

Hollins News Flash - December 2009

Alumnae/i

George Butler MA '68 Film Festival January 10-12



January 10, 11, 12, 2010

The film festival is part of Hollins' celebration of the 50th anniversary of the graduate program in creative writing. Butler, a 1968 graduate of the program, has had a long and distinguished career as a documentary filmmaker.

According to Butler, "A good movie should take you someplace you can't imagine." And since his documentary *Pumping Iron*, which brought bodybuilding - and then Mr. Universe, Arnold Schwarzenegger - to public awareness, Butler has taken audiences to some pretty far-out places: everywhere from Antarctica to Mars, from a Las Vegas bodybuilding showdown to the life of a college football coach.

Hollins and the Grandin Theatre team up to show Butler's range over the past 30+ years.

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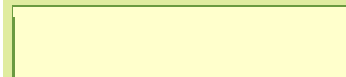
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Sponsor a Creative Writing Book Award

Help spread the word about Hollins by establishing an award at the high school of your choice!



Every year, the admissions office asks Hollins alumnae to sponsor **Hollins Creative Writing Book Awards** at high schools across the country.

Hollins Creative Writing Book Awards are a wonderful way to showcase Hollins' academic programs, especially the creative writing program, at a high school of your choice. Once an alumna establishes an award at a high school, student winners (either rising juniors or seniors) are selected by their high school English department.

When possible, the alumna sponsor also attends the high school awards ceremony to represent Hollins and present the book and award to the recipient. Each book award requires a \$50 tax-deductible contribution.

>> **For more information**, please contact Kathryn Johnson in the Hollins Admissions Office at 1-800-456-9595 or kjohnson2@hollins.edu.

Athletic Hall of Fame Seeking Nominations

Established in 1994, the Athletic Hall of Fame honors members of the Hollins community who have demonstrated superior athletic accomplishments at Hollins, as well as sportsmanship, character, and leadership at Hollins and/or in their community.



Induction of new members takes place at Alumnae Reunion each year. **Nominations are due by February 15 for new members to be inducted at Reunion 2010, June 4-6.**

- [Current members](#)
- [Nomination Form](#) (PDF)

Please return the form and additional information if desired by February 15 to: Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination, Alumnae Relations, Hollins University, P.O. Box 9629, Roanoke, VA 24020-1629, fax: (540) 362-6297, e-mail alumnae@hollins.edu.



Quad Quote

"As Hollins ever truth doth seek

So I, well-cast, true tones do speak."

--- Inscription on the B bell in the duPont Chapel bell tower, written by Arthur Talmadge, music department chair. The twelve largest bells carry inscriptions, and many are decorated with angels, chalices, and crosses.

The bells were played by National Cathedral carillonneur Edward Nassor during Family Weekend last October, marking the 50th anniversary of the bells' inaugural concert, on October 19, 1959.

Links

[Alumnae Web site](#)

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(Pictured: 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees: Tickner, Crehore, Curran, Reynolds; not pictured: Hodges, Burkholder - posthumous)

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Liana Camper-Barry '09 Among Youngest Alumnae to Be Published

Liana Camper-Barry '09 (who writes under the name Liana Quill) is the latest Hollins alumna to earn a prestigious writing award. Camper-Barry has been named a winner of the first *Mississippi Review* Poetry Series contest. Her poetry collection, *Fifty Poems*, is one of three books selected for publication in January 2010. She competed against poets from across the country for the award, which also includes a \$1,000 cash prize.



"I am so happy for Liana I am beside myself, and this is a big honor for our undergraduate creative writing program as well," said Professor of English R.H.W. Dillard. "She is certainly the youngest Hollins alumna to have a 'real' book published since possibly Anna Sevier in 1963 and Lee Smith in 1968."

>> [Read more](#)



**The Hollins Campaign
for Women Who Are
Going Places**

**The largest fundraising
campaign in Hollins'
history**

[Learn how you can
make an impact on
Hollins' future](#)

Campus

Gold Medal for Rider, Kudos for Riding Program



Congratulations to senior **Katie Furches** (pictured with Hollins coaches) on her win in the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Adult Equitation Gold Medal Finals, held at the Virginia Horse Center in November.

With this win, Hollins becomes the winningest college in this particular finals competition, having won it many times over the years.

The riding team has had a great record this fall, including:

- **Sarah Jarosinski '12, Tyne Hovda '11, Abby Quinn '12, Emma Lane Poole '13, Kirsten Poag '12, and Abby Gonzalez '10** also delivered standout performances at the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Annual Horse Show.
- At the Randolph College IHSA Horse Show, Hollins was the High Point College and Katie Furches earned High Point Rider. This success was duplicated two days later at the Hollins IHSA Horse Show.
- At both the Bridgewater College and University of Virginia IHSA Horse Shows Hollins was the Reserve Champion High Point College.
- **Arden Cone '12** is one of 12 riders chosen from across the nation to participate in an Emerging Athletes Program (EAP) National Level Training Session in Reno, Nevada, in January. She will work with Peter Wilde, a world-renowned rider. Cone qualified for the Region II United States Hunter Jumper Association EAP Level II Training Session in Naples, Florida, where she worked with international Grand Prix rider Allison Firestone Robitaille and Olympic gold medalist Melanie Smith Taylor. Cone was selected for the National Level Training Session after achieving the highest score on the written horsemanship test administered at the regional session.

Hollins now leads its IHSA region in points and Furches is the leading rider in the Cacchione Cup competition, equivalent to the Heisman Trophy in football.

>> [More about the riding program](#)

Hollins Goes Green

In June 2007, Hollins became a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Agreement. As such, Hollins has documented its greenhouse gas emissions and developed a plan for reducing campus carbon emissions, with a target of 15% reduction of greenhouse gases over the next five years with an annual goal of 3%.



In addition to carbon reduction, Hollins has initiated several projects which promote sustainable practices. These include our campus-wide recycling program, trayless dining, community garden run by students, rainwater catchment system on Turner Hall, "green fee" passed by the student body to support carbon-reducing projects, and the purchase of green cleaning products.

Recent projects include:

- Developed a Computer Power Savings Policy to reduce unnecessary power consumption.
- Adapted the dishwasher in Moody dining hall, which now saves energy by recycling the water that cools the machine to the chiller, and it saves water by reusing thousands of gallons of water each year.
- In honor of 350 day last October 24 (see photo above), obtained 350 sustainability pledge signatures from students, faculty, and staff, plus 25 more (350 represents the parts per million identified as the same upper limit for CO2 in the earth's atmosphere).
- More items added to our list of recyclables, including cell phones, PDAs, iPods, digital cameras, and laptops.

>> [Learn more about sustainability at Hollins](#)

Students / Faculty

Research Finds Bacteria in Soda Fountains



Students joined **Dr. Renee Godard**, professor of biology and director of environmental studies, in research that looked at bacterial contamination from soda fountain machines, and their results were published in the International Journal of Food Microbiology.

The team of faculty and student scientists has discovered that beverages from soda fountain machines can harbor microorganisms that may contribute to episodic gastric distress in the general population and could potentially pose a more significant threat to people with compromised immune systems. Biology department faculty members Renee Godard, Amy White, and Rebecca Beach, and students Carolyn Belling '11 and Vicki Kasza '09 co-authored the study.

The research "suggests that there is really a problem with our food delivery system," said Godard. "We need to fix the problem, so it won't become a bigger one." The Virginia Department of Health plans to make some changes in its cleaning instructions for restaurants as a result of this study.

>> ["Is your soft drink making you sick?" The Roanoke Times front page news story 12/3/09.](#)

>> WVTF Public Radio station (Roanoke, Virginia) [interviewed Professors](#)

[Godard and White about their research](#) 11/17/09 (audio file).

Student and Faculty Highlights

- Screenwriting and Film Studies graduate student **April Lynch** won it all on the T.V. game show "The Price is Right," on an episode aired December 1. The Roanoke native's grand prize includes a trip to Australia.
- For the second time in the past two years, the **Hollins University Theatre Department** has wowed the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). [A KCACTF respondent gave an enthusiastic review](#) of the fall production, *Dead Man's Cell Phone*.
- Current MFA student in playwriting **Kenley Smith MA '82** experienced a double coup. Studio Roanoke, the black-box theatre in downtown Roanoke he owns, opened its first season with a production of one of his plays, *Shade of the Trees*, about a young girl in West Virginia during the Civil War - inspired by his own family history. [Read the Roanoke Times story](#).
- **Dahlia Butler**, current MFA student in dance and Javits Fellow, had her work received for next year's Venice Biennale.
- The Mathematical Association of America has published *The Calculus Collection: A Resource for AP and Beyond*, co-edited by **Professor of Mathematics Caren Diefenderfer**. The book consists of 123 articles, each of which focuses on engaging students who are meeting the core ideas of calculus for the first time.
- **Assistant Professor of Art Christine Carr** has been awarded a residency at the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts in Nebraska for June 2010. Also, one of her images was included in a National Juried Photography Exhibition at the 1212 Gallery in Richmond, Virginia.

Funding

Tribute to Louis D. Rubin, Jr.



Some of the best writers in the country gathered at Hollins on November 6, 2009, to honor their former teacher and mentor **Louis D. Rubin, Jr.** and celebrate 50 years of the creative writing graduate program he founded at Hollins.

Creative writing alumni, Hollins trustees, the English and creative writing faculty, and friends were there to pay homage to Rubin and his successors, especially **John Rees Moore**, co-founder of *The Hollins Critic* with Rubin, and

Richard Dillard.

Lee Smith '67 and Shannon Ravenel '60 challenged former students and friends of Rubin to raise \$100,000 to name a seminar room on the second floor of Swannanoa Hall (formerly West Annex and now the new English and creative writing center) The Louis D. Rubin, Jr. Seminar Room and ensure permanent funding for publication of *The Hollins Critic*. Thanks to lead donors **Ted and Carol Bayne Price '66** and other donors, the effort was a great success with more than \$146,000 contributed.

In addition to naming the room and endowing the *Critic*, the gift also funded creation of a wall on the first floor of Swannanoa Hall which lists all the Hollins writers in residence, who since 2000 have been known as the Louis D. Rubin, Jr. Writers in Residence.

>> [View photos](#)

>> **Did You Know?** Poets & Writers ranks Hollins' MFA program in creative writing as [#24 in the nation](#).

Annual Report of Donors is Online

Hollins continues to thrive and grow because of the generosity of her donors. The list of donors for our 2008-2009 fiscal year is online. This report recognizes gifts made from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

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We are deeply grateful to the alumnae, parents, and friends who support Hollins loyally every year.

>> [2008-09 Annual Report of Donors](#)

Gifts to Goal: December 2009



\$125 million
\$113 million

Campaign Enters Final Six Months

We are in the last six months of the \$125 million [Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#) which will end with the counting of the last dollars postmarked June 30, 2010.

The campaign is divided into three basic categories: Hollins Fund (\$22 million), endowment (\$78 million), and campus facilities (\$25 million).

Since the campaign spans eight fiscal years and includes the annual operating fund, many of the gifts are already working for Hollins, including:

- [renovations](#) of Swannanoa Hall, Presser Hall, Moody Center, Bradley Hall, the Green Drawing Room, Beale Garden, West Building, Dana Science Building, Turner Hall, Kirby Riding Center, playing fields, and dance studio;
- as well as new sidewalks, signs, cooling tower, boiler, exercise equipment, landscaping, and a substantial start on improvements to the theatre.

[Gifts made to the Hollins Fund](#) are expended in the year in which they are made and each year provide approximately 10 percent of the Hollins budget to support student scholarships, faculty salaries, and daily operating expenses.

[Endowments](#), by their nature, will work in perpetuity to fund undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, professorships and chairs, research funds, travel abroad and J-term opportunities, speaker's funds, and faculty salaries.

>> [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

[Alumnae Events](#)

Watch your mailbox, your inbox, or check Facebook or the Hollins Web site for more details on the following alumnae events with Hollins student interns!



January 8 - Atlanta J-Term Party

January 13 - Raleigh J-Term Party

January 19 - Richmond J-Term Party

January 26 - New York J-Term Party

January TBA - Roanoke and D.C. J-Term Parties

Plan now for [Reunion 2010](#):

June 4-6!

Campus Events

- [Exhibits in the Wilson Museum](#)

January 10 - 12 - [George Butler Film Festival](#)

January 22 - 23 - [Roanoke Regional Writers Conference](#)

February 25 - [Founder's Day with speaker Ellen Malcolm '69](#)

March 6 - [Literary Festival](#)

April 26 - [Greg Mortenson](#), author of *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*