

New 'learning process' for over-40's

By Larry Clark

Times Staff Writer

Assistant Sociology Professor Bernard Murphy admits that his is "a relatively unstructured method of teaching." While he does not argue the fact that textbooks "contain much useful information," he believes that the best way to arouse student interest "is to have the student become involved in the problems."

The most recent example of Murphy's method occurred Monday. The central theme—the role of an urban university—was discussed by a panel of five administrators: President Warren W. Brandt; Dr. Richard I. Wilson, vice president for Student Affairs; Dr. Harland W. Westermann, director of the Urban Studies program; John Mapp, dean of the evening college; and Charles McLeod, Soc4, black student recruiter and director for Operation Exposure. McLeod substituted for Vincent F. Wright, assistant dean of students.

The purpose of the program, according to Bennett Nelson, Soc3, who arranged the panel, was to try "to break down the bridge of communications between students and administrators."

"As an urban university, we have a definite commitment to the people in the community around us," Nelson explained. "I think we need to get together on what that commitment is."

Nelson asked the panel to identify the basic needs of the "emerging generation." Dr. Brandt responded by analyzing "the tremendously varied... needs" and pointing out that "we don't have the wherewithal to provide for every special need."

Dr. Brandt, asked to define an urban university's role, replied "it has as one of its commitments, to serve the urban environment in which it finds itself. This service takes a great many forms. Primarily we provide education for a great many people."

He cited, in particular, the VCU Evening College, one of the largest in America, as "a very great urban service that people could not get otherwise."

Dr. Wilson explained that the needs of students today differ radically from those experienced by his generation. "The problem that so many of the over-40 group have is that we now are having to go through another learning process," he said, "We were educated in an entirely different kind of atmosphere. Now that the times are changing, we have to readjust to them."

McLeod analyzed the chief commitment of the urban university as "serving the needs of the black community. For so long a time, the black man was so hung up on becoming integrated that he didn't stop to consider that he was sacrificing a quality education," McLeod noted.

"I think the university has made great progress in its commitment to the black community, but there is still much that needs to be done," he said.

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Burgart named conference head

Dr. Herbert J. Burgart, dean of the School of the Arts, has been elected president of the Southeastern College Arts Conference.

With a membership of 12 states, the Southeastern Conference is affiliated with the College Association of America. It has an 80-college membership from the southeast.

As a result of Dr. Burgart's election, VCU will be the host for the three-day Southeast Arts Conference to be held next spring.

Nancy Hanks, director of National Endowment of Arts, is slated to speak.

Dr. Burgart came to VCU in September, 1966, as dean of the School of Art. He received his BA in art at Long Beach State College in 1954. After a tour of duty with the Army in Germany, he earned his MA at Penn State University at University Park.

The 40-year-old dean has held positions at schools including California School for the Blind, Louisiana State University, University

of Southern Florida, University of Georgia and Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.



Dr. Burgart
To Head SCAC

Connection offers aid to Fan area

Connection, a hotline telephone service, begins operations today.

Students and others in the Fan District community who have problems of any kind may call 358-9191 for instant help under a program instituted by students on both campuses.

The telephone service will be manned every weekday, night from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and on week ends from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Joint session to cover club budget allocations

The requested budget allocations for some 16 clubs and organizations on campus will be discussed at a joint session of the SGA House and Senate at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 11.

SGA Treasurer Emery Hite announced at Monday night's House

meeting that all presidents and treasurers of clubs submitting requests are to meet in the SGA office at 3 p.m. Monday, May 11, to discuss financial procedures before the budget discussions are held.

According to Hite, the clubs have asked for funds totaling \$135,000 for operating expenses next year. Hite said the SGA has \$85,000 to allocate. A late-night session is expected.

In his treasurer's report, Hite noted that the SGA accounts are in a state of confusion. He said he is working to organize the accounts and present a published budget to the House before the budget hearings.

SGA President Jim Elam, in his president's report, vowed to have an audit of the SGA account books, "even if we have to pay for it" before the hearings. He said a representative from the Accounting Club has volunteered to audit the books.

In other business, Elam announced that an executive committee of the SGA is studying the student newspaper. He said the committee is recruiting members from all areas of the campus, including the Journalism Department.

Elam noted that this committee is working independently from one being set up by Dr. Richard I. Wilson, vice

president for Student Affairs and chairman of the Council on Undergraduate Student Affairs. That committee is charged to study all communications media on campus.

Elam acknowledged publication of an executive branch newsletter, the RAAP (Responsive Action, a Priority). He said the publication is being edited by Suzi Peters, Adv4.

The first issue of RAAP contained reprints of two Times editorials and what the publication called an explanation of the controversy between the Times and the Radical Student Union.

A motion by Duane Dettman suggesting that money be allotted to those people interested in starting a student newspaper and that investigations of The Commonwealth Times cease was tabled.

The House passed a motion by Dettman suggesting that a House member attend meetings of City Council and the State Legislature and report pertinent action back to the House.

The House defeated a proposed constitutional amendment by Jay Mangan which would have made all vacancies in SGA offices be filled only by election.

Mangan also announced his resignation from the House.



Staff Photo by Larry Haake

It's in there!

Preston Burton, winner of the Delta Sigma Pi Bowling Tournament, watches his ball hit just the right spot in Sunday's five-player rolloff. The Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, sponsor of the event, awarded Burton a color television set.

Turned-off job recruiters

For many seniors, the approach of graduation day means the beginning of the recruitment phase of their lives. While students are busy looking over prospective employers, the businesses are sending representatives on campus to talk to young graduates about jobs. But recruitment on college campuses has declined this spring, and a small group of militant students at some of the nation's largest universities are to blame.

Recruiting at VCU has not declined to any great extent, according to Placement Director James Dunn. Dunn said reasons for the decrease nationwide include the fact that companies are beginning to feel the effects of men returning from Vietnam, some industries have a "be careful" attitude in the face of current economic conditions, and some companies have a manpower buildup as a result of a period of rapid hiring over the last few years.

These may be the reasons that companies give, but those who look behind the scenes see more dramatic causes for the decline. According to an Associated Press report:

Most universities report that there are fewer firms interviewing this year—up to 25 per cent less than last year. Those interviewing are hiring fewer.

The report says that the same holds true for governmental agencies, down from 40 last year to 16 this year at the University of Michigan at Bowling Green.

Most of the losses are in defense-oriented agencies, and firms in the aerospace field. More school systems are out recruiting this year than last, but few are hiring as many new teachers as they did.

As our observer today points out, there is a real dilemma faced by those students with degrees in the humanities. Teaching or graduate school are the primary spots for them, because businesses need people with technical skills. AP says:

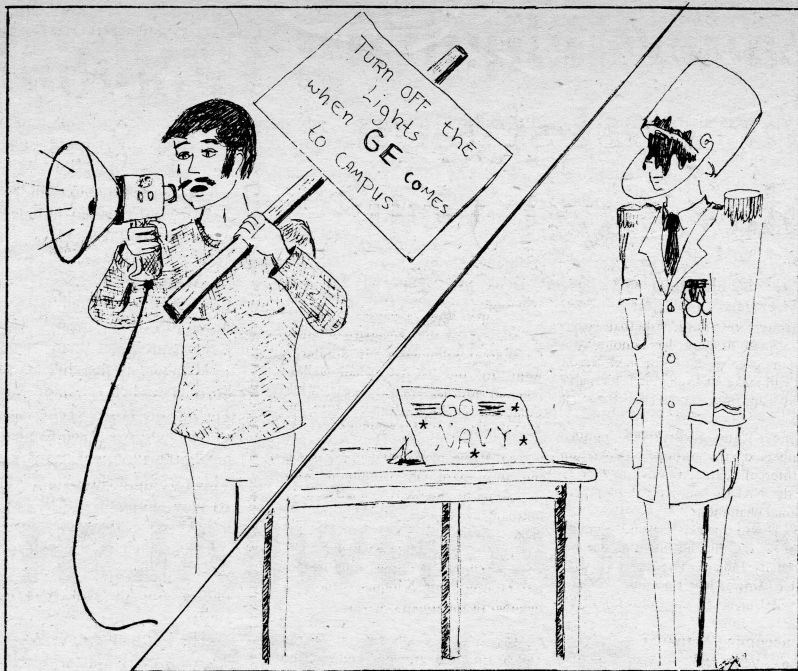
There is, as always, a plethora of the rounded, liberal arts student with no definite skills except an ability to learn. There is little market in the humanities, except for graduate schools. Says one placement director, "A history major is told by his faculty adviser he won't have any trouble getting a job, and then he comes to us and we tell him the opposite.

So, in spite of the fact that graduating classes are larger than ever, and more jobs are needed, a small percentage of protestors continues to drive away the businesses that would offer jobs to qualified graduates.

One commentator sums up the predicament by saying, "In a world where so many seem to be fighting to stay out, it is surprising how many are fighting to get in."

Dunn said that another reason the "recruiting boycott" has not affected VCU is because industries do not normally look to this university for technical personnel. Industries like Dow Chemical and Reynolds Metals usually recruit accountants (and in the former case a few chemists) but did not recruit this year because "there was not sufficient need in these areas." Local plants such as Allied Chemical and Dupont usually hire personnel from their main offices and do not take part in the placement service here.

As more and more students enter the world looking for jobs and more and more firms wait for students to come to them, a real problem may be created when students and jobs do not match. It is up to us to welcome those recruiters who do make the scene, thereby encouraging more to come. It is much easier to find out whether a company meets your needs, and vice versa, in a place where the company is seeking talent, rather than becoming merely a solitary figure among hundreds of June job applicants.



The Observer

A look at Survival U

(The Observer is an opinionated column by a staff writer. The column is not intended to reflect the views of the editors or other staff members.)

By Carol Harowitz

In reading the Environmental Handbook, I ran across the article by John Fischer, "Survival U: Prospectus for a Really Relevant University," which was reprinted from the September, 1969, Harper's.

It is the kind of article that every college student ought to read, preferably while still a freshman and early enough in his career to do something to implement the suggestions.

Fischer begins with the thought that the present liberal arts education which is being crammed down the throats of every degree aspirant is irrelevant. To quote: "It doesn't cohere. It consists of bits and pieces which don't stick together, and have no common purpose."

It is a view I have held throughout my college years and for most of my secondary education. We learn a little bit about everything and not enough about anything. We graduate with a degree in English or history or philosophy and what are we supposed to do with it? Unless we teach (and really, in that case, we should have gotten our degree in education, say those who know) what field are we really prepared to enter?

For those students who major in slightly more technical fields like architecture, engineering, or advertising, there are other post-college questions which are left unanswered by the four years of matriculation. For instance, what is the end result of a new 50-story building constructed in downtown Manhattan or Los Angeles? Are the architects taught to take into consideration the extra traffic that will result from the concentrated employment of 12,000 or more people in a one-block area? Or the additional water and electric power that will be needed, calling for a new dam that will perhaps displace dairy farmers and result in a decrease in milk supply—thereby raising the price? Or the additional parking garages and gas stations that will have to be provided in an already over-congested area?

The chances are that unless they are in a very progressive school, none of these considerations was included when they learned where to place a building. Oh, they will make sure that it is on land that won't slide

away in the next 50 years and they will know what the values of buildings in the area are, but do they know about the cumulative effects on the population of adding this new structure to the make-up of their city? Fischer says that the traffic resulting from this new building will cause a nine per cent increase in lung cancer and emphysema.

Survival U would be "founded on a single guiding concept—an idea capable of knitting together all strands of study, thus giving them both coherence and visible purpose" and would be "capable of equipping young people to do something about 'what is going on in the world'—notably the things which bother them most, including war, injustice, racial conflict, and the quality of life."

The main goal of the university will be to discover why man has done such a poor job of managing his affairs in the twentieth century. The courses will question whether institutions such as state and local government can continue, even in a revised form or whether a completely new type of government will have to be formulated.

In other words, instead of studying Latin and the ancient Greeks for their sentence structure or the contributions they made to their own society, we would study them to see what they have to say about man and nature that would help us today. Instead of a regimented physical education program, held in the sterile confines of a gymnasium, exercise could be gotten by collecting trash from the side of the road or planting trees or some other form of ecological endeavor. To expend energy just for the sake of losing calories is like isometrics. You may work all afternoon but you never move anything.

It's a concept with more than passing interest. It is vitally important, both for the growth of the institution of the university and for the growth of mankind, that we begin to learn to relate to one another and to nature.

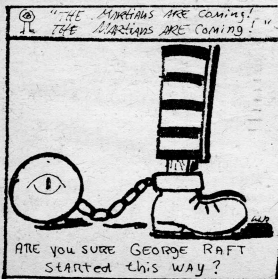
Instead of worrying about co-educational housing, more parking spaces, fraternities or sororities on campus, why don't we expend a little of our energy on improving the basic institution we claim to support? Let's make them give us an education we can use.

Dorm Humor

Co-ed plays waiting game

By Janet Hawkins

It's 6:30 p.m. and as usual, I have to sit here like an idiot and wait. Why do they always expect you to wait, and wait, and wait, and...?



The waiting, that's what really gets me. Nobody else is waiting, just me.

I'm ready to go. I've done everything at least once and some of them twice. If the girls in the bathroom see me brush my teeth one more time they'll think I'm having a nervous breakdown.

Maybe I should study. Let's see, now. The Nahu Indians of Mexico were among the... I wonder if something's happened. There might have been an accident. Suppose he's changed his mind? Could he have eloped with some girl?

Wasn't that the phone? There it goes again. Maybe I ought to answer it. No, I can't do that, it's probably him, I can't let him know I'm just sitting beside the phone waiting. Somebody else will

answer it. She'll call me; or will she? If she's expecting a call, she might say I'm not here. I'll kill her!

It's stopped ringing. Somebody answered it.

"Melissa!"

Wouldn't you know it would be for her? Why does Melissa always get a call when I want to use the phone? She keeps it so tied up nobody could get through to me if he tried.

I'll comb my hair, again. Maybe a blue ribbon would look better with this outfit. My hair looks awful; I guess I'll just stick with the pink ribbon.

There goes the phone again. Once, twice, ... Somebody get that phone. She's coming this way. It's for me!

"Hello? Oh, hi, Ted. You're early!"

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Cagers eligible for post-season play next year

By Fred Jeter
Times Staff Writer

Benny Dees, head basketball coach and athletic director, has announced a 25-game cage schedule for next season that will make VCU eligible for a major post-season tournament for the first time.

The Rams will play enough members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to qualify for the NAIA's tournament to pick a national champion.

VCU will open its season December 1 in Peoria, Ill., against the Bradley University Indians. The Rams will play Butler University December 2 and DePaul University the following night.

Other new teams on the VCU schedule for the first time are Campbell College, Arkansas State, Mt. St. Mary's, and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Mt. St. Mary's went to the NCAA small college regional tournament last year, while Campbell College advanced into the NAIA post-season tournament.

The Rams play two games, home and away with Old Dominion, who also went to the NCAA small college tournament and is probably VCU's biggest rival. Two games are also set with Virginia State which VCU whipped 96-92 in an overtime thriller last season and Virginia Union, a member of the tough C.I.A.A.

Also on the schedule is Akron University, a near-major college who fell to the Rams 87-85 last year in Akron. They will be in Richmond for a December 19 game at VCU's new Franklin Street Gym.

Single games with Quantico, Southeastern, and York College of Pennsylvania round out the schedule.

Homecoming Activities

The VCU Homecoming activities will have a completely new twist next year. The December fifth encounter with Bluefield State will be the Homecoming game. Homecoming has previously coincided with a club football game.

VCU's other major opponents are Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, the University of Minnesota, Louisiana State University, and St. Francis of Pennsylvania.

Of these contests only the Minnesota game, on December 28, will be on the Ram's home floor.

Toughest Foe

VCU fell to both Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky last year. Western Kentucky went on to the NCAA regionals, where it lost to Jacksonville 109-96. It will have practically the same team next year, including 7'0" Jim McDaniels, and looms as the Rams' toughest foe.

LSU will be without superstar Pete Maravich, but was runner-up in the Southeastern conference last year and cannot be taken lightly.

Seminar slated this week end

The Middle Eastern seminar, designed to stimulate student interest in international affairs, will be held Friday and Saturday at Randolph-Macon College.

Further information on the seminar may be obtained by contacting Vincent F. Wright, assistant dean of students, in Room 24 of the Administration Building, or telephone ext. 6550.



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Football prospects good

By Harold Castleman
Times Staff Writer

"VCU football next fall."

No, your eyes do not deceive you. That is what the gold and black buttons seen lately around the VCU campus bear as an inscription.

Football is here. No, it's not exactly varsity football. The football at VCU is club football, different from varsity football because it receives no direct financial aid from the school.

Members of the club are selling the football buttons to help counter the club's expenses. The buttons cost 25 cents each.

The club has asked Student Government for a \$7,500 allotment from next year's budget, which would include travel expenses. According to club president Bill Figart, approval of this budget request is very important to the club.

"We will have football next fall even if we don't get the money, but we will have to work harder and we will start off in debt," said Figart.

The football club was organized in January. A constitution was accepted and officers were elected, with Figart, the club's organizer, as president.

The club sent three representatives, Figart, Paul Williams, and Bob Sprouse, to the national Club Football convention at Fordham

University. While there they were able to schedule Federal City College, ranked in the top 10 nationally in club football.

To date, five games have been scheduled for next fall. There is a possibility that they will be able to schedule a sixth game with the Bridgewater College varsity.

The opening game will be with Catholic University, September 26, in Washington, D.C. The home opener will be played October 10 in City Stadium against Washington D.C. Teachers' College.

On October 17 the VCU team will meet Gaulladet at City Stadium. The club is working on a proposal to have this game designated as the homecoming game.

Athletic Director Benny Dees, however, has announced the school's homecoming game next year will be a December 5 basketball contest with Bluefield State College.

The team will play Federal City College October 31 in Washington, and Nicholls State of New Orleans here November 7.

Paul Williams, an assistant coach, said, "We are going to play a real good brand of football. Club football is not just for physical education majors. Nobody is going to sit on the bench."

A spring practice game will be played May 10 at 2 p.m. at Fairfield Junior High School against the Raiders, a semi-professional team.

Until now, in the minds of most people local politics has conjured up images of soggy cigars, overflowing spittoons, and pot-bellied old geezers. And so, not too many people have taken the idea of local politics very seriously.

But times are changing. Andy Lewis, a brainy young man (but warm and lovable, too) concerned about the quality of life in Richmond, has decided to enter the local political scene. In his campaign for City Council, Andy has come up with some rather incisive solutions to the problems of the city.

Air and water pollution, poverty and substandard housing, increasing costs in city government while citizens have less to say about what the government does... these are the problems.

And solutions lie somewhere in the area of making government more concerned with the needs of people, rather than building new monuments to itself in stone and steel. At outrageous prices, at that.

But in order for Andy Lewis to have a good chance at a seat on City Council, lots of people must be reached. And those people, once reached, must vote when the time comes. Which means they

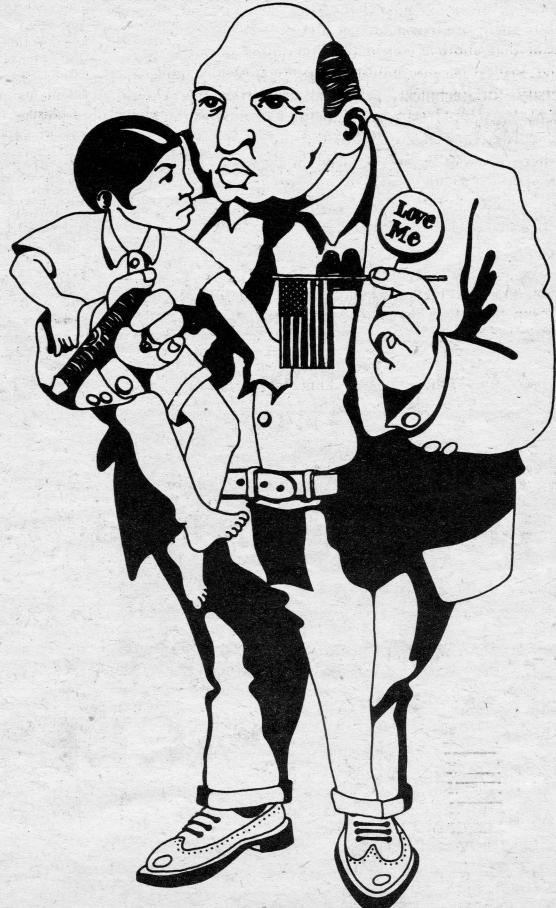
must register to vote soon. Before the deadline.

This is where you come in. Even if you're too young to vote, you can still help register voters. So, when June 9th (election day) rolls around, the good guy will win.

Call Andy Lewis campaign headquarters at 644-5890, or come by the office at 111 N. Fourth Street. Volunteer to help register voters.

If enough people vote for a better city, we might even get one. And that, friends, is something to think about.

For some people, Andy Lewis will be the first time they've had a good reason to vote.



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Campus Calendar

TODAY, April 29

C-Quo Car Wash	All Day	Shafer st.
Math Club	11 a.m.	Hibbs 305
Student Life Committee	5 p.m.	Hibbs 330
C-Quo	5:30 p.m.	Hibbs 303
Chi Delta Sigma	5:30 p.m.	Hibbs 407
Circle K	5:30 p.m.	Hibbs 403
Baptist Student Union	5:45 p.m.	1000 Floyd
SGA Senate	6 p.m.	Student Ctr.
Alpha Chi Delta	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 205
Law Enforcement	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 208

THURSDAY, April 30

KEO Car Wash	10 a.m.	Shafer st.
IFC	2 p.m.	Student Ctr.
Radical Student Union	3 p.m.	Hibbs 407
Board of Elections	4 p.m.	Student Ctr.
Women's Interdorm	5 p.m.	Hibbs 407
"The Group"	5:30 p.m.	Hibbs 329
SHAME	7:30 p.m.	Room 101
		1128 Floyd
Pi Sigma Epsilon	9:45 p.m.	Franklin Terr.

FRIDAY, May 1

KEO Motorcycle Show	10 a.m.	Shafer st.
C-Quo Red Cross Blood Drive	12 noon-5 p.m.	Gym
Poetry Forum Workshop	3-5 p.m. & 8 p.m.	Hibbs 403
Film Society Film	5-7 p.m. & 8-10 p.m.	Science 115

SATURDAY, May 2

YAF Conference	All Day	Hibbs 330 & Hibbs 407
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SUNDAY, May 3

Concert: Paul Winter Consort	8:30 p.m.	Gym
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MONDAY, May 4

Distributive Education	2 p.m.	Hibbs 208
SGA House of Representatives	5:30 p.m.	Hibbs 403
KEO	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 340
KEO Pledge meeting	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 330
Sigma Chi Omega	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 308
Sigma Phi Sigma	9:45 p.m.	Hibbs 426
Commonwealth Barge	10 p.m.	Clubhouse
VISITING SCHOLAR	8 p.m.	To Be Announced

Chic Rogers, chairman of the committee, in care of the dean of students.

There will be a meeting of interested students who would like to try out for Varsity Cheerleading at 3 p.m. Monday May 4, in the gymnasium. Practice will continue throughout the week with final tryouts on May 8. Cheerleaders, a mascot and a sponsor are being sought. Those interested contact Virginia Whitten, Ext. 6577.

The final day of dropping a course with the grade of WF or WP is Saturday, May 2. No course may be dropped with a passing grade after this date. Students are not allowed to drop a course within the last three weeks of a semester. A grade of F is automatically assigned in cases of non-attendance during this period.

Campus

News

Briefs

"The Pawnbroker," a film starring Rod Steiger, former Academy Award winner, will be shown today at 6 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room in Rhoads Hall.

The film is sponsored by the VCU Campus Ministers.

The Ring Committee is now accepting applications for membership. Students may obtain forms from the Dean of Students. The committee is also accepting applications for allocations from campus clubs and organizations. Letters should be sent to

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Language department

Secretaries find 'lovers' lane'

The Department of Foreign Languages offices on the third floor of the Administration Building are becoming a veritable lover's lane judging from the marital events of the past few months.

The department's former secretary gave up her job in December last year to marry a Spanish professor. Her cousin, who had come from Belgium to be in the wedding, took over her position and is now engaged to a French professor.

Reta Butz, the new secretary, had planned to return to her home in Antwerp after a while to resume a job as bookkeeper in an insurance office, but now she plans to return to be married there in August.

As secretary to department head, Miss Juliet Woodson, Reta types examinations, aids in making schedules, and helps faculty members in various ways.

"I like the work and Miss Woodson is just wonderful," Reta said.

She visited the United States for three weeks a few years ago so it was not completely new to her and she did not find life here hard to adjust to.

"Things seem more expensive but there is little difference in the way of life.

"In Europe we do not eat with our hands in our laps. It is considered impolite. At first I thought it was done that way here because the pioneers held their guns while they ate.

"I like the United States. The people are open and friendly. In Europe people don't talk so freely."

Reta now lives in West Point with her aunt and uncle, Carl Geimencke, a

Men's Interdorm to host convention; needs student aid

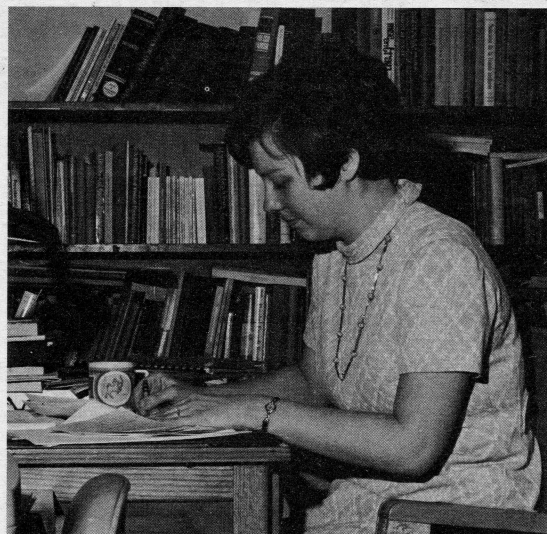
The VCU Men's Interdormitory association will host the regional convention of the National Association of College Resident Halls August 19-23. Between 150 and 200 students from Virginia to Canada and as far west as Ohio are expected to attend.

Dennis Baugh, president of Men's Interdorm, said that student help is needed and anyone interested can contact him at ext. 5000 or Gidget Fisher at ext. 6785.

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Foreign Language Department Secretary at Work in Office Reta Butz Will Marry French Professor

cousin majoring in German here, drives her to VCU.

Besides holding her full-time job, Reta is a part-time student here in English 101. She has not found studying in another language difficult in most cases. A complicated subject like math would be harder, she said.

If she chose a major it would probably be French and she might like a teaching career.

In Antwerp, she attended high school specializing in Humanities and English. She also attended two years of college in evening school. Her parents still live in Belgium.

Other countries Reta has visited include France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Officers elected

Kappa chapter of Sigma Mu Sigma, VCU's oldest fraternity, elected officers for 1970-71 on April 26.

Elected were: Gary Woodson, president; Ernie Watkins, vice president; Steve Haisly, Jr., vice president; Frank Mitchell, secretary; Phil Braswell, corresponding secretary; and Joe Hardey, treasurer.

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