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# The Hollins Columns

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## Women Can Do Anything Expresses Inauguration Theme

by Nancy Crichlow

Joy, expressed in the fanfare of trumpets, spontaneous applause and dancing characterized the inaugural ceremonies April 2-4 of Hollins' seventh President Paula Pimlott Brownlee.

Brownlee beamed at the standing ovation with which she was greeted following Chair of the Board of Trustees, A. Paul Funkhouser's remarks installing her as President. Over 700 guests from across the country and England — some delegates from other institutions, some members of the Board of Trustees, alumnae, faculty emeritus, and Brownlee friends and family joined Hollins students, faculty and staff in a tangible celebration of the inaugural theme *Women Can Do Anything*.

Juanita M. Kreps, former

Secretary of Commerce and guest speaker, offered her "warm congratulations on your choice of a splendid leader for this noble College." The challenge to Hollins, she stated, is to "embrace — indeed, to lead — the transition and to alert the world that still further changes lie ahead." Kreps pointed to the dramatic increase in the number of women in law, medicine and business and heralded the "quiet revolution" that has taken place. As women move into the mainstream of their professions, she asked, will they make a difference? "How will you deal with power that women have never had?" she questioned.

One could reason, Kreps concluded, that society will be better off when women are free to contribute everything



President Brownlee and Juanita Kreps, Professor of Economics, chat following inauguration ceremony.

(Photo by Bob Sulkin)

they have to making it better. With this power goes responsibility, she added, noting that the stakes — the fate of families, communities, even the civilized world — are high. "In this enormous and exciting challenge, all who went ahead of you will be there to cheer you on," she encouraged.

Brownlee accepted the Hollins Charter in a firm, strong voice, pledging her "loyalty, best work and steady resolve" to further the College in the goals to which it has been dedicated for the past 140 years. In her remarks to

the assembly, she proposed that "we start to use our own colleges...as a living laboratory of organizational structure and function." Like Kreps, Brownlee asserted the belief that the inclusion of "highly intelligent and thoughtful women will make a profound difference in society." She called for Hollins to educate women in the understanding of how organizations, "human institutions," work. If a woman is educated solely for the "private, intimate life, she will remain ignorant until later of a dominant force of human society," she said.

Academic institutions are appropriate places for this kind of education, according to Brownlee, because they "recognize both our independence, our separateness as individuals, and our interdependence, our interconnectedness in communities."

College Chaplain Roderick Sinclair delivered the invocation and the Presidents of the Alumnae Association and the Student Government Association expressed their greetings to the President. In his remarks to the President, Chair of the Faculty and Professor of Philosophy Lawrence Becker said, "We are honored by the fact that you chose Hollins, humbled by your achievements, and warmed by the generosity of your spirit...It is with deep satisfaction that we say the words President Brownlee."

Music for the ceremony was provided by the Chapel Choir under the direction of Organist and Choirmaster James Leland and by Leesa Dalton '80 who played the carillon. Alumna Vickie McFarland Anway played the organ and Allen Bachelder and Gerald Pope the trumpets.

## Footlick Addresses Campus

by Michelle Dolfini

Visiting Woodrow Wilson Fellow Jerrold Footlick, Senior Editor of *Newsweek*, spoke on Tuesday, April 6 at 8:15 p.m. in the Green Drawing Room, addressing the question: can you trust the press? Footlick stressed in the opening of the discussion that it is often the bad that the press gets bogged down with basically because those events that are unusual or extraordinary or of general interest have negative undertones.

With respect to investigative reporting, Footlick noted that reporters do take a risk in their work at times, so their actions should be considered as precautionary measures for their own safety. "The press sometimes does pull out all the stops to get information, especially when it is coming from the top of the national scene." Footlick also advised that "a safe rule to follow is to never say anything to a reporter that you are not prepared to see in print."

Footlick noted a distinction

between magazine and newspaper reporting; some of the problems of the accuracy of a newspaper story being related to several factors: a lack of understanding, misquoted facts, a reporter's differing perspective, and the extent of pressure under which an article is written. "These things happen because the journalist makes a mistake, not because he is evil; a reporter knows he has a fair story when each side attacks him for being biased. Mistakes happen, all you can ask is to improve as much as possible."

To answer the question whether people are able to trust the press, Footlick replied, "yes and no," pointing out that the press will tell most of the facts most of the time accurately. "But you can't trust the press to do it all; people have to get news from a variety of sources, that is, ultimately it is each individual's responsibility to take in as much news as possible and to draw their own conclusions."

## Newspapers Removed

All copies of The Hollins Columns were removed by College Editor Anna Lawson on Saturday, April 3.

According to Frances Farthing, Editor-in-Chief of The Hollins Columns, no representative of the College's student newspaper were consulted or made aware of the removal of the papers.

The issues of the paper were removed from their regular distribution stand in the Moody Lobby; the newspaper stand itself, within which all copies were contained, was left in its usual location in the Lobby, directly outside the entrance to the Dining Room against the wall beside the elevator.

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# VIMCA VP Defends Rights

To the Editor:

An atrocity has come to my attention. After having been the satisfied guest of Hollins during the Virginia Intercollegiate Mass Communications Association Convention there March 26-28, I was appalled to learn that the First Amendment rights to freedom of the press had been abridged.

The April 2 issue of The Hollins Columns was unjustly and inexcusably removed from circulation. Why? It was stolen because it was serving its purpose to the students of Hollins College.

On April 2, The Hollins Columns published a special issue for the inauguration of the College's new President, Dr. Paula Brownlee. In that publication, there ran a story reporting the ghastly suicide of a Hollins student. The story

ran as news - which it was and is, despite how upsetting it may be - and did so justly. Also published was an editorial criticizing the Resident Assistant program, a program that should have aided in preventing incidents such as suicides. The function of the paper was obstructed with its removal.

It had been my experience with The Hollins Columns that journalism ethics are the utmost among the College's student journalists. The function of a student newspaper, regardless of its funding, is to provide a channel for student input. What good does it do if the students have no voice? Why publish if the students can't be heard? Why have a newspaper if the student representation is eliminated?

The reason given by the administration for the paper's removal - cleaning the clutter from a hardwood box constructed for the ease of distribution - is erroneous, is a coverup and is a lie. It is deplorable to think that the administration would consider keeping "real life" on campus. "This is Hollins. Isn't it nice? We charge \$10,000 and can buy happiness!" No you can't. Private institutions are not exempt from the pressures and iniquities of higher education. Students have a right to know. The hundreds of alumnae on campus that day had the right to know.

But no. The administration was afraid of the real world and decided that stealing the papers was the solution. Stealing is a crime in Virginia

and in every other American state.

It is mysterious that the papers returned after the crowd subsided.

A letter of apology from the administration is not enough. Thieves do not write letters to appease the victims of their crimes. It is a shame that a member of the administration of a highly respectable institution would degrade herself with an act associated with criminals and children. And the students need not stand by. The Hollins Columns is a student newspaper, remember. Protect your First Amendment rights. In this country there is freedom of the press.

John Simmons  
Vice President, VIMCA  
Virginia Tech

# Former RA Defends Birthday Parties, Door Decorations and Non-Judgements

To the Editor:

Another senior and I were discussing the Editorial, *Liquidate RA's*, and she said, "You know, I can't imagine dorms without RA's." Neither can I.

Your Editorial asserts that the administration withholds financial statistics from students. In my experience, this has not been the case. Specifically this semester, I remember Treasurer of the College Channing Howe's LSC/SGA response lunch on February 10, *Hollins Tuition and Costs: What Does the Future Hold?* and the presentations by Diane Kelly, Financial Aid Analyst, and Jerry Ocoor, Director of Development to the Student Senate. At the reception a week later, Howe even followed upon a question I had asked at the LSC/SGA lunch. On each occasion, students were provided with both the relevant facts and the opportunity to question them. I have also found that administrators are quite willing to meet individually with students who request appointments. Thomas' and Donnelly's Letter to the Editor, *Students Attack Hollins Apathy*, raises valid questions about student responsibility; once we take that initiative, I believe our administration will respond

within its economic parameters (which are, in a era of Reaganomics, restrictive at best).

I think your real point, though, is not at all financial. We are not so naive that we are fooled by the economics with which you thinly veil your disgust for the Resident Staff. You make two unsubstantiated contentions: first, the RA system has failed both recently and in the past, and secondly, that the large percentage of sophomore RA's is appalling. How and where did the RA's fail? If this is indeed demonstrable (I think not), then I challenge you to do so.

It is a fact of Hollins life that many RA's will be sophomores. The Abroad Programs compete for the competent, and the popularity of the apartments among seniors in recent years as well as the number of seniors writing these means that few seniors will elect to be RA's. Some sophomores are more ready than others. I felt most comfortable as an RA my junior year; nevertheless, I believe that as a sophomore RA I made some valuable contributions to residence hall life. Sophomores may in fact be better suited to freshman dorms as they well remember what it's like to be a new student.

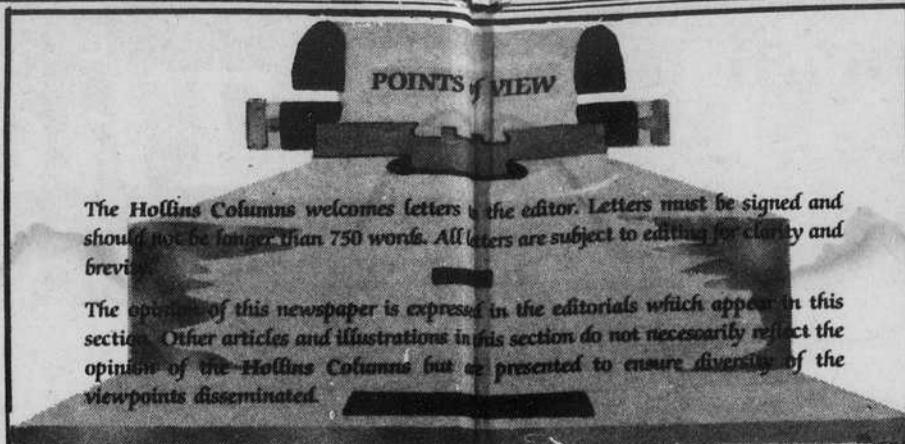
Thinking members of the College community realize that it is a community in part due to the efforts of students who work far harder and longer than their salaries indicate. You advocate that the funds allotted for RA salaries would be better spent on a professional counselor. I disagree. Your estimate of \$10,000 would cover only a fraction of the full-time services of a psychologist, psychiatrist, or licensed counselor. While a professional is obviously able to handle more complex problems, he or she does not have the advantage of living in a dorm where students can stop by at all hours rather than scheduling an appointment. In some ways, a professional's scope is much more narrow than an RA's. A professional doesn't make the door decorations that tell a new student she is expected and welcomed; a professional doesn't throw monthly birthday parties or unlock dorm doors at 2 a.m. Most students need not a professional but a non-judgmental listener, a person who knows the answer to a policy question or where to find it, knows what to do when it seems there's nothing to do, and gives hugs when needed. Without RA's, I wonder, who would direct the students who are in need of

further help to a professional? There is still unfortunately a stigma associated with seeking professional counseling, a stigma which is less significant when an RA is involved.

Finally, you ask whether we who pay RA salaries mandate their services. The mandate comes in part from the students (and faculty and staff) on the selection committee. As a member of the 1980-81 selection committee, I can tell you that the people involved in that process were among the Hollins students, faculty and staff whose judgment I respect most. The mandate comes also from the students in the residence halls who evaluate their RA's each year.

I contribute to RA salaries, and I emphatically choose to mandate their services. I also contribute to the Hollins Columns budget. Had I been given the choice this year, I would not have mandated the service of a newspaper with narrow, illogical editorial stance, grossly incomplete coverage of events, and a poor sense of design. I wish Editor-elect Cindy Wilson '83 the best in her efforts to salvage a paper of which I was once proud.

Nancy Crichlow '82



The Hollins Columns welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed and should not be longer than 750 words. All letters are subject to editing for clarity and brevity.

The opinions of this newspaper are expressed in the editorials which appear in this section. Other articles and illustrations in this section do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Hollins Columns but are presented to ensure diversity of viewpoints disseminated.

# EX ED Offends Us

As Ambrose Bierce once said "To apologize is to lay the foundation for a future offence."

The implications of that statement for the removal of all copies of The Hollins Columns from the lobby of Moody Center last Saturday are self-evident. But some people wouldn't be too surprised that the same College that takes the "If we can't pick it up, we'll paint over it" approach to preparing for the Presidential Inauguration would see to it that the "Moody Center Lobby be as uncluttered and festive as possible" on that day.

Perhaps those who are surprised that no less than the College Editor, who should know better, accepted the task of hiding the papers would do well to think about William Lyon Phelps' statement that "Honesty is not necessarily the best policy. The best policy would be to acquire a reputation for honesty and then to cheat at the psychological moment."

To clarify for everyone our reaction to the disappearance, we were and are not especially concerned, and our memory of that important weekend has not been marred. We are outraged. As for our memory, we cannot afford to forget what happened. No one on the campus should.

If we are dealing here with a question of spontaneous judgment, it was poor judgment, particularly when we realize that a woman who has had newspaper experience removed the papers. If we are dealing with a decision made in advance, perhaps by more than one person, to confiscate the papers, the issue is much more serious. Had the Editor-in-Chief, or any member of the newspaper staff, been consulted about the taking of the papers, the unequivocal answer would have been a firm no. But that is obvious.

Not only did many hours go into the preparation of the Inauguration Issue, but so did many dollars. Hundreds of additional copies were printed in anticipation of the visitors who were on campus for that weekend.

Not to be dissuaded, however, we will mail the issues to random people who are affiliated with the College. That issue will be accompanied by this issue, thereby providing an enlightening context for the mysterious appearance of The Hollins Columns in their mailboxes.

Nothing shields you better against the solitude and forlornness of the divine experience than community. It is the best and safest substitute for individual responsibility.

Carl Jung  
*The Symbolic Life*

# Rid Us of RA's

To the Editor:

In response to last week's editorial entitled *Liquidate RA's*, parents and students should at least be interested in, and not apathetic to, the 10.6 percent tuition increase.

General information explaining the atrocity is insufficient, and in fact intangible, to the student body in particular. If I were not a junior with only one year remaining at Hollins, I would see many advantages in transferring, simply on economic grounds. As the most expensive institution of higher education in the state, Hollins is not proportionately superior in quality of education, not to mention facilities.

"Leave it to say that the reason for our current matter at hand is economic," as last week's editorial did.

I firmly oppose the notion of donating any portion of my tuition to pay for my peers (I am referring to their ages) to live in the dorms and pretend to help with the very problems that each of us as adults, or at least as people approaching that status, must deal with anyway. My experience has been that my peers discuss problems among themselves and, if necessary, seek professional advice -- if

available. RA's are not made capable of helping anyone merely on the basis of their title, their salary, and the pretense of training the Dean of Students claims to offer.

It certainly seems that such a combined sum could be directed toward some version of a professional counselor. If the RA program substituted Dorm Mothers for those who are unable to settle disputes or cope with their lives, we might be well-advised to reinstate that system, now considered antiquated, and one that would no doubt be of infinite benefit and guidance to the RA program's director, Baylies Willey.

The present RA system places one student over another student for no clear reason. I mandate the elimination of the entire RA program. Even the RA's themselves shouldn't want the proposed tuition increase, except, of course, the work/study people who are paid to do nothing anyway.

Again, you're right, Hollins Columns. We do pay the salaries, the few of us who can still afford to do so, that is. But if the Dean can't come up with something better, we don't have to pay hers.

Barbara Krajovic '83

# Editor Admits Act

To the Editor:

I understand that you are concerned about The Hollins Columns which were removed from the Moody Center Lobby during the inaugural luncheon and reception. It was I who did this. Also removed from the area were books lying around, the notices left in their boxes, the bulletin board relating to housing, and any haphazard posters and announcements. They were removed about 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and returned by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

As a former newspaper person myself (Editor in high

school and Associate Editor of The Hollins Columns), I have some idea of the effort that goes into producing each issue, and particularly in getting an issue out ahead of schedule. On the other hand, it seemed to me on Saturday imperative that the Moody Center Lobby be as uncluttered and festive as possible.

I want to apologize to you and to all your staff for the concern this caused you. I sincerely hope that this event does not mar your memory of this important weekend.

Anna Lawson  
College Editor

# Telethon Needs Help

To the Editor:

The Annual Spring Telethon will soon be upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to remind students that we need their support. On the evenings of April 18-21 we will be calling Hollins alumnae from all over the nation who have not given to the Annual Fund this year. Any student may participate to help raise funds for the Annual Fund. I would like to encourage all students to participate in this fun and

helpful event. It is a good opportunity to help the College and to become involved. Recruiting has already been started, but if you would like to help please contact me or one of the following: Margaret Frassinetti '83, Missy Klineman '84 or Mary Morse '85. Last year the Spring Telethon was a great success and we need your help to repeat that success.

Anne Helm '83  
Spring Telethon Chair

# Business Educates Women

To the Editor:

What is the Business Awareness Organization? It is an organization which serves the purpose of exposing the women of Hollins College to the business environment. Realizing that a majority of Hollins students will be seeking a job upon graduation, this organization familiarizes its members with business activities and situations by having members of the business community address the organization.

At this time, the Business Awareness Organization would like to extend an invitation to all Hollins students to become a member for the 1982-1983 academic year.

On Tuesday, April 13, a table will be set up outside the dining room during lunch and dinner for all interested students to sign their names as 1982-1983 members. Also, students who would like to fill the offices of President, Vice

President, and Secretary/Treasurer may take this opportunity to nominate themselves or other interested students by signing a separate list. Elections for these offices will be held on Thursday, April 15 in Janney Lounge at 4:30 p.m. Current members and 1982-1983 members are eligible to vote.

The organization would also like to extend an invitation to all students to attend our "Open-House" speaker on Thursday, April 22 in the Private Dining room at 5:00 p.m. Dave Furman, Head of Personnel at FNEB, will be speaking to our organization about the *Do's and Don't's* in a successful interview.

To those members of the organization this past year, we would like to express our appreciation for your support. Stephene Major, President  
Boofie Lupton, Vice President  
Blair Eddy, Secretary/Treasurer

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# Friend Pens Memorial

To the Editor:

I wanted to write some thing, so I tried my hand at poetry.

No Time To Watch  
in memory of Whitney  
(Lindsey)

The gulls give the cry  
For the Act to begin,  
And the burlap curtain  
Slowly draws open.  
Radiant arms begin reaching  
Out towards the heavens.  
The breeze stiffens.  
The sea comes alive.  
A new life.

I hope you enjoy it.

Like a gull,  
You fly through life free and  
easy,  
On a calm day.  
But they grow fewer and  
fewer.  
As the wind becomes  
stronger,  
There is much difficulty.  
You can't fly easy,  
And they become more and  
more.

I waited for you,  
But you never came.  
You bought your ticket,  
And paid the price.  
How could I live?

It's over now, you know.  
The lights are gradually  
dimming.  
The burlap curtain is slowly  
closing.

I hope you enjoyed it.

Now you can soar free,  
Without a care in the world.

Be happy.

Farewell.

Debbie Jones '83

### Erratum

In the 2 April, 1982 edition of The Hollins Columns, Professor William White, a tenured member of the College Art Department, was erroneously referred to as "guest artist." The Editorial Board of The Hollins Columns hopes that Professor White will accept our sincere apology for the error.

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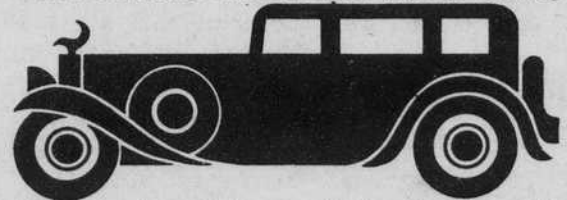
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