

## Hollins News Flash for October 2004

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### ---CAMPUS NEWS---

#### --\$1.27 Million Gift to Renovate Starkie House--

Hollins has received a gift of \$1.27 million to restore and renovate Starkie House from a residential hall to a home for the English and creative writing program. Robert and Ruby Priddy of Wichita Falls, Texas, presented the gift in tribute to Swannanoa Horne Priddy, Priddy's mother and a member of Hollins' Class of 1911. The Starkie renovation is scheduled for the summer of 2005 and will include: Developing office space, classrooms, and seminar areas for the English and creative writing department; upgrading the building's electrical system to provide air conditioning; increasing accessibility within the facility with an elevator and other improvements; and repairing and strengthening the building's envelope and structure. In addition to this most recent gift to Hollins, Priddy and his brother Charles also established the Swannanoa Horne Priddy Scholarship Fund in 2002.

<http://www.hollins.edu/about/tour/residence/starkie.htm>

#### --Hollins Earns Princeton Review's Highest Rating for Academics--

In the 2005 edition of The Princeton Review's "The Best 357 Colleges," Hollins received four stars, the highest rating possible, for our academic programs. "Students agree that 'the small size of the student body is the key factor in the greatness of academics at Hollins,'" the guide states. "'The professors here are extremely accessible and get to know all their students personally...Classes are small and challenging, and the base of liberal arts is wonderful.'" In addition, "The Best 357 Colleges" places Hollins in the top 20 nationally in the categories "Class Discussions Encouraged" (#18) and "Most Politically Active" (#20). The rankings are based on a survey of over 100,000 students from across the country.

<http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/news/news.htm>

#### --Equestrian Program puts Hollins in Top 25 "Hottest Schools"--

Hollins is included in a list of "America's 25 Hot Schools" in the 2005 Kaplan/Newsweek "How to Get into College" Guide. The guide specifically cites Hollins' riding program, stating that it "offers outstanding training for equestriennes...Many Hollins students work with horses after graduation as trainers, riders, or veterinarians...But if they decide to get out of the saddle, the school also offers a strong liberal arts program and a highly recognized creative writing curriculum with dozens of famous grads."

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

#### --Art Exhibitions in the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum--

Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Beginning October 16, Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.

-- Main Gallery --

Contemporary Art: Two Visions

Photographs by Sally Mann • Paintings by Janet Fish

Sally Mann '74, M.A. '75 was named "America's Best Photographer" by Time magazine in 2001. Janet Fish, one of the first women to receive her M.F.A. from Yale University in 1963, is a nationally recognized realist painter. August 26 through December 10.

-- Ballator-Thompson Gallery --

Faces from the Collection: Portraits and Images of the Figure from the Hollins Permanent Collection. Opened August 26.

-- Florence Wetherill Wilson Gallery --

Hollins University Faculty Exhibition featuring the work of Leigh Ann Beavers, Christine Carr, Nancy Dahlstrom, Richard Hensley, Janice Knipe, Donna Polseno, Robert M. Sulkin, and William G. White. August 26 through October 31.

<http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/museum/artexhibit.htm>

---FUNDING UPDATES---

--Kenan Challenge for Music Endowment--

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. The Kenan Trust will match dollar-for-dollar gifts made before December 31, 2004. When fully funded, the William R. Kenan Jr. Music Endowment will ensure approximately \$50,000 per year for the music department. For information on how you can support the Kenan challenge, please contact Jayne Shaw at 800-846-5371 or 540-362-6480.

<http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/music/music.htm>

--1842 Society Weekend in New York--

Anyone who gave \$1,842 or more to the 2003-2004 Hollins Fund or pledges that amount for 2004-2005 is invited to take part in the 1842 Society 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! Register by October 20. Call 800-846-5371 for more details.

<http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/1842.htm>

--Record Year for the Hollins Fund--

The 2003-2004 Hollins Fund year ended with a bang: a grand total of \$2,600,774 from over 4,000 donors. This is the highest dollar amount ever raised in a single year for the Hollins Fund. Thank you, donors!

Give online: [http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/invest/invest\\_online.cfm](http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/invest/invest_online.cfm)

--Beale Garden Restoration--

The Garden Club of Virginia has announced it will restore the historic Beale Memorial Garden in collaboration with Hollins. The restoration of the garden, which was established in 1930 in honor of Hollins alumna Lucy Preston Beale, Class of 1864, will enhance its aesthetic appeal and value as a site for outdoor gatherings. In addition, Beale Garden will become a permanent location on the Garden Club of Virginia's annual tour. This year the President's house at Hollins was featured on the Historic Garden Week tour. Beale Memorial Garden will be one of about 40 historic gardens restored and regularly monitored by the Garden Club of Virginia. The restoration will follow the landscaping plan developed in 1930 and will emphasize the use of indigenous plants.

<http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/media/releases/bealegardens.pdf>

### ---STUDENTS AND FACULTY---

Former Hollins professor George Garrett is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Library of Virginia. Garrett, who served as Poet Laureate of Virginia from 2002–2004, directed the graduate program in contemporary literature and creative writing at Hollins from 1967 to 1971. Now retired, he also taught for more than 20 years at the University of Virginia, where he was named the Henry Hoyns Professor of Creative Writing Emeritus. A poet, novelist, humorist, critic, and editor, Garrett has written more than 30 books of fiction and nonfiction and edited more than 20 others. Garrett's honor was announced in conjunction with the naming of the finalists for the 7th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. The finalists in both fiction and nonfiction were chosen from 125 books by an independent panel of judges, which included Pinckney Benedict, professor of English and creative writing.

David Dvorscak, associate professor of theatre, was one of the emerging and alternative artists featured at the 8th Annual New York International Fringe Festival in August. Dvorscak is co-writer and co-director of the black comedy "Existentialism: The Ride," which was written especially for the Fringe Festival. The play is about one man's strange search for life's meaning intertwined with a corporation's rise to world domination. Witty Monty Pythonesque dialogue, physical humor, and sword play highlight the production. "Strap yourself in for 75 minutes of unbridled perplexity," says the festival's Web site, <http://www.fringenyc.org/>.

Darla Schumm, assistant professor of religious studies, has been accepted as a participant in the January 2005 "Teaching about Islam and Middle Eastern Culture" seminar. The seminar will be held in Amman, Jordan, and is sponsored jointly by the Council for Independent Colleges and the U.S. State Department. Professor Schumm will join around twenty U.S. educators for lectures, research, and travel to promote a deeper understanding of Islam and Middle Eastern culture in American colleges and universities. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/religion/religion.htm>

Michael Sitton, professor of music and acting vice president of academic affairs, has been chosen as a recipient of an ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Award for 2004-2005. Awards are granted by an independent panel and are based upon the unique prestige value of each composer's catalog of original works as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by ASCAP. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/music/music.htm>

Lawrence Becker, Fellow of the University and Interim Chair of English, was named Chair of the external Advisory Board to the National Institutes of Health Traumatic Brain Injury Clinical Trials Network. This Advisory Board reviews ethical and clinical issues raised by proposals for large, multi-site clinical trials under consideration by NIH. <http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/english/department.htm>

### --Student Affairs Announces Changes in Several Areas--

-- Effective July 1, Athletics and Physical Education began reporting directly to the vice president for academic affairs. This move will help facilitate the implementation of many of the Clean Slate Athletic Review's recommendations, which were proposed this spring. Beginning in the fall of 2005, Physical Education will present some exciting new offerings.

-- Jeri Suarez is now responsible for service learning and will become the new advisor to SHARE. To reflect her new responsibilities, Jeri's title has been changed to associate dean of intercultural and service learning programs. She will be working collaboratively with Siclinda Canty-Elliott on the recommendations made by the President's Task Force on Building an Inclusive Community.

-- Evelyn Bradshaw has been named full-time director of the adult Horizon program. Evelyn is instituting some changes to enhance the program and support Horizon students, including an expanded mentorship program, academic workshops, a support group, a lunch series, and social activities to build community.  
-- Tina Rolen is now director of the Career Development Center. She has served as associate director of the Center for the past 12 years.

---ALUMNAE/I---

--“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](mailto: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.

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

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

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

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>

--12th Annual Fall Dance Gathering: October 22 and 23--

The Fall Dance Gathering will be a celebration of fifty years of dance and also honor professor emerita Paula Levine. The event will gather alumnae and current students in two special evenings of original works. \$15 general admission / \$10 senior citizens, students, and children. 8:15 p.m., Shaftman Performance Hall, Jefferson Center, in Roanoke. For ticket reservations or more information, please call 540-362-6230.

<http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/dance/dance.htm>

Family Weekend: October 22 – 24

[http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/family/family\\_weekend.htm](http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/family/family_weekend.htm)

--Theatre Production, “The House of Blue Leaves”: November 11 – 14--

Directed by professional director and playwright Ernest Julia, visiting assistant professor of theatre. He is the creator of the international hit play “All I Really Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten.” Tickets are \$5 students and seniors, \$7 for adults. For more information, call the Hollins Theatre Box Office at 540-362-6517.

--Hollins Travel--

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<http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/1842.htm>

Colonial Williamsburg: April 29 – May 1, 2005.

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

Hollins Abroad Paris 50th Reunion, September 24 – 29, 2005.

Germany's Legendary Holiday Markets: November 29 – December 7, 2005.

For more information on these learning vacations, contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or [travel@hollins.edu](mailto:travel@hollins.edu).

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

---QUAD QUOTE---

“I see the collection growing and the museum gaining regional and national attention, eventually becoming a cultural center for Virginia, building on the previously established foundation of the old gallery.” – Wyona Lynch-McWhite, director of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, in the September 21 Hollins Columns on her vision for the museum.

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