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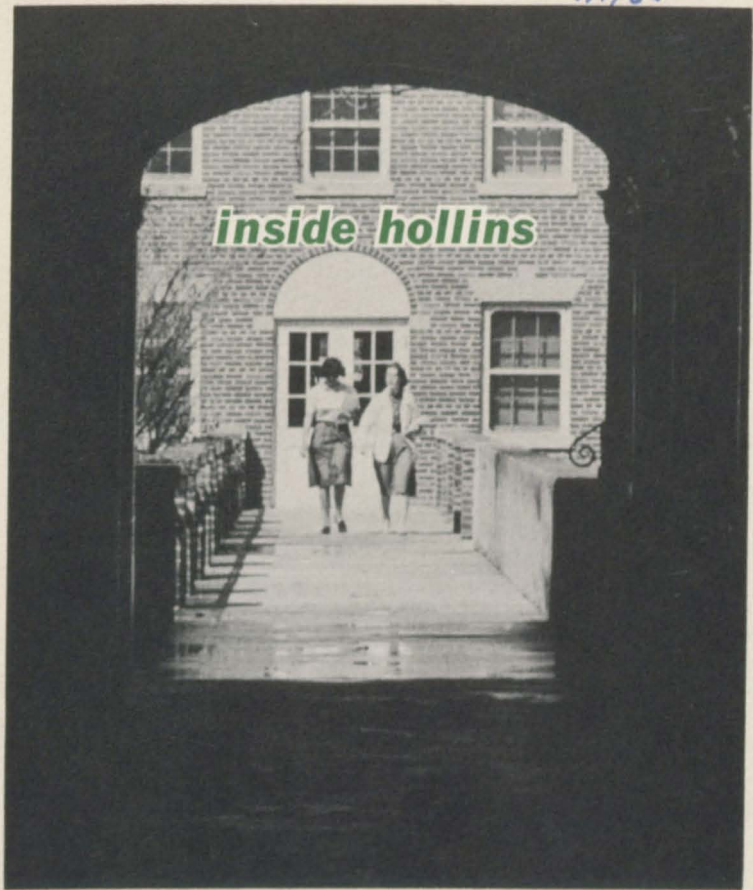
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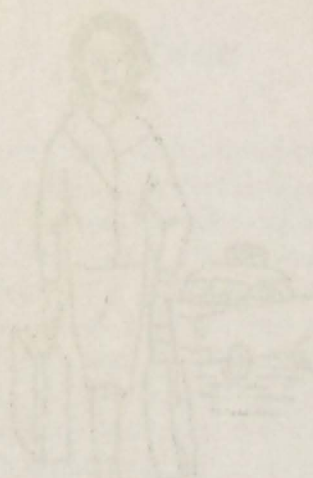
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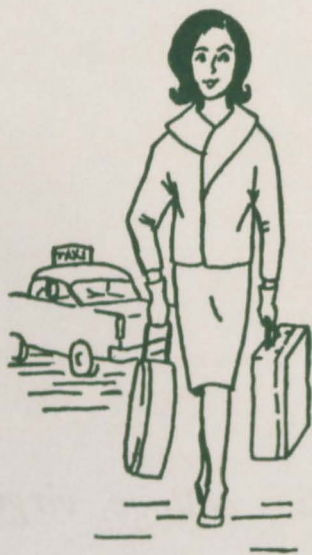


inside hollins



hollins college, virginia

founded 1842



preface

As a very important thought, and one which you should keep in mind . . . Hollins girls come here first of all to learn. It doesn't make much sense to drag yourself around behind a C average and watch everyone else go places. Yet college is more than quality points and semester hours. It is a time when you will encounter the new people, new ideas and the new experiences which will become a part of you. You are about to begin the most exciting and potentially valuable experience of your life . . .

before you come

Been getting scads of mail from Hollins lately? Well, read it! Those first few days will be much less hectic if you have some idea of what to expect, and your group leader's letters and this booklet are designed to tell you just that! You may find the catalogue somewhat baffling, but so do we, and a little time spent with it before you arrive will help you to get a feel of the scope of courses and other opportunities available to you here at Hollins. In addition, you will receive another brochure, *The Freshman Year*, which will help you to get an idea of the courses you may be taking.



Your group leader will be on call throughout the summer via the mail to help you with any problems or questions that you might have. She will be awaiting you as well as the other four or five girls in your group when you arrive in September. She will remain ready to lend a hand to you throughout the year as well as to be an immediate source of help during those first few busy days.

when you get here

Most important, don't worry! The first week is your week! Freshmen are the center of attention and everyone is most anxious to help. Just ask!

How ever you arrive, by plane or by motorcycle, someone will be at the station or on campus to greet you. You'll be arriving at Hollins at one of the prettiest times of the year, when the Georgian architecture is set off by green lawns, white pavements and an abundance of trees, shrubbery and flowers. Soon after you arrive you'll meet your roommate and be shown your room so that you may begin unpacking immediately.



Your first week will be devoted largely to becoming familiar with the campus, meeting your faculty adviser and, of course, meeting new people and making new friends. You will meet the President and his wife at their reception for the freshmen. There will be various opportunities to acquaint yourself further with the courses and study programs offered by each department. Then it will be up to you and your adviser as to how you will spend the semester as far as courses are concerned. Orientation will be topped off with Saturday night's Freshman Mixer, which begins with a buffet dinner and is followed by an informal dance. Your group leader will be happy to arrange a date for you, though you may make your own arrangements if you like.



settling down

When the bustle of orientation week is over, you'll be well prepared to settle down to the real thing. Your class schedule may look something like

the one below; evenings are for study and, in addition, you'll find that some evenings will be filled with numerous meetings, lectures and concerts.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00	Art Survey	French	Art Survey	French	French	No
9:00	Physics		Physics	Art Survey	Physics	Classes
10:00	Humanities	Humanities		Humanities		
11:00	History	History		History		
12:00						
1:15		Laboratory until 4:15				
2:15	Physical Education		Physical Education		Humanities	
3:15			Language Lab	Physical Education		

You'll have plenty of opportunities to get to know girls in the upper classes since classes are mixed throughout the dormitories with the exception of the Senior Houses. After a full day of classes, many of us gather for an hour or so in the dorm social rooms to play bridge, chat and relax. You'll be making friends, too, at campus parties, in classes, on dates, at meals and in campus retreats like the Snack Bar. The student-faculty teas, held on Friday afternoons, provide an informal atmosphere in which you can gather with friends and faculty over coffee, sandwiches and cookies to talk about anything and everything. And speaking of faculty, there are student-faculty basketball games, tennis matches and even touch football games! You may occasionally find an in-



vitation in your mailbox to an informal gathering at a faculty home. And if you like to baby-sit, there are always oodles of children underfoot.

Of course, during this time you will be getting acquainted with your roommate. Choosing between lavender and lace curtains and brown corduroy should keep you both occupied for a few days, ~~and if after six weeks you find that the lavender and lace and brown corduroy still clash—and so do you and your roommate—you'll be able to make a change.~~



something special

Not only will you be learning about things while you are at Hollins, you will also have many opportunities actually to get involved in those fields which have interested you.

Each area of study offers a variety of activities in which students may participate. For example, sociology students often do field work in the Roanoke area, attend conferences, and bring lecturers to campus for discussion of social problems. All students may join in community work outside of Hollins through such organizations as the Religious Life Association. Also through R. L. A., students are given the opportunity to attend conferences on problems of religion and of community life.



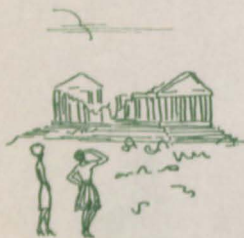
Similarly, the Politics Department is very active in conferences on domestic and international affairs

both at Hollins and in nearby cities. Election time always finds a number of students helping out at the polls and in campaign centers.



Often students specializing in certain areas such as the Russian Area or American Studies programs find opportunities to attend meetings with other scholars and students in those fields. A few students from the Junior Class spend a semester in Washington, D. C., learning about government and international relations and writing a thesis based on their work. The center of this program is the American University. Hollins also participates in the Drew University Semester on the United Nations.

Our biggest off-campus academic program is Hollins Abroad in which approximately 40 members of the Sophomore Class leave the United States for Paris at the beginning of the second semester to study at the Sorbonne. They tour Europe during the summer months, complete a second semester at the Sorbonne in the fall and then return to Hollins in February.



Opportunities for extracurricular academic activities are abundant. Students studying in the physical sciences often exchange papers and discuss the results of original research and experiments with students and teachers from other colleges. Additionally, some science students share with their professors in work done through National Science Foundation grants.

Field trips by the drama and dance groups, exhibitions, and visiting artists and films enrich participation in the fine arts for Hollins students. Roanoke

has its own Fine Arts Center which presents a full schedule of events, plus a festival each spring. Occasionally, students have their own literary work published, paintings and drawings exhibited and musical compositions performed. They also participate in recitals and concerts on and off campus. You'll find that most of the activities related to all fields take place right here on campus; we are in no way isolated!



Nearly every evening finds a visiting lecturer or scholar on campus ready to discuss anything from quantum mechanics to medieval architecture. Clergymen and theologians from all over the nation and representing all religions take part in Sunday evening Chapel services.

Grapheon, the honorary literary society, annually sponsors a literary festival to which visitors come from all parts of the east to hear original works read and discussed and to attend lectures by noted contemporary writers, such as past writers - in - residence, Howard Nemerov and William Golding.

An equally exciting event is Founder's Day, February 21, on which we recognize the founder of the college with a program of convocations. The seniors, in a traditional ceremony, place wreaths on the graves of the Cocke family.



We also have . . . easily accessible collections of rare books, fine arts manuscripts, recordings and, most important of all, a community of interesting and exciting students and teachers with whom to exchange attitudes and ideas.

And there are the other traditional events such as:

tinker day



October is the month of amateur detectives; each one of us peeps around every corner, in every window, and opens her ears to discover when Tinker Day will be. Most likely, it will come when you least expect it! And one morning you will be torn out of bed (or breakfast) by clanging bells, screaming girls and shrill whistles as the President cancels all classes and declares, "By the authority vested in me, today is Tinker Day!" Then, before you know it, you'll be climbing up Tinker Mountain, one of a motley crew of creatures dressed in the strangest excuses for clothes ever! At the top? Food—the best the kitchen has to offer, the famous Tinker Cake and delicious fried chicken; together with singing and skits . . .

fall cotillion



This is our big fall weekend sponsored by the Cotillion Club. You may show off that boy from home, or your latest local interest at two dances, one informal and the other formal, and enjoy some of the best dance orchestras as well as other musical talent at the Saturday afternoon popular music concert. And then there's always open house in the dormitories . . .

christmas

Christmastide proper really gets under way the last week before Christmas vacation with the "Golden

Rule" dinner when we give up our usual dinner for soup and bread. The money thus saved is given to a local charity. Christmas carols are sung in Chapel—it begins to snow—your roommate is hiding something bundly and mysterious in the bottom of her bureau when you come in—wreaths and bells appear on doors along the halls. On the last Sunday afternoon before the holidays, there is a tea in the Main Drawing Room and that evening we celebrate the White Gift Service in the Chapel. The choir's anthems, the scripture readings and the presentation of gifts in white envelopes create an unforgettable impression. The night before we go home for Christmas vacation, we all put on our informal best and go to Christmas dinner in the dining room which is decked out in full holiday array, complete with an immense Christmas tree. The lights are dimmed following supper as the seniors and dining room staff sing while we say a Yuletide good-bye to all of our new friends . . .



exam teas

The latter part of January and of May we "celebrate" the end of the semester with exams. During this somewhat traumatic week, the residence staff has an informal tea each afternoon to provide a little relaxation and cheer for us as we wander in to hash over the exam, or just take a study break . . .

may day



May Day means play day—and Parents' Weekend. Parents are invited to spend Friday at school, attending classes and joining us in our other usual activities. Faculty and administration members frequently give special programs and the day closes with a reception by the President and, that night, a dramatic production in the Little Theatre. The seniors begin Saturday's celebrations with a rather haphazard and indescribable performance on Front Quad. The point, since there must be one, is that the senior wearing the funniest and most original hat is chosen Nixie-Pixie May Queen and is thereupon hauled around the quad in a wheelbarrow. In the afternoon the May Queen is crowned and her court is presented. Saturday has traditionally ended with a dance, sponsored by the Cotillion Club.

about those books



Don't neglect them! The biggest mistake you can make is to let yourself fall behind. For instance, most of your assignments will be made far in advance, and you'll benefit by doing your work first and *then* taking it easy if you have time. Don't cram for those writtens (tests) but review constantly as you go along in each course. Learn to take accurate notes, for much of what you learn will come from class lectures. Some classes are small and take the form of discussions, while others are large lecture meetings. However, your greatest

aid in your studies will undoubtedly be the Library, which has an invaluable collection of reference materials, periodicals, microfilm equipment and recordings. Study facilities, which include desks, typing rooms and special smoking areas are modern, convenient and comfortable. When spring comes our way, the Library terrace that faces the duck pond is the most popular of all for studying.

Your extracurricular activities will play an indirect, though important, role in your education. Most important of all, learn to budget your time. Attendance at much of what goes on here is not required, even most classes, but this does not mean that classes aren't important. Our system of unlimited cuts gives you the option and privilege of deciding when you can do without a class, but this option should not be misused.

student government association

Another very significant privilege granted us here at Hollins is a high degree of self-government. We are all members of the Student Government Association and live under an Honor System which embraces our social as well as our academic life. And because so much of what goes on here is carried out by us, student support is absolutely essential to make our efforts effective. We elect all of our representatives to student governing organizations and your own class will elect



its officers as soon as you come to know one another, so that you may begin work early on special projects such as the Freshman Play, the Freshman Follies and general participation in Student Government.

after class



A happy discovery for you! There are many other colleges within easy reach. These include Washington and Lee University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute, Hampden-Sydney, Roanoke College, Davidson, and the University of North Carolina. There is nothing to keep you from wandering beyond those points; many girls date as far north as Dartmouth. On occasion, boys from Yale have come our way to serenade us, both at regular concerts and, at times, less formally from the front quad!

However, if the wanderlust gets the absolute best of you, we are near Woodrum Airport (served by Piedmont and Eastern air lines), the Norfolk and Western Railway, and Greyhound and Trailways bus lines. If you want to remain close to Hollins, a car is the best way of getting around, and rides are usually obtainable, though only seniors are permitted to keep automobiles on campus. Some girls, singly or in groups, rent a car for a weekend trip from Hertz or Avis, which offer special student rates.



When those "very special" creatures come to Hollins there are many places to go around Roanoke. Most of them are simple and casual places for

dancing and relaxing, though we do have some supper clubs, local theatres, concerts, exhibits and nearby restaurants. For instance, the immediate area offers Carvin's Cove—a delightful picnic spot—an indoor ice-skating rink (as well as our own pond that freezes over in winter), mountains to climb, the Blue Ridge Parkway for an afternoon's drive, bowling, golf, riding, swimming, tennis on campus and skiing at the Homestead in Hot Springs. And right here on campus we have a weekly movie, lectures, music and listening rooms that are always open and concerts and plays put on by Hollins groups as well as visiting companies such as the Canadian Players.



organizations, clubs and activities

if you like to sing . . .

You might try out for the Hollins College Chapel Choir, a group of 50 which sings for our own Sunday night Chapel services and at Roanoke Churches and travels to give concerts with other schools. Several of the concerts by the choir are given jointly with choirs and glee clubs of men's colleges. And then there are the Undertones, a small group of girls from all classes who sing informally for many occasions and are always around with their clever harmonies and unique renditions of songs, old and new.



Especially for you are the Hollypoofs, a group composed of Freshmen only, who, like the Under-tones, sing popular music on and off campus.



or like to dance . . .

Then it's Orchesis for You! This modern dance group performs several times throughout the year, particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas and for the May Day festivities. Admission is based partly on talent and partly on interest and enthusiasm.

or suffer the literary bug . . .

You, too, have a chance to write the great American novel! Each semester the editors of *Cargoes* publish student writing. Grapheon, the literary society, sponsors the spring literary festival. To be elected a fellow of Grapheon is an honor, but any interested student can be an active member.



But then, if newspaper work intrigues you, *Hollins Columns*, our weekly newspaper, needs talent of all kinds—writing, make-up and copy work as well as the real essence of the newspaper: reporting. The *Columns*, entirely a student newspaper, prints first of all the news and then provides a forum for current opinions and problems.

Of course we publish an annual, the *Spinster*, and here your journalistic talents are also always needed.

or act . . .

The Drama Association, open to all who are seriously interested and active in drama, presents at least three performances on campus during the year as well as those it takes to other places. Students do all backstage work and scene design. "Ye Merrie Masquers" is the honorary dramatic society to which those who have shown outstanding ability and interest in drama are elected.



Especially for Freshman talent is the Freshman Play put on for the upperclassmen every fall.

that study may be rewarded . . .

We are proud to have a chapter, Iota of Virginia, of Phi Beta Kappa, the national honor society for the recognition of intellectual capacities well employed. Students elected to this society are those outstanding in academic achievement.



For outstanding work in the sciences, students may be invited to join Sigma Xi Club, formed by the faculty under the auspices of the Society of Sigma Xi. We have also an honorary society in psychology, Psi Chi.

The Dean's List, recognizing those students who have had a point average of 2.3 for the previous semester, is published twice a year.

as well as service . . .

Each year the administration selects a group of girls for their scholarship and service to the college to be academic marshals. These girls officiate at all important college functions and convocations.

and the ideal . . .

Freya, taking its name from the Norse goddess, is both an organization and an ideal. As an organization it recognizes those girls who have, in some way out of their love for Hollins and devotion to its values, contributed to its life in the fields of scholarship, leadership and creativity. As an ideal it challenges every Hollins girl to seek a clear vision of the life of honor, wisdom and truth.

and then there's always . . .

The Cotillion Club, whose main purpose and function is fun. It puts on two big dance weekends a year, winter cotillion and May Day. And if you are sociable, gay and a hard worker you might be asked to join.



for those interested in sports . . .

The Athletic Association encompasses and coordinates the various athletic activities of the school. If you are by chance a champion of the courts, wield a hockey or lacrosse stick, or shoot a basketball to

perfection (or if your general work in athletics is outstanding) the honorary athletic club, the Monogram Club, might recognize you with a membership bid.

to "activate" the campus . . .

Members of Campus Activities are always busy providing various forms of entertainment for us. Their usual schedule includes the annual Freshman dance, the fall fashion show, informal dances with neighboring men's colleges and universities, Saturday night movies on campus, the annual Christmas party, a regular clothes and room furnishings exchange and concerts by visiting musical groups. The committee also cooperates with other campus organizations to sponsor events of unusual interest to the students.



religious life . . .

The Religious Life Association, of which each of us is a member, was created by the student body and charged with the responsibility of providing leadership in religious life. Its purpose is to offer us the opportunity to realize a full and creative life through worship, study and service.

and yet another muse . . .

The members of the Music Association are chosen for their interest in and appreciation of good music. This association sponsors its own concerts and recitals and those of visiting artists.



last but not least, a.d.a. . . .

A.D.A.? Well, we're not really sure what A.D.A. is either. All that we can be sure of is that Tuesday is the day that only A.D.A. members may wear purple, and anyone caught usurping this privilege will have ANY purple promptly removed from her person. Most of all, they keep the campus sense of humor wide awake.

now then, what should you bring?

Remember first of all to bring a few skirts and sweaters and a dress to wear the first week until your trunk gets here, and then:

the necessities

More skirts and blouses—we wear them all the time. The atmosphere here is casual, with cottons for warm days in the fall and spring.

A few good dresses and a suit.

One cocktail dress and an evening dress for Cotillion and dances away from school.

Sports clothes. Do you ride? Ski? Ice-skate? Play tennis or golf? Bowl? Bring your own equipment if you have it, for it's simpler than renting.



Sweaters, slacks and bermudas.

Long socks, a warm winter coat and boots. We're in the mountains and we have snowy winters.

Loafers and flats—you'll need them every day; and, of course, heels.

Hats. Bring them if you like, though they're not needed here for Chapel. Many girls do wear them to church in town.

A raincoat and umbrella.

A short white dress for White Gift Service. Don't buy one especially for the service; a summer dress will do.



and extras

Flashlight . . . for those middle-of-the-night fire drills!

A laundry bag.

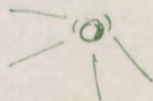
Towels and wash cloths.

Blankets.

An alarm clock (Many classes begin at 8:00 A.M.!).

Bathing suit for sunning and swimming.

Skirt hangers and shoe bags.



what you'll find here

Don't worry about buying lots of new clothes ahead of time—there are plenty of chances to shop in Roanoke. You'll find your room furnished with a bureau, bed, desk and chair. The college provides sheets, pillows and pillowcases. Light bulbs are also provided by the school. Additional room furnishings can be bought here on campus or in Roanoke. Regulation ash trays are available from the Book Store. If you are in any way aesthetically inclined, you'll be happy to learn that the Art Department rents good reproductions of paintings to students at the beginning of the year. Moreover, we have first choice over the faculty who also occasionally furnish their offices and homes with these reproductions.



on second thought

Much of what you may think you'll need, you'll find out later that you don't. Just remember, you'll add to your belongings as time passes. A pleasing thought is that one can live at Hollins for quite awhile without spending a cent . . . particularly if you're a non-smoker! But when you do spend money, undoubtedly much of it will go to the Beauty Shop, which has what most drug stores sell as well as being a convenient and good beauty parlor, or at the Snack Bar, gorging yourself. Though you may charge your Book Store purchases, it is easy to pay cash for them . . . many little extravagances are paid for that way!

Also, books can be bought second-hand from upperclassmen. Extra expenses will be the Student Government fee (approximately \$30.00) and your Book Store bill. Outfitting your room will involve some expense, though it can be done quite cheaply by taking advantage of second-hand furnishings offered by upperclassmen. The cost of going on a weekend can also be cut to a minimum by keeping an eye out for rides. When visiting at most Virginia men's colleges, you will be expected to pay for your transportation and your room. Since most girls stay in guest homes, the usual cost per room per night is \$3.50 to \$5.00.



Pocket money is not too difficult to earn around campus, though few campus jobs are open to freshmen, who have a busy enough time! However, it is possible to find occasional jobs typing and baby-sitting for faculty children. When you can take on a job, help is frequently needed in the Library, and one can work as a social hostess in the dormitories. Standard campus pay is \$.75 and \$1.00 per hour.

When, and if, you do eventually manage to stash up some coins, Roanoke provides a host of shopping opportunities, and can easily be reached by bus. If you decide to go on a clothing spree, you'll find that there are plenty of stores in town which cater to Hollins girls. Within walking distance of the campus there are a drug store, gift shop, laundromat, grocery store and a Howard Johnson's restaurant-motel. (Incidentally, there is no shortage of motels in the Hollins vicinity; a place for visitors to stay is rarely a problem.)





Most stores in Roanoke make regular deliveries to Hollins. In addition, three cleaners and a shoe repairman come out to the campus twice a week. Most other repair shops will both pick up and deliver. However, there are many things, such as wiring on radios and lamps, which the college electrician will repair. Our own carpenter will hang things on your wall or build an extra bookcase for that overflow. We also have a campus laundry, though there are several washing and drying machines in the dormitories, and the maids frequently iron blouses for a very small fee. There is a bank on campus where you may deposit your money and withdraw it as you need it. You cannot, however, write checks against it.

There is an Infirmary on campus staffed with a doctor and registered nurses to take care of your medical needs. More extensive hospital facilities are available in Roanoke.

miscellaneous information

The college telephone number is Roanoke, EMpire 6-7631. The area code is 703. The switchboard is open from ~~8:00~~^{7:30} a. m. to 11:00 p. m. daily, but in case of emergency you can be reached at any time.

(From Memorial Day, May 30, until Labor Day, the 1st Monday in September, the college operates on Eastern Daylight Time. The remainder of the year it is on Eastern Standard Time.)



Telegrams should be addressed to:

Name of Student
Hollins College
Virginia

(Telegrams may be sent from the college switchboard.)

There is a Post Office branch on campus; you will be assigned a post office box number when you get here. Mail should be addressed to:

Name of Student
Box
Hollins College
Virginia



Railway Express shipments should be sent directly to:

Name of Student
Hollins College
Virginia

Train baggage should be checked to Roanoke, Virginia. If you send your trunk a week or so early, mail the baggage checks to:

Business Office
Hollins College
Virginia

Your trunk will be put in your room so that you can begin unpacking when you arrive.



and so . . .

There you are. What we have attempted to tell you has been only a splinter of life at Hollins as we have come to know it. Yet we believe that these suggestions will be helpful to you as a starter. After you have been here awhile, you'll realize that though we are a community (the coherence of which is very important) and though we are all here for much the same purpose, we are also a large group of individuals. If you look far enough, you'll find that Hollins is very interested in *you* (did you think your name was drawn out of a hat?) and any interest on your part will be returned manifold. At least, that's how we feel, and we've been here for some time now!

Have a good summer . . . we'll see you in September . . . and, Happy Packing!

Lorie Reed '64

Robin Rouse '64

Cookie Richardson '64

Sylvia Doughty '65

(Sketches by Miss Doughty)



