



# The Campus Voice

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## New Books Available in the Vinson Hall Library

The Belle of Amherst, Emily Dickinson, wrote, "There is no frigate like a book." Every now and then, however, we would like a different ship to take us to different lands. If your selection of books is looking too familiar, remember Vinson Hall's Library.

VHRC's librarian, Mary Blair, while not able to come to work in recent months, has selected and ordered new books and evaluated book donations. Library volunteers list the new books and make them available to residents.

An annotated list of 56 new books is available in a notebook on the New Book Shelf in the library. If you would like this list emailed to you, send an email request to library volunteer Carol Henderson in Apt. 1309 at carolchenderson@mac.com. To request one of these books, leave a written request on the librarian's desk or send an email request to library volunteer Sue Clark in Apt. 1207 at tonycl@alumni.duke.edu.



A library volunteer will deliver the book to your mailbox. It will be due in one month. Since these books have no library markings, we are using this method to make them available, but also to keep track of the inventory. Please return these books on time!

## **The Vin Bin Wins the "Name that Box" Contest**



Midge Holmes won our naming contest with *The Vin Bin*.

Last week we asked you to help us name that metal box outside your door. Often we just call it a mailbox and then have to clarify: the mailbox outside your door, not the mailroom mailbox. Why not just give it another name? But what name to give it? A contest was our answer and we received many responses. We even got a few responses from family members! (Nice to know our reach is that far!) Names ran the gamut from the amusing to the earnest. Some of our favorites included: The Stuffer, Parcelette, Campus News Box, The Flyer Box. In the end we choose *The Vin Bin*. This name was submitted by Midge Holmes. Congrats to the winner and thank you to all who helped with the naming! And be sure to check your *Vin Bin* for the latest news!

## Neighborly News

### Horseshoe Pit Open for Pitching

When Mike Cluff came to Vinson Hall six years ago, he brought his workshop with him. "I had a large shop in the basement of my home," he said. At the time, the Hobby Shop at VHRC was being used for storage. "I told them if you throw out all that junk, I will donate my entire workshop to Vinson Hall, which I did." And he's been building things on campus ever since. His latest project? The new outdoor horseshoe pit, which he just finished yesterday.

"It was Midge Holmes' idea," he explains. "She put together a list of outdoor activities and this was one of them." Mike suggested a location, and the Facilities team put in a sidewalk for accessibility and a fence for safety. Like any project, there were some hiccups along the way. "When I started a couple months ago, the pit I dug was all compacted dirt and would fill with water, so I had to build a side drain." Even constructing the boxes around the spikes proved a challenge during COVID-19. "I usually go to the hardware store and buy the right size nails myself, but I couldn't." Staff stepped in to get the nails, Mike finished the boxes and spread the sand – and VHRC now has a horseshoe pit.

Mike's interest in woodworking goes back to childhood. "I was born on a farm in northern Michigan, and I was always out building chicken houses and other stuff," says Mike, who later on refinished furniture for his wife's antique



*Mike Cluff preps the new horseshoe pit.*

business. Nowadays, his neighbors are the benefactors of his skills. "I usually have two or three projects going for people in the community here. I like working on these things. That's just part of my life."

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