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## ALLTEL Arena Named at Siegel Center

by Kyra Scarton Newman  
University News Services

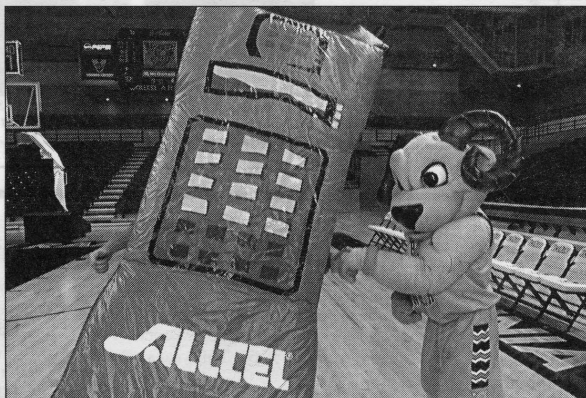
Virginia Commonwealth University officials on Feb. 15 unveiled the ALLTEL Arena at the Stuart C. Siegel Center, the university's new convocation and recreation center.

As part of a package that will support scholarships for VCU student-athletes, the convocation arena is named in honor of Little Rock, Ark.-based ALLTEL. The ALLTEL Arena name is installed at the entrance to the athletics venue. The company logo also is placed at two locations on the competition floor, as well as on both video scoreboards at each end of the arena.

ALLTEL's commitment completes VCU fund-raising for the \$29.7 million facility. The affiliation is valued at about \$2 million over 10 years. The telecommunications and information services company long has supported VCU Athletics, sponsoring the 1998-99 men's basketball season opener and providing wireless service and advertising for game programs and radio coverage.

"We're excited to increase our commitment to Virginia Commonwealth University through our sponsorship of the ALLTEL Arena at the Siegel Center," said Mike Trafion, vice

"This is a partnership that will benefit everyone, beginning most importantly with our student-athletes."



The ALLTEL wireless phone mascot and the VCU Ram unveiled the new ALLTEL Arena logos on the competition floor at the Siegel Center.

president and general manager for ALLTEL in Richmond. "ALLTEL is committed to education and to serving our communities, and the ALLTEL Arena allows us to make a significant contribution in both of these important areas."

VCU President Eugene P. Trani said that the partnership reflects the forward momentum at the university. "This is an institution on the move, and ALLTEL is making a stake in our future," Dr. Trani said. "The ALLTEL leadership team recognizes the value this athletics venue will bring to Central Virginia, and we're delighted to welcome this telecommunications leader to campus."

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## VCU Plan Adopted to Notify Parents

University to Contact Parents of Student Alcohol & Substance Abuse Violators, Continue Education Efforts

by Kyra Scarton Newman  
University News Services

Under a plan approved Feb. 11 by Virginia Commonwealth University's board of visitors, VCU officials will notify parents of underage students found guilty of campus alcohol and substance abuse violations. The "Foundational Plan to Reduce Illegal and Harmful Drinking and Drug Use at Virginia Commonwealth University" also calls for continued enhancement of alcohol education and awareness activities, with a focus on peer education.

Under the approved plan, VCU student affairs officials will contact parents of students found guilty of alcohol or substance abuse violations, including underage drinking and underage or illegal possession. The policy will apply to students under age 21.

"Across the country, we are hearing a resounding 'thank you' from parents for making them aware of issues with their children before a tragedy occurs or problem escalates," President Eugene P. Trani said. "At VCU, our mission is to provide the best educational environment for our students. Our endorsement of parental notification and continued awareness about alcohol and substance-abuse issues

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SCOTT ELLIOTT

## During a daylong visit

to Virginia Commonwealth University on Feb. 15,

John Frohnmayer, former National Endowment for the Arts chair, visited students in their dance studio. Frohnmayer also toured sculpture studios and

## Artistic Voice

met with faculty before delivering the annual Honors Assembly lecture. He spoke about his tenure with the NEA. For more coverage on his visit, see page 7.

## Chronic Care Era Will Require New Health Strategies

by Erin Lucero  
University News Services

Targeted interventions for at-risk elderly patients is a wise tactic for preventing hospital re-admissions and reducing length of stay, a Virginia Commonwealth University physician says in an editorial that appeared in the Feb. 17 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"Empowering patients and caregivers is a popular and prudent strategy for the coming era of constrained medical resources," writes Dr. Peter A. Boling, a specialist in geriatrics and home-health care with VCU's Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

Boling's editorial accompanies a study led by Mary D. Naylor, from the University of Pennsylvania.

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# ALLTEL

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As part of the announcement, the ALLTEL phone mascot and the VCU Ram unveiled the new logos on the floor.

"This is a partnership that will benefit everyone, beginning most importantly with our student-athletes," said Richard L. Sander, director of athletics. "We are still in an early stage of our sports program development, and this endorsement speaks to the promising future we have in front of us."

VCU will begin athletics competition in the ALLTEL Arena at the Siegel Center with volleyball matches in fall 1999. The Rams are coached by Cheryl Carlson.

A new era of VCU basketball will begin at the complex on Nov. 19. The women's basketball team, coached by David Glass, will face West Virginia University, and the men will play the University of Louisville, a perennial powerhouse. That will mark the second season under head coach Mack McCarthy.

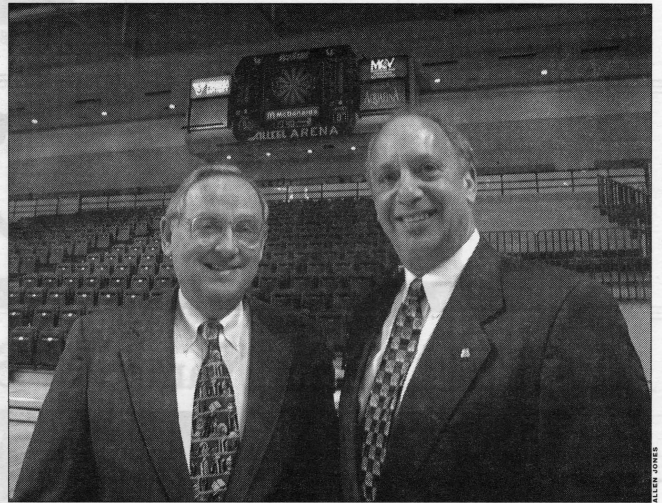
The Siegel Center is named in honor of the chairman and chief executive officer of the Richmond-based clothier S&K Famous

Brands and former rector of the VCU board of visitors.

"I'm delighted that a company as well-respected and well-known as ALLTEL recognizes the worthiness of this new convocation and recreation center for our students and community," Siegel said. "This investment truly represents how corporate partners are helping VCU prepare its programs and facilities for success into the 21st century."

In October 1994, Siegel pledged a leadership gift to VCU that is supporting both construction of the center and endorsing its operations. With Charles Barkley of the NBA Houston Rockets, Siegel also chaired a five-year private campaign to raise \$10.25 million for the convocation and recreation center.

That campaign included a landmark deal with Pepsi Cola Co., designated in September 1994 as the exclusive soft-drink supplier on VCU's campuses, which should generate \$4.25 million for the center's fund-raising. Additional proceeds from the agreement, expected to reach \$4.25 million over 10 years, will support university recreational facilities and programs.



VCU President Eugene P. Trani and Stuart C. Siegel, former rector of the VCU board of visitors, paused under new video scoreboards that were unveiled at the Siegel Center this month. The sports venue has been named the ALLTEL Arena at the Siegel Center.

# ALCOHOL

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will help students address these challenges and enjoy the benefits of their university experience without the shadow of alcohol."

In notifying parents of their student's violation, campus officials will stress support services available on campus, such as counseling. Unless an immediate concern is identified, most notifications will be through letters to parents.

VCU officials will consider extenuating circumstances shared by the students to determine the most-effective contact method. In some cases, students will be able to telephone a parent with information about the violation while accompanied by a student affairs representative, said Henry G. Rhone, vice provost for student affairs.

Most violations are addressed within the campus disciplinary system and resolved within a week of their occurrence, Rhone said. Off-campus violations would be reported to parents after any court ruling, he added.

On Oct. 7, President Bill Clin-

ton signed into law the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, which strongly encouraged all universities to adopt parental notification policies. His act came in concert with statewide efforts, led by Attorney General Mark Earley, to address the problem of campus binge and illegal drinking after five college students — including VCU senior Nicole Breckenridge — died in alcohol-related incidents in fall 1997.

Since then, university and college campuses across Virginia have worked collectively to promote alcohol awareness on their campuses and to share effective education strategies. Their efforts culminated with a July 1998 report by the Attorney General's Task Force on Drinking by College Students outlining 75 recommendations from enforcement strategies to a strong endorsement on alcohol education and prevention.

"This has been the greater impact," Rhone said. Dr. Trani was a member of the statewide task force, and Rhone served as his alternate.

"Our plan is a way for everyone at this university to deal with

## Campus Activities Set to Promote Alcohol Awareness

Solving word puzzles relating to alcohol use or teaming up with friends to participate in crazy relays are all part of Alcohol Awareness Week. For details, call 828-9355. This year's activities include:

**FEB. 24** — "Ring of the Bells." Alcohol-related deaths on Virginia college campuses in the past year will be remembered with bells. Noon. Student Commons' Lobby.

"Been There, Done That?" Project REACH Peers and the Office of Health Promotion will perform skits depicting students and their experiences with alcohol. 9 p.m. Rhoads Hall.

**FEB. 25** — "Tylenol, Twinkies and Beer Puzzles." An interactive brown-bag lunch seminar that involves solving word puzzles related to alcohol use. Discussions on substances, risk, perceptions and reality also will be included. Noon. Student Commons, Capital Room A.

**FEB. 26** — "Friday Night Buzz Blast." Teams will compete in different relays. Free food and

prizes will be offered at the alcohol-free event. For details, call 828-6219. 8 p.m. Cary Street Gym.

**FEB. 27** — "Coffee Time." Coupons for free coffee drinks can be redeemed at Seattle's Best in e<sup>2</sup>, the VCU bookstore.

**FEB. 28** — "TIPS Training." Participants will complete a "Training for Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol." Pre-registration is required. Call 828-9355. 6 p.m. Student Commons, Common Ground.

**MARCH 1** — "How to Help a Friend." Ana Sullivan, University Counseling Services, will lead a discussion and provide tips on how to help a friend or family member. 5 p.m. Gladding Residence Center, Community Room.

**MARCH 2** — "Spring Break Survival Kits" by Project REACH peer educators and the Office of Health Promotion. Noon. Commons Plaza.

"MADD Red Ribbon Campaign" sponsored by the Richmond Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Noon. Commons Plaza.

alcohol- and substance-abuse issues with our students in a timely manner," Rhone said.

"Our campus focus long has been on education and looking for ways to change the culture so that alcohol is not a prominent ingredient for college activities.

"Our approach incorporates a variety of strategies to help our students make appropriate and responsible decisions about alcohol and substance abuse issues."

Under the leadership of the Division of Student Affairs, campus activities and programs aimed at student alcohol education include an annual Alcohol Awareness Week program, residence hall programs and informational sessions with campus organizations.

Rhone also singled out peer-education efforts such as B.E.E.R. Peers — a group of students who promote healthy lifestyles without alcohol and other illegal substances — as one of the most effective ways to connect with students.

In addition to outlining the new parental notification policy and student education, the 10-page plan calls for continued faculty involvement in outreach efforts. The plan also reinforces a "zero tolerance" policy of strict enforcement of violations.

## CAA Basketball Championship Schedule

Sponsored by Ukrop's and Firstmarket Bank

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Colonial Athletic Association Championship

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 25	First Round Games	Richmond Coliseum	TBA
Feb. 26	Quarterfinal Round	Richmond Coliseum	noon, 2:30 p.m., 6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Semifinal Round	Richmond Coliseum	6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Championship	Richmond Coliseum	7 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Colonial Athletic Association Championship

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 3	First Round Games	Robins Center (U of R)	7 p.m.
March 4	Quarterfinal Round	Robins Center (U of R)	noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
March 5	Semifinal Round	Robins Center (U of R)	6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
March 6	Championship	Robins Center (U of R)	4 p.m.

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**Earlier this month**, bestselling author and Virginia

Commonwealth University alumnus David Baldacci joined grand opening activities of e<sup>2</sup>, the new campus bookstore, to sign copies of his latest thriller: *The Simple Truth*. Baldacci, whose earlier thrillers include *Absolute*

*Power and Total Control*, earned

his undergraduate degree in political science in 1983. Fresh-

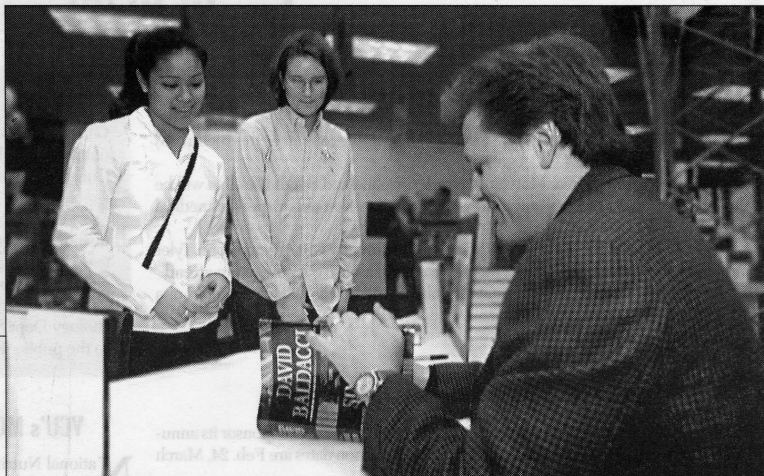
men Michelle Gorospe and Victoria Jagjella

wait for autographed copies of their books. Other grand-opening events

included a signing by VCU alumnus and poet M. Rose Barkley of *Wayfaring*

*Stranger - Poems* and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## Simple Signing



# Faculty Receive Statewide Honors

## Virginia's Outstanding Scientists Named

Two Virginia Commonwealth University researchers were among four individuals recognized as Virginia's Outstanding Scientists of 1999 by the Science Museum of Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Donald J. Abraham, chair and professor of medicinal chemistry, and Billy R. Martin, the Louis and Ruth Harris Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, were presented to the General Assembly on Feb. 12.

Abraham is the director of the Institute for Structural Biology and Drug Discovery. He

has an international reputation for his groundbreaking work in drug discovery through regulating the basic chemistry and biology of allostery, a complex system that controls protein function and activity.

Allosteric effectors may advance treatments for sickle cell anemia and dischismic disorders including cardiovascular problems, stroke and trauma; extend the shelf life of stored blood; and enhance radiation therapy for inoperable brain cancer.

Abraham's interdisciplinary research focuses on structure-based drug design using X-ray crystallography, molecular modeling, synthetic medicinal chemistry and structure function studies.

He has combined these techniques to discover two molecules now in clinical development.

The first molecule, RSR-13, is under evaluation for use in cardiopulmonary bypass surgery and acute heart disease and for its usefulness in enhancing the effects of radiation therapy in cancer treatment. A second molecule, 4 HM, is being studied for treatment of sickle cell anemia.



Billy R. Martin, left, and Donald J. Abraham were recently presented to the General Assembly at the State Capitol as Virginia's Outstanding Scientists of 1999.

Understanding addiction, drugs of abuse and how they affect the brain have been themes of Martin's research. He is world-renowned for his research into the biological basis of drug addiction, winning more than \$15 million in research funding as well as a prestigious MERIT Award from the National Institutes of Health. He was the first to show that marijuana produces physical dependence and that most of the behavioral effects of marijuana were attributable to the compound THC.

Martin directs VCU's Center on Drug Abuse, designated by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. He also serves as president of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, the nation's leading scientific society for the study of drug addiction.

Martin's advice is sought nationally and internationally from people who set policy for marijuana control. He has been a consultant for the Partnership for a Drug Free America, adviser for the World Health Organization and a member of the Institute of Medicine's Marijuana Advisory Panel.

## SCHEV Presents Outstanding Faculty Awards

by Lissette Linares  
University News Services

Virginia Commonwealth University's Hugo Seibel and M. Samy El-Shall are among the 11 Virginia faculty members to be honored by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. They both received Outstanding Faculty Awards.

"A hallmark of our faculty is exceeding expectations every day to meet the needs of our students, and Dr. Seibel and Dr. El-Shall are models of both enthusiasm and compassion," VCU President Eugene P. Trani said. "At the same time, they are balancing research responsibilities that have earned them leadership roles in their disciplines. We are proud that these exemplary faculty are part of the VCU community."

Selected by a committee of 15 community members, professors were chosen for their extraordinary contributions in teaching, research and public service. Committee members for this year's awards included three SCHEV councilmen, former award recipients, professors and others.

The Outstanding Faculty Awards allow Virginia government, education and business leaders to recognize and encourage achievements and excellence from the faculty of Virginia's public and private institutions.

VCU professor Seibel is proud of his latest accolade. "There is a reward for working hard," he said.

Seibel has been called a triple threat by colleagues. He is an exceptional teacher, researcher and administrator. An anatomy professor and associate dean for student activities at VCU's School of Medicine, Seibel has received countless teaching

awards; among them, the 1998 Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher award from Alpha Omega Alpha, eight VCU Outstanding Teacher of the Year awards and several VCU Golden Apple awards for excellence.

He also was instrumental in creating a Saturday morning program designed to expose high school students to the sciences, many of whom have gone on to pursue degrees in medicine and science.

An innovator in education, Seibel has provided the VCU community with his invaluable teaching services for more than 30 years.

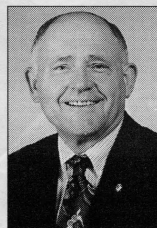
Chemist El-Shall also has been described as an innovator. Rated highly by students and colleagues alike, El-Shall's enthusiasm for chemistry is contagious. He attempts to bring a sense of wonder and excitement to learning experiences.

"I try to get my students to like the material," he said. "There is more than one way to learning. Let's go to the lab, perform chemistry experiments and learn as we go."

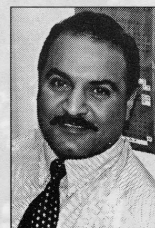
El-Shall employs a "teaching through research" approach to education, encouraging students to make important research contributions, publish papers and go on to graduate studies.

He was named 1998 VCU Board of Visitors Teaching Fellow and received the 1996 College of Humanities and Sciences Distinguished Scholar Award. El-Shall also is recognized for the numerous chemistry and chemical physics articles he has published in the areas of nucleation, clusters and nanoparticles.

At a Feb. 17 ceremony, Seibel and El-Shall were introduced to Gov. Jim Gilmore and the General Assembly, who applauded their contributions to education.



Hugo Seibel



M. Samy El-Shall

## In Brief

### School of Allied Health Professions to Sponsor Job Fair

The School of Allied Health Professions will host a free job fair at the Richmond Centre at noon Feb. 24.

Exhibitors from Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina will be at the fair to provide students and professionals information about specific medical careers.

Students from VCU, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and John Tyler Community College, as well as area health professionals are encouraged to attend.

All college students who register at the job fair will be eligible for drawings or a \$100 scholarship.

For details, call 828-3273.

### English Faculty to Participate in Symposium

The Virginia Commonwealth University English Department will sponsor its annual faculty symposium beginning this month. Presentation dates are Feb. 24, March 24 and April 21, respectively.

In its fifth year, the public presentations will feature current faculty who will discuss topics related to their research and writing. To date, 27 faculty members have participated.

This spring, three faculty will discuss their work: Elizabeth Cooper, director of freshman English; Nick Frankel, who specializes in British literature; and Terry Hummer, senior poet for the Masters in Fine Arts Poetry Program.

The event is free and open to the public. Presentations will begin at 12:05 p.m.

For details, visit the symposium website at [www.vcu.edu/eng/symp](http://www.vcu.edu/eng/symp) or call Terry Oggel at 828-1331.

### National Children's Dental Health Month at the Science Museum of Virginia

VCU dental students were at the Science Museum of Virginia Feb. 19-20 to participate in the National Children's Dental Health Month.

The students, joined area dentists, to demonstrate how to properly brush and floss teeth, and provide an informative display, they also give away stickers and cards promoting good dental health.

On Feb. 20, a Mobile Dental Van will be parked in front of the museum. The event was sponsored by the Richmond Dental Society.

### Biologist to Deliver Darwin Day Lecture

GUEST SPEAKER ALAN FEDUCCIA, professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will host a Darwin Day presentation at the VCU Student Commons Theatre at 4 p.m. Feb. 23.

His talk, "T-Rex Was No Four-Ton Roadrunner," will focus on the origin and evolution of birds. Feduccia has written numerous books on the topic, including *Origin and Evolution of Birds* and *Catesby's Birds of Colonial America*. His writings range from monographs on vertebrate evolution to the origin of birds from reptiles.

Sponsored by the VCU Graduate Organization of Biology students, the Biology Department and the VCU Biology Club, the event is free and open to the public. For details, call 828-1562.

### VCU's MCV Women's HealthCare Hosts Brown Bag Talks

National Nutrition Month will be recognized by VCU's MCV Women's Health-Care with two brown bag lunches.

"Take a Fresh Look at Nutrition and Weight Control" will be held on March 3. "Take a Fresh Look at Nutrition and Women's Health" will be held on March 10. The free lectures will begin at noon. For reservations, call Mary-Jo Sawyer at 560-8950.

### Massey Cancer Center Receives American Cancer Society Grant

The American Cancer Society awarded the Massey Cancer Center an Institutional Research Grant to encourage cancer research by junior faculty who currently have no grants. The grant is limited to \$15,000.

The deadline is March 1, and each applicant must submit 20 copies of the grant proposal. Applications and details can be received by calling Dr. Thomas F. Huff, chair of the ACS Institutional Grant Review Committee at 828-2317.

### James Branch Cabell Library Extends Hours

To accommodate student needs, the James Branch Cabell Library has extended its hours through May 7. Services with hours past midnight include: check-out and renewal, access to library catalog and database assistance, technical assistance in the computer lab, as well as software support, and escort and security services. There will be no cash transactions after midnight.

For a listing of the new library hours, call 828-9136.



**U.S. Congressman** from Puerto Rico Carlos Romero-Barcelo' appeared as a special guest for the Commonwealth Society, Virginia Commonwealth University's Institute of Lifelong Learning. He came to campus to discuss current issues on statehood and future directions for Puerto Rico.

Romero-Barcelo' is the first former governor of Puerto Rico to serve in the U.S. Congress. His political career has coincided with the growth of pro-statehood sentiment. The congressman, left, is joined by Harold

## Island Tour

Greer, VCU professor of history, who discussed Puerto Rico from a historical perspective, and VCU board of visitors member Yvonne E.R. Benner, who is the congressman's legislative director. Below, President Eugene P. Trani welcomed Romero-Barcelo' to campus. VCU faculty and administrators have designed a tour of Puerto Rico for society members in March. The tour will focus on island and regional culture, while members enjoy local flavor and activities. For details on the tour, lectures, spring semester courses and other Commonwealth Society information, call the Office of Community Programs at 828-1831.

# Q & A

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Virginia Commonwealth University faculty and administrators met for a Research Retreat on Jan. 30 to discuss how the university will raise its annual sponsored research budget to \$135 million by 2002. The funding goal is outlined in Phase II of the Strategic Plan. A major topic of discussion was the need to increase federal grants in future research endeavors. University News Services recently talked with William L. Dewey, vice president for research and graduate studies, to discuss prospects for the expansion of federal research funds.

**According to the Strategic Plan, the university's funding goal is to increase the research budget to \$135 million annually by 2002. How will the university increase the current budget by \$35 million to reach that goal?**

doing; trying to improve their research budgets.

**Why is this focus on research funding so important?**

The university's mission is to generate and disseminate knowledge and provide public service as a public institution.

For example, when you need someone to do your taxes, you want someone

**How will collaborative efforts increase the opportunity for funding?**

Initially, investigators seek funding for their specific project. Later their focus should be on applying together for a program project grant or a center grant to pool their expertise to answer larger questions. A program project grant is a group of three or four people working together. A center grant might

**You touched on engineering earlier. What role do you see engineering playing in research at VCU?**

I think they have the opportunity to have a major impact on our research budget.

This school, which began only five years ago, has a great opportunity to collaborate with faculty in other schools — including Medicine, Business, Pharmacy and the College of Humanities and Sciences. We need to continue to recruit engineering faculty who have a record of productive scholarship.

**How will the university institutes support the research agenda?**

The institutes are a mechanism to increase collaboration by bringing people together who are in different fields. Our society has changed and we need new collaborations to overcome the

## VCU Focuses on Ways to Expand Research Funding



The most important thing we have to do is to concentrate on ways to help recruit and retain research faculty. Although the research budget has increased regularly in recent years, the rate of increase has been less than anticipated.

A close look at funding patterns shows that more than 185 faculty who were funded between the years of 1991 and 1997 were not in FY98. If each of these faculty had been funded in FY98 at the same level (even without inflation increases) as their peak funding in those seven years, our research budget would have been about \$50 million more this past year. Some of these faculty have left the university. They have either retired or taken another position. Others are still here but were not funded last year. We need to replace faculty who have left with faculty who can compete for research grants.

We also need to supply the infrastructure to keep funded faculty at VCU. We have to make this one of our highest priorities. We need to be able to compete with other universities to recruit new researchers and provide existing faculty with facilities, equipment and other resources needed to help do the research.

We need to allocate funds to be competitive. Competition is tough. Every other university is trying to do what we're

who is on the cutting edge. If you or your loved ones are going in for surgery, you want the surgeon to know the 1999 methods. Knowledge is generated in this country and in the world by people who do research.

**A Research Retreat was held recently to discuss how to increase the research budget. How did the Research Retreat make a step toward progress?**

One thing that it did was improve communication among researchers. The second thing it did was tell the researchers that research is important.

This was the first universitywide meeting of its type; the topic was research. That should tell everybody that the president and administrators are focused on research, that it's a very important topic at this university.

**What's the next step?**

The next step is to devise a plan where administration and top-funded researchers can work together to improve our ability to recruit and retain researchers.

The Research Advisory Council, a council of funded faculty, will meet and discuss what they learned from the retreat and offer strategies on how to make it to \$135 million by 2002.

have 10 people working on it. Money is awarded in a program project or center to buy expensive pieces of equipment, to supply administrative support and other costs which all the investigators working on the project use.

**What are some other avenues or options for funding?**

Again, that depends on our faculty. If we concentrate and recruit engineering and physical science faculty, then that increases our opportunities to get support from the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, Department of Energy and other such agencies. If we put our resources toward health sciences faculty, we'd get more money from the Department of Health and Human Services.

**What areas provide the best opportunity for funding?**

Most funding over the years has been in the biomedical field. More than half of our faculty are in the School of Medicine, and NIH has the largest federal budget. However, we should encourage scholarship in all schools and supported by all sources.

I feel strongly that we put our resources in the specific areas where we have excellence.

questions we now face. For example, 20 years ago no one talked about AIDS. Never heard of it — didn't exist. Now it is a major world problem, and we have a center directed toward all aspects of this disease.

Academic institutions should lead society — not follow it — and therefore the type of vision that led to the creation of the institutes must provide the organizational structure to generate funding to solve other problems in the future.

We need to develop new mechanisms to obtain additional external support.

**What effect does research have on teaching?**

Scholarship clearly helps teaching. One of the biggest frustrations in the past 10-15 years has been the fact that people have been talking about teaching or research — it's teaching *and* research! And that's really important because they help each other.

Teachers should be conducting scholarly work and bringing modern research methods into their teaching. Like I said with your income tax form, you don't want someone teaching people how to do your taxes using 1950 techniques. You want 1999 techniques.

# Baseball's Back, Dubois Slugging Them Home for VCU Rams

by Lissette Linares  
University News Services

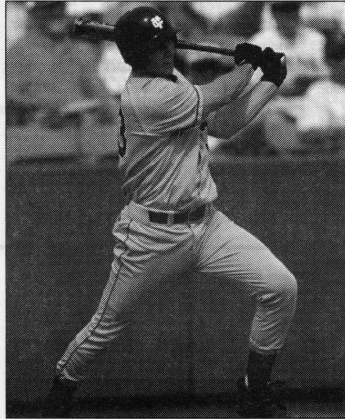
Nineteen little boys run into the dugout, anxious about their big T-Ball game. They look bright-eyed toward the bleachers, searching for their parents. Four year-old Jason Dubois is up at bat.

He runs out to the plate, bat in hand. Lifting the bat uneasily, he tries to remember everything his dad told him when they were practicing together. The pitcher, waiting on the mound, is looking just as uneasy as Dubois.

He stares intently at the ball perched on the top of the Tee. Dubois swings the bat behind his head. Slowly, then faster, he brings the bat around his body. It connects. The ball soars into left field and he's soon rounding the bases.

Fifteen years later, Dubois, a sports management major, is slugging them home for Virginia Commonwealth University. But there's nothing uneasy about the way he lifts the bat. Dubois moves with grace, agility and strength.

Described by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* as "VCU's power house," the sophomore hit .333 with nine home runs last year.



Jason Dubois has been dubbed a "power house" by local media.

Dubois maintains that his biggest challenge this season will be keeping his composure. "I can't let all the hype get to me," he said. "I've got to play to my ability and work hard every-

day. For every day I lighten up, I lose a week."

Dubois, last year an outfielder and occasional pitcher, has seen a position change this season. He is now the team's designated hitter and No. 1 starter.

In another change, third baseman Brian Moore was moved to shortstop. The position changes come after the loss of five senior players. Those included Brandon Inge and Matt Burch, both highly drafted to play professionally after graduation.

The Rams faced a tough schedule early this season. Heading to Charleston, S.C., for a three-day stretch in mid-February, the team played North Carolina State, the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia. Arriving in Charleston with a 3-0 record, the Rams suffered losses to N.C. State and U.Va.

VCU coach Paul Keyes is optimistic. "We're getting acclimated to the changes," he said. "Overall, we're running more and our pitching depth is better."

Last year, the Rams finished with a record 45 wins. In addition to Dubois, early scouting reports single out seniors Justin Martin, Jake Anthony and Ian Caballero as key players for the Rams this season.

## HEALTH

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nina in Philadelphia. Naylor's study found that elderly who were considered at-risk for re-hospitalization benefitted from discharge planning and home care interventions by advanced practice nurses. Such interventions promoted positive outcomes for elders through less frequent hospital admissions while also decreasing the cost of providing health care.

From Boling's 12-years of experience working with nurse practitioners in the home-care practice at VCU's medical center, he has seen that patients benefit when medical decision makers work closely with patients, caregivers and other health-care providers during the transition from hospital to home.

"Discontinuity is a weakness in [United States] health care delivery, one that is perpetuated by funding mechanisms that do not align the interests of health care personnel in various settings."

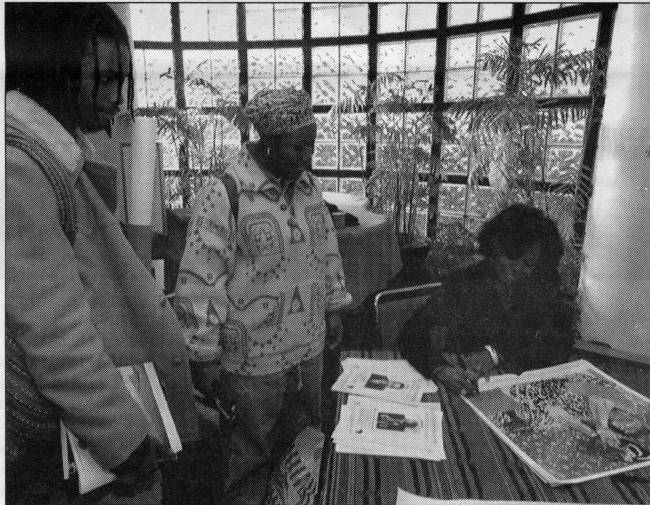
Boling proposes that new organizational strategies will be essential in the coming era of chronic disease management as the United States is faced with the needs of an aging society and increasing health care costs.

He also suggests that the study's goal of reducing re-admissions will be primarily of interest to organizations that bear increasing financial risk such as academic health centers, public hospitals with inadequate funding to care for the poor and organizations in some Medicare health maintenance organization contracts. Reducing re-admissions "probably is better for patients, and certainly is better for the Medicare budget, but the strategy might appeal less to a hospital manager competing in an environment ... in which re-admissions generate new revenue."

Boling offers caveats regarding Naylor's study:

"First it is unclear whether control group patients had access to a system of continuous care; if not, this aspect could limit generalizability. Also, because the study was confined to two urban hospitals in a single market, additional studies are needed to confirm the applicability of the findings elsewhere. Second, mental status test scores suggest that this study population was cognitively intact; whether a similar intervention would be as effective in patients with cognitive impairment is unknown."

"Empowering patients and caregivers is a popular and prudent strategy for the coming era of constrained medical resources."



### Assistant Dean of the

School of the Arts Lydia Thompson signed copies of her artwork as part of Virginia Commonwealth University's 1999 Black History

Month activities. This year's monthlong programs focused

on "Creative Expressions in Black." Students Eyage and Lorna Pickney talks with the artist as they wait for their autographed posters. The event was sponsored by the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

## Poster Art

## People in the News

- **LEX DILWORTH**, assistant professor of the school of education, is principal organizer of a Globalization Preconference to the Academy of Human Resource Development Conference to be held in Washington next month.

- **DAVID FARMER**, professor of political science and public administration, contributed two papers to the December issue of *Administrative Theory & Praxis*. He authored "Schopenhauer's Porcupines: Hegemonic Change in Context" and "What Would Max Weber Say About America @ Its Best."

- **ED HOOTSTEIN**, assistant professor of teacher education, developed an Executive Mansion field trip packet for Virginia first lady Roxane Gilmore, to be used by elementary school teachers and students.

- Radiology Professor **DR. TONY PROTO** has been elected a trustee to the American Board of Radiology.

- "No Somali! Only English!" was presented by **JUDY RICHARDSON**, professor of teacher education, at the College Reading Association Annual Conference. With **KATHLEEN NEUBACH**, associate professor of teacher education, Richardson presented

"The Development of Tutoring Proficiency," at the National Reading Conference.

- Director of employee health services **DR. FRANK TORTELLA** has been certified by the Medical Review Officer Certification Council. MROs are licensed physicians who handle workplace drug and alcohol testing and help manage chemical dependency.

- The State Board of Education appointed **RICHARD VACCA**, professor of educational studies, to a 20-member advisory group in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General. The group will study guidelines for student searches.

## Former NEA Head Speaks to Arts' Role in Culture

Frohnmayr Spends Day on Campus

Emily Walls Ray  
Special to UniverCity News

Less than a decade ago, John Frohnmayr stood in the eye of a national tornado aimed at where the arts fit into the American set of values and culture.

In fending off challenges about understanding humanity and setting decency limits on publicly-supported arts, the former director of the National Endowment for the Arts learned an important lesson: "The worst thing that can happen to art is not being noticed."

During a daylong campus visit this month, Frohnmayr spoke about how studying the intersection of art with life is a way to educate the individual. "It is important to allow art to do its work by confrontation," he said.

Appointed by President George Bush, Frohnmayr led the organization from 1989-92, during one of the nation's fiercest debates about public funding of arts. Drawing national attention for his views on the First Amendment, he detailed his experiences in *Leaving Town Alice: Confessions of an Arts Warrior* and *Out of Tune: Listening to the First Amendment*.

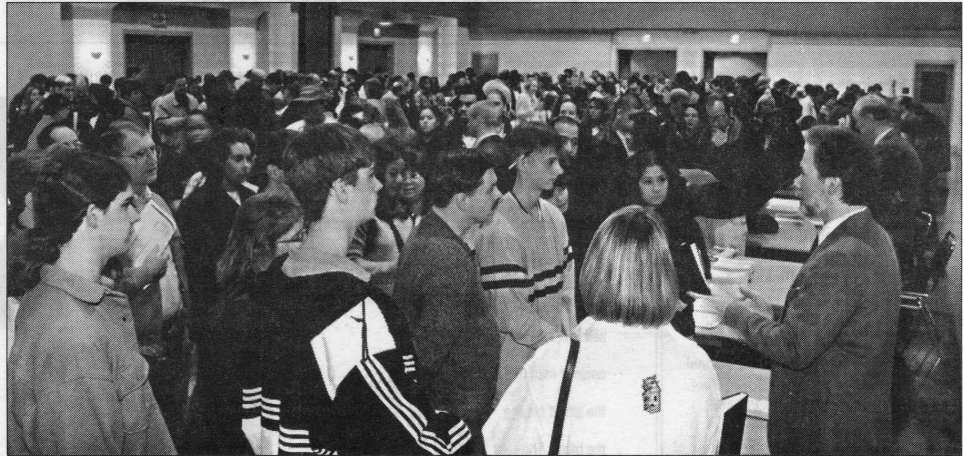
"You have to be able to stand by something other than second-hand knowledge. Metaphors have to be experienced. We learn in a myriad of ways, and arts are central to the curriculum."

Home of the nation's largest public arts and design school in the country, VCU has benefited from NEA-funded initiatives, particularly community-integrated programs. These include the Partners in the Arts program, which enhances the use of arts in teaching math in the public schools.

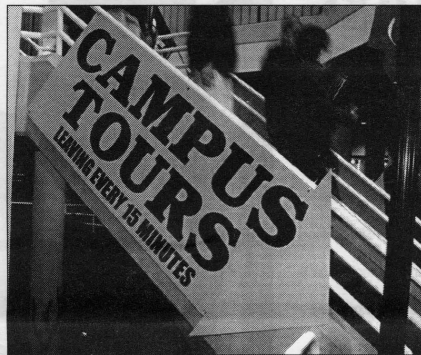
Today's NEA successes follow a government commitment that Frohnmayr said had its roots during the administration of President Dwight Eisenhower. The former NEA chair praised Eisenhower for laying the groundwork for public appreciation of the arts.

"He called it 'protecting the soul of the nation,'" Frohnmayr said. "Except for President Lyndon Johnson, who established an agency for endowing funds to the arts, Eisenhower was probably best in making statements about the government being involved in the arts."

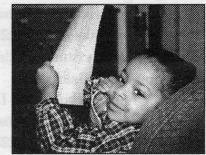
Today's administration under President Clinton has "no more, no less" than others in terms of having an appreciation for the arts.



SCOTT ELAQUINT



## Open House



About 1,000 prospective freshmen and transfer students came to Virginia Commonwealth University for spring Open House this month. Clockwise from top: Students and their families and friends learned about major courses of study at an academic programs session. Raven Turner of Madison, Va., spent the day with her family including an older sister who is a prospective student. Part of the day's activities included campus tours.

## Summer Study Abroad Programs Announced

Sessions Allow Participants to Experience International Culture

by Lissette Linares  
University News Services

Each summer, Virginia Commonwealth University faculty and students experience the culture, language, history and business of another country. They are participants in the summer abroad programs offered by the VCU Center for International Programs.

While in a foreign country for three to five weeks, participants are enrolled in a class taught by a VCU faculty member, which correlates to the location. Courses are available in varied disciplines and are valued at three to six credit hours each.

Applications for the summer abroad program are accepted on a rolling basis and are available at the Center for International Programs.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by Feb. 26 to be considered. Cost varies by trip.

This year the center has coordinated 10 programs:

- **UNITED KINGDOM**, The Baroque Art of England, May 28-June 28, Barbara Johnston, Art History.
- **PERU**, Studio Art and Intensive Spanish, June 1-23, Javier Tapia, Painting and Printmaking.

- **CUBA**, Religion, Philosophy and Society in Cuba, June 9-July 1, Mark Wood, Philosophy.
- **MEXICO**, Anthropology and Art History of the Yucatan, June 14-July 14, Christine Turner, Sociology and Anthropology.
- **GUATEMALA**, Intensive Spanish, June 26-July 25, Anne White, Foreign Languages.
- **ITALY**, Intensive Italian in Enchanting Perugia, July 1-31, Antonio Masullo, Foreign Languages.
- **ITALY**, Art and Art History in Florence,

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July 1-31, Alexander Bostic, Communication Arts and Design.

- **FRANCE**, French Management and Culture, July 5-23, Michael Pitts and Charles Byles, Business.
- **BELIZE**, From Mayan Courtyard to Modern Culture, July 14-25, John Ackley, Business.
- **BARBADOS**, Culture and Society, Past and Present, July 23-Aug. 14, Bernard Moitt, History.

For an application or additional information about these and other study abroad opportunities, call the Center for International Programs at 828-8471.

## Radio 'Minute in Medicine' Spots Debut in Virginia

BEGINNING FEB. 22, it will only take a minute to catch up on some of the latest research studies and medical treatments going on at Virginia Commonwealth University's Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

"A Minute in Medicine," a series of 60-second medical reports, will air on 40 Virginia Radio Network stations throughout the state. VCU's University News Services staff will produce the segments.

Each report will feature short interviews with hospital or university staff and will spotlight new medical techniques or current research studies.

Upcoming program segments include a report on the genetic effects of marijuana, a new technique for treating irregular heartbeats, a new option for patients with bladder cancer and results of a recently published study on caffeine.

by Joe Kuttenkuler

# Campus Calendar

## SEMINARS

- Feb. 24**—“Orthodontics for You” sponsored by Work/Life Resources. For details, call 828-1688.  
Noon/University Student Commons, Capital Room C
- Feb. 25**—“Clinicopathological Conference/Medical Grand Rounds” sponsored by Internal Medicine. For details, call 828-2210.  
Noon/Medical Sciences Building Auditorium
- Feb. 26**—“Re-Centering the Classroom Experience: Creating Deep Learning from Multiple Perspectives and Personal Stories” sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs. For details, call 828-6162.  
9 a.m./University Student Commons, Forum Room
- March 1**—“Virginia Sickness and Disability Program” sponsored by Human Resources. For details, call 225-4196.  
2 p.m./University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom A
- March 3**—“Virginia Sickness and Disability Program” sponsored by Human Resources. For details, call 225-4196.  
2 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 1-044
- March 4**—“Update in Diabetes/Medical Grand Rounds” sponsored by Internal Medicine. For details, call 828-2210  
Noon/Medical Sciences Building Auditorium
- March 4**—“Mentoring and Retaining Faculty of Color” sponsored by Faculty Affairs. For details, call 828-6162.  
9 a.m./University Meeting Center
- March 4**—“White Women, Women of Color and Multiracial Women: Dynamics and Strategies for Becoming Effective Allies” sponsored by the Office of Faculty Affairs. For details, call 828-6162.  
1 p.m./University Meeting Center
- March 6**—“Third Annual Liver Symposium” sponsored by the Office of Continuing Medical Education. For details, call 828-3640.  
8 a.m./Omni Richmond Hotel

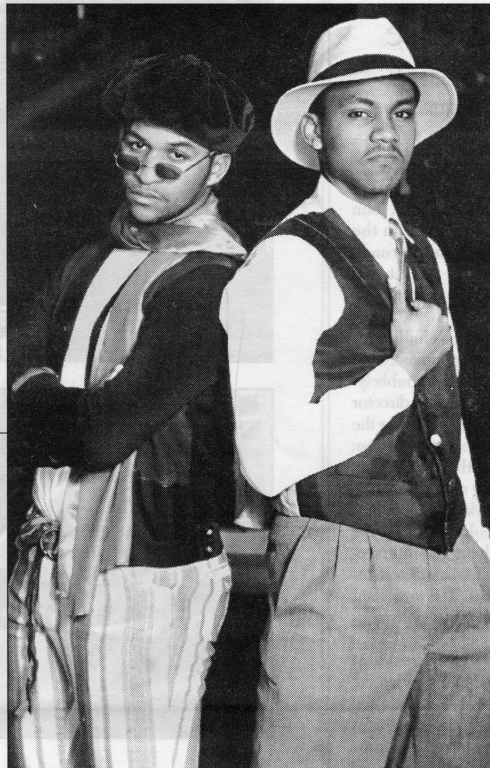
## COMPUTERS

- All computer workshops are sponsored by University Computing Services. The following classes will be held on the academic campus. For details, call 828-6650.
- Feb. 23**—“What is the Internet”  
Noon/University Student Commons, Forum Room
  - Feb. 23**—“Creating a Web Page with Microsoft Frontpage Beginner”  
8:30 a.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - Feb. 23**—“Eudora E-Mail”  
1 p.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 2**—“Microsoft Excel 97 Beginner”  
8:30 a.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 2**—“Creating a Web Page with HTML Beginner”  
1 p.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 3**—“Microsoft Powerpoint 97 Beginner”  
8:30 a.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 3**—“Windows 95 Beginner”  
1 p.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 4**—“Microsoft Access 97 Intermediate”  
8:30 a.m./Cabell Library, Room 320
  - March 4**—“Safety on the Internet”  
Noon/University Student Commons,

**Theatre VCU** is producing *Thunder Knocking on the Door* as part of Virginia Commonwealth University's celebration of Black History Month. One of the nation's most sought-after musicals, this Keith Glover play looks at the consequences for an Alabama family when a man sells his soul to a conjour man for the gift of playing the blues. Theatre VCU is the first university

# On Stage

company to acquire the rights to the play, which features a three-piece band. The cast includes Jerold Solomon as Jaguar Dupre and Frank Faucette as Marvel Thunder. Sponsored by Bell Atlantic, the play is directed by Marvin Sims, associate professor of theater. *Thunder Knocking on the Door* continues Feb. 24-27 at 7:30 p.m in Raymond Hodges Theater of the VCU Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 828-6026.



MAGUI COLLINS

- Forum Room
- March 4**—“Creating a Web Page with Microsoft Frontpage Beginner”  
1 p.m./Cabell Library, Room 320

The following classes will be held on the MCV Campus. For details, call 828-9843.

- Feb. 23**—“Excel Introduction”  
8:30 a.m./Sanger Hall, Room B3-008a
- Feb. 23**—“SAS”  
1 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 3-048
- Feb. 24**—“Web Publishing Introduction”  
1 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room B3-008a
- Feb. 24**—“Unix Intermediate”  
2 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 3-048
- Feb. 25**—“Excel Intermediate”  
8:30 a.m./Sanger Hall, Room B3-008a
- Feb. 25**—“SAS”  
1 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 3-048
- March 2**—“SPSS”  
1 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 3-048
- March 4**—“SPSS”  
1 p.m./Sanger Hall, Room 3-048

## SPORTS

- Men's Baseball**
- Feb. 26**—VCU vs. Drexel University  
4 p.m./The Diamond
- Feb. 27**—VCU vs. Drexel University  
1 p.m./The Diamond
- Feb. 28**—VCU vs. Drexel University  
1 p.m./The Diamond
- March 6**—VCU vs. Farleigh Dickinson University  
1 p.m./The Diamond

- March 7**—VCU vs. Farleigh Dickinson University  
Noon/The Diamond

## CONCERT

- March 4**—The Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert Series will feature Tafelmusik. Sponsored by the Department of Music. For details, call 828-1166.  
8 p.m./Performing Arts Center, Concert Hall



Music director Jeanne Lamou will perform with the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra as part of the Mary Anne Rennolds Chamber Concert Series.

## MEETING

- March 4**—University Council  
3 p.m./Lyons Building, Room 115

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- Feb. 22**—Tavis Smiley, news anchor with BET, will give a lecture, sponsored by the Black Caucus and NAACP.  
6 p.m./Business Building Auditorium
- Feb. 23**—“Shaft” (film)  
4:30 p.m./University Student Commons, Common Ground
- Feb. 23**—“Shaft” (film)  
7 p.m./University Student Commons, Common Ground
- Feb. 24**—Sister Souljah will give a lecture, sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council.  
7 p.m./University Student Commons, Commonwealth Ballroom
- Feb. 25**—“Black History in the Making” sponsored by the African American Studies Program. For details, call 828-6672.  
7 p.m./Grace Street Theatre
- Feb. 26**—“Beloved” (film)  
7 p.m./University Student Commons' Theater

## SPECIAL EVENT

- Feb. 24**—VCU Surplus Property will hold a public auction. For more information on the auction and available items, see [www.bsv.vcu.edu](http://www.bsv.vcu.edu) or call 828-7895.  
9 a.m./2600 E. Cary St.



# 1999 Resource Guide

## University Library Services

Office for Information Technology • Virginia Commonwealth University

### Greetings from VCU Library Faculty and Staff

From within the walls of the VCU Library—James Branch Cabell Library on the Academic Campus and Tompkins-McCaw Library on the Medical College of Virginia Campus—students, faculty, and staff can take a journey that goes beyond city, state, and national boundaries. The Library stands as the gateway to the world, where our international community is becoming increasingly closer via cyberspace.

The Library is committed to meeting the information needs of VCU faculty and students. Its online resources are rapidly replacing traditional print sources. By providing information in print and electronically, the Library enhances scholarship and research activities. The VCU Library strives to be a library of the future by providing a rich collection of print, multimedia, and electronic resources.

We look forward to serving you. Best wishes for the spring semester!



James Branch Cabell Library, on the Academic Campus, is the University's center for research in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences.

### Mission of University Library Services

University Library Services supports learning, teaching, research, health care, and public service at Virginia Commonwealth University by:

- selecting, acquiring, organizing, and preserving information and recorded knowledge in a wide variety of formats;
- facilitating access to materials and information available at Virginia Commonwealth University and elsewhere;
- instructing and assisting users to identify, locate, and use its resources.

University Library Services strives for excellence in all of these endeavors, keeping uppermost in mind at all times the importance of the highest quality service to the students, faculty, and staff of the university.

## General Information

### Library Hours

#### James Branch Cabell Library

901 Park Avenue	
Monday–Thursday	7:30 A.M.–midnight
Friday	7:30 A.M.–7 P.M.
Saturday	10 A.M.–7 P.M.
Sunday	11 A.M.–midnight

#### Tompkins-McCaw Library

509 North 12th Street	
Monday–Thursday	7:30 A.M.–11 P.M.
Friday	7:30 A.M.–6 P.M.
Saturday	9 A.M.–6 P.M.
Sunday	1 P.M.–10 P.M.

Holiday, summer, intercession, and exam hours are posted in each library and on the Library's home page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/hours.html>, and are available by phoning 828-1110. Hours are subject to change. Individual service unit and office hours may differ from building hours.

Effective this spring, the James Branch Cabell Library is once again open extended hours to increase student access to both computers and resources on the Academic Campus. The Library will be open until 2:00 A.M. Sunday–Thursday, from February 7–May 7, 1999. This represents an addi-

tional 10 hours per week. Limited Library services will be available during the extended hours, including check out and check in, reserve services, and assistance with the library catalog and databases. The Cabell computer lab (room B-8) will also be open those same extended hours. In recent years, hours in Cabell have been extended to accommodate students' needs during final exams. This further extension of hours represents the Library's commitment to meet students' needs for both access to computers and resources, and for safe and secure study space on the campus. Funding for the additional hours was provided by the Provost's office.

### Library Services Directory

	Cabell Library	Tompkins-McCaw Library
General Information	828-1110	828-0636
Circulation Services	828-1110	828-0636
Collection Management	828-1112	828-0622
Government Documents	828-1104	828-0636
Instruction and Education Services	828-6545	828-0638
Interlibrary Loan	828-1115	828-0630
Library Hours	828-1109	828-0635
Media Resources	828-1088	828-1592
Outreach Services	828-6545	828-3152
Periodicals/Microforms	828-1091	828-0623
Reference and Information Services	828-1101	828-0636
Reserve Services	828-1111	828-0636
Special Collections and Archives	828-1108	828-9898

### Departmental E-Mail Addresses

	Cabell Library	Tompkins-McCaw Library
Circulation Services	ulsjbcir@hsc.vcu.edu	ulstmlei@hsc.vcu.edu
Collection Management Services	ulscm@hsc.vcu.edu	ulscm@hsc.vcu.edu
Interlibrary Loan Office	ulsjbcil@hsc.vcu.edu	ulstmli@hsc.vcu.edu
Reference Services	ulsjbcre@hsc.vcu.edu	ulstmref@hsc.vcu.edu
Special Collections and Archives	ulsjbcsc@hsc.vcu.edu	ulstmisc@hsc.vcu.edu

### Library Home Page

Visit the VCU Library online to experience the quality and state-of-the-art resources, services, and programs that we provide.

<http://www.library.vcu.edu>

### Vision of the Library

The university library is a vibrant community where ideas are generated, engaged, and shared. It is a dynamic center of culture and knowledge, serving as a conduit for recorded information in all its forms.



Tompkins-McCaw Library, on the Medical College of Virginia Campus, supports learning, teaching, and research in every aspect of the health sciences.

## Collections and Access

### GENERAL COLLECTIONS

The combined collections of the Library, including government documents, total more than 1.5 million volumes. Cabell Library supports learning, teaching, and research in the arts, humanities, social sciences (including business, education, and social work), and physical sciences (such as biology and chemistry). Materials in Tompkins-McCaw Library touch on virtually every aspect of the health sciences. The Library subscribes to over 10,000 journals, which are increasingly available in electronic format. Other notable collections include 3 million microforms, 20,000 sound recordings, and 10,000 films and videos.

### ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The Library offers a wide range of resources in electronic format, including encyclopedias, dictionaries, indexes, and full-text materials. Formats include stand-alone and networked CD-ROMs, databases available through the online catalog, remote access databases, and Internet sources. These resources cover major fields in arts and humanities, social sciences, sciences, and health sciences. Access to Internet resources through the World Wide Web is available in the Library.

The variety of resources provided by the Library includes Britannica Online, English Poetry Database, FirstSearch databases, LEXIS-NEXIS, GPO Access, ABI-Inform, Compact Disclosure, Compustat PC Plus, Social Work Abstracts, Searchbank, and MEDLINE. These are just a few of the many electronic resources the Library has to offer. Staff is available to advise you about the specific databases that may be most appropriate for your research. The most commonly used databases are available at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/atoz.html>.

### JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, AND NEWSPAPERS

The Library has a collection of journals and other serials to support the university's teaching and research missions. The most recent issues of the approximately 7,000 current journal and newspaper titles in the collection are shelved on the second floor of Cabell Library. Approximately 3,000 journal titles are housed in the Tompkins-McCaw Library current journal collection, on the lower level.

Bound volumes of the journals are shelved on the second floor of Cabell Library and are housed in the Tompkins-McCaw Library bound journals stacks. The Library has an extensive collection of serial titles available on microfilm. More and more electronic journals are being added to the collection. A list can be found at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/ejournals/>.

### MICROFORM RESOURCES

Approximately 3 million microforms include newspaper and journal backfiles, college catalogs, and specialized research materials, such as seminal British and American books and serials.

### PERIODICALS RESOURCES

Periodicals Services is responsible for the processing of current periodical subscriptions in print, electronic, and microfilm formats. Staff is responsible for checking-in issues, claiming missing issues, preparing print titles for binding, and assisting Library users. There are two service desks, on the second floor of Cabell Library and on the lower level of Tompkins-McCaw Library. Currently received print subscriptions and micro-

forms are located in areas adjacent to each service desk. For additional information, contact Maureen Hady at 828-1094 or [mehady@vcu.edu](mailto:mehady@vcu.edu), or contact the individual service desks at 828-1091 (Cabell Library) or 828-0623 (Tompkins-McCaw Library).

### COURSE RESERVES

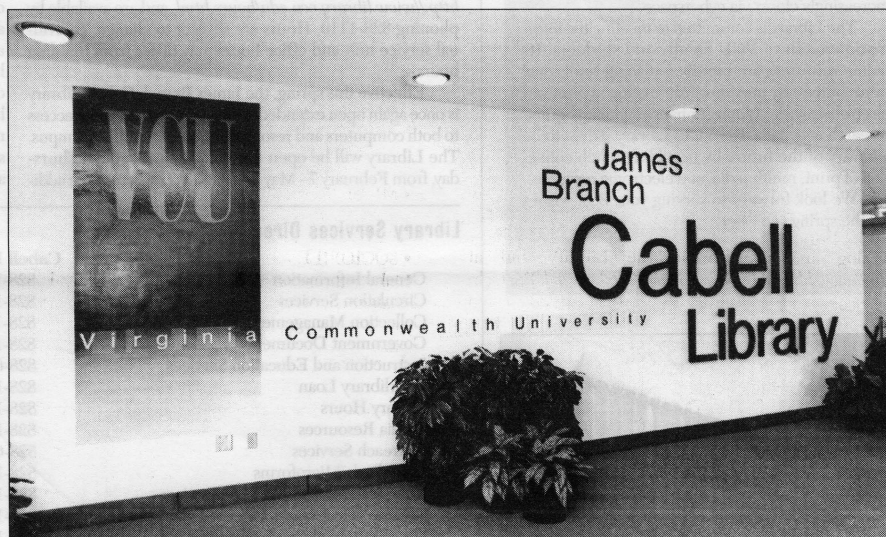
The VCU Library maintains course reserve collections to provide faculty, staff, and students access to course readings and other materials. These collections are located at the Cabell Library Circulation and Reserve Desk, the Cabell Library Media Resource Services Desk, and the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk. The reserve collections include Library owned and faculty personal copies of books, videos, cassettes, reproductions of materials with copyright clearance, and other media. The materials are retrieved by Library staff and are checked out for limited periods. The reserve collection is accessed through the Library catalog's course

tion from CD-ROM products to DVD technology, each Patent and Trademark Depository Library will receive a new computer system equipped with DVD-ROM drives and towers. This new computer system will be delivered this semester to the Government Documents Office at Cabell. For more information on government documents, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/govdocs/aboutgd.html>.

### MEDIA RESOURCES

Media resources are located in room 301 of Cabell Library and on the second floor of Tompkins-McCaw Library. These units house non-print resources, including compact discs, videos and laser discs, cassette tapes, records, computer and multimedia software, models, and slides. Playback equipment is available on site in both libraries for a variety of formats.

Cabell Library's Media Resource Services also houses scores and recordings, textbooks for kindergarten through twelfth grade, and curriculum guides. Videocassettes, 16mm



The newly-redesigned entrance to Cabell Library provides an attractive introduction to the building.

reserve database (DCAT-CR) and can be searched by instructor's name, course name, title, or author to determine the availability of materials. A valid VCUCARD must be presented to check out reserve items, and all reserve materials must be returned to the service desk from which they were borrowed. For additional information, contact Shirley Thomas at 828-1111 or [ulsjbcir@hsc.vcu.edu](mailto:ulsjbcir@hsc.vcu.edu), or visit [http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/student\\_reserves.html](http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/student_reserves.html). Instructions for faculty wishing to place items on reserve are located at [http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/faculty\\_reserves.html](http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/faculty_reserves.html).

### GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The Library regularly acquires local, state, and federal government publications and reports. The federal documents collections include over 300,000 items and are available in a variety of formats, including CD-ROM, maps, microfiche, microfilm, print, and videotapes. All new federal government documents are now being recorded in the online library catalog, giving users access to an important resource for research and course work. In addition to being a selective depository for federal documents, VCU is the only United States Patent and Trademark Depository Library in the state of Virginia. As a part of the migra-

tion from CD-ROM products to DVD technology, each Patent and Trademark Depository Library will receive a new computer system equipped with DVD-ROM drives and towers. This new computer system will be delivered this semester to the Government Documents Office at Cabell. For more information on government documents, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/govdocs/aboutgd.html>.

Tompkins-McCaw Library offers instruction and assistance for making presentation materials in the Instructional Media Workshop by appointment. The equipment available in the workshop includes lettering systems, dry-mount/laminating press matboards, mat and paper cutters, and photographic copystands. For more information about available services, please visit the web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/library/tml/isr/workshop.html>. For an appointment, call 828-1592.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

Cabell Library's Special Collections and Archives, located on the fourth floor, includes: a book art collection widely recognized as one of the finest of its kind in the country; the James Branch Cabell Collection, housed in the James Branch Cabell Suite inside the unit; a limited but representative Virginia Writers Literary Col-

lection of published works and manuscripts; the Richmond Area Development Archives; comic books; and the historical records of the Richmond Professional Institute and the Academic Campus.

Special Collections and Archives at Tompkins-McCaw Library, located in room 1-032, houses the Virginia Health Sciences Archives, a rare books collection of predominantly 19th-century texts on medicine, a 3,200-piece collection of medical artifacts, and the historical records of MCV.

University archives and artifacts are housed in Special Collections and Archives on both campuses. For more information, visit the web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/spccoll.html>.

#### AIDS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Since 1989, the VCU Library has served as the state's AIDS Resource Library in cooperation with the Regional AIDS Resource Centers and the Virginia Department of Health. Tompkins-McCaw Library's collections are available to assist the HIV-related research and patient care needs of health providers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The collection contains material related to all aspects of HIV infection and AIDS, including medical, social, psychological, economic, and cultural issues.

A web page describing the information services available can be found at <http://views.vcu.edu/views/hiv/inforesources/cars.html>.

A new web pathfinder for Internet resources is also available at <http://views.vcu.edu/views/hiv/inforesources/path.html>.

#### LIBRARY ACCESS FROM HOME AND OFFICE

The catalog and many of the online databases also can be accessed from a home or office computer. Instructions for remote access to the VCU Library Catalog are available in the Library and at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/connect/catalog.html>. For technical assistance with setting up a computer, modem, and communications software, contact University Computing Services—Academic Campus (828-2227) or University Computing Services—MCV Campus (828-9843). Catalog and database searching questions should be directed to the Cabell Library Reference Desk (828-1101) or the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk (828-0636). The catalog is available from approximately 7:30 A.M. until 1 A.M. daily. The availability of the catalog will fluctuate with expanded library hours. Access to the VCU Library Catalog is not restricted. Gaining access to other databases, however, requires a VCUCARD.

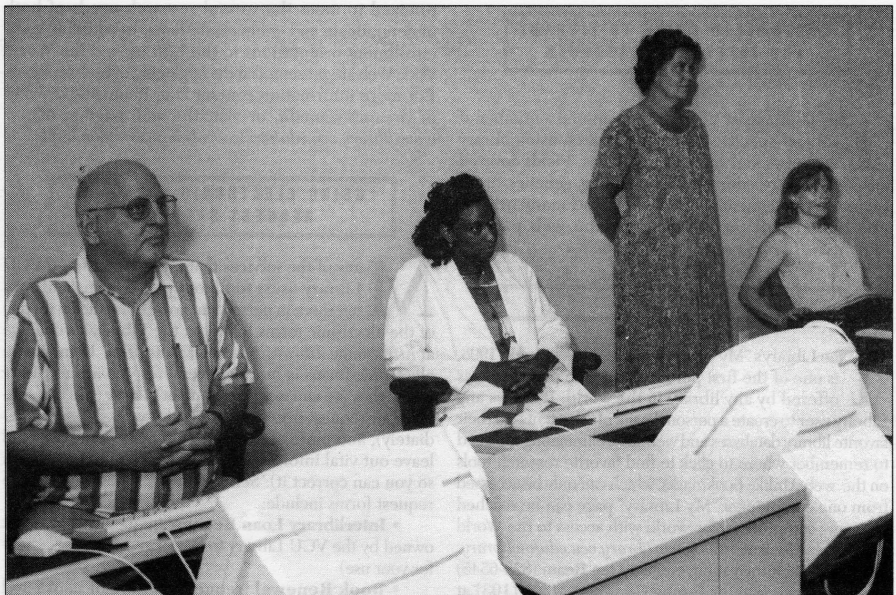
Any VCU faculty, staff, or registered student with a valid VCUCARD number can now use a home Internet Service Provider (ISP) to connect to and search VCU Library databases, including full-text journal databases (such as Searchbank, MEDLINE, LEXIS-NEXIS, or FirstSearch) from outside the Library. This new service requires a short setup procedure using either the Netscape or Internet Explorer web browser. Directions can be found on the Library's web pages at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/help/isp.html>.

#### DATABASES SEARCHABLE FROM HOME OR OFFICE

The following databases, formerly searchable only within the library buildings, are now accessible on the web for home and office use by following the web browser setup instructions at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/help/isp.html>.

These are some of the databases now available for off-campus use:

- ABI
- BIOSIS
- CINAHL
- Criminal Justice Abstracts
- Current Contents
- Econlit
- EI Village/Compendex



TomCAT, the new computer classroom at Tompkins-McCaw Library opened on September 18, 1998. Visitors were given a demonstration of the facility's capabilities.

- HealthSTAR
- International Pharmaceutical Abstracts
- ISI WEB OF SCIENCE
- MEDLINE
- MLA Bibliography
- PSYCHINFO
- Social Work Abstracts
- SOCIOFILE

Links to these and other databases can be found, listed alphabetically at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/atoz.html>.

#### REFERENCE BOOKS ON THE WEB

It is not always necessary to walk or drive to the VCU Libraries to use a reference book. Visit the Electronic Reference Shelf at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/dbases/quickref.html> to see if the book you need may be accessible from a home or office computer. Included in this growing collection are many reference works purchased by the library that are not available to the growing general public via the Internet, such as the *Oxford English Dictionary*, *Britannica Online*, *Contemporary Authors*, *Associations Unlimited*, the *Gale Database of Publications and Broadcast Media*, and the *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*.

#### LEXIS-NEXIS DATABASE NOW ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

VCU students, faculty, and staff can now access LEXIS-NEXIS using the World Wide Web. Called Academic UNIVERse, the new service contains constantly updated full-text documents from thousands of wire services, newspapers, and magazines, as well as company profiles and financial reports, government transcripts, trade journals, and academic and legal databases. Students, faculty, and staff can search the millions of LEXIS-NEXIS documents both on and off campus.

#### VIRTUAL LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

The Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA) is a consortium of the libraries of the 39 state-assisted colleges and universities (at 51 campuses) within the Commonwealth of Virginia. These institutions share access to online library resources that enhance learning, avoid duplication of collections, and utilize technology. To learn about VIVA accomplishments, visit the web page at <http://www.viva.lib.va.us>.

## Services and Facilities

#### TOUR OF THE LIBRARY

At Cabell Library, regularly scheduled tours are conducted at the beginning of each semester. Additional tours can be arranged on request. For more information, contact Dan Ream at 828-6545 or [dream@vcu.edu](mailto:dream@vcu.edu), or check the Library Instruction schedule on the web at [http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/cabell\\_instruction.html](http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/cabell_instruction.html).

At Tompkins-McCaw Library, monthly orientation tours are scheduled for new students, staff, faculty, or visitors. For schedule information, contact Lynne Turman at 828-0638 or at [luturman@vcu.edu](mailto:luturman@vcu.edu), or check

the Health Informatics Program schedule at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/classes.html>.

#### GETTING STARTED ON YOUR RESEARCH

To learn more about the electronic library, or just to brush up on basic searching skills, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/help/getstarted.html>. This "Getting Started on Your Research" page can also teach users how to find books, magazines, government documents, and Internet sites. Also included is an interactive quiz on search logic and tips for evaluating the sources found.

### CUSTOMIZED GUIDE TO LIBRARY AND INTERNET RESOURCES

The librarians at VCU have composed a number of subject-specific guides to research using library databases and Internet resources. Fields covered include dentistry, education, engineering, genetics, history, marketing, music, social work, and many others. For links to all our guides, see the web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/guides.html>.

### MY LIBRARY

The Library's "My Library" service, developed in 1998, is one of the first personalized web page services offered by any library in the world. It allows any Library user to create a personal page of "shortcuts" to their favorite library databases and web sites, eliminating the need to remember where to click to find favorite research tools on the web. Unlike bookmarks, which can only be accessed from one computer, a "My Library" page can be reached from any computer in the world with access to the World Wide Web. Use it at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/mylibrary>. For additional information, contact Dan Ream (828-6545) at [dream@vcu.edu](mailto:dream@vcu.edu), or Jimmy Ghaphery (828-1103) at [jghapher@saturn.vcu.edu](mailto:jghapher@saturn.vcu.edu).

### HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM

Tompkins-McCaw Library on the MCV Campus provides training opportunities throughout the year to help users develop skills in information management. A wide variety of seminars focusing on health sciences topics are offered free of charge to VCU faculty, staff, and students. Library staff also can design a specialized program for your course or group. For more information and a list of current classes, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/classes.html> or contact Lynne Turman at 828-0638 or [luturman@vcu.edu](mailto:luturman@vcu.edu). To register online, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/geninfo/classregistration.html>.

### INSTRUCTION AND OUTREACH SERVICES

VCU faculty can schedule course-related library research instruction throughout the year at Cabell Library. Classes are taught by librarians and cus-

tomized to meet the special research needs of both undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, open enrollment orientations to the Library and the World Wide Web are presented at the beginning of each semester. For more information contact Dan Ream at 828-6545 or [dream@vcu.edu](mailto:dream@vcu.edu), or visit the web page at [http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/cabell\\_instruction.html](http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/cabell_instruction.html).

### USING ELECTRONIC FORMS TO REQUEST SERVICES

Many of the services that formerly required VCU Library users to fill out paper forms and submit them in person can now be handled with one of the electronic forms found on the Library's web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms.html>. Using these electronic forms is more convenient (you always know where they are and we never run out), faster (you can submit your request from your computer workstation immediately), and more accurate (if you make a mistake and leave out vital information, the form is returned to you so you can correct it). Services available through online request forms include:

- **Interlibrary Loan Request** (request materials not owned by the VCU Library to be borrowed and sent here for your use)
- **Book Renewal** (request renewal of books and other items you have borrowed from the VCU Library)
- **Hold/Recall, Delivery and Missing Item Search** (request holds and recalls of materials currently checked-out, deliveries between libraries, or searches of materials owned by the VCU Library)
- **Reference Question** (ask the Library's Reference Staff for information; 48-hour turnaround time; longer on weekends)
- **Item Purchase Request** (request that the VCU Library consider purchasing a new book, video, journal subscription, or database)
- **Instruction Reservation Request** (a form for VCU Academic Campus faculty to use in scheduling library instruction sessions for their classes)
- **Health Informatics Program Registration** (register for instructional sessions held at Tompkins-McCaw Library)
- **Film/Video Reservation Request** (a form for faculty and staff to request video materials for use in their classes or staff training; can also be used to place film/video materials on reserve in Cabell Library Media Resource Services for student use)
- **New Course and Program Review** (for faculty to request a collection assessment report for a proposed course or program)
- **Online Search Request** (a fee-based search service).

### BORROWING AND RENEWING MATERIALS

Borrowing privileges at the Library are extended to holders of validated VCUCARDs and those who have purchased special borrower passes. Circulation policies are relatively liberal and place maximum responsibility on the users. Policies vary depending on type of user and kind of item requested. A complete list of borrowing privileges may be found at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/geninfo/circpriv/unilib2.html>. Since some materials may not be borrowed, it is best to inquire at the Cabell Library Circulation Services Desk or Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk when in doubt. Undergraduate students may borrow most materials for three weeks, graduate students for six weeks, and faculty for one semester.

By dialing 828-0505 from noon to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, users may renew books or other library materials. Eligible borrowers may request that all or selected checked-out library materials be renewed. Regularly circulated materials from collections at both Cabell Library and Tompkins-McCaw Library may be renewed by telephone. There is no limit to the number of items a user may renew by telephone, as long as there are no outstanding fees or fines. During the telephone transaction, borrowers will be informed if materials cannot be renewed. Borrowers will be given the new due dates for all renewed materials at the end of the telephone transaction.

Library materials can also be renewed online at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms/renewals.html>. Library users can request holds and recalls of materials currently checked-out, deliveries between libraries, or searches of materials owned by the VCU Library. These services can be requested at the Cabell Library Circulation Services Desk, the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk, or online at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms/itemreq.html>.

### REFERENCE SERVICES

Reference assistance is provided at the Cabell Library Reference Desk and at the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk. Staff at these two service points are ready to help students, faculty, and others learn to use library resources effectively and efficiently, by teaching the use of electronic resources, including the Internet, the library catalog, CD-ROMs, and subscription databases. They also help patrons formulate search strategies, use print reference sources, locate information and materials, and learn about library collections and services. Library users can also make appointments with subject specialists to help them with difficult research questions. Reference services are also available by e-mail. Turnaround time for that service is within 48 hours, Monday through Friday. The query form is available online at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms/ref.html>. For additional information, contact Sally Jacobs or Jan Lewis at Cabell Library, at 828-1101, or [ulsjbere@vcu.edu](mailto:ulsjbere@vcu.edu). At Tompkins-McCaw Library, contact Mona Thiss, at 828-0636, or [ulstmlre@vcu.edu](mailto:ulstmlre@vcu.edu).

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICES

Since no library is totally self-sufficient, libraries share their resources through interlibrary loan to supplement their collections. VCU is a member of the Center for Research Libraries, OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. These organizations offer access to the collections of libraries in this country and abroad. For materials not held in the VCU Library, interlibrary borrowing services are available for student, faculty, and staff borrowers. These transactions can be arranged in person at the Cabell Library Interlibrary Loan Office (room 126), Tompkins/McCaw Interlibrary Loan Office (room B-001), Cabell Library Reference Desk, Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk, or by electronic mail at [ulsjbcil@vcu.edu](mailto:ulsjbcil@vcu.edu) for Cabell Library and [ulstmlil@vcu.edu](mailto:ulstmlil@vcu.edu) for Tompkins/McCaw Library. Forms



The new Circulation and Reserves Desk at Cabell Library was installed during the 1997/1998 academic year.

are also available at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms/ill.html>. Because materials must be retrieved from other libraries, normal turnaround time is two weeks. For additional information, visit the web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/isr/ill.html>.

#### DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The Library's Document Delivery Services will retrieve, photocopy, and deliver articles owned by the Library. This is a fee-based service. Document delivery forms may be submitted in person at Cabell Library's Interlibrary Loan Office (room 126), the Cabell Library Circulation Services Desk, Tompkins-McCaw Library's Interlibrary Loan Office (room B-001), or the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk. Forms may be emailed or faxed to Cabell Library's Interlibrary Loan Office at P.O. Box 842033, 828-1730 or Tompkins-McCaw Library's Interlibrary Loan Office at P.O. Box 980582, 828-2260. Forms may also be submitted from the web page at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/tml/isr/ddflyer.html>.

#### PRINTING AND COPYING

VCUCARDS and Card Value Center cards may be used for the printers, photocopiers, and microform equipment in the Library. The Card Value Center machines in Cabell Library are located on the first and second floors. In Tompkins-McCaw library, Card Value Center machines are located on the first floor and on the lower level.

Machines for reading materials on microfilm and microfiche are located in two main areas in Cabell Library: the Government Documents area on the first floor and the Periodicals/Microforms Room on the second floor. Microform equipment in Tompkins-McCaw Library is located on the lower level and in the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room and in the Government Documents area on the first floor. Copies may be made from most machines for a fee.

Photocopiers are located on the first and second floors of Cabell Library and all floors of Tompkins-McCaw Library, and copies are available for a fee. Printers are located on the first floor of Tompkins-McCaw Library and on the first, second, and third floors of Cabell Library.

#### SERVICES FOR USERS WITH DISABILITIES

Cabell Library has a wheelchair ramp to enter the building through automatic doors. Accessible restrooms are in the basement level and on the second floor; elevators provide access to all floors. Special audio and visual equipment is available to aid in using library materials, including: the Kurzweil "Reading Edge," a synthesized-voice reading machine; the Voyager/Visualtek Reader for enlarging printed text; and a personal computer with a 20-inch monitor and screen magnification for accessing library databases. Staff at the Reference Desk can provide special research assistance and orientations by appointment. The document delivery service provides materials between the two campuses and staff provides assistance with retrieving and photocopying materials from the collection within 48 hours of the request. For further assistance, please contact Sally Jacobs at 828-1101 or [ulsjbre@vcu.edu](mailto:ulsjbre@vcu.edu).

Tompkins-McCaw Library has a wheelchair ramp with monitored entrances that must be released for entrance. Accessible restrooms are available on the first floor; elevators provide access to all floors. Specialized equipment includes a personal computer with screen magnification. A Voyager/Visualtek Reader and large-print microfiche reader also are available. Staff at the Service Desk can provide special research assistance and orientations by appointment. For further assistance contact John Jones at 818-1881 or [jjones@vcu.edu](mailto:jjones@vcu.edu).

For users with physical disabilities that prevent them from retrieving and photocopying materials from the collection, the document delivery service fee will be waived and assistance will be provided, within 48 hours of the request.



A formal "Tea@TML" was held on December 1, 1998, as part of the ceremonies celebrating the centennial of Tompkins-McCaw Library.

#### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Collection management librarians routinely review notices of recent publications, publisher catalogs, and other sources to ensure that the Library broadly acquires literature in the subject fields pertinent to VCU's programs. They regularly consult with faculty as they select materials for the collections, including books, periodicals, government documents, media, and other non-print or electronic resources. Comprehensive approval plans that supply current titles from the major trade and university presses are also utilized. Suggestions for purchases can be made at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/forms/purchase.html>. A list of collection management librarians and their subject areas can be found at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/jbc/cm/subjects.htm>.

#### PRESERVATION OF COLLECTIONS

The Preservation Department promotes proper care and handling of library materials, provides preventive maintenance for new materials, and treats damaged materials to help protect the university's investment in the Library's resources. It is important for these materials to remain accessible now and for future generations of researchers. This department also manages the Cabell Library stacks, provides staff and user education, reformat library materials, and coordinates binding and repair services. For more information, contact Patricia Palmer at 828-2287 or [pepalmer@vcu.edu](mailto:pepalmer@vcu.edu).

#### THESIS AND DISSERTATIONS

The Library binds all student theses and dissertations for a nominal fee. The *Thesis and Dissertation Manual* is available in print from graduate

advisors and on the web in Acrobat PDF at <http://www.library.vcu.edu/services/binding.html>. The web version allows students to download some of the forms for easy editing.

#### NEW COMPUTER CLASSROOM AT TOMPKINS-MCGAW LIBRARY

In the summer of 1998, a new state-of-the-art computer classroom became available on the second floor of Tompkins-McCaw Library. The classroom is equipped with 19 advanced workstations and projection, video, audio, and closed-circuit television capability. The facility is primarily intended for instructional purposes. For information about hardware and availability, visit <http://views.vcu.edu/ucsmcc/classrooms.html>.

#### STUDY ROOMS

Group study rooms are available on a first come-first served basis for two or more users and to individuals with a demonstrated study or research-related need for a private room. The Cabell Library study rooms are located on the first floor and are not locked. Keys to the study rooms at Tompkins-McCaw Library are available at the Service Desk and can be checked out for two-hour periods.

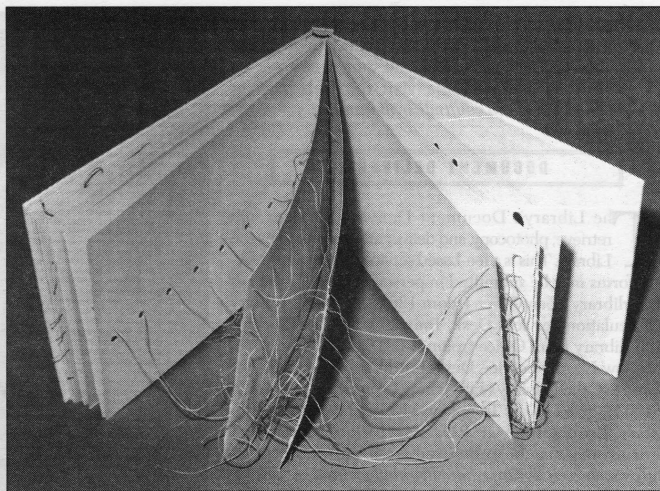
#### PUBLIC TELEPHONES

Public telephones are located on the second floor in Cabell Library and the first floor of Tompkins-McCaw Library. Campus telephones are located on the first floor of Cabell Library; Tompkins-McCaw Library has these telephones on each floor. A telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) is installed at one of the public telephones on the first floor of Cabell Library.

## REDESIGNING LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

Academic libraries and academic publishing are undergoing dramatic changes, with more and more journals available in electronic form with a variety of delivery options. One thing that has not changed much recently is the Library budget, which has remained relatively flat in recent years. Unfortunately, the cost of library materials has continued to increase at several times the pace of most goods and services. Our buying power is now less than what it was in 1992, and each year we can afford to buy less.

The Library is undertaking a significant redesign of its collections and services to enable it to survive in this environment. We plan to increase the number of online journals available, maintain core print and online journals (particularly for undergraduates), subsidize the cost of delivery for high-priced journals for faculty and graduate students, and increase the availability of alternative methods for locating needed resources. Faculty in all schools are being contacted to inform them of the initiative and solicit their help in identifying high and low-use titles. We expect that the redesign initiative will open up new opportunities for research and learning at the university. While there may be some initial uncertainty over how to effectively use all of the new tools and sources, ultimately the VCU community will have a much richer set of resources to draw upon. Intensive instructional programs are being devised to help individuals with the transition.



Cabell Library's Special Collections and Archives contains one of the finest collections of book art in the country. Pictured is Book 91 by Keith A. Smith.

## Strategic Planning 1999-2001

Since late Fall, the Library has been engaged in a strategic planning process that will position it to better serve its users and to become a leader among academic and health sciences libraries in public urban research universities. The strategic planning initiatives address service philosophy, collections and the organization of knowledge, service to the university community, the worker of the future, facilities, and funding and development. Planning efforts have been coordinated with the strategic plans for the University and the Office for Information Technology. The Library's plan is also integrated with the University's academic priorities.

We are committed to creating our own future.

Library staff has addressed a number of important questions regarding who we are and who we want to be in the future. The resulting Strategic Plan may be viewed as the Library's answer to the question:

*Given what we know about the Library's internal strengths and weaknesses, its external opportunities and threats, its internal issues in need of resolution, and the needs of both its staff and its major user groups, what specific steps should the Library take, over the next few years, in order to achieve its objectives and fulfill its mission?*

The recommendations contained in this Plan reflect our encounters with a number of complex issues and difficult decisions. We are committed to creating our own future. For further information, visit <http://www.library.vcu.edu/staff/admin/stratplan/>.

## Food and Drink

To provide a more attractive study environment and to preserve and protect library collections for current and future users, food is prohibited in all public areas (including the teleconference rooms and VCUCARD office) of Cabell and Tompkins-McCaw Libraries. Drinks are permitted **only** in hard plastic, covered containers, such as thermo-mugs or sports bottles that have a pop-up or other hard plastic lid to help prevent spills. Those containers are prohibited, however, in the following areas of the libraries: computing services, instructional labs, and on or at any computer, printer, microform reader/printer, or photocopier. Styrofoam and paper cups, glass bottles, juice boxes, and aluminum cans are prohibited. Unattended food and drink that is openly displayed in public areas will be confiscated and discarded.

Patrons found in violation of this policy will be asked to remove the food and inappropriate drink containers from the building. If the patron does not comply, the patron may be asked to leave the building. If the patron refuses to leave, the VCU Police may be called to escort the patron from the building.



## Employment Opportunities

The Library hires numerous work study student workers each semester. A limited number of non-work study positions are also available. The University Career Center maintains lists of all available jobs in room 130 of the University Student Commons or visit their web page at <http://www.students.edu/careers/>.

Additional faculty, full-time, and hourly positions are often available. Inquires should be made to the VCU Employment Office at 1000 East Marshall Street, at 225-4192, or by visiting their web page at <http://views.vcu.edu/hr/employ.htm>. A 24-Hour Job Hot Line is also available at 278-0266.

Application forms for all positions are available in Cabell Library room 201 or at the Tompkins-McCaw Library Service Desk. The form is also available online, in multiple word processing formats, at <http://www.state.va.us/~dpt/statea.htm>.



Tompkins-McCaw Library's Special Collections and Archives has a 3,200-piece collection of historical medical artifacts. Displayed are (clockwise from top) a microscope, trepan set, urethral sounds, pocket surgical kit, obstetrical forceps, and amputation set.

## Join the VCU Friends of the Library

# Our Partners for Progress

### The VCU Friends of the Library...

- is an organization of more than 300 members — individuals, organizations, and businesses.
- raises funds to help provide resources and services beyond what the Library's budget is able to provide.
- stimulates support and awareness of the Library's resources and services.
- sponsors special programs, including a book sale and special events
- needs your support!

### Continuing Commitment

#### Commitment to VCU Students, Faculty, and Staff

- More than twenty library endowments have been created to enhance the collections in areas such as American history, English literature, and health administration.
- A primary function of any library is to preserve its materials once they have been acquired and added to the collections. To assist with the preservation program of the Library, the Friends fund recyclable, plastic bags to help patrons protect books during inclement weather.

#### Commitment to VCU Library Staff

- The Friends established a new endowment, the VCU Friends of the Library Staff Excellence Endowment, to provide support for staff development. The endowment will allow library staff to conduct, participate in, and attend such events as training programs, lectures, and workshops. This endowment is the first of its kind and is an expression of



Author David Baldacci autographs a copy of his book, *Absolute Power*, for Friends of the Library Board member Joan Rexinger.

the Friends' commitment to staff development and excellence.

- The Friends strongly support the VCU library faculty and staff. At the end of the year, a holiday gathering is held in honor of the staff.
- During National Library Week, the Friends present achievement awards to student workers who have shown extraordinary work and academic talents.

### Community Service

For the past four years, the Friends have sponsored community service programs of interest to the Richmond community.

- In 1994, a panel consisting of members of the VCU and Richmond communities explored the future of Rich-

mond in "Beyond Crupi: Revitalizing Richmond."

- A provocative discussion with leading experts from business, government, education, transportation, and the arts was the goal of the Friends in 1995, when they sponsored "Regionalism: The Next Step."

- In 1996, the Friends presented "The Public in Public Art," during which a nationally renowned keynote speaker and panelists discussed how art is selected and developed for the metro Richmond area and the role the public plays in this process.

- The Friends tackled a controversial, library-related issue in 1997 with "Libraries, The Internet, Restricted Access: Censorship or Good Taste?"

### Membership and Benefits

The membership of the VCU Friends of the Library is as diverse as VCU's student body. Various levels of giving are provided to encourage the entire community to participate. Anyone can join!

Annual membership is extended to everyone who contributes the minimum annual dues of \$25. The Friends make a variety of exciting and unique benefits available to their members, including:

- *One FREE one-hour Internet training session at the VCU Library.* Friends can learn about the wonders of the World Wide Web and the Internet.
- *FREE borrowing privileges.* Upon request, all Friends receive free borrowing privileges to the VCU Library for one year.
- *Invitations to Friends-sponsored programs.* All Friends receive invitations to annual lectures and programs.
- *A subscription to Library Online,* the Friends' newsletter. This biannual publication includes articles about Library happenings and an events calendar.

## How to Join the VCU Friends of the Library

Join the Friends and watch the Library grow. Some members support the Friends simply by paying their annual dues, while others become more involved in Friends' programs and activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes! I would like to join the VCU Friends of the Library and contribute to the continued excellence and growth of the VCU Libraries. | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend.....\$25 - \$49              |
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For more information about the VCU Library and Friends of the Library, please contact the Library Development Office, University Library Services, Virginia Commonwealth University, P.O. Box 842033, Richmond, VA 23284-2033, (804) 828-1116 (telephone), (804) 828-0151 (fax).

### Contribution by Check

Please make checks payable to the *VCU Libraries Annual Fund*. Donations are tax-deductible.

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Circle One:  VISA  MasterCard

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### Contribution by Matching Gift

Many companies have programs through which they will match the contributions of current and retired employees. If you or your spouse is employed by or retired from a matching gift company, please contact your human resources office to find out how you can double or triple your gift to the VCU Library.

Please return this form to  
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P.O. Box 843042  
Richmond, Virginia 23284-3042

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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“My Library”

The VCU Library's "My Library" service lets you create your own personal library web page, with shortcuts to your favorite library research tools and web sites. And it's better than bookmarks, because you can use it anywhere the web is!

New Users click here: [Create your own library page](#)

<http://www.library.vcu.edu/mylibrary>