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## Hollins Columns

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### West Splits

by Lauren "Hand Me a Hard Hat" Taylor

West dormitory splintered in two Friday afternoon, sending students fleeing the dorm in terror and injuring three as the Hollins community watched in terror.

The terror started at 2:40 in the afternoon when the floors began to split apart. Within moments, the entire south side of the building had become separated from the northern section, much like the final scene in "Titanic."

"I heard this loud cracking sound," said Macy Good '02. "I was worried about all my friends, except for Sugar Leighton cause I don't really like her."

As terrified students huddled on Front Quad, rescue workers attempted to free students caught in the rubble. Roommates searched for their missing mates as Resident Assistants tried to account for all their residents.

"I just tried to find all my girls and make sure that they were all accounted for," said RA Nicki Mavis '02. "I couldn't find some of them though but rescue searching isn't in my job description."

One of my girls was trapped and had to be rescued but I had to take a nap at a friend's."

The split of the dorm was not completely surprising to some students. Many of the doorways and floors in West had been sloping steadily. "When I first got to



photo by Nikki "I'm Not Hiking Up to That Barn" Oakley

West in its salad days before the devastation.

school, my doorway was sloped so badly that the door wouldn't close right," said Vic Lobsterbush '01. "And over the year, it just kept getting worse. I knew something like this would happen. I'm psychic, ya know."

"I called the school to see if my son was ok," said Mia Stu-Ped. "Then I remembered that my son went to another school, not Hollins. The school was flooded by calls from concerned parents

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### Office consolidation creates controversy

by Cecily "Where are the \*@#^###\* Stories" Farrar

Spring is in the air at Hollins, along with divided opinions among students and staff about changes in the locations of many campus offices, including the Career Development Center and the Writing Center.

The Career Development Center, which had been scheduled to be moved to Moody earlier this year from its long time home in West after renovations on the student center are complete, is now located in Starkie.

"I had a dream one morning that Gina Nolan [associate director of the CDC] was in my room," Kate Martin '00 said. "In the dream, I had overslept and she was telling me, 'It's 9:00. Should I remind you what serious consequences this would have in the real world?'"

"I woke up in a panic but decided it was just my anxiety over life after the Hollins bubble getting the better of me," Martin said. "Then I realized it was really happening -- the CDC staff had moved into my room while I was sleeping!"

Fellow Starkie resident Alison Turner '00 said, "I love the CDC, but do they need to work in our dorm? I mean, isn't that a fire hazard or something? Plus, now we have to keep the doors to the dorm open during their office hours."

When asked about the CDC's move to Starkie rather

than to Moody as originally planned, CDC director Lillian Manford replied, "I have no idea about why plans have changed. No one told me anything. All of a sudden we were being asked to move into poor Kate's room"

Manford's theory for the change is once it was finally realized bathrooms should be placed on the floor where students eat in Moody, university officials deemed it too late to alter plans involving changes in locations of offices.

"Because of Hollins' poor planning, all of these poor seniors living in Starkie in years to come will have to share their room with the CDC for who knows how long," said a frustrated Martin.

However, other students have a more positive attitude about the unexpected change. "With the CDC right there in your bedroom, all the information you could ever want about internships or job openings is right there," Joanna Houseman '01 said. "An added bonus would be constantly hearing everyone's tales of angst and realizing your fears paled in comparison."

Another surprising change for students has been the Writing Center's move from Middle East to the apartments. Writing Center director Lucy Quintenosky explained, "It was time for a change. It's been proven that writers work better with

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## Campus Scenes

**Hampden-Sydney College** see ad page 7

**Sweet Briar College** Backstreet Boys and Hanson to perform on April 10th. Tickets are \$55. Get in for free by posing as a Sweet Briar girl. Fake IDs can be found at [www.burnthebriar.com](http://www.burnthebriar.com).

**Roanoke College** Join the students in a protest to end prohibition on campus. April 18th at 7pm.

**Washington & Lee University** Fight for Hollins, as W&L girls protest to keep Hollins girls off campus. Protest is April 10th at 5pm. Be sure to wear as much Hollins gear as possible, and have a W&L guy on your arm.

**VTech** Hackers anonymous meeting will be held in the auditorium for all those in need of help. Call 1 800 B4U RBUSTED.

## Hollins Events

- til Tuesday with Bob Dylan and son Jacob Dylan this Tuesday in the Rat.
- Slip and Slide on Tinker Beach for this week's Back Quad Friday.
- Seminar held in th GDR Thursday evening at 5:30pm, "Learn to paint the rock effectively". Open to underclassmen only.
- Jerry Falwell to speak on patriarchal oppression and how to combat it. PDR April 19th at 7pm.
- Opening of outdoor sculpture garden. Front Quad, April 20th at 2pm.
- Help support the homeless students! Participate in the auction for money for rebuilding of West. Moody lobby during dinner hours, April 18th-21st.

## News Briefs

by Stephanie "All the news that fits" Kestner

Investigators have located the missing member of student hikers from Spring Break. The police got wind of her whereabouts when a local McDonald's employee called and said that a girl with a Hollins sweatshirt had ransacked the kitchen and was eating all the french fries. Authorities said when they found her, she was sitting on the floor mumbling "No more peanut butter".

Penny Floyd has finally been uncovered for what she really is; a head in a jar. Security was doing rounds when they noticed lights on in her office at 4am. When they went to check, they found nothing more than her head in a jar. She was laughing hysterically and sending random broadcast messages about nothing. When asked, students said they didn't notice, that it seemed like normal broadcast messages to them.

Coitillon to be held in the Rat due to unsuccessful Crush party. Tickets will be \$100 to compensate for the loss of reserving the Roanoke Hotel and not being able to pay for it.

Hollins Badmitten to compete in the next summer Olympics. When asked, the coach said she had no clue how they got there, and that she hoped they could just make it through training.

Freshman class brought up on sexual harassment charges filed by Roanoke County volunteer Fire Department. Students allegedly harrassed two fire fighters when fire alarm was pulled as a prank.

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# Vertical Women are everywhere

Mary "Prankster"  
Campagna-Hamlin

A press conference was held last Thursday evening in the dining room of Rose Hill to address the issue of pranks. Dr. Enrike Treadway, mentor to Holly-U.'s Vertical Programs for women over age 27, faced Murial Bishops from The Times head-on in a vehement altercation concerning his own alleged, tendency to favor Vertical women who commit pranks over those who would never dream of committing any such illogical acts on campus.

"Although it may be quite true that the most authentic and original

women in Holly's Vertical programs have a certain gift for amalgamating en masse to commit irrational acts which I and they refer to as 'plucking sublime moments out of an otherwise ambiguous spacial reference and therefore bestowing meaning upon life in our time,' such as: wearing large vermilion-hued, bulbous plastic noses to class and honking said noses whenever they wish to address the professor, or telling professors how ratiocinatic they find them even though they don't have a clue as to the essence lurking behind the class lecture," Treadway said. "I do not favor these less-than-non-tradition-

al women over others, even when the others may be slightly bombastic and obsessed with trivial bumf."

Treadway confirmed that he has initiated the university tradition of announcing post-lunch classes with a harsh blow from a newly purchased bugle. However, he would not give figures pertaining to the cost of the bugle and would not confirm whether or not Dr. Rasmuffin had approved the purchase.

"When I need something like a bugle I feel bold enough to break tradition and splurge because our women have developed the odious habit of

chatting too long at Rose Hill luncheons. As your readers probably know, our desserts are among the most delectable in the valley and our Vertical women would rather glutton themselves on eclairs than attend lectures on literary philosophical inquiry after lunch," Treadway said. "This detestable habit is a sham, a crying shame and a fluke of nature in otherwise civilized, degree seeking women."

When asked if Holly-U.'s Vertical women needed any hypothetical validation of their hypothetical/Horizontal competence, Treadway would only agree to be paraphrased: Vertical women

are long enough to sniff the air of wisdom from the ephemera of nature's fuzziest clouds and wide enough to expand their horizons to include and prefer naturopathy over electro technology as a way of healing the mind after "eggs-hams". So when validation is mentioned, I must say that no one here is hypothetically/ Horizontally challenged, we have banned putting books on anyone's head, creativity in any of its dimensions shall be applauded, commas as a form of speech-release may be in abundance and I might add, could you repeat the question?

## West

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as the catastrophe was reported by national news stations.

"Luckily, some students were able to grab some possessions before running from the rubble. "I managed to grab my pearls and my Hampden-Sydney sweatshirt," said Ivana B. Badd '01. "I would have just died without them.

Nisa Manicle '02 said that this wasn't a surprise since she found, on more than one occasion, that the bed of the girl across the hall had slid into her room. "I'd come in and there the bed would be!"

As students come to terms with this first major event on campus all, many are left wondering if this could have been avoided. "If they had only put money into dorm renovations, instead of the really important stuff like removing carpet, all this could have been prevented," said Good. "And I'd be sleeping in my own room tonight."

Due to the recent event, the residents of West will be camping out on the soccer field due to lack of extra beds. All students in need of a sleeping bag can purchase a taxi voucher at Switchboard to get to Wal-Mart, where sleeping bag prices have been rolled back to only \$22.50.

## Consolidation

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occasional changes to their environments and we love the homey atmosphere over there."

"It's so convenient having such a great resource right in my apartment," Anne Creasy '01 said. "It's been nice not having to make the trek all the way to campus when I need help with a paper."

Creasy's roommate, Erin Conner '01, agreed. "A lot of times getting around Hollins is inconvenient for us apartment dwellers, so this change has been great," she said.

"Make everyone else come to us!"

University officials are also considering the relocation of Health and Counseling Services in Turner to Randolph. When this possible change was discussed at a recent Senate, it was met with disapproval from a number of students who grumbled about "going to the ghetto to receive health care."

A final decision about whether to proceed with this move will be made in upcoming weeks.

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# Security Vanishes

## Investigators search for answers

by Amanda "Spooky"  
Griffin

New findings from the Focus on the Protection of Security Committee revealed more questions instead of providing answers.

Concern for the safety of the security officers on campus was aroused at the beginning of February. The security staff was missing four officers and when questions were asked about their whereabouts no answers were given.

"I stopped by the office with forms for Officer Krumpkie, and when I asked for him the room became silent and everyone went into the conference room," said B.J. Mopke, Director of Housing. "Five minutes passed and then a voice from the room told me to leave the forms."

Mopke took her concerns to President Rasmuffin, who put together the committee. In late February the committee reported that the missing officers were on a training retreat at an undisclosed location. Suspicion was aroused

the first week of March when four new security officers were hired. Chief Terry Lou Seedon issued a statement which explained that the new officers had been hired to fill the positions of

break. The campus was surprised to receive a broadcast message from Rasmuffin, requesting that all members of the community come to an open forum on March 29 where the committee

action was not being taken. Their greatest concern was the two weeks that the campus was without an active security force. Rasmuffin was able to calm the crowd and introduced Mopke, who presented the findings.

The situation was much more serious than they had first thought. The training retreat had been a cover story, and the number of missing officers was actually eight. The committee had discovered that the original four officers had been replaced, but their replacements had then disappeared. The campus did not

take notice of the disappearance until after the replacement officers had disappeared. Chief Seedon had begun her own investigation, but her search had left out any clear answers.

The officers disappeared while making rounds on the night of February 1. Officer Krumpkie and Officer Low discovered a patrol vehicle in the grass by the loop with its engine still running. Krumpkie relayed the information to dispatch and said that he and Low were going to conduct a search of the area. Dispatch tried to contact Krumpkie and Low a few minutes later and got no response. Chief Seedon and her two remaining officers conducted a search, but were unable to locate the four officers. The officers that were hired as replacements disappeared in the same way. The only clue that Seedon found at both scenes was a slimy paste-like substance of unknown origins.

Seedon would not comment on what she thinks happened to the officers. She is asking that the campus avoid the area near the creek until more answers are found. The committee is now working with Seedon and her team of investigators in hopes of finding answers.

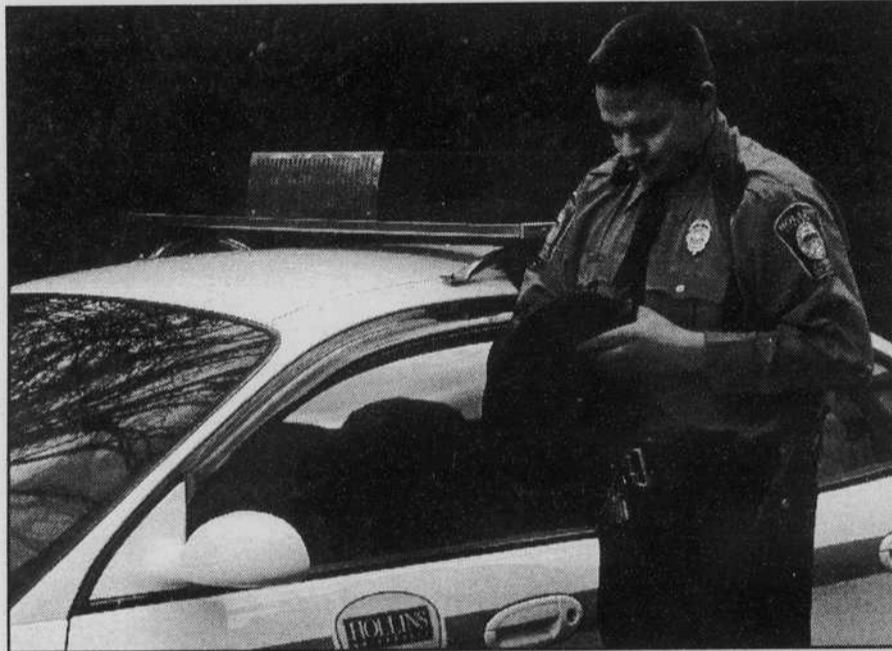


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Officer Low, one of the eight missing security officers. His hat was found at the scene, covered in the slimy, paste-like substance.

security officers that had taken jobs outside the area.

The committee intensified their investigation, but the campus heard nothing from them until the week before spring

would be discussing their findings. Babble auditorium was filled to capacity. Questions from the student body began before Rasmuffin could begin to speak. Students were angry that more

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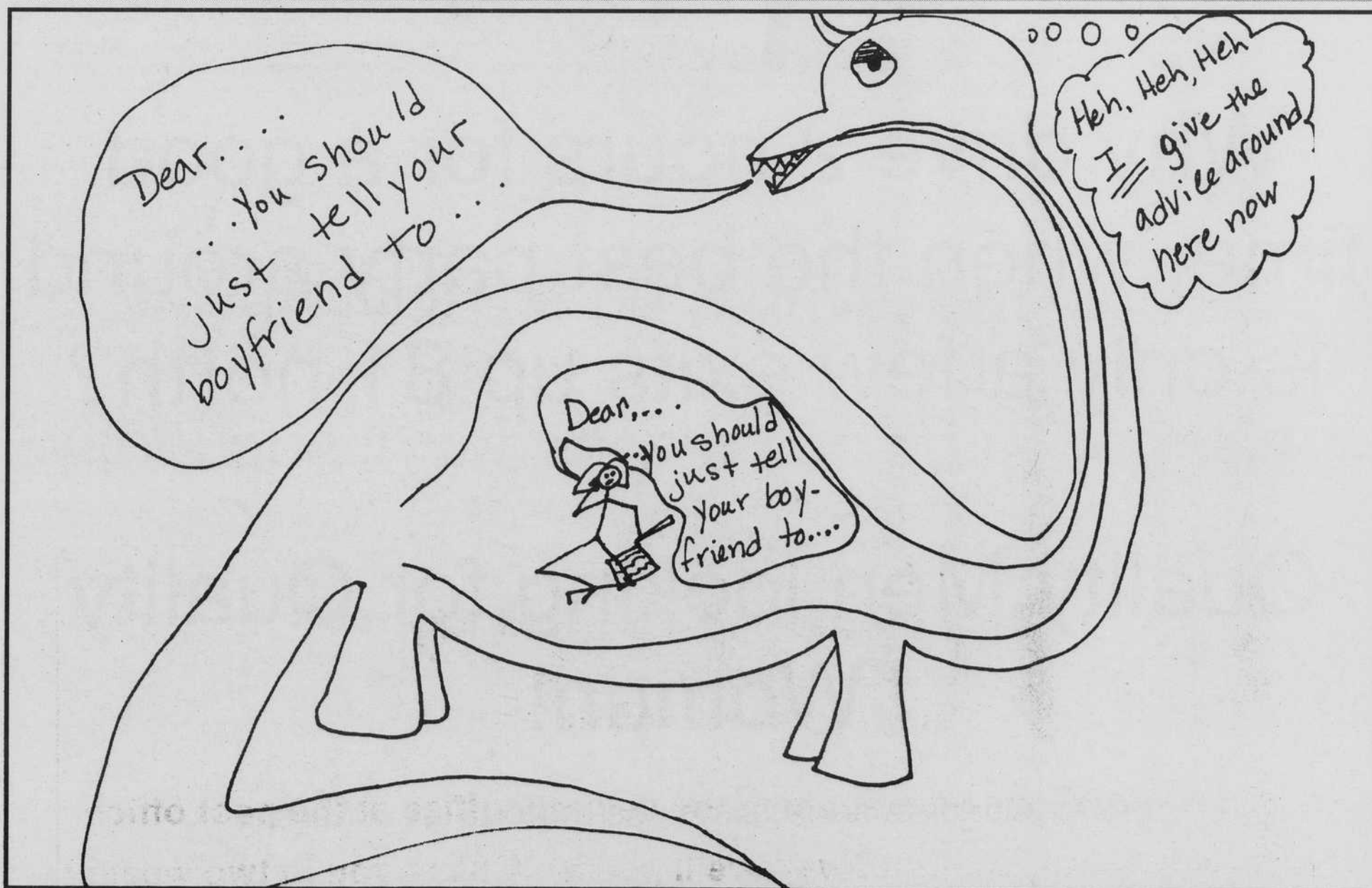
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**Even if we don't hire you right away, we'll probably need you in two weeks!**

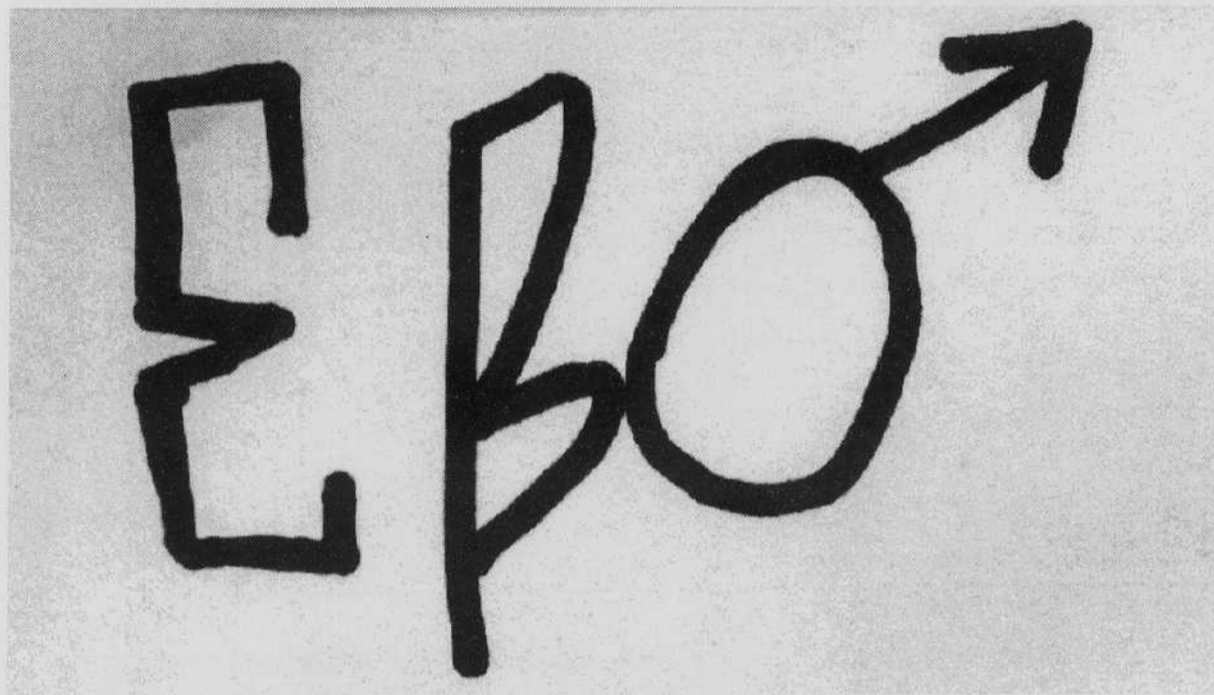
## Secret lives of the professors

by Aubrey "Inquiring Minds Want to Know" Curry

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- Jong Ra -- cook at McDonald's
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