

Room & Renter's Information

Fall Assignment & Roommate Information

To view your housing assignment & roommate information please follow these steps:

- Click or copy and paste the following link in your browser: <http://www.valdosta.edu/eas/sis/>
- Click on: Login. Enter your User ID name and PIN
- Click on: Student and Financial Aid
- Click on: View Housing Application/Assignment
- Select Term: Fall 2007

If your assignment shows up as Res. Hall, this means you have a spot, but the actual hall is in process. Please check back later for your assignment if this occurs. Accessing this information should make it easier for students to get together with their roommates before school starts and decide who is bringing the TV, VCR, and other items.

Room Swap/Change Request and Consolidation Policy Explained

If for some reason you are unhappy with your assignment, applications for room change request will be available beginning August 20th, but room changes will not take place until after August 27th. You may pick up a room change request application at any of the residence hall desks or from your Hall Director and return it as directed.

If, after the room change process, you do not have a roommate, you may be required to consolidate with another resident in the same situation. Lists of students in your building who also need roommates will be available. See your handbook for specific policies.

Returning students should be aware that, due to cancellations, if your room/apartment was not completely filled, you may have been moved elsewhere in your assigned building.

Some Basic Information on Renter's Insurance for Residents

Every year college students lose millions of dollars worth of property. Valdosta State University does not insure any personal items of students that live on campus. Therefore it is important to learn how to protect your personal property in the residence halls. Often students are covered under their parents' homeowners insurance policy.

Renter's insurance is available to any resident that is not protected by their parents' insurance. It will provide coverage for many items commonly found in residence halls such as clothing, computers, school supplies, and electronic devices when stolen or destroyed by fire. Without coverage, theft or damage to personal property could represent substantial financial loss for a resident.

VSU has information on (but does not sponsor) two companies for providing insurance for a student's personal property. National Student Services, Inc offers a Student Personal Property Plan and offers coverage for both on and off campus housing. CSI Insurance Agency, Inc offers the Student Personal Property Protector Plus program and it covers your property worldwide for a full twelve months.

There are limitations to each program so be certain to read each policy carefully. Links are provided to each agency through the Housing and Residence Life homepage (<http://services.valdosta.edu/housing/insurance.aspx>).

Helpful Websites for finding Renter's Insurance:

- ① National Student Services, Inc. <http://nssinc.com>
- ② CSI Ins. Agency, Inc. <http://www.collegestudentinsurance.com>





Residence Halls Openings & Holiday Closings

📍 Openings

Wednesday, August 8th – 9 am - 5 pm
All halls open for Freshmen check-in.

Friday, August 10th – 9 am - 5 pm
All halls open for everyone to check-in.

Monday, August 13th – 5 pm
This is the deadline for students to claim their space. If you cannot be on campus by this time, please notify us in writing or you will forfeit your assignment.

📅 Closings

All traditional residence halls will close/re-open as follows for holidays

Close	Re-open
Thanksgiving November 20 @ 5 pm	November 25 @10 am

Winter Holiday December 8 @ 4 pm	January 3 @ 10 am
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Spring Break March 8 @ 10 am	March 16 @ 10 am
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Plan ahead and make arrangements for transportation and a place to stay during these breaks.

Note: Apartment Style Residence Halls Do Not Close

contract and forfeiting the deposit. For example, if you decide to move to an off-campus apartment for spring semester, the \$300 deposit will NOT be refunded and you will be charged 50% of the spring semester housing fee. (Note: you may not apply to buy out of your contract if you have not met the commitment of the freshman residency program).

Cable TV Service in the Residence Halls

Please remember basic cable tv service is included in your room charge. The Housing and Residence Life Office will operate a Movie Channel which provides students with information about campus events as well as recent movie releases.

Mail and Packages

Each on-campus resident is assigned a mailbox. Refer to the information listed to access your VSU box number and combination.

Students should make sure that their mail is addressed as follows:

VSU Box Address:

Student's Name

VSU Box _____

Valdosta State University

Valdosta, GA 31698

VSU Box # And Combination Access:

* Go to <http://www.valdosta.edu>

* Click on: Registration and Advising

* Click on: Login (Enter your user ID = student identification number and PIN = 6 digit birthday -- month, day, and year)

* Click on: Student and Financial Aid

* View Housing Information

* Choose Term

* Box Assignment and Combination can be viewed on this screen. Note:Combinations will not be available until the beginning of the semester.

Cancellation Policy

If you decide to move off campus during the spring, you may cancel the contract by paying 50% of the remaining value of the

Dining & Meal Plan Information



Dining Updates

Valdosta State University and its foodservice provider, Sodexo Campus Services, firmly believe that today's hard working college student should be rewarded with a dining experience that makes eating on campus palate-pleasing, healthy and entertaining. Campus Dining Services operates ten different locations in five different buildings, so there's always some place to grab a bite to eat no matter where you are on campus. From popular national brands like Chick-fil-A, Quiznos Subs, The Loop Pizza Grill and Einsteins Bros. Bagels to Sodexo branded Jazzman's Café and Salsa Rico and our very own all-you-care-to eat Palms Dining Center, VSU has something for everyone. Coming to the UC Food Court in August are two new retail locations: Sodexo branded concepts, SubConnection and Sky Ranch Grill.

Fall 2007 Meal Plans

The Blazer Plus: Unlimited access to Palms Dining Center, and the addition of \$125 Blazer Bucks. Total Cost = \$1,470/semester

14 Meal Plan: This plan allows for any 2 meals per day (Sunday-Saturday) at Palms Dining Center and the addition of \$225 Blazer Bucks. Total Cost = \$1,470/semester

10 Meal Plan: The plan allows for any 10 meals during a week (Sunday-Saturday) at Palms Dining Center and the addition of \$370 Blazer Bucks. Total Cost = \$1,470/semester

\$800 A La Carte Plan: \$800 declining balance.
Total Cost = \$800/semester

\$400 A La Carte Plan: \$400 declining balance available to students residing in Centennial or Converse Hall ONLY.
Total Cost = \$400/semester

Blazer Bucks:

Blazer Bucks are designed to give you the flexibility to dine at Palms Dining Center, any of our 9 retail locations, or to make a purchase at our two on-campus convenient stores, without carrying cash. Each time you make a purchase using Blazer Bucks, the amount is automatically deducted from your VSU 1Card account, tax free.

How to obtain a meal plan:

You MUST register for your meal plan online during class registration. Students in the residence halls that do not register for a meal plan will automatically be assigned The Blazer Plus/Unlimited Plan.

Important Tips:

- * Any meal plan changes following online registration may only be made at the Meal Plan Office.
- * Meal plan changes will NOT be allowed after the first day of classes, Monday, August 13, 2007.
- * Additional Blazer Bucks can be added at any time at the Meal Plan Office.

Contact Information:

Diane Westberry, Meal Plan Manager
Palms Dining Center
Phone: (229) 333-5988 Fax: (229) 333-2147
Website: <http://services.valdosta.edu/dining/>

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

What to Bring & Leave Home

What to Bring

There are several items students may want to bring for their rooms. Each student will be responsible for providing his/her own blankets, bedspreads, linens, and towels. Students have access to laundry facilities in the residence halls. The following items are additional suggestions generated by students who have lived on campus in the past:

- Flashlight and batteries - in case of power outage (candles are prohibited)
- Alarm clock and/or clock radio
- Personal hygiene items
- Pens, pencils, paper, notebooks for academic work
- Posters and room decorations
- Stereo and/or radio
- Tapes, CD's
- Small Television - basic cable is installed in each room.
- Telephone - local phone service is provided in each room. Cordless phones must be 900MHz or 5.8 GHz
- Small microwave - great for popcorn and reheating pizza
- Compact refrigerator - max. 5 cubic feet
- Plastic cups, plates, eating utensils
- Dish pan, cloth, towel, and dishwashing liquid
- Personal cleaning supplies - cleaners, sponges, broom/vacuum. Students are responsible for cleaning their rooms, including kitchens and bathrooms in the apartments
- Desk lamp
- Laundry bag, detergent
- Sewing kit
- Hangers
- Wastebasket
- Can opener
- Surge Protector (UL 1449 rated)
- Rug- 9x12 is a good approximation for most rooms
- Window curtains - Blinds are provided. Curtains must be hung with tension rods. Windows vary slightly in size depending on the building, we advise that you wait to purchase your curtains until after you arrive.

What to Leave Home

The following items are prohibited in residence halls:

- Firearms, knives, air guns, martial arts weapons, or weapons of any kind
- Candles, incense or any item that produces or has an open flame (tobacco items are excluded)
- Cooking devices, including, but not limited to, broilers, toaster ovens, electric skillets, hot plates, hot pots, and George Foreman grill
- Room heating devices with exposed heating coils
- 2.4 GHz Cordless phones
- Wireless controllers for video games
- Gasoline powered items, such as motorcycles, mopeds, or parts thereof



- Flammable and/or combustible items
- Fireworks, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.
- Contact Paper
- Duct Tape
- Extension cords
- Chemicals
- Light dimmers, ceiling fans, or any other device that interferes with the electricity of the room
- Weight lifting apparatus, such as barbells
- Animals or pets except seeing-eye dogs and fish. The University reserves the right to limit the size of aquariums
- Waterbeds and water furniture
- Refrigerators, except as previously defined

NOTE: The preceding list is not all-inclusive. Any item that is a threat to public safety may be removed. The University will continually monitor all areas through staff visits and unannounced inspections by University staff. The presence of prohibited items will be documented and students will be required to remove those items from the premises, and may be subject to disciplinary action as well as monetary fines.

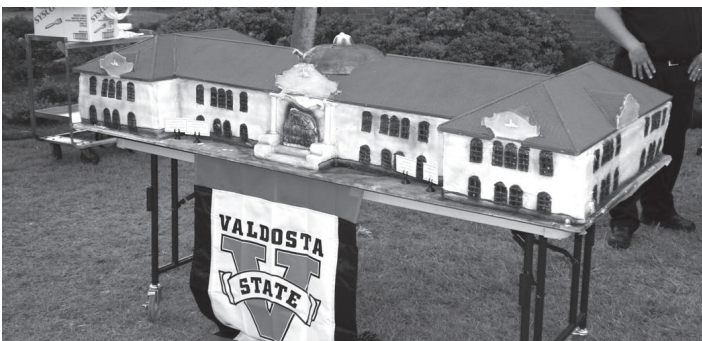
VSU Centennial Celebration

On August 18, 2006, Valdosta State University celebrated its 100th birthday. While there was live music, fireworks, and loads of fun the party did not stop there. Over the next seven years we will continue to celebrate. Some of the dates for this fall are

- 1 **August 13:** First Day of Class
- 2 **August 18:** Centennial Fun Run/Walk (sponsored by Campus Recreation)
- 3 **August 31-September 1:** Parent's Weekend
- 4 **September 28:** 6:00pm - Homecoming Parade
7:00pm - Homecoming kickoff: Friday Night Front Lawn Concert
- 5 **September 29:** Football Homecoming, with Pre-Game Festivities

VSU has celebrated the centennial anniversary of its founding in 1906, when legislation passed by the Georgia General Assembly created the college. On January 2, 1913, the South Georgia State Normal College opened for classes. In recognition of its rich history, VSU is commemorating these centennial years from 2006 to 2013 with a wide variety of academic, social, athletic, artistic and community events and programs. These activities honor VSU's proud past, present and future, and will set the tone as VSU enters its second century as a major regional university. For more information on centennial activities at VSU, call Mary Gooding, Manager of Centennial Operations, at 333-5797 or visit http://www.valdosta.edu/news/media/2005/11/centennial_participation.pdf.

Also, please join the 2007 Campaign to create the official State of Georgia VSU license plate, which will proudly display our V-state emblem. Go to the VSU website, www.valdosta.edu and click on the license plate icon for all the details!





It's not a dorm... It's a Residence Hall!

Question & Answer

Q: What's the best thing about living in the residence halls at VSU?

A: Automatic membership to the VSU Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Q: What is Residence Hall Association (RHA)?

A: RHA is a student led organization whose goal is to make the on-campus living experience for residents one to remember. RHA is composed of seven hall councils, one per hall (Centennial and Converse are combined.), and the RHA Executive Board, who coordinates all of the individual hall councils. RHA also acts as a governing body that proposes changes to improve the living experience for residents to the Housing and Residence Life Office.

Q: What is Hall Council?

A: Hall Council consists of an executive branch (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary), and a legislative branch (all of the residents in the hall). The purpose of hall council is to encourage residents to get involved in the halls and ultimately on campus. Each Hall Council has funds and ideas for using money to benefit residents. Some methods used to encourage residents are planned and executed fun programs in the individual halls and/or combined programs with other halls on campus.

Accomplishments and Goals

In Fall 2006 we successfully hosted G.R.H.O.T.H. (Georgia Residence Hall Organization Together for Helping), a statewide leadership conference for Hall Council members. Some goals we have for the upcoming year are hosting No Frills 2009, a southern regional business conference, and winning RHA of the Year, amongst other things.



Other Information

In early July, RHA will send out additional information about RHA and Residence Hall Councils. Elections for Hall Councils will be August 21, 2007 from 8am to 5pm at the residence hall front desk. Later that day, there will be an Election Party, where we will announce the results of the hall council elections. The Election Party will begin at 6pm in the Old Gym. More information about this event will be posted in your halls.

If you have any questions feel free to e-mail the RHA President, Cathia Moon, at camoon@valdosta.edu.

Attention Freshmen Students

If you plan to move-in on Wednesday, August 8th - Freshman move-in day, please note that you and your hall mates will meet with your Resident Assistant (RA) on your floor that evening at 7:30 pm. Your RA will give a brief overview of upcoming activities and discuss a few important rules. Then, you will walk over to the 1st planned activity, Movies and Mocktails, at 8:00 pm in the quad. We encourage you to participate! This is the time to start getting to know other new Blazers!

Fall Explosion

Fall Explosion is a series of planned events that take place from move-in day to the end of August. Fall Explosion is a collaborative effort by several VSU departments whose goal is to aid new students in their acclimation to college life and to engage them in purposeful extra curricular activities. Some event highlights include: "The Happening", cookouts, movies on the lawn, free game room hours, tie-dye, and much, much more.





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Parking & Transportation

How to Register for a Parking Permit & Avoid Long Registration Lines

Many of you have probably already attended an orientation session and registered to have the parking permit added into your fees. The Parking & Transportation Department will do mail outs after each Orientation session so you should receive a letter from them informing you about how to get your parking permit mailed to you. If you do not receive one of these letters you may log onto the website and purchase the permit there. Fall permits will go on sell in July 2007.

When registering for Fall (\$50.00 permit), Spring (\$25.00 permit), or Summer

(\$15.00 permit) classes, select the option for obtaining a parking permit to add this charge into your fees. You must then complete a vehicle registration form with our department in order to receive your permit. You can do this electronically at: <http://services.valdosta.edu/parking.htm>.


You can either obtain your parking permit in our office or you may select to have it mailed directly to you.

All visitors to the University should obtain a parking permit at our office before parking a vehicle on campus.



Parents & Family Members

Would you like to keep up with what is happening with your college student and at Valdosta State University? Join the Valdosta State University Parents & Families Association. Dues are \$25 per year. Go to www.valdosta.edu/pfa or www.valdostastate.org for more information.



Friday
August 31, 2007
&
Saturday
September 1, 2007

For more information call
The Office of Student Life

Phone 229-333-5674
or visit
Web www.valdosta.edu/stulife/ParentsWeekend.shtml
to register