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Rathhaus furniture gets paint job.

New seminar to be interdepartmental

A group of interdepartmental honors seminars is being offered for the first time this semester.

The course will feature oral presentations on a series of topics which demand contributions from each member's area of specialization.

Topics that such a seminar group might discuss include the anti-ballistic missile program, women's liberation, the work of an anthropologist such as Margaret Mead and specific contemporary problems.

The student membership of the seminar will select the faculty advisors to the seminar group. Visiting experts from the faculty will also be asked to attend. Grading will be determined by a method of evaluation agreed upon by the participants. Each of the three seminar groups in the program will select the topics to be covered themselves, because the students and faculty involved are responsible for the direction of the course.

The interdepartmental honors seminar is intended to provide an arena of exchange among those students already pursuing their fields in depth and willing to share their experience with others similarly involved.

According to Mary Beth Hatten, '71, chairman of the academic legislation committee, the seminar is "an opportunity on a rigorous kind of level to treat a problem from the perspective you've developed." She adds that through such a departure from the general classroom experience, the student may "bring a structured background into an unstructured course."

Mary Beth explained that "the long range effects are both on the honors system, by adding breadth to depth, as well as serving as a model for interdisciplinary seminars in general."

Each student in the program will be responsible for three oral presentations during the semester, of which two must be outside her field and one related to her field. The seminar is open to all honors candidates and to those students recommended by departments which do not offer an honors program. The course carries four hours credit.

Open seminars for the community, possibly through free university and chapel programs, are also being considered within the program.

Rathhaus to be converted to temporary student center

Rathhaus has a new role. Originally intended to serve as a men's dorm this year, it will instead house a five-room student center, two rooms reserved for use by black students, and a dark room.

The idea of a temporary student center was instigated by SGA president Kathy O'Keeffe to meet the present need for such a facility until the planned student center complex is built.

Planning the decor of the center was begun in August by Mrs. John Wheeler, wife of the Dean of Students, Mrs. Baylies Willey, and Mrs. William Evitts, wife of the instructor in history. Sophomores May Kennedy and Scott Stephens arrived early to assist in painting and decorating the center, which incorporates the entire first floor of the hill house.

The center, intended to accommodate up to 50 people, is expected to open to students in about two weeks, according to May. A 3.2 beer license has been applied for and should be approved by the beginning of October. A cook will be employed to cook pizzas and serve beer.

A budget of \$1000 has been set by the school for completing the center. Prominent among the furnishings are a bathtub, purchased by Mrs. Wheeler and later painted purple, a five foot tall piece of sculpture by Thom Hickman, and an extensive black and white houndstooth sofa—a gift from a Roanoke businessman. In addition, the bathroom will feature a stained glass window designed by senior Charlotte Bowen.

Each room is decorated according to a different theme. A movie set of a jungle for one room and a Mexican style room including 200

straw hats suspended from the ceiling are two of the ideas being worked on.

The center is not designed to replace Purgatory, which will still be open featuring live entertainment. "Some readable type stuff, a stereo, and available for students and their dates at the center," said May.

She added that any donations of records, books, or prints would be appreciated.

Two rooms on the second floor of Rathhaus will be turned over to black students this year.

According to John P. Wheeler Jr., associate dean for academic affairs, the black center grew out of a proposed black house. There was not enough support to make a hill house into living quarters for black students only, however, and the administration decided to

substitute a cultural center, Mr. Wheeler said.

Mr. Wheeler added that the rooms may become a center for African and Afro-American cultural information and that a lounge area may be provided.

New library acquisitions on black cultures will supplement the center, Mr. Wheeler said.

President and Mrs. Logan's annual tea for new students will be Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Green Drawing Room.

Following the tea, the Interclub Council will conduct a fair in the Forest of Arden to introduce new students to campus clubs and their functions.

Hill house responsibilities assumed by upperclassmen

By Maria Brown

Three students have assumed the duties of a new campus job. The assignment of senior Pam Waterman and juniors Wendy Ault and Krash Krochalis will involve a combination of dorm president and house mother responsibilities.

The three were asked last spring by Baylies Willey, associate dean of student life, if they were interested in the position which is new to Hollins.

According to Wendy, who is in charge of Sandusky, the assignment is being conducted as an

experiment this year and may expand to include more residences in future years. The result will be to increase each individual student's responsibility for herself in the dormitory situation.

Maintenance

Wendy, whose dorm houses 26 students, explained that her duties are directed more towards maintenance problems than "being a policeman."

"It's really just like being a janitor," remarked Pam, who is living in Rose Hill.

The responsibilities actually parallel those of regular head residents, according to Pam; but they do not like to be referred to as "housemothers."

Acceptance

Wendy felt that acceptance of her role was the reaction from freshmen's mothers. "They thought I was just the dorm president," said Pam, who feels that the two jobs are similar. Having been the dorm president of a hill house last year, she is familiar with the situation and does not foresee any problems.

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Hollins College greets new men and women

Representing 32 states, two territories and 12 foreign countries, 327 members of the class of 1974 arrived here Wednesday.

Arthur Sackett Talmadge, professor of music and chairman of the division of fine arts here from 1936 to 1962, died July 4 in a Roanoke hospital.

A native of Springfield, Mass., Mr. Talmadge taught music history and violin and was director of the Hollins College Chapel Choir for 25 years.

He received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award of the New York Southern Society in 1965 in recognition of service to Hollins.

Mr. Talmadge received his A.B. degree from Oberlin College and his Mus. B. degree from Oberlin Conservatory. He also received the Diplôme d'Aptitude à l'Enseignement du Violon from the Conservatoire, Fontainebleau, France. He studied in Brussels, London and Berlin and did summer study at Yale, Harvard and the Aspen Music School, Aspen, Colo.

The group includes 325 residents and two day students. Nine are foreign nationals from Iran, Japan, Jamaica, Sweden, India, Malaysia, Trinidad and Denmark.

New students with advanced standing number 23, plus nine men attending Hollins during the first year of the eight-college exchange program. The men, who are living in a college-rented house next to Howard Johnson's, come from Washington and Lee, Randolph-Macon and Davidson.

The freshman class also included 24 alumnae daughters and 22 sisters of current students or alumnae.

According to Miss Ann Splitstone, director of admissions, the new students gave more varied reasons for choosing Hollins, stressing student independence and the unusual curriculum.

Mrs. Helen Goodsell, director of student aid and vocational guidance, has announced that 32.9 per cent of the students receiving scholarships this year at Hollins are members of the entering class. Eleven freshmen have almost total aid, Mrs. Goodsell said, and 69 are on scholarships, with 54 of these also receiving loans.



Freshmen arrive.

"M", starring Peter Lorre, will be presented next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Bradley by the Hollins College Cinema Society.

The film, which was director Fritz Lang's first sound film, was released in 1930. It is in German, with subtitles.

Lorre's performance has been described as "flawless," and the film is said to be "Truly a melodrama of the soul, unexampled in any other crime film." Lang is director of many Marlene Dietrich classics.

The film "recreates the claustrophobic, psychotic universe of a child rapist who is hunted by the police as well as the criminal class." It is based on actual killings in Dusseldorf in 1929.

EDITORIAL

Six proposals

President Logan's proposals for the Hollins community are not new. In his opening address, the president merely presented former college policy in concrete form.

Those who see the university as a political instrument may disagree with the six proposals, but they must realistically admit that restrictions on political action are necessary. If an institution actively enters politics, it must take the risk of being crushed by those in political power. Hollins cannot take that risk at this time.

The president's last proposal—"Normal academic schedules will not be suspended except for reasonable cause as determined by the President or his determined representative"—does not mean the college can never go on strike. If an overwhelming majority of the community ever wants to close the school, President Logan should consider their desires "reasonable cause." He has given this assurance, and the community must accept his word.

The proposals are logical and fair. Most important, they emphasize individual freedom—freedom this campus must have to remain alive.

EDITORIAL

The better way

Last May students assumed a position of conscience to operate against repression of their rights as citizens and repression of the academic community by the presence of the military and their recruiting and research arms on the campus.

The Hollins Coalition was formed, independently of the college, as a non-violent political vehicle through which to act on this position. We have seen that when people are shut out of the political system they often become confused, desperate, and they resort to extreme action that dissipates energy and accomplishes nothing. The coalition is a vehicle not only for specific tasks but one through which to build a competence, a resource of knowledgeable manpower.

While the academic community does not have any special privileges or rights in dictating policy, its membership has the responsibility of citizenship. A somewhat insular attitude does not fulfill this responsibility.

The political and social system of this country is failing too miserably to reinforce the status quo and hope to meet anyone's needs. It is time for consistent and energetic work to create new forms and policies. Sporadic excitement about issues is wasted energy just as is violence.

The integration of tested theories or ideas with practical politics is only one link between an academic institution and the larger community. This is the work of the coalition.

The national administration has not changed since May. If Hollins students wish to make their presence felt in the political system, we must make the coalition an effective political vehicle, we must bother with the drudgery of social change.

Coalition works in senate race, will start voter registration drive

By Andrea Krochalis

The Hollins Coalition, formed in May, 1970, has established itself as a political vehicle. According to Winx Catlin '72, chairman of the coalition, the organization is independent of the college, although it draws its membership from the college.

Assume Spring Mandate

Ibby Taylor '72, former chairman, is now going to work in the George Rawlings campaign. Mr. Rawlings is a peace candidate and the democratic nominee in the Virginia senatorial race. Ibby will be a co-ordinator for Hollins students working for Rawlings this fall. Richard E. Adams, instructor in Sociology, and John W. Atwell, assistant professor of history, are advising the coalition.

The coalition will assume the mandate gathered last spring to campaign for peace candidates and to work in voter registration drives in the remaining time before the November elections, according to Winx. She also plans to co-ordinate programs and contacts for those students wishing to work politically during the October vacation here in Roanoke or in other parts of the country.

Three Major Functions

As a political vehicle, the coalition will function in three major areas. Winx described these areas

as an informational center, as a forum through which to set priorities and as a co-ordinating unit to design and establish task forces.

Peace Candidates

The coalition will compile and make available research on peace candidates, the Vietnam war and current legislation. Information will also be available concerning issues and decisions affecting national policy, international peace and the political rights and responsibilities of the individual. Winx also said that the coalition will maintain contact with similar groups across the country in order to bring information of a political and social nature onto the campus.

Research Tasks

By functioning as a forum, the coalition will assist its members in establishing priorities and making political decisions, "not institutional statements", Winx emphasized. The result will be that members will deliberate not only the issue itself, Winx explained, but also will be to determine the most feasible and effective course of action. The coalition will function

as a co-ordinating unit for these specific tasks.

Winx gave several examples of issues the coalition might consider after the elections. She noted that many point toward the possibility of research tasks and liaison work. Among these issues she included: racial discrimination in Roanoke housing, Women's Liberation, the Black Panther Party and labor problems, such as the California strikes led by Chavez. The political role of the university or college, the rights and responsibilities of its members and the larger issue of civil liberties are additional areas of concern, according to Winx.

"Essentially then, the function of the coalition is to meet the Hollins students political demands, but the demands must be there," Winx said.

Restaurant menus, movie schedules, newspapers, magazines and information on local recreation facilities, are available in the Student Activities Room in Main.

Committee completes draft for community government

The committee to study community government, co-chaired by Dean Wheeler and Kathy O'Keeffe '71 president of SGA, has completed a first draft of their proposal for a community government.

The document, while subject to further style and drafting revisions has been given to President Logan and his advisory committee for their response. The community government committee plans to meet again in about a week to begin the final draft. The committee estimates that the document will be submitted to the faculty and students for vote about the middle of the fall semester.

The committee was conceived last year with no specific program.

Through second semester SGA worked in consultation with the administration and a proposal to

continue the study until a definite proposal for Hollins was reached, was approved last spring.

Producing a structure which grows from where the term "community" has a practical and natural basis, according to a member of the committee, has been a major concern of those working on the proposal. They indicated that this basis will structurally facilitate communication to bring the governing system closer to the academic priorities which are the primary function of the institution. The existing framework of hierarchical committees would be simplified.

The resources of the community could therefore be used more effectively, and the barriers affecting the cohesion of the Hollins community lowered, according to the committee.

College buys new property

The college is acquiring two buildings and almost two acres across Williamson Road in the Summerdean section.

The property is part of the McIntyre old estate where race horses were bred. The use of the land, which the college will take over in November, is "still to be determined," according to John A. Logan Jr., president of the college.

The larger building is a 50 to 60 year old brick home, according to Willard N. James, vice president and treasurer of the college. The house has large rooms and a screened terrace, Mr. James said, as well as a fish pond and boxwood gardens.

A guest house near the home is the second building purchased. It is located near the large house, President Logan said, and has been divided into two apartments.

The college is also renting an off-campus residence as a dormitory for nine male students. The house, which had been unoccupied for a year, is on Williamson Road near the campus.

Kathy O'Keeffe, president of the Student Government Association, will speak tomorrow night at 7 in the chapel. The speaker at the Sunday night chapel at 7:30 will be Alvord M. Beardslee, college chaplain.

Auditions for the Hollins College Chapel Choir will be held tonight from 7 to 10 in the chapel. Membership in the choir carries one academic credit per year for the first two years of membership.

Orchesis, the college modern dance group, will conduct tryouts Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the dance studio.

Cinema club sponsors tea

The Hollins College Cinema Society will sponsor a tea tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Green Drawing Room.

The society will show two films, "Two Tars" with Laurel and Hardy, and Charlie Chaplain's "Easy Street," in Bradley at the same time.

Students may sign up for membership in the club at the tea. Dues are \$4 a semester, and members will be admitted free to all cinema society activities and fine arts films. According to Ruby Melton, club president, members will also be admitted to unscheduled films at a reduced rate.

Admission to films is expected to be 75 cents for non-members.

The society will offer 16 films and two cinema festivals during the school year, including short term.

The first film festival, an Andy Warhol and D.W. Griffiths retrospective, will take place November 12 through 14.

To all those who were involved in receiving and welcoming the entering students last Wednesday:
I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for doing a most outstanding job helping the Security Police, and everyone else, in welcoming the freshmen to Hollins.
Ralph L. Watts
Security Supervisor

Student residents are not policemen

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Wendy, Pam and Andrea at and feel they have been completely accepted. They may even expect to eat at the head resident's reserved table in the dining hall occasionally in keeping with their unique status.

"I think our responsibilities fall in three general areas; the duties usually handled by house presidents, acting as a liaison between students and those in the administration and staff responsible for housing, and encouraging independence as well as an openness about any hassles that come up in the dorm," explained Andrea, who is in charge of Car-

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