

'Challenging situation' at VCU attracts president, Dr. Brandt

By Wayne Eaton

Dr. Warren W. Brandt, 45, currently the executive vice-president of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been named the President of VCU by the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Brandt was chosen from nearly 200 candidates carefully screened by a committee of the Board headed by Virginius Dabney, rector.

Dr. Brandt will assume his new duties at the university on June 1.

The administrator said he accepted the university presidency because "it is such an interesting and challenging situation - the potential of VCU is really great." He added, "The opportunity to work with the welding of the two institutions into one major university seems to be the exciting opportunity that appeals to me."

A native of Lansing, Michigan, Dr. Brandt received his B.S. in chemistry from Michigan State University in 1944, where he was class valedictorian, and his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the

University of Illinois in 1949. He was a Guggenheim Fellow at Oxford University in England in 1958. In the period of 1944-46, he served with the United States Army.

Dr. Brandt gained his teaching experience from his service as an undergraduate teaching assistant at Michigan State. Since then, he has been on the faculty of the University of Illinois, chairman of the Department of Chemistry and professor of chemistry at Purdue University, head of the Department of Chemistry at Kansas State University and visiting professor at the University of Indiana.

In addition to his teaching experiences, Dr. Brandt has worked in industry as a summer research chemist with the U.S. Naval Ordnance Department, the American Cyanamid Co., and the Esso Research and Engineering Laboratories. He is a member of a number of learned and professional societies and is widely published.

He began his duties at VPI in 1963 as the Dean of the Graduate School. Later in that year he assumed

the duties of vice-president for academic affairs. In 1968 he assumed his present position as executive vice-president.

Dr. Brandt says he expects to make frequent visits to the campus, possibly once a week, to familiarize himself with the university and its problems before he assumes office.

In an address to faculty members last week, Dr. Francis J. Brooke, acting provost, said VCU was highly fortunate in gaining Dr. Brandt as president.

Dr. Brooke told the faculty at a dinner session the appointment of Dr. Brandt as president will make possible the beginning of business "in ways that were not possible without a president."

He added that the new president will be coming June 1 to an institution "whose parts have already begun moving together," under interim leadership of Fred O. Wygal, executive administrator.

At a press conference, Gov. Mills E. Godwin had words of high praise for Dr. Brandt.



Dr. Warren W. Brandt

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Renneisen cites grade deficiency

Norcutt asked to resign

By Nick Brown

John Norcutt, SGA president, told the Seante this week that he had received a letter from Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, dean of students, informing him that he was academically deficient, and would no longer be able to serve as president of the SGA.

Reacting strongly to the memo from Dr. Renneisen, Norcutt told the Senate members, "Regardless of whether I am academically deficient or not, it's none of his damn business whether I serve or not. That's the responsibility of the SGA and not the dean of students."

Bob James, Senate president, introduced the following motion: I move that whereas the dean of students can grant special permission to a club or organization officer to run for office in the event of an academic standing below a C, the student

congress exercise its similar right by granting special permission for any elected official." The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

James said, "Why can't the SGA grant special permission to let the SGA president continue if he does have an academic deficiency? That's the question I would like to ask."

Asked for comment later, Dr. Renneisen said, "It seems to me that the constitution is quite clear and that there is no ambiguity in the rules for holding office. If they (student congress) say the person can hold office, then they are violating their own constitution."

Regarding the memo to Norcutt, Dr. Renneisen said that he was following "routine procedures" in notifying a student that his grade point average had fallen below academic standards.

Dr. Renneisen also confirmed that

Norcutt did not have an average of a C or better, even though all of his semester grades have not been turned in. "No matter what he scores in his fourth grade, he will not bring it up to

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University seal, colors adopted

By Warren Morgan

A new "total identification system" consisting of symbol, colors and verbal identification has been announced for VCU.

The identification system was developed under a \$30,000 contract with Schechter and Luth, an industrial design firm in New York.

The Board of Visitors explained that under the verbal identification system, MCV will be called the Medical Center, and RPI will be called the Academic Center. The terms Health Sciences Division and General

Academics Division will be kept but will not be used for identification purposes outside the university.

Dr. Warren Brandt, who has been named president of VCU, reacted favorably to the new seal. He said, "I think people are trying to interpret it and see what it means and that isn't what it is. It's a symbol—a new symbol of a new university and it will mean what VCU is. This symbol will take on the meaning of the university, and that's all it's to mean—it should be a symbol of VCU and when you've lived with it a while, the appreciation of what VCU is will be symbolized by that particular symbol. We will make it what it is."

Dr. Brooke Comments

Commenting on the system, Dr. Francis J. Brooke, acting provost for VCU, said, "It will be an extremely effective way to draw the two divisions together. It will help to communicate to the general public what this VCU is all about."

The official seal of the university will consist of the symbol in gold and black surrounded by the name Virginia Commonwealth University, and the date 1838.

The date is that of MCV. It is traditional to use the founding date of the older school when a merger takes place. The founding date for RPI was 1917.

An Identification Implementation Committee, working through a committee headed by Mrs. Charles E. Thalheimer Jr., of the board of visitors, will work out policy matters

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Floyd B. McKissick to speak February 19

Floyd B. McKissick, former national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and an early advocate of Black Power, will speak at VCU's convocation on Wednesday, February 19, in the Mosque.

An Afro-American Week, sponsored

by the Students for Afro-American Philosophy in co-operation with the Lecture-Concert Committee, is being planned in conjunction with his visit. (Related story, page 9).

McKissick, a native of Asheville, N.C., was graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta and became the first Negro to attend the University of North Carolina Law School. He was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1952 and to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1955. He opened his law office on the previously all-white Main Street in Durham, N.C.

The lawyer handled many civil rights cases there and worked with the Durham CORE chapter and was state advisor of the NAACP Youth groups.

In 1963 McKissick was elected National Chairman of CORE. In March, 1966, he was appointed National Director, succeeding James Farmer, and assumed the responsibility for reorganizing CORE both from a business and philosophical point of view.

A six-point program for Black Power and Self Determination, developed by McKissick for CORE

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Floyd B. McKissick

Council raises requirements for graduate school enrollment

Higher prerequisites will confront students who wish to enroll in Academic Center graduate schools this year, according to Dr. Walter R. Coppedge, chairman of the Graduate Council.

The grade average for admission has been raised from 2.5 to 2.7 said Dr. Coppedge, also assistant vice president for academic affairs.

The administrator announced that the Graduate Council has tightened up on the required period of study so that an MA candidate, for example, must take 12 hours of work in one year. Before, he could take classes over a period of seven years.

In stiffening requirements Dr. Coppedge explained that the council is "not trying to cut down on the

number of students admitted," but rather is "trying to get better students, for they affect each other." Better qualified students will make for programs of higher quality, the educator reasoned. And in cutting the time allotted to complete courses, he said the graduate student will benefit from concentrated study.

Bulletin Due in April

The new graduate bulletin for the Academic Center will be available around April, Dr. Coppedge added.

The Graduate Council which he labels "the instrument to upgrade general standards of graduate work," is composed of the dean of each school, or his director of graduate studies, of all schools that offer graduate

programs. It meets once a month, accepts students in programs and also passes upon candidates for degrees.

Dr. Coppedge said the council is also attempting to polish its graduate schools by asking each student and faculty member to "look closely at the quality of their work...In other words," he asked rhetorically, "How does it demand more of himself (instructor) as well as the student?"

So far this university does not have a dean of graduate schools. Soon the programs will expand too far for Dr. Coppedge's office to handle "as long as I'm doing other responsibilities." However, he speculated that by 1971 VCU will have a full-time dean of graduate studies.

But until then, "Our work has just barely begun."

Hail to the Chief

Probably the best news this university has heard since its creation was the naming of Dr. Warren W. Brandt as president. We can be grateful to the Board of Visitors who worked diligently to secure the best man to carry out the tremendous task of attaining this unique university's full potential.

Through what we have read and through insight gained in interviews conducted with our new president, we feel that under his leadership, we can expect only top quality performance and upward transition.

He had indicated intense enthusiasm for our needs, and he apparently has the superior intelligence and understanding to bring them to fulfillment. Although Dr. Brandt is admittedly unfamiliar with urban university administration, his broad teaching and administrative experience should transport him rapidly to the realization of the problems we face and their solutions.

Will Not Remain Static

We are impressed with his outward vigor, his associations with progress and his intense concern for the grass roots level of the university — the student himself. Dr. Brandt has indicated that conditions will not remain static here, but that upon familiarization with the university's needs, he will institute changes necessary to accommodate rapid growth.

We extend a sincere wish for success to Dr. Brandt and offer our complete cooperation in all his endeavors toward fulfillment of the goals we expect to achieve. We are proud to be a part of what could become the greatest institution of higher learning in the state and we are indeed proud to have Dr. Brandt as our first president.

You're Overcut

Well, here we are in a new semester, and, presumably, all refreshed and re-invigorated by our one-week break. Perhaps, it could be called inappropriate to dwell on past inconveniences, but, in any event, another observation on the inconsistencies of our examination scheme may pass as food for reflection.

There was one question that was probably foremost in the minds of a number of VCU students during the period in which exams were happening: Where were the faculty members when we needed them?, or Whatever happened to office hours? It is quite evident and appropriate that examinations terminate regular class meetings, but do they also interrupt a faculty schedule for the semester?—Do they also affect the times a faculty member has set aside as so-designated office hours—periods when students can obtain assured appointments with faculty for discussion over conflicts, grades, term papers, and make-up exams?

Procrastination necessary?

True—it may be argued, with some justice, by some of our most responsible faculty, that the absence of these time-consuming appointments proves valuable for putting together those last-minute exams? But, as often is suggested to students, is it really necessary to procrastinate?

So, how 'bout it, gang—students too have their part-time jobs, study hours, projects and problems. It would save some long walks, long-distance phone calls, faculty interruption at home, and precious time, if they could, in future exam periods, merely count on an instructor or advisor to be located in an appointed place at an appointed time.

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Letters to the Editor

Sociology instructor opposes ROTC

Editor, The Proscript

Col. Gabriel Alexander Ivan, a "professor" of military science at the University of Richmond, who is the "contact officer" for the soon-to-be ROTC program at VCU reported in an interview in the Times-Dispatch (1-8-69) that there is virtually no student or faculty opposition to ROTC having academic status on the college campuses in Virginia. I suspect that Col. Ivan is very wrong and what he should have said is that "to date no opposition has been expressed."

I wish, therefore, to break this "golden silence" and go on record as objecting strongly to the coming of ROTC to VCU in 1970. My objections arise from, among others, the following seven reasons:

1. The training of men in ROTC programs to participate in most wars is insignificant ways contrary to most of the humane and peaceful objectives of this and most other colleges and universities. For example, ROTC is the only program on university campuses which is allowed to legitimize, teach and encourage the use of violence and ultimate destruction.

2. The content of ROTC programs is not conoerable to any of the academic courses normally found in universities and hence are by no stretch of the imagination academic.

3. The so-called "professors" in ROTC rarely have academic credentials required of other faculty in any university but still receive comparable ranks, salaries, privileges and immunities as more qualified faculty who have invested far more time, money and energy in certified academic institutions to become prepared for faculty posts.

4. A ROTC program is intrinsically an extracurricular activity and yet student government officers, athletes and other students who engage in worthwhile extracurricular activities

receive no academic credit for their efforts.

5. ROTC programs discriminate against women, giving men certain employment and economic advantages which in an equalitarian society ought to be open to individual choice without regard to sex.

6. ROTC tends to persuade youths still in their teens through monetary and status enticements to sign binding contracts which enthrall them in commitments that when they become more mature, learn more about other career opportunities and after they develop more carefully their ethical views, are pressed into services which they frequently and conscientiously regret. Moreover, the lower the income of the family of a prospective corpsman, the greater the seductive effect of the monetary and status enticements.

7. The maintenance of a national military force has always been the function of the federal government. The academies and the war college are supported at great expense to us to perform the function of training leaders for the military. To subsidize ROTC, even in small ways, from our preciously small state allocation to VCU subverts our educational mission here.

Each taxpayer already pays over \$70 out of every \$100 in federal taxes for maintenance of the gigantic war machine. One would think that this ought to be plenty to train officers and everything else they say they need to do, without using any of our hard-to-get land and buildings and our other all-too-few resources for ROTC expenditures, which will not be covered by the Department of Defense funds.

For the above and other reasons and since I am both an alumnus of and a faculty member at VCU, I would encourage all students, staff, faculty, administrators and Visitors, who are

sincerely concerned about our university to make their views clearly known to Col. Ivan and the VCU administration and work toward making ROTC, if it must come, an extracurricular program with no university credit

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Editor, The Proscript

Although I do not completely agree that Christmas has lost much of its religious meaning because of the arrangement of Christmas vacations at various universities, I do agree with and support the suggestions made by Miss Jean Talley in The Observer column on Friday, December 20, 1968.

Having the first semester start early enough in September to end with the Christmas vacation and the second semester start in January and end in May is a reasonable suggestion which seemingly could be easily implemented. Besides eliminating student anxieties during the Christmas vacation, the semester break would also be eliminated, yielding a more efficient academic year.

With more student suggestions of this calibre, the stature of Virginia Commonwealth University cannot help but rise to untold heights.

Vito J. Morlino
Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Writer to speak

Art Buchwald, a noted publisher and humorous columnist, will be featured speaker for the Richmond Public Forum to be held in the Mosque Saturday, February 8, at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the student activities office in the Student Center for 50 cents each.



New seal is bargain at any price

The Observer is a column written weekly by individual Proscript staff members and does not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or the entire Proscript staff.

By Christy Cooke

Whatever the initial reactions are, many are beginning to realize that the symbol grows on you. Certainly, its aesthetic impact cannot be denied.

VCU's seal, which is the circular symbol surrounded by "Virginia Commonwealth University" and the MCV 1838 founding date, is "in a class of its own," as the design firm's vice president said. Undoubtedly, it will stand out among the stereotyped seals of other colleges and universities, which all seem to have cluttered Latin phrases, open books, heraldry shields or Aladdin-type lamps.

The seal of The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., for example, is a palm tree. Is that any more ridiculous than our abstract "tree?" William and Mary's official insignia is a group of castle-like buildings which could pass easily for our Fan District. Longwood College's mundane seal symbolizes a dove carrying banners on which these platitudes are inscribed: "Education for All" and "We Teach to Teach." And Radford's cluttered seal pictures, would you believe, a beehive.

If anything, VCU's new seal is an improvement over RPI's, which was an upside-down book, and MCV's, a white columned building surrounded with its name in Latin and 1838.

The Board of Visitors is to be commended not only for authorizing a bold symbol and seal, but also for simplifying the official identifications of VCU's two divisions. Medical Center and Academic Center are much easier to say than the now discarded tongue twisters (Health-Sciences Division and General Academic Division).

As for the colors, gold is a logical choice since it symbolizes honor and all that is superior.

The selection of black is a little perplexing since it connotes sorrow and mourning. But, of course, black is beautiful now.

SGA Column

Free university viewed as beneficial

This weekly column is an opinion by a member of the Student Government Association, and not necessarily that of the entire legislative body.

By Jay Mangan

The subject of this month's "grand prix politique" is ... "The Free University."

The idea of the Free University has been around for quite a few years. Socrates started the idea around 400 B. C. So what does it mean? Lower tuition? No more student fees? Free books and supplies?

Actually, it's none of these. (Soc and his boys made a mint.)

"Free" is the key word. It means freedom of thought, expression and teaching; ideals which, unfortunately, have bogged with centuries of enterprising scholars.

The first to admit this travesty are the college and university administrators. Because of state and national regulations, procedures, establishment of courses and all the other intricacies, subjects of interest and pertinence get lost in the shuffle. For instance, to study the Israeli Six Day War as history, would require two to three years of editing, philosophizing and writing before it was course material. It would be told as some US historian sees it for \$5.95.

Under the Free University concept, the subject would be taught by whoever was best qualified by his access to the information. This speed of teaching would enable most to become informed as it happened, in a group, where intelligent conversation would evolve. As soon as the subject became old, uninteresting or out-of-date, it would be dissolved and replaced.

This is not the only advantage. Opinions of instructors, whether weird or establishmentarian, would be expressed to whoever would listen. A Shakespeare course might include the "no-no's" of the true comedy, inferences that made the man famous in his day; things usually censored out of the regular classroom.

Subjects on psychedelic music and art, new cults, student progress and regress around the world-any sort of material a student group wanted.

So what about "free?" Yes, the Free University may cost money. You can't run lights and heat without it. How much? Probably less than an activities fee or such. Courses under professionals certainly might cost, but with the majority of instructors, no charge.

Some of the financing is planned by use of contributions. Contributions have helped finance a \$3 million building in one Canadian free university. The associated performing arts center will provide substantial funds.

In my opinion this is probably one of the greatest assets this town or state may ever have. It will offer the entire community an opportunity to learn college-level material.

Praised by an academic dean, Dr. Walter R. Coppedge; the acting provost, Dr. Francis J. Brooke; and a list of instructors, doctors, psychologists, clergy and professional men, the Free University will be the one thing students all over the world have burned and agressed their administration buildings for their own university!

Isn't it strange that all this wonderfulness comes from the same people who are accused canine carnivores?

Pharmacy dean is appointed to council

Dr. Warren E. Weaver, dean of the School of Pharmacy at the Medical Center, has been appointed to the board of directors of the American Council for Pharmaceutical Education.

Campus News Briefs

Building named for Wygal

Fred O. Wygal, acting president and executive administrator of the Board of Visitors, has been honored by another Virginia institution.

Longwood College, where Wygal served as acting president for 18 months in 1962 and 1963 and five months last year, has announced that a new music building on the Farmville campus will be named for him.

The music building and a proposed art facility will comprise a \$1.2 million fine arts complex at Longwood. The center's completion is due in the summer of 1970.

The executive board of the Students for Afro-American Philosophy has voted to abolish the offices of chairman and co-chairman. This motion will be presented to the members in a meeting this Sunday at 3 p.m. in Hibbs 303.

Board members, including former chairman Charles McLeod, His4 Petersburg, and Rich Stanley, Adv1 Richmond, co-chairman, voted that these offices should be abolished.

because they served "no specific purposes."

Stanley commented, "We on the board feel that abolishing these two offices is a move that will prove beneficial to the organization."

"The Group," a campus social organization, is sponsoring "The Saint Valentines Day Massacre Dance," on February 14 from 9 to 12 p.m. in the Rotunda. Live entertainment will be provided by the "Morning Disaster" band. Admission is \$1 per person.

The Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity will meet at 5:45 p.m. on February 11, in Hibbs 303. George Burton from Dunhill will speak on "The Expectation of the Business

Executive Towards College Graduates."

New members will be accepted into the organization on February 25.

Dr. Mark E. Meadows, director of counseling, will attend a meeting of the executive council of the Southern College Personnel Association (SCPA) next week in Atlanta.

The SCPA is an organization of college student personnel, deans and counselors. The executive council is made up of the officers and chairmen of the major committees. Dr. Meadows is chairman of the research committee.

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University symbol adopted; names for divisions decided

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concerning the implementation of the symbol.

Miss Joanne Spidler will head the identification committee. Other members are Emmet Reid, assistant director of Medical Center hospital; N.E. Mackovak, Medical Center;

The Graphics Standards Manual will hopefully be ready in three weeks.

Lawrence Young, vice president of Schechter and Luth said the symbol, an abstract, was the result of a goal to create something new and distinctive that would unify the two schools and emphasize the "bold, new VCU." He

Attempts were made to enlist the services of the School of Art in creating the design.

In commenting on this, Dr. Herbert J. Burgart, dean of the School of Art, said it was essential that an outside concern work on the symbol. He said that anything created here might have been interpreted by MCV as being RPI's symbol and vice versa.

He stated that an effective campaign would have required at the least five full-time members, with a budget and staff. Burgart added that an entire semester would have been needed (following a gearing up period) for the campaign to be done properly.

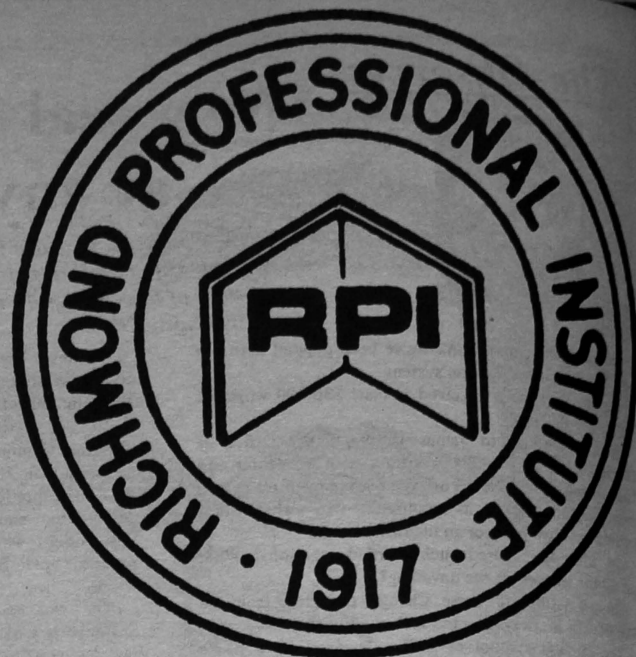
"The symbol has served the original purpose of bringing to the attention of the public and faculty that we are a new university, and that we are unique, innovative and have something of the strength of our convictions," Burgart said. "We have already thousands of dollars of publicity out of it."

After reviewing a number of firms, the Board chose Schechter and Luth. Its representatives made a number of visits to the campus to interview faculty, students, administrators, alumni and parents. Various designs were displayed in conferences with the board for its final decision.

The \$30,000 used to develop the design was not taken from the student government budget, but from a fund used by the board to bring the two divisions together.

The total identification system was presented to faculty and student leaders at the mid-year faculty dinner. Reaction to the symbol was not enthusiastic. Laughter broke out as the symbol was shown on a screen with those of other universities in the state and the firm's representative remarked that "the seal will be in a class by itself."

The date on which the symbol will officially go into effect is yet to be announced.



RPI Seal Was Marked By Simplicity
Design Was Discarded For New Symbol

Ring design selected; new seal incorporated

The Ring Committee met with a representative from the John-Roberts ring company during the semester break and selected a ring design.

The design was chosen from a series of drawings submitted by the ring company, and the new VCU seal was incorporated into the new ring, according to Dr. Charles M. Renneisen, chairman of the committee.

"Hopefully, we will get the rings around the middle of March," Dr. Renneisen said.

Commenting on the new ring, he said, "I think the students will be happy with the results."

Due to the delay in getting an official seal for the school before the rings could be cast, the Mid-winters dance date has been held up. March 26 (a Wednesday night) has tentatively been set for the Mid-winters dance to be held in the Mosque. Dr. Renneisen

said the Wednesday night date was chosen because weekends for the Mosque have already been booked by other organizations.

The Dance Committee has investigated hotels and other places in the city to try and find an alternate place for the dance, but has not been successful in finding a place large enough or suitable to accommodate the dance, according to Dr. Renneisen.

Delegates named

The VCU Young Republicans met yesterday to elect delegates to the Young Republican convention.

The convention will be held February 15 at the John Marshall Hotel. A convention fee of \$10 must be paid by February 10. For further information, contact Tom Ramsey, president, at 358-0223.



MCV Sign Had Traditional Markings

Founding Date Was Chosen For New Seal

Charles Renick, associate dean of the School of Art; and James L. Dunn, assistant director of development at the Academic Center.

At its first meeting, the committee recommended that only limited and approved use of sign, symbol and type face be permitted until a manual is completed. The committee also acts as a liaison between the university and Schechter and Luth.

said the concepts of using a tree to symbolize growth and a fountain to symbolize knowledge were just two of the ways the symbol could be interpreted. He added that no literal translations should be made of the abstract.

A release from the Office of Development said the symbol "represents the bold thrust of the university called for by the Wayne Commission."

Dr. Renneisen asks that Norcutt resign

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a C average for either the semester or overall, Dr. Renneisen asserted.

Under the rules for holding office in the SGA constitution, Article XI, item 4, states that all officers of clubs and organizations must maintain at least a C average while in office or have an overall average of at least C.

In a letter to Dr. Renneisen, Norcutt said, "In response to your memo of February 4, I would like to state that, while your comments interest me, I consider the matter essentially none of your business and hope that you will confine your future communications to those areas of authority in which you are hired to operate."

He continued, "Since you seem to have very little to do this semester other than to interfere with those matters outside your domain, perhaps we can focus our attentions at the next executive committee meeting on the sadly lacking student services on this campus."

Fred Shorter, SGA parliamentarian, said of Dr. Renneisen's memo, "The

brazen assumption of this memo is entirely incorrect. If low academic averages were criteria for suspension of a student government officer from his office, the authority for such a suspension would come from the SGA constitution. No portion of the constitution may be properly construed to direct the suspension of our president in this instance."

In other action, Norcutt criticized the Registrar's office for its handling of the add/drop procedures and also for charging \$5 last semester to every student who lost his ID card. "Where did the \$5 go that the Registrar's office collected? I'd like some action from the congress regarding this and registration procedures concerning add/drop," Norcutt said.

The SGA president had previously told the House members that "Registration is headed in the direction of the bookstore— which is set up for the convenience of persons working there. The entire registration procedure was totally planned to facilitate the needs and desires of the secretaries and file clerks, and not the students."

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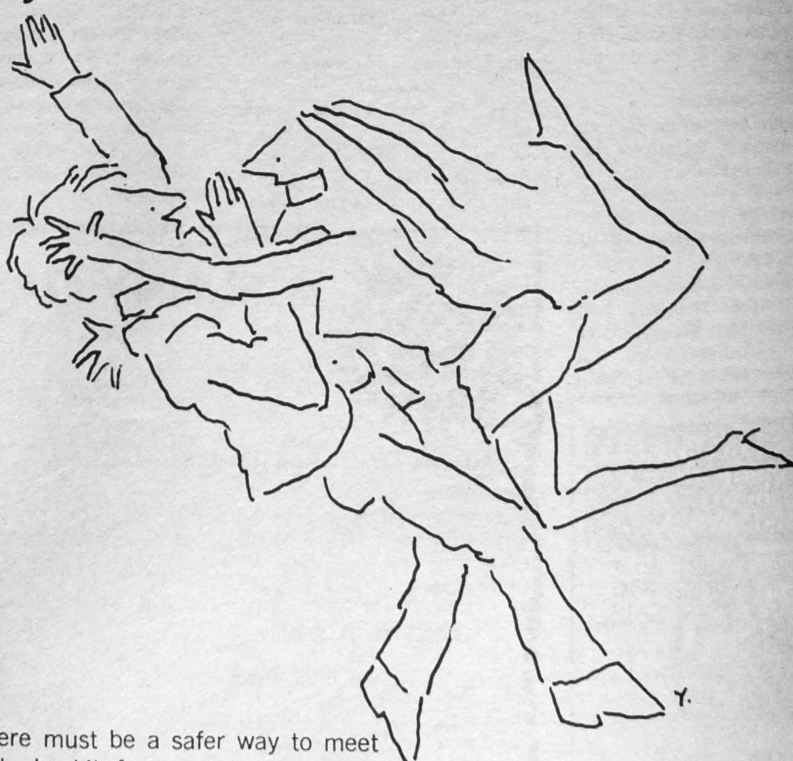
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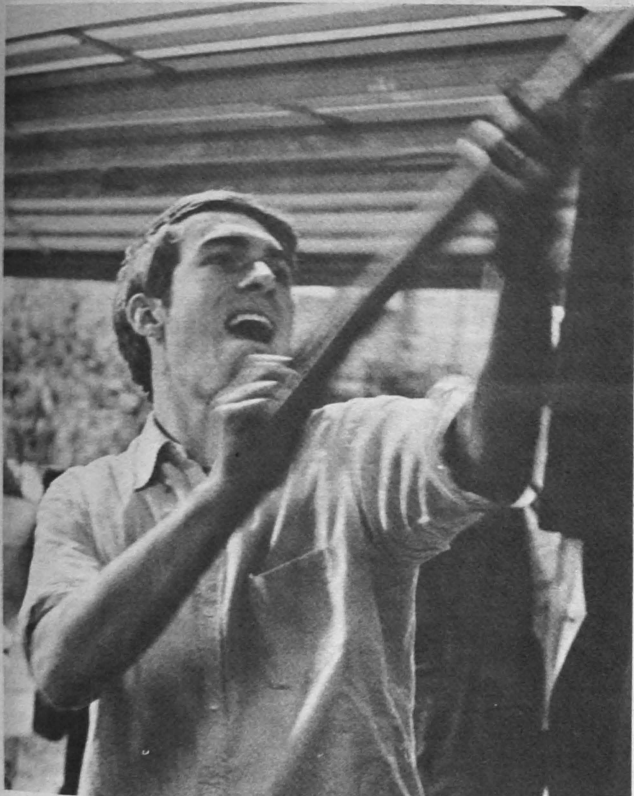




Photos by Bill Gorry

The Sculpture Department's Largest Bronze Casting Weighs 300 Pounds

Bronze is cast by sculptor



Ted Dourakos' Casting Saves Money

The university's largest bronze casting has almost been completed.

The sculptor, Ted Dourakos, a graduate student, has been working on it for about three months. The casting weighs approximately 300 pounds.

"He will weld on a portion to bring it up higher," Charles Henry, instructor of sculpture, explained.

"To have this done on the outside by a professional would probably cost about \$2,000," Henry said. "That's why we do our own casting," he added.

The casting will contain about \$100 worth of material.

Henry said the casting will probably be exhibited and perhaps sold.

The foundry has a 650-pound capacity of bronze, Henry said, and they could pour a piece that weighs about 400 pounds. "You have to cut off parts," he explained.

The foundry gets its metal through army surplus in scrap form which is melted and then poured.

The students are now casting in bronze and aluminum and in the future will cast in stainless steel.

Recently, Reynolds Aluminum donated a ton of aluminum to the foundry.

—ELLEN HAWTHORNE

Campus Calendar

February 7	SGA Executive meeting, 1-4 p.m., Student Personnel Office
February 8	Art Union dance, 9-12 midnight, Gymnasium
February 9	Spectrum meeting, 7-9 p.m., Hibbs 324 Fencing, 7-10 p.m., Quadrangle Newman club meeting, 7-9 p.m., Science 115 German club meeting, 5-9 p.m., Hibbs 403 SAAP meeting, 4-6 p.m., Hibbs 303
Announcements:	Richmond Symphony presentation —Thursday, February 13 in the Mosque

Drug talk interrupted

Dr. Charles Winick, director of the national program in drug dependence and abuse of the American Social Health Association, spoke here on the topic of marijuana use by youth. Dr. Winick is also founding director of the National Advisory Council on Narcotics, and consultant on narcotics to the United States Senate Subcommittee on Juveniles Committee.

A noted expert in the field of drugs and drug abuse, Dr. Winick attempted to present a picture of the drug "scene" today. He said he was not speaking for or against the use of drugs, but relating data on the use of drugs, why some young people use drugs, the effects of drugs on the users and public opinion concerning drugs.

Several persons present, however, appeared uninterested in the drug "scene" as described by Dr. Winick,

and persistently interrupted him with loud remarks, personal questions and scattered obscenities.

Degree deadlines given for seniors in February, July

Applications for bachelor's degrees, with all necessary signatures, must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by February 15 if the degree is to be earned by the end of spring semester, or by July 15 if it is to be earned by the end of summer school.

Graduation fee is \$14 for a bachelor's degree.

Participation in the June Commencement may be excused only upon the recommendation of department heads and deans of schools

Negotiations begin for graduate programs

VCU has opened negotiations with the Virginia Institute for Scientific Research (VISR) in an effort to encourage the introduction of new graduate programs.

Board officials of both VCU and VISR have agreed that if plans are approved the institute's scientific facilities may be made available to the university to expand and develop teaching and research programs in physics, chemistry, virology and electron microbiology.

The university, in exchange, would pay VISR members who teach

part-time here. In addition, VCU would seek additional state funds to aid the institute.

Plans for working relations between the two groups were revealed at an open meeting of the Board of Visitors last month.

Dr. James W. Mullen II, member of the boards of VCU and VISR, said the main purpose of the arrangement would be to quicken the establishment of graduate level instruction in the physical sciences in the Richmond area.

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'Strangelove' shown today

The Film Society will show "Dr. Strangelove, Or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb," today at 5 and 8 p.m. in room 115 of the Science Building.

Peter Sellers and George C. Scott star in the film, which describes a fictional situation in which the United States has accidentally sent a bombing mission to the Soviet Union and is unable to call it back.

This was Stanley Kubrick's last film before "2001: A Space Odyssey." Tickets are \$1 each and are on sale at the door.

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Mrs. Warren W. Brandt was interviewed in Blacksburg Home. She is Looking Forward to 'Transition' from VPI to VCU

44,000 enrollment predicted for 1980

A total of 44,000 students is expected on the VCU campus by 1980, according to projections made by Dr. Francis J. Brooke, acting provost in an address to faculty members last week.

Dr. Smith resigns MCV post

Dr. R. Blackwell Smith, provost of the Medical Center, has resigned from the position he has held since July, 1968.

Dr. Smith asked the board of visitors to relieve him from his duties as provost for "health reasons," according to Virginus Dabney, board rector.

The resignation becomes effective July 1, 1969, or when a successor is found. Dr. Smith will remain professor of pharmacology.

In his letter to the board, Dr. Smith said, "The responsibility of guiding our college, even under the helpful policy leadership of the board of visitors, has been difficult and unremitting. The constant pressures inherent in the duties of the position have taken their toll of my physical well being.

"It is my hope," Dr. Smith added, "to return to the department of pharmacology, my major field of scientific training, interest and endeavor."

Dr. Smith has been on a leave of absence from the post since October due to illness. Col. John H. Heil, who was appointed acting provost at that time, will continue in that position.

A 1937 graduate of MCV, Dr. Smith became president of the college in 1956. He served as dean of the school of pharmacy from 1947 to 1956.

City manager to address economic society

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, the VCU Economic Society and the University of Richmond Economic Society will hold a joint meeting in the Hibbs Building, room 403 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Alan Keiper, city manager of Richmond.

Life of president's wife centers on his work

By Christy Cooke

Assignment Editor

Is Mrs. Warren W. Brandt the new first lady of VCU or the first first lady?

Whatever the designation, the former Miss Esther Cass of Bay City, Mich., says if her husband is "happy at the thought of being president, then this is fine. My life is centered around him and his work."

And she readily admits, with a touch of modesty, that "I never had any idea that people would be so interested in me! Warren is the interesting one in the family."

With publication of many recent news articles about VCU's new president who, but his wife, could best describe Dr. Brandt?

"Warren has great enthusiasm, a keen mind and a delightful sense of humor. Let's see. He's an honest and fair, very fair, person - and sincere," Mrs. Brandt commented with a smile in an interview Sunday in the Brandt's Blacksburg home.

Feels Humble

Mrs. Brandt says she is naturally proud of her husband's appointment but that "it makes you a little humble, too, when you realize the responsibilities."

The gracious hostess took delight in telling how she became acquainted with the future president of Virginia's largest university.

"I met him in a chemistry lab at Michigan State University," she said. Mrs. Brandt graduated with a BS degree in medical biology.

"He was always ahead of everybody else in experiments. One day I had a problem, so I gathered up enough courage to ask his help. And he didn't even look up! But the next time I saw him he asked me for a date. So sometime in between he must have looked."

The Brandts were married in 1944 on the same day that Dr. Brandt received his BS degree in chemistry from Michigan State. He was valedictorian, too, his wife pointed out.

The slim, poised brunette has a flipped up coiffure, green eyes and is 5-foot-6. She wore an A-line, light blue, knit dress with long sleeves, kerchief neck and brown trimmings.

The Brandts have two grown children - Richard, 23, a social worker in California, and Mrs. Danny Cupp, the former Miss Sherry Ann Brandt. She and her husband are VPI students.

The only "member" of their family the new first couple of VCU will bring to Richmond, however, is "Trinka," their pet dachshund.

At present Mrs. Brandt is not certain where they will live here, although she said the old RPI president's home on Franklin street has been offered.

Live Off Campus

"There's been some talk of living off campus," she said, where perhaps a modern design home would suit the Brandt's contemporary furniture.

Situated on a hill, their two-story brick home in Blacksburg readily catches the eye of a passerby with its tall glass front. From outside one can see a 15-foot cactus which looms to the second floor. On the inside, the Brandt's lengthy hall is a gallery of modern art. The second floor, however, is the actual living area, with a spacious living room, kitchen and other rooms.

Mrs. Brandt discussed one problem common to all VCU students that she and her husband would face if they decide to live on Franklin street - the problem of parking.

The affable hostess asked, "What would we do about parking when entertaining?"

Since Mrs. Brandt likes contemporary decor, she defends VCU's new seal with vigor. "I liked it immediately!" she said enthusiastically.

Although Mrs. Brandt hasn't worked in many years, she was employed in a Michigan blood bank and a North Carolina laboratory when Dr. Brandt was overseas. She was able to go to England with him for one year, where "I whetted my appetite" for historical novels. When she finds spare time, she admitted a good "escape" is an Agatha Christie mystery.

Teaches Sunday School

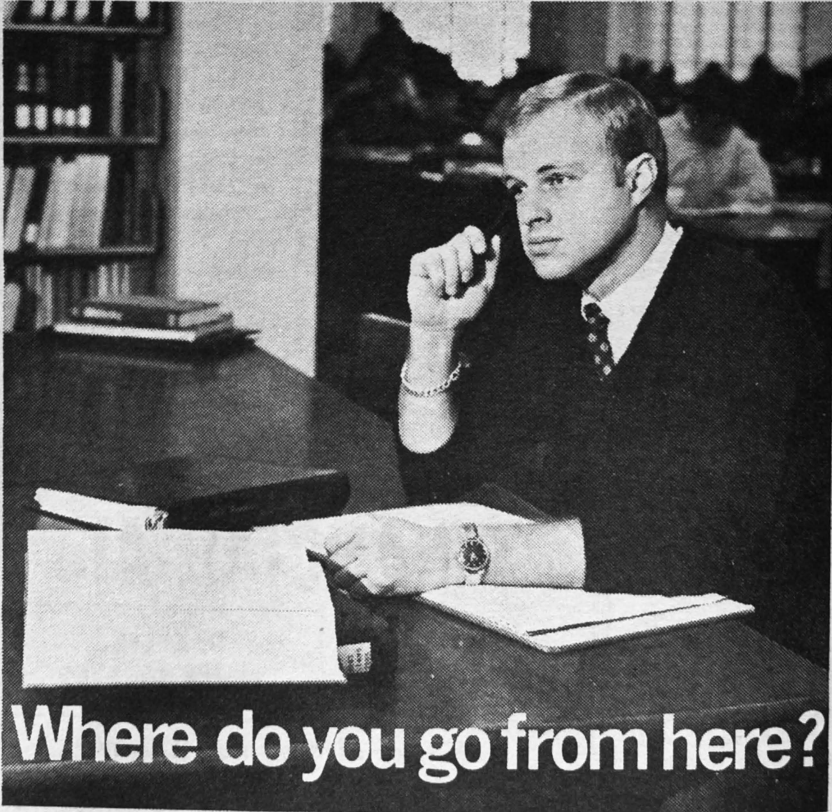
Mrs. Brandt's training has given her an opportunity to be active in the Mental Health Association. She also teaches Sunday School in a Blacksburg Presbyterian church.

Although the new president's wife is rather reticent on subjects such as student unrest and lack of restrictions for older co-eds, she says it's "good to see students expressing themselves."

As for her recent tour of the VCU "campus," she was not let down by any means, but said, "I've always been used to a campus with perimeters."

She added she is looking forward to the transition from the close-knit community of VPI to the urban environment of VCU.

Randolph-Macon College has made tentative arrangements for a chess match with VCU on October 30, as reported in the Yellow Jacket, Randolph-Macon's newspaper.



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Dr. Brandt speaks on issues

On Sunday, three Proscript staff members visited Dr. Warren W. Brandt in his home in Blacksburg. Managing Editor Horton P. Beime, Assignment Editor Christy Cooke and William VanPelt interviewed the recently appointed president of Virginia Commonwealth University, discussing his appointment to the presidency and the role of VCU as he sees it, including the relationship of faculty and students.

By way of preface to the interview, Dr. Brandt noted he is not "very knowledgeable in a detailed way about the university" at this point. He said that he has read the catalogs of both divisions and has met with the deans, some of the faculty members and the Student Government President, each for an hour or so. "But when you cover that many areas in that brief time, you don't get a very close feel—you get some feel for the people and that, at this stage in the game for me, was the important thing—to have some feel for the people with whom I'll be working. When you've been over both the Medical Center campus and the Academic Center Campus, you're impressed."

Following are several questions advanced to Dr. Brandt during the interview and his replies:

ON BECOMING PRESIDENT

What do you feel furnished the impetus for the creation of VCU as a university through the merger of MCV and RPI?

It is a simple and logical type of development to see take place. Sitting in Blacksburg and looking at it, it seems very reasonable, because you've got two state institutions approximately two miles apart. They are quite different parts of a university—MCV being unique in teaching primarily the medical aspects and RPI overlapping very little. It seems from an educational standpoint that this is a natural combination. The medical association won't accredit a new medical school which isn't part of a major university anymore. Medical educators feel that a medical school needs to tie in with the professional people in a university. This added further impetus to putting the two together and taking the strengths of both and using them as the springboard to a very significant university.

What prompted you to accept the presidency of Virginia Commonwealth University?

The question strikes me as peculiar. It is such an interesting and challenging situation—the potential of VCU is really very great. The opportunity to work with the welding of the two institutions into one major university seems to be the type of exciting opportunity that appeals to me. Here is a real promising university and the opportunity to be the first president of VCU is enough of an honor and a challenge that it didn't really require that much thought.

"The school has some real strength to build from and a tremendous urban area to serve. I gather that you have got in many areas some very significant faculty strengths. You've got the backing of the city and the state in making this a major university.

As a native of Michigan and having worked in that state as well as in Illinois, Kansas, Indiana and Virginia, what is your opinion of the Virginian?

He has a sincerity, a straightforwardness that I enjoy. He seems to still value the individual quite highly and I like that. He has a little bit more formal approach to things, but I don't find that hard to get along with either.

ON THE ROLE OF VCU

With the advent of the Community Colleges, the traditional role which RPI served has been changed. As VCU emerges, what do you see as its role in education in Virginia?

VCU must evaluate its position in the educational picture, not only in the Richmond area, but in terms of the state. At one time there was a real need for an institution which has an open admissions policy. "The mission of the Community College is to provide educational opportunity for those who can't afford to go away and for those who aren't sure just how much they want. VCU will want to temper its desirability and its place in the overall educational picture by the existence of the Community colleges and the existence of

institutions which are quite selective. Now with the start of the Community Colleges, VCU can get out of competition with the junior college to a degree anyway. On the other hand, I don't think VCU wants to become an aloof institution which can't meet the needs of the urban community. You can't go too far in this business of restricting admissions.

How restrictive will the university be?

The average person should be able to go to school in Virginia, and I think the state is making progress.

"It is easy to overlook the fact that some of the programs at the academic center require particular creative skills—like the art program—where if you admitted by the normal type of academic measures it would be absurd. You would kill the program and bar some people who would benefit from it.

"If VCU to the point where it was only taking students from the top 40 per cent of their high school class, it really couldn't serve the metropolitan area. I don't think it would fit its mission.

What is your opinion of the new seal the Board of Visitors recently adopted?

I think people are trying to interpret it and see what it means—and that isn't what it is. It's a symbol—a new symbol of a new university. The symbol will take on the meaning of VCU and we will make it what it is.

ON THE CURRICULUM

Will VCU decrease its emphasis in the professional fields such as dramatic arts, music and journalism?

The professional courses are some of the real strengths of VCU. You don't throw strength away. You build other strengths with it and strengthen what you have even more. I don't see us being primarily a teacher's preparation institution. Education will continue to be an important element of the university.

We will probably add balancing elements in the arts and sciences.



Dr. Warren W. Brandt

Should the school continue in its plans to acquire the Reserve Officer's Training Corps program?

I think that the judgement of places which have the ROTC program is that it is beneficial. If the VCU community feels that it is the type of thing which would be beneficial to VCU, I'd



Dr. Brandt at His Study in Blacksburg

have to agree. On the other hand, I would not want to say that this is something which we have to have or ought to have.

ON THE ADMINISTRATION

Do you foresee any changes among the present administration?

There are two people in the top acting positions and it's almost obvious that you've got to decide whether these two people stay in those positions. They have come out of other positions to fill these on a temporary basis so that one way or another you have some of the top positions to fill.

Will you eliminate the positions of provosts of the two divisions?

At this stage in the game, I don't know. Anything is possible. I want to be completely open as to how we approach it. I want to talk with a lot of people to see just what might give us the most effective operating organization.

Will the salary levels of the VCU faculty be increased?

Dr. Brandt pointed out that staffing graduate and doctoral programs requires an expensive type of faculty. "As VCU moves toward more graduate programs and puts more emphasis in that area the school will have to meet the salary competition," he said.

If you've got your faculty on a competitive basis, then when you want to take a faculty man and make him a department head or a dean you discover that there isn't much room left between the president of the university and the top faculty you're moving into administrative positions. Your administrative group is squeezed into a relatively small area and they can't look forward to raises as they could when they were faculty—the ceiling is on it. The faculty are not held down by the governor's salary, where the administrators are.

The Governor's salary sets the scale for most of the other salaries in the state."

ON THE ROLE OF STUDENTS

Do you think there is a new student center on the academic campus?

What you need is something that provides an opportunity for students to get into the involvements that they desire. If it is sitting—fine, provide an ample place for them to sit, but if it is a club activity, provide for these functions also.

I'm not conversant with the situation at the school now. On an urban campus, the needs may be completely different than they are on a residential campus. I think as we approach the involvement of the students in activities—when they are on campus during the day and go home at night—may have to be a completely different type of approach. Maybe you don't need one large building, but several smaller facilities.

What is the role of student government in colleges today?

It provides a focus of leadership for the student body.

Would you allow demonstrations on the VCU campus?

In my mind, the definition of the word 'demonstrations' is the tough point. If students want to demonstrate their objections or their enthusiasm for something—as long as the demonstration is appropriate to a university—I don't think there is any problem. When a demonstration gets to the point where it disrupts normal functions of the university, then I think it has gone too far.

What steps should a disgruntled student pursue?

Go talk to somebody. It's old fashioned, but it is effective.

Both William and Mary and VCU's Academic Center's students have been trying to obtain a student bill of rights. Is there a need for such a statement?

No. If VCU is currently meeting the philosophy and principles of the statement of rights, I don't suppose it is absolutely necessary to have specific words written down. It is far more important that the school be observing it than to have it written in your documents somewhere.

Faculty and students will attend retreat

A student-faculty retreat has been scheduled for February 22 and 23 in Fredericksburg. Dr. Charles M. Renneisen announced this week.

The keynote speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Francis J. Brooke, acting provost, whose topic will be "The Administration of a University and the Role of the Student in its Governance."

The retreat will be an opportunity for students and faculty to take some time to talk about the school's problems in depth, according to Dean Renneisen.

Among those chosen to attend the meeting are members of both the House and Senate, the Honor Council, presidents of some of the larger and more active organizations on campus, the SGA executive officers, some of the academic deans and administrative personnel. The dean said about 80 persons are expected to attend.

Participants in the rally will select four topics in which students appear to be particularly concerned. Then, in a series of small group meetings, they will discuss the topics. Moderators and recorders will be assigned to each group and remain with that topic throughout the retreat. A summary

report on opinions and conclusions will be read at a general session at the end of the retreat.

Included in the topics for discussion are "Student Participation in Educational Policy Making," "Students' Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities," "Student Involvement in Community Programs," "The Ideal University Government, As Viewed by a Student," "Areas For Improvement in Student Government" and "The Role of the Student Press and Radio."

"We feel that by getting away for a week end, we will be able to do some in-depth analysis and discussion on some basic problems rather than the day-to-day crisis matters," Renneisen said.

"We hope this meeting is not going to be so much procedural consideration, but more a philosophical and long-range planning meeting."



Winners Are Announced

Mrs. Edna D. Kilby, Branch Manager of the University Office of State-Planters Bank of Commerce and Trusts, is shown presenting third prize, a Portable FM/AM Radio, in the branch's grand opening drawing, to Bill Murphy, a senior at VCU. Looking on is freshman Charlotte E. Medding, first prize winner of a Portable Color TV.

VCU opens paperback exchange

With the start of a new service on campus, students will be able to exchange paperback books for a title of equal value through the paperback book exchange.

This free service offered to students is in the preliminary stage according to Brydon DeWitt, director of student activities. It began with the opening of the new semester and is located in the director's office at 916 W. Franklin st.

Students may bring a paperback book to the office and trade it for any one of equal value on the shelves.

DeWitt, who is in charge of this service, said that most books will be accepted and contributions are needed.

"The service will be what the students make it," he said. He said that the exchange is interested in practically all subjects such as novels, history and philosophy books and any other good literature; however, "no cheap novels will be accepted," he said. This means cheap in content and not in price, he explained.

Ankeney criticizes curriculum

John Ankeney, professor of engineering technology, told the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers last week that high school curricula are not reaching students and they become disinterested and drop out when they realize there is nothing there for them.

He said the biggest problem is the dropout rate in high schools.

"We must let some of these students have jobs that are not permeable toward a degree," he said.

He added that high school curricula are college-orientated and that they do not encourage the student who plans to work after high school graduation.

'Sister George' next play

For the first time since the 1940's when VCU (then RPI) was predominantly a woman's college, the Drama Department will present a play with an all-female cast.

Appearing in "The Killing of Sister George" by Frank Marcus will be Kathy Lockwood, Arlington; Natalie New, Alexandria; Kathy Reiman, Kenmore, N.Y.; and Susan Sandler, Newport News.

The English comedy will be directed by Roy M. Carter, assistant professor of Dramatic Art.

An unusual story, the play concerns a woman who plays a kind nurse on a radio serial. Off the air, she is a lesbian. Childie is Sister George's closest companion who "cheats" on her by dating men.

"Sister George" was first seen in London in 1965 and in the United States in 1966.

Set design for the play here is being headed by Frank O. Davis, Dra3 Richmond. Tickets will be \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults. "The Killing of Sister George" is to be presented on March 5-9, in the Gaslight Theater.

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Constitutional revisions committee proposes unicameral House plan

By Barbara Shifflett

If the revised Student Government constitution is approved by the student body, the present two-house system will be replaced by a unicameral form of government.

According to Jay Mangan, chairman of the constitution revisions committee, the goal of the committee is to get the constitution in a workable form.

The revised constitution is scheduled for completion early in April. Then it will be submitted to the student body in a referendum for approval, to the SGA and to the dean of students. If approved, it will become effective the following academic year.

Mangan said, "The present constitution has been around for a long time and it is ineffective. It has too many rules and regulations that should not even be in a constitution. At present, the committee has deleted approximately 65 per cent of the old constitution."

Mangan said the present constitution was written with operating procedures and laws for the bodies on campus.

"But having by-laws and procedures in a constitution actually makes the constitution unconstitutional," he asserted.

The revisions committee, which was formed in the early part of the first semester, is comprised of two senators,

two House members, the president of the SGA, chairman of the Honor Council, the Speaker of the House, and one student at large.

Mangan said it took three and a half weeks for the committee to draw up the first two articles. He said the committee hoped to form a constitution that would be explicit and would cut down on some of the "loop-holes."

The unicameral House system was one of the first things passed by the committee.

The Student Government Association is presently comprised of a House of Representatives and a Senate. By replacing the present system with the proposed constitution, the present Senate would be dissolved entirely.

Mangan said the governing body would be known as the congress. "As it is now, the Senate has no function. It is an ineffective body with no purpose," he said.

The committee chairman added that the biggest fear of students is that a unicameral system would tend to "railroad legislation through." This is one of the problems that will have to be worked out upon passage of the revised constitution.

The present constitution sets up

ground rules for all elections. Mangan said this responsibility, under the new constitution, will be borne by the Board of Elections.

He did say, however, that all hopeful candidates' petitions would require 50 signatures and would have to be signed first by one of the four SGA officers.

Mangan also said it would be mandatory for all candidates seeking a seat in the congress to pass a constitution test and a test on Roberts Rules of Order. Both tests must be passed before petitions would be accepted.

Mangan said the committee was also researching the possibility of having all officers elected for a full calendar year. Congressmen would also be elected for a full calendar year and would keep their seat regardless of a change in major.

The committee is also entertaining the possibility of including an article that would prohibit the four SGA executive officers from sitting in on any Congress meeting unless invited.

Mangan said the committee has distributed some printed workable copies of the proposed constitution to selected students for their comments and suggestions.

McKissick to speak Feb. 19

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called for emphasis on economic power, political power, improved self-image, the development of black leadership, enforcement of federal laws and the mobilization of black consumers.

His first book, "Three-Fifths of a Man," is scheduled for publication in the very near future.

In the summer of 1968, McKissick resigned as CORE's national director to spend his time helping to build a black economy. He is currently serving as president of Floyd B. McKissick Enterprises, Inc., a national company formed to help organize and finance substantial black businesses across the nation.

Psychology club to meet Feb. 12

The Psychology club will hold its first meeting of the spring semester at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, at St. James Episcopal Church, 1205 West Franklin st.

The guest speaker will be Wallace Schrer, who will speak on extrasensory perception.

SGA allocates funds for Free University

The Student Government Association passed a motion this week allocating \$2,275 from the \$6,432 previously slated for the Proscript to the Free University and Performing Arts Center.

The Free University, a concept which has received favorable comment and enthusiasm at other colleges across the nation, was first endorsed by the Students for Liberal Government (SLG). A motion was made at a House meeting January 15 asking that the funds be given to the SLG to administer the Free University.

Dr. Francis J. Brooke, acting provost, vetoed this motion, however, stating the funds requested should not be awarded to a political organization such as the SLG. Dr. Brooke added, however, that the idea of contributing funds to initiate a Free University would be given "favorable consideration" by the Administration.

Joe Yancey, spokesman for the SLG and one of the acting directors for the Free University, told the Senate that it wasn't the intention of the SLG to dominate the Free University or solely administer it. "The idea of a Free University just happened to originate with the SLG. It wasn't to be administered solely by us. Participation in the Free University is open to all persons and also membership on the Board of Directors is not and never was restricted to SLG members," Yancey said.

The committee stated that the only requirement for participating in the Free University would be interest, and that there would be no fees, grades, accreditation or diplomas. The Free University will be established off campus. A definite site has not been selected.

A part of the Free University will be the Performing Arts Center. This center will originate activities designed to give enough income to the Free University so that eventually it will be self-supporting. The center will sponsor such events as concerts, dances, films, and dramatic presentations.

According to Yancey, 24 classes have been tentatively scheduled, and 30 instructors have been assigned. Some classes will have two or more instructors. A tentative starting date for classes will be February 20, and registration will be held next week.

Formal plans were to be made Thursday at a meeting open to all interested persons.

Instructors have been recruited from VCU, the University of Richmond, John Tyler Community College, the City Planning Commission, and other persons in the community. A partial list of course offerings includes New Theology, the Occult (Parapsychology and ESP, etc.), US - Small Nation Foreign Policy, Latin America, People (Community Organization), Racism, African and Afro-American History and Philosophy, Poetry, Art (esthetics), Underground Publications, Art (do it yourself), Theater, Relevant Sociology, Cultures, Social Biology, Modern

Music, T-Group (Encounter group, sensitivity training), Modern Political Trends, Women's Liberation Free University Evaluation Group, and a course to be announced by the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

Most classes will probably be conducted at night.

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'Land of giants'
Ram basketball schedule grows

VCU team meets Union Wednesday

Togetherness didn't catch up with the VCU Rams' basketball squad until mid season, but every turn on the court since has brought about smoother teamwork. It has resulted in a .500 season going into the February 5 game against Old Dominion. In other words, VCU boasts a 9-9 record and has its sights on another victory over the Virginia Union University Panthers.

Back-tracking to the last VCU-VUU meeting on January 9, VCU gave a lesson in depth with 6-1 Keith Lawson pumping in 35 points while hawkeyed Jabo Wilkins was "cold" with 18.

The largest crowd-drawer at home to date will be staged once again at the Richmond Arena on Wednesday, when the Rams again take on neighboring Virginia Union.

This time, the Panthers will feature an added attraction, 6-3 Mike "Crusher" Davis, an All-American candidate who carried a 36.7 scoring average last year and was awarded the Most Valuable Award in the Chicago Invitational Tournament in March of 1966.

Going into last Friday's tilt with Norfolk State, Davis carried a 28.4 average for this season, coming out of the game with 27 points to his credit.

VCU's answer to Davis will be 6-3 Jabo Wilkins who was carrying a 24.7 average last week. Wilkins is boasting a game-high of 45 points this year against West Liberty State on December 20.

Rugby squad cites meeting Wednesday

All persons interested in playing rugby this spring are requested to attend an important meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Room G of the gymnasium.

Edmund Lee, President of the Eastern Rugby Club Association, will be guest speaker. There will also be a film following the meeting.

However, the February 12 match will not be the first meeting of the "eyes" for Davis and Wilkins. Wilkins confessed, "We've scrimmaged each other before at Union's gym." The outcome of that scrimmage wasn't indicated.

When asked for a prediction of the up coming game, Head Coach Thomas Harris of Virginia Union replied, "We're just hoping for a win this time."

VCU's Head Coach Benny Dees contended, "Union will be a little tougher this time with Davis returning. Our plans are to zone them to death."

Keith Lawson and Dennis Logan have been around in court action for a long time. In high school Lawson played ball for Garrett High in Garrett, Ky. "Up the road a bit," Logan was playing for Wheelwright High in Wheelwright, Ky. After graduation, they found themselves as teammates on the Baldwin Junior College five in Tifton, Ga. Now they're teammates again on the VCU quintet.

Both contend, "We'll beat them, even with Davis." D. S.

Saturday
Girl's Basketball
VCU at Lynchburg
Varsity Basketball
VCU at Southeastern
Wrestling
VCU at Newport News
Sunday
Chess
W&M at VCU
Monday
I-M Basketball

6p.m. Rebels vs. Dudes
7p.m. Sots vs. Snakes
8p.m. Drafts III vs. Low H.W.
9p.m. Surprises vs. Hasbeens
Tuesday
6p.m. Lafayette vs. Quiz Kids
7p.m. 828 vs. Short Shots
8p.m. 806 vs. Circle K
9p.m. 928 vs. Eps

Wednesday
Varsity Basketball
Va. Union vs. VCU
Wrestling
VCU at Lynchburg
Thursday
Girl's Basketball
VCU at ODC
I-M Basketball
6p.m. 828 vs. Quiz Kids
7p.m. Lafayette vs. Meredith Ex.
8p.m. Pressmen vs. Circle K
9p.m. 806 vs. Scherer

Major college scheduling, along with added height, has brought the VCU Rams closer to basketball's "land of the giants."

Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach Benny Dees announced last Friday that next year's basketball schedule will feature one-time-on-the-road tilts with Ohio University, Western Kentucky, Providence, Tennessee Tech, Akron and Long Island University.

The Rams also have a contract to play St. Francis in the 1970-71 season and a tentative date with Bradley during the same season.

According to Dees, "If we're going to recruit good players, we have to get big opponents."

However, the players have already begun their entree. New arrivals on campus for next year's power package are in the form of 6 foot 7 Charles Booker from Glassboro, N.J., who averaged 17.3 points and 18 rebounds per game with Salem College of Salem, W.Va.; 6 foot 6 Dick Davidson from Philadelphia, who is a Temple University veteran; and 6 foot 5

Charles Chambliss, a high school All-American from Newark, N.J., who averaged 28 points per game with the Chicago Loyola freshman team.

Another statistic tickler, Don Ross, was filling out his registration cards last week. Ross was dismissed from the squad last semester for academic deficiencies, but carried 30-point-per-game average for the Rams last season.

The ribbon will be untied for next year's power package on December 2 against Long Island university, the nation's top-ranked small college team last season. The Ohio Valley Conference powerhouse, Western Kentucky, follows on December 4.

Coach Dees reasoned, "Western Kentucky could be No. 1 in pre-season ratings next year; they lose almost nobody, and they'll have a seven-footer." The seven-footer referred to by Dees is actually 7-foot 1 McDaniels, who is averaging 25.2 points per game as a freshman. Of course, the other members of the seven-foot-plus club, UCLA's Lew Alcindor, will graduate this year.

Another Ohio Valley Conference member, Tennessee Tech, will tip off with the Rams on December 6, and Providence, 1963 National Invitational Tournament champs, will take on the VCU five on December 8.

Independent Akron runs with the Rams on December 20 and Mid-American Conference stalwart, Ohio University, will face the VCU quintet on February 17.

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Men's tennis team to meet Monday

There will be a men's varsity tennis meeting at 3 p.m. Monday in Coach McGill's office, located on the second floor of 826 Park ave.

All interested persons, including new and transfer students, are requested to attend.

Cage statistics released

	Played	FG	FTA	FT	FT%	Points	Average
Wilkins	18	161	154	102	66.0	444	24.7
Rice	15	78	83	54	65.0	210	14.0
Lawson	16	85	68	42	62.0	212	13.0
Creech	16	77	33	21	63.9	175	10.9
Lynch	16	54	27	18	66.7	126	7.9
Filing	15	29	23	15	65.2	73	4.9
Logan	14	18	22	13	59.1	49	3.5
Team	18	597	450	300	66.7	1,490	82.8
Opponents	18	553	535	394	73.5	1,493	82.9

Ramlettes sport 2-1 record; travel to Lynchburg Saturday

By Lou Skinner

While most students were cramming for first semester exams, the VCU girls' basketball team, coached by Mrs. Charlotte Birindelli, was busily exercising team tactics against college foes.

During the first two weeks in January, the Ramlettes posted consecutive wins over Christopher Newport and the Eaglettes of Bridgewater, while suffering a setback to Longwood.

'Shown Improvement'

"We've definitely shown improvement over last year," said team member Gloria Crittendon, "and we've made strides in many areas, but we still have to improve our shooting accuracy."

Lack of Accuracy

That lack of shooting accuracy and first game jitters soon became vital as VCU dropped its first cage encounter against Longwood, 44-29. Linda Sheppe paced the Ramlettes with 10 points. Ann Carneal followed with nine points, while Debbie Eades and Ann Murphy notched five points each.

In the jayvee contest, Longwood edged the Baby Ramlettes, 35-26.

Nancy Ellington led VCU with five points.

On January 10, the Ramlettes, sparked by Ann Murphy's 15 points, toppled Christopher Newport, 64-10. Nancy Ellington and Debbie Eades scored nine points, respectively.

Romp Eaglettes

In a similar sequence the next day, VCU fought off a late Bridgewater attack to defeat the Eaglettes, 50-34.

Have Height

Ann Murphy was high scorer with 19 points, while Ann Carneal followed with 14 points. In the opening match, Bridgewater's Baby

Eaglettes squeaked by VCU's jayvee squad, 25-24.

Team member Judy Clark commented, "The team works well together offensively. We also have the height necessary for a good defense. However, we're still trying to build consistency and accuracy in shooting."

Travel Saturday


VCU will have to improve in its shooting before Saturday, as the Ramlettes are to travel to Lynchburg College to face the tough Hornets. Last year, Lynchburg's girls' basketball team lost only two matches and, the Hornets went to Arizona for a southern regional championship bout.

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Sports Side

BY BRUCE MEADOR
SPORTS EDITOR

With the beginning of a new semester at VCU The Proscript sports department would like to take a breather too and introduce itself and at the same time lay a few foundations about athletics in "Ram Land." Last semester this column did not appear regularly because space problems constituted a choice between either printing sports material or a sports column. It has always been the feeling of this reporter that recent articles pertaining to sports are of more value to a weekly campus newspaper than a column.

Belonging to a Team

Sports, especially intramurals, ties a school together. It gives the athlete and the "not-so" athlete a chance to belong to a team and, a chance to participate in a sport which he likes. Since VCU is increasing its athletic program, that same policy will apply in future issues

Backbone of a Paper

The backbone of any newspaper lies withing its reporters and their experience in a definite field. In this department, one junior, a sophomore and three freshmen take on the "bulk" of assignments around "Ram Land."

Skot Frederick, J3 Youngstown, Ohio, usually handles general assignment and Chess material, piloted by "Coach" Richard E. MacDougall, dean of men. Frederick, 21, has been affiliated with VCU sports writing for two years.

Rookie Squad

Moving into the "rookie squad," the sports department was very fortunate to grasp Duke Smither, a first-year student from Richmond.

Smither, 24, has done excellent work covering basketball, which is directed by Coach Benny Dees.

Another basketball staffer, Larry Lyon, has also been successful in providing the campus with material on intramural results. Lyon, 18, is a Richmond resident tackling his second year at VCU.

In the crews field, Brian Janz, J1 Virginia Beach, handles rowing duties. Janz, 18, hustled to the office of Coach Don Bowles many times for bits and peices concerning crew.

Women's Section

Finally, the last of the "rookie squad" comes under the "perennially popular" women's division. Lou Skinner, a pert freshman journalism major from Virginia Beach, is The Proscript's reporter for basketball, hockey, cheerleading and physical education courses.

Random Notes

Wednesday's cage match with Va. Union should be better than last time, January 25, because Panther high scorer Mike Davis will be in the lineup....in the last meeting of the two rivals, Davis caught the flu bug and was unable to play....Sunday, the VCU Chessmen will host William & Mary in Rhoads Hall at 1 p.m....the match will be the Ram's first since the return from semester break.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan 11	Bridgewater	Home
Feb 8	Lynchburg	Away
13	ODC	Away
15	William & Mary	Away
19	Mary Washington	Away
22	Longwood	Home
27	ODC	Home
28	Westhampton	Away
Mar 1	Chowan	Home
7	Maryland	Away
8	American	Away

High quality I-M season seen

VCU is very fortunate to have a high quality intramural program. The program is, of course officiated by Coach Dave Magill and his assistant Ed Legg, but then almost every college has

a good administrator. Where VCU leads the rest is in the quality of competition.

In the Open league for instance there are a good number of players

who not only played high school ball, but in fact starred in this area and throughout the state. A look at the standings reflects this quality.

In first place is the Drafts III. In second place is the Rejects. This team is coached by varsity ballplayer Lyn Creech and features such standouts as Dorn Wilhelm, a George Wythe star, and Donnie Huband, who led Highland Springs to the finals of the Capital district tournament in 1968.

The third place team is the Hasbenns, who are paced by former Henrico standout Scotty Minor. Their roster also includes Robert Maughm, an all-central district choice at Hermitage, and Allen Green, an all-capital choice at Henrico.

Next comes the Sots featuring such players as former John Marshall standouts Paul Kirby and Doug Cox.

The quality of ball in the club league is not far behind. In this league are such standouts as former varsity ballplayers Mike Meehan and Bob Foster. A good indication of the caliber of play in the league is the scoring average of Lyn Creech. Creech played three years of varsity ball for RPI. Each year he was named all-state and carried a scoring average of over 25 points per game. Last year Creech sat out from varsity competition but played intramural ball. He made the all-star team but was able to average only 20.5 points.

DIVISION LEADERS

OPEN LEAGUE	
Drafts III	7-1
Rejects	6-1
Hasbenns	5-1
Sots	5-2
Gentlemen	4-2
Rebels	4-3

CLUB LEAGUE

Scherer	6-1
German Club	6-1
Short Shots	5-1
Ariens	5-1
Eps	5-1
Lafayette	5-1
928	5-2

Division standings only include games through January 25, 1968.

Chessmen host W&M Sunday

A ten man VCU chess team will compete against a similar team from William & Mary, Sunday, at 1 p.m., in Rhoads Hall.

On the current schedule for the VCU team, there is a College Union Tournament in progress, which will terminate this Friday. The first four winners will compete for VCU in the regional tournament at East Caroline University this spring.

Saturday, for a club project, members will assist the Salvation Army on Church Hill in conducting a chess tournament for underprivileged Negro youths.

VCU recruiting enlarges

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When asked about the program-outlook, Assistant Coach Buck Jones commented, "We're pleased with the three new players. Scheduling is going along real well." Jones confirmed, "It (scheduling) definitely will help our recruiting efforts and will attract better players."

Apparently the coaching staff members are not the only ones pleased with the outlook.

Bob Bostain, a member of the "new" Rams added, "We're really on our way to developing a good ball club. However, the only way we got the schedule was probably because they thought we'd go down in defeat. I'm really looking forward to being here next year."

On release of the schedule to newspapers, Coach Dees agreed, "Frankly, I think they agreed because they feel they'll whip us, but you've got to keep your schedule ahead of your program. Norfolk State, for instance, can't get big games because they're too good." Norfolk State, carrying two cagers close to the 30-point-per-game margin, boasted an 11-2 record with their 112-86 lashing of Virginia Union last Friday.

For the up-coming season, 14 of 22 dates have been set. The others already scheduled include Atlantic Christian, High Point, Quantico Marines, York, Hampton Institute and Hampden-Sydney College. Virginia Union, Washington & Lee and Old Dominion are yet to be scheduled.

However, where future season plans seem to be running from on schedule to ahead of schedule, one important aspect seems to be running behind "schedule."



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Winter Wonder

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Black Week set for Feb. 16-23

"Think-Black!" This is the theme for Black Week, being sponsored by Students for Afro-American Philosophy (SAAP) during the week of February 16-23.

VCU's first Afro-American Week will be highlighted with a convocation address February 19 by Floyd McKissick, former head of the Congress of Racial Equality. (Related story, Page 1.)

Other speakers will include Dr. Edgar Toppin, head of the history department at Virginia State College; Frank Render, head of the Human Rights Commission in Syracuse, N.Y., and James E. Sheffield of Richmond, a lawyer.

A black art exhibit featuring works from Hampton Institute, Saint Paul's

College and Howard University, will be held during the week.

Also included will be a fashion show of clothes from the Black Shop in Richmond.

"The Dutchman," a play by LeRoi Jones which concerns the seduction and killing of a black man by a white woman will be presented. The George Wheeler Afro-American Drummers, Singers and Dancers will also perform.

SAAP members will be admitted free to all activities except the play and dance. Tickets for non-members are \$2.50 for the week, not including the play and the dance, or 75 cents for each activity. Tickets are delayed, however, and temporary passes may be purchased in room 39 of the Administration Building.

School structure study could produce unit reorganization

VCU is studying the possibilities of reorganizing some schools and departments of the Academic Center. The Educational Consultant firm of Cresap, McCormick and Padgett of Washington has been engaged to assist in the study.

According to Dr. Walter R. I. Coppedge, assistant vice president of academic affairs, several departments are listed under schools with which they have no real relationship.

Dr. Coppedge said this stemmed from RPI's growing in response to needs of the community rather than by a planned system of academic development.

The new departments created by these needs were placed in larger, already existing schools for administration purposes.

The purpose of the study is to place some departments in a school more in line with their academic subject.

James W. Bailey, also assistant vice president of academic affairs, said faculty members "have been assured they will have some part in making the decisions" regarding restructuring of the schools and departments.

Bailey said the smaller schools and

departments are the ones most likely to be affected.

Dr. Coppedge said the study is concentrating on developing an undergraduate arts and sciences program.

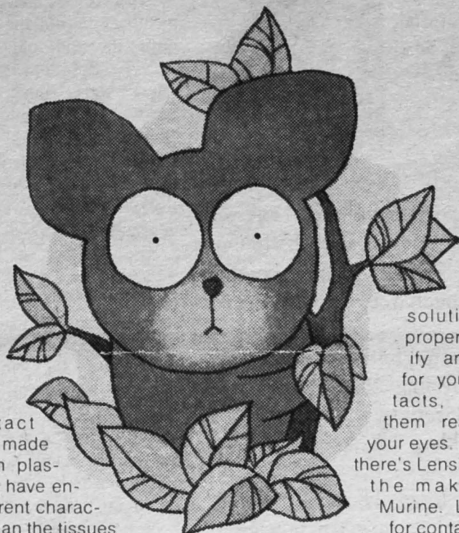
No changes are definite, and will not be until the educational consultants have completed their studies.

Enrollment to increase next year

Enrollment at the Academic Center next year will increase by 700 students, but the number of classrooms available will be the same as this year, according to James W. Bailey, assistant vice president of academic affairs.

Bailey said the added enrollment will force all departments to schedule between 30 and 40 per cent of their classes in the afternoons.

He said the university is hiring 56 more faculty members next year.



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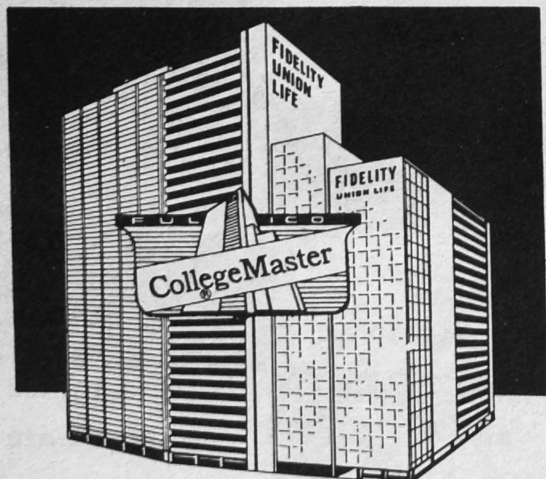
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