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letter from the editor

Editor reviews years

This issue of the *Hollins Columns* is a special issue dedicated to the graduating class as a reflection of their years at Hollins; it looks at their progression in changing from freshmen to alumnae in comments about the class by those who have been their teachers, friends and helpers, and by the class themselves. It also contains an interview with Carroll Brewster, who leaves the Hollins presidency on July 1 and was the seniors' unanimous choice for a graduation speaker.

Looking back over my own four years, it seems to me that I will have left more undone on May 24 than I have done. As Ann Carlston said when asked about her year as class president, "I had good intentions." The list of stories and editorials I planned to write, the list of people I wanted to get to know better, and the list of things I wanted to get done is longer than I care to admit.

Asking other members of my class about their favorite memories showed me how hard that question is to answer. The list of recollections is long: learning to dance to Boz Scaggs in the hall freshman year; having my first article for the *Hollins Columns* appear unrecognizable in the paper (it was returned to me with red pen markings); talking with a friend in front of Randolph's fireplace one night during short term and suddenly realizing that it was 6 a.m.; the Atwell's first champagne party for our class and the Class of 1978; deciding to be editor instead of going abroad; remaining committed to Hollins while friends transferred; Ring Night; sermons by Katie Finney, prayers by Alvord Beardslee, and music by James Leland that made Chapel special; giving tours to prospective students, and realizing as I talked how much Hollins meant to me; finding myself on Senior Rock on Tinker Day and the sudden realization that I and the people around me were seniors (and a close class).

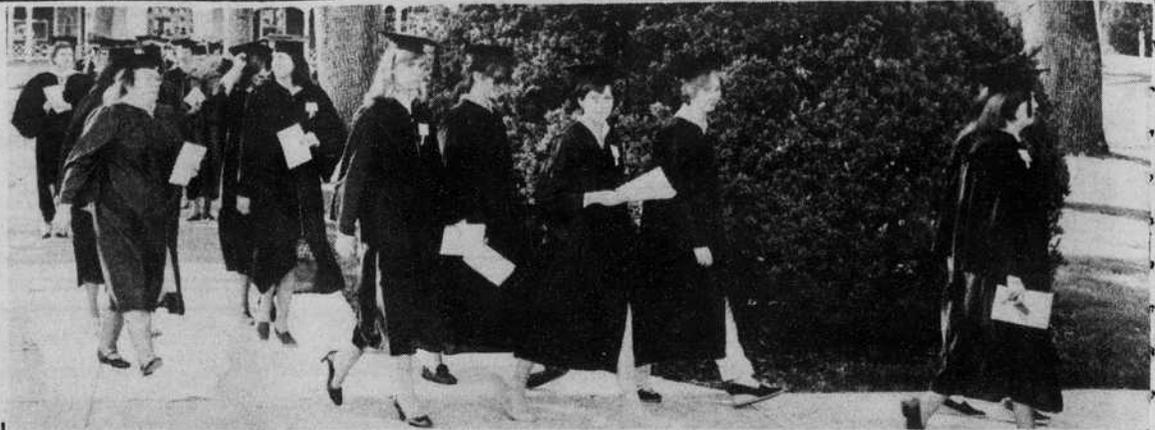
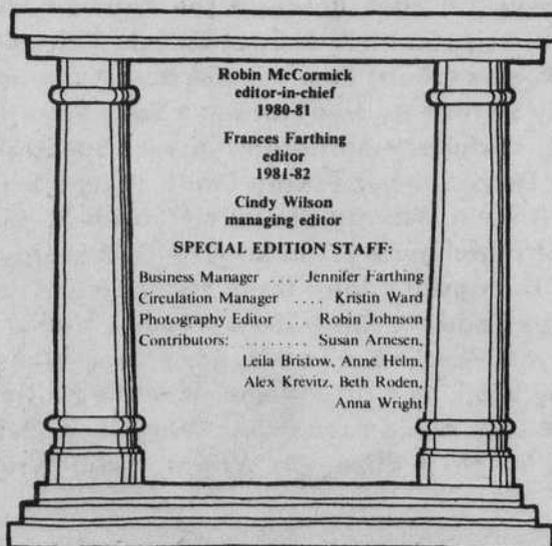
After two years of weekly editorials, it is time for me to thank the people who have consistently helped to produce the paper. Judy Sublett, my first editor, and Lissa Mahlum, my second, prodded me and gave me confidence to begin the editorship. Cindy Wilson, managing editor, and the rest of the Editorial Board this year have worked many late and frantic nights (and equally frantic Thursdays) at the printer.

Becky Faery has consistently sponsored my independent study and listened to my frustrations for the past two years.

Campuswide, some people have proven to be excellent sources of information, aid, and moral support: Gail Raiman-Helms, Linda Steele, Baylies Willey, Kathy Hiserodt, President Brewster, Joe Smith; I gratefully thank them.

Even in an issue about endings and reflections, it is important to look to the future. Next year will be an exciting year at the College with a new President, a new Chaplain, and an even larger and stronger freshman class. As the Class of '81 graduates, we leave confidently, knowing that others will fill our roles. Student government plans for next year are already laid under Newnie Rogers leadership, and the *Columns*, under Frances Farthing's capable editorship, will continue to grow.

Robin McCormick



Observers reflect on graduates

It is a class that seemed to re-establish in a big way some of the pre-Vietnam War attitudes, styles, and habits; and those range from trivial things like clothing styles to important and good things like a very disciplined approach to academic assignments.

—Lawrence Becker,
professor of philosophy

Committed to the status quo, seeking new horizons.

—Henry Nash,
professor of political science

Academically they are the same as the past few years. They're an awfully nice bunch of students -- extremely appreciative and cooperative, and very pleasant.

—Peggy Eldridge,
registrar

They haven't been here long enough to be seniors! My impression is that they just got here two weeks ago. On the Alumnae circuit you see old students and think that they were here three or four years ago and then you realize that they were here in '62 or '63. When they arrive four years looks like a long, long time but it is such a frighteningly short time that you wish you could convey to them what a short time it really is. If we could all realize how brief that span really is we could exploit all of the opportunities Hollins has to offer.

—Jake Wheeler,
professor of political science

They were a special class and I think I'll miss them more than the ones before them as a group.

—Ray Harris,
postmaster

When I think back to their first class meeting four years ago in the Little Theatre at the beginning of freshman orientation, I recall a group of young women ready and eager to begin four years at Hollins. They have come a long way since that evening. They have grown and matured intellectually, and they have packed away a lot of knowledge. I believe they have sharpened their intellectual skills, learned how to make informed and responsible choices and decisions, developed the 'art of using your mind,' and so much more.

I am sure that as a result of their Hollins experiences they are ready to become responsible and productive members of our society, and I hope that they will carry away with them a love of learning that will cause them to want to continue to learn throughout their lives.

—Roberta Stewart,
Dean of the College

I'll miss them, that's for sure, the ones that I know. By the time they're seniors I get to know their names and then they're gone.

—June Lovern,
laundromat supervisor

I do not envy the Class of '81. Their college years have been marked by a shifting of our world's social values -- especially for women -- and by an appalling economic insecurity. Their future holds promise of even more uncertainty. That the '81s have remained such a strong, vibrant lot is a real tribute to their character. They are tough people for a trying time, and I, for one, will miss them.

—Bill Evitts,
assistant to the President

Lost: innocence, some ignorance, most social concern, especially feminism. Gained: maturity, purpose, materialism. We lose some remarkable leaders (but more will surface). Women improve with age.

—Alvord Beardslee,
Chaplain



Jake Wheeler



June Lovern



Roberta Stewart



Jack Atwell

Atwells discuss grads

by Susan Arnesen

When John and Mary Atwell, associate professors of history, were asked to sponsor the class of 1981, they gladly accepted. Mary Atwell says that "after being the Class of 1978's sponsor, we both believed that it gave more of an opportunity to get to know people at Hollins.

"You take a deeper interest in the class and its well-being as a whole working as a sponsor," explains Atwell. She believes that through social events, class sponsors can show that they are accessible to their class.

For the past four years, the Atwells have had champagne parties at the end of first term and "beef and brew" parties at the end of this term. It gives everyone a chance to relax."

Besides helping to plan class social events, Atwell thinks sponsors should be a resource. They should be able to answer questions about how to choose a major or a career, or help to provide the means to answer their questions. Atwell comments that "it's a sponsor's job to find out what the class' expectations and interests are."

Since their freshmen year, Atwell believes that the Class of '81 has been a very enthusiastic class: "They wanted to be involved in the College." Throughout their four years, "the class has never experienced a sense of discontinuity," says Atwell. "In the past two years, there has been a lot of controversy. Things could've been much more divided, but these students have kept the campus a cohesive place because there has

been good, responsible leadership."

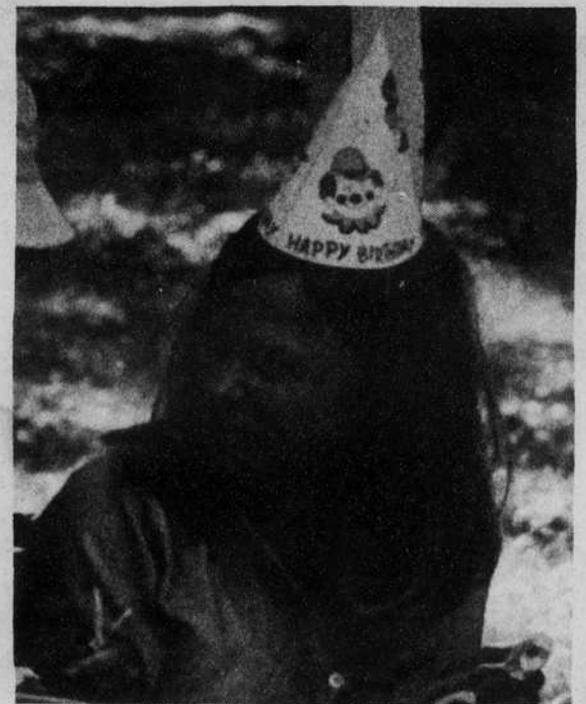
According to Atwell, students like Robin McCormick and Ann Carlston have contributed some fine, productive work. "Through the paper, Robin has contributed a lot," says Atwell. "She's a person of high standards. She's made a particularly strong contribution serving on the Presidential Search Committee.

"Ann Carlston, chairman of the Student Tenure and Promotion Committee, did a fine job. She collected student opinions concerning teachers who were considered for tenure or promotion. It's important for students to have a committee in which they can have some influence on decisions."

Atwell continues that "SGA has taken some positive steps to bring the campus together. The faculty-student breakfasts and the LSC luncheons have broadened the diversity of interests at Hollins. It's a credit to those who organized them."

Atwell said class-supported events are much more diverse than other events. By acting as class sponsors, the Atwells' priorities are "to support a cooperative spirit, to have the students feel that they have a stake in the College, and to enable each student to identify with Hollins as a Hollins person and as a member of the Class of '81.

"I feel that the greatest accomplishment of the class is that they have provided more ways for more people to feel positively towards the College and to their class and to feel a sense of cohesiveness."



Mary Atwell



Variety of activities planned for seniors' final week

"On May 24 the Class of '81 will move their tassels from the right side of their mortarboards to the left, and students will become alumnae," wrote William Evitts, assistant to the President, in his letter to seniors. Commencement is on the horizon indeed, but also on that horizon is a list of activities to honor, celebrate and practice for the May 24 event.

The first celebration is the party given by Jack and Mary Atwell, class sponsors, for the seniors. This Mexican dinner with a relaxed atmosphere will be in the Forest of Arden Wednesday, May 13 from 4-6 p.m.

The seniors, with the aid of Campus Activities, will throw their own party on May 19--the last day of exams. The entire campus will be invited to hear a calypso band from 7-11 p.m. on the Moody patio. Beer will be sold, and there will be no admission charge.

The Alumnae Association will take a turn at honoring the Class of 1981 at a reception on Thursday, May 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Green Drawing Room.

Festivities for Commencement will begin the following evening at the dance for seniors, parents, and faculty in the Moody dining room. The orchestra performing that evening, led by Burt Massengale, is no stranger to the campus; he has played at graduation dances here for the past few years and at Fall

Weekends and Cotillions. Although the dance is primarily for seniors and their families, underclassmen and friends who are on campus are welcome to attend, said Evitts. The affair is not black tie; mixers will be provided and people may bring in liquor if they want it.

In spite of Friday's late night music and dance, graduation rehearsals will be held on Front Quad at 9 a.m. Saturday. At that time, seniors will learn in what order they are to sit and march. In spite of the early hour, Evitts said it is important for students to attend. Ellen Pillow, bookshop manager, will distribute the green and gold hoods that seniors wear for commencement.

The President of the College will hold his reception for seniors and their families on Saturday from 5-6 p.m. in the Beale Garden. The event will be cancelled if it rains, said Evitts, because there is no indoor space that is large enough.

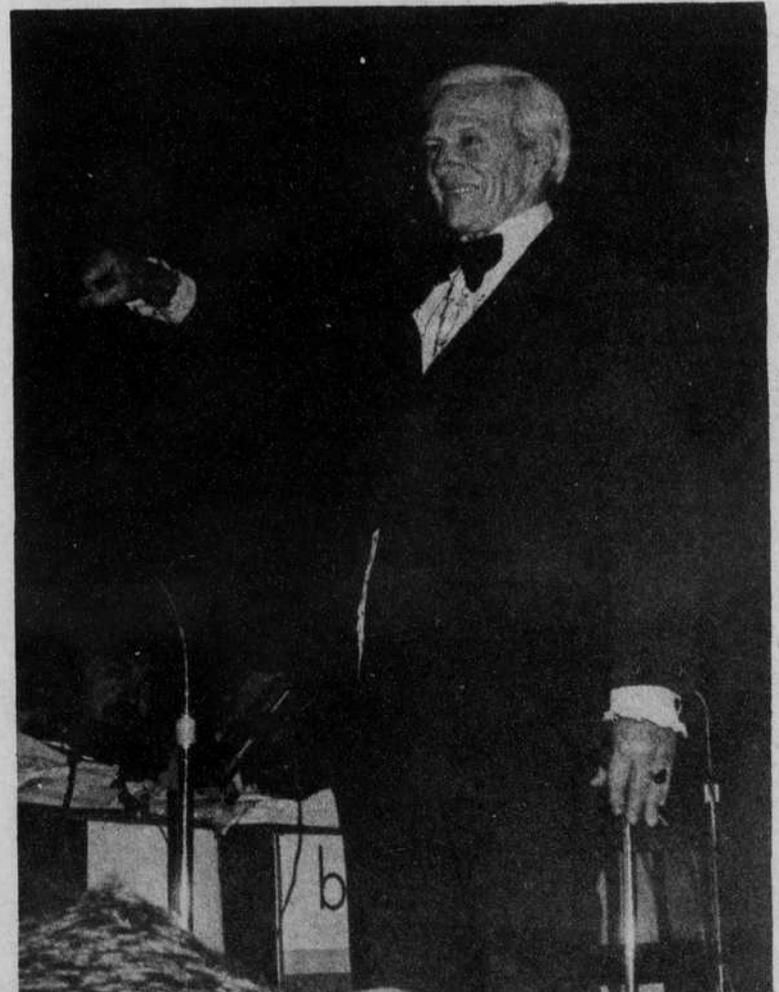
Baccalaureate will be Sunday morning at 10:30. Alvord Beardslee, Chaplain, will preach and the choir will sing. Seniors will meet earlier to march in; they will wear their white collars with their caps and gowns. Following the service, a buffet lunch will be served on Back Quad. Three tickets for lunch will be given free to each senior. Seniors may purchase more (or underclassmen

may buy theirs) for \$4 in the bookstore. Evitts calls the lunch a truly good deal, boasting that the price hasn't increased in a number of years.

Finally, graduation ceremonies will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Front Quad, weather permitting. Seniors, wearing hoods rather than the white collars, will meet earlier in West to march in. President of the College Carroll Brewster will address the assembly and the remaining awards and honors will be announced. Finally, members of the class will receive their diplomas.

"If it rains, we are going to demand the utmost in patience for everybody. There will be a lot of disappointed families," said Evitts. Seniors get only two tickets each for Baccalaureate and Commencement. If the day is sunny, he explained, Baccalaureate will be less crowded; people without tickets will be admitted if space permits. If Sunday brings heavy rain, only those with tickets will be admitted to both Baccalaureate and Commencement (held in the Chapel).

Evitts remembers two commencements in the last twelve years which had to be moved indoors. "The President decides if it's raining or not," he said, and if the weather looks like mostly light rain, the ceremony is usually held outside.



Burt Massengale will provide the musical entertainment during the commencement festivities.

What is your best memory of your four years?

"Seeing Hollins in the springtime freshman year."
--Lee Ann Laxton

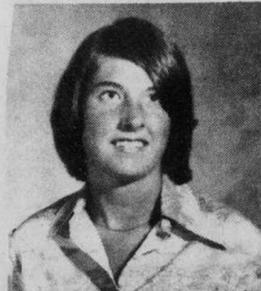


Abby Ross

"Seeing the cows from the dining room window--or midnight Starkie entertainment."
--Abby Ross

"Dancing in the halls."

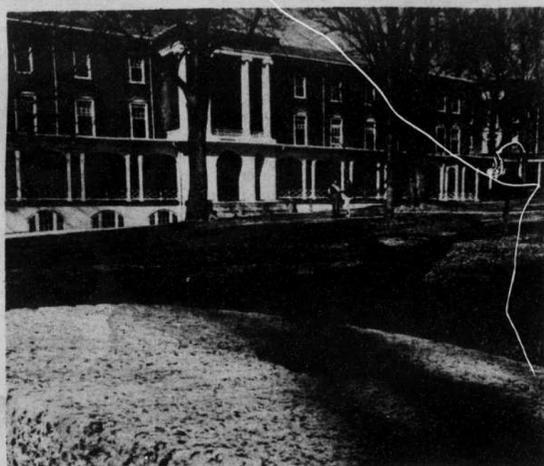
"My best memory is freshman year in Randolph when the fire alarm went off and I pushed five boys into closets and under beds--but it took a few minutes to decide whether it was a real fire or not."
--Lib Hyatt



Martha Campbell

"Finals at VMI."
--Martha Campbell

"All my riding experience, showing, and HOP."
--Lisa Malone



"One of my funniest memories about living with my family in London was having to eat cornflakes for breakfast every day for my first week because I did not realize that there were other types of cereal in the cabinet. I learned quickly that you have to ask questions and search for answers when you are in a new environment. If I hadn't, I would have probably eaten cornflakes for three months."
--Virginia Lee Hendricks



Tammy Post

"Relaxing in the dining hall."
--Tammy Post

"My best memory is the growth, success, and adventure of the Hollins Model United Nations Club. Through a lot of dedication and hard work of its members, this organization is really something of which to be proud."
--JoAnn Clephas

"Faculty caroling during the Christmas season."
--Anita Martin

"Doing my senior thesis project in painting."
--Elizabeth Barnes



Ginger Reeder

"Rocking on Front Quad."
--Ginger Reeder

"Being able to spend time and get to know girls working on the Columns staff."
--Anna Wright



Elizabeth Gwaltney

"The great, uninhibited acting class taught by Mary Ellen Atkins during my freshman year, where I was able to meet two of my closest friends who share the same major I do now--theater."
--Elizabeth Gwaltney

"Tinker Day scare, and realizing that we were the seniors."
--Kirk Hotchkiss

"Tinker Day senior year--being able to ride up in the truck and hearing the songs each class sang."
--Laurie Locher

"Tinker Day--it makes me feel like I did when I was a little kid on Christmas Day."
--Derby Watkins

Seniors comment on 4 years: 1977-1981

"I think the Class of 1981 is outgoing, mature, and a very determined to reach its goals."
--Lee Ann Laxton

"In my eyes the class of 1981 enjoys a particularly strong feeling of closeness. Many girls in our class transferred to other schools or took leaves of absence but felt drawn back to Hollins and their special friends. Many came back to graduate from the school that offered them more in lots of ways."
--Elizabeth Wynne

"On May 4th, we'll be Hollins alumnae!"
--JoAnn Clephas

"Our fiftieth reunion will be in 2031."
--Virginia Lee Hendricks

"I think we are an exceptionally close class. We have a few cliques but the class isn't divided by them. I feel as though I could sit down with anyone and be able to talk with them."
--Lib Hyatt

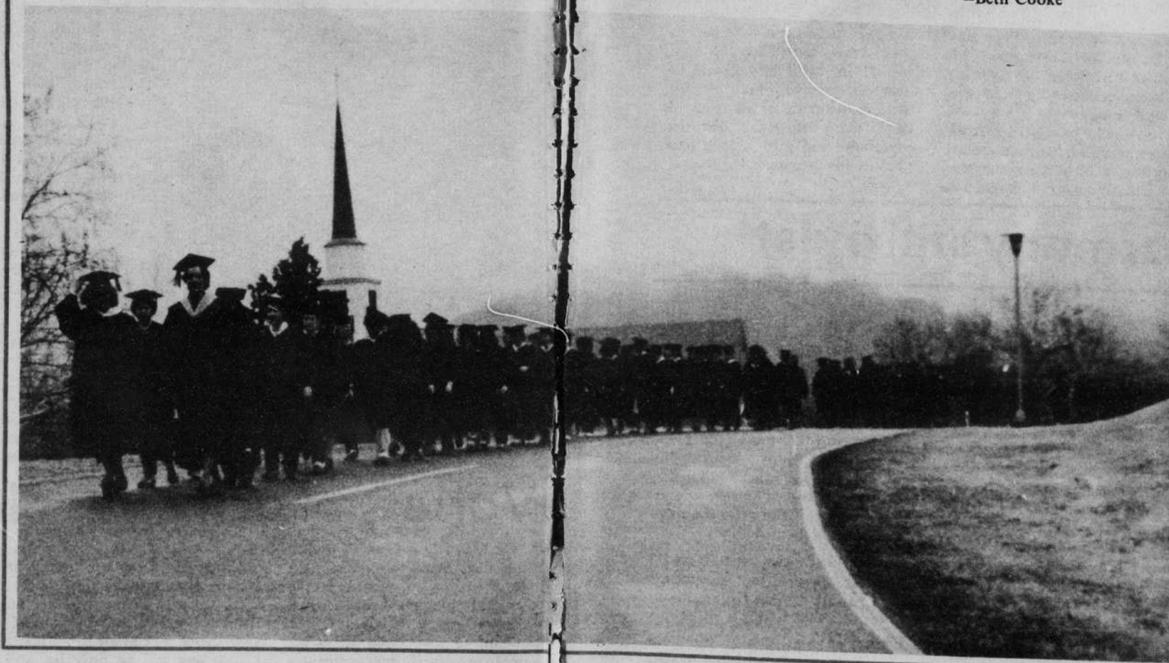
"We're a class--one still full of school spirit."
--Andree Samson

"The fact that our class is the last not to have distribution requirements."
--unsigned

"We can make our own fun."
--Erin Wright

"The special diverse quality of relaxed, confident and sincere women who have grown into comfortable sisterhood."
--Elizabeth Gwaltney

"Our class has the greatest spirit of adventure."
--Beth Cooke



"Without a doubt my best memory is the one that is clearest in my mind: stepping on the plane for Paris in New York. I was with a special group of girls and knew there was a year of endless learning experiences waiting for me abroad. Hollins Abroad Paris changed me and let me return to the campus with new thoughts and feelings only to receive a warm welcome by old buddies and friends."
--Elizabeth Wynne

"Going abroad to Paris. I wouldn't exchange that for a million dollars. It's the best program the country has and also has the best reunions."
--Andree Samson



Class of '81 offers advice to '85

"Keep your class united. Try to get everyone involved in diverse activities."
--Lynn Forrest

"Make the most of your four years here, because time is going to fly by."
--Lee Ann Laxton

"It gets better every year."
--Ginger Reeder

"Go for it."
--Derby Watkins

"Start out studying hard and it will get easier as you go along."
--Elizabeth Barnes

"Break up with your hometown sweetheart before you get here."
--Lisa Richards

"Go abroad."
--many people

"Know your limit."

"Give the W&L fraternities a chance--more than one chance because it takes several."

"Know what grain is."

"Be aware of what life will be like with 800 women."
--Laurie Locher



"People and activities that one would be able to become a part of."
--Anna Wright

"The whole Hollins experience is special to me. I have had four terrific years of learning and growing here."
--JoAnn Clephas

"The concerned faculty, sincere friends, and beautiful campus."
--Lee Ann Laxton



Anita Martin

"Individuality is what's special about Hollins."
--Anita Martin



Kirk Hotchkiss

"Everything. The women. The place. The education--academic and otherwise."
--Kirk Hotchkiss

"You get to know people. You become friends with your professors. You always have a friend or someone to talk to or help with your work if you need it."
--Gwyn LeDuke

"Faculty happy hours."
--Serena Montague

What is special about Hollins?

"We live and grow in a small, closely-knit community that gives people the chance to learn from faculty and fellow students. If we only take advantage of this, we will leave Hollins with a more open mind and attitude."
--Elizabeth Wynne



Virginia Lee Hendricks

"Before I came to Hollins, I did not realize 'cut on' the light was incorrect."
--Virginia Lee Hendricks

"The beauty of the school--being in the mountains!"
--Lynn Forrest



Lynn Forrest

"The friends I have and the times I've had with them."
--Lynn Forrest



In other areas of advice, the seniors unanimously proclaimed the library as the area of the College most in need of funds and improvement.



'We have a super class'

"I thoroughly enjoyed the job," says Lib Hyatt, noting that "the job entails more work than the other class president jobs. There are ring night, the class gift, hundredth night and graduation to be handled.

"Being senior class president is a job for life. There will also be a class fund chair and an alumnae magazine correspondent. We will help to recruit people for reunions. I'll be back every year that we formally get together. I don't see the job as a burden at all; it's scary, but it's fun.

"We have a super class. Naturally, there are a few cliques but overall we form one closeknit class. We all know each other. This year the attitude has been one of wanting to see things through to the end."

Hyatt remembers that "it was meeting people in the class that

made me want to do more with and for them." She has many people to thank for helping the senior class organization to be a success. "The Atwells helped me with the graduation speaker. Their parties for us have always been a lot of fun. The one this year was quite special as it was our last one. We have a Mexican party still to come.

"President Brewster was also helpful; he agreed to speak at graduation, for one thing. He also helped us with the class gift. We will be the initial contributors to the Mary-Barbara Zeldin scholarship.

"Mr. Wrobel and Wilson were excellent, as was everyone on third floor Moody. And I can't forget my close friends who I saddled with grain cup sales, etc.

"I am glad I don't see my job coming to an end," says Hyatt.

Successful class from the start

Looking back on her freshman year when she served as class president, Jack McWhorter has many good memories of the class. "We were then and still are a happy class with good academic students".

She says her class has "come into themselves through the maturing process Hollins has afforded academically and personally." McWhorter sees their freshman year as "the first time some people

had a chance to be taken seriously". To her, the class has been a success from the start. She remembers in particular the people on her hall in Tinker. "They really impressed me". As a whole the class "seemed to catch the ball and run with it."

Today, McWhorter, in reflecting on the past years, thinks the class has aided the college in many changes and transitions. The



Juniors were diverse, cohesive

In spite of the fact that leaving and returning abroaders, transfers, and change mark the junior year at Hollins, Ann Carlston says the Class of 1981 was "diversified but cohesive" during their junior year.

"We were spread all over the globe—Paris, London, Hampden-Sydney, W&L, and Hollins—but at the same time I think we got closer. The abroaders got to know each other and because there were so few of us here we got to know each other really well."

Carlston, class president that year, said even with so few people on campus last year, "we were a fairly active class." That year, the class sponsored more activities with other classes than usual, she said, adding that she worked with other class presidents frequently.

After beginning the year with a plant sale, the class helped at the Halloween party and Oktoberfest weekend, sponsored a mixer, and served at the senior Christmas dinner. And, of course, Ring Night will remain as memory for a long time in the minds of many.

"The Atwells have been good class sponsors," said Carlston.



"They were very nice. They were very helpful and very interested in what we were doing." In addition, Carlston echoes the sentiment noted by many:

The Atwells give great parties. A unique aspect of the class, according to Carlston, is that they have less cliques. "I think that with

our class, stereotypes have become less obvious. The 'preppy crowd,' the 'wild crowd,' and the 'studious crowd' are all less obvious distinctions. Many people have many different qualities, especially this year as we have become more unified."

'Unity and harmony still exist'

Since her freshman year, Amy Moyler has prided herself on being a part of the multi-talented Class of 1981. She says that "from my freshman to senior year, it's been interesting to see how our diversified talents have been used. It's interesting to see that unity and harmony in our class still exists.

"We've grown to a maturity. We're aware that we want to do something constructive after graduation. We're conscientious of

how we can use our Hollins education.

"I see my education at Hollins as giving me a sense of self-confidence and a flexibility. I took courses on all areas of study. I would take an art course and do as well as I would in a course for my major."

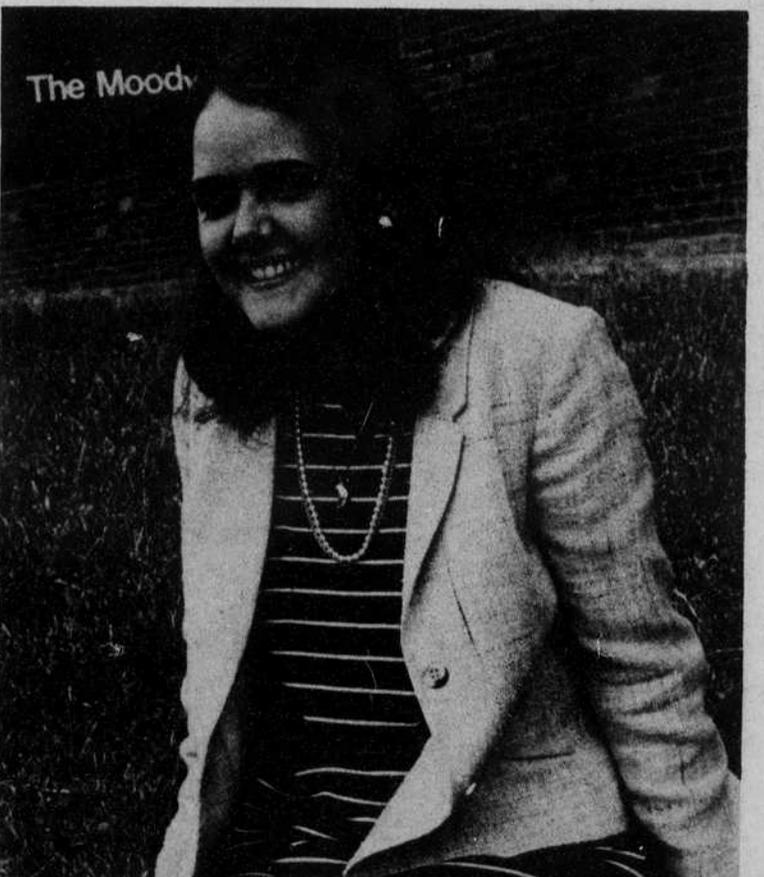
Moyler believes the faculty were flexible, as well as the curriculum. "I felt that I could ask questions about most anything. The faculty always have their doors open to you."

When asked about her friends at Hollins, Moyler replied that "friendships, too, are diverse and

long-lasting, like friends with different majors. You learn to respect what each person feels."

In her sophomore year, Moyler served as class president. "One of the best parts of being president was getting to know the class. Being president taught me responsibility, the fact that I had to consent to others' ideas, and to accept my obligations to the class. It was a good time.

"Working with the class, I became more involved. It made me more aware of what Hollins has to offer, and I felt that I made the most of it."



Alumnae office follows Srs. into real world

The Hollins College Alumnae Association, founded in 1896, is one of the oldest organizations of its kind among colleges for women. Out of the purely nostalgic, sentimental relationship of earlier years has grown an Association which, while holding fast to sentiment and tradition, has as its purpose: "...to further the interests of Hollins College, maintain and promote alumnae participation in the development of the College, and to act as a medium for securing and disseminating accurate information concerning the College."

In varying kind and degree, but nonetheless inevitably, every alumna has some part in what her alma mater is and is to be. At Hollins, her importance and her potential have kept pace with the growth and progress of the College. Today the Hollins College Alumnae Association is composed of nearly 10,000 women who live in 50 states and 55 foreign countries and who in their homes, communities, and work, reflect the sound liberal arts training received at the College they so loyally support. The Association's proud record of the past holds a challenge for the future.

by Robin McCormick

"I don't want students to get the idea that all the Alumnae Association is going to do is ask them for money," said Anna Lawson, editor of the College Alumnae Magazine. Among the services offered by the Association are lists of alumnae by class or area, a magazine three times a year, a newsletter four times a year, summer tours in different areas of the world, invitations to the annual Alumnae College and Reunion Weekend, and contact with the Alumnae Club President and invitations to alumnae gatherings in certain cities.

"First of all, we try to get, before you leave here, (information about) where you're going to be and what you're going to be doing," said Frances White, director of Alumnae Relations. All members of the class automatically become members of the Alumnae Association.

One of the biggest ways the Association can aid graduating seniors, says White, is by providing them with a list of alumnae in the area in which they will (or are considering) living. These women are often helpful in telling students about the area—suggesting places to live or people to contact, or (in some cases) allowing them to stay overnight while students are job hunting.

At any rate, once a student is settled in an area, the Alumnae Office puts her in contact with other alumnae. "When we know where you are, if you're in an Alumnae Club area, we'll put you on that list and let the club president know you're there. She'll be in contact with you," said White.

This contact will range according to geographic area—from parties for prospective students to parties of Washington



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& Lee and Hollins alumnae to invitations to meet with faculty who are visiting the area.

The Alumnae Magazine will be sent to each alumna free for as long as she maintains a current address in the alumnae office. It offers feature articles about everything at the College—from events and speakers to sports to special programs to highlights on individuals. News from each class is

printed every 18 months (although for the first two years, the class will be contacted once a year). The reporters for the class of '81 will be Sarah Stimson and Robin McCormick.

According to Lawson, the Hollins Herald "tells you about faculty. It's really the only place to read about them. It's the best news of both the faculty and campus." Graduating in two weeks does not, by a long shot, mean severing ties with the College. "If you're interested in doing something, keeping in touch with Hollins, there are a lot of things you can do," said Lawson.

One of the areas in which alumnae contribute to the college is by telling prospective students about Hollins. "People your age are some of the best recruiters we've got," added Lawson.

The 11,000 Hollins alumnae maintain a voice in activities and policies on campus. A Board of

Directors meets on a regular basis to hear from students, faculty and administrators about their activities and concerns. The Alumnae Association also elects three members who serve on the Board of Trustees.

And, inevitably, the Association does help raise money for Hollins. Alumnae Clubs in various areas have fundraising projects, and the office of development often seeks contributions throughout the country. As students who have made phone calls asking for donations will remember, alumnae are sometimes called during the telethon. The Class Fund Chairman for this year's class is Ann Carlston.

The key to remaining involved in the College is to volunteer. The Alumnae Office is open to contact with alumnae at all times. White said, "Our office serves as a grass roots kind of thing to have everyone as involved as possible."

Life for grad brings on many changes

The one constant, ever present characteristic of the past twenty-five years of my life since graduating from Hollins College has been change.

When viewed statistically, this quarter of a century has consisted of the following: three apartments; four houses; three changes in locale (from Birmingham, Alabama, in 1958 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in 1965 to Wilmington, Delaware); two husbands (one at a time!); three stepchildren; three step-grandchildren; two dogs; seven jobs; and eight cars.

I pause...reflectively. What else has happened? Well, I've grown to love steamed clams, E.E. Cummings' verse, mischievous two-year-olds, brass ensembles...but still dislike Bach!

All of these changes have led to accepting and adapting to rapid shifts in life styles, attitudes and beliefs, and interests.

Twenty-five years ago, a career was the furthest thing from my mind. Now I find myself caught in the swirling vortex of the working world and trying to balance it along with relationships with family, friends, and some community involvement. At times I feel like a juggler!

No longer do I view most issues in terms of black or white...but only grey.

Personal interests have also undergone change. They have swung from science to art and antiques. As a biology major, I had to take one fine arts course at Hollins in order to fulfill academic requirements for graduation. I chose art history. That choice developed a new interest which eventually led to a change in vocation. There was a time when my father had to drag me into any museum. Now I spend eight hours a day working at Winterthur Museum in Delaware and loving it!

Along with all these changes, some things have not, and never will change. I still do not like to get out of bed in the morning. And I have never learned to make edible pie crust!

Accompanying the fact that most things in my life have changed quickly and dramatically while a few have not and never will, is the knowledge that a few facets of life have changed slowly. Therefore, in comparison, they seem only moderately changed. The same pair of red rubber rain boots purchased by me for \$4.98 (?) as a Hollins College freshman, show only a few signs of wear. At this rate, I'll be able, hopefully, to have them bronzed at their fifty year mark and use them as planters.

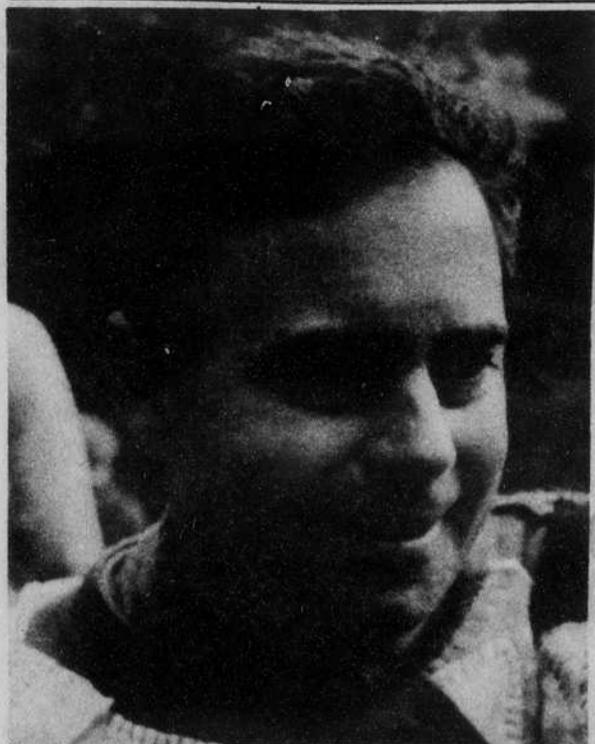
My hair is still primarily medium brown. But it is a bit difficult to differentiate between its true color, the professional frosting, and Mother Nature's frosting.

Last of all, some things appear to be unchanged. But in truth, they, too, have changed...not only slowly but imperceptibly. Consider the peaceful mountains in whose shadows the Hollins campus lies. What of them? To the casual observer like myself, they look the same as they did in 1956. But I realize that in accordance with the laws of nature, that they have undergone a slow, rather invisible metamorphosis. I ponder. Why have these mountains changed so slowly and imperceptibly in comparison with many things in my own life which have changed rapidly and radically? Could the answer be that it is just a matter of perspective and relativity? Perhaps twenty-five years from now the answer may be the same. Or will it, too, change?

--by a member of the Class of 1956,
written for her 25th Reunion



Anna Lawson edits the alumnae magazine.



Brewster recalls 'a very happy six years' at the College

—by Robin McCormick

"I came to Hollins because it seemed like Hollins was an institution with a long and noble history, excellent faculty, a fine academic program, an institution with perplexing but not impossible financial problems, and an institution which enjoyed the splendid loyalty of its graduates. It seemed to me an institution of stature and quality that I would be proud to serve," said Carroll Brewster, who will leave the College Presidency July 1.

For six years, Brewster has served this college.

During his tenure the restoration and renovation of the historic Front Quad has essentially been completed, the gym plans were finished and preparations have begun for its construction, and a long range plan for the College grounds was put into effect. During those six years, the endowment doubled and the annual alumnae fund tripled. The curriculum had been modified to include the Freshman Seminar core course, and distribution requirements have been modified. This year, applications for admissions are at the highest point in 13 years.

Of course, Brewster stressed, these accomplishments are not his alone. Improvements made in an

institution require the work of many individuals. Still, the mark of the College's top executive officer is on them.

As Brewster describes Hollins, he stands, looks out his office window onto the campus and puts his hands in the pockets of his khakis. Its obvious that Hollins is one of his favorite topics. The intensity and conviction with which he speaks and the shine in his eyes express his love for the College. When Brewster says he thinks Hollins is a special place, one can tell he means it.

"In this kind of work," said Brewster, "one takes one's satisfaction from the successes of other people—particularly students and faculty. The catalog of those particular triumphs is unlimited. In this kind of work, one is serving the relationship of student to teacher and student to student. These are the critical relationships, the quality of which make an institution.

The quality of relationships is not an accident at Hollins. The overall high quality of those relationships is one of the administration's focus.

"The admissions office tries to put together each year a class of students sufficiently heterogeneous to provide wide interest and

excitement. Among the responsibilities of the Dean of Students is the fostering of a communal spirit where strong and enduring relationships among students flourish—a kind of spirit which encourages adventure, kindness, hard work, energy, and intellectual exchange.

"The Dean of the College must ensure that we have a faculty primarily interested in the instruction of undergraduate women, of broad academic and intellectual interest, energetic and hard working—a faculty of good morale."

One of the things that make Hollins unique is her deep and lasting tradition.

"Tradition isn't important in itself. Hollins' tradition is of intellectual excellence and close community feeling between students and faculty, a tradition of high expectations for women, a tradition where the education of women unambiguously counts at all times, and a tradition of goodness in personal relationships which fosters an instinct for personal service in life. I think the fact that such standards have been set for us in this place for 139 years is significant to us every day of our lives and contributes to the sense of place loyalty which all of us feel

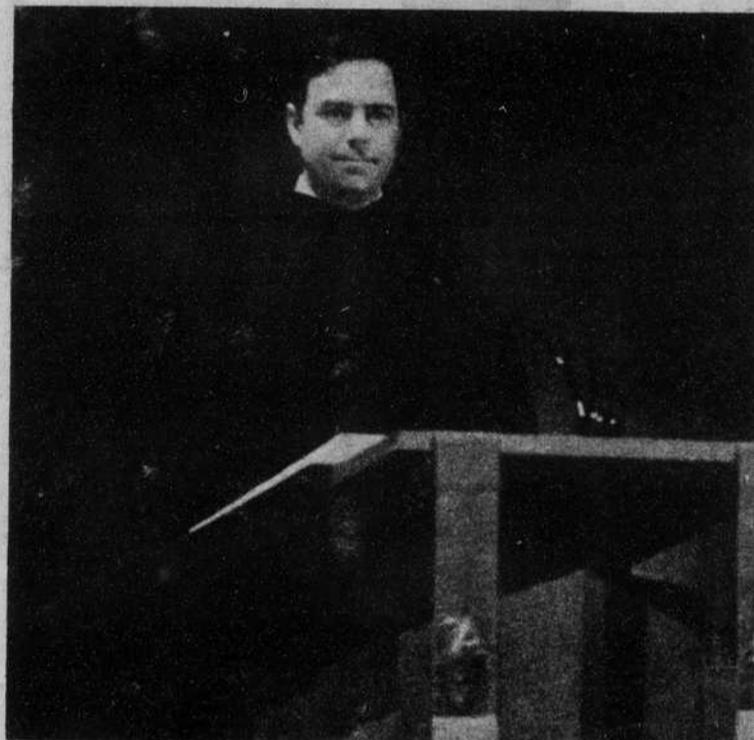
The development of a cultivated conscience and an independent spirit is at times a lonely task; the richest undergraduate experience has lonely moments; more so than many of us understand.

You will take sure steps in these four short years which bridge the gap from childhood to womanhood, from dependence to independence, to the degree that you consistently 'let the counsel of your heart stand, for no one is more faithful to you than it is. One's soul sometimes tells more than seven watchmen that sit above in a high tower.'

The respite from the world's work which four years at college affords you is in the deepest sense a public trust, granted in confidence that you will use this time not just in developing the technical competence with which you will be called upon in life to solve more problems than you create, but equally important the vision, the honed intuition, the heart and spirit and conscience without which your competence is at best sterile, at worst dangerous.

I think of the great teacher who made clear to me that one of the truly useful elements of understanding cannot be resolved by logic; they yield only to judgment. As you 'breathe and wait' these four short years at Hollins, I urge that you can best guard the public trust which is yours in membership in this college by developing a discerning mind, but also a soaring spirit, a demanding conscience, sound judgment, and a loving heart.

—Carroll Brewster, Convocation 1975, in his first address to the student body



and will always feel for this particular place."

Brewster, who graduated from Yale University magna cum laude in 1957, and did graduate work in Kings College in Cambridge, England, received a law degree from Yale Law School in 1961. Following his completion of law school, he was a legal assistant to the Chief Justice of the Sudan and M.I.T. Fellow in Africa for three years. Later he joined a law firm and then became U.S. Commissioner in New Haven, Connecticut and a lecturer at Yale Law School.

Prior to his presidency at Hollins, Brewster was Dean of the College at Dartmouth.

Brewster's wife, Mary, is an assistant professor of social work at the College. They have three

children, Abe, Ursula, and Blandina.

"I think it's been a very happy six years in every way for the Brewsters. Mary has received enormous satisfaction from her teaching here. The most important thing was that we had a beautiful daughter born here [Blandina].

"I think we have a number of friends we will enjoy for the rest of our lives—both in the faculty and students we've known well. All in all it's been a very enriching and happy experience for us."

The Student Government Association will honor Brewster at a Front Quad party at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. Everyone on campus is invited to this celebration to recognize and thank Brewster and his family for their contributions to the College.



Abe, Carroll, Dina, Mary and Ursula Brewster pose outside their home.

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