

# The Campus Canopy



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## Students Represent Several Countries; Contrast In Culture

"I am grateful to God for escaping from Communism" said Irma Mendez, VSC student from Havana, Cuba. Irma lives in Valdosta with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cranford. Her father, a salesman, and mother live in Miami. She is a junior at VSC. She heard of VSC through the First Baptist Church in Moultrie.

Miss Ursula Margarita Sinz of Vorarlberg, Austria, will attend VSC under the combined sponsorship of the Bainbridge, Quitman and Cordele Rotary Clubs. Ursula, a 1960 graduate of a teachers college in Austria, will enter VSC as a special student.

Shin-Ichi Kasai, whose home is in Horisaki, Japan, also comes to VSC as a special student. His major academic interest is in business administration and economics. Kasai is being sponsored by the Valdosta Rotary Club.

Mara del Carmen Fernandez, will be entering VSC as a sophomore. Her father will join the VSC faculty as assistant professor of modern languages.

Anke Gerdes from near Hamburg Germany will be taking courses at VSC this fall. She attended VSC summer school and is living with friends in Valdosta.

## Greeks Plan Rush; Finish Preparations

Rush! As always this word offers a variety of meanings during the first weeks of school, but to the Greeks it is the finale of weeks of work and preparation for rushees. Results of rush weeks determine prosperity and success throughout the coming year. Some Greeks begin working on rush before the end of spring quarter!

Alpha Xi Delta's have the most to brag about—Ellen Taylor was named first runner-up in the "Miss Georgia" beauty pageant this summer.

But this event was only one of many for the busy Greeks. KD's ADPI's and Alpha Xi held informal and formal rush parties in September, with alumni providing refreshments.

Alpha Z President and Vice Pres. Angela Bush and Cindy Sessions were representatives at a tri-annual meeting of officers in Columbus, Ohio. All members attended a later workshop at the Saddlebags Club.

At the present time, each chapter is practicing songs and putting last minute touches on skits.

Phi Kappa Phi's hosted a party at Twin Lakes in July and are planning a Hawaiian Luau for October.

A June Rush meeting and Stag party began the year for Sigma Phi Epsilon. In August rushees were entertained at a fanciful "Playboy Party," where sponsors dressed like bunnies.

A Hawaiian luau brought to a close the summer activities.

TKE's sponsored several parties this summer and have planned their calendar for this year, including the TKE Calendar Girl Contest Oct. 10, TKE Talent Review in February, and the Carnation Ball in April.



Three VSC Freshman girls model their "little red beanies" as they size up the Student Center.

## Larger Classes In Future

"With our current building program and with additions to the faculty, we will be able to handle 2,300 students by 1966," predicted Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, president of Valdosta State College.

More than \$3 million in construction of new facilities will be spent in VSC's present building program. This represents the largest amount ever allocated to the college by the Board of Regents of the University system.

In addition to the men's dormitory and the library annex currently under construction, plans for a science-administration building, a student union building, a dormitory for women and another dormitory for men. Each of the new dorms will house 200 students.

The annex to the library and new men's dormitory will be ready for use in the fall quarter of this year. All of the buildings in the anticipated program should be completed by the fall of 1966, said Thaxton.

The science-administration building, designed by Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey, will be located just south of West Hall, VSC's present administration building. All administrative offices will be moved to a wing of the new building, releasing West Hall for classroom space, Thaxton said.

And the science department, which has operated for years in cramped quarters at North Campus, will move to its new quarters on the main campus when it is completed.

The Student Union Building, designed by Blake Ellis, will be located near the present swimming pool complex. This building will include a lounge for day students and conference rooms for campus organizations.

The new women's dormitory will be built directly behind Converse Hall facing on Oak Street. Designed by an Atlanta architectural firm, Williams and Dean, this dormitory to house 200 women students will be ready for occupancy by 1965.

Another new dormitory for men will be built just south of the one presently under construction and is to be completed in 1965. The Valdosta firm of Addy and Norris will design the building.

## Rat Week Promotes Spirit, Unity; More Humorous VSC Tradition

The freshman class directly meets with one of the most humorous traditions of the college as soon as they arrive, Rat Day. Following a week of programs initiating the newcomers to campus life, Rat Day promises laughs to the freshmen, clad in burlap sacks and adorned with onions, cabbage, and other embellishments suitable to the occasion. Those freshmen who refuse to become full-fledged rats-for-a-day suffer the penalties meted out by a Rat Court appointed by the S.G.A. Rat Day is used to create unity and encourage school spirit among the participants.

The first big social event of the year is the President's Reception, held to provide new students with the opportunity of meeting the president of the college and the faculty members. Former students may renew acquaintances and meet the freshmen. Following the reception is a formal dance hosted by the S.G.A.

Freshmen girls will be interested in the Big Sister-Little Sister tradition of V.S.C. At the beginning of the new school year, the Y.W.C.A. impartially assigns to each freshman girl a Big Sister, who will help her Little Sister throughout the year. At the end of Big Sister-Little Sister Week a Recognition Service is held.

Thursday Night Vesper Service is presented by the Y.W.C.A. in conjunction with the M.C.A. every Thursday evening after dinner. The purpose of this service is to create a Christian atmosphere on the campus.

The annual Firefighting Service in the Rotunda is a beautiful, impressive occasion signifying lighting the fires of friendship and stressing service to all. Presidents of all campus

organizations participate.

We hung the green prongs in the windows hung woven wreaths and above pictures the living green . . .

Yes, it's Christmas time and the traditional Hanging of the Greens dresses the Rotunda for the festive occasion with holly wreaths and candles. In keeping with the same spirit is the Holly Hop, the annual Christmas formal sponsored by the SGA., the Campus Canopy, and the Pine Cone Staff. The music is provided by a well-known band, and Miss Pine Cone and her court, chosen by famous celebrities, are presented.

"Roses are red . . ." and so are Valentines. Each year before Valentine's Day the Y.W.C.A. sponsors Heart Sisters. Each dormitory girl draws a heart sister and for the week before Valentine's Day, the girls exchange small mementos secretly. At the Valentine party they exchange gifts openly and discover who their heart sisters are.

Every spring quarter V.S.C. holds an Honor's Day to recognize student achievement. Special recognition is given to the best-all-round girl and boy from the Junior and Senior colleges, as well as to the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and the members of Sigma Alpha Chi and Alpha Chi Honor Societies. Departmental awards, graduate study grants, and special honors are announced. Parents and friends of those students honored are invited to the campus for a tea, the assembly program, and lunch.

The traditions of V.S.C. become more meaningful as the years pass. They characterize and distinguish V.S.C. and help to carve a place for the college

## Mayor Extends City's Greeting

Mayor Richard Stewart welcomed the incoming freshmen at the first orientation session, September 24. Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, president of Valdosta State College added his welcome and commented on both the academic and social phase of college life.

Following the speakers, Dean A. Louie Sosebee and math department faculty administered a math placement test. Tuesday evening the Junior Chamber of Commerce invited all freshmen to a semi-formal dance at the Valdosta Country Club. A local combo, The Blazers, furnished the music.

Testing resumed for freshmen the following morning. Initiating a new program to decrease drop-outs, freshmen were designated counselors. A series of counseling periods are scheduled for the afternoon. A hike to see the movie production of Hamlet ended the day's activities.

"Every fourth person on your row will not graduate," stated Sosebee in an orientation session Thursday. Sosebee discussed academic statistics on freshmen and also urged students to evaluate their extra-curricular activities. The Student Government Association members conducted discussions of the V Book, which all Rats are required to know.

In the afternoon Miss Fredeva Ogletree welcomed freshmen and outlined campus regulations. Dorm students were assigned sophomore counselors at the meeting. The Panhellenic Council entertained rushees at a tea later that afternoon in the rotunda of Ashley Hall. Each sorority prepared a display representative of its activities.

Local churches sponsored evening activities for the students including progressive dinners and a square dance.

Friday freshmen registered and spent the remainder of the day at Twin Lakes. A hike to the Valdosta-Jordan football game filled the evening agenda. Orientation activities ended on a formal note with the president's reception and dance in the gym.

Under a canopy of red and black streamers students danced to the rhythms of The Martiniques. The stage backdrop boasted large rebel flags.

in each student's memories. The freshmen are urged to observe and uphold these traditions with the respect and spirit each deserves.

—Faye Davis



Fear-filled Freshmen listen attentively as President Thaxton welcomes them. His speech began a full week of activities — tests, tours, and entertainment.

# Editorially Speaking...

An appropriate quote for the new school year: "Thousands will tell you it cannot be done, thousands will prophesy failure, thousands will point out one by one the dangers that will assail you—but just buckle in with a bit of a grin and take off your coat and go to it. You will then start to zing as you tackle the thing that cannot be done, and you will do it."

Registration is V. S. C. history and tomorrow will be the end of the first full week of classes. Everyone by now has a routine. It may be a haphazard time thief but everyone has formed a study habit. That habit may be not to study though habits are hard to null. Perhaps it is not too late to apply the story of the tortoise and the hare to the student. The tortoise who stuck with it continuously won over the hare who dallied in spurts. Among the sights one will be the group who says, "If I had just stayed with it," but study will continue to be a word both foreign in origin and meaning to them.

A student is easily caught up in the maze of activity and can forego a study period for a chat with a neighbor from down the hall that turns into a bull session. Something is always happening to disrupt time set aside for study. It is the wise and rare college student who works first and enjoys the rewards of leisure when that time can be spared. A new life begins when you enter college as a freshman. There is now no one to prod you on to do your "homework." There is no one to say "go to bed," or "you need to study." It is an adult decision. "To be or not to be" disciplined should be applied to all phases of student life.

It is not all work. The vibrance of life is continuous around the clock. The well-rounded student will not busy himself in books every waking hour or never at all.

The things desired most are the rare things—rare pleasure and rare knowledge. Education is a total thing for the whole individual . . . "so take off your coat and go to it." This year is a year with promise.

V.S.C. is a school with a high standard for its students. The students here must maintain that standard on an individual level. According to the school calendar, we can expect a year of activity, seven days a week. The college here offers something for all. The various organizations will fill all available space. What part of the available time to be devoted to their activities is a decision left again to the individual.

—Lee Hobbs, Editor



Within the past decade many new eras have come into existence. These times of change and modification have been prompted by man's desire for progress—new and better ways of doing things. Because of his determination man has been able to attain success in each of his endeavors to a certain degree.

Today's era is a time of space travel, big business, fast-paced living, technological advancement and specialized education. It is with the latter of these phases of modern life that we are primarily concerned today.

As your high school days drew to a close and you began to consider college there was some reason for your interest in going to college. For some, college represented an escape from the everyday life at home. For others, college was to be a new experience and adventure. A few perhaps thought of going to college as the sociable thing to do. Still others, and we hope this includes every member of VSC's Freshman class, decided that college represented a means to an end and an experience within itself. To these students, college will be a time of educational striving, a time of competitive study and a time of personal achievement and self-satisfaction.

The choice of which college to attend and which college is best for a student can be a very trying experience. The reasons that each student would give for his selection of a particular school would probably vary with the number of students asked. The many freshmen on campus at Valdosta State College this fall have their own reasons for selecting VSC. Regardless of your reason you are welcome to VSC. As you were told in one of the orientation assemblies, for each application accepted this fall there was another rejected. In some measure it is safe for us to assume that we have a select group on campus this fall.

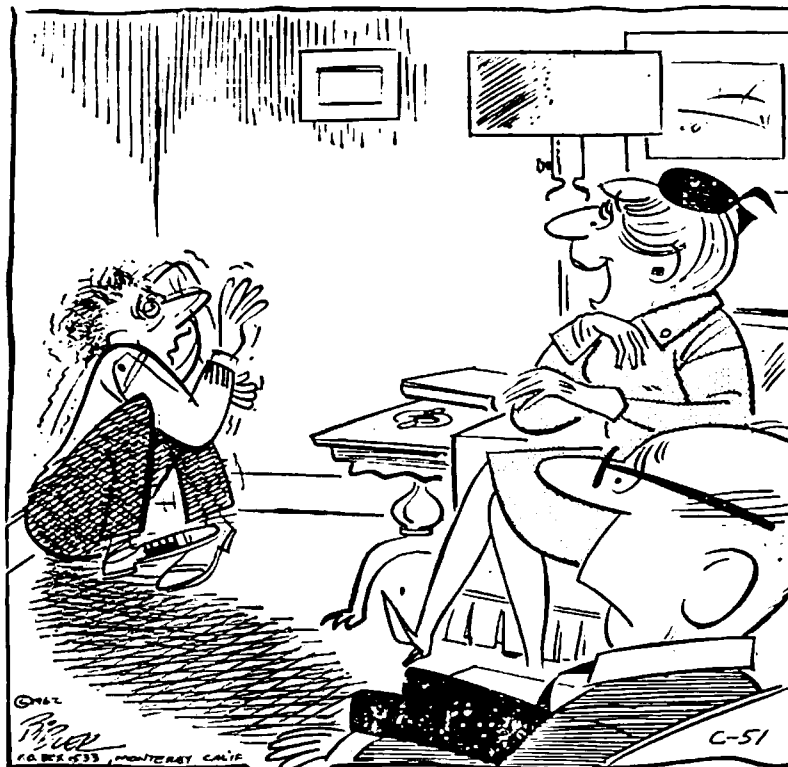
In selecting Valdosta State College as your choice you have made a wise selection. VSC is one of the highest rated academic institutions in the State of Georgia. It is staffed with experienced and competent persons. During the year you will learn to respect and take pride in your school more and more each day.

This year will be a new experience for each member of the Freshman class. Each student will have to stand on his toes in order to stand up to what will be expected. You can do it if you try. Each person on campus is affected by the other. By working together and striving for success we can all further boost the image of VSC.

Welcome to Valdosta State College. We hope that your measure of success at the end of next year will merit the confidence expressed in you by the administration when they placed your application in the group marked "yes".

—Chris Connell

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WELL, TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT FRATERNITY LIFE, SON - WHEN IS YOUR 'PLEDGE TRAINING' OVER?"

## Leisure Time To Read

There is an old aphorism that one never has the time to do anything, one must make time. Now that busy schedules have begun, what are some good times to sneak in a little furtive reading? Lunch time is an excellent time. Food for sustenance and food for thought can be digested simultaneously.

Physical Education classes meet only three times a week. That leaves a two-hour hole in your weekly schedule that could be filled reading. Not many students have schedules with three straight classes. There are usually gaps of an hour or two between classes when a book might be better than a Coke or a nap. Of course, there is always the week-end and holidays when as many as two or three books might be consumed in one gulp. There are other bits and pieces of spare time which individual students can glean from their own daily schedules when a little reading might be sandwiched in.

Now that we have found time to read, what are some good books? Nothing complex or abstruse should be taken up. Not even anything long. Tolstoy, Proust, Faulkner, and Joyce should be left alone until all attention can be focused on them. This is not to say that good, important books are to be neglected. On the contrary, some of our greatest writers produce books at around the 200-page mark. Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage," William Golding's "Lord of the Flies," Carson McCuller's "The Ballad of the Sad Cafe," Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," and J. D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" all run around or less than 200 pages. All these are great hooks, com-

pling and satisfying. And short, too.

But perhaps an even riper field for harvesting fulfillment in a short time lies in short stories and poetry. With the notable exceptions of Robert Browning and John Milton, most poetry is short. The problem with poetry is not how long it takes to read it, but how long it takes to understand it. Coleridge, Wordsworth, Keats, Shelley, and other Romantic poets are fairly explicit in their meaning. But with the advent of poets like Eliot, Pound, Cummings, Hart Crane, Dylan Thomas, and William Carlos Williams the task of quarrying the gold from these poetic minds becomes a little more difficult. With poets like Rimbaud, Apollinaire, Kenneth Patchen, Kenneth Rexroth, Gregory Corso, and Allen Ginsberg the digging becomes difficult indeed. Difficult, but not impossible. The meaning is often contained in some abstract, metaphysical conveyance, but it is there.

Perhaps short stories might prove more practical for the reader with little time. Here also the crop is a vintage one. Poe, DeMaupassant, Balzac, Kafka, John O'Hara, and John Updike are all writers of engaging and rewarding short stories. Their stories can be consumed in a short time and ruminated over for a long time.

Do you have a spare moment today, why not start reading a book? —Roger Sauls



Typist and others interested in working on Campus Canopy, come by Publicity office,



## The Life Of A Freshman

The life of a freshman is hard to bear. They're bothered by people everywhere.

Fate requires a test of their endurance, Thus standing in line is the best assurance.

Registration line is never a bore, With 400 rats racing for the door.

They scream and yell, push and pull, To sign up before the classes are full.

Next they discover one has to pay, So back in line for the rest of the day.

Finally, when all the chores seem done, They rush to the dorm to have some fun

Much to their dismay, they're then informed, "To the Student Center — no one in the dorm."

Displayed like idiots before the upperclassmen, The rats soon learn not to sass them.

With their noses buried on the floor, They silently whimper, "Please, no more.

And so, the week hurries on by, With not a moment for one to cry.

VSC soon becomes in each rat's mind, The greatest school anyone could find.

With lots of parties and so many dates, A letter sent home will have to wait.

Until, each freshman a parent could slaughter, Why? They forgot to write that quarter!!

—Sandra Kessler

## Choir Plans The Messiah

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to belong to a top-notch choral group?

Then plan to join in the VSC Chorus presentation of the Christmas portion of Handel's "The Messiah." Rehearsals are held every Monday and Thursday during the third period in room 205, North Campus, under the direction of Mr. Lavan Robinson of the Music Department.

Plans are being formulated to repeat last year's successful venture by combining the college chorus with singers from the churches of the Valdosta Ministerial Association in what it is hoped will become a college-community tradition. With the 1963 presentation still a glorious memory, much interest is being evidenced in the 1964 program.

So join now! There is probably no more beloved oratorio than "The Messiah," and you can be a part of an inspiring experience for performer and listener alike.

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### VSC ADDS DOZEN NEW FACULTY, STAFF MEMBERS

Valdosta State College has added 13 new faculty and staff members for the 1964 - 65 academic year, according to Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, VSC president.

Dr. Jose B. Fernandez joins the faculty as assistant professor of modern foreign languages. He holds a doctorate of social science from Havana University, Cuba, and an M.A. from the University of Miami.

Seaborn Lowrey Varnado has been appointed associate professor of English. He has earned his AB degree from Millsaps College and his M.A. from Tulane University and is presently working toward a doctorate in American Literature at Fordham University. Varnado has taught at Western Carolina College.

Joining the faculty as assistant professor of English is James Carrell Wilkerson. He received the A.B. and M.A. from the University of Florida. Prior to coming to VSC he taught at Louisiana State University and East Tennessee State. Wilkerson has a daughter, age six.

Clovis C. Tanner will be assistant professor of modern languages. He holds an A. B. and M. A. from University of Georgia. In 1962-63 Tanner attended the Sorbonne on a Fulbright fellowship and also taught English in Dijon, France. Again in 1963 - 64, the Fulbright program awarded him a grant to teach English in Bilbao, Spain. Tanner will teach French at VSC.

Dale H. Peeples takes his place on the VSC faculty as an assistant professor of history. Prior to coming to VSC, he was employed as a teaching assistant at University of Georgia

where he earned his M. A. He holds an A. B. from the University of Miami.

A new assistant professor of history will be Raymond Clarke Mensing. A native of Galveston, Texas, he earned his B. A. from the University of the South and his M. A. from Emory University.

Prior to being appointed assistant professor of math, Thomas M. Dart taught at University of Mississippi and at Troy College. He holds the A. B. and M. A. degrees from the University of Mississippi.

Col. Wesley R. Christie will be assistant professor of speech. A retired officer of the United States Marine Corps, he holds his B. S. and M. A. degrees from the University of Georgia. Mrs. Christie, the former Constance Kinsler, is a VSC alumna, class of 1945.

Mrs. Pamela Pope Manley has been appointed part-time instructor in sociology. She earned her B. S. from Florida State University and her M. S. from the New York School of Social Work at Columbia University.

Joining the faculty as an instructor in Physical Science is Arthur Clay Bailey Jr. He attended Norman College and holds an A. B. from Mercer University. He has taught at Norman Park High School and College prior to coming to VSC.

C. B. O'Neal has been on the VSC faculty as an instructor in biology since January, 1964. He holds a B. S. from VSC and has taught at Valdosta High School.

Joining the VSC staff as assistant librarian is Miss Joy B. Trulock.

Miss Mary E. Schild will join the staff as assistant professor of psychology.

# Democrats Invaded South Humphrey Spoke In Tifton

Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Hubert Humphrey carried his campaign into the Deep South Tuesday. Humphrey spoke in Moultrie and in Tifton Tuesday morning and then continued his political journey through the Peach State Tuesday afternoon.

The senator arrived by motorcade at the Tifton football stadium shortly after 11:00 a.m.

He was accompanied by his wife, Governor and Mrs. Carl Sanders, Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, Congressman J. L. Pilcher of Georgia's Second Congressional District and various other state and National dignitaries.

Senator Humphrey was introduced by Walter Harrison, State Manager of the Georgia Rural Electrification Association (REA).

As had been expected by most political observers, Senator Humphrey bitterly lashed out at his Republican opponents and the National GOP in general.

He accused the Republican Party of voting against everything that would help the great state of Georgia and he said the GOP was a big joke if he had ever heard one. He labeled the GOP as an expensive joke for the South. He insinuated that the Republican Party is a party of flexibility and complacency when he told the crowd that a few weeks ago in the Cow Palace the Republican National Convention agreed on everything as it came up and that as a matter of fact the GOP was agreeing on nothing of value.

Agriculture and farming issues keynoted the Senator's speech. He described Tifton and the Tift area as the center of Georgia agriculture. The Senator pounded away at the plight of the modern farmer if the Democratic Party is not returned to office in November. Humphrey told the people, "You can't have a prosperous America if you have depression and recession on the farms of America." Humphrey predicted that farm receipts would drop from \$12.5 billion annually if Goldwater is elected and that in time the American people would be suffering from a two-word malady known as Goldwater Depression. He said that Agriculture was the king-

pen of Georgia and that Georgia could not afford a party that would curtail its agricultural prosperity.

The Senator made no bones about the purpose behind his trip to Georgia. "I didn't come down here to pick magnolias, I came down here to expose these Republicans," Humphrey told the crowd.

The Vice-Presidential hopeful described the Democratic Party of Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson. He praised these men as "hard-working servants." "The Democratic Party has been a friend of the South and the South has been a friend of the Democratic Party," Humphrey said. The Senator pointed out the Georgia prosperity that has existed during the previous and present Democratic Party. He dubbed the Democratic Party as the party best able to keep America strong and prosperous.

In closing remarks Senator Humphrey expressed his faith that the same people who elected Carl Sanders to the governorship of Georgia will be among the enlightened voters who will go to the polls on November 3rd and elect Lyndon Johnson as the first Southerner to sit in the White House in over a hundred years.

Following the speech by Senator Humphrey there was a brief press conference and a free barbecue dinner for all the people present.

During the press conference the Senator was quizzed about a pamphlet on Civil Rights supposedly distributed by the GOP and then quickly called back in from distribution. He was also questioned about the Democratic viewpoint concerning textile imports and various other issues.

Valdosta State College was represented by at least 30 students and faculty members. Members of the CANOPY were on hand during the speech and for the press conference. Professors Gabard and Laurens of the VSC History department were among the elite privileged to share the platform with Senator Humphrey and his entourage.

VSC's Dr. Franklin Laurens voiced the final question of the day for Humphrey when he asked the Senator what was his response and reaction when he

heard that Goldwater, if elected, might tab Richard Nixon as Secretary of State. "When I read that it just about broke up my total day," said the Senator. With that the rally broke up.

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