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- Site orientation



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- Built in 1841, second home of First Baptist Church.
- Architect, Thomas U Walter.
- Strong influence on ecclesiastical architecture in Richmond.



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**First Baptist Church Built
1780. Rebuilt 1878.**



**Hunton Hall
1841**



**First Baptist
Church today**

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- Neat story...
 - Hunton Hall originally had a steeple with a bell....then came the civil war.



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The bell from Hunton Hall at the First Baptist Church

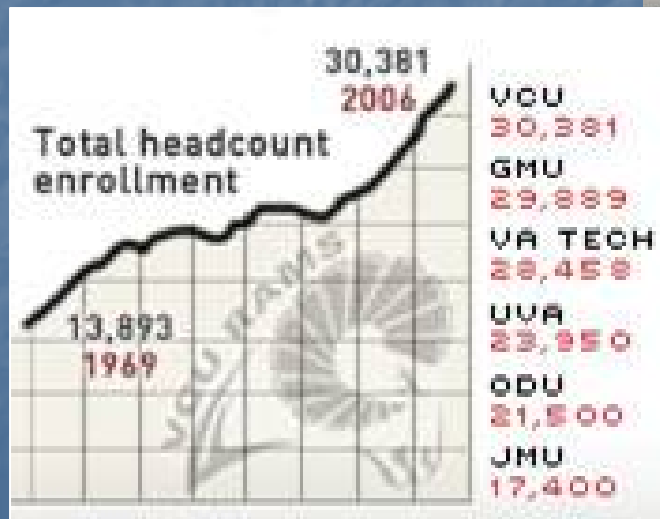
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- VCU acquired in 1938.
- Student Center in name only.
 - Poor food service.
 - Little study space.
 - Scant SGA space.
 - Balconies unsafe.
 - One commemorative painting.

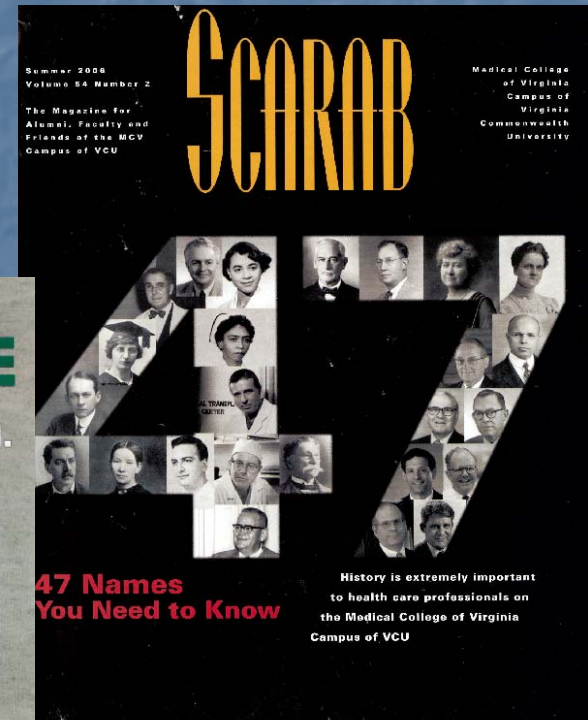
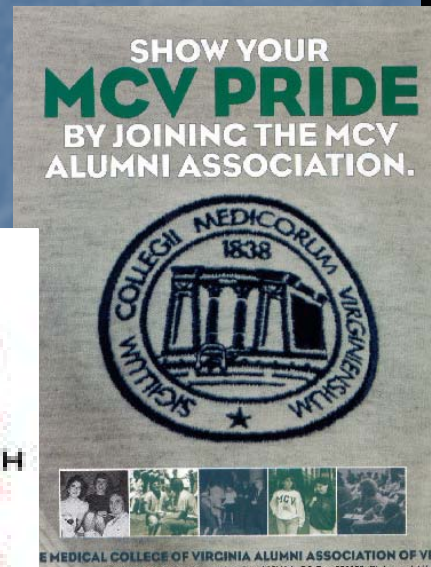


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- Why Renovate?
 - Growing enrollment
 - Sense of Pride
 - Alumni interest



VCU	30,381
GMU	29,889
VA TECH	28,458
UVA	23,950
ODU	21,500
JMU	17,400



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- Design Begins
 - Met with state Historic Resources staff.
 - Hosted a tour for 1st Baptist Church.
 - Conducted a Student Survey.
 - Got administrative input.
 - Involved Alumni.
 - Evaluated sense of place.



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- Sense of Place – inside
 - Remnants of its first life as a church
 - Quality of light
 - Volume of sanctuary
 - Presence of the altar
 - Muscular building
 - Assertively plain



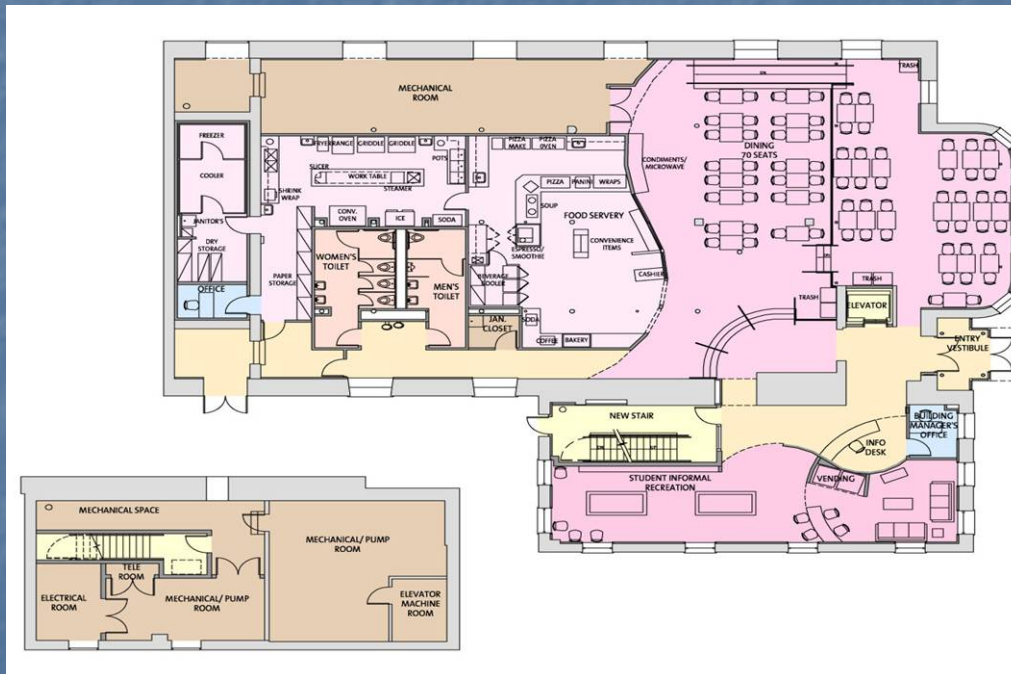
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- Student Involvement
 - Student contest to name the café
 - Student on Building Committee
 - “Hunting Through Hunton” event
 - Special grand opening just for students



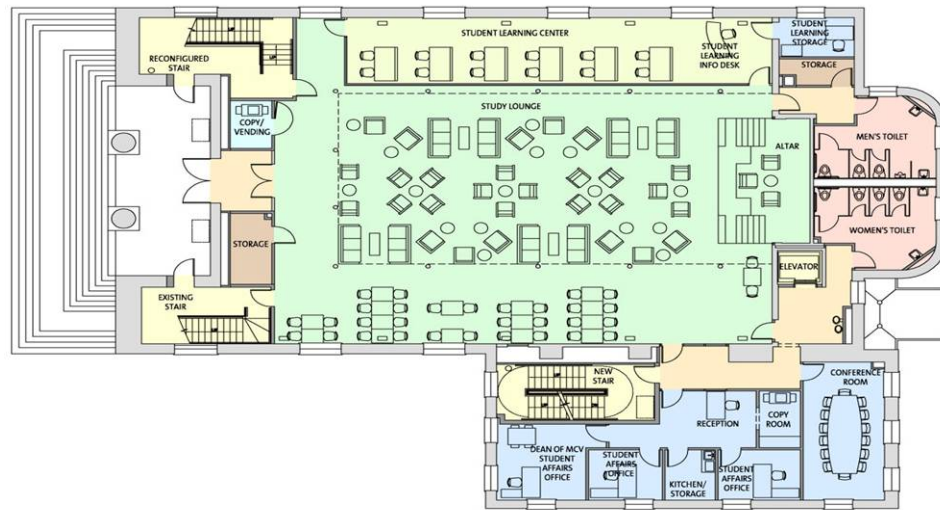
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■ First floor

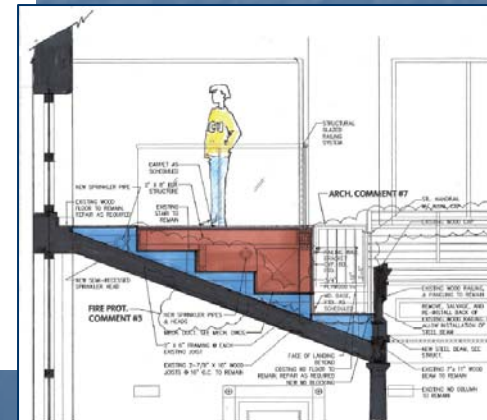


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- Second floor



■ Third floor



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Before



After

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Before



After

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■ Telling the Story of VCU

The MEDICAL COLLEGE of VIRGINIA

[Beginnings]
IN NOVEMBER 1838, a collection of 46 medical students gathered at the Union Hotel in Richmond to attend lectures at the new department of medical learning, an offshoot of Hampden-Sydney College.

This auspicious beginning resulted from the shared dream of two young doctors. In less than twenty years, the fledgling School of Medicine flourished to become the Medical College of Virginia, which has conferred degrees of medicine degrees in every year since its founding, including the era of the Civil War. This heritage – and the accomplishments achieved over many decades in this medical institution – were introduced to the nation in a series of great prize for the students, faculty, staff, and donors associated with the corporation – a Virginia Commonwealth University. This brief history captures only a few contributions of those whose labor has built one of the top academic medical centers in the country.

1838 The new Medical Department of Hampden-Sydney College holds its first lecture.

1844 The Medical Department moves into the Egyptian Building.

1854 The Virginia General Assembly grants an independent charter to the Medical Department, which becomes the Medical College of Virginia.

1860 MCV conveys its property to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

1861 College Hospital opens, providing an 80-bed clinical facility and a large surgical amphitheater.

1861 Under the leadership of Levin S. Jones, M.D., the college remains open and graduates a class each year of the Civil War.

1865

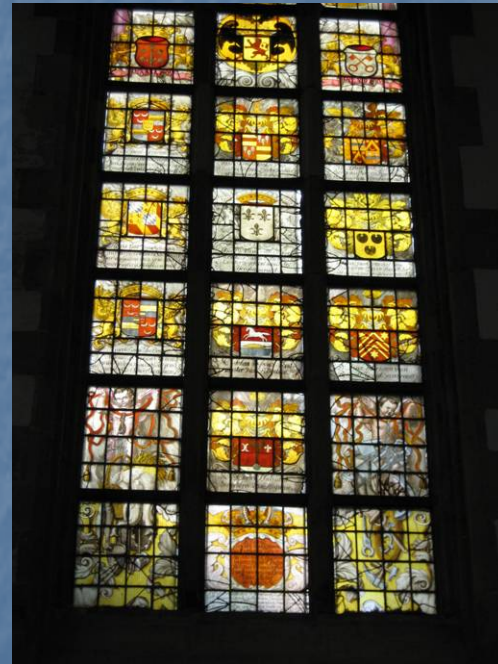
1879 With an amendment to its charter, MCV is allowed to confer pharmacy degrees. The first students are taught by William Henry Taylor, M.D. (M-1860).

1889 MCV Alumni Association is organized with Confederate veteran John B. Newton, M.D., D.D. (M-1860) as the first president.



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- Windows into the past



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Congratulations are in order to my predecessor, Mrs. Becky Perdue who was recognized as the 2005 Alumni Star for the School of Allied Health Professions. Becky was one of fourteen alumni (from all the schools on both campuses) who were honored during a fun evening in their honor at the Science Museum on Friday, November 11th. As you probably know, Becky served as our Alumni Association President from 2003 until 2005 and guided the organization through the Strategic Planning process which led to many of

our exciting new initiatives.

I previously informed you of our board's commitment to the Hunton Hall endeavor. The new Hunton Hall will be a renovation of the old historic First Baptist Church building on Broad Street into a state-of-the-art Student Activities Center. We are very proud to announce that our board has agreed to fund a \$250,000 gift to this exciting project. We also have alumni members serving on a Hunton Hall Commemorative Committee which is developing appropriate ways to recognize and educate current and future students about the important achievements of "MCV Luminaries" who came before them. Additionally, we are helping develop a timeline featuring important dates in the history of MCV to be included in the Hunton Hall project. This issue of *Scrab* highlights many of the historical figures and incidents in MCV history. We hope that you enjoy reading it.

We have added a new Endowed Legacy Scholarship to our existing school and will discuss it at our February board meeting and are

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