, Inc.	RAK Industries
Duval (Fla.) County	Presbyterian Homes	Coca-Cola Enterprises	Rayonier
Echols County	South Georgia Emergency Medical Services	Community Corrections Corp.	Reebok Southeast
Fayette County	Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center	Con-Way Southern Express	Reiter's Choice
Forsyth County	United Hospice	D.M. Vickers & Associates, P.C.	Richbourg's Sales and Rentals
Fulton County	United Way of Southwest Georgia	Dollar General Distribution	RPS, Inc.
Glynn County		Douglasville Offices, Inc.	Sandoz
Gordon County	<u>Government Agencies:</u>	Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives, Inc.	Scales Transport
Grady County	City of Atlanta Police Background/Recruitment	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Seaboard Farms of Canton, Inc.
Griffin-Spalding County	Department of Corrections/Valdosta State Prison	Fazolli's Restaurant	Searle Pharmaceuticals
Gwinnett County	Federal Bureau of Investigation	Ferrell Gas	Shaw Industries, Inc.
Hancock County	Florida Highway Patrol	First Data Corp.	Sherwin Willims
Houston County	Georgia Bureau of Investigation	First Family Financial Services	Southeastern Bank
Irwin County	Georgia Department of Audits - Medicaid Div.	Flint River Girl Scout Council, Inc.	Southern Bag Corp.
Jefferson County	Georgia Department of Corrections	Flowers Industries	SPECTRUM
Lanier County	Governor's Intern Program	Foot Locker	State Farm Insurance
Laurens County	Navy Recruiting Station	Fluoro-Seal, Inc.	State Industrial Products
Lee County	Orlando Police Department	Gay, Sullivan & Monroe, P.C.	Target Stores
Long County	Peace Corps	Georgia Farm Bureau	Team Temps
Lowndes County	U.S. Army	Hamrick and Bearing	Technical Associates of Georgia, Inc.
M.E. Lewis Elementary School	U.S. Coast Guard	Healthcare Technologies	The St. Paul Companies
Macon County	U.S. Customs Service	Heatcraft, Inc.	The Earthgrains Company
Middle Georgia RESA	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Heilig Meyers	Tiller, Stewart, & Company
Mitchell-Baker High School	U.S. Navy	Hormel Foods	Tillman Insurance Company
Montgomery County	U.S. Secret Service	HTR & L Enterprises, Inc.	Tolleson Lumber Company, Inc.
Muscogee County	Valdosta Police Department	Hurst & Hurst, CPAs	Tru-Green Chemlawn
Newton County		Ikon Office Solutions	Tyson Foods
Pierce County	<u>Businesses:</u>	Insta-Lube, Inc.	United Parcel Service
Pike County	ABC Bancorp	Ivan Allen Company	Union Camp Chemical Products
Pulaski County	AFLAC	J.C. Penney	United Forest Products, Inc.
Randolph County	Alday, Tillman, Wright & Giles, P.C.	Joseph Foodservice, Inc.	Vann, Wells, & Associates P.C.
Richmond County	Allstate Insurance	Kelly Services	Westport LTD.
Rome City		Kent's Company	Winn Dixie Stores, Inc.

SOURCE: Valdosta State University Office of Career Planning & Placement, 1997.