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James Branch Cabell Library, Opened This Fall, Adds New Dimension to Academic Life

New library is 'service organization'

By John Barry

Times Staff Writer

The James Branch Cabell Library opened this fall to alleviate a major drawback in VCU's academic life.

The VCU's newest facility will operate "solely as a service organization for students," according to Director of University Libraries, Gerard McCabe.

"I want the library to be more than a study hall," McCabe said. "I want it to be a useful tool, providing students with an open stack collection that will make all the materials available to them with great ease."

The Cabell Library began operation this year in answer to the lack of space problem that had trademarked VCU's former library. With a main floor capacity of 225,000 books, the new building currently holds 130,000 volumes. A growth rate of 25,000 books each year is approximated by McCabe.

Presently the Cabell Library is running under the same schedule as the old library. Weekday hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays the library will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, 2 to 6 p.m. McCabe said that there are no immediate plans to extend operating hours, but when more

funds are made available, the doors may possibly be left open later during weeknights.

McCabe has introduced several policy changes at the Cabell Library. Among them is a new security procedure requiring all books to be checked before they leave the building. Books will be stamped "Property of VCU" and examined before they are taken out. McCabe stated, however, that he has not yet decided what he will do about the cases of theft, but he does not believe it will be a problem at VCU.

Fines will not be charged to students for overdue books. In case of late books, one renewal notice will be sent after two weeks, and then an overdue notice. If the book is still missing, a bill will be mailed to the borrower, with the perogative of returning the book or paying for it. The director stated that fines will not be considered unless it is deemed necessary.

McCabe said that he considers the library's currently larger staff an important asset in providing students with greater services. This year the library employs 35 full time workers, along with another 37 student assistants. According to McCabe, particular attention has been directed toward increasing the number of reference assistants available to students.

The Cabell Library has undergone an overall expansion of facilities. Reading rooms, listening areas, and lounges for students, have been included in the new building. McCabe said that five-cent copy machines have been ordered, but have not arrived.

The complete collection of college catalogs has been transferred from the Admissions Office to a special section in the new library.

McCabe said that he plans to place suggestion boxes beside the main entrance doors. This, he said is an effort to maintain communication between the library staff and the students.

McCabe became new director of libraries here August 10. His job also includes the Tompkins-McCaw Library at the East Campus, where he spends "a reasonable proportion of time each week." He acts as coordinator of the two University libraries, overseeing the operations of both.

McCabe is a graduate of Manhattan College, and received his masters degree in library science at the University of Michigan. His former post was at the University of South Florida at Tampa.

McCabe said that he finds Richmond enjoyable, and his role as director "extremely interesting." His main preoccupation, he said, is to establish an institution that will aid students in the educational process at VCU.

VCU seeks approval for master site plan

By Ray Smith

Times News Editor

The master plan for development of the University over the next 10 years has been approved by the Board of Visitors and is now awaiting the approval of several state agencies.

No major changes have been made in the plans for the two campuses since it was presented in meetings with students, faculty and Fan District residents last spring.

The State Art Commission and Department of State Buildings must review the plans before they can be adopted as site development plans.

Llewellyn-Davies Associates, a New York-based planning firm worked with Glave Newman and Anderson of

Richmond on the project which reportedly cost \$75,000 and \$125,000.

The plan for the Academic Division was designed to accommodate 25,000 to 30,000 students by 1980. About 13,000 students are currently enrolled. Expansion of the campus will gradually fill the area encompassed by Grace, Cary Harrison and Laurel streets.

Expansion of the Health Sciences Division will mean development of the area between Broad and Marshall streets from 10th Street east to the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike.

According to Dr. Roger L. Smith, vice president for planning and operations, some provisions were added to the plan which would allow for the planning of more parking and student residences. Students, faculty and area residents complained during meetings

last spring that the planners had made no plans for these in their outline.

As the master plan for the Academic Division now stands future growth will result in an "hour-glass" shape with the James Branch Cabell Library as the center.

Little expansion is proposed north of the present campus except for parking decks and possibly a School of the Arts building fronting on Grace street to be used for a classroom, studio, or exhibition gallery.

The plan emphasizes a "store-front" approach for all future buildings, so that non-University passersby can see into areas where campus activity is taking place. The idea of a "walled-off" school was not recommended because of VCU's "urban University" emphasis.



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Students Begin Fall Studies in New Reading Room
New Tables and Card Catalogue Will Replace Those Pictured

Prejudice still

When the big crack down on drugs came in Virginia Beach as the summer season came to a close, many of the young people arrested were guys who wore their hair long, flowing and freaked-out. At the jail their hair was deemed unclean and therefore a health hazard, and they were shorn of their locks.

Unclean? Females get their hair washed at the station when this is the case. Why, then, did the males have to submit to haircuts? Hair is hair; if the problem can be resolved for girls by a shampoo job, the same should hold true for the guys. It looks like a case of violation of civil rights.

And that's just the way the males see it. With legal aid coming from the American Civil Liberties Union, they are suing for \$600,000. We hope they win their case and that in the future the prejudices of officials who give such "haircut" commands will be checked by law.

Invited to join

To reiterate what we said in the Orientation issue of this newspaper, any student may join the staff of the Commonwealth Times. If you are interested in writing or doing photography work for us, come by our office on the third floor of the Administration Building and ask to see one of the editors.

Letters

Orientation 'disgust', SGA elections, junior class are topics

Editor:

Please relay my disgust to the participating groups and clubs who failed to contribute promised efforts to make Orientation Week an active and interesting time for incoming Freshmen and Transfer students. I am most grateful to the Art Union for attempting to "alert new students of its existence" by not bothering to provide the tie and dye booth as promised in a two columned article in the Orientation issue of the Commonwealth Times.

I can promise the Art Union as much future support as they deserve, commensurate with their past performance—which is as POGO would evaluate, "Half of nothin' is nothin' an' you gets half o' what I got."

Love & Peace
(To those who earn it),
Chuck Pauling, Sophomore
Management & Marketing

Editor:

I attended the Monday night meeting of the House of Representatives of SGA, and was startled at the number of people who were there. While I am aware of the relative lack of interest of the student body in the activities of the House, the depleted number of representatives is still surprising. It can be explained by several factors: the graduation of many members last June, the number of members who were not yet settled after their return from summer vacations, and members who have found it necessary to undertake other responsibilities this year which make it impossible for them to attend House meetings. While these are understandable and irrefutable reasons, the lack of a representative body interferes with the smooth operation of the SGA.

I urge all students to consider running for the House. There are many vacant seats at present, and the entire House must be elected this fall. The duties of a member of the House are not very strenuous or time consuming. The House meets only once a week, on Mondays, from 5:30 to about 7:00. Members serve on committees, but are usually able to select a committee in which they have an interest. Committee work gives the members a chance to do as much work as they wish, or to keep their work to a minimum.

Requirements for membership are not difficult to meet. One must be a full-time student in good standing at the Academic division of VCU; must have a 2.0 average or above (a requirement which would not present any problem to interested Freshman); must submit a

petition with only twenty-five signatures required, from students in his department; and be elected. Petitions are available in the SGA office, on the second floor of the Student Center on Franklin street, and many be given to one of the secretaries to give to the Board of Elections.

The SGA is the representative body which governs the students. It plans student activities and spends student funds. It makes recommendations to the administration and to the faculty on behalf of the students. If the students want a voice in their government, this is the time to become involved.

Janet K. Groves
Acting Chairman
Board of Elections

Editor:

In the past year at VCU the Junior class has not been very active for the simple reason that the Junior class offered nothing to the members.

We hope to change this attitude by making it profitable for you to be a member of the Junior class of '72.

Preparations are in the making for a dance or concert open to all juniors free of charge if they have bought their class cards. Of course, this "HAPPENING" would be open to all VCU students.

The first Junior class meeting will be on September 17, 1970. For your convenience, we have scheduled this meeting at two separate time periods—4 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Hibbs 403.

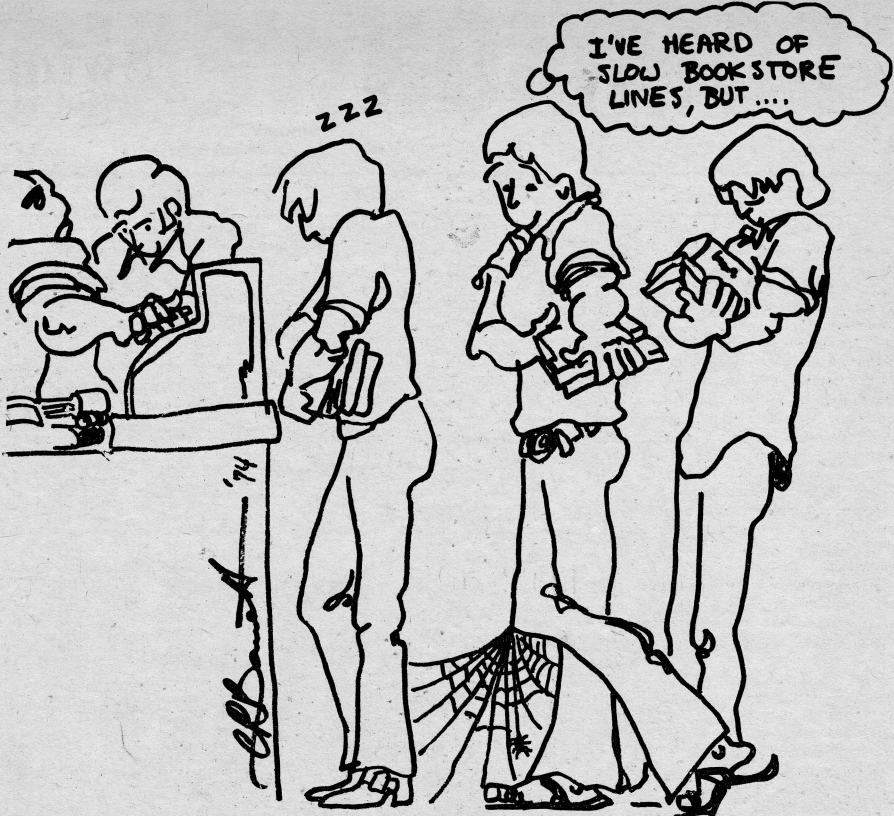
At this meeting we will discuss the concert and dance I have previously mentioned including what type of music, price, etc. Also to be discussed will be Mid-Winters Ring Dance. The Ring Committee and Junior class work together to present this dance. Last year's Mid-Winters was a big success and this year's promises to be even better. \$1,000.00 has been allocated to Mid-Winters by the SGA. If we work hard on this dance, there is a good possibility we could get a cut of the profits. This has not been possible in recent years.

Remember, whether you prefer Hard Rock or Soul—the only way we'll know is by your participation. Only with your help can this Junior class be a success. Please support it by buying a class card.

I will be looking forward to seeing you on September 17. I hope your summer has been a good one!

Louise Jesse
Junior class

p.s. Class cards on sale in Rotunda for \$1.00, Sept. 21-25, 28-October 2.



Cartoon by Clark Barrett

Things could be worse

VCU bookstore massacre part II

By Mariane Matera

After being told to buy myself some books, I went out in search of the bookstore, and on Shafer Street I found it, under the Hibbs Building.

And friends, I found it was an underground bookstore! So I went to the end of the line in SanDor's Book Store on Grace Street where there were many pictures, friends, yes sir, not only of women's liberated fronts but their liberated bottoms as well, and literature of an exotic, erotic, idiotic type, yes sir.

And so we had a good old time and the line moved on until two days and two nights later I was in the famous VCU bookstore, but because I couldn't read the holes in my IBM cards, I didn't know what courses I was taking.

And then I saw this one ton book for a semester, elective introductory course providing a broad background in liberal arts entitled "Introduction to Broad Backgrounds," and thinking it was an analysis of Yoko Ono's famous flick, I took it and got in line, and two days and two nights later my book was illuminated with a black light and rung up at \$52.57.

So then I again consulted my Orientation Booklet which had a map of the neighborhood showing routes to classes, approaches, get-aways, short-cuts, a list of Things To Do and Some Encouraging Words from Famous Campus Personalities, and the book said, "Kid, go to your first class."

But since I could not read the holes in my IBM card, I

didn't know where my first class was, nor my second class, or even my passenger coach, so I just went to the first class I found and figured that was good enough.

But friends, it wasn't because when I walked in, the Professor said, "Kid, where are you supposed to be?" I showed him the holes in my IBM card, but he couldn't read them either, so I left looking for my name on somebody's roll but before I could find it, the Man from the Draft took me away.

And folks, this is an injustice, yes sir, and don't let it happen to you. So next time you're standing in a line, sing a line of my song.

"You can get anything you want at the VCU Bookstore..." And if two people sing it, they might think it's a couple of radicals.

"You can get anything you want at the VCU Bookstore..." And if three people sing it, they might think it's a demonstration.

"You can get anything you want at the VCU Bookstore..."

"But first you have to stand in line, and you might get in in ten hours time."

"You can get anything you want at the VCU Bookstore."

And if four people sing it, they might think it's a riot, because that's what this campus is, friends, a riot.

Letters to the editor should be typed, double-spaced and signed with student's name, major and hometown. Letters from all readers are welcomed.

The Times office is located on the third floor of the Administration Building.

As a service to students, the Commonwealth Times runs classified ads each week in the Friday issue.

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Women invade sports world

By Harold Castleman
Times Sports Editor



With women's lib in full swing, the fair sex is now making an assault on the sports world. Heroine of the day is Pat Palinka of the Orlando, Florida, professional football team.

After surviving a crashing tackle by Wally Florence, Pat went on the hold for two extra points and eventually survived the final cut to make the team. All was not rosy, however, as Pat immediately drew suspension for missing too many practices.

In any event, women now have a foothold in football, heretofore considered the private domain of the masculine gender. What will be next? Will they next invade the game of basketball?

That possibility is less remote than one might imagine. Just a couple of years ago, the rules were changed for women's basketball to conform more with the game as played by men.

Last year I had an opportunity to watch a women's basketball game. Even with my limited ability, I had considered myself equal if not superior to most women in the sport.

No longer is that true, however, after watching those women perform, it was I who felt inferior. Some of those women could dribble and shoot with the best men.

Should it come about that women and men could play on the same basketball team, it would be imperative that the women be good shooters. It could be that many games would be decided at the foul stripe by a woman.

In other areas of sports women consider themselves the equals of men and, indeed, many are. There are quite a few women who can run the 100-yard dash faster than I would be able to do it.

At VCU the women are demanding

that more attention be given to their athletic programs. In the past women's sports activities have not received as much coverage by the paper as men's events.

Gym opens new facilities this year

The Fall Recreation Program for students of the Academic and Health Sciences Divisions will be initiated by the Department of Physical Education today. All facilities of the new gymnasium complex will be open at regularly scheduled times unless altered by a special intramural event.

The new facilities include a gymnastics room, wrestling room, exercise room and swimming pool.

Students should carry I.D. cards to check out equipment items. These items must be returned immediately after use that same day. The building will be under constant supervision by student assistants with only VCU affiliates permitted to use the facility.

Participants must be in proper attire for the gymnasium areas. This would include shorts, shirt and sneakers. Bathers must wear swimming suits. No cutoffs will be allowed. Long hair will require a bathing cap for both men and women.

Tennis meeting is scheduled for Monday

There will be a meeting for all women interested in women's fall tennis at 3 p.m. Monday in the old gymnasium. The women's Physical Education department is encouraging all prospective women tennis players to attend.

Lack of coverage has been due primarily to a lack of space because of heavy concentration of men's sports. Another reason has been the lack of staff and the lack of women on the sports staff.

Hopefully that is in the past. Women are our equals now, men. That is what Congress is trying to say. The ladies are liberated and now should receive coverage of major events.

Now that the women are liberated and equal, does that mean they will eventually share the same locker room? WOW! It could be interesting.

Swim schedule

MONDAY

7-9 a.m.
12-1 p.m.
8-10 p.m.

Student and Faculty Swim
Faculty Swim
Student Swim

TUESDAY

7-9 a.m.
9-10 p.m.

Student and Faculty Swim
Student Swim

WEDNESDAY

7-9 a.m.
12-1 p.m.

Student and Faculty Swim
Faculty Swim

THURSDAY

7-9 a.m.
12-1
8-10 p.m.

Student and Faculty Swim
Faculty Swim
Student Swim

FRIDAY

7-9 a.m.
12-1 p.m.
6-8 p.m.
8-10 p.m.

Student and Faculty Swim
Faculty Swim
Faculty Swim
Student Swim

SATURDAY

2-5 p.m.
5-10 p.m.

Family Swim
Student Swim

SUNDAY

8-11 a.m.
4-6 p.m.
6-10 p.m.

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Enrollment down in Evening College

Forty-six Evening College classes scheduled for the fall semester have been canceled, according to John A. Mapp, director of the Evening College. The cancellations were made because of a lack of response.

Mapp also reported that 19 other

Film Society sets schedule for fall term

The VCU film society will begin selling tickets Monday in front of the Hibbs Building for its fall productions. Films which are scheduled to be shown this semester are:

- Oct. 2 "Repulsion"
- Oct. 16 "Monterey Pop"
- Oct. 30 "The Night of the Following Day"
- Nov. 13 "Battle of Algiers"
- Nov. 20 "Monika"
- Dec. 4 "The Bed-Sitting Room"
- Dec. 11 "The Big Sleep"
- Jan. 9 "Alphaville"

There will be two showings of the films each night at 5 and 7 o'clock. Semester tickets will be \$3 and single admissions will be \$1. Tickets will be on sale for two weeks.

courses could use an increase in enrollment.

Japanese 101, which had been closed earlier because only a few students enrolled, was reopened when more students later showed an interest.

Courses for which more students are being sought are: Bus 121E, Sec. 4; Bus 145E, Sec.3; Bus 361E, Sec. 1; Eco 301, Sec. 1; Bus 426E, Sec.1 Eco 431E, Sec. 1; Edu 413E, Sec.1; Edu 420E, Sec. 1; Edu 421E, Sec. 1; Edu 446E, Sec. 1; French 301E, Sec. 1; FSD 251E, Sec.3; ID 217E, Sec. 1; PSC 307E, Sec.1; Jou 417E, Sec. 1; Pol Sci 321E, Sec. 1; and Edu 528E, (no sections listed).

Information on the closed courses may be obtained by calling the Evening College, 770-6731.

Students may register this week for any of 15 Saturday classes. No late fee will be charged.

The courses offered are: Bus 121E, Sec. 4; Bus 145E, Sec. 3; Bus 203E, Sec. 8; Bus 232E, Sec. 3; Bus 241E, Sec. 3; Bus 315E, Sec. 1; bus 325E Sec. 2; Eng. 101E, Sec. 7; Eng. 201E, Sec. 5; His 101E, Sec. 2; His 201E, Sec. 5; Pol Sci 201E, Sec. 2; Sec 101E, Sec.5; Soc 102 E, Sec. 1; and SPC 103E, Sec. 1.



Jim Elam

'Put Democracy Into Practice'

Elam goes to Tuscon

Students gather to solve problems

"God, it was hot!" said Student Government President Jim Elam when asked to describe how Tuscon, Arizona, was during the summer.

"But being able to work with all those young people, and to see how enthusiastic they were, and how they really wanted to do something to make a better country—that made it so very, very worthwhile, I feel," Elam continued.

The 15 to 18-year-old young people to whom Elam alluded were high school students selected to attend one of four Encampment for Citizenship conferences, this one held at the Southern Arizona School for Boys.

Elam, who has spent every summer but one working with the Encampment since his initial involvement in 1966, was one of the student and civic leaders from across the country selected to direct and supervise the program.

"Really, supervise is a bad word in this context," Elam said. "What we for the most part tried to do was guide the students, to lend our knowledge to help them make their own decisions.

The purpose of the program, in operation since 1946, is to bring students from all ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds together "to acquaint them with student problems. Rather, we not only acquaint them with the problems but also try to help them deal with them," he continued.

"We let the kids go out into the community and talk to the people, I mean the real grass roots people," he continued. "That way they can learn what those people are really thinking."

"We were really trying to put democracy into practice," Elam said. "We learned that if the young people are given the opportunity to make their own decisions as a group, they are a very responsible group." Vincent F. Wright, assistant dean for student affairs, also attended the conference for one week, where he served as a special guest instructor assisting Elam in a program devoted to the study of black heritage.

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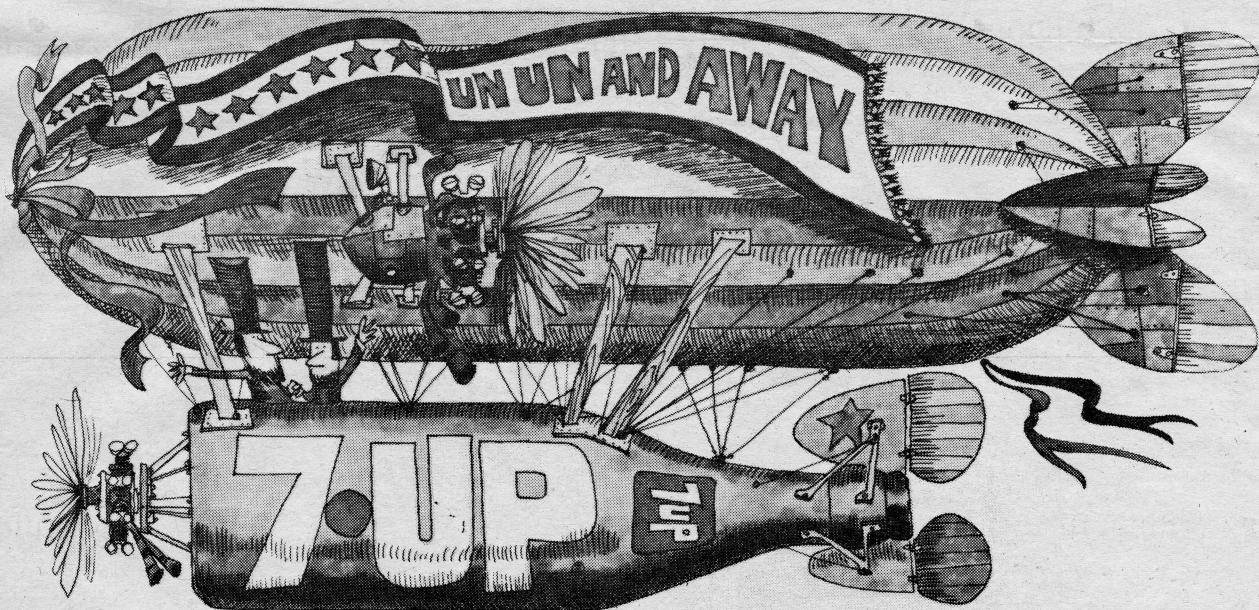
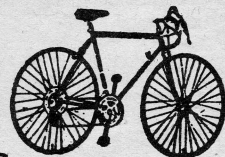
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