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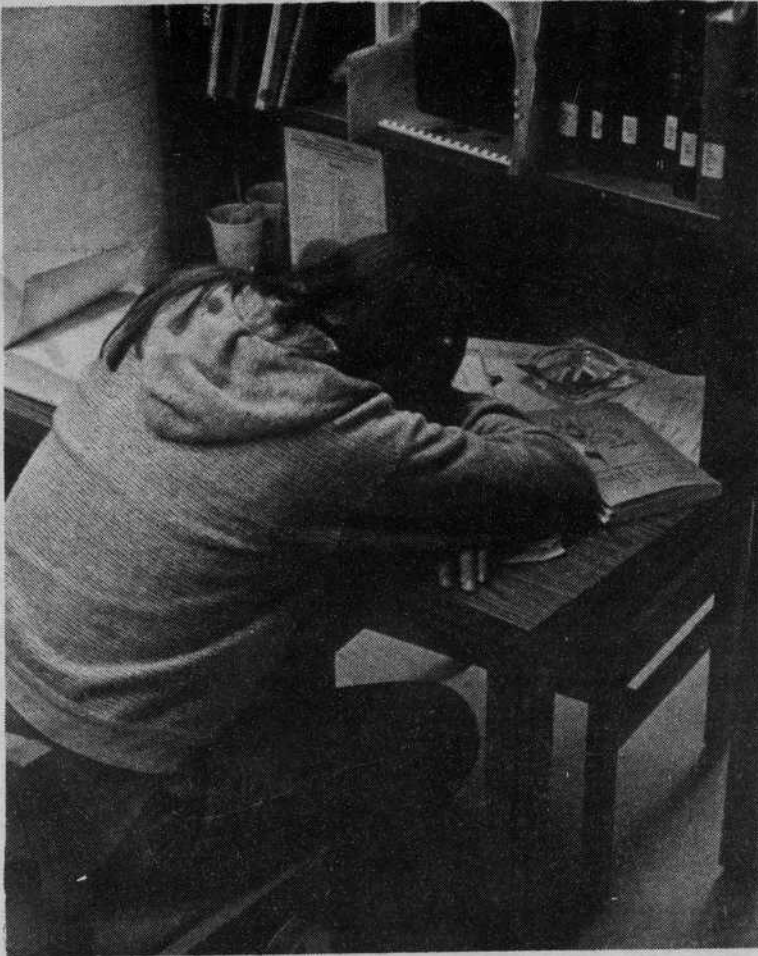
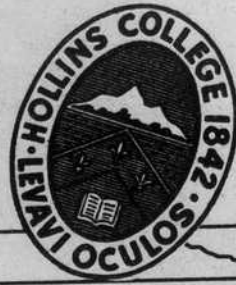


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Exhaustion and inertia are common complaints of thesis-prone seniors. This student was found slumped in a basement carrel after her roommate issued a missing persons bulletin. Photo courtesy of FBI files

Convocation honors outstanding students

Honors convocation takes place at 11 am on April 22. Dean of the College Wobbie Stewart said that she didn't think that the early hour would cause a problem with attendance at the convocation. "Attendance at convocations here at Hollins has always been so strong," she emphasized, "and wake-up calls may be placed at the switchboard for those who think they may have a problem getting up early. Also, the dining hall will be barricaded for lunch until well after the convocation, and there will be a bloody mary brunch preceding it."

The processional, Sonata for Kazoo in B flat, an original composition, will be played by associate professor of music and von Trapp family singer Jimmy Leland. Acting chaplain All-bored Beardsledd will pray for the lost souls of seniors (see related story, this issue).

Dean's List students will lead the processional from Main to Chapel. They will be followed by seniors trying to get in one last practice session in those attractive Econogowns before graduation. Said one senior, "It just takes a lot of marches to prepare you for this momentous event. I've been trying on my cap and gown for weeks now; I've found black orthopedic Pappagallos and Givenchy supphose. Being prepared means planning ahead; I'm not getting older, just better," she concluded as she left to pick up some Loving Care.

Academic honor societies inducting new members include Phi off-the-wall Theta, for those history majors with the wildest costumes and highest consumption of alcohol during history major parties; Psi Why, an honorary society for outstanding rat work and Sick 'n Die, the national honor society which awards those undergraduates who have successfully avoided the bubonic plague while majoring in science and mathematics.

Class honors will be announced at the convocation; however, the *Columns* has learned that they all go to Nosh Wheeler, son of Professor of Political Science Fake Wheeler, who has attained the highest average ever recorded and has straight-A students cowering in the study rooms.

Other prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the respective departments are the Bulgarian Government Award, which goes to a student with exceptional prowess in the Bulgarian language and includes a semester of post-graduate work in the rights of free speech and freedom of the press at the University of Leningrad, and the William Leachman Award, presented by Washington and Lee University to the Hollins student who during her college career has spent more weekends at W&L than at Hollins. Mr. Leachman will provide compensation for the price of gas for four years of road trips, which to quote a well-informed source, "isn't exactly cheap."

Action cuts thesis panic; senior hysteria abates

The Academic Policy Board announced yesterday that seniors who are required to write a thesis will also be required to undergo a thorough psychological examination before they begin their project. The Board is also considering an extension of this rule to include seniors who must complete any type of project or reading program. The action stems from a series of incidents in which the entire College community was threatened.

Chairman of Student Academic Policy Howdy Dowdy commented, "It all began last semester when Librarian Richard Quirkbod found two economics majors attempting to slash their wrists with the *Wall Street Journal*." The incidents, bizarre and frightening, continued as other students attempted to poison themselves by ingesting the *Congressional Record*, *The American Historical Review*, and even *The Oxford Dictionary*.

College Physician Atthe Gates remarked, "I've never seen anything like it. Students, Seniors, everywhere, the apartments, Starkie, even Randolph and Main, destroying themselves over something as minor as a thesis.

When I was in medical school, we didn't do anything like this. Everyday I see a new case. Why just this morning we had minor surgery. One woman had pasted her notecards all over her body with rubber cement. It was awful."

Security Chief Wolf Whats said, "It's mass hysteria. Front Quad last night was a nightmare. A dream riot. First, we had a fire call. Thirty seniors had stockpiled their rough drafts in the middle of the Quad and set them on fire. Through the smoke, I saw Why Outcry swinging on the fire ropes of East screaming and yelling like Tarzan. Another English major, Mary Mouthas started building some sort of paper coffin at the scene. I don't know what the hell she was doing."

When questioned about her behavior Mouthas said, "I'm gonna marry death. You know the *Marriage of Death in Literature* is my topic; I'm stuck. Writer's block. I just can't stand it, I can't imagine it, so I thought I would act out the part."

History major Puffin Rice, whose thesis is on William Fullbright said, "Yes, I was on Front Quad last night. I was the one who melted down all the ball

as ammunition against Them. They're everywhere. They're crawling over my carrel, my friend's carrels, they're even in the chicken soup in the dining hall. I can't take it. They're driving me crazy." Rice was then carted off by her companions, one of whom commented, "She's been feeling a little paranoid for a few weeks now. We don't know who 'They' are, but 'They' sure have her worried."

Even Academic Policy Chairman Howdy Dowdy has felt the pressures of the thesis. She revealed, "I swear, if those mice don't hurry up and get pregnant, I'm going to do something drastic." When probed further about what she intended to do she whispered, "I'm going to starve them into sex. Torture them, let them gnaw their tails loose. Those little vermin."

Arrangements are being made through the Department of Psychology to test the seniors before they begin their work. Anyone with any questions should call Dark Holes, Associate Dean or Howdy Dowdy. Anyone seeing a senior on the brink, report it to security at once.

Hollins banner unfurls proudly

In a surprise move last week, the College Administration okayed the purchase of an official Hollins College flag. The flag may be viewed hanging next to the state and national flags on Main.

The appearance of this banner took some members of the community a back. Many concerned students, however, were glad to note that in a team effort to keep costs for the College to a minimum, the flag was hand sewn by Treasurer of the College Cuning "Betsy Ross" Howe with materials found at Top Dollar Super Discount Mart during their annual "going out of business sale".

The standard is normal flag-sized, with a simple, striking, contemporary capital block letter "H" in brilliant gold on a background of brightest green. Some members of the Riding Club noticed an uncanny resemblance to apparatus they use in shows; "you know," said one junior, "it looks so like the horse blanket or my pony 'Heifer!'" "Yes," chortled a sophomore, "it would look really nice in the ring--and out of it. I could wear my green and gold riding habit and we'd just match! Daddy would be so proud."

This wave of patriotism is but the first step in a new program developing at the College. Beginning next fall, Professor of Political Science Dashing Nash will offer a two-credit study in

intracollege relations and theories of flag construction.

Themes to be covered include "Reactions to Active Resistance: Controlling Flag-burners" and "Steps in Self-Defense: How to Keep Harvard, Holyoke and Hofstra from Snatching our Standard".

Miniatures of the flag are on sale in the bookstore. The larger flag

may be checked out for brief periods of time for celebrations and public relations work such as parades on Williamson Road and at the head of a road trip (what an attention-getter at frat parties!) Heavy use is anticipated this May as a tablecloth for cocktail parties honoring the class of '80. Finally, it may be used as a shroud for the truly Hollins-spirited.



Due to the recent collapse of the Little Theatre the spring production of "Caste" was performed in the dining hall. The antiquated light board blew up during one of Ninny Crutcher's more volatile scenes.

Photo by Heegan Manrahan

Columns favors new extracurricular major

The Curriculum Committee, due to report in May has announced one of their proposals. To be established on a trial basis beginning this May is a major in extracurricular affairs. A recent Coordinating Council meeting, students discussed the new major option and expressed favorable opinion, with a few hesitations, about the proposal.

Gin-Gin Grades '80, curriculum committee member, stressed that the committee did not envision the new major to be an easy one. "We will have some pretty tough requirements," said Grades. "We want this to be an academic major, you know."

The proposal includes a broad liberal arts base. Students would be required to acquire credits in a variety of areas, including student government, athletics, performing arts and/or tech work, publications, club membership, Religious Life activities, and involvement in dormitories. Students with zero athletic ability may be given credits for varsity scorekeeping or morale-building.

Students will need a minimum of ten lecture points per semester to maintain their standing as a prospective extracurricular major. Offered every semester, credit will be given for attendance at departmental speakers, Chapel speakers, the General Speakers' Fund Committee Awareness Series, HOP lectures, LSC/SGA Response Luncheons, and Convocations. Lectures attended during midterms, finals, or Faricy Dress weekend provide double credit.

Some of the extracurricular credits must be obtained on the upper level. Upper level courses include being a varsity team captain, editor of a publication, Coordinating Council officer, lead in production, or president of a dormitory. Independent studies in committee work are available; amount of credit will depend on the number of times the committee actually meets.

To prove versatility, students with an extracurricular major will be required to take courses outside of their major field. During a student's four years, she must take one course in each of the four divisions. To be a candidate for departmental honors, a student must have a grade point average of 1.5 outside her major and a major average of 3.25. Departmental honors will be awarded by the College's circle of Oh-my-God Delta Kappa.

The common hesitation about this major seems to be a potential lack of faculty available to instruct in the areas of extracurriculars. However, a quick *Crumbling Columns* survey reveals that theatre faculty Merry Swelling and Bob Oddkins have agreed to supervise performing arts requirements. P. E. faculty see no addition to their current duties. Professor of Political Science Wrong Oh Ja has agreed to offer a course on "Internal Politics and College Governance" on the 100 level for freshmen considering this major. Acting Chaplain All-Bored Beardslee expressed his excitement about the major. "I'm very glad about the interest this will add to RLA. I'm also willing to give fast-walking lessons to students in a hurry to get to meetings."

letter to the editor

Prof gets "Dear John" letter

To: Professor Hank Offcryn
From: Undie Grad

Dear Hank:

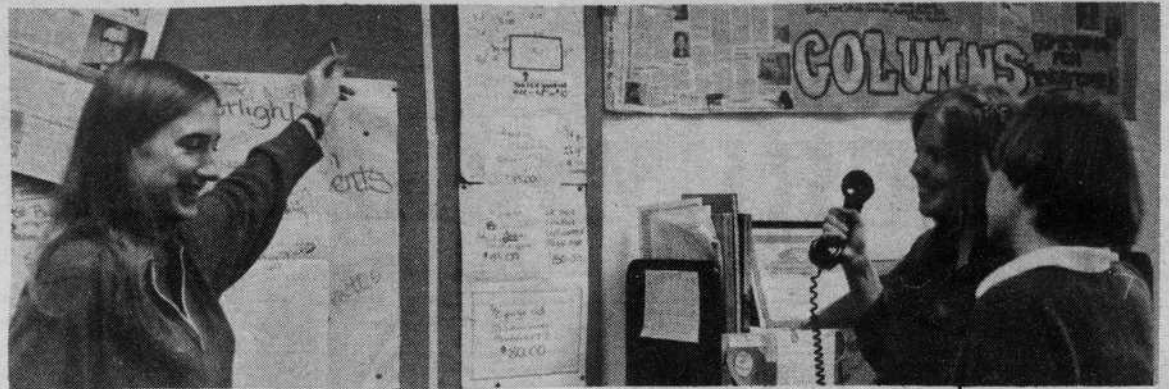
We've got to stop meeting like this, I think the editors are getting suspicious. Ever since we started writing those wicked notes to each other and got them published people have started making comments. I see now that there's nothing else we could have done; Professor Brokenheart's survey nearly exposed us anyway, but maybe we've gone a little bit

overboard. After all, we didn't start that last orgy, and everyone else had their fingerprints on the equipment anyway.

But I've decided it all has to stop, so I'm writing this letter. I think the community should know what's going on, and besides, my Mom always said that I should tell the truth whenever possible.

Romantically yours,
Undie Grad

P.S. Don't worry about me, Hank. I'm now dating an adorable graduate student.



Three seniors demonstrate their versatile talents as the College's first extra-curricular majors. Joan Falls-down, Sue Warlock, and Ann Bleary are on their toes during a typical day. Top, they spend the morning in the *Columns* office checking hot news tips. Center, the trio warms up for the Dartmouth scrimmage. Bottom, they present salient points during heated debate at a Senate meeting.

Promotional photos courtesy of the Office of Extracurricular Affairs

letter to the editor

Size 3 praises Scarsdale

To: Dr. Herman Tarnower
135 Calorie Lane
Purgatory

From: Anna Rexik
Hollins College
Hollins College, Va. 24020

Dear Dr. Tarnower,

I realize that you won't be around to see your fame on Earth, but I just wanted to let you know what a difference the Scarsdale Diet has made in my life (sorry). I was one of those people that always had a few extra pounds in the wrong places, you know, the chronic roll syndrome? Well, anyway, I tried every diet in the book, but they just starved me to death (sorry). Besides, none of my friends would ever diet with me and it just made life (sorry) miserable. Then I tried going to health (sorry, I know yours hasn't been good lately) clubs but nearly croaked (sorry) after two minutes in the sauna. I really felt like I had reached the point of no return (sorry).

Then, one day while I was in the bathroom trying to throw up dinner, I read about your diet in *Cosmopolis*. Clearly, I would have been in seventh heaven (sorry) except for the fact that the kind of food on your diet just

wasn't offered in our cafeteria. Well, the word about your diet spread like a famine and pretty soon an announcement was made the Dining Hall director, Will Grovel. Will promised (at gunpoint) to start the whole College on the Scarsdale diet as soon as the grapefruit season arrived. Well, I've been on the diet for nine days now, and already I feel reincarnated (sorry). You should see me now (sorry, I know you can't but...) I've dropped from 105 lbs. to 80 lbs. and at 5'6", I LOOK GREAT. I LOOK BEAUTIFUL and I really love myself. My Calvin Klein size 3 jeans skirt fits like a dream, and I can get in and out of the salad bar line without one bruise. But I mean I really look fabulous.

I'm not the only one crazy about your diet. The whole school seems to have undergone an entire re-birth (sorry). Cunning Howe, the College Treasurer, has offered \$2500 to the SGA if the entire student body (sorry) can reduce food consumption by 30%. If we reach this goal by May, he has promised to throw a big party with a band and all the Tab we can drink.

This proposal has been a real blood buster (sorry) here at Hollins. Will Grovel has already

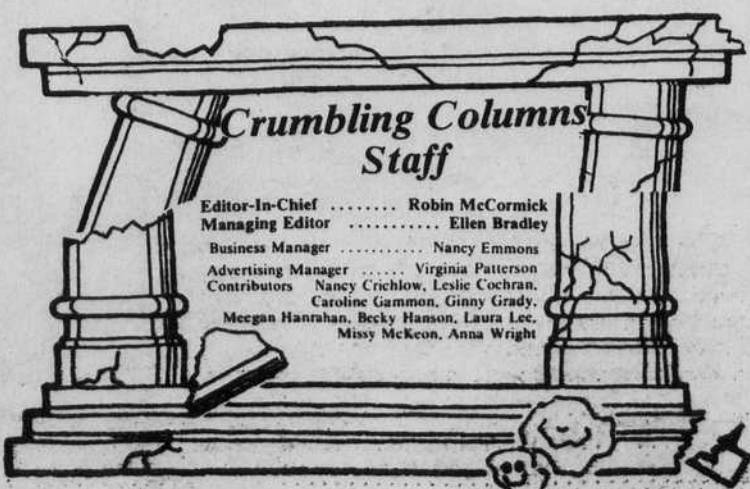
abolished breakfast. He wanted to abolish lunch too but President Rooster killed (sorry) that idea. I think some people thought he was a little chicken in light of what happened to you (sorry) but I think we could get carried away if we're not really careful about this. But listen I really look terrific.

I can wear a turtleneck, polo shirt, button down oxford cloth shirt and a sweater and tuck it all into my Calvin Klein skirt without even a little wrinkle. I just can't get over how really pretty I am now.

We were going to ask you to be the speaker at graduation this year, but since you can't make it, the College is going to spend the money it would have paid you (sorry) to erect a statue in your name. We could get another speaker, but we decided that if we couldn't get someone who'd really made an impact here, then we didn't want a speaker at all. There was a proposal up in the College Legislature to change our name to Tarnower College, but the Board of Trustees blasted (sorry) that idea.

Well, I've got to bolt. They're offering all you can eat unbuttered brussel sprouts and water for lunch today.

always (sorry),
Anna Rexik



Senior Spotlight: Mega Come-On

Editors note: The Columns has added a special feature to this week's paper. In the tradition of features found in really great newspapers from other schools, we would like to add Senior Spotlight in recognition of some of the really great senior girls.

by Copy Cat

"I was so excited when I found out that you all had picked me for the Senior Spotlight column that I just had to call my parents," commented Mega Come-on. Mega was chosen by the *Hollins Columns* this week because she is such an all round perfect person. Hollins students have long grown accustomed to seeing Come-on's Jimmy Carter grin and friendly Howdy-do as she walks across front quad or through the lunch line in the cafeteria.

Mega is such a recognizable figure in the Hollins community that the *Columns* felt it was necessary to acknowledge her involvement in campus activities as well as her academic achievements. Mega is majoring in Psychology and said of her major, "Well, I picked Psychology because you know, well I had to pick some kind of major and since I love people and love to know what they're thinking I just picked Psych. What I really want to do though is get married. My boyfriend, he goes to Harvard you know, and I have been talking marriage lately and I'm really getting excited about the future. I'm psyched to get married and I'm really looking forward to having mega babies."

Extracurricular activities are top priority according to Mega. She is the chairman of selling beer tickets at the various parties at Hollins and states, "This has been such an important job for me. Because of my major, I have learned to relate to all kinds of people and I meet and get to know all sorts through my beer ticket sellings." Mega is also coordinator

and editor of the weekly *Soap Opera Review*, writes "Tips for Dorm Housekeeping" a celebrated column in the *Hollins Columns* and is Chairman of the Sewing Society. Mega will also be indoctrinated into the Louisville, Kentucky Junior League upon graduation.

Academics rate next on Mega's list. Currently she is a member of



Mega Come-On

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Phi Beta Kappa, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Psi Chi, an honorary society in psychology. Mega will graduate with honors and will also receive the "Most Likely to Succeed" award in which she was nominated for by her class. We also can't forget to include in her credits that she was *Index* cover girl for the *Hollins Index* 1977-78.

"I hope you won't forget to mention my involvement in varsity sports," commented Mega. "Sports are the thing that really keeps me going day in and day out. They put my mind at ease and let it run free from all the other worries I have. Sports really are

the BEST!" Mega plays varsity badminton, archery, softball and bowling.

Asked to comment on her four years at Hollins, Mega replied—"Well, what can I say? I mean Hollins has been my life and soul. It's so hard to comment on something that has been such a spiritual part of you. Everyone has been so nice to me and I feel that I have reciprocated that feeling. The professors here are the best. They'll do anything you ask and practically drop anything they're doing to help you out in anything they can. I really feel that Hollins has fully prepared me for marriage and motherhood. I guess most people might not think this because they are not psychology majors. I really feel sorry for those persons who have not taken a psych course here at Hollins—especially Run Blabster's Child Psychology course which really gives you the inside scoop on how to raise a child.

"Seriously though," Mega continued, "the thing I have loved best about Hollins is her warm and inviting atmosphere. I just know that I could not have survived four years of college at another school if I had not been at Hollins. You know lots of people have asked me why I even went to college if all I ever have wanted to do is to get married and raise a family. Some people have even gone as far as accusing me of wasting my parents' money attending such an expensive school and then graduating to get married. Well, my answer to that is that before I came to Hollins I wasn't prepared to take on the role of a wife and mother. But because of my psychology courses I feel definitely prepared for this role now. I also wouldn't have met my boyfriend. You see, I meet him on a Hollins weekend roadtrip to Harvard!"

Hollins wishes good luck and good future to Mega Come-on. We are sure she will make an excellent wife and mother.



Sophomore scholar Nosh Wheeler got an early start in his Hollins studies. A photo from the *Columns* archives shows the young Wheeler (striped shirt) pausing to socialize between classes and his work at the library.

French films

Pornography enhances education

by Love Lee

The French section of the Modern Languages Department of Hollins is sponsoring a special French film festival this year.

Some features included in the series are "La Deepa Throata," starring Madame Lovelace, "Les PomPom Jeunes Filles," and "L'American Gigolo," starring PePe Le Peu.

Also showing will be "Dix," starring Bo Didley, and "L'histoire d' O."

Parental guidance is suggested for those under 18 who plan to attend these films. I.D.'s will be checked because according to Monsieur Claude Catchjoul, professor of French here, "This is serious, educational pornography and should not be taken lightly."

In addition, French students will receive extra credit in their French classes for attending these features.

Associate professor of French, Monsieur Pierre Fastie explained, "We are very excited about this

series. It will bring enlightenment to the Hollins campus. Of course, we feel sure that the students will not attend the films just to see the sex which will be abundant in these shows. Our students are much more mature than that."

French professors Papa Boistrie and Madame Mariette Davis-Givesex agreed whole heartedly with Catchjoul and Fastie. Givesex continued, "We are trying to bring every aspect of French society to

the Hollins community. I'm sure the film series will be a hit here."

Buses will run each night that there is a movie for they are being shown at the Lee Theatre on Williamson Road. An introduction and explanation of each film will be given for an hour prior to showtime at the Harvest House, drinks offered half-price.

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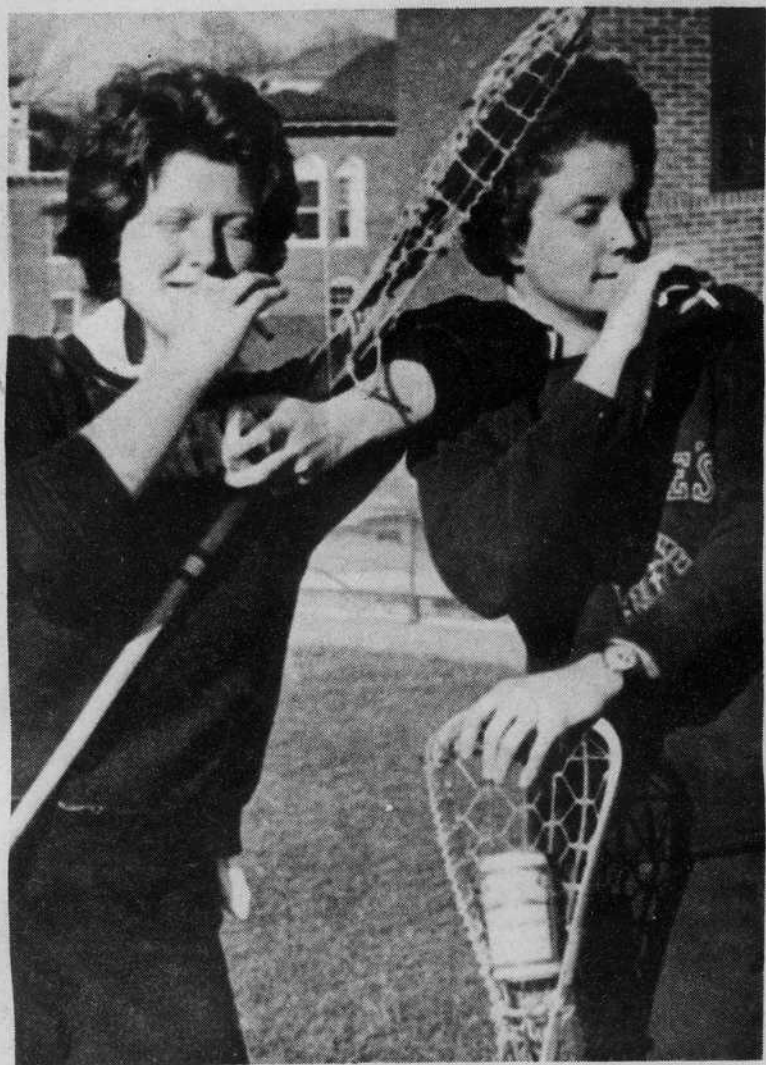
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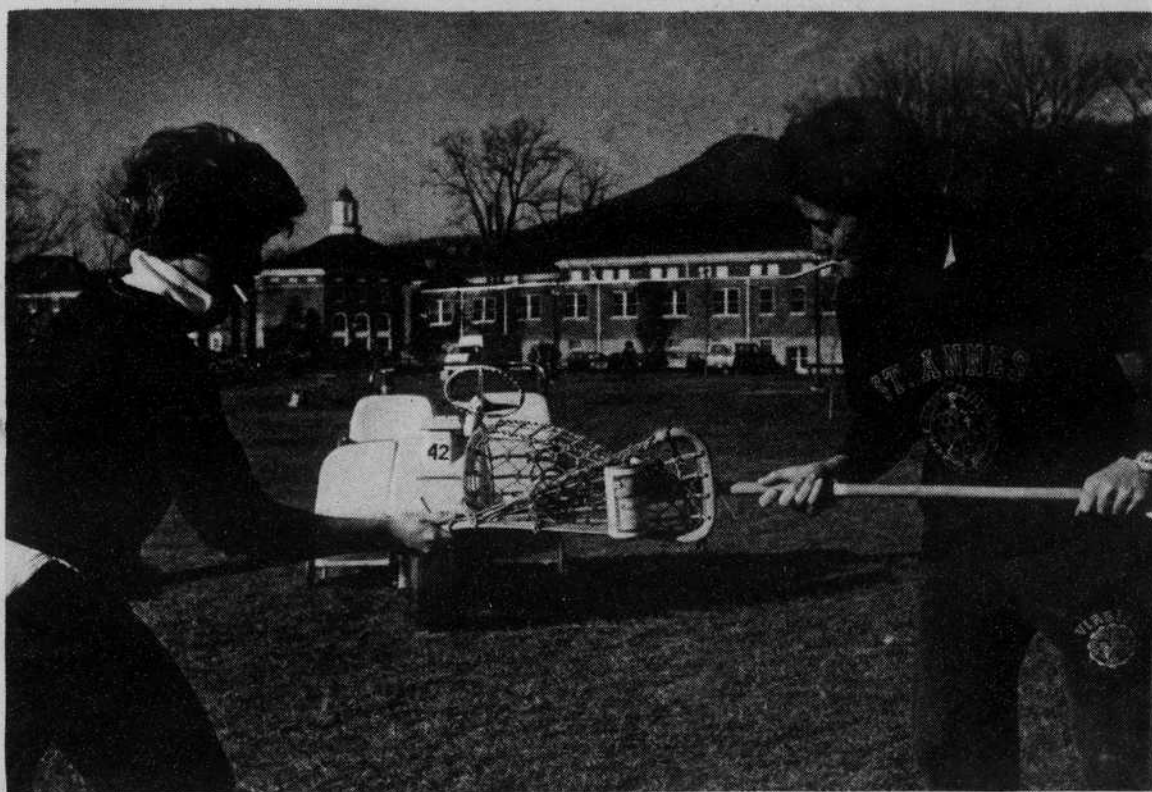
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Veteran lacrosse players Kissme McMore and Presto Chango take time to relax after scouring the field for playing equipment.



Chango and McMore put their new-found equipment to use during practice, demonstrating the psych-out face off.

Photo by Bud Weiser

'Can't beat 'em? Join 'em'

by Pesky Cockroach

"If you can't beat them, join them," is the new motto of the Hollins lacrosse team. After years of protest by lacrosse coach, Ready-To-Ware, about the Sunday afternoon mixers and their resulting mess on the playing field, the ingenious Green and Gold has devised a new way to play lacrosse. The team substitutes the left-over beer cans and bottles for balls.

They put discarded cigarette butts in their mouths to make them look tough and psyche out their opponents.

Says offensive player Kissme McMore '80, "The beer bottles are great for windups and scoring, and the cans are good for short passes, but because of their shape there is some wind resistance for long passing plays."

"In goal tending there are some

problems with our new system," explains goalie Me Canbeer '82. "The bottles are a little rough to deflect, but the cans are great, they don't even hurt if you get hit. The greatest thing about the new system is the cigarette butts. Three or four in you mouth and one in each nostril and each ear makes for a mean looking goalie, and that is really important in defense."

Ware expects that the new system will add new popularity to the sport as well as making cleaning the field after a mixer much more fun. Ware is also enthusiastic about how the system will attract more spectators. "Everyone is encouraged to attend. And remember, it's BYOB. When you finish your beer and cigarettes just pitch them into the game!" says Ware.

"Our first game under the new system is against Sweetbriar," said a first year player, Susie Morebeer, '82, "And I'm really excited about it. The cigarettes will blow their minds, because everyone knows how prissy they are."

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Wednesday, April 3

HOP Lecture "Spring Streaking"
Bunz Auditorium 7 pm

Thursday, April 4

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