

Hollins News Flash for June 2004

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---CAMPUS NEWS---

Master of Fine Arts in Dance

Hollins has approved a new Master of Fine Arts in dance degree program, in partnership with the American Dance Festival, to begin in summer 2005. This degree program builds on the existing strengths of each institution and extends the longstanding relationship between Hollins' dance department and ADF. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/dance/index.htm>

Director for New Art Museum

Hollins has named Wyona Lynch-McWhite the first director of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, which is part of the new Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center. Lynch-McWhite brings to Hollins nearly ten years of experience as a museum administrator and curator, having managed both university galleries and museum satellite sites. She currently serves as associate curator of The Columbus Museum in Columbus, GA, and site manager at The Columbus Museum Uptown. <http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/museum.htm>

Commencement 2004

254 graduates (186 undergraduates and 68 graduates) crossed the stage on Front Quad on Sunday, May 23. Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey '60 delivered the address and was presented with the Hollins Medal, awarded for "distinction, service to Hollins University and to woman's life and education in general." <http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/commencement/commencement.htm>

Athletic Program: Focus on Quality

Hollins is restructuring its athletic program to more effectively meet the needs of current and future students, and enhance overall support for its intercollegiate sports. The changes, which become effective in the fall of 2005, provide an optimum balance of high-growth individual and team sports during each season. The revised slate of varsity sports will include basketball, golf, lacrosse, riding, soccer, swimming, and tennis. Cross country, field hockey, and volleyball will be assigned club status. A review team composed of students, faculty, staff, trustees, and administrators considered the viability of approximately 25 sports, including the ten currently offered, in determining its recommendations. The team drew upon extensive research that included student surveys and focus groups, financial reviews, participation levels, and an analysis of historical trend data for each sport at the high school and college levels.

---FUNDING UPDATES---

Friends of Athletics

In conjunction with the changes in the athletic program, Hollins' development office is establishing a "Friends of Athletics" fundraising effort. The initiative will provide additional financial support for both intercollegiate and club sports. Coach Sarah Coplestone and the field hockey team have made the first contribution to this effort. Contact the development office at 800-846-5371 for more information.

Presser Hall and Music Projects

Work has begun on the first phase of a renovation to Presser Hall that will bring much-needed improvements to climate control and accessibility to the historic music building. Total cost for the project is \$1,600,000 and we hope to have funding in place for the second phase by next summer. The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust has given Hollins a challenge grant of \$500,000 to establish an endowment to support music programming and piano maintenance and replacement. With matching support from alumnae and friends, Hollins intends to raise another \$500,000 towards a \$1 million endowment for the music program. For information on how you can support Presser or the Kenan challenge, please contact Ann Cassell at 800-846-5371 or 540-362-6490. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/music/music.htm>

Last Chance to Give

June 30 is the last day for gifts to count in the 2003-2004 Hollins Fund. If you haven't given yet, there's still time! You may give online at http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/invest/invest_online.cfm or call 800-Tinker1 (800-846-5371).

1842 Society Weekend in New York

Anyone who gives \$1,842 to the current year's Hollins Fund or the 2005 Fund will receive an invitation to take part in the 1842 Weekend in New York City, November 13-15, 2004. The event includes a cocktail party at Le Cirque, dinner at the Lotos Club, dessert party at the host hotel - the New York Palace - shopping, theatre, and all that New York has to offer! Call 800-846-5371 for more details.

---STUDENTS AND FACULTY---

Associate Professor of English Julie Pfeiffer has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant by the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She will do research at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University's Institute for Children's Literature Research in Frankfurt, Germany, during the 2004-2005 academic year. Pfeiffer will be working with German girls' books as part of a project on the ways gender structure is taught and reinforced through children's literature. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/english/engcwrit.htm>

Associate Professor of Classical Studies Tina Salowey has been named the Gertrude Smith Professor of Classical Studies at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece, for the summer of 2005. This research/teaching position involves working with graduate students and classics professors from all over the country and teaching a graduate seminar on the monuments of Greece, a 48-day odyssey covering sites and museums representing the various historical periods in Greece. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/classical/classics.htm>

Promotions and Emeriti

Effective July 1, 2004, Pinckney Benedict, English, and Kathleen Nolan, Art, have been promoted to Full Professor. Elizabeth Keyser, English, and Leslie Willett '64, M.A.L.S. '74, Graduate Programs, have received Professor Emeritus status.

Christina King '04 was profiled in a Roanoke Times article about local participation in the March for Women's Lives, held in Washington, D.C., on April 25. With King's efforts, Hollins had the largest per-capita turnout of any Virginia university for the march.

---ALUMNAE/I---

Reunion 2004

This year's alumnae reunion was a great success with over 450 alumnae and friends in attendance. For photos, award winners, and more information, go here:

<http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/reunion/reunion.htm>

Hollins Among Peace Corps' Top Producing Universities

Hollins has been named to the Peace Corps' 2004 list of "Top Producing Colleges and Universities in the Mid-Atlantic Region." Hollins ranks number 22 in the region, with 11 alumnae serving in 10 countries, including Nepal, Moldova, and Senegal. Since 1961, 59 Hollins graduates have served worldwide.

"Paris in Words and Pictures" Contest

To gear up for the fiftieth reunion of Hollins Abroad-Paris (Sept. 24-29, 2005), we're having a contest. Alumnae who spent time on the program are invited to submit an essay or photo (or both) that captures your time in Paris. Send your entry to Jean Holzinger, Editor, HOLLINS magazine, P.O. Box 9657, Roanoke, VA 24020; or e-mail it to jholzinger@hollins.edu by November 15, 2004. One winner from each category (essay and photo) will run in the spring 2005 issue of HOLLINS magazine and on the Hollins Web site. Please include your name, class year, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Essays should be no longer than 500 words, and photos should include a brief description. Only one entry allowed per category per person. Photos will be returned upon request.

Roanoke FiddleFest: Half Off Tickets for Alumnae/i

Hollins alumnae/i can attend the Roanoke FiddleFest July 22 - 24 for half the regular ticket price. The three-day bluegrass and old time mountain music festival will be held on the Hollins campus. For tickets or more information, call (540) 366-4616 or (866) 883-9466, or go to <http://www.roanokefiddlefest.org>. Be sure to tell them you're a Hollins alum!

TAP Art Gallery Features Alumnae

TAPestry Gallery, a new enterprise of Total Action Against Poverty (TAP) Roanoke Valley, announces their inaugural art exhibit: "A View from Hollins," June 15 - September 15. The show features five Hollins alumnae: Lora Hansen, Sarah "Pippi" Miller, Kelley Queener, Amanda Reagan, and Stephanie Smith, all class of 2004. The artists display their work for free and donate 30% of the sale price to TAP. Hollins will host an artists' reception on July 7 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the TAPestry Gallery, located at 137 West Campbell Avenue in Roanoke. <http://www.taproanoke.org/>

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

Campus Events Calendar: <http://www.hollins.edu/calendar/index.html>

Alumnae Events: <http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/alumnaeevents.htm>

Roanoke FiddleFest: July 22 - 24, 2004 on the Hollins campus. <http://www.roanokefiddlefest.org>

Dedication of the Batten Tennis Center: October 15, 2004

<http://www.hollins.edu/athletics/tennis/tennis.htm>

Dedication of the Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center and Eleanor D. Wilson Museum: October 16, 2004 <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/art/wetherill/wetherill.htm>

1842 Weekend in New York: November 13 - 15, 2004

Alumnae College & Travel
Colonial Williamsburg: Spring 2005

Queen Mary 2: A Transatlantic Voyage
June 9 - 18, 2005

Hollins Abroad-Paris 50th Reunion
September 24 - 29, 2005

For more information on these learning vacations, contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or travel@hollins.edu. <http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/alumcoll/alumcoll.htm>

---QUAD QUOTE---

"Some people call Hollins a bubble. They're right. It's a bubble where people smile at strangers, ask you if you're okay when you seem down, and go out of their way to do the nicest things for you. It can't last forever. But it's great while you've got it." - Cat Vasko '04 in this year's final issue of the Hollins Columns

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---Log in to Connect@Hollins: <https://emerald.hollins.edu/>

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---Give online: http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/invest/invest_online.cfm

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