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Short term ends; only a week to go

by Lissa Mahlum

Short term '78 closes in the coming week with special events and activities.

Also today, Happy Hour continues from 4-5, beer costs a nickel in the Rathskellar.

Hollins women meet in basketball against Clinch Valley in the gym at 7 pm. at 8 Barbara Stanwyck stars in "Stella Dallas" in Bradley as the Cinema Society film.

Sunday Susanne Methven '78, reads *Alice in Wonderland* in Randolph at 9 pm during 'Story Hour and S'mores'.

"SGA tries to sponsor events during Short Term which will allow students to attempt new and different activities, for example, a dinner and play at the Barn Theatre. We cannot be all things to all people due to the time involved for planning and executing events and the limited number of people who are willing to take responsibility for an activity.

"We rely on the initiative of students to find what they enjoy

and will do," Susanne Methven, '78, president of S.G.A.

A variety of classes are being offered. Marcia Holmes, '80, offers exercise classes Monday and Wednesday in the dance studio in Dana from 7-8 pm. Jan Fuller, '78, has belly dancing on Wednesday at 10 pm in the Student Lounge of Moody. Lisa Smith, '81, continues mime workshop Tuesday and Thursday at 6 in the dance studio.

Already during January members of the community have attended the winter seminar "Painters and Players, Scientists and Saints."

Both Woodsmoke and Magnolia entertained in concert in the Rathskellar, The Barn Dinner Theatre offered Hollins students a discount on dinner and the show.

Again Mr. Wroble planned special dinners such as the Greek and Hawaiian, as well as special desserts, lunches and breakfasts.

Women's basketball was in full swing, a detailed account is on page four.



Although students were forced by snow to curtail activities. Some found things to do on campus as evidenced by this snow-woman on campus. Photo by Elisabeth Flynn

Snowfall slows short term

by Lynn Ann Merrill

A week and a half of severe winter weather at the beginning of Short Term has had a big effect on the Roanoke Valley.

This effect is due to the accumulation of 14 inches of snow in about a dozen days. Alternating rain and freezing temperatures have compounded the problem. One weatherman has said that because of the mild weather of December and early January, this has actually been a "very mild winter."

The first snow fell on Thursday, January 12, the second day of Short Term. By Friday night, eight inches of snow had fallen. It is the heaviest snowfall in a 30 hour period in more than eight years.

Many students missed the first

days of Short Term because they could not get back to campus. Mary Jo Ferguson, assistant to the dean of students, received about 15 phone calls from students who would be returning late to Hollins because of the snow.

Many students who are on campus were not able to get into town to their internships. Louis Max, assistant professor in social work, is sponsoring students in social work agencies. He says, "Nearly everyone has been affected. Many couldn't get there, and the work loads of the agencies have increased due to the weather."

William W. Traylor, superintendent of buildings and grounds, says that work has been "slowed to a crawl." He explained that the ice

has made it difficult to clean the roads. The men have been "flooded with calls" in addition to their regular jobs.

Ferguson says that she has helped some of the kitchen staff find housing near the college because they wanted to be sure to be at work the next day. The men in the Post Office have also stayed near by or spent the night in the post office to insure delivery.

Students have had varying reactions to the abundance of snow. For some southerners it has been a great opportunity to try sledding, snowball fighting and skiing for the first time. Students from the north, like blizzard-ridden Ohio, have a more blasé attitude. "A little snow," yawned one, "keeps you humble."

Trustees, students meet

The College's Board of Trustees meet here February 17 and 18 for their first official gathering in 1978. The Trustees will have a variety of meetings, one of which will be with students in order that the Board may hear student concerns.

The group will also have a meeting, reception and dinner with the faculty of Division II. George E. Moore, director of development and secretary to the Board of Trustees explained, "Each time they are here, the Trustees meet

with a different division of the faculty...it's our attempt in the administration to help faculty and Trustees know each other better."

Students meeting with the Board are members of a committee selected by the senate. They are Sarah Hellier '80, Susanne Methven '78, Laurie Root '79, Cathy Stieff '78, and Su Strout '78. S.G.A. President Methven has expressed an interest in hearing any concerns that students might wish to bring to the Board's attention.

Columns to come out Mondays

Beginning February 20, the *Columns'* distribution day will be Mondays. The actual work schedule of the weekly has not been altered. The paper will continue to be printed at the *Salem Times-Register* on Fridays. The copy, however, will be geared towards the Monday distribution day.

The move was described by Co-

Editor-in-Chief Betsy Pick, '78, as "something we think the Hollins community will like, in that they'll have their paper at the beginning of the week." Judy Sublett, '78, co-editor-in-chief said, "it's sort of a psychological thing, for ourselves and our readers. Monday morning, as they're planning their week, they get their *Columns*."

Since its reinstatement in the fall

of '75, the *Columns* has been delivered to students on Friday. Prior to that the paper was published on different days depending on the staff and publisher.

According to Pick and Sublett, they plan to put out approximately twelve editions of the *Columns* this coming semester on the new schedule.

Fire Marshall inspection initiates changes

by Lissa Mahlum

The State Fire Marshall's officer inspected the College over Christmas vacation. After inspecting the buildings for sprinkler systems, extinguishers, access to exits in case of fire and fire hazards, changes were suggested and initiated.

Among the changes already made were the removal of phone booths and tops of closets in the halls of some dorms.

"There is, of course, no cause for alarm. This was just a routine inspection and some changes were made," explained William Traylor, superintendent of buildings.

The phone booths probably will not be rebuilt; Traylor sees the

trend going away from phone booths even in public places.

Tops of closets that were removed obstructed water flow from sprinklers in case of fire. They also made access to exits in halls harder.

Since closets in Starkie will have to be removed to gain better access to the halls, either closets will be installed in rooms or rooms that are doubles will become singles.

"There is consideration now of Starkie having all one student rooms, stated Traylor. This decision will be made before room selection this spring.

Instead of removing tops the sprinkler system could have been renovated, but high costs made this unlikely.

The fire last year in Rose Hill was extinguished by the sprinkler system and was out before the fire department arrived.

Other problems which will be dealt with in the future are electrical outlets and sprinklers in the closets in the rooms.

The older buildings on front quad have old wiring systems with few outlets in each room. Most residents alleviate the problem by using extension cords. These cords get frayed by legs of furniture, causing a possible fire and over extend the power of the socket.

"Please minimize the use of as many extension cords as necessary," asked Traylor. By unplugging appliances not being

used minimization would be easy.

Sprinklers in closets are required, yet they must have an 18 inch clearance in order to operate effectively.

Currently there are two alternatives being considered to ensure there is enough space, either remove the shelf in the closets or build a wire mesh cage around the sprinkler head.

Instead of filling the shelf students are being asked to "cooperate and give us time to come up with an answer," urged Traylor. Traylor also urged students with solutions to talk to him.

All College carpeting and drapes are fire proof; they will melt instead of going up into flame.



Letter from the editor Short term

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This is the first time the *Columns* has been published during Short Term. It is also the last time we plan to publish a paper on Friday (see article on page one).

Short Term for the paper, as it is for most students, has been rather quiet on the surface. The main *Columns* news is Lissa Mahlum and I spent a large amount of time working on the paper's Morgue. Betsy has been in Washington working for her congressman from Alabama.

One thing coming up we are particularly excited about is the addition of a monthly pull-out section on a topic of special interest to the community.

We will be introducing to Hollins a handful of new editors in our first Second Term edition, February 20.

I would like to take this time to remind you that we encourage community participation in the *Columns* and if one is not directly involved in the paper, your opinion can still be voiced via Letters to the Editors, the Comment Column or Academic Procession.

editorial

JAS

Give us a break Dean Holmes

The question in many minds: What does that make the rest of the school year?

A small notice appeared in the faculty newsletter last week and caused a big worry among the few students who had an opportunity to view it. There concern seems warranted and yet once again a community issue has been raised without direct communication with the Hollins majority—the students:

ACADEMIC WASTELAND

An increasing number of parents express concern about the short term at Hollins. They refer to the lack of structure, the lack of academic rigor, the added expense for many of the students, and the frivolous nature of the enterprises. Is it time to reconsider?

Incidentally, the CHRONICLE suggests that the January term is a dying institution.

David W. Holmes

Surely Dean Holmes is not giving us a foreshadowing of yet another reactionary academic step by Hollins, back to the "safe" past. Besides, what does "an increasing number of parents" mean? That there were two last year and now seven? Why suggest the whole 4-1-4 idea is in jeopardy? Instead why not propose the Short Term Committee get more active—checking out both worthy and questionable projects, sponsors and students at the end of the present interim.

The Dean could advise parents to communicate with their daughters. There need not be "added expense" if a campus short term is selected. A parent working in a bank or corporation might see something like writing poetry for a month as "frivolous", but what if you intend to be a poet?

Heaven forbid that Hollins return to the days of "locc parentis", or that we should scrap short term rather than have to deal with any difficulties.

If the Dean has enough time on his hands to conduct a study on short term, why not, as one student leader suggested, take that time to re-evaluate the advising system. Surely a good advisor would recommend a traditional straight-laced academic short term if the advisee stood to gain from such an experience.

"The CHRONICLE suggests that the January term is a dying institution." Well, is that what Dean Holmes is suggesting? Because something that is not nurtured will die and as long as this college's administrators believe, like the vast majority of the students, that short term is valuable, it will not die, it will thrive.



Letter to the editors

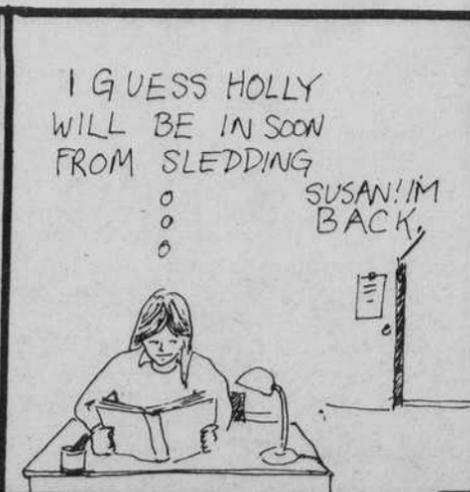
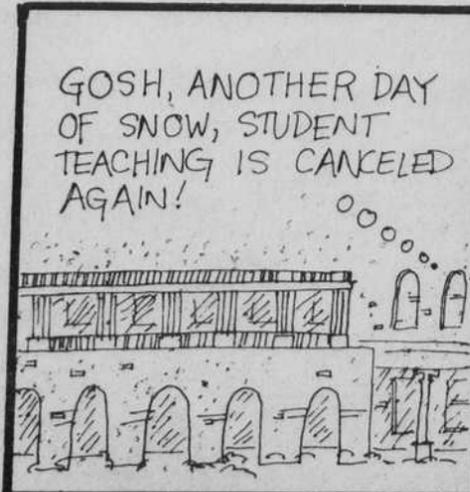
I was both surprised and angered to discover on the Moody kiosk applications for pre-written term papers prepared and sent to anyone (for a fee, naturally) by the Pacific Research Company. Apparently, from a catalogue listing over a thousand paper topics, anyone with "the term paper blues" as the application so humorously puts it can simply

order a research paper. To avoid any misunderstanding as to the rightness or wrongness of submitting a pre-written paper in a course and passing it off as your own work, I wish to point out that the Honor Court will not tolerate this. It represents one of the most blatant examples of academic dishonesty a person may engage in. What disturbed me the most was

that some of the application forms had been torn off. I only hope that anyone who might consider substituting one of these papers for her own work will reconsider. Cases involving this method of cheating have been dealt with by Honor Court in the past.

Sincerely,
 Brooke Morrow, Chairman
 Honor Court

here & there



Overall View



by Theresa Overall

There were more VMI keydets on stage at the glee club concert last Saturday than there were people in the audience.

An embarrassing figure? My immediate reaction at the concert was, "I wish I were under a rock instead of here at this concert." But that would have reduced the number of people in attendance by 2%. So I stayed and enjoyed myself and was doubly glad that I wasn't out underneath some snow-covered rock.

After a little more thought on the subject, I decided it wasn't too embarrassing after all. Only 500 people are on campus this short term. A lot of them were at midwinters weekend at UVa. and many others were out elsewhere enjoying their weekend.

Well, since you can't please all of the people all of the time you can at least please some of the people some of the time.

If most of the women in attendance at the concert and/or events afterwards had a good time—and most of them did; and if the VMI men enjoyed themselves and their time away from their campus—which I believe most of them did; then I would call the whole affair quite a success.

An Overall Ovation to Sue Emmons and company for making all the arrangements for a successful "alternative weekend" for Hollins students.

There are less than five full days before short term ends. Was yours successful? Take this short quiz and see what you think. There are no right answers and there's no score given at

the end—hopefully, you can figure it out for yourself when you finish.

Read over your short term contract again. Did you successfully complete your end of the deal?

Did you learn everything that you set out to learn? Did you learn a little bit more?

Did you build or help build a snowman, or have a snowball fight, or sled down Tinker or cemetery hills or the road to the Parsonage at least once? Did you stand out in the falling snow and enjoy it?

Did you get to talk to your short term advisor about anything other than your short term? Do you feel like you know her/him a little better?

Did you make at least one new friend? Stay up late talking to an old friend? Sleep in late without feeling guilty?

Did you have enough time to read and enjoy a non-required book? Make something? Watch a TV special or a favorite TV show that you always have to miss during the semester?

Did you ever have the desire to work overtime on your project? Did you get excited in describing your project to a friend? Did you learn anything from somebody else's short term?

Did you get dressed up? Fall down on the ice? Go to a party? Partake of any of Mr. Wrobel's dining hall specials? Did you attend any Winter Seminars? Any of the other special short term events?

My short term was quite successful and lots of fun. Hope yours was, too!

by Judy Sublett

SHORT

On & off

More than 500 students returned to the College campus for their short term projects. Local internships, independent study projects, and courses have been offered.

Internships remain popular with nearly 100 students working in the Roanoke area. Places of employment include banks, hospitals, a travel agency, an advertising agency, newspapers, television and radio stations. One

student is even learning automechanics by working in a garage.

"We are grateful to the community," stated Ms. Frazier, which has "been good to us, responsive and helpful." She continues in describing local internships as "some of our best."

Out-of-town internships vary from studying under Ann Compton, who is now the ABC White House correspondent, to working with the Capricorn Recording Co. in Macon, Georgia.

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Of Mice & Women

by Cathy Stieff

"They're keeping people alive in there--there are machines to pump blood, fill lungs--everything. These machines are living for people." That's the story from the intensive care ward at Roanoke Memorial Hospital according to Betsy McAllister '80. She and Jill McClung '80 are working in the respiratory therapy department of the hospital. This month, Betsy, Jill and many other Hollins women are involved in a variety of short term activities in science ranging from readings on "Slavery and Ants", to work towards honors theses in chemistry and in biology.

Despite its reputation as the most demanding short term on or off campus, Biological Methods is filled to capacity. Harriet Gray and Charles Morlang, associate professors of biology work together to teach students the techniques of scientific illustration, scientific photography, and the processes involved in making microscope slides. In the attempt to produce a collection of photographs, illustrations and slides, students are often found working in the labs and dark rooms of Dana at all hours.

West head resident Cilla Whiteman, Associate Professor Alice Bull, and a small group of students are working together studying the works of American naturalists. In this group the students and faculty work together leading seminars on different aspects of American natural history. The scientific journals of Lewis and Clark, the notebooks of John James Audobon, and the travels and notes of John Wesley Powell, cartographer of the Grand Canyon, were topics for some of the early seminars.

Faculty members Harriet Gray and Judi Klippel team-teach a class in the biological and psychological aspects of animal behavior. In an effort to understand better the factors affecting behavior, this class of three freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors is studying the physiological, genetic and psychological components of animals' behavior.

For Ellen George '80, the action and diversity of the emergency room at Roanoke Memorial Hospital hold her interest daily from 8:30 to 5:00. The recent winter storms and the resulting icy conditions have kept the emergency room busier than usual, with sprains and broken bones

resulting from sledding accidents and untimely spills. While she has been there, Ellen has observed treatments for a wide variety of conditions including heart attacks, gun shot wounds, and women in labor. As a pre-med student, Ellen has found her short term hospital experience an extremely worthwhile one.

Scientists at Hollins are not limiting themselves only to opportunities available in the Roanoke valley. Some of the off campus short terms include studies in farm management, electron microscope techniques, dental and greenhouse internships.

For students in the sciences at Hollins, short term is a perfect chance to pick up helpful skills and to gain valuable experiences difficult to obtain in the more traditional class settings. Through these experiences, students become more aware of scientific fields as they are practiced, and so become better informed to plan careers in chosen fields of study.



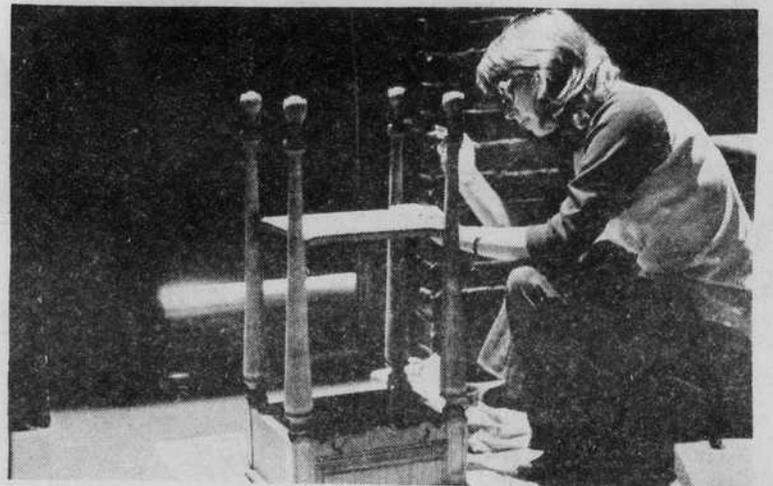
Senior Robin Rothrock uses her short term to work exclusively on her honors thesis in biology.

Photo by Meri Ruppel

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Stacey Vander Vennet '80 puts finer touches on her short term project. Photo by Elisabeth Flynn

Finishing school

Jack Phend, instructor in theatre arts, has been teaching eight Hollins women an "appreciation for individually crafted furniture." The group is acquiring this appreciation by refinishing old (and sometimes antique) furniture.

Phend's short term is one of the first to fill up in the fall. It is also "a lot of work". Each student is responsible for supplying a piece of needy furniture. The present assortment ranges from mass produced veneer end tables from the '30's and '50's, to a genuine antique walnut drop-leaf table.

After carting the furniture over to the backstage of the Little

Theatre where class took place, each student had to then strip, bleach, sand and restrain her wood piece. Because of some of the furniture's condition, repairs also had to be made along the way.

Unless there is something quite major wrong, "All work is hand work," Phend quickly notes.

Once done the student has a reward besides the sense of accomplishment. A well done refinishing job sometimes increases the value of old furniture three and four times. Rita Freed '79, who plans to keep the work she has done, explained, "I'm glad I learned something for a lifetime."

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Netballers learn lessons in first short term win

By Theresa Overall

In their first game since last December 5, the College basketball team topped rival Sweet Briar College 56-39 Monday night, January 23.

Statistics that exemplify the seemingly unexperienced or poorly practiced playing seen by a large supportive Hollins crowd include: one minute and 44 seconds of turnovers and errors elapsing before the first basket was made by Hollins; Sweet Briar not being able to score until five minutes and 21 seconds had been ticked off; and 13 of Hollins 27 points at half time coming from the free throw line.

Lack of intensive training really showed when at times it looked like ten individuals on the court rather than two teams. Fortunately for Hollins, they had better individuals.

Coming, back from a semester in London, Sandra Garrison '79 still has the most college-playing experience on the Hollins squad. She hasn't lost her accuracy or her



Lead scorer Sandra Garrison '79 makes a move towards the basket. Photo by Dee Mason

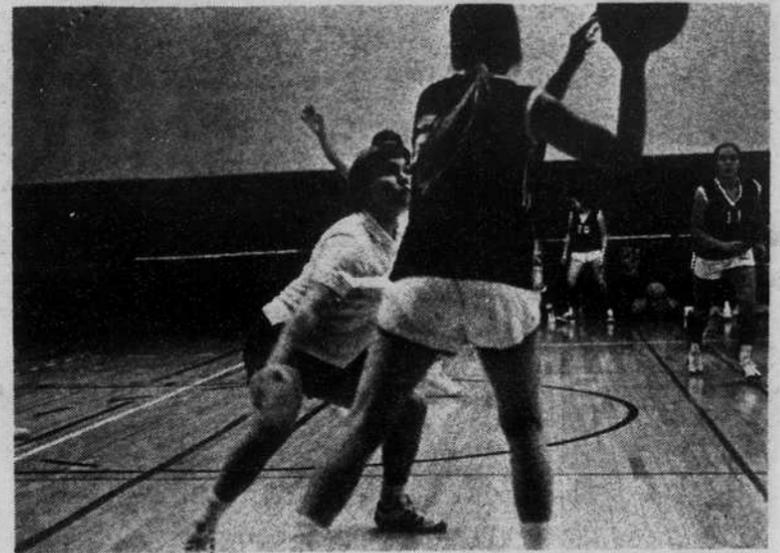
touch for the long, soaring outside shots. Her drawing fouls and being able to score on them was the key to Hollins win. By the end she had scored 30 points, 16 of them foul shots.

Another individual valuable to Hollins win was Meg Leckie. The senior has never played varsity before but showed lots of determination and hustle.

Had the team moved more on the offense, Betsy McAllister '80 could have had a really great night. With most of SBC's players as tall as they are, she needed screens as well as people to pass to in order to play to her potential. She came through, though, with strong defensive playing and 16 points, many coming off good steals.

In the Hollins tradition of not being a very good "fourth quarter team," Sweet Briar was able to score 27 points in the last half with Hollins scoring 29. It was difficult to tell if Hollins had really slacked off or if it had just taken SBC 20 minutes to warm up. SBC's high scorers were Toni Christian and Betsy Foster with 12 points apiece. Christian fouled out in the first six minutes of the second half but eight of Foster's points came in those 20 minutes.

Sally Peters '81 scored two points for HC but her real contributions to the game were her defensive hustle and ability to set up plays. Also scoring two points were Hollins' Mimi Wallace '79, and Sue Bishop '81 who had good steals and nice rebounds, but with inexperience in dribbling on the



Team captain Betsy McAllister '80 pressures an opponent to pass. Photo by Dee Mason

Popular student life series returns for fourth semester

Begun in the fall of '76 by Baylies Willey, dean of students, the College Student Life Series is returning for its fourth consecutive semester. There will be a few changes but basically the five program series is the same as last semester.

Hollins students may participate in any or all of the programs at no cost except for the Outdoor Program which must charge a minimum fee for expenses.

Ellie Holland, a Hollins graduate and trained psychological counselor will teach two semester long courses. **Leadership Skills** will meet on Wednesday from 9:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. beginning February 22. The workshop will cover problem solving, goal setting, leading a group, communication and decision making.

Human Sexuality is a course that's focus is on increasing the students' understanding of biological, sociological and psychological aspects of one's sexuality. It will meet on Mondays from 9:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. starting February 20.

Head Resident Sue Emmons '75 will lead a weekend workshop in April called "Endings--Some Thoughts on Grief". The seminar will explore "the place of grieving in our lives;" traditions, myths and superstitions surrounding grief; creative grieving and death and dying.

"On Becoming a More Effective Student" is the title of Head Resident Penny McElroy's program. Studying techniques; self management skills and efficient test taking will be aspects examined in workshops throughout the semester.

The Hollins Outdoor Program (H.O.P.) begins its second semester of existence equipped with t-shirts, patches and a motto. H.O.P. Director and Head Resident Cilla Whiteman plans to open her series of activities with a slide show of the group's fall adventures, February 20 in West Social Room at 6:30 p.m. Already, there are a number of trips planned, they include skiing, rafting, canoeing, rope courses and caving.



Hollins students (top: Judi Ashe '81, Anne Jensen '79--bottom: Jack McWhorter '81, Diane Swirsky '79) shoot the rapids of the Chatooga River on the Outdoor Program's fall break trip. Photo by Cilla Whiteman

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B-ball challenge

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Randolph Head Resident Gail Burrell views the contest as a fun opportunity for the predominately freshmen dorms to get together.

According to publicity posters, those not playing in the game are encouraged to come out and cheer on their favorite team.

Resident Assistant (R.A.) Positions, 1978-79

Applications are available for the R.A. positions for the 1978-79 session. These positions are salaried (\$600.00 per year) and offer opportunities for paraprofessional training, leadership and service.

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