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Patriot Act Receives Support From College Students

BY EMILEIGH CLARE

In a recent poll conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to university students, it was found that Hollins students overwhelmingly support the USA Patriot Act along with many other universities. This issue was brought up on several campuses after the reinforcement of the bill by the House of Representatives, 280-138, last month.

"I think the FBI should have even more power than just listening in on my conversations, reading my mail and following my online activities," Caitlin Coakley '09 said. "Why stop there? I'm so glad that the act has been expanded to include my medical records, my financial history, and my school records. This ensures our safety from the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq."

The FBI plans to release the results of their United States wide wiretap, conducted on thousands of Americans after 9/11, to boost its campaign for further expansions of the Patriot Act in the near future. But that just keeps getting delayed as the war on terrorism, for some reason, is never seeming to end.

"The FBI has come to the library and has asked for records of check outs on certain books," Circulation Coordinator Meg Airey said. "Anyone who has checked out books that contain words such as 'Middle East',

'bomb', 'terrorist', 'FBI', 'president', or most importantly 'kill' will be investigated."

Everyone on campus is clearly supportive, but campus leaders also weighed in.

"I'd rather lose all my civil liberties than be killed by a bomb," Hollins Republicans and Students for an Orwellian Society President Ashley Waters '08 said.

Poll results also revealed students feelings towards people whose chats and phone calls seem to reflect an opposition to the law.

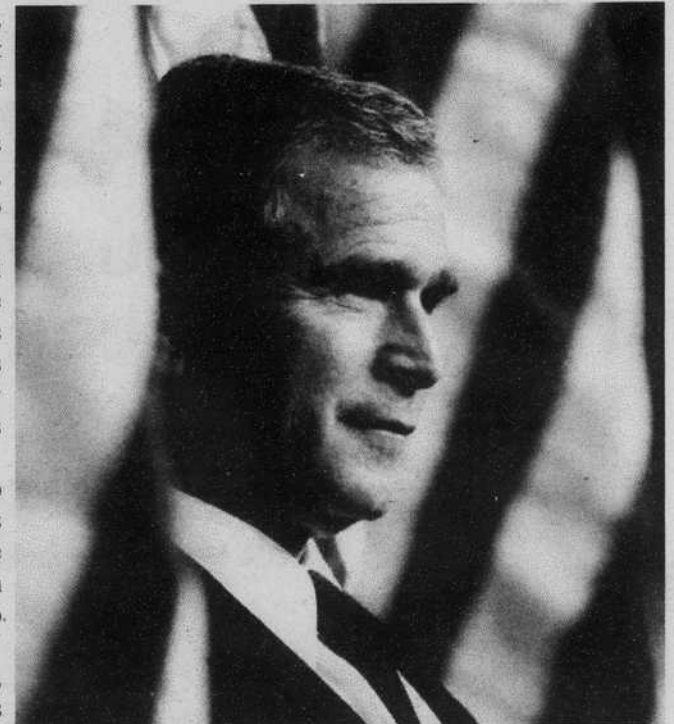
According to the poll, 92% of college students who participated believe, like the President, that "dissenters will get what they deserve."

These "dissenting" students are now being investigated.

President Bush was told of this widespread approval on Thursday evening.

"As long as I am king, I mean President, I'm going to have to agree with what a great American author, also named George, once wrote, 'War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength.' I never could understand what he was trying to say at the end of the book but this is the way for America to live -- terrorism free." Bush said.

He continued: "If you aren't with us, you are against us. And that means y'all might be getting a late night visit from the Central Intelligence Agency, and be wiped out of existence. Yee-haw. We'll be watching."



President George W. Bush stands proudly between two flags
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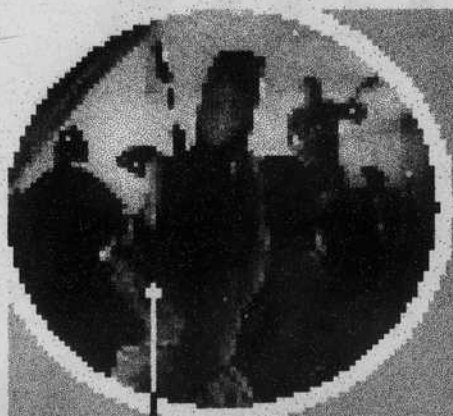
WHEN YOU CALL HOME TONIGHT, THINK TWICE ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY

IF ANYTHING'S MISSING WHEN YOU GET BACK HOME, DON'T CALL THE COPS. CALL THE FBI.

ARE YOU a TERRORIST?

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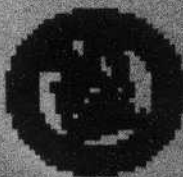
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Study Shows Senate Attendance an All Time Low

BY LAURA "COMPLETELY UNBIASED" SMITH & MIRANDA "SELF-REFLEXIVE AND BIASED" DENNIS

more active participants every Tuesday night at 6:30 in Babcock auditorium.

1. Let them eat cake; offer more confectionary incentives.

4. Replace the gavel with a xylophone to pleasantly remind us of parliamentary procedure.

5. Allow *any* person to speak who wants to raise a concern.



Maybe we should have bouncers at the doors to collect all cell phones . . . just kidding.

Student Government Association

A newly-released study by the Student Government Association (SGA) shows that Senate's attendance rate is dropping so that it nearly mirrors that of Hollins' retention rate.

Here are some measures to be taken that address this problem. Once enacted, students may be encouraged to become

2. Set-up a video system so that cameras will randomly focus on the expressive faces of our representatives and have it projected onto a wide screen.

3. Have parliamentary procedure workshops every semester so each voting member has a basic knowledge of these policies and adheres to them so the agenda runs more effectively.

6. Repeat the "love section" in addition to the "student concerns" as to maintain a nurturing environment.

7. Provide various tropical plants and nature-themed recordings to maintain a nurturing environment.

8. Allow all persons to introduce themselves in an adopted persona (example:

"communist representative for the sophomore class").

9. Provide a coffee social à la church style afterwards.

10. Have a monthly dance party complete with Newsies songs.

Another issue is the ridiculous amounts of texting that goes on during Senate meetings.



Remember Jack, Crutchy, and David? They were a collective body too.

And they seized the day.

The 2005-2006 Staff Report:

Pensive Dancer - *Laura Smith*
Snitch Snitcher - *Julia Knox*
Mrs. Collaborator - *Miranda Dennis*

Freedom Lover - *Emileigh Clare*
Goes Behind the Story, VH1 Style - *Rachael McGuire*

The Hollins Columns Staff would like to wish the campus community a wonderful April Fool's, and really, a wonderful weekend. Please listen to a certain Professor's advice and "get incoherent."

But please remember: toast and water are the friends you should converse with before you go to sleep.

Disclaimer: It is up to you whether or not you want to take any of these articles seriously. I suggest you read closely. There are always subliminal messages.

The Gossip Corner -- Keep it on the Down Low

BY JULIA KNOX

Since so many seemed to enjoy my gossip column last year (besides the few who complained, who all happened to be the subject of various rumors that I hadn't printed -- perhaps they were just afraid that they were the next to be "outed"?), I decided to do it again this year -- with a twist! Yay! Some are the following items are true, some are false. Can you guess which ones? Sorry, I'm still not that big of a bitch to publicly name names, so we'll still have to do it blind-item style.

The Inside Scoop:

1. Which snitchy senior probably wasn't so self-righteous when she was in high school? Just a guess, given that she was kicked out and all.

2. And speaking of snitches, for someone so concerned with "alcohol awareness," this administrator seemingly telling various (underage) students how he/she got so wasted recently that they woke up the next morning still drunk. Somehow I think that's a bad influence.

3. Who made it their mission to do an illegal powdery substance in every build-

ing on campus? The last I heard, they had succeeded in at least three.

4. Who e-mailed people the morning SGA election statements were due, begging them to run for President? Sadly she wasted her time, especially because Brittany probably could have beaten them all anyway.

5. Which love (well, more like 'makeout') square recently involved a series of friends, exes and sisters? Kind of creepy.

6. Remember when one snotty student started spreading false rumors about a beloved student, only to completely deny everything when confronted? It's a good thing the girl is so crazy that no one believed her anyway.

7. Who almost got arrested twice over spring break? Luckily it somehow manages to only add to her charm.

8. Who's the student that badmouths two girls to another student, not realizing



Gossip. A way of life.

that said student is BFF of said two girls, and therefore said two girls are immediately told? This is probably why they give you death glares when you try and act all fake-nice to them in Moody.

9. Which students (that's right, two) have inboxes full of emails from a professor, all with some rather questionable subject lines?

10. Which student got pulled out of a concert after sneaking in and drinking a bottle of liquor? Luckily security took pity on her incoherent self and let her back in.

The Makavelian Truth

BY RACHAEL MCGUIRE

Last year on the Ides of March, an excavation team on a small island near Barbados uncovered an astonishing artifact. Inside a bottle of Guinness beer floated a mysterious object. The bottle and its contents were transported to the United States to be studied. After running a number of tests, the lab technicians revealed that the beer was two years old and partially consumed and the floating object was a large human toenail.

Enthralled by this unique discovery, President Bush delayed the Roe vs. Wade hearings to establish a team of the finest DNA experts in the world to analyze the toenail. Stuart Liebowitz, an Israeli specialist in DNA, Peter Schmidt, a German M.D., Nan-



Thanks Microsoft Paint!

Photo by: Rachael McGuire

nybell Jenkins, a New York detective, and Francesco Wussiboy, a metrosexual manicurist from London were assigned to the project. Now, after more than a year of testing, investigation and research, the team has discovered the origins of both the beer bottle and the toenail.

Wussiboy said, "The research was a long process, but employing

President Bush's unlimited funding, we were able to hire our own masseuse and work in a spa-like atmosphere. The toenail is two years old and definitely that of the left big toe of a then 33 year old African-American male. The very tip appears to have been carved in the shape of an 'M' and enhanced with pure gold, which is just ATROCIOUS! I can only conclude that this tasteless aristocrat lived somewhere near Vegas."

But who is this man who ripped off his toenail, placed it in a half-full Guinness and buried it in the sand? The detective has a lead.

Jenkins said, "Once Francesco discovered that the toenail belonged to a wealthy almost 40 African-American who drinks Guinness and visits both Nevada

and Barbados on a regular basis, I pulled every file with those characteristics. I hired a team of 400 detectives to sift through the files and bring me the three that most closely matched the evidence. One of these was Michael Jackson. Since he's technically white now, I immediately dismissed him as a suspect. I released the files of Shaquille O'Neal and Lesane Parish Crooks, better known as Tupac. Tupac was supposedly killed in 1996, but since many are still skeptical about his death, I didn't rule him out."

Liebowitz said, "Once Detective Jenkins had narrowed it down to two possibilities, I flew Shaq to our Washington headquarters for a simple DNA test and a toenail sample. Neither was a match, so by default, the toenail obviously belongs to Tupac. To be sure, I magnified the finger-

prints on the beer bottle, and my assumption was correct. I was still confused by the 'M,' however until I discussed my findings with Nannybell."

Jenkins said, "Around the time of his alleged death, Tupac renamed himself Makaveli. Makaveli is apparently derived from Machiavelli, the 16th century Italian philosopher who encouraged staging one's death to avoid enemies and empower oneself. It all fits."

Schmidt said, "Ja, Tupac is alive. It is likely that this toenail has grown back by now. Unfortunately, the Guinness is no longer drinkable."

While Tupac remains hidden from the public eye, the evidence is clear: he WAS wearing a bulletproof vest the night he was shot and his funeral was cancelled because he obviously lives.

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