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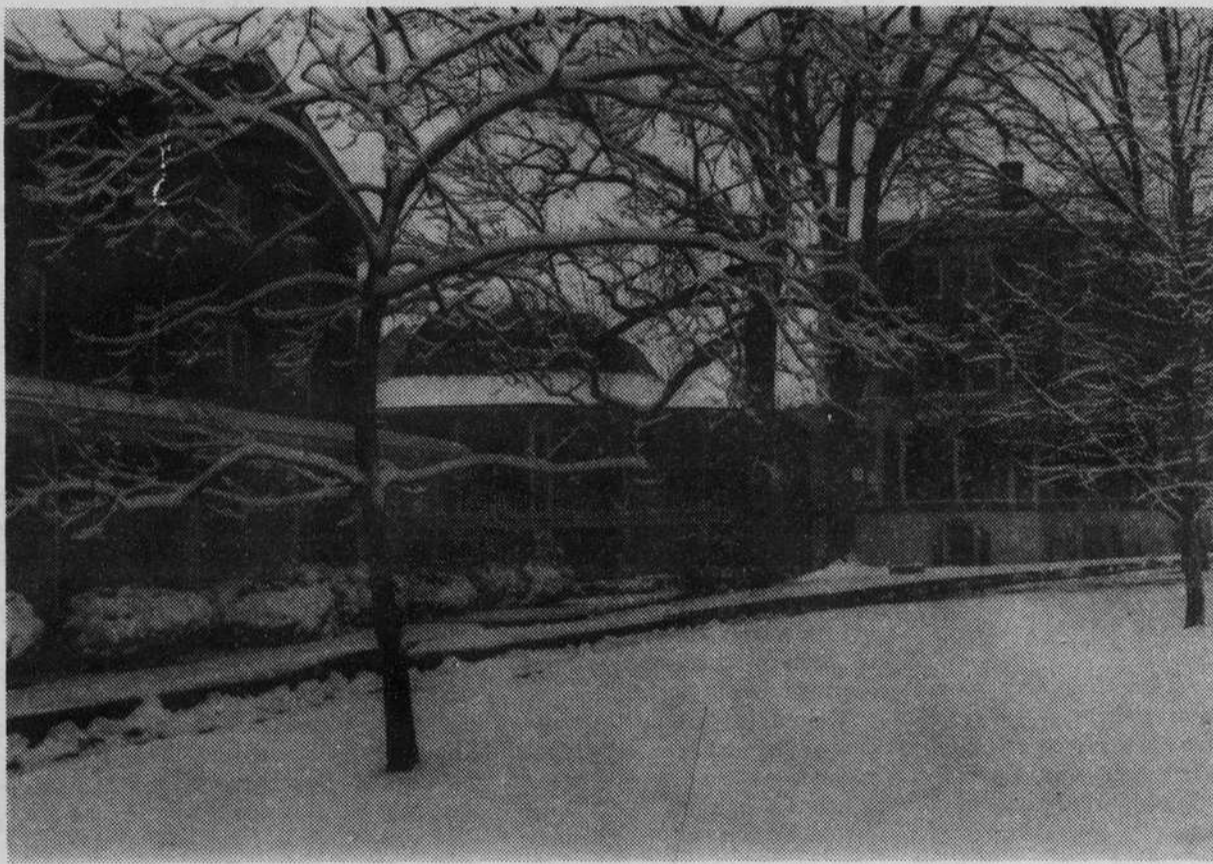
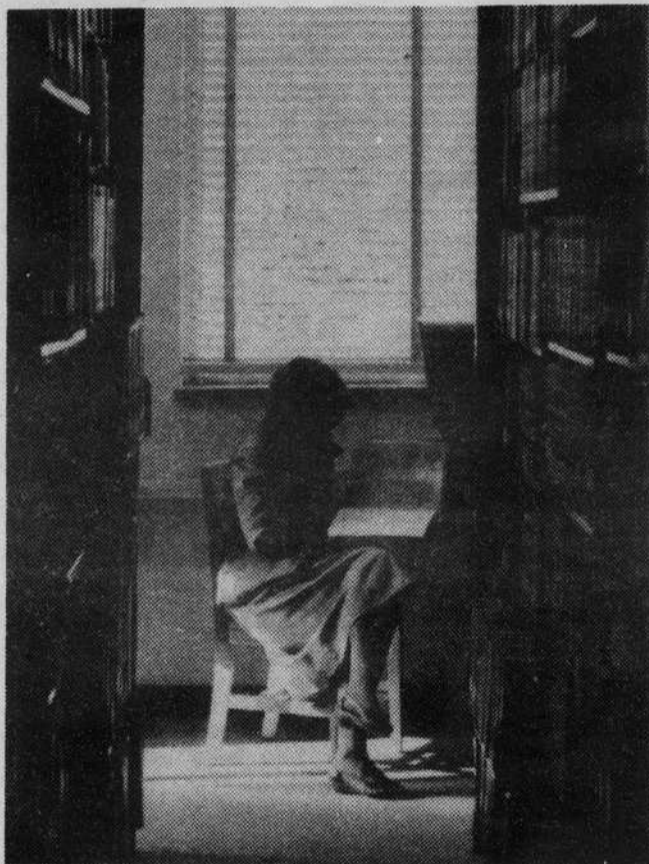
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Welcome Back!

Quiet times, friends, and snow are all a part of Short Term. Next week the *Columns* will report on how some people spent the past month.

Photos by the Spinster staff



Feminist author lectures

by Meg Gehman and Laura Fine

Sheila Tobias, a nationally known author and feminist, addressed an enthusiastic audience at the College January 12. Tobias, a woman of seemingly endless and diverse interests, spoke on the two equally diverse subjects of defense spending and math anxiety and how these two topics related to women.

In her first talk on defense spending, Tobias urged Hollins women to get involved in the movement to stop the arms race. She argued that women can get involved in the protest against the large portion of the United States budget spent on defense by

acquiring knowledge of the intricacies of weapons and the U.S. military system. She maintains that only when women gain this knowledge of a subject which has not traditionally been considered a "women's subject" can women obtain an equal footing with male makers of public policy.

Tobias has quite generously provided women with an accessible way to get this information. Her book, *What Kind of Guns Are They Buying For Your Butter: A Beginner's Guide to Defense, Weaponry, and Military Spending*, available in the College bookstore, is a clear, concise and readable guide

military operations for the layman.

In her second talk, Tobias discussed her revolutionary theories of teaching math to the "math anxious" through the combined methods of counseling, individual therapy and group work. She feels that many men and women, especially women, have had a bad experience with math early on in their education and have thus avoided math in college and their work. She showed a very funny film on the math anxiety clinic at Wesleyan University where a group of people learned to cope with math again. Her book, *Understanding Math Anxiety* is also in the bookstore.

Hollins Volunteers offers opportunities

by Nancy Lawrence

On Thursday, February 10, Hollins Volunteers will be holding its only organizational meeting for all students who wish to volunteer during the spring semester. Expectations of volunteers as well as those of agencies will be discussed, and schedules for the semester will be determined. Hollins Volunteers will be offering volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- * Hitching Post—visiting at this halfway house for mental patients (student coordinator—Claire Schmitt).
- * GED tutoring at the

Roanoke City Jail—spending one to two hours weekly tutoring inmates of the jail at the high school level in preparation for taking the Government Equivalency Diploma exam (Nancy Lawrence).

- * Special Education—helping children in special education classes (Angela Johnson).

- * Roanoke City Nursing Home—visiting the elderly (Martha Terrell Harris).

- * Christ Church After-School Care—helping children

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*Letter to the Editor***Women's issues spark concern****To the Editor:**

Are you aware of the difficulties and discrimination you may face as a woman in a firm or in graduate school? Do you know the rights that you will have as a single, married, or divorced woman? As students concerned about our own lack of knowledge and that of others, we have formed the Committee on Women's Issues. This committee has declared February "Women's Issues Awareness Month," with our goal being to provide educational activities which will stimulate thought and action. The month's activities will be sponsored by the Religious Life Association.

Women's Issues Awareness Month will begin with a discussion on women and discrimination, led by Dr. Paula Brownlee and Ms. Harriet Lewis. This will be held in the Green Drawing Room on Thursday, February

10 at 7:00 PM. Harriet Lewis, a municipal credit analyst for Dominion Bank Shares, will talk about discrimination in the banking industry. Leslie Ayers, the coordinator of this discussion, is looking into the possibility of a second discussion the next week. For the last week of February, we are planning a Tinker/Randolph discussion, organized by Meg Gehman, and an interdorm upperclasswomen discussion, organized by Laurin Edson and Pam Parsons. These will be coed, and they will focus on career and marriage issues.

We on the Committee on Women's Issues are excited about the month's activities, and we hope that you will be encouraged to participate. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or helping with the activities, please contact us.

Susan Myers
Nancy Lawrence

*Letter to the Editor***Lonely inmate desires mail****To the Editor:**

I am a 28 yr. old Black male serving time at Deuel Vocational Institution. I have a few yrs. left to go and would like someone to correspond with! All letters will be answered.

My name and address:
Nathan Perry-C51620
D.U.I. P.O. Box 600-H-Wing
213
Tracy, Calif. 95376

*This issue of the
Columns was brought to
you by Cindy Wilson,
Meg Malone, and Kathy
Megrue, with help from
Lauren Dickie.*

**The
Hollins Columns**

is looking for new editors and staffers. Information is available from Cindy Wilson, and applications will be on the kiosk this week.

The Hollins Columns is published on Mondays throughout the academic year except during College holidays and examination periods. Subscription price is ten dollars. Letters to the Editor are welcome and must be signed by the author. Letters should be left on the office door. Office in lower level Starkie, Post Office Box 10154, Hollins College, Virginia 24020. Telephone (703) 362-6400

Sex discrimination law upheld

Campus Digest News Service- Victims of sex discrimination in educational institutions are no longer weak voices crying "unfair." They now have the bark of the federal government.

A recent Supreme Court decision upheld a 1972 law banning sex-biased employment in educational institutions from nursery schools to colleges.

The ruling means federal aid may be cut off from a

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spend their after-school hours productively (Jennie Lou Begley).

* Free Clinic--screening patients for free medical and dental services (Suzanne Abeling).

* TAP--working for Total Action Against Poverty organization of Roanoke (Suzanne Abeling).

* TRUST--participating in their hot-line and referral service (Muffy Prunty).

People who are interested in one of these areas and who are unable to attend the meeting should contact Nancy Lawrence, Muffy Schoeller, or Sarah Minifield.

In addition to these programs, Hollins Volunteers will offer "one time" opportunities for people who are interested in volunteering but are unable to do so on a

school that does discriminate in its hiring practices. Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote for the 6 to 3 majority, said federal funds would be cut off from only those programs in which the employment discrimination occurred.

The cut-off is clear in some instances where programs receiving federal monies are distinctly defined, such as at colleges, but at elementary and high schools, the ruling could mean a complete

weekly basis. These activities might include helping at the library of the League of Older Americans, working to help reorganize the records at the Free Clinic, or doing weatherization work on local homes. The activities will be varied, and they will be announced in the weekly NOTICE bulletin outside the dining hall.

Volunteering has given many Hollins students a chance to view life from a different perspective. It is usually very challenging yet rewarding. It is a commitment, but one from which most all involved benefit greatly. Volunteering can provide an outlet for energy and concern, a worthwhile way to spend some free time, and a chance to meet others who share similar ideas and concerns.

retraction of all funds. The court, however, did not define "program."

The 1972 law which was upheld is Title IX of the Education Act Amendments. Under the law, persons discriminated against can report their complaint to the Education Department. The Education Department has the right to investigate and if evidence shows in favor of the victim, the federal government will step in.

Before this law, sex-biased victims were protected by the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Complaints were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which did the investigation and gave the permission to sue. The Supreme Court's ruling will now force the Department of Education to complete investigations of more than 214 sex discrimination complaints that have been piling up.

Justice Lewis F. Powell, writing for the minority, said the six justices in favor of the ruling shunned all common sense in their interpretation.

Justice Blackmun, however, said the broad language of the 1972 law authorized broad federal power.

The justices made their decision in two cases from Connecticut where a teacher from the North Haven School

District, Elaine Dove, had been denied her job back after a year of maternity leave, and Linda Potz, a guidance counsellor employed by the Trumbull Board of Education, had been given duties different from those assigned to her male co-workers.

**Critics debate
Walkman safety**

Campus Digest News Service- To those of you who came back from Christmas vacation with a new Sony Walkman, beware! You may soon be limited to wearing it only in your dorm room if the critics have their way.

Doctors claim the Walkman can cause serious ear damage. Police say it causes deaths when joggers and pedestrians tune in music and tune out traffic. Many cities are trying to pass legislation to ban wearing of a Walkman by joggers, drivers, and pedestrians.

The Walkmans, which sell for around \$70 (other models are available for less) continue to be a big selling item with both young and old, students as well as executives, despite the growing criticism of their use.

**Reilly
awarded
research
grant**

Associate Professor of Political Science Wayne G. Reilly has been awarded a Duke-Alberta research fellowship by the Canadian Studies Center of Duke University. Reilly is one of four educators to be awarded the fellowships which are for short-term individual research in Alberta, Canada. The purpose of the fellowships is to further the study and teaching on western Canadian provinces, particularly Alberta.

Reilly specializes in Canadian and comparative politics at the College. He received his B.A. from Middlebury College, his M.A. from Trinity College and his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh where he was an Andrew Mellon Fellow.

Reilly, who joined the Hollins faculty in 1970, serves as chairman of the political science department. He received an earlier fellowship from the Canadian Department of External Affairs which supported extensive travel and research in Canada.

RA's are people too!

by Catherine Stephens
 "Quick turn down the stereo!"

"Hide the blender!"
 "Tell those boys to be quiet!"
 "HERE COMES THE R.A.!!!"

We've listened to these words time and time again, perhaps in other forms, but nevertheless they are the same. How many times have you heard others say, or thought to yourself, "No way, you could never get me to be an R.A.!" I must confess that I, too, have made this exact statement.

I had never really been interested in applying to be an R.A. I had made other plans for myself. Call it what you want: the luck of the draw, fate, destiny, misfortune—whatever, here I am today, an R.A. at Hollins College.

I spent the majority of last summer becoming increasingly more nervous about the opening of school. "What had I gotten myself into? I must have been crazy last spring when I said I'd be an R.A.! How was I ever going to have time to myself?" The questions were unceasing. Today, some have been answered; others are taking their place. It never stops.

I arrived at school very apprehensive about my new

role. Sure, I had read the job description but what good did that do me? "Foster a community?" Right. "Provide cultural and educational activities." In a dorm? No way. "Spend half the weekends of a semester on campus." Locked away forever! "Spend ten hours a week in your room, available to your residents." I'll be overrun; I can't listen to problems that long.

The list can go on and on. My image of an R.A. was one of a total nerd (with a capital N). No one would ever want to have anything to do with me again. I was the heavy. I was the one that was different. Things were not looking good.

I must say though that the Resident Staff Program at Hollins is *much* different than I had envisioned. It is supportive; encouraging you to be not just yourself, but your best self. It is serious; depression, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual relations, family problems—all real problems that must be dealt with in a real way. It is sensitive, both to the community and to its staff. It has a sense of humor; practical jokes, dirty jokes, gentle teasing—if you can't laugh at yourself (often) how can you keep your sanity? It is hungry; biscuits, chocolate,

peanut butter, birthday cake—we're not picky. It is a teacher; of communication, of time-management, of diplomacy of empathy. It is many things to many people.

My image of an R.A. is drastically changed from last August. Contrary to previous notions I do have friends outside the resident staff, men don't immediately shun me just because I'm an R.A. (It is just a job, not the plague!) I still go to parties, I still make roadtrips, I am known to crank my stereo, I do have time for my studies and outside interests, people do talk to me about things other than their problems. I am *not* a total nerd.

Sure, things get tough at times, but doesn't anything that is worthwhile? Meetings can get tedious but that is not uncommon. You may go to a meal by yourself but who hasn't been a "wandering tray" once or twice? Living in a single is quiet but if ask you friends about singles they most probably don't all live in doubles. There is a certain time commitment but doing anything well requires time and patience.

Being an R.A. is not for everyone but it is up to the individual to make that decision. Make that decision with all of the information; get the full story. Don't let images and misconceptions make you decision for you. If you're interested, go to the informational meetings, read the available material, but best yet talk to your R.A.—I promise she won't bite!

French Films open Tuesday



The Hollins' 1983 French Film Festival opens tomorrow, February 8, at 8 p.m. with the showing of "The Man Who Loved Women" (1977), directed by Francois Truffaut and starring Charles Denner, Brigitte Fossey, and Leslie Caron. Sponsored by the French department, all films will be shown free of charge in Babcock on Tuesdays through March 15. All of the films have English subtitles.

The next film in the series is "Z" (1969), which will be shown on February 15 at 8 p.m. The film was directed by Costa-Gravas and stars Yves Montand, Jean-Louis Trintig-

nant, and Irene Papas. "State of Siege" (1972), also directed by Costa-Gravas and starring Yves Montand, Renato Salvatori, O.E. Hasse and Jean-Luc Bideau, will be presented at 8 p.m. on February 22.

There is no film scheduled for presentation on March 1, but the festival resumes with the showing of "The Sorrow and the Pity" (1972) on March 8 at 7 p.m. This four hour, twenty minute film was directed by Marcel Ophuls and stars Pierre Mendes-France, Professor Albert Speer, Sir Anthony Eden and Dr. Claude Levy.

The last film shown in the festival will be "Stavisky" (1974), directed by Alain Resnais and starring Jean-Paul Belmondo, Charles Boyer and Anny Duperey. It will be presented at 8 p.m. on March 15.

Law seminar held at W&L

On Saturday, February 12, the Staples of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity at Washington and Lee University will sponsor an all-day seminar on law related education. The focus of the seminar is family law and juvenile law. The seminar will take place at Lewis Hall at W&L. Members of local bar associations, professors and students of neighboring colleges and the general public are invited to attend. Further information is available from Dave Friedfeld at W&L Law School or the *Columns*.




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Exhibition opens

"Recent Paintings" by Patricia M. Thomas, lecturer in art at the College, will be on exhibit at the Art Annex Gallery Monday, February 7 through March 12. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception Sunday, February 13 in the Art Annex Gallery from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Exhibition hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Thomas' works have been exhibited in New England, in the Midwest and in Virginia and North Carolina. She has had one-artist shows at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center,

Washington and Lee University, Roanoke Museum of Fine Arts, Randolph-Macon Women's College, and Hollins.

Thomas received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. From 1967 to 1969 she taught art at three schools in Massachusetts, and from 1969 to 1971 she was an art instructor at Hollins. From 1971 to 1972 she was an instructor of art at Randolph-Macon Women's College and is currently teaching at Hollins.

Fashions sold

by Gray Jackson
"And modeling this beautiful..."

Sound familiar? Whether or not you have heard this before, you will have the opportunity on Thursday, February 10 from 1-7 p.m. in the Rathskellar.

Once again, Mr. Desmukes and his trunk load of designer clothes will be at Hollins, and he and the Senior Class invite you to view the new spring styles. Sales will begin at 1 p.m. and later in the afternoon seniors will model in the fashion show. So bring your three C's—cash, checks, and/or charge cards!

Kings Dominion auditions begin

Kings Dominion theme park in Doswell, Va. are now holding auditions for summer entertainment positions in their live shows program for the 1983 season. The shows include a 60's beach music show, a stunt show, "Celebration" (a new Broadway revue), a country show, and a Hanna-Barbara show.

Auditions will be held at Virginia Tech at Burruss Hall from 2-5 p.m. February 9 and at the same time February 10 at James Madison University's Latimer Shaffer DM 103. Later auditions will be held February 13 from 12-4 p.m. at Kings Dominion's Mason/Dixon music hall for technicians only and on the 19th from 12-5 p.m. for characters, guardettes, and

usherettes.

Anyone auditioning should be over 16 years old. No appointment for auditioning is necessary and the audition will be limited to two minutes.

Singers must prepare one fast and one slow song. They must provide sheet music for the Kings Dominion accompanist to play. Dancers in appropriate attire must perform one routine and may either bring recorded accompaniment with them or may bring sheet music for the Kings Dominion accompanist. Musicians should prepare a brief piece and may be asked to sight read.

Further information about the auditioning procedure may be obtained by calling 804-876-5142.

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