



# VCU Today

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## No More Long Lines

# VCU Registration Goes Computer

The traditional long lines and crowds during student registration time will be a thing of the past at Virginia Commonwealth University with the implementation of a new computer based system that will handle the entire registration process.

The system does not require any new equipment or computers but utilizes a student information, revenue and accounting system designed by the Systems and Computer Technology Corporation of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

In addition to handling student scheduling, registration, billing, and admissions the system will also provide information and statistics helpful in planning for the ever changing academic climate at a large university such as VCU.

The first phase of the new computer program will go into effect on the MCV Campus and on the West Campus in November when students meet with faculty advisors to complete course request forms for advance registration for the Spring semester at VCU. During a two week period, from November 5-16, students will be asked to fill out the course request forms showing the classes and schedule they want as well as alternatives. They will also be asked to specify whether the time of the class or the particular course is more important. The computer will then do the work and go through the hassles that college and university students have had to contend with in traditional registration. And within three or four weeks, on December 10, students will be mailed their curriculum schedules

and billed for the upcoming semester.

At the time the course request forms are filled out, students will also be asked to complete a personal data sheet which will be used in providing statistics and information about the student population at VCU.

According to the project coordinator from the Systems and Computer Technology Corporation, John Schmitt, in the 50 colleges and universities that now use the system, 85 per cent of the students have no need for face to face contact with administrators. But for those who encounter special scheduling problems, administrators can override the

system.

As VCU registrar Harold Boling sees it, the most important aspect about the new computer system is its capability to meet academic demands.

"We're not just doing away with registration lines," Boling noted. "We're meeting academic needs in a way that was not possible under the old field house system of registration. For the first time, we will be able to set registration priorities. It means that majors and graduating seniors will not be turned away from a course simply because they did not have the right social security number to put them first in line," Boling said.

## *Construction Underway On Science-Education Unit*

VCU's long awaited \$5.6 million science-education building complex is now under construction with a completion date scheduled for early Fall 1975. Once construction is completed, the complex will centralize the chemistry, physics and education programs that are now crowded into scattered sites throughout the university.

The building is made up of three wings, connected by two aerial walkway bridges. The four story education wing on Beech Street, named for former RPI president, the late Dr. George Jeffries Oliver, includes 40 classrooms, 15 seminar rooms, 45 faculty offices, two faculty conference rooms and a faculty lounge. Oliver Hall also includes many

innovative classroom laboratories for the demonstration of teaching techniques for both elementary and high school. Closed circuit television systems will also be installed to aid in demonstrating teaching techniques.

Continuing the finger tip tour of plans for the tri-unit complex, the connecting walkway bridge to the science wing comprises a student lounge. The chemistry science wing on Main and Laurel streets will house ten research laboratories, two lecture classrooms seating 108 students each, seven general classrooms, five instrument rooms, a balance room and two libraries. There will also be 43 faculty offices and three faculty conference rooms in the chemistry wing. (continued on page 2)



## **MCV's Staffs Help Solve The Mystery Behind Mr.X**

Lost and confused, Mr. X wandered onto the parking lot of a firm located in western Henrico county. He may have been wandering for days.

As a police car approached the lot, officers noticed a man who seemed to have lost his bearings. Offering aid, they found the man incoherent and escorted him to MCV-North Hospital where he stayed from September 11 until he was identified in mid October.

When brought to MCV, unidentified and unable to communicate, he presented a formidable puzzle which was solved just recently through the combined efforts of the staffs of five VCU departments, the Bureau of Missing Persons, the Henrico police department and the FBI.

During his stay at MCV, Mr. X was cared for primarily by the department of psychiatry with consultation from the neurological staff.

After several weeks of unsuccessful attempts to identify the man, the only course left open was public notice of Mr. X's plight with the hope that someone would recognize him. And it worked!

On Friday, October 12, Richmond newspapers and television stations displayed a photograph of Mr. X with information supplied by the Henrico police. Several families appeared at the hospital, mistaking the man for an uncle or long lost brother. Most of them sincerely believed Mr. X to be a relative; one family spent an afternoon with him and were convinced of his identity until it was proven to them that they were mistaken.

A former neighbor recognized the picture and notified Mr. X's sister who positively identified him. Having suffered an incapacitating stroke in 1968, he had been committed to Eastern State Hospital until he wandered away.

Concerned about Mr. X, a nurse in psychiatry received his family's permission to arrange for his care in a nursing home she operates with her sister.

## **McGuire Lecture Series To Be Held Nov.8-9 At MCV**

The 45th annual McGuire Lecture Series will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, November 8-9 by MCV in the Baruch Auditorium. Twenty two outstanding physicians will present recent findings in the areas of immunology and arthritis.

The series was established in memory of Dr. Stuart McGuire, former president of MCV and chairman of its Board of Visitors. Offering ten and three quarters prescribed hours of credit by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the two-day postgraduate course is titled, "Immunology and the Rheumatic Diseases."

This Year's M C G u i r e Lecturer is Dr. Morris Ziff, Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of the Rheumatic Diseases Unit at the University of T e x a s Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.



Dr. Ziff

Eleven guest faculty members from medical schools in Rochester, Memphis, New York, Minnesota, Durham, Worcester, Hartford and Charlottesville will participate in the lecture series with ten MCV physicians.

The series is coordinated by the Department of Continuing Education and the Division of Connective Tissue Diseases with sponsorship by the Virginia Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Jeff MacNelly, Pulitzer prize winning cartoonist of the Richmond News Leader, will be the banquet speaker on Thursday evening. A tuition fee of \$55 for the course includes the banquet, social hour and registration.

## **Hibbs Recalls RPI's Growth And Beginning**

"A History of the Richmond Professional Institute" by Dr. Henry H. Hibbs, a founder and the first administrator of what is now the Academic Campus of Virginia Commonwealth University, is now available through the VCU Alumni Activities Office.

Now 85 years old, Dr. Hibbs recalls the struggles, achievements, and growth of RPI in the 175-page book. The book is written by a man who watched RPI struggle through World War I, the Great Depression and other lean times to become Virginia's largest university. The book is also filled with local Richmond color.

Until November 15, the history is available at the pre-publication price of \$10. After publication, the price will be \$12.50.

## **Science-Education**

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The walkway bridge connecting the chemistry wing to the physics wing of the complex, which will be built onto the existing business building, is designed to house a faculty physics research laboratory, two classrooms, a digital and statistics laboratory, an audio visual library, six physics test rooms and 104 study carrels. The physics wing addition to the business building will have six laboratories and nine faculty offices.

Architects plans call for a landscaped courtyard plaza under the walkway bridge connecting Oliver Hall and the science wings. The total cost of the building is \$5,646,000.

## Full Music Calendar Scheduled This Month

VCU String Quartet/Woodwind Quintet	Nov. 2, Business Auditorium
VCU Orchestra	Nov. 3, Va. Union University
VCU Chorus	Nov. 4, St. James Episcopal Church
Bernard Riley, organist	Nov. 6, Westminster Presbyterian Church
VCU Chamber Orchestra	Nov. 9, Business Auditorium
Anne Bakker, cellist/William Powell, pianist	Nov. 11, Business Auditorium
VCU Percussion Ensemble	Nov. 13, St. James Episcopal Church
VCU Wind Ensemble	Nov. 16, Business Auditorium
Contemporary Music	Nov. 18, Business Auditorium
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All of the above concerts begin at 8 p.m. except for the Nov. 11 and Nov. 18 concerts which begin at 3 p.m.

## Faculty Wives Exhibit Art In Gallery Show

There's a woman's touch at the Anderson Gallery this month with the exhibition of works by 16 Richmond artists, who are wives of faculty members at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The artists, all professionals, have filled the gallery with a wide assortment of works from bread people to acrylic enamel jewelry of home scenes. Many of those showing works in the exhibition have undergraduate and advanced degrees in fine arts areas. Several teach part-time at the Virginia Museum. at VCU or at area high schools.

According to the director of the Anderson Gallery, Bruce Koplin, this is the first all female show at the gallery.

"I've been familiar with many of them and their work; it's good and should be shown," Koplin said.

Originally Koplin planned the show for only seven women. But as news of the exhibition spread, the number increased to 16 artists.

Their work includes wall hangings and three dimensional sculptures by Marlyn Wetton, Kathleen Franck Quarterman, Susan Bremmer, Mim Golub Scalin and Judy Bumgardner. Paintings and drawings by Marlyn Bevilaqua, Eleanor Rufty, Monica Hamm, Maruta Racenis, Jeanne Begien Campbell and Jane Bedno are in the exhibit. Ceramic jewelry by Leslie Wall Federico, fine jewelry sculpture by Nancy Cunkle Thompson, dough pieces by Bonnie Sucec, and illustrations by Joan Gaustad Donato and Libby P. Meggs are an added attraction to the exhibition.

The exhibition will run through November 12.

The Anderson Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

## Human Sexuality Week Answers Sex Questions

Although it may not be on your calendar, this has been Human Sexuality Week at VCU. For interested VCU students, staff and faculty, the days from October 30 to November 1 have been filled with discussion groups, lectures and mini labs on topics such as natural childbirth, communal living, contraception, current sex attitudes, drugs and sex, abortion and homosexuality..

The sessions are part of the Fall Awareness Series, sponsored by the Student Life Office in an effort to provide awareness opportunities for personal education and experimental learning regarding human behavior.

One of the organizers of Human Sexuality Week, Phyllis Mable, the Associate Dean for Student Services, explained that there hasn't been sufficient open discussion about these sex related topics in the past, and as a result people frequently operate with a lack of factual information.

"Last year we had lectures throughout the year addressing some of the topics that are being covered during Human Sexuality Week. But this year we felt it would be better to focus on the whole subject for a condensed period of time," she said.

Other session coming up in the Fall Awareness Series include "On Being Woman," Nov. 2-4; "Black and White, Nov. 9-11; "Couples Workshop," Nov. 30-Dec. 2; and "Getting High on Yourself," Dec. 7-9. Registration is open for the weekend sessions. To enroll call 770-7111, the Student Life Office.

## Swimathon Held Here

The VCU swim team will hold a 24-hour swimathon on November 2-3 in an effort to raise money for the team's activities this year.

VCU president, Dr. Warren W. Brandt will swim the first lap at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 2. In addition to the VCU swim team and faculty, Richmond area businessmen are also scheduled to take part in the swimathon.

The swim team is soliciting from one to five cents per lap from area businessmen, students and faculty to raise the needed \$5,000. The team will use the money to attend a national swimming clinic in Florida this December. The funds also will be used to send five VCU swimmers to the nationals in March.

## Today's People

# Amick Named Department Head

Dr. Lawrence D. Amick of Millersburg, Iowa has been named professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and professor of neurology.

Prior to his dual appointment at MCV, Dr. Amick was professor of neurology at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and director of the Stroke Rehabilitation Project in Albuquerque.

Dr. Amick is a 1945 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Published widely in the field of physical medicine, Dr. Amick has also written extensively in the related field of neurology. His interest also spans psychiatry, and he is a member of the three national societies in those specialties.



Dr. Amick

Dr. Keith Crim, associate professor of philosophy and religious studies, has been selected by Abingdon Press to be general editor of a one-volume supplement to the "Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible." The four volume dictionary has sold over 60,000 sets and has become a standard reference work. Dr. Crim spent a week earlier in the year in Curaco, Netherlands Antilles as a consultant for the translation of the New Testament into the Papiamentu language.

Dr. Raphael Ottenbrite, associate professor of chemistry, has received a renewed grant from the National Institute of Health to pursue studies on the synthesis and testing of compounds as anticlotting and lysing agents.

Dr. William M. Deyerle, formerly a clinical professor of surgery, has been named acting chairman of the Division of Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Deyerle has been associated with MCV since 1941. He succeeds Dr. Stanley Elmore who has joined the West End Orthopedic Clinic.

Dr. Arthur J. Seidenberg, assistant professor of biology, has been appointed Health Sciences Program



Dr. Deyerle

Coordinator for the School of Arts and Sciences. He will coordinate the advising of the one thousand plus students enrolled in the pre-health science curricula, provide information on health science careers and curriculum, and act as a liaison between the West Campus and the MCV Campus.

Assistant professor David Freed has been invited to serve on the Fulbright-Hays Program committee on December 5 in New York to review applications in the field of cinema, radio, television and photography for the 1974-75 academic year. Each year, to assist in the selection of scholarship applicants, the Institute of International Education convenes a national screening committee comprised of area specialists and authorities in various fields to review applications of American students who are interested in pursuing graduate study, research or professional training abroad under the Fulbright Hays program.

## Dr. Ham Receives Laser Grant Study

Dr. William T. Ham Jr., chairman of the biophysics department, has received an \$80,000 grant for the study of lasers and other optical light sources and their effect on the eye. Financed by the Bureau of Radiological Health under the Federal Drug Administration, the grant is expected to be renewed every year, totaling almost a half million dollars during the course of the five year study.

In addition to Dr. Ham, who is the principal investigator of the study, Dr. Walter J. Geeraets in the department of ophthalmology, will be the co-investigator. Harry Mueller and R.C. Williams will conduct the experimental research program.

The study will focus on the ocular effects or hazards of lasers, sunlight, and other bright light sources in the visible and near infrared spectrum.

"There's some controversial evidence now that these bright light sources are harmful to the eye over a long time of exposure," Dr. Ham said. "The laser industry alone is over \$100 million a year. Lasers are used by the military, in mining operations, in art exhibits and in medicine, just to name a few, and yet there is little biological data by which standards can be set to protect those who come in contact with laser light daily," he noted. "Hopefully our findings will be useful to the government in setting up standards for industry to prevent harmful effects to those working with laser light."

"We'll also be studying the effect of long exposures to sunlight, say for instance to the skier, the sunbather or lifeguard," he added.



Dr. Ham