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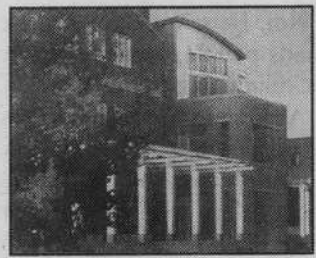
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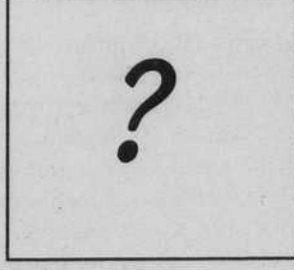
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Hooray! The art building we were promised is finished!

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Alcoholic SGA president impeached

BY LAUREN CLEMENCE

SGA President, Beth Burgin, is being impeached for disorderly conduct in office. Recently, Burgin was accused of siphoning off SGA dues to support a secret addiction to Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. The accusation came as a result of several conspicuous pictures in the senior 100th night slide show, which showed Burgin clearly intoxicated, alcohol in hand. After the slide show, senior class president, Jessica King, approached Burgin to ask if she had an alcohol problem. "She chugged her champagne and started pulling cans of PBR out from her robe," King said. "She wound up dancing on the tables while singing the theme from Wonder Woman. After it was all over, I asked if she needed any help, but she just stormed out."

After the 100th night incident, SGA Treasurer, Laurie Grove, began to notice some discrepancies in her books. "Well first I noticed that several petitions for funds had been made by Beth for 'miscellaneous purposes,'" said Grove. "I ignored that for a few weeks because I thought she really needed the money for SGA stuff, but then I noticed a bunch of eraser marks on totals in my notebook and I knew something wasn't right." After further investigation, Grove discovered that not only had Burgin tried to erase and change the totals of available funds, but had written checks to Kroger from the SGA checkbook.

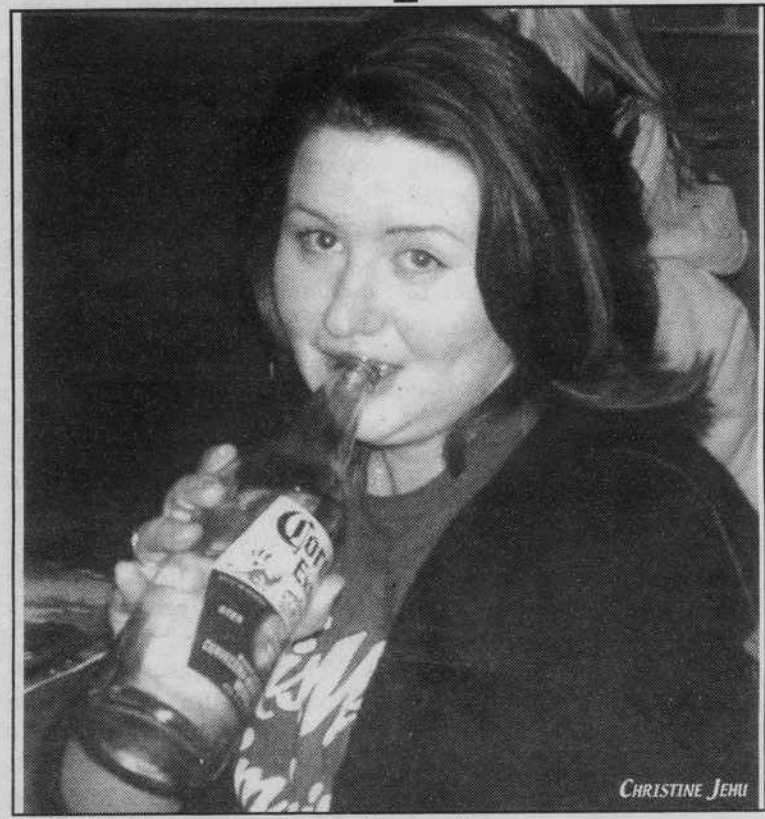
In light of her discovery, Grove

called a secret meeting of SGA Round Table to discuss the situation. "I had to call everyone together at 3am, so Beth wouldn't find out we were talking about it," she said. The meeting resulted in Round Table's decision to impeach Burgin for her thievery.

When asked about the accusations, Burgin only said, "They're totally false. Why would I take money from SGA to buy PBR? My father owns a winery!"

The day after the emergency meeting, Round Table members called yet another meeting with Burgin involved. "We sat her down and told her we knew what was going on," said Academic Policy Chair and friend to Burgin, Taylor Cook. "We said we wouldn't tolerate that kind of behavior and she had to stop or we'd remove her from office. She started screaming something about needing a 'Ribbon' and ran out of the room." In the wake of the Round Table intervention, the group decided to perform a formal impeachment on Burgin.

A petition began to circulate at lunch before the Senate meeting to be held that evening. Within an hour, Round Table members had received enough signatures to bring Burgin's recall before Senate. Upon receiving the news that evening, the Senate erupted in a frenzy of students concerned with what would happen with the recall process. According to the by-laws in the SGA Constitution, when a President is recalled, the Vice-President automatically steps up as Presi-



CHRISTINE JEHI

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dent. In this case, the position will be held by Vice President, Ashley Reynolds.

"I'm honored to take on this position," Reynolds said. "Beth was really bringing this campus down and I am going to be making some major changes in the next few months, starting with a complete overhaul of the

use of Robert's Rules of Order in Senate. It's unnecessary and I'm bored with it. From now on, Senate will be run by Ashley's Rules of Order. I will outline the new process at my first Senate meeting as President."

The recall hearings will begin Tuesday at 6:30pm in Babcock Auditorium.

Inventive graduation headline here

BY LAURA SPEAKMAN

Senioritis is in full bloom around campus. Yet seniors are slowly learning they have more than just two months left. A letter sent to the class of 2004 states, "The original commencement date of Sunday, May 23rd 2004 has been moved to Sunday, December 18th, 2004." The Board of Trustees is making a move to increase the quality of education by adding an extra semester to the Bachelor of Arts degree. This extra semester called "Breadth of Real World Knowledge" will consist of classes teaching students how to live in a world outside of Hollins. "Through analyzing many case studies, we have discovered that students gain more through a liberal arts

program with an additional semester compared to the traditional four year program," said trustee Ann Fuller.

For example, Economics 522 allows students to learn how to budget finances, balance a checkbook, buy stocks, research insurance rates, and various other economic factors in adult life. "Students leave this school and don't really now how to handle what's going on in the real world. Hopefully some of these classes will prepare these young women," said professor of Economics Jane Aylor.

The Economics class is just an example of a class from the "Breadth of Real World Knowledge." There are ten four credit classes available, including ART 562, BUS 555, COMM

543, ECON 522, ENG 569, HIST 589, and WS 598. The class descriptions are available on hollins.net under the Registrar's homepage. The minimum class load for the senior is 12 credits. Yet, this does not sit well with many students. "I am already experiencing burn out after four years of college. We've been in the classroom for a total of seventeen years. How is another six months going to make a difference?" said Stephanie McMillan, '04.

Commencement will be held in the Roanoke Civic Center since the weather in December is colder than in May. Since it is in a confined space, there is limited seating so each senior will only be able to invite 10 guests to observe the day's events. This also

has students in an uproar. "I want to graduate on front quad at the university I spent the past four years of my life and I want to be able to invite my whole family. Graduating from college is a big deal and I want everyone who I know to watch me walk and get my well-earned diploma," said Alice Carpenter, '04.

Administration realizes the news comes as a shock to many in the senior class. "This change has inconvenienced a lot of people. However, with any sort of change, there's always a transition period. The graduating class of 2004 must recognize they will definitely see the benefits of the extended term," said Abby Martin, secretary to the registrar.

Student arrest rates alarming

BY SOMEBODY

Since you've been back at Hollins from spring break, have you noticed a few missing friends? You're not the only one. According to Sally Sosweet, Dean of Students, an unprecedented number of students have been using their one phone call from jail to request an excuse from school.

Some students expect to return to campus within the next few days. These include those students who were arrested for being drunk in public or for petty theft.

However, most are not so likely to return.

One particularly grim case involves a group of Hollins students who spent their spring break attempting to smuggle illegal immigrants over the Mexican border.

The ringleader of this operation, Fannie Funkhouser '04, stated, "I was desperate to see some diversity at Hollins University. I felt that if Hollins wasn't going to seek minority students, I would."

Betsy Bopnosser '05, another of the students involved, added, "If we had had the space, we would have tried to smuggle some fresh fruits and vegetables as well; that's something else I can't seem to find at Hollins."

These students are currently being held in a small jail in Texas along the border of Mexico.

Their release date is forthcoming.

Under major controversy, three Hollins students are

being held by Liberty University after they being apprehended while skateboarding naked through the conservative Christian campus.

Liberty University has dress code and a prohibition against the use of skateboards on campus.

Sibbie Soupforsale, the university's founder, had this to say, "Our institution will not stand for this kind of disgraceful behavior on the part of unruly Hollins women. I will not release these students until the government forces me to."

With a sympathetic police force surrounding Liberty University, it will most likely require out-of-town police intervention to free the Hollins students.

The final case of note involves a Hollins student who was apprehended while climbing Tinker Mountain in a bra, a kilt, and a hot pink wig.

Moira Gershowitz '07, the student in question, scared one of the private owners of the property on Tinker Mountain, who resident called the police and reported an escaped mental patient running loose.

After being arrested for trespassing, Gershowitz claimed, "I really didn't have anywhere to go over spring break, so I decided to spend it trying to relive my favorite memory of Hollins, Tinker day. I did this by reenacting the climb and celebration by myself. I didn't mean to frighten anyone."

Visual Arts Center open to public today

BY HALEN GIRL-LOCK

After a long, suspenseful wait, the Richard Weatherhill Visual Arts Center is opening this evening, April 1, 2004.

Rather than a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, the kick-off will begin with a chain-link fence climb open to the campus community. Those who are not physically able will be boosted over the fence by our very own Acting President, Wayne Markert.

The facilities within include darkrooms with new enlargers, a new theater, a plein-air balcony for painting, as well as a senior studio art space complete with Jacuzzi and sauna. The addition of these last two items has apparently been holding up construction for 2 years now.

"I think a Jacuzzi would have definitely helped me in the creative process this year," said Kelly Queener '04. "It's hard to concentrate unless you are completely relaxed," she said.

"It makes me so sad that they just finished the new building and I'm leaving," said Sally Peck '04, Studio Art.

There is good news for students who feel like Peck. The Art Department is creating new graduate-level art and architecture classes for those students whose careers here are ending before they have an opportunity to enjoy the new facility. Some of these classes include Bricklaying 550, Drywall 537, and Wall Painting 590.

The opening tonight will be full of movers and shakers of the art world. Richard Serra will be showcasing his latest steel sculptures for silent auction. With all the construction equipment on



Laura Smith

The Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center is finally completed.

site, home delivery of these hefty works will be available free of charge.

Other artists represented at the opening include Thomas Kincaide, who will also be teaching as a full-time professor starting Fall 2004.

"I am absolutely thrilled and honored to have the Painter of Light teaching at our university," said Professor Bill White, Studio Art. "Such skilled and talented painters only come along once in

a century."

In honor of the early opening, the senior studio majors will be putting on a piece of performance art by Yoko Ono entitled "Ready or Not, Here We Come," which entails painting their bodies red and running all over campus.

According to Ono, who choreographed the piece, it is inspired by performance artist, Yves St. Klein. "This is a tribute to the boldness and creativity of Hollins women," she said.

We welcome letters from all members of the community. Please include your signature. Unsigned letters will not be published. Because of the volume we receive, we regret we can only publish a portion of them. Letters should be left in the Hollins Columns box in the post office or e-mailed to hollinscolumns@hotmail.com.

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(seriously, this is real)

In the March 1 issue of Hollins Columns, Page Rast '04 was incorrectly identified in a photo caption for the story entitled 'Celebrating life brings campus together.' Hollins Columns apologizes (again) for the error.

HOLLINS "AWESOME" COLUMNS

Cat column headline goes here

As anyone who's read this column knows by now, I consider myself a politically-minded individual. I have an addiction to Time Magazine that rivals my addiction to coffee, and I watch the news (well, the Daily Show) nearly every night. Having already presented the Democratic candidates for president this year, I thought I'd devote this column to America's Republican candidate: President George W. Bush.

Now, I know a lot of you out there are liberals, and would sooner give up your firstborn child than vote Bush back in office. Hell, I'd be willing to bet there are a few Republicans out there who are sick of George's antics themselves.

Well, all I have to say is, pull your head out of the Communist Manifesto and look around! All you flag-burning would-be-draft-dodgers-if-you-got-the-chance Satanists should be ashamed. We forget all the great things George W. Bush is doing for our country. So, without further ado, I give you:

Five Reasons to Vote Bush in 2004

1. The End of Affirmative Action
I mean, let's be honest. This af-

firmative action thing is a total joke. It's taking jobs and college scholarships away from deserving white



people—for no reason! It's never been proven that affirmative action changes anything for the better. I mean, sure, affirmative action policies for women did get us equal opportunities for jobs and education where we never would've had them before, so I guess it "works," but is our country really better off? Now that all our women are so busy getting degrees and holding down high-paying jobs, there's no one left to cook and clean! Mold is

gathering around the bases of our toilets! The lesson of history is clear: stop affirmative action now, or pay the price.

2. The Sanctity of Marriage

Thank goodness a leader has finally stepped forward to put a stop to this same-sex-marriage nonsense. Gays who insist on the same rights as heterosexuals just make me sick. What happened to the good old-fashioned American marriage, when a man and a woman would meet on a reality TV show and get married within a week on national television, only to divorce four days later and tell all the details about each others' sexual performance to tabloids? Now we've got all these gays running around getting married—illegally, I might add—and what do they have in their defense? "We really love each other," they say. Someone needs to let them know that this is the United States. We don't get married here for love; we get married so we can register at Barney's and have our own show on MTV.

3. The Unification of Church and State

So what if "separation of church

and state" is a founding principle of our nation? I say, to hell with that. Quite literally. If you want my opinion, this nation could use a good healthy dose of Christian values. Why Christian values, some of you Satan-worshippers might be wondering? The answer is quite simple. It has been proven over the past two thousand years that Christian nations are peaceful, loving, considerate nations, full of happy people united by their common worship of God. So I say, bring back prayer in schools! Quote the Bible to emphasize the legitimacy of seemingly harsh and unfair legislation! If people don't like it, then they can just go find themselves a "New World," colonize it, and create whatever un-American laws they want.

4. Foreign Policy

Before George W. Bush came along, we hadn't had a really good war in ten years. Other countries were beginning to forget what a fearsome world power we are. Boy, did we look like a bunch of sallies, fretting about terrorism and homeland security when there were countries in the Middle East to be invaded! Okay, so it turned out

Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with the nine-eleven bombings, but how were we supposed to know? We are a world power, people! We can be bothered to check up on every littlesinine detail! The point is, now everyone knows you don't mess with the stars and bars. I say, mission accomplished, and a big fat pat on the back to Bush for having the balls to real get the job done.

5. The Right to Choose

I know a lot of women out there want to preserve the right to safe, legal abortions. Hey, sisters, I hear you used to feel the same way. Let me guess: "Well, I'm not sure I'd ever get an abortion myself, but I'd like to know I have the option. And even if I don't believe in it personally, I think women should have the right to decide for themselves." I used to think that way too. But then I realized that as women, we really have too many choices already. Bush isn't trying to hold us down by making our decisions for us. He's trying to make our lives easier. And anyway, why do we need to make decisions in the first place? That's what husbands are for!

New parking solution revealed

BY MARLY WILSON

Campus safety has announced a new parking plan, to begin next week. All first-year students must park their cars in a recently renovated lot by the Mill Mountain Star.

"We are sure this will solve all parking problems," new campus safety spokesperson Mariah Walters said. Walters said that Campus Safety is still having problems with people who park illegally.

"We thought moving all 'R' stickers to Siberia would solve the problem, but we still just can't seem to give tickets to people who park illegally," said Walters. Then she admitted, "Actually, we just decided to change it because we were getting bored."

A shuttle will transport first-year students from the Siberia parking lot to their cars at the Mill Mountain Star twice a week, at 5 a.m. on Mondays and 6 a.m. on Wednesdays. A return shuttle will be available in the evenings on Monday and Wednesday at 11 p.m.

This past week, Campus Safety set up a trial system to get feedback from students. The new program was met with overwhelmingly positive reviews, even though it was not brought to senate first. Both Hollins students and Virginia residents were impressed.

Mary Petit, '07, missed classes for one day to try out the new parking scheme.

"It was nice," Petit said. "I had to sleep in my car, but that was a relief because I got away from my roommate for one night. She snores worse than my dad."

Upperclassmen were also impressed with the new parking system.

"I think it's a fair system," Emily Eigel, '06 said. "Since I currently live in West, it bothers me that freshmen only have to walk half as far to get to their cars as I do, when I've been here so much longer."

A small local chapter of the Fundamental American Regional Conservation Environmentalists (FARCE) was overjoyed with the news. Their spokesperson in the Roanoke area, Carlos Sander, noted the impact that this could have on the environment. Recently, the EPA designated

Southwest Virginia as a "hot spot" for global warming. Some local environmentalists have pointed to the heavy weekend traffic caused by Hollins students commuting to other colleges as a possible cause for this trend.

"I think all colleges should adopt this system," Sander said. "It would greatly decrease traffic and help curb our nation's dependency on fossil fuels."

Walters admitted that the original idea was to not allow any students on campus to have cars. "But we reconsidered it, after thinking about the negative impact it might have on the economy."



A new lot by the Mill Mountain Star was designed to solve Hollins' parking problems.

Bad parking could result in towing

BY LAURA SPEAKMAN

Security is trading in their pens and yellow ticket pads for keys to their new tow truck. SC has finally agreed to fund a tow truck for campus security to tow away illegally parked automobiles. "Parking has been a problem on the campus for years. Tickets seem to have no effect on students, so we'll see how things improve once towing begins," said SGA President Beth Burgin.

Whereas students had to pay a twenty to fifty dollar fine illegally parking on campus, they must now travel to Roanoke Impoundment on Williamson Road and pay a hefty fine of \$200. If students don't immediately recover their cars, they must pay an additional \$200 for each day it's on the impoundment lot.

This has many students concerned. "I live in the apartments and parking is horrible when I need to go into a building for only ten minutes. I just don't understand why this school has to be so obsessed with 'parking problems,'" said Caroline Utz '06.

However, campus safety feels this is a fair way to control parking. "Many other schools have harsher punishments. Students need to realize that when they park in their undesignated parking spots it causes an inconvenience for those who need to park there. It's time for students to take responsibility for their actions," said Chief Ray Bing.

For more information about the towing service, please contact Chief Ray Bing at 555-6911.

Schlubin attacks rising steadily

This issue I thought I'd talk about something that affects us all: schlubins. You all know the story. You're sitting on the couch minding your own business when all of a sudden a schlubin comes up and bites your little toe off. Oh. Maybe you don't know the story.

A schlubin is a nasty creature that lives beneath your couch cushions along with all those crumbs and loose change. Its form is quite unlike anything you've ever seen before. Its body is something like a cross between a chia pet, a slinky, and play-doh.

Yes, it's your childhood in a monster.

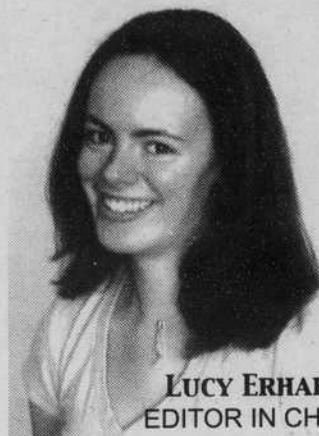
At their restful state, schlubins are quite two-dimensional, hence their ability to slide under couch cushions unnoticed. They come in a variety of colors, blue being the most common, and as they reach maturity they grow grass-like hair on the edges of their asymmetrical pancake shape.

When a schlubin is ready to attack, however, its body expands like a spring, propelling its teeth into your foot for a bit of sustenance. Schlubins, you see, survive on old toenails, and when the couch fails to provide the stuff of life, they must take it directly from the source. The flesh and bones of the toe are used for creating nests inside the body of the couch.

The face of a schlubin is quite flat, like the rest of its body, with a single sunken eye using the spring action of the body to survey the area around it when necessary. It has no ears or nose, just an oversized mouth in the center of the face with three rows of razor-sharp teeth alternated with rock-hard molars. All the better to crunch you with.

As you can probably tell, schlubins are quite rare, but it is their breeding season, culminating on April 1 every year, during which they are at their most prevalent.

Last April, there was a freak attack at



LUCY ERHARDT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Hollins in the social room of East. One junior was sent home to be fitted with a prosthetic foot. It seems a whole

mob of schlubins got a little over-zealous and went beyond the toenail-producing part of the foot in their greed. They are no doubt in time-out as we speak.

How do the schlubins breed, you ask? It is a complex process in which a parent schlubin rubs molars with another schlubin for hours. When the teeth finally get entangled, conception has occurred.

Needless to say, there are quite a few schlubin injuries during mating.

It takes only a few days for a developed schlubin to emerge from the enamel casing of the fertilized teeth. It nibbles on the casing for an hour or two, and is then ready for the real fun of toenail hunting.

The population of Schlubins is kept so low because parent schlubins die as soon as their precious teeth are used for reproduction. Only one schlubin is ever produced from this mating ritual, and it sometimes takes years for a schlubin to find a mate. Mating is the only way they can be killed.

Consider yourselves warned. The schlubins are on the loose today. Keep your feet away from the edges of your couch cushions, and be sure to have some extra toenail clippings handy to ward them off.

'Survivor' due to film new season on campus

BY EMILY EIGEL

Many Hollins students enjoy reality TV and wish they had the opportunity to participate in one of the many reality shows that are on almost every channel these days. Come this April, they will get their chance.

The Hollins Activities Board, in its unending quest to have exciting events on campus, has come up with a spectacular event. Several students and members of the Hollins Activity Board talked with producers of CBS's Survivor to bring the show to campus. Corinne Everett '06, a member of the Hollins Activities Board, is expecting a big turnout for this event.

Producers for Survivor will be auditioning contestants at the end of April for a special Hollins edition of the show. The show will be a shorter and more condensed version of the original. Because the producers want to make the show about half the duration of the regular shows, which normally last 39 days, they will tape the show this summer and air it sometime at the end of the year.

The producers have also decided to reduce the number of participants. Instead of the normal 16 players, the producers have decided to let eight people compete for the prize.

Any person attending or working for Hollins is eligible to participate, the producers say. Jane Smith '05 says she is "thrilled for the chance to compete in the Survivor challenge." There will be an equal opportunity for all on the Hollins campus

to compete.

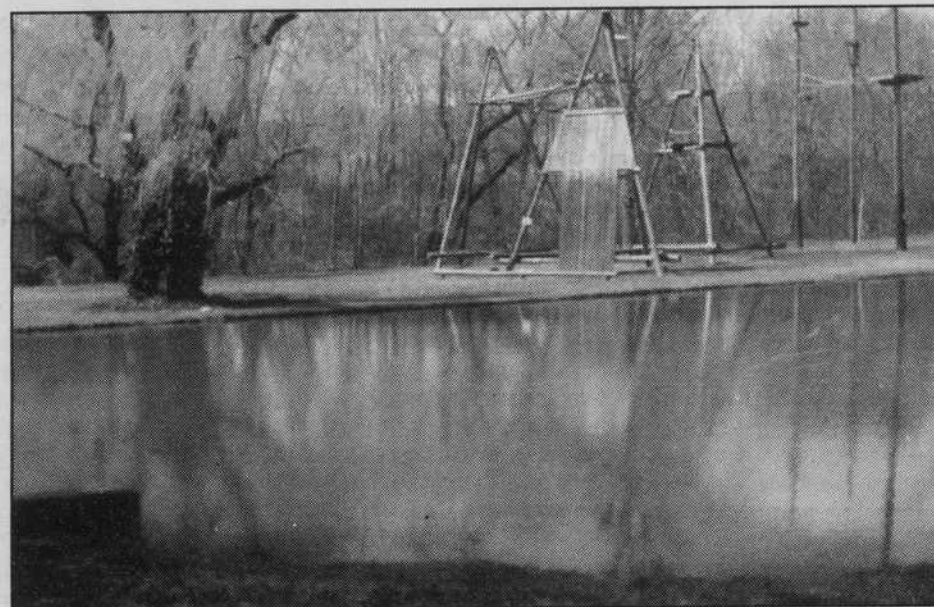
In addition, seeing as how the show will not be as difficult as the original, with fewer participants and a shorter time in seclusion, the producers have changed the prize. Instead of the normal one million dollar prize, the winner will get five, all expenses paid trips to anywhere in the world.

Producers have already been hard at work examining the campus to find the best locations for immunity challenges and tribal camps. They have also been looking at ways to insure complete privacy while the taping is going on. We all know how reporters can be when something big happens on campus.

In their search for challenges, the producers have found some of Hollins' most disgusting and challenge infested places (not that there are many). The pond used by the biology department, the HOP ropes course and the barn are among the producers top choices. The producers have also been looking at off campus locations for some of the challenges.

In an effort to ensure privacy, and because they are having difficulty with the task, the producers have not disclosed any information about possible challenges for the competition. They have to leave something a secret for the show.

The producers have also been working with Aramark to concoct some of the signature bug dishes that have become a staple for competition on every season of Survivor. Kristin Smith '06, a dining hall staff member, says she feels sorry for anyone who



EMILY EIGEL

The pond and ropes course on West Campus Drive are projected sites for 'Survivor: Hollins Edition' challenges.

has to clean up after those competitions. The producers have also assured us that the meals for the competition would not be available in the dining hall during the summer. Those meals are reserved for those lucky few participating in the competition.

Survivor's host, Jeff Probst, will be hosting the Hollins edition with special assistance from Hollins' own outdoor guru, Jon Guy Owens. Both men will be working to ensure that the rules for Survivor are followed, just as they were in all previous episodes.

Being able to outlast, outwit and outplay

the competition, the concept behind Survivor, will not be a far stretch from reality for those competing for the prize. The contestants will unwillingly turn against each other in an effort to win the prize and it only gets worse as the competition dwindles.

Information about the interviewing and selection for this exciting event in Hollins history will be announced the beginning of April on the Grapevine and on the Today at Hollins announcements. For more information about the show and the rules of the game, visit www.cbs.com/primetime/survivor8/about.