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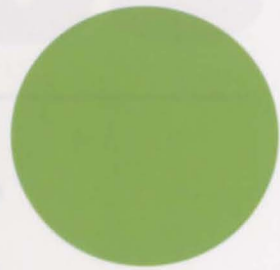
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"When singleness is bliss tis folly to be wives"

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PERIOD



Hollins women are smart, beautiful, courageous, confident, honest, trust worthy, adventurous, hilarious, open minded, talented, progressive, creative, trend setters, free thinkers, and wonderful. They become actors, producers, mathematicians, psychologists, teachers, doctors, biologists, writers, business women, politicians, journalists, artists, and many more. Hollins women are one of a kind **PERIOD.**

Dedication



The Hollins Community & Jan Fuller'78

Jan Fuller, Hollins class of 1978, dedicated twenty-four years of service to Hollins. Spending her time here as not only a professor and a chaplain, but also as a close friend. The Spinster wants to thank Jan for everything she has done for the Hollins family. While she will be greatly missed here at Hollins we are excited for what lies ahead for Jan!



Student Life

filled with tradition

New Students

taking action

Attending Hollins is an adventure starting out with new student orientation. It is a time that Hollins women truly treasure. After days of activities at Hollins, the women board a bus headed for another adventure; white water rafting in West Virginia. New students embark on a full day rafting trip that takes many out of their comfort zone and into winding, flowing rapids, making bonding with your new classmates unavoidable.



First Step

towards graduation

Because tradition states that only seniors can walk across Front Quad, First step is a favorite Hollins tradition for many seniors. It is the first opportunity seniors get to come together wearing their decorated robes to celebrate the beginning of their last year at Hollins. Together they line the edges of the Quad in preparation of taking their First Step together. On the count of they are announced by Senior Class President, Francis Kalema, Seniors did not step, but jumped onto Front Quad. Some popped their sparkling cider as others ran across the grass in excitement for the first step they were taking towards their graduation from Hollins University



Battle of the Bins

recycle recycling recycled

While Battle of the Bins is a fairly new tradition at Hollins many students take the extra opportunity to bond with and new and old friends alike. Started in 2005 the bins have been repainted over and newly decorated for six years. Battle of the Bins is an activity that allows Hollins women to share their artistic ability and keep the earth clean. Elizabeth "Izzie" Hayton 2014 said, "Battle of the Bins was a completely new experience for me. I have never been somewhere as dedicated to encouraging recycling and environmental awareness as here." Madeleine Regan was of a similar mind in her comments, "It was a ton of fun to work with a group of friends in order to encourage recycling on campus." Certain students were surprised by the level of commitment to the activity and how much effort was expended. Casey Burns 2014 said, "I found it amazing how so many of the students came out and would find other people with similar interest and paint such a wide variety of bins!" All in all it is clear to see the tradition of meshing artistic ability and enthusiasm for recycling will ensure the continuation of the Battle of the Bins as a tradition at Hollins University ●



Fall Party

featuring electric chameleon



Hollins Activity Board (HAB) kicked off the school year with Fall Party on September 4th, 2010 bringing Electric Chameleon to Back Quad. "I thought that the fun environment of ice cream and a great band like Electric Chameleon was a perfect way to start the year off," said Marissa Bolin 2013. HAB Social Events Chair, Laurin Ann Link 2012, was in charge of the event. Students brought blankets, enjoyed free ice cream, and were entertained by local reggae/rock band Electric Chameleon. Link heard Electric Chameleon at a festival in downtown Roanoke during the summer and enjoyed their covers and original songs. Approximately 250 students attended. "I was so excited by the turnout," said Link. "This was my first event for HAB and I was so glad everyone was having a good time." As the night went on, people started dancing in front of the stage and singing along to familiar songs like "Billionaire" by B.O.B. "Fall Party was so much fun. Electric Chameleon sounded excellent and it was great to dance around and be silly with all of my friends," said Catherine Bertorelli 2012

Tinker Scares

don't be fooled

Tinker scares have been a tradition at Hollins University since 1899. During the fall semester, in the early hours of morning, the graduating class of Hollins women adorn their decorative robes, grab their pots and pans, and run through the first year residential halls on campus making as much noise as they can to wake the underclassmen. The thundering sound of feet running down the halls, the clanking of kitchenware, and the excited screams of the seniors can be heard several times throughout the semester. To prepare the first year students for the real wake up call which takes place around six a.m. the morning of Tinker Day

"Tinker Scares are one of those rare, intimate traditions that only Hollins women can appreciate."
—Cori Corell 2011



**WAKE
UP!**

Oktoberfest

shwayze feat. cisco adler

Shwayze and Cisco Adler came to Tinker Beach on October 22, 2010 to entertain Hollins students and outside guest for Oktoberfest. Fog crept along the floor of the stage setting the mood through the blue and purple lights. Screaming people gathered under the tent could be heard chanting "Shwayze, Shwayze" and 21 and older students enjoying beer. The crowd was separated by an orange plastic fence to distinguish the beer garden from the rest of the crowd. "I really enjoyed the fact that they served free beer but I didn't like how the 21 and older people had to be separated onto two different sides," said Senior Sarah Enfiedjian. Once the music got started everyone was jumping to the beat and singing songs. "It was so cool to see the crowd as just a sea of arms raised from beginning to end and everyone screaming and cheering," said Junior Kate Teiken, "my arms were so tired the next day from dancing and waving."



Tinker Day

hike the mountain

Tinker Day which began in the 1880s, became an official tradition at Hollins University in the year 1895. The surprise component, which was introduced in 1899, adds to the anxious eagerness of the day.

Many students at Hollins confessed that part of the fun of Tinker was guessing when it would be and right or wrong being completely ecstatic when it finally came. A large appeal of Tinker Day of course is the cancelation of classes and the opportunity to put off homework that was supposed to be due. That however is not the largest attraction. Silly costumes, sugary donuts, strenuous hiking, and the culmination of practiced skits all come together to create a day of sisterly bonding and a well earned break from academics



FALL FORMAL

hollins women can move

It is party time! Hollins girls love tradition and it comes as no surprise to witness the excitement and activity surrounding Fall Formal. This year students headed over to the Taubman Museum of Art to get their dance on! The theme "Puttin on the Ritz" caused for an array of gorgeous, 'ritzy' looking dresses and suits, at a gorgeous location. The decorations throughout the museum were elegant and imaginative. Everyone that attended looked great and felt great. The event had everyone leaving with smiles. That night every Hollins girl was a star





Ring Night

demands, skits, & sisterhood

With the most Ring Night participants in five years, over 300 seniors, juniors, and helpers participated. There were thirteen groups with up to nine people per group. Ring Night kicked off on Thursday November 11, 2010 with skits during dinner followed by many groups participating in scavenger hunts around Roanoke. Thursday night, groups met in secret locations around campus to reveal their final skit posters and weekend demands to their junior sisters. Friday and Saturday were busy from sun up to sun down with juniors fulfilling demands, like dressing as a British guard or running around on Front Quad like Pac-Man. On Saturday night, seniors popped their Ring Night champagne bottles and relaxed while watching the juniors perform skits and personal demands on stage. Final skits were laughable and creative with skits like Peter Pan, Chicago and American Pie. "My favorite personal demand was when Kayla [Oelhafen] and Erica [Bruce] sang a song that they wrote for the seniors," said senior Natalia Tkacz. "It was a bittersweet moment of the night when I realized this was my last Ring Night."

Spring Cotillion

a magical evening at sundara

On a lovely Friday evening, Hollins students and their guests arrived by bus to the beautiful property called Sundara. "The location was beautiful and the decorations were simply stunning," said Stephanie Blumenthal 2011. "I felt like I was in a fairytale." The dance took place under a white tent decorated with lights and sage green, cream, and lavender decorations. Different from other dances, gourmet food was served all night.

Along with dancing, great food, and music, there were two photobooths set up around the tent. One of the booths took multiple pictures to make a flip book and the other was a film strip. "I loved being able to leave cotillion with a special keepsake from the night," said Alyssa Connatser 2012.



Spirit Week

burn the briar, yes ma'am

"Spirit Week is a great experience and I think really provides a break from the day to day. It is nice to just be silly for a week and go all out," says ADA Spud and sophomore, Leanna Collie. Junior Jacquie Sommerman says that "Spirit Week is an excuse to dress extra cooky, no questions asked. It's a fun way to connect with the campus and see a side of your peers you don't normally get to see." We Hollins ladies love to get a little dressed up to show our school spirit, especially when it comes to upcoming games against Sweetbriar. Who does not like to rep their area code or their zodiac sign for motivation during spirit week



Batten Leadership Institute

training the women of tomorrow

The Batten Leadership Institute (BLI) is one of the academic areas that makes Hollins such a unique university. The Institute, which offers a certificate in leadership students can choose to obtain through two years of study, began hosting "Lunch & Lecture" events for Batten and Hollins scholars to attend. According to first-year student Julia Sell, the "Lunch & Lecture" series provided "an interesting opportunity. It's wonderful to be able to experience such interdisciplinary learning."

Also new this year, BLI offered first-year scholars the opportunity to participate in a Leadership Tea, in which students had the "opportunity to discuss women in leadership and leadership styles with upperclassmen scholars," said junior Kelsey DeForest



Miss Hollins

showing hollins pride

For the first time in the history of Hollins University, the campus came together to support a pageant that showcased Hollins students showing their love for our school. The contestants participated in categories which included: Hollins Wear, Formal Wear and Talent. All the participants did a wonderful job showing their Hollins spirit, but there could only be one Miss Hollins 2011. Senior, Lauren Staley wowed the judges and walked away with the title of Miss Hollins



Mayfest

with steel train

As the year comes to an end everyone is getting ready to take their final exams and pack up to leave campus, the Hollins Activity Board knows just what to do to uplift the Hollins spirit. Mayfest is the last hoorah before the year comes to an end. This year had brought great live music to campus with Steel Train. "Mayfest was a great way to close out the year. Once again, HAB did a great job," says senior Meredith Stafford, 11. This celebration comes as a welcomed break before the grind and stress of the last few days of classes and exam week. Brett Denfeld, 11, "thought the band was a really good choice for Mayfest. They were upbeat and even though I didn't know the words to their songs, I had a good time dancing with my friends. They were such a fun group!" Way to go HAB for sponsoring a great program to end the year and special thanks to Steel Train ●



Graduation

to new horizons

After the long senior year, parents, family and friends, participated in graduation on May 22, 2011 to celebrate the successes of Hollins women. After awards were given to seniors by President Gray, and a speech was delivered by Hollins Alumnae Alexandra Trower, Hollins seniors prepared to walk across Front Quad for the last time. Flooded with memories and thoughts about their time at Hollins the mod of black gowns waited their turn. Each woman proudly walked across the stage and received their diplomas. With lots of smiles and tears of joy the Class of 2011 moved their tassels and graduated from Hollins University

