

# Parents and Families Association

## E-News for Fall '10

Valdosta State University

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### Welcome New Members

Welcome new members! The VSU Parents and Families Association is proud to have you as a new member of the organization. Parents and Families provides great support for students and allows them to achieve their

welfare and supports the students in attaining academic

campus and to meet and work with other parents. Your

involvement with our young adults and their university will affect them beyond their academic years at VSU. Please, contact the Student Affairs office, if you

“To promote and sustain an effective working partnership between parents and the University for the benefit and well-being of the students and the University.”

academic, cultural and social goals. The organization is actively involved in student

success. Through the organization, parents are given opportunities to be involved on

would like to serve on the Parents and Families Association Council.

#### Special points of interest:

- Early Registration for classes begins: Nov. 1
- Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 26-26
- Last Day of Class: Dec. 6

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### Ground Breaking Underway - Psychology & Counseling

Valdosta State University is currently undergoing construction of a new academic building. Ground breaking for the building took place Aug. 24, 2010, and the expected opening is July 2011. The new building is being built on main campus.

facility will cost nearly \$5 million. In January, the Board of Regents approved plans to demolish the north wing of Converse Hall and build a three-story building that will include classrooms, laboratories, clinical space and offices for the Department of

Psychology and Counseling. Administrative offices for the Graduate School and Sponsored Programs & Research Administration will also relocate to the new building.

The facility is being constructed with assistance from the university's strategic budget process. The



## Blazer Football Kicks Off 2010 Season



Blazer football has kicked the 2010 season off to a promising start. The Blazers first game was Sept. 4 against

Wingate. The Blazers won 25-22 and have a record of two wins and one loss. The next game is Sept. 25 at Southern Arkansas.

Prior to the start of the

season, the Blazers were picked to finish third in the Gulf South Conference according to a vote by a league of coaches. Four of the VSU Blazers were selected to the preseason All-GSC squad.

Another great honor a VSU player received is being named GSC Defense Player of the Week. On Sept. 20,

Larry Dean, senior linebacker, earned the GSC Defense Honor after competing against Delta State. In the first three games of the season, Dean has a total of 47 tackles and hopes to continue with great tackling success!

The Blazers' schedule can be viewed at: [www.vstateblazers.com](http://www.vstateblazers.com)

## VSU Homecoming 2010



VSU Homecoming is Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Numerous activities are planned for students, alumni and members of the community. The celebration begins on Thur., Sept. 30 with a Community Pep Rally at 7:00 P.M. in the P.E. Complex. On Friday,

VSU will host an Alumni Golf Tournament at Stone Creek beginning at 8:00 A.M. Later in the day will be the Homecoming Parade, followed by the Front Lawn Concert. Playing at this year's concert is Gavin DeGraw. Performing before DeGraw will be Ocean

Street.

Sat., Oct. 2 is Game Day! VSU will host Ouachita Baptist at 3:00 P.M. Before the game, VSU will have Alumni Tailgating, Blazer Walk and many other activities to pump up the Blazer Spirit!

For more information:

## Lady Blazer Volleyball & VSU Cross Country

### Volleyball

The Lady Blazer Volleyball team kicked off their season Sept. 3 in Boca Raton, Fla. In a two day tournament. This year's roster consists of two freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors and four seniors. The

head coach, Sia Poyer, and the team have high hopes for a promising season!

### Cross Country

This year's men and women's cross country teams will be traveling to numerous cities competing in racing events. Among the cities

several locations are Pensacola, Louisville, Birmingham and Huntsville. Both teams have a strong roster and have high hopes of being strong competition in each city.



## Important Dates for Fall 2010

**Sept. 27:** Advising for Spring classes begins

**Oct. 7:** Midterm

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**Nov. 1:** Early Registration Begins

**Nov. 24-26:** Thanksgiving Break, University Closed

**Dec. 6:** Last Class Day

**Dec. 7:** Exam Prep Day

**Dec. 8-10:** Final Exams Begin (Check Schedule)

**Dec. 10:** Graduate/ Doctoral students commencement ceremony

**Dec. 11:** Undergraduate students commencement ceremony

**Dec. 13:** Final Grades are Posted on Banner



## New Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

This past summer, Mr. Russell Mast was named Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students. Mr. Mast served as Interim Vice President upon Dr. Kurt Keppler leaving VSU in March 2010.

Mr. Mast served as Dean of Students beginning in the summer

of 2002 until the summer of 2010. He served as the Interim VP once before from 1999-2002. Mr. Mast has worked at VSU since 1989.

Now, as the new Vice President, Mr. Mast's mission is to "promote student development and leadership by

providing quality programs and services that fulfill the diverse education, recreational, social and multicultural needs of the student population and the university community."

His office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the new Student Union.



## VSU Music Department

The Department of Music is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. This year is filled with many entertaining events.

One of the big events on this year's calendar is Subscription Concert II:

Magnificent Mozart being performed by the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra on Nov. 20 at 8:00 P.M.

This upcoming winter also has numerous events that will be great for the family. December 3, 4 and 5 the Symphony Orchestra

will also perform the Nutcracker.

For more information and tickets call: 229-333-2150.



## New Withdrawal Policy



Effective Fall 2010, all undergraduate students are limited to five course withdrawal ("W") grades for their entire enrollment at VSU. Once a student has accumulated five "W" grades, all subsequent withdrawals (whether initiated by the student in BANNER or initiated by the instructor on the proof roll) will be

recorded as a "WF." The grade of "WF" is calculated as an "F" for GPA purposes.

The limit on withdrawals does not apply if a student withdraws from all classes in a given semester before the midterm point of the semester. Types of withdrawals that do not count against the five

limit are hardship withdrawals, medical or mental health withdrawals, military withdrawals, grads of "WF", withdrawals taken in semesters before Fall Semester 2010 and withdrawals taken at other institutions.

For more information, visit the Registrar's site: [www.valdosta.edu/registrar](http://www.valdosta.edu/registrar) or call 229-333-5727.

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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.