

# Parents and Families Association E-News for Spring '10

Valdosta State University

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## Special points of interest:

- Spring Break: March 15-19
- Early Registration for classes begins: March 29
- Last Day of Class: May 3

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## Construction of Academic Building

Valdosta State University is currently undergoing construction of a new academic building. Ground breaking for the building took place December 2009, and the expected opening is fall 2010. The new building is being built adjacent to the Education Center.

The building will be 15,700 square feet that will include two auditorium-style classrooms that will seat approximately 350 students.

The new academic building is being named in honor of Jerry and Kay Jennett, two great VSU supporters.



The Jennett's demonstrate great leadership at VSU by supporting many programs, such as

athletics and the arts. Jerry is currently serving his third term on the VSU Foundation Board of Trustees, and Kay is a member of the Symphony Guild.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jennett have funded many scholarships that help attract the most talented students within athletics, music and theater.

## Dr. Kurt Keppler Accepts Position at LSU

Dr. Kurt Keppler has accepted the position of Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Enrollment Services for LSU. He is leaving VSU at the end of March and beginning his duties at LSU April 1.

Dr. Keppler has been Vice President for

Student Affairs since July of 2002. Dr. Keppler spent the previous nine years at Georgia State University (GSU), where he served as Associate Vice President & Dean of Students.

Upon his leaving VSU, Mr. Russell Mast, Dean

of Students, will act as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. Mr. Mast has served as Dean of Students since the summer of 2002 and served as the Interim VP once before from 1999-2002. Mr. Mast has worked at VSU since 1989.



### Men and Women’s Basketball Come to a Close

This year’s men and women’s basketball teams have both had excellent seasons. Each team ended their regular season Saturday, Feb. 27, beating rivalry team West Georgia.

The men’s team has had a strong season with 24 wins and three loses. They are currently ranked eighth Nationally and second in the South Region of the NCAA.

The men’s team is also co-champs of the GSC East Division. The Blazers begin the Gulf South Conference tournament March 5 in Southaven, Miss.

The Lady Blazers have also had an outstanding season. This year’s team ended the season with a perfect 10-0 record in the Gulf South Conference games. This is the first year the

Lady Blazers have ever finished undefeated in the GSC. The team begins the Gulf South Conference tournament March 4 in Southaven, Miss.

### Blazer Golf

The men’s golf team kicked off their spring season Feb. 15 in Lakeland, Fl. They



competed in the Matlock Collegiate tournament and finished 12 out of 15 teams.

The men have an intense schedule ahead of them with tournaments in Georgia, Florida, California and Arkansas. After finishing in the top ten in all the tournaments in the fall, the team is predicted to compete well this spring.

The team has a total of two seniors, three

juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen. The season concludes April 19 with the Gulf South Conference tournament in Hot Springs, Ark.

### Blazer Baseball and Lady Blazer Softball



The VSU baseball and softball teams kicked off their seasons in February. The baseball team’s first game was Feb. 2 in Melbourne, Fl., against Florida Tech. The softball team’s first game was Feb. 7 in St. Augustine, Fl., against Flagler.

This year’s Blazer baseball team currently has 13 wins under their belt and only four loses. Of their regular season, there are 36 games left to play. This year’s team looks very bright with seven seniors, 12 juniors, four sophomores and seven freshmen.

The Lady Blazer’s softball team is currently undefeated. They have played ten games of their 30 total regular season games. This year’s team is made up of two seniors, four juniors, six sophomores and eight freshmen.

## Important Dates for Spring 2010

**March 1:** Advising for Summer/Fall classes begins

**March 15-19:** Spring Break

**March 29-April 23:** Summer/Fall class registration

**April 5-7:** Summer housing sign up for traditional residence halls

**April 23:** Relay for Life

**May 3:** Last day of classes

**May 5-7:** Final exams

**May 7:** Graduate/Doctoral students commencement ceremony

**May 8:** Undergraduate students commencement ceremony



## Men and Women's Tennis

The Blazer and Lady Blazer tennis teams kicked off their seasons in the beginning of February. The men's team first competed against South Carolina-Aiken with a 7-2 win. The Lady Blazers first match was against Georgia College & State University in

Milledgeville, Ga., where they won 8-1.

Both teams have a total of 17 regular season team matches. They are competing in Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Both the men and women's teams have great rosters with the men having five juniors,

one sophomore and one freshmen. The women have four seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

VSU is looking forward to seeing great matches from both the Blazer and Lady Blazer tennis teams.



## VSU Music Department

The Department of Music is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music, with a faculty of 27 artist teachers and over 150 musicians.

This year's calendar is packed full of events for students, family and

friends to attend. Many of the events this spring will be performed by students and faculty members. Currently on their events calendar are 14 performances in March and 22 performances in April.

For more information, visit: [www.valdosta.edu/music/calendar/](http://www.valdosta.edu/music/calendar/)



## Student Union is Open



The new Student Union opened Jan. 5, 2010, with the ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 19, 2010. The Student Union has 113,604 square feet of space and is located where the former Student Union and Old Gym once stood. Some of the main features of the Student Union are the two story

Bookstore, the theater that seats 312, a multi-purpose room that seats auditorium style and the Food Court contains Starbucks, Loop Pizza & Grill and Nathan's Famous Hotdogs.

The Student Union also houses the Dean of Students Office and the Student Life Office.

For more information about the new Student Union, visit: [www.valdosta.edu/stulife/index.shtml](http://www.valdosta.edu/stulife/index.shtml)

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*As your student launches or continues his or her journey as a member of the Valdosta State University community, we encourage you to become and remain actively involved with the university. We want to keep you informed through a variety of communication methods and encourage you to visit campus for orientation and special family weekends. Membership in the VSU Parents and Families Association makes it easy for us to keep you up-to-date with issues and information that affects your VSU student.*