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## Verbit to perform recital

Martha Anne Verbit, highly acclaimed concert pianist and one of the country's leading interpreters of twentieth-century classical works, will present a recital at Hollins College Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 am in Talmadge Hall in Bradley. The concert will feature works by Beethoven, Chopin, Hewitt, Hoffman and Gottschalk and includes a piece composed for Verbit by John Diercks, professor of music at Hollins.

Described by *Boston Magazine* as a "face to watch in 1985," Verbit has performed numerous solo recitals at New York's Lincoln Center, the National Gallery in Washington, London's Wigmore Hall and Boston's Gardner Museum. She is frequent soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra, and in January gave a concert in Washington in honor of the inauguration.

A graduate of Hollins college, Verbit also received

musical training at Eastman School of Music and Boston University School of Fine Arts. She has earned a reputation as specialist in repertoire of late romantic and early modern composers such as Alkan, Satie, Szymanowski, Medtner, Ornstein and Liszt and especially known for her masterful interpretations of the music of Scriabin.

Verbit has made several world premier recordings for Genesis Records. *American Record Guide* has described Verbit as playing "with coloristic insight, drive and panache."

The concert is jointly sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Chapter of the Virginia Music Teacher's Association (VMTA) and the Hollins Preparatory Music Division and is open to the public for a \$2 fee. For tickets, contact the music department of Hollins College at 362-6511.



Sally Mann, a 1974 graduate of Hollins, will speak on Wednesday April 10th at 8:15 p.m. in the Babcock Auditorium about her experiences with platinum photography. Her recent book, "Second Sight, The Photography of Sally Mann," includes retrospective works from 1971-1980 and has been well received. Mann's lecture is sponsored by the General Speaker's Fund and is open to the public free of charge. A display of Mann's work is currently in Fishburn Library.

**Hollins College**  
*Sigma Xi Club invites all of you to come to our annual spring lecture*  
**"Atmospheric Electricity: Does Lightning Strike Twice."**

by David K. Lewis  
Colgate University  
Hamilton, N.Y.

on Tuesday, April 9, 1985  
at 8:15 p.m. in  
Babcock Auditorium.

For more information call Bansi K. x6542.

## Bachman to speak on trout

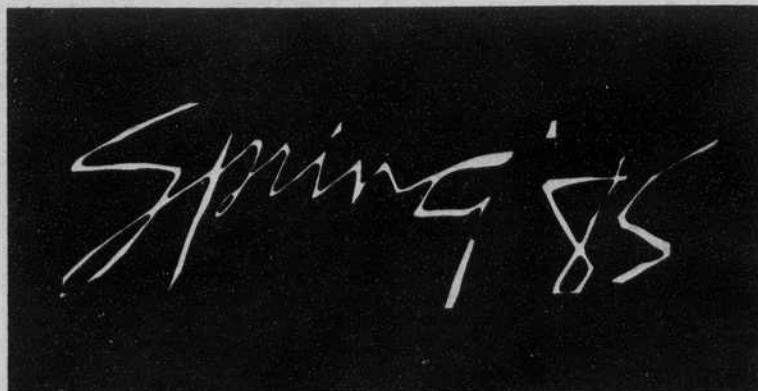
Dr. Robert A. Bachman, research associate and lecturer at Pennsylvania State University will discuss "How Trout Feed" in a special presentation Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 p.m. in Massengill Auditorium at Roanoke College.

Dr. Bachman will talk about how trout feed in streams, what determines when and where trout feed, how fast they grow, and how big they get. His presentation includes color slides and motion pictures of wild and hatchery brown trout feeding and competing for feeding sites in a stream. He will discuss what determines the carrying capacity of a stream, the role predation and fishing plays in the behavior of the trout, and the effects the introduction of hatchery trout have on wild trout populations. Bachman's presentation appeals to all who are interested in the outdoors and in animal behavior, but is of special interest to conservation minded anglers.

His work with wild brown trout has been the subject of many magazine articles, radio shows and television programs. In addition to his publications in scientific journals, his work has appeared in *Sports Afield*, *Fishing World*, *Country Journal* and *Trout*, the magazine of Trout Unlimited. His most recent article, "How Trout Feed" was a special feature in the Winter 1985 issue of *Trout*.

Bachman has rapidly and widely become recognized for his pioneering field behavioral studies of wild trout. His techniques include sustained observations of fishes from elevated, streamside blinds, these equipped with computer terminals for quantifying observations. He developed criteria for accurate recognition of individual fish on a long-term basis. Results of his studies markedly alter general concepts of trout feeding behavior. In addition to his

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# Reflections on a spring day

Spring has sprung, or has it? These days it seems like you need to be a meteorologist just to figure out what to wear for the day that follows. One minute you go outside dressed in jeans and a sweatshirt and by the time you get out of class it's warm enough to head for Tinker Beach and catch some rays. However by the time you've eaten lunch and made it to the beach, once again a cold chill is running through the air, so you decide to bag it and opt instead for an invigorating afternoon in the library to work on one of the many papers which must be finished before the end of the semester.

Maybe it all turns out for the best that the weather this time of the year is so unpredictable, because if it was you could plan in advance for a trip to the cove or the parkway to enjoy spring. As it stands now, the weather itself is forcing us to indulge in spontaneity. If you want to take advantage of the opportunities which abound, you have to be able to assume the characteristic of being a spur of the moment adventurer. And we each need a little bit of that quality. Being able to decide upon something or adapt to a situation in a minimal amount of time is an asset to a person—a benefit which one can draw upon in the crises which life holds. We can not be so set in our ways that we fail to pay attention to the situation at hand, for it is through these observations that we are able to constantly check and make sure that our environment is continuing to provide the place in which to make creative, exciting improvements or advancements. Spontaneity is conducive to change/progress. It is the perfect foe of stagnation. Once we get caught up in the every day doldrums of life we begin to lose the essence of life itself. Life should be an adventure; one that is never-ending. Life should hold certain non-changing elements like friendship and a deep belief in one's self, yet life should also hold certain elements of the unknown.

Springtime at Hollins is just such a time. Transitions are taking place, future planning is occurring and endings and beginnings alike abound. Let's try to remember the events which are taking place today, both at Hollins and nationally, which hold relevance to the future of our livelihood. Whether it be something as minute as blooming flowers or something as significant as the approval of the MX missile. In a way the two are tied together, for if used to its potentiality the MX missile could quite easily bring a close to our ability to enjoy spring—it could literally end life as we know it to exist. Isn't that something to seriously consider as we enjoy Spring?

**Jamie B. Lewis**  
Editor-in-Chief

## Letters to the Editor:

### Rowan seeks group leaders

Dear students:

It's that time of the year again, a time which every student on the Hollins College campus awaits with abated breath for group leader information. And now....Heeeeere's Group Leader Information (oh happy day). Rush quickly to the nearest Kiosk or Post Office closest to you (Since there is only one of each of these monuments on campus, —not to mention Front Quad— they should not be hard to find), and there you will find neatly arranged, Group leader applications. You should fill out one and return it to Dotty Weaver, Dean of Students office— upper level Moody, on Friday, April 12, no later than

12:00 p.m. (that's noon, People). However, if you seek more information on this prestigious position, there is a group leader information meeting Monday April 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rat. I hope that all of you who are interested will attend.

And now a few words about being a group leader.

Do you remember way back when on that fated first day it all began it was in the month of September and that first smiling face you saw was your group leader—Remember?

She showed you every facet of Hollins and at that moment you were glad you did not go to Rollins. The orientation process helped you fit right in

and you were happy that you were all freshmen.

And now its time to repay this kindness back so sign up now—don't be slack. Its a great way to get involved by you becoming a group leader—my problems will be solved.

I promise that its lots of fun and a great way to meet everyone. So let's keep up that famed group leader tradition. And by the way, has anyone seen the grass on Front Quad lately!

Thank you,  
Leslie Rowan  
Orientation Chair 1985-86

## Ushers deserve respect

To the Editor:

There is a problem with the way the students treat the ushers at Hollins' functions. Basically students (both for Hollins and other schools) treat the student ushers very disrespectfully. The ushers are being paid to do a job. Our job is to supervise the participants of a party and to make sure that no one hurts anyone else. One basic component of our performing our job is to uphold the Virginia State laws about alcohol consumption. Unfortunately many students feel the ushers' purpose is to give people a bad time. Students too often treat the ushers very rudely. Yes, we are paid to work at the parties. I'd like to tell you how much. We are paid \$15.00 a night. We arrive at the party at 8:30 p.m. and usually we are unable to leave until 1:30 a.m. We are paid \$15.00 for five hours of work and those hours are, more often than not, very unpleasant ones for us.

If you are going to attend a party here at Hollins, or any other school for that fact, you should act responsibly while you are there. One basic responsibility of every student is to bring your college I.D. card. The college has to uphold the state laws which state that no one can be let in without proper identification. If an official of the alcohol board were to ask someone at one of our parties for a piece of identification, and that person did not have one, the college could lose its' alcohol license. So when an usher insists that you have an I.D. card it is not to give you a hard time, it is part of our responsibility to the

college and our job.

When each student arrives at Hollins they are given the opportunity to have a college I.D. made by the Dean of Students Office. Those I.D. cards are supposed to last you for four years. They provide you with proof that you attend Hollins College. The college requires that you bring that piece of identification with you to parties. If you have lost it and have another valid I.D. with your birthdate and picture on it we can accept that. The ushers must see a positive proof of your age with your picture on it. Even if an usher's best friend or roommate were to come through the door without an I.D. the usher would have to make the student go and get one. It doesn't matter that the usher might know you or not. They can not let you into a party without an I.D. Those are the rules. Take them or leave them. Please, the next time you or your date or a friend of yours begins to shoot off at the mouth in anger because the officials at a party are carrying out their responsibilities, take time to think about it. Most often it is an inconvenience for you to go back to wherever to retrieve your I.D., but if you had acted responsibly and brought it with you in the first place, you would not have any problem. It is not the ushers' or security officers' fault, and by yelling and cussing and being rude to them you are not solving your basic problem of not having an I.D.

Many of the ushers who are currently serving the college

have had very bad experiences at parties. People have been rude and abusive and most times its just because they are doing their job. If an usher sees you doing something that may harm someone at the party they may ask you to stop. If you are standing on a chair or a table you might hurt yourself or someone else, or break the chair. If you are too drunk to act properly, there is a risk that you might hurt someone. At those times and others an usher must ask you to cease whatever it is that you are doing. Please do not treat them rudely.

At the end of the party (i.e. 1:00 a.m. in most cases) please leave. One of the hardest tasks for the ushers is clearing out a party. When the party is over, the party is over. And please keep in mind that you are responsible for your guests at a party if they are being abusive or rude, they can be asked to leave. Our job is not to cause you to have a bad time, we are being paid to insure safety for as many people at a function as possible. It would help us all if Hollins' students and everyone else would treat us with basic respect and kindness.

Thank you  
Jan Acela '85

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# commentary

## A serious education?!!

by Susie Cambria

The time has come that both students and professors take our education seriously.

I am so tired of hearing excuses by students and professors about why they did not get their paper in on time and why their expectations are so low, respectively. "I" pay just over \$10,000 a year to attend this school, and I expect to be taken seriously. I expect that professors set a certain expectation level; if students do not achieve this, then their grades should reflect this. Similarly, if students surpass the level, they should be so compensated. However, at the present time, professors in all departments have their few "favorites," those students from whom they expect the world. From all other students they expect mediocrity. More often than not, they get it. While I appreciate being one of these students who are expected to surpass the expectation level (or at least it appears this way), in the process of maintaining this double standard, I have lost a great deal of respect for my professors.

Recently I have become more acutely aware of this problem, perhaps because I

am in the process of looking at graduate work. My major concern is that the schools to which I will apply do not recognize Hollins' Political Science department as producing scholars. While a few may emerge, this is the exception, not the rule.

When I applied to Hollins, I was under the impression from my prep school advisors that I would only achieve mediocrity in college. They believed that I neither had the ability nor the incentive to get ahead. Certainly, I carried this with me into my freshman year. And I must admit that I was rather apathetic. But at the same time, I expected to be penalized if my efforts were not of the calibre expected by the professor. Last year, however, when I declared political science as my major, I expected to be taken seriously. From that point on, I wanted to be pushed to my limit and beyond. I believed, as I still do, that the "pain theory of learning" has its merits: no pain no gain.

So far, my criticisms have fallen upon deaf ears. While some of my friends agree with me, that we need to not only raise the expectations, but to set them, they believe that

nothing can be done, that this is Hollins. Well, they're right: this is Hollins. But we can no longer use this as an excuse that things cannot be made better, tougher. Personally, I laugh every time I try to imagine some of my classmates in the real world. If their present performance is any indication, they will be totally worthless once they enter the workforce. They have no discipline, no desire to do any more than is expected of them. And they have Hollins to thank. For Hollins, its professors and administrators, have gone over the edge. They, too, use Hollins qua Hollins as an excuse.

Well, I cannot and will not stand for this. I owe myself better than Hollins can give me. A Hollins diploma is worth no more than the paper it is written on. Thank the good Lord that I have the desire and incentive to get ahead. I am building character in myself: something of which Hollins has fallen far short.

**Editor's Note:** This editorial does not represent the views of this paper. The Editor encourages responses to this column.

### Keep off the grass!!

Letters can't from p. 2

Dear responsible, devoted, honorable students of Hollins College:

A small, menial, probably insignificant to most, problem has been called to our attention. Where in the name of God is the grass on Front Quad? We don't know, but we have been looking for it! Somehow we are under the assumption that it is stuck in the soles of the many treads that have trampled through the plains of Front Quad. Oh where is the fair maiden spring and the hue that it brings? Again, we don't know? This year it has brought a puke brown tinge to our lovely Front Quad, and one might say that this thought perturbs us mildly.

And yet what will we do about it is the question of the hour? And again we don't know! Its up to you the Hollins student body, faculty, security, alumnae, and even the Roanoke Community to preserve this fine historical landmark. Is it that hard to walk 20 extra paces to get where you are going? No! Just

be glad we don't go to UVA where it would take twenty minutes to walk to class, and they don't even have sidewalks to use there. Let's face it women — we are a vastly superior school, but if we don't have a Front Quad — we won't be a historical landmark, hence we won't be superior anymore. Can we fathom, much less accept this idea? No!! and again No!!

But seriously — we would appreciate everyone taking one extra moment to think before walking on the grass, but if you have any doubts please remember our sacred handbook page 26. Quadrangle, "You are requested not to walk on the grass so it will not wear away." Let's face it people — its time to be responsible. But if you have to do something with grass... don't walk on it.

Thank you  
Julia Schmerler  
Leslie Rowan

Trout can't from p.1

outstanding scientific contributions, his conclusions are applicable to trout fishermen, and he is an avid angler.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Roanoke College Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

For more information contact Dr. Robert Jenkins, associate professor of biology at Roanoke College, 389-2351, ext. 463. The presentation is free and open to the public.

## In light of bad times...

by Elisabeth Glenn

Ever go through a period in your life when you think you just can't take any more of life's catastrophic feats? Relax, sit back, perhaps even read on if you want to hear about the old saying, "Where there's a will, there's a way??.."

We've all been there. Things just didn't go as planned, and you wonder if perhaps you should have even gotten out of that warm, cozy bed where peace and serenity abound. I know you struggled to get out of bed and, further, were scalded in the shower by someone who screams "flushing" as they are perhaps in the act of doing so. You yell at the top of your lungs and try to hold the tears back. After recovery to the best of your ability you return to your room to get dressed and find there's nothing left in your wardrobe that's clean and consequently, of interest to wear. Yet, you continue to class, receive a not so pleasant grade on a test or paper, and so the story goes...

What is it that keeps us going? The element that "behind every grey cloud there's a silver lining" is probably what keeps us holding on to reality in a positive manner. This may well be true, but I have found through my experiences with unpleasanties that there may well be more than just the common knowledge that things not only will get better, and have to, but deliver another aspect as well. I don't know, but for those of you that

have your versions of the worst possible "laws of that so-called, Murphy," have you ever really appreciated those bad moments and frustrating times? I know this sounds paradoxical, but I believe I have reached the conclusion that there's more truth in the saying than given credit for, especially, when one says "Behind all bad there's some good." You're wondering, how could this be true...particularly when your back has a third degree burn. Believe me, it deserves much more attention than the saying is credited for. Ironically, I can't imagine myself saying these things and never thought I firmly would.

Have you stopped reading? Are you wondering at this point (like I am) what my message is. Well, in an "Overdone nutshell" this is just it. Grit your teeth...grin and bear it, because things will always inevitably work out for the best, and, hey, the experience of it all adds character??.. Seriously speaking, I am a firm believer in these conclusions. One becomes more aware of the good in life and learns to really appreciate them. Further, you're so much stronger as a person that you can handle anything the next time. But...if I ever meet Murphy or any of his relatives I will try to sum up my bad experiences and throw them right in his face. Finally, I'd do the same for you.

APRIL

### Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. *In Search of Excellence*, by T. J. Peters & R. H. Waterman Jr. (Warner, \$8.95.) A look at the secrets of successful business.
2. *The Far Side Gallery*, by Gary Larson. (Andrews, McMeel & Parker, \$8.95.) And still more cartoons from the "Far Side".
3. *The One Minute Manager*, by K. Blanchard & S. Johnson. (Berkley, \$6.95.) How to increase your productivity.
4. *In Search of the Far Side*, by Gary Larson. (Andrews, McMeel & Parker, \$4.95.) More cartoons from the "Far Side".
5. *Dune*, by Frank Herbert. (Berkley, \$3.95.) First book of the Dune series. Currently a motion picture.
6. *Megatrends*, by John Naisbitt. (Warner, \$3.95.) Forecasting America's future.
7. *The Road Less Traveled*, by M. Scott Peck. (Touchstone, \$8.95.) Psychological and spiritual inspiration by a psychiatrist.
8. *Pet Sematary*, by Stephen King. (NAL/Signet, \$4.50.) Another tale from the prolific Mr. King.
9. *Living, Loving and Learning*, by Leo Buscaglia. (Fawcett, \$5.95.) Thoughts from the acclaimed California professor.
10. *Bloom County-Loose Tales*, by Berke Breathed. (Little, Brown, \$5.95.) Highlights from the author's cartoon strip.

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### New & Recommended

- The Rescue of Miss Yaskell*, by Russell Baker. (NAL/Signet, \$3.95.) Russell Baker is back and looks into things that keep all our lives from being ordinary.
- A Sinless Season*, by Damon Galgut. (Penguin, \$4.95.) An extraordinary novel of troubled adolescence as powerful and disturbing as *Lord of the Flies*.
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# Tennis makes progress

by *Kris Schmuck*

As the weather has begun to warm up so has the Tennis team that has already begun its season. On Tuesday, April 2, the team traveled to Emory & Henry where they were defeated 8-1. Amy Morgan '88 won her match against Carol Saboites 6-3, 6-2. Hollins challenged Roanoke College on Wednesday at home where they defeated the Maroons 9-0. Kim Burrows '88 had an excellent match, defeating her opponent 6-0, 6-0. In doubles play, Kate Hathaway '88 and Sarah Walker '88 had a stunning victory, winning by a margin of 6-0, 6-2. Amy

Morgan '88 and Amy Ware '87 combined to win their match 6-0, 6-0.

Thursday, April 4 Randolph Macon-Women's traveled to the Hollins' courts, only to lose by a score of 6-3. Hollins had an excellent match against Randy Mac. In their first doubles set of the match, Kim Burrows '88 and Janelle Fike '86 were down 2-6, but came back to win 7-5, 6-2. Ware '87 and Morgan '88 again teamed up to deal a crushing blow and win 6-0, 6-2 in their doubles match.

The Tennis team played well last week, bringing their

record in ODAC, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, to 2-2. Coach Carol Goodwill commented on the team's performance, saying "Although the team is young, they are very competitive in the conference. I am pleased with their progress."

The Tennis matches this week include Sweet Briar, Lynchburg, and Mary Baldwin. Come out on Monday at 3:00 p.m. to the courts and support Hollins as they take on Sweet Briar.

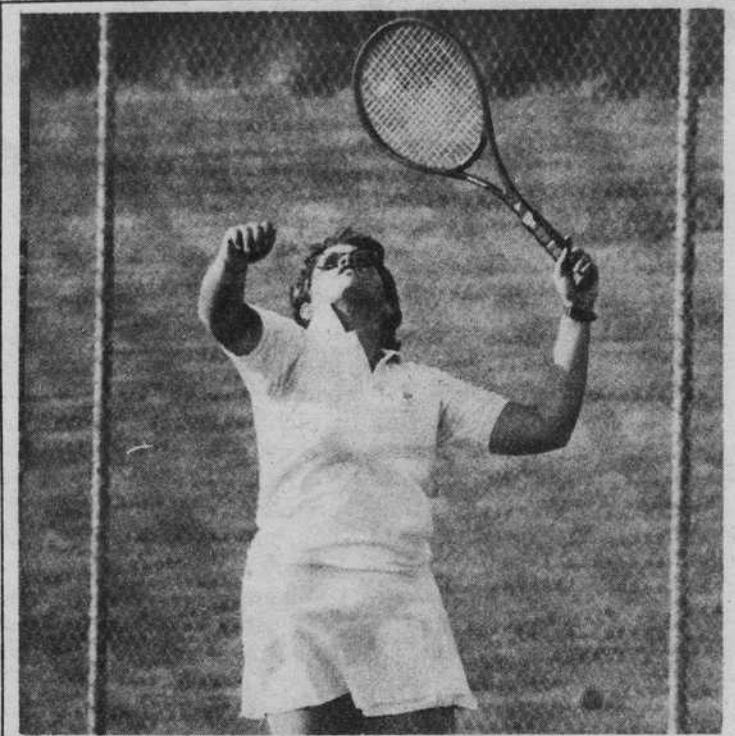


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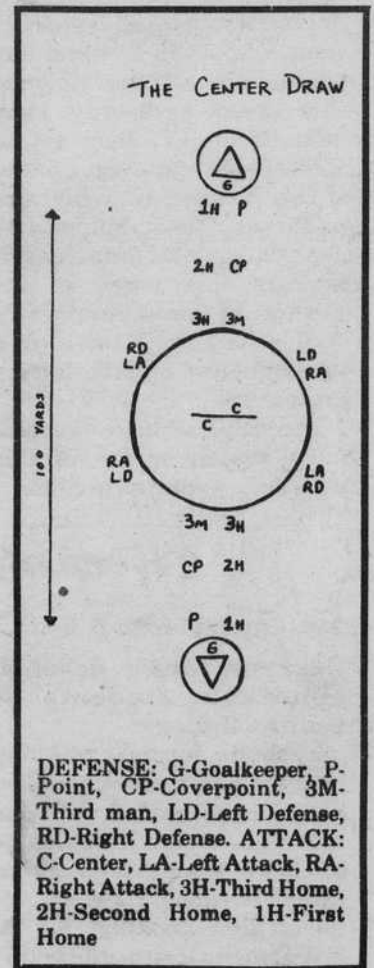
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# Lacrosse teams up

By *Sara Minnifield*

Upon returning from Spring Break, the Lacrosse team faced back to back competition, playing both Sweet Briar and Randolph Macon-Ashland. On Thursday, April 4, the team met up against Sweet Briar here at Hollins. The team was ready to perform a mean game against the Briar, but they were not able to succeed in keeping them away from the scoring goal. Hollins hung in there until the end with Laura Miller '87 and Jill Golden '87 contributing 3 and 2 goals respectively. Sweet Briar defeated Hollins with a final score of 24-5.

Hollins returned to the home turf on Friday, April 5, to take on Randolph Macon-Ashland. Once again, Hollins was ready for whatever the opposition had to offer, but they somehow could not match the scoring that was taking place. However, this does not take away from the outstanding performance for which the team should be commended. Goals were made by Jill Golden '87 who had 1, Lisa Bixby '85 had 1, and Laura Miller '87 with 2. Hollins was defeated by Randolph Macon-Ashland by a final score of 17-4. We wish the team good luck in upcoming games.



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