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Calkins replaces Romano

by Trisha Niermeyer

Renee Romano, former vice president of student services, has left Hollins, and a new title and a

restructured position overseeing student affairs have been given to current athletic director Lynda Calkins temporarily.

Calkins was asked on Oct. 11 to serve as the interim Dean of Students. President of Academic Affairs Wayne Markert explained President Rasmussen selected her for her management skills. She has agreed to take on this position in addition to her current role as chair of physical educathis reason, athletics will

vices for the time. The Dean of Students. possibility of permanently moving athletics under student services is

still being explored. In order to prepare for the new role that she began on Dec. 1, Calkins met with Romano before she left to discuss the details of responsibilities that go along with the position. She also shadowed Romano at meetings to get a better feel for her duties and concerns.

"It is a learning phase for me," Calkins said.

Although Calkins has

spent time with Romano to learn about the job, the new structure of the position she has agreed to fill will be on a trial basis.



be under student ser-Linda Calkins is the of interim

The big changes that have been made involve who reports to whom. For example, Financial Aid and the Horizon program will now be under Admissions. Health services, the chaplain, first year programs, career development, and residential life will be reporting to the dean of students.

In order to lighten her load, Calkins asked to be relieved from teaching for the second semester of this year. She acknowledged

that she will be very busy taking on another leadership role, even temporarily, but feels confident everything will go well.

Many have expressed concern about her work load and she has already had people offer to help her with some of her duties.

That shows we do have a community here at Hollins," Calkins said.

A search committee has been formed to find a dean of students. President Rasmussen appointed Wayne Markert to chair the committee made up of students and faculty. Director of Residence life MJ Konopke, Director of Security and Safety Mary Ann Weedon, Chaplain tion and athletics. For Photo courtesy of the Spinster Jan Fuller-Caruthers, Assistant Director of Tiffany Admissions Marshall, Chair of Faculty Alison Ridley, Assistant Professor of Biology Rebecca Beach are the faculty and staff members on the committee. In addition Hannah Huber '03 and Martha Lopez '01 are on the search committee.

Their first task is to write a job description and advertise the new position. Those selected will also take part in the process of screening applications, interviewing, and hosting on-campus visits prospective candidates.

Microsoft declared a monopoly

by Whitney Richter

A judge's ruling in the Microsoft anti-trust case in early November makes a breakup of the company's monopoly in personal computer operating systems a possible punishment as early as next February.

Federal judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled that Microsoft had a monopoly and used that monopoly to curb its competition. The judge also said that Microsoft interfered with "technological creativity" and innovations. According to the New York Times, some of the proposals put forth to resolve the issue are the publication of the proprietary code for the Windows operating system. This would allow rival companies to design competitive systems. Another alternative is to break up the company of Microsoft.

A major cause of concern over the domina-tion of Microsoft lies in its gaining power over the Internet. In just two years, Microsoft has gone from a 20% share of the Web browser market in 1996 to a 53% share in 1998. One of the key claims against Microsoft, according to USA Today, is the lack of "technical justification to weld its Internet Explorer brows-er in Windows and bar PC makers from removing it." USA Today said that this hurts the con-

sumer by decreasing PC performance and increasing the risk of bugs.

There are, however, people who argue that Microsoft has not cornered the Internet market, and will not be able to, court ruling or no court ruling. "The no court ruling. "The acquisition of Netscape by America Online, the largest Internet service provider makes it even less likely that Microsoft can dominate Web stan-dards." Virginia Postrel of the New York Times

Not everyone is so sure that Microsoft is not as dangerous as they appear. "Microsoft has shown that it will decide the ways in which inno-vation takes place in this industry, and that any innovation which threatens Microsoft's platform monopoly platform will

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Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft.

vews briefs

Dana renovations planned for 2000

by Danielle Kozemczak

The much awaited renovation of the Dana science building has been finalized and is scheduled to occur this upcoming

Wayne Markert, vice president of academic affairs, has been instrumental in the renovation plans. He explained that the proposal has two parts: the initial renovation and a study of the science departments. He believes that this plan will make Hollins science depart

ments more visible.

He said it is aimed at "focusing on a vision for the sciences at Hollins."

The renovations planned for Short Term will concentrate on three main aspects of the building. First, the heating and ventilation system will be modernized. According to Markert, this system has not been functioning efficiently for quite a while.

Second, the biology and chemistry labs will be remodeled. The Dana science building was not originally designed for chem-



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Students will enjoy a different Dana upon the completion of the renovations in February.

istry labs. Therefore, many of the labs do not meet some safety regulations. Markert said that a major focus will be on "correcting and enhancing the ventilation hoods for the biology and chemistry areas." The engineering firm working on Dana is very familiar with the required safety standards, Markert said.

Finally, the lighting system throughout the building will be replaced. Markert said the present lights create too much heat. "This will improve the energy efficiency and the

quality of the heating and cooling," he said.

As for the many concerns about asbestos, Markert replied, "I don't think that there is asbestos in the building." He added that if there is any, it is a very small and non-hazardous amount.

These repairs will tentatively cost an estimated half million dollars. Markert believes the total could increase.

The renovations are planned to happen mostly

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Dining hall changes are a popular topic of discussion

by Cecily Farrar

Changes that have taken place this year in dining hall policies and menu options include extended hours and a larger variety of vegetarian

One change that has proven controversial among students during the past several months has been the elimination of certain foods during designatbreakfast hours. Breakfast, which is offered until 9:45 a.m. weekday mornings, is often streamlined by 9:15 a.m., a number of students have said.

Hot menu items are offered until 9:15 a.m. and continental breakfast items (such as cereal, pastries and bagels) are offered until 9:45 a.m., said Bill Wrobel, director of food

'Earlier this year, hot food was occasionally being left out past 9:15, so people may have thought that it's always been our intention to leave a full breakfast out until the end of breakfast," Wrobel said. "We have to stop serving hot food earlier so that our staff can move on to other duties, such as preparing other meals.'

Students have differing opinions regarding this year's changes in dining hall hours. Some students mentioned that they are pleased with the new meal times, while others say the hours could be further extended.

Eggers Sarah explained that she likes the extended and later hours. "We can eat at times resembling normal eating hours," she said. "[Longer hours] entrees are cooked with

also accommodate people who miss meals because they are in class."

However, "a 15 minute difference in the length of meal times isn't enough of an extension," said Ellie Vance '02. "We shouldn't be required to finish dinner by 6:45 at night.'

A number of new menu options have been added this year, said executive chef Matt Cinquemani. "Two-thirds of our menu is new," he said, citing such new additions as sandwiches and increased vegetarian selections. The new vegetarian bar "makes it easier for people who are vegetarians to get their meals," said Cinquemani.

Vegetarian dishes have recently been a frequent source of discussion among students, some of whom believe that some

meat or in meat sauce. However, "the vegetarian meals are cooked without meat. If a meal is on the vegetarian station, it has been done with a vegetable base," said Greg Wall,

Some students, such as Eggers, said that they have been pleased with the new vegetarian options. "I am glad about the mini-vege-

assistant director of food SEE DINING HALL PAGE 5



The changes in dining hall policies will effect all campus

Varsity athletics move causes controversy

by Aubrey Curry and Elizabeth Ciak

The recent move of varsity athletics from Academic Affairs to Student Services, brought on by administrative restructuring prompted by the departure of former Vice President of Student Services Renee Romano, has caused considerable debate among the Hollins community.

The Athletic Association and Athletic Association Chair Alicia Kemnitz '02, addressed at the Nov. 16 Senate the concern that the move from Academic Affairs to Student Services will not only harm varsity sports but will begin what is a very slow process of turning varsity sports into intramural clubs.

"Our main concern is that we believe moving athletics under Student Services will make administrators, students, faculty and staff take Hollins athletics less seriously," Athletic Association members said in an Oct. 18 letter to President Janet Rasmussen. "Varsity athletes

spend up to 20 hours a week training, practicing, competing and/or traveling. Despite this time and dedication, unfortunately we lack support from much of the Hollins community," the let-

The Athletic Association also said the move would cause even less support from the Hollins community.

Wayne Markert, vice president of student affairs, explained the administrative viewpoint on the switch. "The whole idea is to figure out ways to enhance student life, and athletics is a part of that," he said.

Kemnitz and the Athletic Association fear the possible consequences of such a change. "Moving athletics to Student Services would make athletics more of a club or intramural sport in the eyes of some people at Hollins," the Athletic Association wrote in their letter to the president. "We are also afraid that athletics will get lost in the midst of all the other departments that fall under Student Association brought up other Services or the Dean of

Students' position."

Many athletes and coaches also believe varsity athletics should have remained under Academic Affairs because of the educational value of participating in a varsity sport.

"Athletics is education," fencing coach Rayna Stengel said. "It is an education of body and a sharpening of the mind. You're learning about yourself."

Markert believes that almost every aspect of college life is educational. "All the experiences at a university should be education--cocurricular activities, for example. We don't have to have everything report under academic affairs just to be academic," he said.

Market cited as an example the fact that the Short Term internship program is not run under academic affairs. It is coordinated by the Career Development Center, which falls under stu-

The letter to the president written by the Athletic concerns. "Every Hollins stu-

dent is required to take at least one physical education class, and there are faculty members in the Athletic Department. Since these two aspects of the Athletic Department's description fit under Academic Affairs, we do not understand why the department will be moved under Student Services," the letter stated.

Markert acknowledged that issues surrounding the physical education requirement do need to be resolved. However, he added that it is not unheard of for professors to teach in one academic program while reporting to another unit. He cited the role of chaplain as an example. Though Jan Fuller-Carruthers teaches several classes in the religious studies department, she reports to Student Services in her capacity as chaplain of the university. Markert said that it would be a similar situation if the coach of a varsity team also taught classes in the physical education department.

Kenley Witte '00, a swimmer, believes the move will

have a bad effect on varsity

"I fear apathy from students, that they'll think they only have to show up to some practices and the meets," Witte said.

Despite not having anything "solid" from the administration, Kemnitz said she feels she has enough information to worry about the possible phasing out of varsity sports.

According to Markert, "There is a lot of misinformation going around."

Kemnitz believes it is crucial to look into all the possible results of this restructuring. "I know playing the 'what if' game sounds sketchy, but with this specific case I think it's a game worth

Markert said that there will be many opportunites to discuss the matter further. Though the move has already been made, it is not necessarily going to stay the way it is now. "We are going to review it and we'll make a decision by spring semester,"

Short term jam-packed with activities

by Blair Syme

Short Term appraoches, those of us staying on campus must be wondering what there is to do with all that free Students will receive J-term calendars both before and after Winter Break so be on the look out.

Throughout the month, almost every weeknight there are fitness classes offered for free, such as yoga and aerobics. Check your Short Term calendars for the time and activity of each night. Career Development Center orientations will be held the week of the Jan. 9, before the big trip to New York

City the weekend of the Rat with snacks and Canada will follow. At 8 14. The other events include the following:

Jan. 5- The first day of Short Term brings a lot of fun. At 12:30 p.m. in Babcock, the student-president forum will be open to discuss issues. After the forum, at 9:30 p.m., there will be great voices in the Tinker Coffeehouse, it is open microphone night.

Jan. 6- Join everyone for a dinner trip to Kabuki at 5 p.m., and then work it off at 7 p.m. with aerobics in the gym, or cheering for the baskteball team at home, in the gym. Afterwards you can relax with "Friends" night in the

drinks.

Jan 7.- There will be cup painting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Rat. A pizza party in the gym will start at 7 p.m. before the basketball game.

Jan. 8- Hockey

Game cheering for the Roanoke Express, please sign up early and get your tickets on t.ime.

Jan. 9- The Tacky

Tour of Roanoke shows Roanoke at its best. Call X6986 to sign up and join the rest.

Jan. 10- Emerging Leaders will be held at 4:30 p.m. Bowling at Hill Top from 9-11 p.m.

Jan. 11- Aerobics

will get you fit and a slide presentation of

p.m. is a special event for first-year students at the President's house.

Jan. 12- Ice skating at 1 p.m., s'mores at 9

Jan. 13- At 2 p.m., puzzles and popcorn in the gym, at 5 p.m. dinner at an Indian restaurant in Roanoke. At 7 p.m. a basketabll game in the gym, with bowling at 9 p.m.

Jan. 14- Finger painting at 2 p.m. and a "Dawson's Creek" marathon until 9 p.m. Ski at the Homestead.

Jan. 15- Roadtrip to Hampden-Sydney for a basketball tournament.

Jan. 17- At 9 p.m. there will be stargazing and hot cocoa, as well as more bowling.

Jan. 18- Dinner at Arzu and slides at 7 p.m. of Gibraltar.

Jan. 19- Ice skating and a little "Beverly Hills 90210" action in the Rat with snacks at 8 p.m.

Jan. 20- Puzzles and popcorn offered in the gym at 2 p.m., a beach party complete with mocktails at 9 p.m. by the lovely Hollins poolside.

Jan. 21- Photo album making starts at 7 p.m. and skiing at the Homestead.

Jan. 22- Shopping at Valley View Mall.

Dana

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during the upcoming short term. If they are not finished during this time, they will be completed this summer. Markert does not expect the construction to interfere with student life very much. He said that they may have to move a few seminars in Dana for a day or two, but this will be rare because most of the work is being done on the

Markert sees this remodeling as the start of a long process to improve and highlight the science departments. After the construction is finished, a study of the sciences at

Hollins will begin. It will look at the Dana building as a whole and see how it meets the departments' it," Markert said.

Overall, Markert is happy with the project. He believes it will improve meets the departments' needs. Markert said many people do not think of the sciences when they hear about a liberal arts school, and he wants to change that. He is hoping that new programs can be implemented eventually, such as environmental science and neuroscience. He believes the entire plan will not be completed for another five years.

The Board of Trustees is pleased with the project Markert said, especially the focus it is giving to the sciences. "They have been very strongly in favor of

students' academic life because "the quality of the facility will be enhanced." The biology division, which is now the second largest major after to English / creative writing, will benefit the most from the improvements.

"It's a wonderful oppor-tunity for us to spark inter-est in the sciences," Markert said. He added that President Rassmussen is very enthusiastic about the plans as well.

Microsoft

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be squashed. We will live, as it were, in a Microsoft world in which the choices are the choices that Microsoft makes,' **Economist Franklin Fisher**

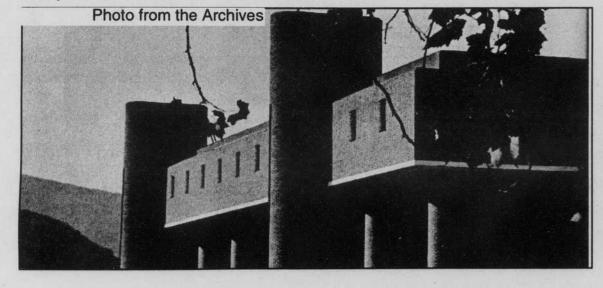
College students also have strong feelings about Microsoft. [Microsoft] is the bully of the software industry. By winning over the masses early on with a superior product, they have now gained the power to control those masses... obviously superior products, i.e. Linux, have been over-looked. Whether or not Microsoft has used its monopoly power is irrelevant. The fact of the matter is they are hindering growth in the computer industry. As consumers we would be doing ourselves a great favor to support the breakup of Microsoft," says David Gouldin, a computer science major at Texas A&M. According to the New York Times, The Linux operating system "unquestionably threatens Microsoft's future.'

"I'm not sure they

will be split up," says Hollins Computer Science prefessor Janeson Keeley, "but I think that Windows is too intertwined together. You can't make any changes to the Windows operating system without making changes to other applications. If Microsoft is forced to make things not so intertwined that would be a good thing. I know that the people who work in the lab have difficulty keeping all the com, puters working properly because of that

The ruling passed by Judge Thomas reads: "Microsoft enjoys so much power... that if it wished to exercise this power solely in terms of price, it could charge a price for Windows substantially above that which would be charged in a competitive market. Microsoft's customers lack a commercially viable alternative to

Windows." Whether breakup happens or not will not be known until February, when the rul-ings in the case are expected to be finalized.



Sandusky Toy

Drive

If you have not donated a gift to TAP Jamilies in Transition, the last day for donation is Tuesday December 7.

There will be a toy wrapping party on December 7 from **5:30-8:00** in the Rat.

Please bring an unwrapped gift to the Rat.

Call X6822 if you have questions.

Dining Hall

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tarian station, which usually has rice and black beans or things made from tofu," she said, adding that she has had difficulty in the past finding appealing vegetarian options.

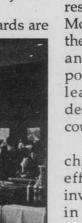
Cinquemani added that changes, including a new salad bar, are currently being planned for the vegetarian bar for next year.

The comment card sys-

tem, now in its second year, gives students the opportunity to express their thoughts and suggestions on dishes served in Moody. Cinquemani said that he has been pleased with the feedback he has received.

Comments that have been submitted indicate that "our changes have been well received by students," he said.

"The comment cards are



Staff photo

what steer me one way or another," said Cinquemani. However, "if they don't have a real name on them, I won't hang them [on the bulletin board outside Moody] or respond to them," he added.

Cinquemani also mentioned the changes that are being planned for the dining hall for next year as a result of the renovation of Moody. He explained that the menus will be changed and cycle menus will potentially be phased out, leading to what he described as a "mini food court."

Wrobel said that the changes, which will be effective next fall, "will involve extensive changes in how we serve food." Renovation of the kitchen and new decor in the dining hall are also planned. "There will be a total makeover," he said.

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Opportunities

by Kat Matthews

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Opportunities:

Composer Awards Competition

annual The BMI Student Composer Award competition will award \$20,000 to young composers. There are no limitations as to instrumentation, style, or length of work submitted. The prizes, which range from \$500-\$5,000 are awarded at the desecration of the final judging panel. The competition is open to all students who are citizens Western the Hemisphere and who are under 26 years of age as of December 31, 1999. Compositions are judged pseudonyms. under Official rules and entry blanks are available from

Ralph Jackson, Director, BMI Student Composer Awards, 320 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019 or from classical@bmi.com. Applications are due by February 11, 2000.

Virginia Museum Fellowships

Applications are now available for Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowships. Virginia college students, graduate students and professional artists in painting, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, crafts, photography, film/video, mixed media and art history (graduate students only) are eligible. Each professional grant is worth \$8,000. Graduate students are eligible for awards of \$6,000 each, and undergraduate winners will receive awards of \$4,000 each.

Applications can be obtained by writing to the museum at 2800 Grove Ave., Richmond VA 23221-2466, or by calling 804-204-2661. Applications are due by March 1, 2000.

Watch Out For Y2K!!!

SHAB Hits Home for World AIDS Day

by Ginny Barkett

Did a Student Health Advisory Board member draw a red mark on your hand Wednesday, December 1? Or perhaps you saw a friend with a red mark on her hand. December 1 is World AIDS Day, a day to recognize those infected with the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus or suffering from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and to remember those who have died from AIDS. National statistics report that one in 250 college students is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Some of these students know they are infected and others may not. If you apply these sta-tistics to the population at Hollins University, Hollins possibly has about four people within its community who are HIV positive. The four SHAB members with the red markers represented those four peo-ple. If you received a red mark, that simply means that you came into contact with someone representing an HIV infected person. You are in no danger of contracting the virus by sitting in a classroom with this individual or sharing the same drinking fountain or even the same toilet. However, if you come into contact with the body fluids of an HIV positive person you are at risk for contracting HIV. Body fluids include blood, semen, vaginal secretions and breast milk. HIV is primarily passed through sexual intercourse, including oral, anal or vaginal, in the college population. It can be spread through sharing needles as well. Please realize that HIV positive college students look like any other college student and may be completely unaware of their infection. It is important to protect your health and avoid contact with other people's body fluids. This is best done by postponing sexual activity, using a latex condom or dental dam, not sharing needles of any kind and avoiding the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

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Information courtesy of Public Relations

Features

Students share exam advice

by Liza Corbin

December brings cold weather, holiday cheer and those wonderful self-scheduled exams to Hollins. Because of the university's strong honor code, Hollins allows students to schedule their own exams under the independent exam system.

This semester,

This semester, exams begin Saturday, Dec. 11 and run through Friday, Dec. 17. Reading Day is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10. Students are able to take an exam that evening at the discretion of the professor.

In dependent exams are monitored by students. If not enough students sign up for a given time to take on such responsibilities, exams will not be administered during that particular time block. Those who do wish to be exam monitors not only get a quiet chance to study for their own finals, but also reinforce our self-sched-

uled exam process.

Exam week often finds students worried and anxious about the end of the term. However, taking finals should not be as stressful as everyone makes it out to be. Here are some study tips from Hollins students who have been through this hectic time in December:

"Take breaks while studying and treat yourself- a cigarette, a cappuccino, a beer or two. All these things will help you stay focused."

- Leslie Owens '02

"My advice is to take your time! I remember freshman year; we were all in such a hurry to get home that we rushed through our exams, when we could have taken a lot more time to study and prepare."
- Katie Cox '00

"Don't spend too much time on one subject. Variation keeps you more alert."

- Blair Syme '02

"There's a million and one things to do and you just have to plow right through it and keep yourself focused on the break as the reward."

-Sumner Menchero '00

"Buy new school supplies. It makes it fun. It always gives me a sense of accomplishment when I'm writing with new notebooks and new pens."

- Miggie Bray '01

"Pace yourself. Don't be in a rush to get home for winter break."

- Georgia Luck '02

The key to taking exams is to use time wisely. Take advantage of the independent exam system and make every minute count.



Photo by Mary Goad

Megan Drury '02 gives Alexandra Howes '02 a backrub as a way to relieve stress.

Stressed...?

by Lisa Maniker

Poll Question: What do you do to combat stress?

"Sleep." Anne Zettle '03

"Probably listen to music or play music or something like that." Jennifer Zachariah '00

"Go to sleep." Erin Wommack '02

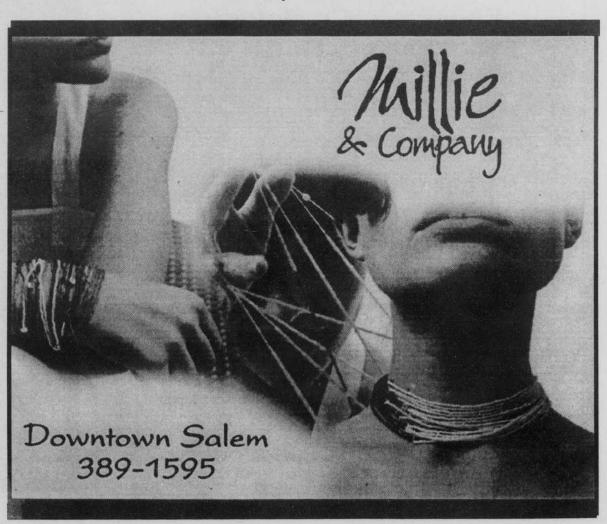
"Throw my computer into the wall. Go home, hand it to my mommy, and say 'take it away." Eryn Van Lear '01

"I'd probably watch Bruce Willis movies all day long." Kelly Mummau '03

"Do some kind of Martial Arts." Priscilla Leuenberger '00

"I would take a trip the hell away from here to be by myself so I could relax." Jene Kapela '01

"Probably take a really long nap. Sleep is good." Faith Harden '02



"Fight Club" packs a psychological punch

by Jillian Kalonick

First rule of "Fight Club": "Fight Club" is not an action movie. "Fight Club" is not comedy/drama; anyone who walks out of this film laughing is pretty sick. Whatever director David Fincher ("Seven," "The Game") has created defies genre, but it is more challenging and haunting than any run-of-the-mill violent action movie.

Edward Norton plays a Starbucks-sipping, Ikeaworshipping droid who lives and works the yuppie lifestyle. When he experiences a bout with insomnia, he begins attending self-help meetings every night to see what real suffering is about and to be hugged by testicular cancer survivor Robert Paulson (Meat Loaf). There he meets fellow support group "tourist" Marla Singer (Helena Bonham Carter) and soon after

finds another reckless soul in Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), who he meets on an airplane.

Abandoning his whitecollar life, he and Tyler team up to develop an underground club of men who fight to release aggression, to escape their empty consumer-driven lives to experience rushes of testosterone and pain. When the ideals of Fight Club get out of hand, Norton's character is so helplessly ruled by Durden, he cannot step

Based on a book by Chuck Palahniuk, the film does not seem to stray too far from the original story. One gets the feeling that exact passages from the book are being quoted, but the lines are so striking and original that it is not unwelcome. The dark, witty dialogue, the sharp cinematography and the amazing performances by Norton, Pitt and Carter

this film mesmerizing.

Pitt plays crazy just as convincingly as he did in

Monkeys, and midfilm experience a characterdriven plot twist that makes Norton's 180 in "Primal Fear" look unimpress i v e

Fincher cap-Brad Pitt and Edward Norton in a scene from the "Fight Club." tures

exact time in which we live, taking us on a tour of our own surveillance camera, furniture catalog-lives.

"Fight Club" is a violent movie (although only one person dies), but not senselessly so. It is through the violent fight scenes that we get a sense of the hollow lives that these men lead, of the desperation that drives them to crave any

tion, whether it is pain or pleasure. The same effect results from the sex scenes

Fincher's film bombards

us with challenges: What

becomes of us in a world

where we are desperate to

experience any emotion,

even pain? What is the

result of a consumer driven

culture? Is sabotage a nat-

ural response? Are we the

end of the world? These

questions get under the

viewers' skin. Fincher

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sition from "Seven," in which he turned our stomachs, to "Fight Club," in which he turns our brains.

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Whether it was the bar of soap promotion, the stigma of being ultra-violent or the abundance of typical American movie favorites, "Fight Club" failed to get the attention it deserved. Sadly, it is currently showing only with the bottom-of-the-barrels at Cinema Grill. However, it is a big-screen must, a fitting fin de siecle film that is less a fight movie than a journey through the 20th century male mind.

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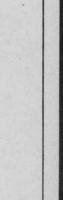
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Women's studies students "celebrate goddess"

by Cecily Farrar

A group of students from this semester's introduction to women's studies class taught by professors Drue Barker and Laura Parisi performed an original dance program for their final project on Nov. 30 in the Botetourt dance

The program, titled "Celebrate Goddess: A Women's Sharing," drew class members as well as number of other Hollins students. The project began with a "lecture" by Horizon stu-Wonshe that addressed the tenets of feminist spirituality and focused on the fact that women are often taught that men are the dominant beings.

Whatever represses

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adding, "pleasure, ladies, is our birthright."

After performing an emotional dance detailing a woman's right to experience pleasure and contentment, Wonshe focused on a plate covered by a white cloth. Removing the cloth from the plate, she began addressing the large phallic symbol resting on it. As Hand leapt onto the floor, her expressive, purposely jerky movements set the tone for her performance. She moved to music by hip-hop act The Roots that suited her choreography well. The intricate floor movethroughout Hand's piece matched the tone of the song, which related the common belief enforced by many men that it is our body represses our acceptable for them to be of the evening's prospirit," Wonshe said, sexually dominant over gram, "A study of...mas-

At the beginning of her piece, "BMI," Nancy Forshaw-Clapp '03 displayed a bulletin board containing a collage of images of women wearing extremely revealing clothing. She stepped slowly across the floor before moving behind the collage to rid herself of her long dress and to destroy the images in the collage. As Forshaw-Clapp leapt across the stage in her lingerie, her piece addressed the need for women to be accepting of their bodies.

I hope that those who came to the performance realized from my piece the need to be happy with themselves in order to have a good body image," Forshaw-Clapp.

The final performance

querade of femaleness" was choreographed by Melissa Chris, a member of the Hollins Dance Project. A group of

Engaging in a "conversation" with the object, she further explored the notion that the "truth" that women are often taught, that men are dominant, is

damaging and incorrect. Erika Hand '03 performed a piece titled "Maybe You're Just a Paranoid Feminist," which she explained represented the notion of "superwhether a woman"exists. She also said that she choreographed the piece in reaction to her feelings that the experiences of black women have not always been included in women's studies classes.

nude dancers stepped out to the center of the floor, their actions and

movements representing the oppression and negative portrayals of women in society. Katy Pyle '03 slowly removed a chain from her body as the back of Ashlea Hitchcock '03 was painted with violent strokes of red and black paint.

Forshaw-Clapp said that she wants students from her class to "have gained the sense that everything we touched on this semester was presented in our performance."

"The presentation showed how women, in the context of a women's studies community, can reclaim joy and ownership of sexuality in a way that avoids the objectifying and commodifying gaze of the popular media," said Barker.

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Sports

Basketball team playing hard

by Lauren Taylor

Since the start of the season with the Hollins 3rd Annual Tip-Off on Nov. 19, the Hollins basketball team has been playing hard while facing some difficult teams, to start the season with a record of one win and two loses.

Under the leadership of Karen Harvey, who has coached at Hollins for five years, the team is taking the season "one game at a time," Harvey said. The team is also led by captains Cabell Martin '00 and Rosse Hopkins '01, who Harvey

said are good leaders. Harvey said that the 10player team is fairly inexperienced since "we only have one senior and two juniors." Harvey added that "we've played well

though."

Team co-captain Martin said, "we're really good compared to years past. I'm

pleased so far.

In the first game of the season, the team beat their opponents by 50 points, according to Martin. The team's first loss was by three points in overtime to a Division II school. "Then we just lost to Guilford but played really well." said

Harvey said that the team's strengths are their ability to play hard. "They play well together," Harvey said. "But we have too much foul trouble right now. Lack of experience is a weakness for the team.'

"I think that our lack of experience hurts us," said Martin. "Although our strength also comes from

our youth if we can build upon it. We're a better team than any I've seen at Hollins."

Martin said that :if they [younger players] stick with it, the program will grow." Martin said the team had a problem last year with people leaving. "There are only two juniors and I'm the only senior on the team," said Martin. "But we have better team unity."
"We really need to get

more students to come out and support the team, Harvey said. "It really makes a difference in how

we play."

The team won't play again until Jan. 6. when they face Washington and Lee at home. The team faces a long season of tough opponents, with 19 games to go after the winter break.



Staff photo

Forward Cabell Martin '00 shoots from the free throw line during a recent game.

Fencing team meets challenges

by Meagan Johnson

The Hollins fencing team began the season by traveling to Philadelphia, Pa. on the weekend of Nov. 6-8 to compete in the Temple University Tournament.

In the foil competition, Lauren Coleman '02 finished in 34th place and Colleen Hagerty '02 finished in 42nd place. In the epee competition, Gwynna Smith '01, Leia Stewart '01 and Amy Grugel '03 finished in 43rd, 46th and 53rd places respectively.

places, respectively.
Coach Rayna Stengel
explained that the tournament consists of only individual competitions, so the results do not affect the team's rank.
"We basically go to learn," she said.

Describing the team's competitors as athletes who "must have been born with weapons in their hands," Coleman added that the tournament is "a refreshing experience because we learn what good fencing

looks like."

Especially for the 16member team's 10 firstyear fencers, the season will present many more learning opportunities. Stengel said every year

Stengel said that she has the added challenge of being a new coach.

Us. She's doing an awe-some job," Stewart said.

In addition to having of being a new coach. She emphasized that the support of Professor Lanetta Ware and Lanetta Ware and challenge of learning Director of Athletics how to fence with the

new members and a new coach, the team faces the

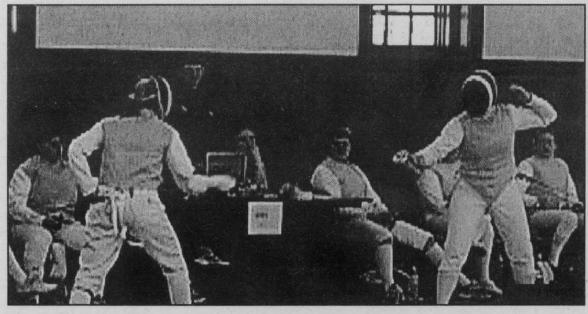
different from those in both foil and epee competitions. "The only thing that's the same is that you want to kill [your opponents]," she said.

During the season, the team will strive to meet the challenges that it faces in order to win the state championship. "It's imperative: we're going to win states," said Coleman. "We want to prove that we're a formidable school in the sports realm," she said.

Hillary Major '03 is confident that the team will achieve its goals.
"Everyone who's there really wants to be there and puts a lot of hard work into it. We're bound to get something out of that," she said.

The team will next compete in the James Madison University Invitational Tournament

Invitational Tournament on Jan. 16. The team will also give a small demon-stration at Hollins in early January.



The fencing team will compete at the JMU invintaional on January 16.

the fencing coach faces the challenge of teaching first-year students who know nothing about fencing. "You have to start from scratch," she Lynda Calkins is helping her to meet this chal-

lenge.
Stewart only had words of praise for Stengel. "She's really pushing us and inspiring sabre, which is allowed in NCAA tournaments this year for the first time. Stengel explained that the moves, strategy, rules and equipment in sabre competitions are

Opinions

A response to our readers

apologize for running the "Holocaust Studies" that ran in the Nov. 15 issue of the Hollins Columns. It was placed by Bradley R. Smith on behalf of the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. CODOH ads and announcements have appeared in 300 plus student newspapers across the United States and Canada over the past eight years.

Had we realized the ad would spark such controversy, we would have chosen not to pubsince we chose to run the ad, we should have done more to make sure our readers understood that this was an ad, and did not represent the views of the Columns or the University. We apologize for this oversight.

visited CODOH web site in order to learn more about the organization. According to CODOH, their aim is "to promote intellectual freedom with regard to this one form, was expressed in historical event, which this ad. We offer no

We would like to lish it. In retrospect, intellectual freedom pologize for running since we chose to run the toward all historical events." The site says CODOH is "focused on American culture, on the American ideal that liberty has the power to wash a people clean and that there is no liberty without intellectual freethe dom.

> We, as representatives of the Hollins Columns, agree it is imperative to uphold free speech. We believe freedom of speech, albeit an extreme in turn will promote apology for upholding

this most important free-

While we, as students, may feel a strong dislike for the ideology expressed in this deliberately provocative ad, we, as journalists, chose to not allow personal bias to prevent its publication. The Hollins student handbook states that content should reflect all areas of student interest, including topics about which there may be dissent or controver-

Concerns that anyone might have with the opinions and ideals

mentioned in Smith's ad should direct them to Smith. His name and address can be found within the ad.

We would like to close by thanking the concerned students of Hollins for sharing their ideas and reflections regarding this ad with us and the Hollins community. We are glad to receive comments from students who are passionately interested in topics of campus inter-

- The Editors

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor We, a group of stu-dents at Hollins University, would like to express concern regarding the advertisement on page 6 of the November 15 issue of the Hollins Columns. This advertisement, which asks for open debate on the Holocaust, represented itself badly through improper style and faulty assumptions. As stu-dents who are concerned with the study of the Holocaust, we were both shocked and upset at the inclusion of this ad in a

Hollins Campus. The ad is inappropriate and incorrect on many levels. We understand the point the Center for Open Debate On the Holocaust is trying to make, but it is badly done and blatantly prejudiced, which goes against their own title of open debate. They assume that students who express doubts concerning the Holocaust will be branded with hate. They continually attack professors of Holocaust Studies. They accuse teachers of being fearful, and assume that

publication which is

meant as a voice for the

they hate Germans. This is unprofessional and uncalled for.

They break their attempt at journalistic style often, but most strikingly when they refer to Eli Wiesel as "EW." This is disrespectful and incorrect.

They state that Wiesel claims he was liberated from three separate camps. Had they read his book Night, they would see that he was moved from camp to camp until finally liberated. They claim he is a liar for stating that "'geysers of blood' spurted from their graves for 'months."

They fail to believe this is a hyperbole, a literary technique. This is only one example of how the CODOH uses quotes out CODOH uses quotes out of context in order to force argument.

They focus entirely on the Jewish population, and never mention that 5 million non-Jewish peo-ple were also killed during the Holocaust. This

implies anti-Semitism.
They assume that all who study the Holocaust are taught to hate Germans, and that they will believe these teachings. Educated people realize that not all Germans were members of the Nazi party, and that few members of the current population of Germany were involved in the conflict.

They state that Schindler's List is a "cheap novel" and that the diary of Anne Frank is a "literary fabrication." They make this claim without supporting facts or examples.

The advertisement never addresses one key issue: why would someone create such an elaborate fabrication? Why would thousands of people suddenly claim to be eyewitnesses with nearly identical stories, why would photographers and filmmakers fake physical evidence? They do not realize that Holocaust studies are not about hate, but about tolerance and prevention. We study the Holocaust with the motto "Never

Again."

We would be willing to consider their idea of open debate if that was really their intention. Instead they insulted us as history students, they showed prejudiced views of the Jewish people and failed to support their own argument. We feel that this advertisement was not appropriate to have run in the Hollins Columns and ask that a statement of apology be made to the many who were hurt and offended by this ad. We hope that steps will be taken to ensure that such an oversight will not occur again. We encourage concerned students to call the Columns Office, or write letters to the CODOH expressing their opinion.

Thank you, April Disque, Megan Drury, Karen Ennis, Sarah Feuer, Mary Goad, Colleen Hagarty, Alexandra Howes Jennifer Lee, Natalie Teske, Kelly Weingart

Hollins To the

Community,
The Religious Life
Association would like to thank you for your sup-port during the first semester of school. Through your help, we were able to get off to a GREAT start. Offerings collected during the weekly worship services were sent tothe RedCross

for hurricane and flood relief. We also donated the money saved from the Golden Rule Dinner to Roanoke Area Ministries. RLA was able to provide 19 families in the Roanoke community with full Thanksgiving din-ners. Though your non perishable food and monetary donations, we were able to send turkey, stuffing, cranberries, fresh apples, and many other

RLA would also like to thank you ofr your most recent support during the White Gift Service on Sunday, December 5. The offerings from this event were donated to the Free Clinic of Roanoke Valley, Covenant House Valley, Covenant House, and Food for the Hungry.

We appreiciate all of your help this semester and can not thank you enough for your generosi-

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Sincerely, Nicole Crabtree '01

Lauren Sells '02 Life Religious Association Co-Chairs, Special

High Anxiety

Jillian Kalonick

New Year's Eve 1999 has been all about the hype- the ultimate party, drinking fest, travel destination, concert experience, adrenaline high, popularity contest and society event, all rolled into one night. The experience of

the century.

But as we approach the night of December 31, suddenly it is all about ignoring the hype- it is suddenly much cooler to decide you're going to stay home with Dick Clark and Ben and Jerry just like you always do than to thoroughly plan what simply must be the most climactic event of your entire life. This is not surprising- it is in our nature as Americans to go from one extreme to the other; from bell-bottoms to tights, Jolt cola to lemongrass shakes, Bush to Clinton.

My New Year's plans are undecided, but I will

either be watching the first sunrise of 2000 on the beach in Nags Head, North Carolina, or I will be somewhere on Bourbon Street, anticipating the Hokies appearance at the Sugar Bowl. However, none of us are looking forward to what will happen after the world does or does not end (being forced to eat black-eyed peas with the family? Beginning a hellish month of working on thesis? Digging self out of rubble men entire explodes?) world

In any case, some New Year's resolutions are mandatory, and I have decided to go along with the opposites trend and make some anti-resolu-tions. Screw quit smoking, lose weight, help the homeless, save money, etc. These are resolutions by me, for me and made to serve me (and whoever else is into them).

1- Eat whatever I want, whenever I want

more fun than banishing ourselves to a diet of Triscuits and grapefruit juice? I am sick of hearing people babbling about fat and Tae Bo and protein shakes. If eating pecan pie at 5 a.m. and joining the movement to bring back the slab o' fried cheese to the cafeteria makes us happy, we should do it.

And on the shallow side, we are all lovely ladies in our early 20's. This is the best we will ever look. So can't we afford to eat whatever the hell we want? We have many childbearing and menopausal years ahead of us in which to agonize over what we eat and how much we should exercise. So why not eat all the crap we can now, while our bodies still have a shot at burning the fat off relatively quickly? And on the even more shallow side, guys our age are extremely horny. So even if we do end up 400-pound won-Doesn't that sound a lot ders, chances are we still

will be able to get laid.

2 Sacrifice everything else in life in order to devote self to passion

My personal passion is writing, and lately I've been noticing it go down the toilet due to time spent performing other duties: reading Bronte novels, spending time with friends and family, sleeping, etc. While all these activities are worthwhile, they don't seem to be very conducive to my writing. If I have to become an anti-social, unwashed, coke-fiend, chain-smoking, misanthropic female version of Charles Bukowski in order to be a good writer, so be it. Because don't we owe it to ourselves to spend all our time doing what we love? Plus, my boyfriend of three years is going to New Zealand for eleven months, so frankly I don't care if my hair is full of Twinkie crumbs and I stop leaving my dorm room for days at a time. If the Great American Novel doesn't

come out of a year of loneliness and depression, then what is the point?

3 Develop more enjoy-able mental disorder

All this anxiety is just getting old. I think I might develop schizophrenia or maybe a nice bi-polar disorder. Aren't schizophrenics really geniuses? At least if you are bi-polar you are really happy once in awhile. Maybe some kind of general insanity would be helpful; I could use an imaginary friend, or just an excuse to be in extreme denial.

I see the year 2000 as a chance to begin a new, hedonistic approach to life. So whether you spend New Year's Eve watching Brad Pitt sip champagne out of your 4" heels at the top of the World Trade Center, or falling asleep on the couch with the dog, remember one thing: the beginning of the century is all about you.

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Cecily's soapbox: Women in the media

When I explain why I don't watch much TV these days, I usually give the reason that I don't have much time. However, there's another main, albeit less popular and common, reason - my increasing frustration with the negative way in which the media often portray women.

Of course, movies and forms of print media, such as magazines and novels, are also guilty of portraying women as less important and less powerful than men, but TV is the media outlet that is frequently the most immediate and available to members of the mass audience.

Many television programs in fact set women farther back instead of allowing them to forward. Although in some cases women are portrayed as

being successful and having positions of power, some of these characters should not be seen as role models and ideals of how women should behave.

Take "Ally McBeal" as an example. Sure, Ally is portrayed as a successful attorney, but how much emphasis does she place on relationships with men and being seen as attractive? We need to consider what kind of message her character's actions send to women and especially to young girls.

It is not uncommon

for female characters created by the media to be defined by their relationships with men. All too often, a female character's experiences with men are given more screen time than other aspects of her life, indicating to the audience that this is the area of a woman's life that she presumably cares the most



Cecily Farrar

Also, female characters that are not involved in romantic relationships with men are frequently characterized as unusual and atypical. To make up for this "deficit" and supposed glaring character flaw, female characters who are single often have story lines that primarily focus on their desire to be involved with someone or

on other characters' intentions to find them someone

Look at "Dawson's Creek" as an example. Remember how Joey's (Katie Holmes) character was portrayed a couple of years ago during the program's first season? The most important story line surrounding her character was her desire to have a romantic relationship with her friend Dawson.

And, once again, what about "Ally McBeal"? Is it possible for Ally (Calista Flockhart) to focus on anything else but men? I wonder how she even made it through school and became a lawyer with all of the attention she pays to attracting men. Like many other female characters created by the media, she is portrayed as defining her self-worth by her relationships (or lack of relationships) with men.

What can we, as intelligent, strong-willed women, do about these harmful messages that the media bombard us with on a consistent basis? The answer may not be a simple one, at least not until the media begin to realize the extent of the harm that can be done by their portrayals and attempt to change their actions. Obviously, this is something that probably will not be happening in the very near future.

Therefore, perhaps the best thing we can do is to be conscious of these damaging portrayals next time we watch TV or see a movie. We cannot allow ourselves to base our opinions of ourselves as women and as individuals on the media's inaccurate and stereotyped portrayals of women's lives and rela-

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Darienne

Dear Darienne, What are charliehorses and what can I do about them?

These are the kind of questions I love -- the ones I have no clue about. It's good for me to have to go out and research these things so that I can learn about them, too. See, you really can ask me anything. Especially health related issues, people -- I couldn't love them more!

As I've said before, if I don't know what to tell you, I do know who will know. For the answer to this question I called upon one of our most wonderful campus resources, Rita Foster, the director of our Health and Counseling Services. Let it be known that there is nothing you can't talk to Rita about -she is fab, as are the rest of the Health and Counseling

told me was that a charliehorse is basically a pulled muscle or intramuscular bleeding. (Yuck!) She said these torn muscle fibers are common in the quadriceps of the hamstring muscles and are associated with soreness and stiffness. (So, basically they are those awful leg pains that wake you up in the middle of the night, every so often.) She recommended cold application when they are bothering you. She also said that she finds just getting up and moving around helps. So, you know, next time they spring up, just hobble down to the kitchen and throw some ice on the monsters and you'll be getting two treatment options in one. Now, let me be sure to preface the following with a disclaimer -- I was also told by a very bright Biology student that eating bananas may be a good preventative measure

Services' staff. What Rita as the potassium in er works... well, works and told me was that a charliehorse is basically a pulled muscle or intramus-cular bleeding. (Yuck!) as the potassium in er works... well, works and is worth a try. I doubt eather that may help prevent ing a few extra bananas would be harmful for your overall health, anyway.



however, that information was not given from a trained medical professional. I felt it would be silly to leave it out though because I like to think that whatevis worth a try. I doubt eating a few extra bananas would be harmful for your overall health, anyway. Had she recommended some kind of radical surgery, I would have excluded it from this answer but it does seem to be sound and healthy advice so do with it as you will. And I hope you feel

Lastly, maybe it's the SHAB member in me but I just have to give props to Health and Counseling Services. We are really lucky to have such kind and caring people at our disposal. I really can't say enough how nice everyone in the bottom of Turner is and how willing they are to be patient and kind through whatever medical concern you may have. Go and see them for treatment of a bee sting, talk to one of the counselors about personal concerns you may be having (you do get three free counseling sessions every single year you are a student at Hollins), pickup birth control prescriptions at a nominal fee (a month's worth of pills is only \$3 -which is such a deal -- it's about a tenth of the price you're gonna pay out there in the real world) or just call Rita up to the phone and ask her about that new multivitamin you're taking. Drop in or give them a call, x6444.

That's all this week. To all those of you who keep saying to me, "Hey, you're the advice columnist. Let me tell you all about this problem I'm having..." (and you know who you are), I say, "Don't tell me about it - write me, for Pete's sake!"

Columns_Ack@Hotmail

I'll be waiting to hear from you. Everyone have a lovely Holiday -- see you in the new year!

From SGA Student Conduct Council

The following is a list of cases heard this semester by the Student Conduct Council. Each case lists the alleged charges, decision, and sanction given by the council. All cases are confidential. Please direct all questions to Mira Zawadzki, Council Chair, in the SGA office in Moody.

October

Charges: unauthorized entry, stealing (honor violation), violation of basic student conduct principle, and non-compliance

Decision: Responsible on all charges

Sanction: Apology, probation, restriction, and campus service

November

Charges: Behavior that impedes the safety of community members, harassment, lying (honor violation), and violation of basic student conduct principle

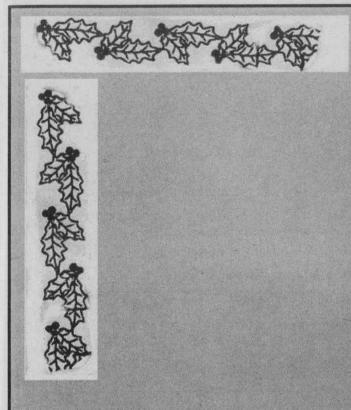
Decision: Responsible on all charges

Sanction: Expulsion

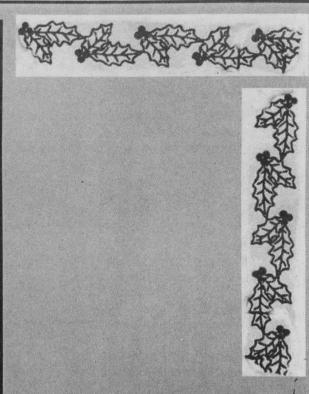
I would like to thank Cathy Ferguson of Campus Security for her assistance to the council this semester. Her time and patience with the judicial process is to be commended.

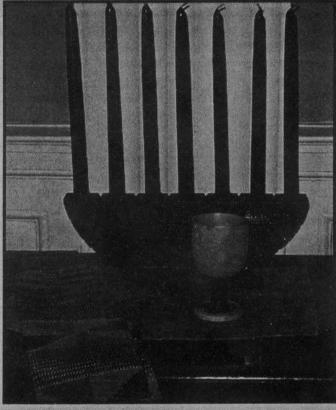


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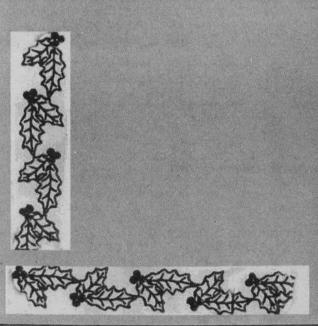


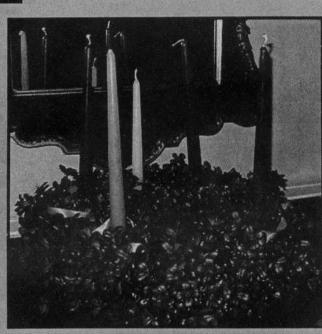




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