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RANDOLPH-MACON WILL ADMIT MEN NEXT FALL

BY MONICA VILLA

The weekend of Sept. 8 was a crucial weekend for Randolph-Macon Women's College. After three years of intensive data, research, study, and open discussions with college constituents, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the board of trustees decided on Sept. 9 that R-MWC was becoming a coeducational institution.

The board of trustees feels that the future of R-MWC is at stake and they believe that becoming a coeducational institution and emphasizing on a global honors program will increase enrollment resulting a more "financial sustainable enterprise". It was an emotional decision for most considering the great history behind the 115 year old university as an all women's college.



Randolph-Macon Women's College students react to their school going Co-Ed.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee - composed of faculty, trustees, and staff - were open to the suggestions of alumnae, students, and friends before making the decision. Most alumnae, retired teachers, and students researched other venues for financial stability and made many suggestions. Many wrote letters in hope that there were solutions for the financial problem and most just wanted to voice their feelings about the institution's transition.

"The strongest case for continuing

as a woman's college is based on ideology: our commitment to values which we hold to, not because they are expedient or profitable, but because they are right" wrote sociology professor Dr. Jay Hullum to R-MWC's interim president Ginger Worden.

Bert Hudnall, another professor, wrote in a letter to the board of trustees "I am reminded of Linda Lorimer's oft-quoted line, "A rising tide raises all ships," and I can't help inserting that I hope your decision will be to hold off a while longer, using the collective wisdom, suggestions, and revitalized interest of many alumnae to bring this ship back around."

After hiring the research firm Art & Science Group, R-MWC learned that prospective students were more interested in the global honors college if it became coed. The vote for a coeducation depended on the plan to build on the global honors program to allow students to not only learn about other cultures but actually have the opportunity to live with other cultures and the opportunity will be offered to

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HOLLINS CONTRIBUTES IN THE PRESERVATION OF TINKER MOUNTAIN

BY NYKKI DULAR

On Sept. 1, Hollins University released a public statement of their recent purchase of property on Tinker Mountain.

The nearly 235 acres of land acquired, (the most land sold in almost 60 years), was due to three very generous anonymous donors, who, in total, donated over \$350,000 for the specific purpose of buying land on Tinker Mountain.

Hollins had been in discussion about buying a

part of Tinker Mountain since about 15 months ago. However, things became very serious about six months ago, when the first donor came forward expressing interest in Tinker Mountain. After that, Hollins had approached the remaining two and suddenly became in possession of part of the mountain.

So why is it important, exactly, for Hollins to own a mountain? Well, besides bragging rights, Tinker Mountain serves as an important landmark of Hollins' history, traditions, and culture. It actually received its name



A view of Tinker Mountain from Hollins University campus. Photo by: Josh Meltzer- The Roanoke Times.

due to the metal handy workers that lived in the mountain who would fix kitchen instruments and other household

items during the Revolution-

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ALCOHOL ISSUES STIR UP CONFUSION, CONTROVERSY

BY EMILEIGH CLARE

Blue and red lights swirl over Tinker building as an intoxicated student is led out in handcuffs by Roanoke police. The student was caught drinking alcohol under the legal age. While this may seem like something way out of the ordinary for Hollins University, according to some it may be the future for those that are underage and drink alcohol on campus.

Rumors began to fly in the form of furtive whispers at the beginning of this semester that administration and campus security were going to crack down harder on illegal underage alcohol consumption. Some students even had resident assistants (RAs), tell them so during their first hall meetings at the beginning of the semester.

"My RA said something like if she ever caught us drinking we would have to go to campus safety, and then campus safety would call Roanoke police," Nandi Shabazz '10 said.

For some, the start of these rumors can be traced back to Virginia Tech's police department coming to Hollins to give a lecture to RAs during their training.

"Joe Rosenberg, the Director of Activities, left last year and he was one of the only people on campus certified to do T.I.P.S (Training for Intervention Procedures)," Erica Clinefelter said. "Rachel (Reese, Area Coordinator for Tinker and Randolph residents) had a connection and Virginia Tech's police department volunteered to do a presentation strictly on alcohol facts, completely free."

Some students feel that could be inappropriate based on Virginia Tech's zero tolerance stance on alcohol. A zero tolerance policy is a policy of having very little tolerance for transgressions: any infraction of existing laws and regulations will be punished. The term may be used in general or with reference to a particular category of transgressions, such as

alcohol usage.

"A zero tolerance policy means a student that's too inebriated to drive herself home is afraid to call someone for help. Tougher rules for underage drinking don't curb underage drinking, it seems to have the opposite effect," Emily Marvel '09 said.

Between the 2005-2006 Student Handbook and the 2006-2007 Student Handbook, the only change in alcohol policy is the removal of student organizations being able to apply for an "ABC issued private banquet license."

"If a student organization has a desire to apply for a private license they can," Dean of Students Patty O'Toole said. "This policy was removed from the handbook because, based on what I have been told, it is complicated to apply and therefore student organizations did not pursue this option."

As for enforcement, according to the student handbook, if any community member of Hollins would witness an alleged handbook violation, such as alcohol violations, they should, based on the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Student Handbook (pg. 90) file "a written report detailing pertinent facts of the violation to the [Judicial Board] court chairs (undergraduate students only), assistant dean of students, the dean of students (undergraduate student only), or the manager of graduate services (graduate students only).

"The complainant has the prerogative to speak to the accused and offer her/him the opportunity to report herself to one of the entities identified above. The accused then has 24 hours from this time to file her/his own report," O'Toole said.

Other than the handbook changes, some students see the RA rounds of 11:00 P.M. instead of last year's 9:30 P.M. during the week nights, and the new 11:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. rounds during the weekend as "policing". RA rounds, according to Clinefelter, Reese, and the Area Coordinator for West, East, Carvin, Sandusky, and

the French house, Kayte Neasconsist of RAs walking the hallways in their respective dorms to locate safety concerns, such as smells, or fights.

"They are not out there to look for things but to make sure everyone is safe," Clinefelter said. "The reason this was changed from last year was because we realized this may not fit the students' needs. And we want to continue to build on our environment of safety and well-being."

Some RAs told their halls that any underage drinking will lead to campus safety involvement and then eventual arrests by Roanoke police.

"I think the RAs may be confused," Clinefelter said. "I worry that they may be interpreting instructions differently which is resulting in miscommunication."

Some students cite concerns for other students who make mistakes with alcohol as a result of the backlash to the rumors.

"What's the bigger priority? A student caught drinking and having a permanent blemish on her academic career and record here at Hollins, or a student that isn't afraid to ask for help when she's in over her head?" Marvel asked.

Regardless of the miscommunications, both Residence Life staff and Campus Safety are united in their approach to students caught under the influence.

"The goal is not to put students in jail," Director of Campus Safety David J. Carlson said. "We can't stop students from drinking- they're going to do it. We are an educational institution, our concern is not to arrest but to inform and assess situations."

In 2003 there were 2 liquor law arrests and thirteen referrals to the judicial board. In 2004 there were zero arrests, and 6 referrals to the judicial board. Last year there were 4 arrests pertaining to alcohol use and 1 referral to the judicial board.

"The RAs don't need to call us if there is an underage student drink-

ing, they call the head RA. We usually only get involved if there's something criminal beyond alcohol violations, such as disruptions, and violence," Carlson said. "In the case of one of our students drinking underage, unless there is some other infraction, an arrest isn't going to happen."

According to the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and other Drug Prevention's website, there is an instinct in anti-alcohol activists, advertisers, and temperance-oriented groups to show people the worst case scenarios when it comes to alcohol.

"Scare tactics usually blow up in your face," Carlson said.

No RAs were available for comment.

Sound Off!

"My RA said she would report underage drinkers to Honor



Court which is reasonable. I think calling the police is extreme."

- Katrina LaRossa '09

"It's the state law and RAs have every right to involve

Roanoke Police."
-Jessica Thomas '10

"I think the choice to drink is a personal responsibility, but if you get caught you deserve whatever happens."



-Lora Jaroki '07

RANDOLPH-MACON BECOMES CO-EDUCATIONAL

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men and women at R-MWC.

Dean William Coulture said on the college's devotion for high academic standards and

a strong community." Those things will continue," he said. "...This change is a challenge to all of us - it's the biggest

challenge to those of us who have been here the longest. But we must learn to see the change as a positive one: the

college's ability to contribute to the state, the nation, and the world will be enhanced, not diminished."

In the fall of 2007 Randolph-Macon Women's college will open its doors to both men and women.

FIRST YEAR ELECTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY

BY NYKKI DULAR

The class of 2010 officers have been selected, but not without drama. Emergency Appointment Board, consisting of the SGA President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a 2010 Senator, appointed the following people: Jessica Lambert, President; Morgan Hosea, Vice-President; India Travis, Secretary; Erin Lavender-Scott, Treasurer, and Megan Regale and Martha Sadler for Senator.

Elections started off as they normally do: posters were seen throughout the campus, speeches were held the night before election day, and everything was going off without a hitch. However, the SGA Constitution states that on the first day of elections a candidate needs 50% + 1 of the votes in order to be declared a winner. If no candidate garners more than

50%, a runoff will be held between the top two vote-getters. This year, both the Presidential and Vice-Presidential campaigns ended in runoffs.

Runoffs are not uncommon events. However, what happened next was a first in the history of Hollins elections - runoffs were stopped and elections were shut down moved to emergency appointment board. Rumors quickly spread that the shutdown was due to illegal campaign methods, including online and negative campaigning, both a violation of the Amendment I, Article III, Section 2 of the SGA Constitution Executive By-Laws, which state "Candidates may not post any additional campaigning material. No online campaigning...No negative campaigning."

These rumors remain unconfirmed by SGA Secretary Katie Lowe and the rest of Roundtable. This is not because Roundtable is trying to be shady or

hide things from students - according to the SGA constitution, the repercussions of the actions may result in honor court and therefore, parties involved are bound to confidentiality. For this reason, all persons involved were unable to comment on this article.

"Confidentiality is to protect everyone that's involved" said Jesse McDermott '08, Honor Court Chair. "I feel like Roundtable has acted in the best interests of the students."

Though the rumors are unconfirmed, a statement read by Lowe at the beginning of the Sept. 19 Senate seemed to imply that this was indeed the case. Lowe began her statement by re-reading the section of the Constitution dealing with online and negative campaigning.

According to the SGA Constitution, if elections are stopped they then move to Emergency Appointment Board. An email was sent to the fresh-

man class announcing the appointment application deadline - however, many freshmen didn't receive it because of a technological error.

Because not all freshmen were aware of the appointments, and because some felt uncomfortable that the freshman class had not chosen the officers themselves, many students at the Sept. 19 Senate felt uncomfortable approving Appointment Board's picks. Several students argued that it wasn't fair that not everyone in 2010 knew they could apply; however, Lowe pointed out that they had 12 emergency appointment applications, as opposed to the original 8 people who ran for election.

In her previously read statement, Lowe apologized on behalf of SGA, saying, "Appointing almost an entire board and taking the decision out of the hands of the student body and into the hands of five is the last thing SGA

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NEXT GENERATION OF HOLLINS STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM ORIENTATION CHANGES

BY ELAINE PARROTT

On Thursday, August 24, the newest students of Hollins University arrived for check in. The first stop in the five day orientation program. The five day orientation allowed students to get familiar with many aspects of the campus and student life.

Rachel Vaughan '10, had this to say about her arrival, "I didn't know what it would be like. I was a little nervous and excited."

Aside from the familiar orientation programs this year there was a mandatory summer reading and book discussion during orientation. On Saturday, August 26, from 1:00 to 2:30, students met in small groups to discuss *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver. This activity was designed to help students get to know each other and build community.

Rebecca Eckstein, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid approximated that this year's student body was 10 percent larger than last. When asked for the reason of this increase she said, "You're never really sure. Admissions worked really hard and traveled more. There was a more than normal amount of events and students who were ambassadors."

Some students found out about Hollins through other means. "My neighbor went here in the 1940's and my family and I were coming out here on a college tour anyway," said Teresa Gounley, '10.

During the 2005-2006 school year there were thirty-nine transfers, so far this year there have been thirty-two. However because Randolph-Macon announced late in August that they will be going co-ed, there is a chance that more transfer students will be coming after the first semester.

Q & A WITH NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS: PATTY O'TOOLE

BY KATHERINE OSBORN

Get to know the woman who is the power behind many of Hollins's elite groups, such as Health Counseling Center, The Batten Leadership program, and Residential Life, in this one on one interview with our new Dean of Students Patty O'Toole.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: John Carol University in Cleveland is where I got my undergrad and my masters. I am this close to getting my ABD from Kent State.

I got a triple major in History, Physical Education and Secondary Education. It took me five years to graduate. I have a year long pass to

Then I got my masters in Education Admissions.

Q: Could you explain a bit about your college experience?

A: Sure. I was a varsity athlete in softball, and was an



RA my junior year. I was in an all female

freshman dorm and I loved helping the girls though hard times, good times, planning events and everything else. It was my mentor who told me, "You could do this for a living".

So that's how I ended up in this profession. When I was 23 I went to Japan thought the Jap Jet program to team-teach English in Japanese middle schools. It was a huge experience for me because I was in a city of 3,000 with 20 other foreigners and I'm a woman, so the visual difference was obvious. If I could have one big, big wish it would be for all kids, grades K - 12 to have the chance to study abroad. It really is a life-changing event.

Q: What kind of advan-

tages do you think all female colleges give to women today?

A: The opportunity to be involved in typically male dominated careers, and not be judged for it. The wonderful bond of sisterhood, and the comfort level; when you roll out of bed and go to class in your pjamas, you don't have to worry about being judged.

Q: What does the job of "Dean of Students" entail?

A: I over see a lot of areas such as the Cultural and Community Engagement, Career Development, Health Counseling Center, Residential life, Batten Leadership, Office of Chaplaincy, Student Activates, Advisor to SGA, and other random committee work, depending on what day it is.

Q: Last but not least, can you tell us a little about what you like to do for fun?

A: Carvin's Cove which is about 3 miles from here. Its great, I think you guys should dedicate an entire article to this place. You can go fishing hiking, rent paddle boats and canoes. It wonderful. I also like to scuba dive, sit outside with a cup of coffee, read, see movies, and I try to meditate daily. I like to try new stuff, not bungee jumping though. I'm getting a little old for that.

Photo to left: Patty O'Toole talks with a student. Photo by: Martha Sadler.

HOLLINS PURCHASES PROPERTY ON LANDMARK TINKER MOUNTAIN

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ary War.

This explains why on Tinker Day, possibly Hollins' most beloved tradition, the seniors run through the resident halls banging pots and pans on unsuspecting students' doors. The tradition is also Hollins' oldest, with insanely dressed women hiking up that mountain for over 100 years.

The Tinker Day tradition of doors cancelled classes, hiking in zany outfits that scare off the wildlife, and picnicking at the peak of the mountain is something that no other college or university has.

It's not only an important aspect in building community here at Hollins, but it also, "... builds class identity,

strength, and spirit," explains Hollins' President Nancy Gray. "[It's] a defining element in student and alumnae memories."

Additionally, many accord Tinker Mountain as not only an important landmark, but also a specific marker for where Hollins is. "Hollins is defined by a strong sense of place," states Gray. "That sense of place, as well as the beauty of the campus is enhanced by Tinker Mountain."

So far, the only barrier to Tinker Mountain's natural beauty consists of two roads, an access road to a house, a 765' water tower line, and a few communication towers.

However, until the recent purchase of land, things up at Tinker Mountain could've gotten very ugly, very quick. The property could've easily turned

into a housing development project, or for some people what would be even worse, an active lumber yard. But the property on Tinker Mountain was not put on the block for a public auction.

"We could've found ourselves looking at a naked mountain," explains Gray.

Currently, though, the purchase of this land serves as a symbol of Hollins' commitment to the city of Roanoke, environmental issues, and global perspectives in building a strong, globally-minded leadership.

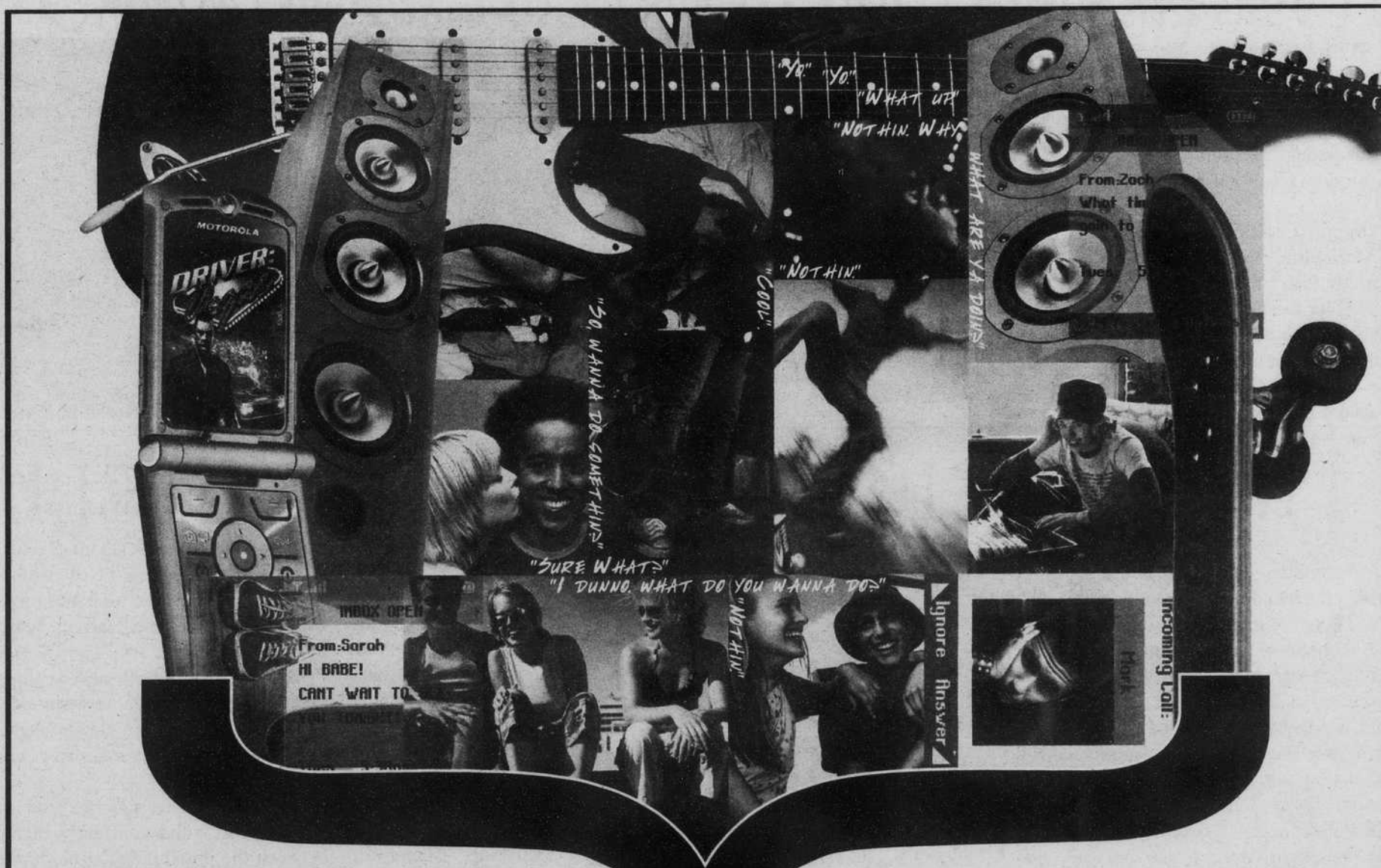
Due to Hollins' purchase, and dedication to the preservation of Tinker Mountain as a natural resource, Hollins' students can continue to celebrate Tinker Day every year.

"This year we need to celebrate," President Gray said.



What do you think about Hollins owning part of Tinker Mountain? Send a letter to the editor on this, or any other subject to hollinscolumns@hollins.edu.

View of Tinker Mountain from the Wendham Robertson Library. Photo by: Elaine Parratt.



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VIRGINIA COALITION ROCKS FALL PARTY 2006

By JULIA KNOX

The '06-07 school year started off with a bang this year as popular recording artists Virginia Coalition rocked Fall Party.

Virginia Coalition formed in Alexandria, Virginia and released their first CD in 1998. Over the past six years they've released five CDs (including their most recent, *Live at the 9:30 Club*) and developed a rabid fan base who

know the band as VACO.

Social Events Chair Peyton Lannon '07 said "I had seen VACO a few times in concert and I thought they would be a great way to start off the year. I thought Fall Party was a huge success and I thank everyone who came out."

Amanda Miller '08 agreed. "I had a blast at VACO. I danced all night and I even got the drummer's sticks by the time it was over."

Lead singer Andy Polia-

koff describes their sound as a mix of O.A.R. and Barenaked Ladies. Their fifth CD, *Live at the 9:30 Club*, is available now on Bluhammock records. Selected tracks, including fan favorites "Green & Gray" and "Mason Dixon" can be heard on www.myspace.com/virginiacoalition.

Photo to right: Virginia Coalition poses for a MySpace publicity shot.



"THE ILLUSIONIST" CASTS A SPELL

By HOPE SWENSON

A determined, somber man sits in a chair on a theatre stage with blazing lights lining the stage, immersed in intense thoughts with an anxious crowd waiting before him. Then a small, smoky cloud appears to his side, a cloud which becomes a figure, a human being. The crowd is in complete awe as they witness one of the great illusions successfully created by the skilled Eisenheim (Edward Norton). This opening scene sets the intense mysteriousness of the film.

The story goes that a young boy, the son of a wood whittler, is walking through the vast fields of Austria and comes across a magician who he is completely enthralled with. As he grows up, he is constantly practicing magic, a talent for which he has a unparalleled skill.

One day, as a boy, he meets a young girl, Sophie. At once they adore each other and thoroughly enjoy spending time together, talking, and exploring the surrounding forests. Sophie loves to watch this young boy perform his illusions.

Soon it is revealed that Sophie is noble and she is constantly forbidden by her family to see this mere peasant boy. Eventually, they both run away and find secret meeting places, but finally are forced to never see each other again. This boy, being extremely sad, decides to run away, never to see Sophie again, or at least that's what he

thought.

After the middle-aged Eisenheim traveled the world for 15 years, he decided to settle into Vienna where he and his manager began to organize and perform shows, displaying Eisenheim's talents. The show was extremely well received by the public so the crowned prince Leopold decided to see the spectacle.

At the show, Leopold brings the young lady whom he is courting, Sophie von Teschen (Jessica Biel), and volunteers her to be part of one of Eisenheim's illusions. As Sophie and Eisenheim's eyes meet, Eisenheim immediately knows he is reunited with his long lost love and must never let her leave him again.

Now begins the struggles of political corruption and the social stratification. After Sophie realizes that Eisenheim is her dear childhood friend, she wants to be with him but is terrified that if she leaves the crown prince, he will hunt her and Eisenheim and murder them.

The Chief Inspector of Vienna, Mr. Uhl (Paul Giamatti), and his colleagues secretly follow Eisenheim,



Edward Norton as Eisenheim casts a spell with Jessica Biel as Sophie by his side.

curious of his skills. They also follow the royal family, including Sophie, for their protection. Chief Inspector Uhl is a good friend of the crown prince and hopes to be a high bureaucrat when the prince is the king. Therefore, Inspector Uhl tells the prince about his observance of Eisenheim and Sophie's secret relationship.

At the sudden murder of Sophie, Inspector Uhl is forced to choose what to do: be loyal to the crown or use his detective skills to find the truth, the truth of Sophie's murder.

Through many subtle innuendoes and actions, this movie reminds the viewer of loyalty, the meaninglessness of social classes, and if what is happening around them is reality or an illusion.

These suspenseful scenes can only be generated by the handsome and dashing Edward Norton who brings to life the mysterious Eisenheim. The character development of Eisenheim is filled with energy: at his first performances, before he was reunited with Sophie, he looked healthy and happy, performing illusions that are fun and

pleasing. After the death of Sophie, Eisenheim falls into a fit of depression, raising spirits to a visible form, with his eyes saddened and his heart-rending appearance.

The chemistry of never-ending love is very believable between Norton and Biel, from the intimate scenes to the eye contact they make in public places.

Paul Giamatti is the true star of the film, his mind constantly racing between the possibilities of his future and helping two lovers be together. His wit and creative, out-of-the-box thinking always has the viewer second guessing his actions, wondering if he will truly find out the mystery of Sophie's death.

Don't be discouraged about the film during the first fifteen minutes. I was not impressed with the flashback of Eisenheim's childhood because the scenes are frivolous with a lot of fantasy-like referrals and special effects. However as the movie unfolds, the illusions and floating apparitions are created with believable effects.

For a mystery taking place in 1800s Vienna, *The Illusionist* is sure to keep the viewer constantly wondering if Eisenheim can truly grow a fruit-bearing orange tree from a seed in 30 seconds and raise spirits from the dead, or if he is actually a focused illusionist, using his skill to bring him to his true love.

CAN YOU GET SENIORITIS IN SEPTEMBER?

This year marks my third year of writing this column and my fourth year overall at Hollins. That's right, I'm finally a senior ('07 is heaven!).

Senior year is the supposed Mecca of college - your own table in Moody (even if it the cloth is covered in a variety of questionable sauces), the right to walk on a champagne-soaked Front Quad, being the beneficiary of demands at Ring Night, nights on the town using your real, now-legal ID, etc.

So why is it, I ask myself, do I feel so bored?

Yeah, as a freshman you might think to yourself that there's nothing to do on campus (not true - you just have to leave your room and make an effort). But as a senior, you have no trouble finding a party or making an impromptu one of your own. Off campus, seniors

can also legally get into downtown bars like Cornerstone, and others choose to go off to the latest event at Hampden-Sydney. If you're not into the party scene, the reliable "pizza and a movie" scenario on Saturday night still works.

So even with the abundance of activities at my finger tips, why do I feel like I'm over Hollins? Have I attended so many apartment parties that I've become bored with them? Do I no longer feel like sketch HSC boys are worth my \$30 in gas money? Did a semester in London spoil me so that the Roanoke scene isn't even laughably comparable?

I kept these feelings and ques-



Julia Knox
Editor-in-Chief

tions to myself for awhile, until I slowly became aware that I wasn't the only senior feeling this way. One friend of mine mentioned how bored she was with frat parties. Another friend, in search of flashing lights and real dancing, grabbed me and took me to the Park, the gay club downtown. Fact: it was the best night we, two straight girls, had had in awhile, and it's not like we had been strangers to the Hollins scene.

This isn't to say that I suddenly hate Hollins or find all my friends boring. Clearly I still love both, an insane amount. I think I'm just seriously ready to get out of the

Hollins bubble and experience the real world.

(Note that by the real world, I don't mean my parents couch, where I spent two nights last week waiting for my sister to give birth. I spent almost the whole 48 hours wishing I was back at Hollins - except, of course, when my precious little niece was actually born.)

Maybe I'm just over small towns after living in London. But I'm genuinely interested to find out if other seniors feel the same way. Come up to me in Moody and tell me if you do, or even if you disagree. Or stop me if you see me at the apartments because no matter how bored I am with them, I clearly never miss one.

DON'T ASK THE WIZARD, ASK DOROTHY

Hollins Columns will have an advice column in their future issues.

The purpose of this new column is not only for you to get answers. Your questions will be taken seriously and I, Dorothy, will answer them seriously—depending on severity of the question, of course. I have a humorous personality, and I am very bold in my answers...I will not beat around the bush by answering your question with what you want to hear. Your friends might tell you something else in consideration of your feelings...but I will give it to you upfront. Ask. And I will answer—I don't want to waste your time with nonsense that will get you nowhere. I don't want to give you the same response some random person could also give to you. Your

question will be answered in depth and with suggestions that will be useful to you, or at least get you thinking in the correct direction than what you had been thinking before.

Believe me: you'll appreciate it much more when you realize that I can help you out. I hope you find that I have a different and more thought-out approach.

Also, the purpose of this is to keep the questions anonymous. If you do put your name on the slip I will answer your question, but I will disregard the name.

I would appreciate it if you participated in this! Not only will you benefit from the answer of your question but other ladies—or the few men on campus—will also.

I can answer questions ranging from athletics,

to personal types, or just general questions on campus concerns...or even compliments on how I'm doing so far with question answering would also be great. Soon after each newspaper is published I will re-post the envelope at the entryways to each hallway for students to drop in more questions along with a little note about how things are going and personal references to those who wrote me to wish them luck etc. I don't plan on JUST answering and forgetting. I will remember so if any like to refer back to them I can also do that in the next issue. I'm not going to be your therapist—just someone to point you in the right direction. So give this a chance

I hope that you will all be appreciative of each other and

not feel the need to tamper with any one else's questions.

So, I hope that you all will try this out, and hopefully my responses will encourage you to continue this.

Sincerely,

Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

'I'm dating someone much older than I am...I'm worried how his friends will view me for dating him in the first place. Sometimes I don't even know what it was about me that made him like me in the first place. I'm having many doubts—but I like him still. I need some advice—how should I view this?'

-Dating an Older Man

Best chances are he's dating you because he actually

likes you enough to do so—especially if you're younger. He evidently sees mature qualities in you plus you're in college now. What he sees in you, his friends should see also and if they don't it'll take time—they're getting used to you being around. Just don't try to impress them too much. It's always a good thing to be wary of the motives of an older man paying attention to a younger woman but you're the one dating him and you know him. So based on the way that he treats you is what you should base your worries on. You're surprised that an older guy would pay attention to you—don't be. If you like him and it feels right then stick with him and see how it turns out.

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ever wants to do, but is something we are bound to by our constitution. We apologize to the class of 2010 for being put in this position, however, SGA is only put in this position when the regular election process is stopped by ways of vacant positions or unconstitutionality."

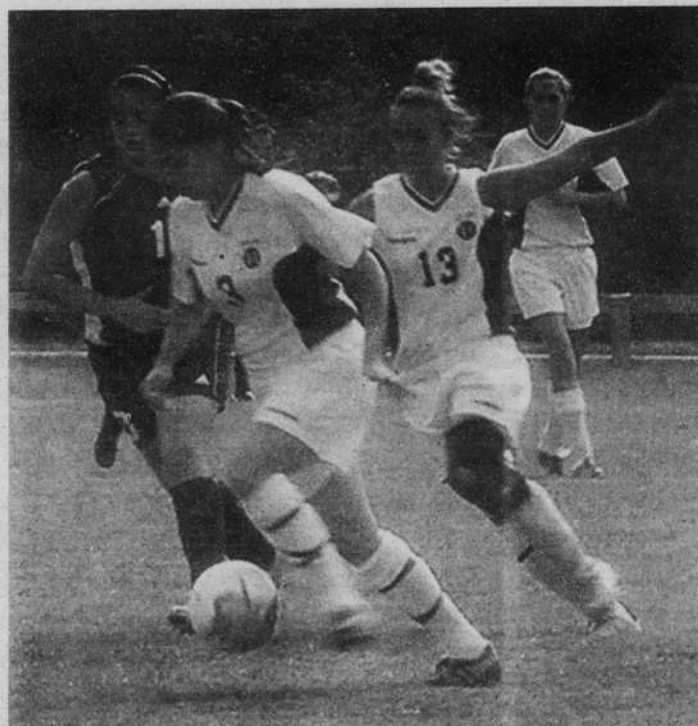
In the end, all candidates were approved and will begin their terms immediately. However, as Emily Elliot '10 asked during the Sept. 19 Senate, does SGA have a backup plan in case this happens again?

"Though I won't be here, I am leaving detailed notes for the next SGA secretary, and

we are also going to discuss amending the Constitution in an effort to ensure that something like this never happens again," said Lowe.

Though they remain somewhat divided and tension still lingers, the future of the freshman class is beginning to look up, as newly appointed vice-president Morgan Hosea states, "I will take my position as VP with pride and I will do everything I can to represent the class of 2010 well. I am very pleased with all of the other freshman class electives and I cannot wait to get the year started!"

Due to confidentiality issues and deadlines, this issue will continue to be covered in the next edition of the Columns.



Soccer players work hard during practice. Photo by: Courtney Richmond.

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Field Hockey

Sunday, Sept. 24 vs. JMU -- 11:00 am.

Soccer

Tuesday Sept. 26 vs. Ferrum College -- 4:00 pm

Saturday Sept. 30 vs. Randolph-Macon -- 2:00 pm

Saturday Oct. 7 vs. Shenandoah, 2:00 pm

Tuesday Oct. 10 vs. Salem -- 4:00 pm

Riding

Saturday Sept. 23 - Tournament of Champions

Saturday Sept. 30 - Hollins Fall Show