

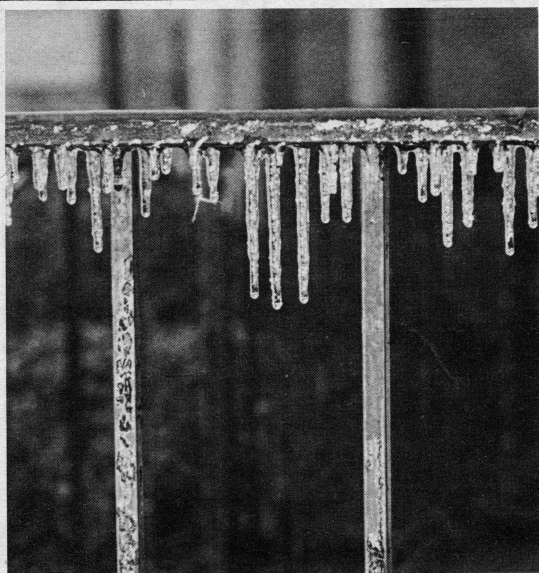
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Frozen 'Pi'

Staff Photo by Warren Mitchell

Silver icicles hang like centuries-old stalactites from a railing on a porch in the Fan District. Actually the ice storm lasted only one day, Tuesday, just long enough to cause students a 15-minute delay to classes.

Unification move

University Senate formed

Dr. William Blake, president of the Academic Senate, has announced the formation of a new University Faculty Senate (UFS). The new organization will replace the Academic Senate (AS) and include the MCV Faculty. According to Dr. Blake, the move reflects the development of unity between VCU's two campuses.

The Academic Senate includes representatives from both the faculty and the administration. The UFS, however, will be, according to Dr. Blake, "a pure faculty senate." Because the newly created University Assembly includes students, faculty, and administrators, the Academic Senate felt the UFS should reflect an "undiluted faculty opinion."

The second major difference between the Academic Senate and the UFS is that, instead of electing representatives by department, the UFS will elect representatives by schools.

The By-laws Committee of the Academic Senate, co-operating with representatives from MCV, (which was no faculty assembly) acted as an Ad Hoc committee in planning the UFS. This committee is charged with the supervision of elections, apportionment and tabulation.

The committee divided the University into twelve schools with some of the smaller schools such as Engineering combined into a group called Community Services. Each school will select two representatives. The rest of the UFS (up to 60 members) will be elected in proportion to the number of faculty members in the school.

The Executive Committee of the UFS will consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, the past president of the AS and two elected senators.

The constitution and its by-laws for the new senate was passed by the faculty

of both divisions by a vote of 505 to 33 and Dr. Blake said he is certain that the Academic Senate can dissolve itself and the UFS can hold its first meeting in March.

In a statement given to the Academic Senate the chairman of the Ad Hoc committee, Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds, AC, and Dr. B. W. Haynes, HSD, summarized the affects of the creation of the UFS saying:

Medallions to play for Midwinters

The "Swingin' Medallions" will play for the annual Midwinters—Ring dance on February 27 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Mosque ballroom.

Tickets are on sale in the Rotunda of the Hibbs Building for \$3.50 per couple. The price includes set-ups and catering service.

A ring procession will begin at 9:45 p.m. Any junior wishing to participate

"The merger of the Medical College of Virginia and Richmond Professional Institute brought together two faculties to form the faculty of Virginia Commonwealth University. It is now important that the faculty become an organization established with rules and procedures and represented by its elected senate in order that the faculty may participate effectively in the governance of the University."

can sign up at the ticket booth.

Dress is formal or cocktail. Caston Portrait Studio will take pictures which must be paid for that night.

Some of the "Swingin' Medallions" well-known recordings include "Double Shot (Of My Baby's Love)", "She Drives Me Out of My Mind," and "Hey, Hey Baby."



Popular Group Will Perform Hits Including 'Double Shot'
Dance in Mosque Ballroom Will Cost \$3.50 Per Couple

Tuition increase likely to supplement state funds

The possibility of a tuition increase next year is being discussed by University officials to help produce additional funds which the state cannot provide.

Delegate W. Roy Smith, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, told fellow members of the General Assembly meeting at the state Capitol last week that both VCU and Old Dominion University were thinking about increasing fees.

President Warren W. Brandt said yesterday that any increase in tuition charges would have to be made by the Board of Visitors. He did not rule out the possibility of an emergency meeting of the Board before their next regular meeting in March.

The last tuition increase was made in September of 1966 when the cost for in-state students increased from \$350 a year to \$400 per year. The cost for out-of-state students went up from \$540 to \$600 at the same time.

An increase of \$50 for out-of-state students was made last September and another \$50 increase will be made this fall.

The Student Activities Fee of \$24 per year is not expected to increase as this money is used for Student Government Association funds and to aid the athletic program.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute will raise tuition fees this fall, according to their president, Dr. T. Marshall Hahn. He expects about \$1 million in revenue will be realized from the move. The money will be used to provide additional instructional needs, mainly faculty salary boosts.

The House Appropriations Committee also discussed the \$135

tuition charge at state community colleges. It was brought out that the 27,000 students enrolled at the two-year institutions are receiving instruction similar to that given four-year colleges, but at one-third the cost. A tuition hike at the community colleges would still keep their costs low that of larger institutions.

Officials of the Community College System are reportedly opposed to any increase in the costs of their colleges. They argue that the low cost is one of their primary reasons for having such a system.

Convention ousted in House action

Butch Jenkins announced at the SGA House meeting Monday night, that he was dissolving the Constitutional Convention, and had been given the power by the House to appoint a Constitutional Revisions Committee in its place.

The House speaker said he was taking this action after consulting with other SGA officers on the convention's inaction in the past several weeks. Delmar Dayton, DDT 3, made the motion empowering Jenkins to appoint the committee.

SGA President Randy Eley said the convention had been inactive due to lack of member participation, vacancies due to students leaving school and resignations.

Dayton, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced a special election to be held March 3 to fill House vacancies. Petitions for the seats are due February 26.

Jenkins also announced that he was accepting a seat on the University Assembly at the invitation of President Warren W. Brandt. He is one of three academic division undergraduates serving on the Assembly.

Dr. Brandt sent a letter to Jenkins congratulating him on his recent election as House speaker and inviting him to sit on the Assembly.

In accepting the invitation, Jenkins stated in a letter to Dr. Brandt "I am sure that you are aware of my displeasure with the Assembly as a representative body." Jenkins stated he is accepting the seat because "my interests will always lie with the students' right to have a voice in the governance of this University."

In other House action, a motion, previously brought to its attention, to have the body meet every other week was discussed and will be voted on in two weeks. The House meets weekly.

According to the SGA constitution, any amendments that are made must be posted for the student body's inspection for at least two weeks before they are voted upon by either the House or the Senate. Jenkins instructed SGA Secretary Pat Steinmetz to post the amendment Tuesday so that the House can vote on it in two weeks.

A motion was made and tabled that the Vee Cettes receive \$450. This is to help pay expenses for the coed drill team to march in competition in the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, and the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C. This motion will be considered by the House at the next meeting.

Dorm residents talk with Wilson on visiting rights

Representatives of men's and women's dormitories from both campuses of VCU met with Dr. Richard I. Wilson Friday afternoon to discuss the liberalization of visitation privileges for men and women dormitory residents.

The meeting was held in response to a proposal passed by both Men's and Women's Inter-dormitory Governments which would allow closed-door visits by members of the opposite sex to dormitory rooms during the week. Hours for the visits would be determined by a majority vote of the residents of each floor. Closing time for the dormitories would remain the same.

A committee in each Inter-dormitory Government researched the suggestion and sought other students' opinion, according to Mary Margaret Frank, president of Women's Interdorm.

Mary Margaret said that the proposal will "hopefully come before the University Assembly for a vote on February 25."

A meeting with Student Government Association officials is planned for 5 p.m. on the second floor of 916 West Franklin st.

Welfare program to be shown

A discussion on "The Welfare Crisis: Where is it Going?" will be shown at 12 a.m. Sunday on channel 6. A four-member panel including the state co-ordinator for Welfare Rights will conduct the discussion on the local program "Viewpoint."

Crafts show continues

Works of students in the Arts and Crafts Department will be on display for the rest of the month in the basement of Founders Hall at 827 West Franklin st.

Our heartfelt thanks

We were excited, thrilled and proud to learn that last week the Medical College of Virginia performed its fifth heart transplant. We were excited because heart transplants still have the aura of seeming impossibility, although a total of 156 human heart transplants have been performed around the world. We were thrilled because the heart recipient is alive and has a chance for a longer life because of the wonders of medical science.

But for the first time, we felt pride in this transplant because it took place at the Health Sciences Division of Virginia Commonwealth University, not just MCV. So we express our heartfelt thanks to our East campus, the downtown division, our partner in progress.

True, to MCV a heart transplant is nothing new. The Medical College even claims the world's longest surviving heart transplant recipient, Louis B. Russell Jr. of Indianapolis. The public now comes to expect heart transplants as normal, and stories about the operations do not get as big headlines as they rated when the transplants first began in 1967.

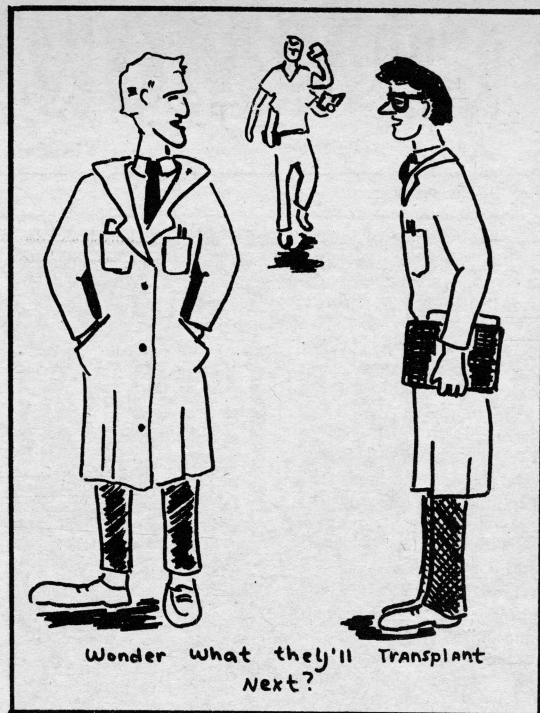
Nevertheless, such an operation is still a highly delicate thing, and the doctors involved in them are

technicians of the highest caliber. This university is proud to be associated with such men as Dr. Richard R. Lower, chairman of the division of thoracic and cardiac surgery and head of the transplant team.

It is hard to believe that a school (Richmond Professional Institute) that was once identified mainly as a professional college that prepared artists and business students for careers is now associated with one of the most highly respected and reputable medical schools in the country. We are proud of this. At the same time, we feel the Health Sciences Division is privileged to have been joined with this distinguished professional school. Despite its dubious reputation as a hangout for hippies and weirdos, RPI was and is still known for turning out some of the best qualified professionals in the state.

So we feel something besides a heart has been transplanted with this last operation. Our kinship with MCV is strengthened because now when national attention is focused on the East campus, it is drawn to the whole university.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to those who bring honor to this university with deeds of dedication.



Dr. William E. Blake Jr. Staff Photo
'Students Are Equals'

Dorm Humor

By Janet Hawkins

Open the door.

Push, it'll open. There's nothing to hold it shut, just the wind. Don't put your fingers on the edge. Keep them on the knob where it's safe. Now, shut the door before the wind blows it shut and breaks your arm.

Take two steps forward but watch out for the knife blade on your right. Breathe deep and move slowly to your left. Watch out for the....Quiet! Do you want to wake up everybody? Now, pick up that clothes rack and don't do it again.

Keep your feet out of the popcorn popper. If you wake her up you're dead. Move slowly to your right, there should be a large suitcase in front of you. Oh, you found it. Well, rub your shins and move the suitcase.

No, that's the way to the closet, turn left and jump. That's five times this week you've landed in the wastebasket. Are you trying to set a world's record?

Get down on your knees and crawl. To your left there's a jar of pickles and to your right a glass of water. OK, who knocked over the water glass? Keep going, you can clean it up tomorrow. There's mountains of books ahead of you, the only way to get through that is stand up and crawl across. Those popcorn kernels are bad on the knees: you'd better do something about that tomorrow too.

What's that ahead? Duck! Sorry about that, you have just been strangled by a television antenna.

There it is, your goal—bed! Be quiet, there's no sense in waking up your roommate. Watch out for the lamp cord!

Next, pull off your shoes and lean over the pile of clothes on the floor. Now, fall on the bed.

Who moved the popcorn popper?

An editorial analysis

A 'with it' theologian-historian

By Jean Talley

Times Co-Editor

In this age of youthful cynicism and skepticism, the last person who would be expected capable of communicating with the under-30 age group would be a theologian-historian.

Certainly no one who has reached the age of 40, is a conservative dresser, and is the settled father of three teenagers could make it with the "in" group.

Yet Dr. William E. Blake Jr. fits all these categories, and probably rates as the most popular faculty member on campus.

What accounts for this paradox? Several things dictate the justified popularity of Dr. Blake.

An associate professor of history, Dr. Blake shares an office on the second floor of 926 Park Ave. with Dr. Alan V. Briceland, an instructor esteemed for different reasons.

The office is filled with books: "Authors Take Sides on Vietnam," "The Uses of the Past," "Everyman His Own Historian." Significantly for Dr. Blake, on the same bookshelf are "The New History" and "The New Testament."

This is significant because Dr. Blake is a minister on week ends, by his own definition. On Sundays he conducts services at the Westside Christian Church, and during the week he makes his ministry work with his colleagues and students.

Characteristically, no outward show of piety can be found in Dr. Blake's relationships with others. His popularity with students seems to lie in the fact that Dr. Blake identifies with students and is not too far removed to understand their problems.

Dr. Blake treats students not as people with a disease that will cure slowly, but as human beings with minds sometimes tuned to a different channel.

"I do think there may be some tie in between my appreciation for students and my training as a minister," Dr. Blake said in an interview this week. "I...think that my understanding of Christianity leads me to appreciate the humanness of everybody, and this includes students."

His work in theology began at the Cincinnati Bible College. In his sophomore year, at the age of 19, Dr. Blake was married. He was asked if he would recommend marriage to college students.

(Second in a Series)

"I don't think any kind of blanket statement can be made about it, but if they love each other and see any way at all to do it financially, I don't see any reason not to do it."

After receiving a BA in ministry there, he transferred to the University of Cincinnati where he received a BA in Arts and Sciences and History. A bachelor of divinity degree was earned at the Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1957; later he taught world and church history there while occupying a parish in Erlanger, Ky. Dr. Blake received his master and doctorate of theology degrees at Union Theological Seminary, the latter in 1968.

Although Dr. Blake's terminal degree is in theology, he said he feels no conflict in teaching history to college students, and has done so for more than 10 years.

"I see history and theology as intricately related," he said. "I'm here [at a university] rather than there [a school of theology]

because I find greater... openness and opportunity to encounter people in much greater varieties. This does not mean that my classroom becomes a forum for a particular brand of Christianity."

Students describe Dr. Blake's lectures as fast-paced but captivating. He is called a hard grader by some but is respected as a scholar by all. Dr. Blake seems to be one of the faculty members here who respects student opinions as what they are—not something to be scoffed at but listened to and treated seriously.

"I've always tried to treat students as my equals. When I talk to students, I try to respect them for their integrity, their insights, and to give no impression to them that they are dealing with a superior being of some sort."

"I do have one mark of superiority to students. I know more about the subject than they do. My ability to think logically may or may not be greater than the students."

"I see teaching, then, as a dialogue between one person and another and others, the one person being experienced and attempting to communicate that experience and to engage in discussion with another person."

Dr. Blake doesn't try to hide his background in theology, and indeed feels it is a basic part of his performance as a teacher. "Everyone who teaches has certain presumptions and presuppositions," he said. "Mine happen to be Christian."

"What I am personally will come through in my interpersonal relationships with people."

Students here agree that Dr. Blake is an instructor who is "with it" without trying to be.

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The Rev. ProHuman Williams

Co-eds lead cheers, formulize method

By Dora Boswell

When asked how the VCU cheerleading squad managed to arouse an indifferent audience, Virginia Whitten, Fash4, squad captain, said, "You just sort of peck around until you hit upon something they like, then you stick to it." This method has proven infallible throughout the 1969-70 basketball season.

The brown-eyed captain revealed some of her feelings concerning cheerleading, "I enjoy being a cheerleader because it's good exercise, I meet people, and I feel that by cheering, I am not only doing something for the team, but also for the school. I enjoy being an active part of school activities and I think cheering makes a well-rounded student."

Now that the season is near a close, Virginia had some definite views about what had been accomplished this year, "I have tried very hard to have a good squad. We have our own rules, just as any team has, and if any girl has a certain number of infractions, she can be suspended or kicked off the team."

This year a system of demerits had been set up, hopefully to cut down on laziness. Virginia, as captain feels that this demerit system has kept the girls "on their toes" and has made this year the best year since she has been on the squad.

The general requirements for a cheerleader are: a girl must be able to do cartwheels and splits, she must be able to practice 5 hours a week and have afternoons free, and she must have enthusiasm and willingness to do a good job.

Pat Crymes, DraEd3, the co-captain of the team, thinks that the biggest improvement in the squad this year was the

uniform. The uniform consists of a black and gold, plaid, pleated skirt, a gold, long-sleeved blouse, a black, fitted vest, black knee socks and black tennis shoes. Also an improvement, according to Pat, was the cooperation the cheerleaders received from the Athletic Department concerning the raising of money needed to purchase new uniforms.

As the co-captain spoke of the girls on the team, she stated that they were all of "good caliber" and always performed well. These girls are: Rosalind Phelps, Treasurer, Sheelah Wader, Cathie Thomas, Rhonda Lichtenstein, Sharon Bowman, and Gracie Sensabaugh.

In closing, Virginia said, "A cheerleader must be optimistic, enthusiastic, and above all, a leader. She is there for one purpose—to promote school spirit and to let the team members know people are behind them." Perhaps this is the basic formula for a winning team.

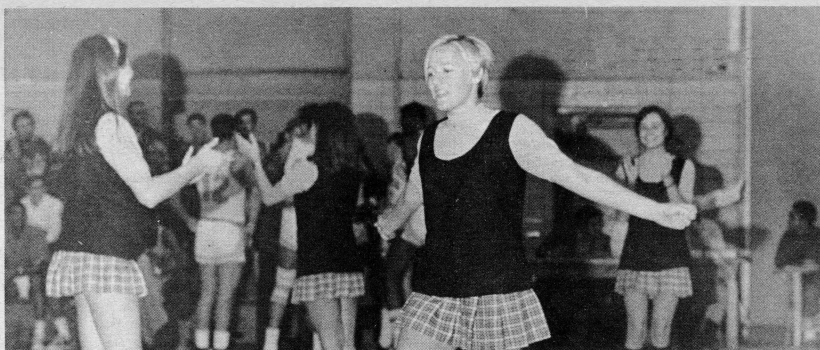
VCU grapplers score mat win

By Al Rainey

The VCU wrestling team, much weakened by eligibility loss, took on a strong Elizabeth City College team in one of the closest matches of the season. With most wrestlers in a heavier weight class, the Ram matmen won a tough match.

Grapplers Pete Mitchell, Hank Fitz, and Buddy Elliot took pins over their Elizabeth City foes. Tommy Legge won a decision, defeating his opponent 5-1, and Lee Slalsworth won a match by default when his opponent was unable to continue due to a hurt knee. Lee was winning the match at the time.

Buddy Elliot is continuing to improve since recovering from injuries earlier in the season. Dr. Russell Randall praised the accomplishments of team leaders Pete Mitchell, 10-3 for the season, and Tom Legge and Hank Fitz both 11-2.



Staff Photo by Larry Haake

Rhonda Lichtenstein Cheers for the Rams

Cheerleaders Display Enthusiasm

Rams depress High Point

By Fred Jeter

The Rams closed its home schedule, Monday night, by routing High Point 105-77, for its sixth straight win.

VCU, now 13-7, has won 12 of its last fourteen games and has exceeded 100 points in their last four outings.

Benefitting from the passing and the hot hand of Jabo Wilkins, the Rams jumped off to early 6-0, 20-8 and 30-14 leads before the shorter slower Purple Panthers could stage a comeback. In a six minute period, beginning at 10:12, High Point outscored VCU 19-8 and closed the margin to 38-33. The two teams played relatively even though the remainder of the half as the Rams took a tender 52-47 advantage at intermission. Wilkins, during the opening period scored 18 points, but was taken out of the game with 7:09 to go, after being called for his third foul. Danny Witt was the main show for

the visitors. He matched Wilkins' 18 first half points, mostly on long jumpers.

Mike Fling, replacing Charlie Booker, also in foul trouble, picked off 10 rebounds. Fling has received nothing but praise from the Ram coaching staff in recent outings for his ability to come off the bench and provide the team with an added rebounding and scoring spark.

Rams Explode

The second half saw the Rams unable to shake the pesky Panthers for the first five minutes. They clung to a narrow 64-61 cushion before finally exploding. The explosion put the game far out of High Point's reach. VCU ran off a torrid 18-1 streak which ballooned the score to 82-62. The play of Wilkins and Keith Lawson were the highlight of the second half romp. Lawson, gave the hometowners something to remember in his last appearance as he scored 18 points.

Wilkins finished with 38 points on 16 of 28 field attempts and 6 of 7 charity tosses. Wilkins and Lawson were joined in double figures by Mike Fling with 11 and Odell Pack with 10 points.

The Rams won the battle under the boards 56-29 with Jabo collecting 22 and Fling and Charlie Booker grabbing 13 each.

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Circle K Meeting	5:30-7	Hibbs 403
C-Quo Meeting	5:30-6:45	Hibbs 303
Young Republicans	5:45-7	Hibbs 324
Ring Committee Ticket		
Sale for Midwinters	All Day	Rotunda Booth
Senate Meeting	6	Conference Rm. St. Ct.
Zeta Beta Tau Rush		
CONVOCAION, SENATOR BIRCH BAYH	10 am	Mosque
Math Club Meeting	11-12 noon	Hibbs 305
Alpha Chi Delta Meeting	9:45-11	Hibbs 205
Student Life Committee	5-6:50	Hibbs 330
Karate	7 pm	Larrick St. Ct.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Ring Committee Ticket		
Sale for Midwinters	All Day	Rotunda Booth
Board of Elections		
Meeting	4-6	Conference Rm. St. Ct.
Freshman Class Meeting	6-7	Hibbs 303
SOCC Meeting	6-8	Conference Rm St. Ct.
Women's Interdorm Meeting	5-6:45	Hibbs 407
Men's Interdorm Meeting	5:45-6:45	Hibbs 207
Pi Sigma Epsilon Meeting	9:45-11	Franklin Terrace
"The Group" Meeting	5:30-7	Hibbs 329
Sigma Omega Beta Meeting	7:30-8:30	Faculty Lounge
S.G.A. Meeting	3-6	Hibbs 306

Friday, Feb. 20

Wrestling, VPI	8	Home
Film Society Film	5-7	Science 115
Zeta Beta Tau Rush		
Information Booth	All Day	Rotunda
Ring Committee Ticket		
Sale For Midwinters	All Day	Rotunda Booth

Special election scheduled

The SGA Board of Elections announced Thursday that a special election will be held March 3 to fill the 19 vacancies in the House of Representatives.

All candidates must be full-time under-graduates at the Academic Center and have "C" average for the previous semester or an overall average of "C" or better.

Each candidate must submit a petition signed by at least 25 full-time, under-graduate students of his department to the SGA office, no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, February 26. Each petition is subject to validation and any invalid signature will void the entire petition.

Write-in candidates will be allowed in the election, and they will be subject to all rules pertaining to them in the Board of Election rules. All campaigning must be done within the regulations of VCU and the city's Board of Elections; any campaigning in the dorms is subject to each individual dorm's rules. All posters used in the election must be approved by the student personnel office, and there may be only one per bulletin board per candidate.

A complete list of the rules governing the election can be obtained in the SGA office, on the second floor of 916 W. Franklin st. The vacancies by schools are as follows: Arts and Sciences-3,

Engineering and Technology---1, Community Services---1, Engineering-1, Art-4, Occupational Therapy-1, Education-7, Business-1. Any questions can be directed to the Board of Elections, or to the chairman of the Board, Delmar Dayton.

Washington show features African art

"It's really the most varied and exciting thing from Africa I've ever seen," remarked John B. Murphy, an assistant professor in the Sociology Department, in referring to a collection of African sculpture now on display in the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C.

"It dispels many myths about African art," Murphy continued. "Most people think about African art as being static...lacking variety. The one thing I found particularly stimulating about this exhibit was the great variety of pieces shown."

The exhibition contains over 200 pieces of sculpture taken from several collections around the world, Murphy explained. It has run for two weeks and is expected to continue for another three weeks.



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