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Future home: School of Business

Completion is slated in the summer of 1971 for a business building currently in the planning stage. The drawing shown here was prepared by Lyles, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolff of Alexandria. Pictures and a story detailing construction progress for other buildings on campus are on page 2.

Fred Shorter re-elected Speaker; election complaints registered

By David Kirby

Times SGA Reporter

Fred Shorter, a junior advertising major from Richmond, has been elected to a second term as speaker of the House of Representatives of the Student Government Association.

Shorter, who said he did not run for re-election to his House seat during last week's elections so that he could be a nominee for speaker without having to relinquish a House seat, defeated his nearest opponent, Butch Jenkins, by two votes.

Although the vote was Shorter, 23, and Jenkins, 21, a motion was later passed that the election be declared unanimous as a vote of confidence for Shorter.

SGA President Randy Eley announced at the newly elected House's first meeting Monday that he has appointed Sam Wilcox to serve as temporary SGA treasurer. Wilcox will fill a vacancy left by the resignation two weeks ago of Ken Kirby.

Explaining his platform after

nomination, Shorter made three main proposals that he said he felt the speaker should follow. The first was improving the image of the House. He said he plans to do this through "better communication" with the student body, the representatives and the Administration.

The new speaker said too he sees a need for an improvement in the House committee system. His third main proposal was for the implementation of a docket system in the House.

"I think that my election is a victory for those who look to student government for fulfilling student interests, and a defeat for those to whom student government is an elitist power game," Shorter said after the meeting.

In other action Monday night, Ronda Kruger, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced that three formal complaints charging irregularities in voting procedures during last Tuesday's election had been received.

The complaints were registered by House members Cynthia Erickson and

Shayne Racker and SGA secretary Pat Steinmetz.

The complaints charged Ronda with openly eliciting support for one particular candidate, John Norcutt, while manning a polling station. In reply to the complaints, Ronda said she only



Fred Shorter
To Serve Second Term

suggested to friends that they vote for any candidate and only when specifically asked by these friends to do so.

Cynthia Erickson moved that a closed session of the House be held to discuss the Board of Elections report. She said she made the motion to bring a

"fair hearing with witnesses to substantiate (their) protest."

This motion failed and a motion by Jay Mangan, Dist 3, that the House accept the report of the board passed.

The Global Wrapup

From Associated Press Dispatches

WASHINGTON—President Nixon, his desk piled high with telegrams prompted by his Vietnam policy speech, told newsmen yesterday it was a "demonstration of support" that could do more than anything else to speed an end to the war.

Literally thousands of wires littered the top of the desk and Nixon indicated that—out of the whole mass—only a single stack about four inches high came from citizens who favor an immediate U.S. withdrawal.

One wire pledging support came from Colorado and contained, according to an aide, 20,066 signatures. He called it "the longest wire in history."

LONDON—A film shown on British television recently is puzzling some persons. The movie showed a middle-aged woman anonymously hatching a chicken from an egg placed between her breasts.

"I am at a loss to understand," said Sir Donald Gibson, "how the lady managed to incubate a chicken in her cleavage."

A former official who is now a poultry farmer, he stated in a letter to *The London Times*: "To my knowledge it takes 21 days at 104 degrees Fahrenheit to hatch an egg. From my experience of ladies' bosoms this is rarely attainable."

Someone recalled that Brian Wilson, known as the birdman of Chelmsford Jail, hatched several birds during his 15-year confinement by taping the eggs under his armpit by day and wrapping them in bedclothes at night.

Researchers disclosed that the lady in question—who insisted her identity be kept secret—augmented her natural resources of warmth and humidity with plenty of clothing.

Wright says Black movement is of historical significance

By Larry Clark

Times Staff Writer

"Until very recently the black man has not been allowed to know anything about his heritage," said Vincent F. Wright, assistant dean of students, at a meeting last Friday night in the First Unitarian Church.

"This is because of the emphasis placed on inculcating a white culture," he continued. "The black man, consequently, has been forced into a position in which he has not only been denied an identity but has been rendered almost powerless to put up any kind of fight."

Wright was speaking in the capacity of moderator of a VCU panel consisting of himself and four VCU undergraduates.

The four students were Charles McLeod, Soc4, David Henley, Soc4, Jim Elam, Soc3, and Donald Minor, Hs1. all the panel, except for Henley, were black students.

The tide is turning, however, Wright continued. "Now we are trying to find out who we are. This movement among the black people has great historical significance."

"Other immigrant groups had their ups and downs, but they eventually were amalgamated into the over-all white social structure."

"Black people could not be so assimilated because of their color," he continued. "So they have been forced to take a stand."

Jim Elam stated that the black man had been made to hate himself because of the mass media. He qualified that

allegation by mentioning the Amos 'n Andy radio show, in which a black character had been created to serve as a buffoon for the amusement of a predominantly white audience.

"The only thing really new about the Black Revolution," said Charles McLeod, in response to Jim's allegation, "is that now there is pride in being black. Before now, the black man was unable to feel this pride."

The black student on the university campus was given extensive attention. As far as the VCU campus is concerned, Wright noted, the blacks are still relatively powerless.

"We compromise only four per cent of the student body," Wright stated, "but because we are fighting back, we are making gains."

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THE UNIVERSITY GROWS

by leaps and bounds



Symmetry Is Suggested by This Crane Working on the Art Building

by machines

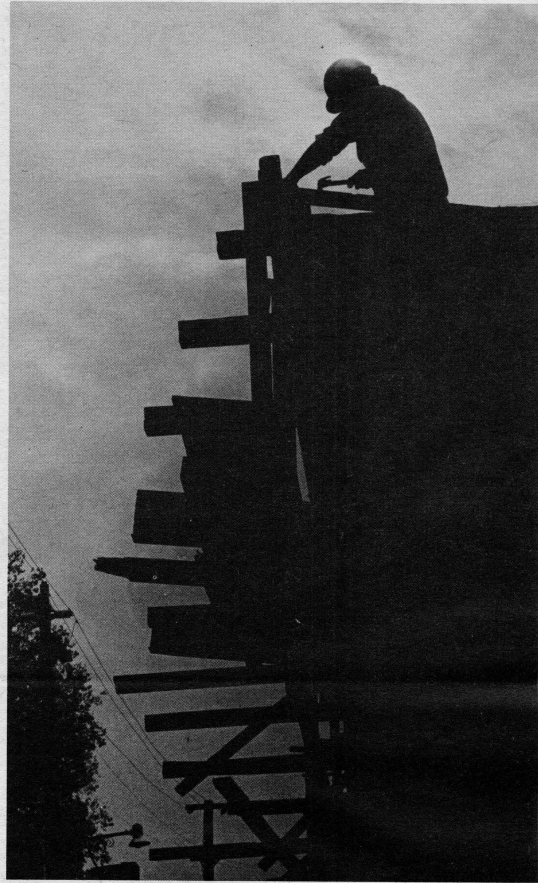
The shortage of classroom space at the Academic Center will be at least temporarily alleviated when four new buildings are completed within the next two years.

Completion is slated in the summer of 1971 for a business building currently in the planning stage. Eighty-five classrooms and a number of seminar and lecture rooms will provide the School of Business with a permanent home.

Located in the block bordered by Floyd Avenue and Main, Harrison and Linden Streets, the business building has been designed by Lyles, Bisset, Carlisle and Wolff of Alexandria. A \$3,750,000 contract for construction has been given to the Thorington Construction Company of Richmond.

Next February the physical education extension located on Franklin Street will open with a new gymnasium, a swimming pool and classroom space. According to William O. Edwards, Director of University Relations, the new extension will "provide after-hours facilities for intramural and exercise activities."

by night



Work on the Art Building Continues into the Dark Hours of Dusk

Photographs

by Peter Hoehne

Words

by Barbara Gibson

The initial phase of the James Branch Cabell Library, slated for completion in late summer of 1970, is to house 240,000 volumes. "We are requesting \$4 million from the next General Assembly to complete construction of the remaining three floors," Edwards explained.

Thirty-three studios will be supplied to the School of Art when the Art Building opens in the fall of 1970. The building faces Harrison Street and will also include offices for faculty of the School of the Arts.



Manpower Is Manipulated by the Demands of the Cabell Library

by men

He also said the federal funds are being requested for this building.

A chemistry building and education building are also planned for future construction.

Several other buildings are to be built at VCU in the future although definite plans have not been formulated. A student union "will be built primarily through bond issue money" according to Edwards.

Campus Calendar

November 5

Circle K Meeting	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Hibbs 403
C-Qo Meeting	5:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Hibbs 303
Accounting Club Meeting	6 pm - 7 pm	Franklin T. Rm. 2
Senior Picture Sign-up	8 am - 5 pm	Quadrangle
Young Republican Meeting	5:45 pm - 7 pm	Hibbs 324
Richmond-Broadway Theatre Guild Selling tickets	11 am - 2 pm	Quadrangle
Students for Liberal Government Meeting	3 pm - 5 pm	Hibbs 308
Tickets on sale for Classics IV	all day	Rotunda

November 6

Senior Picture Sign-up	8 am - 5 pm	Quadrangle
Women's Interdorm Meeting	5 pm - 6:45 pm	Hibbs 407
Pi Sigma Epsilon Meeting	9:45 pm - 11 pm	Hibbs 403
"The Group" Meeting	5:30 pm - 7 pm	Hibbs 329

November 7

OPENING WEEKEND!		
Visiting Scholar, H. W. Janson		
"Role of Chance in Artistic Creation"	8 pm	
CLASSICS FOUR CONCERT	8:30 pm	Gymnasium
Senior Picture Sign-up	8 am - 5 pm	Quadrangle

November 11

Brewster Snow, State secretary of AFL-CIO, guest speaker of Phi Beta Lambda.	5:45 pm	Hibbs 303
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Gaslight to present 'Becket'

By Len Landman
Times Staff Writer

David Califf has been chosen to play the lead in "Becket," the second production of the Drama Department this season, to be presented December 10 through 14 at the Gaslight Theater.

Edward Sala will play King Henry II and Lynn West is to be Gwendolen in the Jean Anouilh drama. King Louis of France will be played by Marc Ramsey, and the four barons will be William Bowers, Michael May, Kevin Monahanand, and Gilbert Shaw.

Rehearsals began late last month for the drama which tells of the tragic relationship between Henry II, King of England, and his friend Thomas Beckett, who later becomes the Archbishop of Canterbury. A review by "New Plays and Recent Releases" calls Anouilh's interpretation of the events leading to Becket's murder both intelligent and ironic.

Raymond Hodges, head of the department, will direct the production.

According to Hodges, one reason "Becket" was chosen was to afford him a rather "spectacular" production with which to close his career here. Hodges retires at the end of the academic year after 30 years association with VCU.

Hodges said he believes that Anouilh's "Becket" is a more humanistic drama than "Murder in the Cathedral" by T. S. Eliot, which deals with the same subject and was produced here a few years ago.

Cast of 50

The production of "Becket" will give the department the opportunity to utilize many of its students as the cast calls for approximately 50 actors. It will further serve to balance the season's productions with an interesting historical period.

One of the greatest challenges the student actors must face is the need to orient themselves to 12th century

thought, particularly the 12 century as seen through the eyes of Anouilh, said Hodges.

Anouilh wrote his play in 21 scenes, which poses many problems for the director and set designer as well. The director and set designer must keep the play moving along without boring or losing the audience.

Eleven Acting Areas

Nicholas J. G. Scott, a faculty member, has designed six major and five minor acting areas for this production. Michael Koss will head the construction

of the sets utilizing the talents of the students in the scene-design classes. The students will also construct and operate the lighting used for the play.

The costumer, Miss Mariana Hoad, is charged with the task of constuming some 50 members of the cast, some requiring two or three changes. Students in the costume design class will assist Miss Hoad with costumes.

As this year's Drama Department has 212 members, the auditions were open to drama majors only, with the exception of the two roles calling for children.

Workshop under way

"Rehabilitative Nursing in the Home and in the Community" is the subject of the second of three workshops to be held November 3-21 at the Health Sciences Division.

Sponsored by the Department of Continuing Education of the VCU School of Nursing, the workshop will offer information and experience in rehabilitative nursing to reinforce the basic skills of the professional nurse as she works with persons suffering from acute or long-term illness.

Nurses enrolled in the course will study adverse effects of inactivity, methods of maintaining activity and mobility for even a paralyzed patient, the nutritional needs of the chronically ill, and rehabilitation procedures and special equipment for the handicapped and disabled.

Attending the session for Richmond are Mrs. H. Louise Blowe, Supervisor, Richmond City Health Department;

Mrs. Virginia O. Perry, staff nurse from the Hanover County Health Department; and Mrs. Brenda F. Taylor,

staff nurse for Instructive Visiting Nurses Association.

Nurses participating in the workshop will tour the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center at Fishersville Friday, November 14.

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Couple seeks aid

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Ryder, a senior here, said VCU is expanding to the south because "it has to move in the most economical way." He said that the businesses on Grace and Broad streets stop expansion to the north, the downtown area blocks eastward expansion and the buildings being owned by many owners pose problems in buying up land to the west of the school.

VCU could expand up instead of out, David Henley, Soc4, said. Another student, Bennett Nelson, Soc3, added the university could expand at different locations, citing the Elko tract in Henrico county as one of the possible expansion areas.

In addressing the group, Nelson said students must organize and find out "what as students we can do to support this" (the prevention of demolition of Oregon Hill homes). Nelson is acting as co-ordinator between the street union and the Administration.

He added "we are in the midst of really finding the identification of VCU...as an urban university." The

document that established this university as a merger of Richmond Professional Institute and the Medical College of Virginia, (the Wayne Commission Report) Nelson said, states that VCU is today in existence "to serve the needs of the people."

Relocation Center 'Ineffective'

Concerning relocation of these people, Mrs. Ogden and Nelson both stated that the people do not want to be relocated. They cited the problems of finding comparable housing at the same low rents, and the difficulties the older people would face in moving.

Questioned about the VCU Relocation Center, formerly located on Harrison street, Ogden said it was doing nothing for the people. It does not help anybody unless they are physically unable to go look for housing on their own, he said.

During the meeting, Henley announced a student organization tentatively titled the Urban University Coordinating Committee is now in the planning stages.

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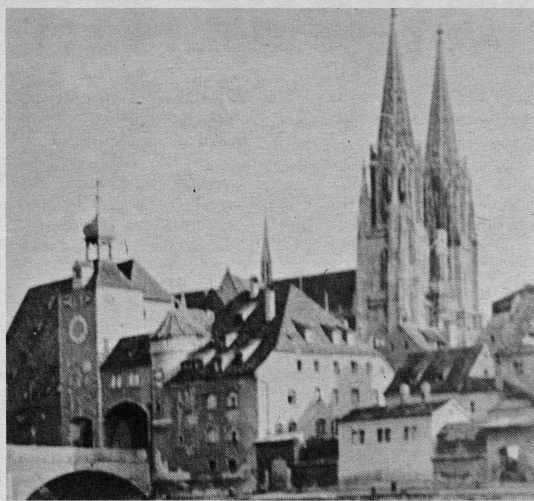
After three old movies and a couple of hamburgers, some of our customers were so relaxed we had a little trouble getting them to go home.



For the past few weeks we've been showing old movies, the kind you don't see on TV anymore, at our Grace Street location. And it's turned out to be such a nice thing that we thought we'd let you know about it, too.

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Regensburg Is Dominated by a Gothic Cathedral and Bridge
City Will Be Site of German Summer Program for Students

Anti-tumor drug under study at MCV

A drug now under study here for its anti-tumor effects also may be an effective aid to natural body defenses in the fight against germs.

The research evidence also suggests the substance, Pyran Copolymer, may alter the body's responses to drugs and affect blood clotting.

Dr. William Regelson, chairman of the Division of Medical Oncology at MCV, reporting today at the Southeastern Regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in Richmond, said that the drug is proving to be a successful clinical agent which might permit the manipulation of white cells which are man's prime defense against bodily harm.

"This stimulation of the white cells is a rediscovery of the concept which was very popular at the turn of the century," he said.

Among other effects is an alternation of the body's response to drugs. Researchers here have observed that

Photographer is attending Photo Workshop

A VCU journalism major is one of approximately 100 students throughout the country currently attending the annual Photo Workshop of the University of Missouri.

Bill Gorry, a sophomore from Arlington, was notified of his acceptance after submitting a four-picture portfolio.

Among the instructors are W. E. Garrett, Magazine Photographer of the Year, and Perry Riddle, Newspaper Photographer of the Year and director of photography for the Chicago Daily News.

Pyran prolongs the response of an animal to barbituates, increasing sleeping time.

Pyran has also shown to have an effect on blood clotting, Dr. Regelson said, and can interfere with the formation of fibrin—the final structure in the formation of a blood clot. This does not cause gross bleeding in animals studied, however, and the drug might have a theoretical usefulness as an anticoagulant, he suggested.

Forum examines Black identity

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David Henley spoke out against "white institutionalized racism" which he contended is still very much in evidence on university campuses and in businesses throughout the country.

"To the liberal, race is a myth; but to institutions which are responsible for hiring and firing—and to the black man victimized by those institutions—it is an ever-present reality," Henley said.

There is a growing interest in black studies programs on university campuses across the country. When questioned about the future of these programs, Wright said, "The students, both white and black, are asking for it; so eventually the university is going to have to expand its black studies program.

"The wave of the future is equalizing. Black studies should become more than just an elective; they should become a part of American History."

Finally Wright urged all white "liberals" who might be feeling a passive guilt complex to embrace, instead, a philosophy of active responsibility for a better future.

Ancient home of the emperors now hosts language students

The 2,000 year old Bavarian city of Regensburg will be the site of the German summer program operated by the VCU Foreign Language Department during the summer of 1970.

The dominating feature of Regensburg as seen from across the Danube River, are its Gothic cathedral and the 12th century stone bridge. A small statue on the bridge looks up toward the cathedral. A local legend says the builders of the bridge and the cathedral were racing to complete their respective structures first. There was a statue on the cathedral similar to the one now standing on the bridge. When it became clear that the bridge would be completed first, the statue threw itself from its high perch and shattered into thousands of pieces.

Even though such rivalries were not uncommon during the Middle Ages this one could not have taken place since the bridge was completed a hundred years before the cathedral was even started.

Such stories are typical of the folklore that collects in a city with as long a history as Regensburg. The main part of the town consists almost entirely of structures dating back into the Middle Ages. The oldest part of the town rests on Roman ruins dating back to the second century A.D.

The raffle held by the German club during Homecoming Week has been cancelled. Anyone wishing a refund can contact a German club member or Wayne Melton, secretary, at 358-2597 before November 19.

Regensburg served as a major link in the Roman's northern line of defense against the Germanic tribes. The city's name is related to the Roman name for the fortifications there, Castia Regina.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, Regensburg continued to be a center of commerce. It was the largest city north of the Alps until the late Middle Ages. The main residence of many of the medieval emperors was there.

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