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Hollins Graduate, Biographer Of Washington, to be Here

Mrs. Mary Wells Ashworth, Hollins graduate of the class of 1924, will autograph copies of her recent biography of George Washington, "First in Peace," at the book store at 4 p.m. Monday.

"First in Peace" is Vol. VII of a series of volumes by Douglas Southall Freeman. Vol. VI, which carried Washington's life through his first administration, was published after Mr. Freeman's death in 1953. According to Mr. Carl Bridenbaugh of the New York Times Book Review, the biographical series would have remained "a massive fragment" if it had terminated at this point. Mr. Bridenbaugh further commends Mr. Freeman in that he "trained and indoctrinated his associates so well that it has been possible for John Alexander Carroll and Mary Wells Ashworth to complete the work, performing all the research and

writing with such skill that virtually no reader will be aware of the fact that this final volume was not written by Mr. Freeman himself."

This book not only deals with the life of Washington in his later years, but also with such issues as the beginning of political parties in this country; the dispute of Hamilton and Jefferson over our treaty of 1778 with France during her war with England; the influence of Citizen Genet and Philip Freneau on American people; the weakening of American bargaining power in the late eighteenth century; John Jay's Treaty of 1795; the manner in which Washington dealt with the Whiskey Rebellion and the people of western Pennsylvania; the framing of Randolph by Wolcott and Pickering; French Minister Joseph Fauchet's letter concerning Randolph; and many other vital issues of early American history.

A tea, to which alumni and faculty are invited, will be held at 5 p.m. in the library.

Traditional Tea to Be Given Sunday

The annual Christmas Tea will be held at 3:30 Sunday afternoon in the Green Drawing Room.

Miss Louise Maddrey started the tradition of entertaining the students on the Sunday before they went home for Christmas vacation.

Members of the faculty and the Freshman class officers will pour tea and serve the refreshments.

Hollingsworth to Conduct Service

Dr. A. H. Hollingsworth of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke will officiate at the traditional Christmas communion service at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Favorite Christmas Stories to be Told

Miss Susie Blair and Mr. Kermit Hunter will tell their favorite Christmas stories at the "Christmas Eve Party" at 8 p.m. Saturday in Randolph Hall Social Room.

Wheeler to Begin Leave Of Absence in February

Mr. John P. Wheeler, assistant professor of political science, has been granted an 18 months leave of absence from Hollins College to participate in studies conducted by the National Municipal League in New York City.

From February 1958 through August 1959 Mr. Wheeler will work with the League on studies dealing with certain

phases of recent state constitutional development. The purpose of the studies, which are to be financed by a Ford Foundation grant, will be the accumulation of materials useful to states anticipating constitutional structure changes. Mr. Wheeler will participate in research activities and says he will probably work coordinating the data from studies done in several states.

Before coming to Hollins in the fall of 1955, Mr. Wheeler taught at Middlebury College in Vermont. He received his B.S. and M.S. from Florida State University and has recently completed work for his Ph.D. at Syracuse University. He and his wife are junior class sponsors.



Wheeler

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Students Are Named to Fill Three Offices

Executive Council has announced two appointments. Shannon Ravel will serve on the Religious Life Committee, and Peggy Crowther will fill a position on the Curriculum Committee.

Kitty Clark, elected as Regional Travel Director for the Carolina-Virginia Region of the National Student Association at the N.S.A. conference this summer, served in this capacity several weeks ago when an N.S.A. representative spoke to the students on N.S.A. tours of Europe.

Plain Lunch to Provide Money for Vet Stockings

The traditional Christmas lunch will be held Dec. 15, 12-1:15 p.m.

Most of the money that would normally be spent for this meal will be used to buy and fill forty Christmas stockings for the Veteran's Hospital.

The Christian Council feels that this is one time during the year when the student body can contribute something as a group. This is to serve as a reminder for individual giving throughout the year. The meal will be simple, consisting of soup, sandwiches, salad and dessert.

"Other Wise Man" To be Read Tuesday

"The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke will be presented by "Ye Merrie Masquers" in a choral reading with tableaux on December 17 at 8:15.

The play tells the story of the fourth wise man and his search for the infant Christ.

The speaking choir is composed of three sections of vocal tone. Mary Boyle, Cathy Casey, Lila Sadler and Caroline Kettle are the "light" voices; "medium" voices include Sue Daniel, Judy Chapman, B. Anne Green, Barbara Gibbs and Celeste Koger; and Pat Hyde, Louisa Lehmann and Julia Hurd make up the "dark" voice section.

The girls included in the tableaux are Susan Watts, Nancy Slaughter, Kathy Minice, Louise Prime, Barbara Brist, Janice Feller and Karen Farbach.

The play is directed by Pat Dinwiddie, Pat Hyde and Julia Hurd. The tableaux are under the direction of Sue Hinkley and Georgia Carrington; the lights are by Jeanne Kinstler.

Hunter, Zeldin to Lead Discussion

Mr. Kermit Hunter and Mr. Jesse Zeldin will lead an open discussion sponsored jointly by Cargoes and Grapheon, at 8 p.m. Friday in the Green Drawing Room.

This discussion, the second in a series of open forums on contemporary literature, will be a discussion of twentieth century drama.

Seven Musicians to Be Featured Friday In Student Recital

A student recital, by seven piano and voice students will be presented Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Featured musicians will be Axson Brown, Lou Ann Wood, Linda Parramore, Anne Griffin, Annette Anders, Florence Fowler and Sibyl Norment.

Axson Brown will open the program playing "Three-part invention, C minor" by Bach, and Brahms' "Capriccio, Op. 76 No. 1."

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" and Lulle, Lullay" from J. J. Niles' arrangement of **Southern Appalachian Carols** will be sung by Lou Ann Wood, soprano. Her accompanist is Nancy Coleman.

Beethoven Sonata

Linda Parramore will play "Adagio molto from Sonata, Op. 10, No. 1" by Beethoven.

Rachmaninoff's "The Island" and Carpenter's "The Sleep that Flits on Baby's Eyes" will be presented by Anne Griffin, soprano. Virginia Turner is her accompanist.

Chopin Nocturne

Annette Anders will play Chopin's "Nocturne, Op. 37, No. 1."

Florence Fowler, soprano, will sing "Rejoice Greatly" from the Messiah by Handel. Sibyl Norment will accompany her and then take the stage alone to close the program with "No. 120, Fifth Chords" and "No. 139 Merry Andrew" from Bartok's **Mikrokosmos**.

'Messiah' to be Given Sunday

On Sunday, December 15, the **Messiah** will be presented by the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra at Jefferson High School at 4 p.m.

There will be 17 church choirs represented and four outstanding soloists; Miss Charlean Eanes, Mrs. Helen Wood, Hartwell Philips, and Oscar McCullough of Hollins College.

Miss Eanes graduated from Hollins College in 1957. She has sung as mezzosoprano soloist at St. John's Episcopal Church for four years. Miss Eanes also sang the title role in Menotti's "The Medium" for a Hollins drama production last year.

Mrs. Wood has sung in Carnegie Hall, Chicago Theatre of the Air and has directed the Virginia Grassroots Opera Theatre of Lynchburg.

Mr. Philips will be singing his tenor role of last year. He has sung with the Raleigh Oratorio Society and the University Glee Club at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. McCullough is a Hollins College voice professor. He has sung as a baritone soloist at St. John's Episcopal Church and with the Eastman-Rochester, Wheeling and Charlotte Little Symphony Orchestras.

Chapel Choir to Provide Music for White Gift Service

The traditional White Gift Service will take place Sunday night in the Little Theater at 8:15.

Special Christmas music will be provided by the Hollins College Chapel Choir. Sopranos Mary Clarke and Florence Fowler; contralto Bettie Pollard; tenor Frank Beahm; and baritone Oscar McCullough will be the soloists in the Johann Christoph Bach cantata "The Childhood of Christ."

Liz Vann, chairman of the Christian Council, has stressed the importance of adhering to the traditional white attire. Gifts are to be wrapped in white paper and money placed in a white envelope. Clothing collected will be given to Baptist and Lutheran homes in the Roanoke-Salem area. Money gifts will be sent to Christian Overseas Relief to be used in the distribution of surplus American produce in foreign countries.

Sandridge to Head Hollins Abroaders

Officers of Hollins Abroad have been elected by their fellow travelers. Kate Sandridge was chosen as President of the group, Julianne Lunsford as Honor Court Chairman, Betsy Forsythe as Recording Secretary and Doug Henderson as Treasurer.

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"Gift Package" Now on Sale

The "Hollins Gift Package" is now on sale for \$5.00.

Brimful of choice foods, the box includes four varieties of pickles, Williamsburg Butter Mints, a simulated cut crystal jar of Manor Royale Sauce, and four jars of Fruit Rich jellies.

The selection of delicacies is packed in a box designed especially for Hollins with a lithograph of East Building on the cover. On one side of the box there is a brief history of the college.

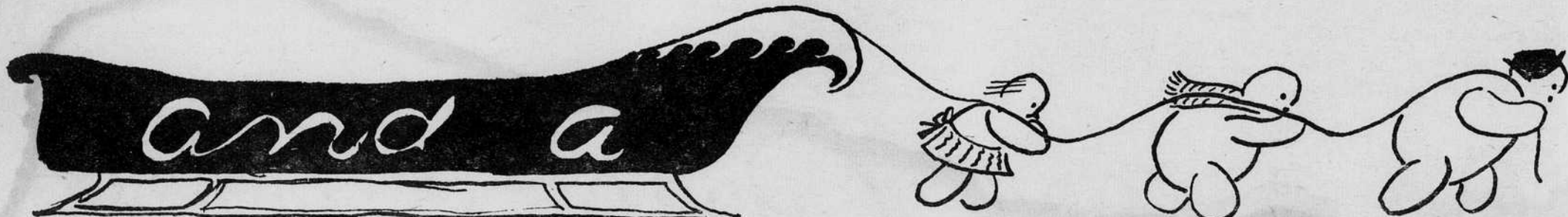
Although attractive gift announcements are included, personal cards may be used, prompt delivery and satisfaction are guaranteed.

The gift package is made up by "Miss Lucy's Table Delicacies from Virginia." Ten per cent of the value of all orders is donated to the Hollins Alumnae Daughters Scholarship Fund.

Gift catalogues, order blanks, and displays of the boxes may be found in the social office in Main and in the Book Store.

The price of the package is \$5.50 if delivered west of the Mississippi.

GREENBEAN



Exec's Answers Lie In Broader Viewpoint

In regard to the letter to the Student Body concerning the Executive Council, its purpose, functions and memberships published in last week's Hollins Columns there is this to say—that perhaps the reason the Council is "stumped" is because of its limited viewpoint of the issues confronting it. It would seem that Exec., in attempting the direly-needed revision of the Hollins Student Association Constitution, is proceeding by taking each of the various branches separately, considering their specific weaknesses in a rather isolated atmosphere and revising within that atmosphere. While this procedure was a realistic and legitimate one in dealing with the revision of the election system, a section within the larger structure which can be fitted into any framework, it must be exchanged for a broader method in dealing with the over-all structure of the organ as a whole.

One cannot expect to determine the function, membership, or purpose of one specific branch until one determines whether the structure in which that branch exists is the most functional and suitable. The method of isolated study and revision if continued can only result in a revision of each presently existing branch whereas the real need is to determine whether or not we may set up another framework of government far more suitable to our needs and more efficient in dealing with our problems. Not to improve upon what we have—unless through a thorough and broad study we decide it is the best possible system—but to question and evaluate the structure in its entirety and perhaps discard it for an entirely new concept of student government is our task. We must not succumb to the danger of assuming that just because we have lived under the present system for some time that it is the only system of student government possible for Hollins College. Just because we are in the habit of going to SGA on one Monday and Class Meetings on the next does not mean that there is no other way of handling student affairs. The present framework is not some sort of universal law from which we dare not deviate!

Therefore, it is suggested that the Executive Council get the cart behind the horse and deal with the main issue before proceeding to the subsidiary ones. By expanding the method of study and revision to an evaluation of the larger framework, an all-over revision may be made possible which may allow Exec's. specific problems to fall into place quite easily. A wider view and a solution for the main problem is essential first if our revisions are to be realistic and worthwhile.

Exchange News

Campuses Busy in Pre-Holiday Season

by Susan LeBlond

Carolina made history a few weeks ago by beating Duke 21-13. The first time in seven years!

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A "Midwinter Night's Dream" at Mary Baldwin last weekend, featured the Buddy Morrow orchestra.

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Jim Bakhtiar, Virginia's versatile fullback, was elected to LOOK MAGAZINE'S All-American Team which is chosen by the Football Writers Association of America.

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Arnold Toynbee will give two public lectures at the University of Virginia April 16 and 17th. Mr. Toynbee will be the Visiting Scholar in Residence at Washington and Lee University next semester.

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To whom it may concern: U. Va. has extended its Christmas vacation an extra weekend till January 6th. (Hey! That's when we have to be back!)

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Christmas parties simply everywhere this weekend!

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A certain rivalry between the University of Richmond, and William and Mary compelled some Richmond students to steal the portraits of King William and Queen Mary from William and Mary preceding the traditional football game at Thanksgiving. However, they were returned.

From the President

A Christmas Message

Dear Members of the Hollins Community:

It is hard to imagine a more joyous and more serious time than Christmas. Within this single day is captured the hope of mankind and the gratitude for all that is good and noble in human life. Christmas somehow has the power to make us look back without retreating into the past, and to make us look forward without forgetting the present.

No one of us in this college community can fail to be grateful to those who have left deposits in our cultural treasury. The great artists, writers, philosophers, scientists, and all the others we study have freely tendered priceless gifts. They are true gifts which we can take, but we can never pay for them.

The only thing we can do is to resolve that succeeding generations will receive like gifts from us. This will not repay the past, but it will give the present and the future a firm opportunity to achieve the peace and understanding we see in the life of Christ. If we fail, the chain of learning will be weakened and the hope of the future will be dimmed.

So, Christmas is full of excitement. The excitement of gratitude and dedication blended with the excitement of hope and promise. To you and yours a merry and meaningful Christmas.

JOHN R. EVERETT, President

IRC Reports

Science Center Is Desired

by Carolyn Skruck

The United States hopes that it will be able to map out a plan at the coming NATO Summit Meeting which would create an international science center. Allied scientists would pool their information and all would gain from the advances that are made in a broad field covering anything from military rockets to space research.

Great Britain, France, and West Germany also hope that such a center could be established. The United States would not be able to participate in this committee, how-

ever, until Congress agrees to give President Eisenhower authority to use his own discretion in revealing our scientific secrets. The President would undoubtedly release information only after deciding whether or not Russia already has the information, and whether the information would benefit the other Western countries.

It is believed that an international science center could be set up among the nations of NATO. Congress will give the President the authority he needs.

DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS ?



BIRDIE

Science in the News

Cancer, Measles, Mars Make Science Headlines

by Joanna Hackman

There is a growing theory that viruses could be the explanation or cause of cancer. Reviewing highlights of this research, Waren Lit-sky and George W. Campbell, writing in Geriatrics, conclude: "At the present time, it appears probable that viruses are the causative agents of some, if not all cancers. As soon as we know more about viruses, a more correct interpretation of our current knowledge, together with a greater understanding of the mechanisms involved, will provide a solution and lead to a cure of a major medical problem."

Evidence has been shown that an attack of German measles during pregnancy is not as dangerous as previously thought. Initial studies had shown up to 100 percent chance of the virus disease causing congenital defects in the baby whose mother had contracted German measles. Now, new and more pre-

cise studies have shown that malformations appear in only about 12 percent of these cases.

By mid-1958 New Zealand will have the world's first big electric power plant driven by volcanic steam. Having little coal and no petroleum, the island has been relying on hydro-electric power. However, this will not long provide for the rapidly increasing population. Volcanic steam is the answer. It can be tapped anywhere over an area of more than 3,000 square miles, reports Science Magazine, and one small bore produces 130,000 pounds of water and steam per hour. The power plant will turn out from 69,000 to 250,000 kilowatts.

A recent study has been made which further indicates the presence of life on Mars. This work has been done by Dr. W. M. Sinton,



Joanna Hackman

of Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona. Making spectroscopic studies of the red planet, Dr. Sinton has shown that there is matter on Mars absorbing the same wave-lengths of radiant energy as some forms of life on earth. He is not sure just what this matter is but has suggested that it may be bacteria. In his work, Dr. Sinton compared the wave-lengths being ab-

Only Six Days Left Before Vacation



Practical Use of Music Cited

by Linda Parramore

Music is one of the arts, it is said, and a source of pleasure for us in our leisure time. Music sets the mood, and supplies the background for a great deal of our spare time activities. What of the practical use of music? What about putting music to some use to help man in coping with the actual conditions and needs which must be met in life?

Music therapy is a most significant practical use of music. Rhythm groups, in which patients use drums, or some other type of percussion instrument as rhythmical accompaniment to music supplied by a record or piano, have been most helpful in treatment for the mentally ill. Participation in these rhythm groups especially aids the regressed schizophrenic, whose foremost symptom is aloneness, to bridge the gap of social communication. In requiring action and a great out-put of energy, the rhythm group has proved of value in relieving the emotional isolation of the schizophrenic. The patient may find an outlet for destructive anger as well as passivity in the rhythm group.

Music for these rhythm groups is carefully chosen for its strict rhythm and well-defined beat. A

march is usually played first in the session to give the impression that something definite is going on that demands participation. In choosing the music to be used, attention is given to the mood and activity level of the patients as well as their age, preferences in music, and general cultural background.

Observation shows that after taking part in the rhythm groups, the patients are less irritable, less difficult to manage, and show a greater degree of contentment. However, if the rhythm session lasts too long, the rhythm tends to become monotonous and the actions of the participants become automatic. Music therapy is effective even in cases in which the patient shows an unwillingness to participate fully, for the stimulation of the rhythm flows in upon the patient and verbal communication becomes an integral part of the activity.

Plato hoped to use music as an aid to make the lives of his youthful scholars harmonious and gracious. Perhaps, through music therapy, we can substitute harmony for chaos in the lives of the mentally ill.

Jones is Chairman

Varsity Team Is Announced For Basketball

The Varsity basketball team for the 1957-1958 season has been announced by the Hollins Physical Education Department.

Bunny Jones, guard, is basketball chairman.

Other guards are: Liz Abernathy, Sally Frost, Anne Kemper, Fran McCall, Barbara Smith, Bebe Walton, and Rivers Yerger.

Forwards are: Linda Brame, Martie Giles, Laura Hay, Marjem Jackson, Kitty Parsons, Carolyn Skruck and Peggy Smith.

Catherine Anderson, Jane Fingar, Kay Mellot, forwards, and Nancy Cragg, a guard, will be on the team until they leave in February for Hollins Abroad.

Sally Pouch will also be on the team when she returns from Washington Semester.

Joan Rawson is ex-officio manager.

Book Review

by Flora DeWall

A Death in the Family by James Agee

In my opinion this is one of the most moving novels published this year. It is the story of a death, yet essentially it is a story of love, which glows with affection and tenderness. "A Death in the Family" tells of great courage when tragedy changes utterly the lives of those left behind.

The scene is Knoxville, Tennessee, forty years ago when life moved at a slower pace. James Agee wrote with courage and tenderness. The stature of "A Death in the Family," his posthumous novel, makes it doubly tragic that he will write no more.



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The pictures taken at the Cotillion Dance Weekend will arrive on campus Monday December 16. Students may pick them up in Randolph 207.

Barbara Reid Stars in Fine Production Of Ugo Betti's "Queen and Rebels"

by Innocents A. Broadway

The Hollins College Dramatic Association's Saturday night presentation of "The Queen and the Rebels," was a royal success.

Ugo Betti's boldly-cut play shone brilliantly from its strong, simple setting.

Staged Readings

The play was given as a staged reading, and its audience wondered how it could have been done in any other form. Without action and sets "the play" was "the thing." Faces, lights and voices carried the compelling and the significant lines. Dean Goodsell, Jack Andrews and Pat Dinwiddie put together a production as tightly-knit and as swiftly paced as the play itself. The result was impressive. It was sad that there were not more people present to be impressed.

Lighting by Hinkley

The play's effect of immense blackness pierced with brilliant flashes of character and dialogue was sparked by the bold lighting system, which was under Sue Hinkley's direction. The "appearing" and "vanishing" was particularly striking.

Tragedy in Reverse

Barbara Reid brought restraint to the role of the queenly street walker whose tragedy in reverse set her apart, the only noble figure in a sombre frieze of egocentrism. Let it be praise enough to her acting to say that she made believable the rise of an earthy peasant to incredible heights of nobility.

Opposing Miss Reid were Jeanne Kinstler as the harried Queen, Harold Hall as the blustering bigot (he was magnificently hateful), and G. Dean Goodsell as Raim, the despicable traitor. Miss Kinstler's fright was movingly pitiful, without being sickeningly so. Harold Hall's Amos, powerful throughout, was particularly effective in the last scene during which he epitomized the depths to which human nature can sink. G. Dean Goodsell's voice and portrayal were magnificent; however, it is a shame that he did not desert sooner and learn his lines.

Supporting Cast

The supporting cast, keynoted by Beverly Lord and Alice Rogers, succeeded admirably in creating the background for the major incidents and characters. Their voices and



Barbara Reid

their timing were distinct and precise.

The applause was thin, a reproach, not to the players, but to the audience that wasn't there.

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Science News

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sorbed by matter on Mars with those recorded by lichens on earth. He reports that "although the lichen spectrum was used for comparison, the agreement does not, of course, imply that lichens are present on Mars; it indicates only that organic molecules are present. It seems unlikely, however, that organic molecules would remain on the Martian surface without being covered by dust from storms or being decomposed by the action of solar ultraviolet, unless they possessed some regenerative power. I hope next year to observe Mars again with a larger telescope," Dr. Sinton said, "and compare the light with the dark areas."

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It has been discovered that tumor-like cell masses can be caused by an allergy to certain deodorants. These deodorants contained the metallic element zirconium, and they caused granulomas to form on the skin. Granulomas are the basic body changes that occur in such chronic diseases as tuberculosis, leprosy, and syphilis. They are made up of closely packed cells. Zirconium was the only element that brought on the reaction. None of the other ingredients in the deodorant were found to cause any effect.

CANCER'S SEVEN DANGER SIGNALS

- 1 Unusual bleeding or discharge
- 2 A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere
- 3 A sore that does not heal
- 4 Change in bowel or bladder habits
- 5 Hoarseness or cough
- 6 Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- 7 Change in a wart or mole

If your signal lasts longer than two weeks, go to your doctor to learn if it means cancer.

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from the Hollins Columns Staff

Christmas Carol Singing at Dawn to be A Feature of the Holiday Season

by Axson Brown

It's a freezing December night—no, it's really morning; it just looks like night.

A group of silent, bundled figures can be seen staggering up a hill to a house whose owner, strangely enough, welcomes them and invites them inside.

These droopy-eyed creatures, still half asleep, struggled out of bed only an hour ago. Leaving hair rolled and lips unpainted, they donned their coats and hats and scarfs and gloves and sweaters, their "gay apparel." Then in the sleepest, but warmest, Christmas spirit, they slipped out into the icy air to seek nourishment before setting out on this morning's undertaking.

When they emerge from the house on the hill, their cheeks are rosy, they are smiling and laughing.

They plunge down the hill together. It's still pitch dark.

Now they are all huddled together in front of a building, and one of them keeps saying, "Sh." They can't seem to decide what they will do, but at last it looks as if they are getting ready to do something. One of the figures stands in front facing the group and begins waving her arms vigorously. Why they're singing! And

it's a Christmas carol! Funny little icy white clouds emerge from their mouths and disappear quickly as they sing. Soon, heads with half-closed eyes appear in the windows of the building, and they listen intently to the beautiful singing.

Then the group moves on to another building and there repeats this same performance to the delight of another sleepy-eyed audience.

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Attention Juniors

Freshmen to Treat Sister Class to Breakfast in Bed

Attention all juniors! At 7:30 next Tuesday morning the freshman class will serve breakfast in bed to the members of their sister class. Although little sisters traditionally honor their junior sisters, this is the most unique undertaking ever attempted by a freshman class.

Hollins to be Featured in

"Commonwealth"

Hollins will be featured this week in the "Commonwealth," the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce magazine, as one of a series of articles on Virginia Colleges and Universities.

Mr. William S. Lacy, editor of the Magazine, now has a daughter at Hollins, Judy Lacy, a member of the Freshman Class.

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