

Hollins News Flash for September 2003

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---CAMPUS NEWS---

It's TINKER DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Today is Tinker Day! Go to <http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/news/news2.htm> for photos. Check in later at <http://www.hollins.edu> and click on the Tinker Day link for more photos.

\$500,000 Challenge Grant for Music Program

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.

New Arts Facility to be on a Par with Nation's Best Museums

Hollins University's Richard Wetherill Visual Arts Center, under construction and due to open in 2004, has been named a Museum Partner by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA), a designation that will help bring world-class exhibitions and other arts programming to the Roanoke Valley.

<http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/art/wetherill/wetherill.htm>

President's Task Force on Building an Inclusive Community

President Bell has created a task force charged with exploring a variety of ways Hollins can create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, faculty and staff. The task force, co-chaired by Trustee Pat Harbour and Faculty Chair Michael Sitton, held its first full meeting on September 26. In order to make the work manageable, the group (consisting of students, faculty, and staff) divided into four teams, each of which will address areas covering main points in the task force charge: Best Practices and Training, Hollins' History and Roanoke Valley Relationships, Curriculum Practices and Policies, and Interview Dialogues and Benchmarking. These key elements of the charge are the basis for specific tasks to be carried out during the coming months prior to the December deadline for the Task Force report to the President.

You can participate - Hollins wants to involve alumnae/i in the work of the Task Force. Tell us your perceptions of Hollins' inclusiveness during your years as a student and your recommendations for what might be done to make Hollins a more inclusive community. The Task Force defines inclusiveness as encompassing, but not limited to: race, class and socioeconomic status, gay and lesbian identities, special needs, size, ethnic backgrounds, and religion/spirituality. Email Jan Fuller Carruthers '78 at chapel@hollins.edu with your thoughts, to be shared with the President's Task Force.

Campus Master Plan

Hollins has contracted with Sasaki, a nationally known firm, to prepare a campus master plan that will address such issues as best use of existing space and handicap accessibility.

#1 in Quality of Life - Again!

Hollins University has the highest quality of life of any college or university in the United States, according to the 2004 edition of The Princeton Review's "The Best 351 Colleges." Hollins received this #1 ranking for the second year in a row.

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

Hollins Establishes Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing

Hollins has transformed its nationally recognized, one-year master of arts program in creative writing into a two-year master of fine arts (M.F.A.) discipline.

http://www.hollins.edu/grad/eng_writing/eng_writing.htm

---FUND RAISING UPDATES---

Two new endowed chairs

The first fully endowed chairs at Hollins have been established. The first, through a gift of \$2 million from two anonymous donors, will create the Richard H.W. Dillard Chair in Creative Writing, honoring the long-time professor of English and former chair of the graduate program in creative writing. The second chair comes from Jane Parke Batten '58 and Frank Batten, former Hollins trustee and retired chairman of Landmark Communications, Inc. in Norfolk. Their gift of more than \$2.2 million names the Batten Chair in the History of Women in Leadership, held by Professor of History Ruth A. Doan.

Presser Hall Project

Fund raising is under way for renovation of Presser Hall with a cost of \$1,600,000. Hollins has received a \$250,000 cornerstone grant from the Presser Foundation and has completed a \$200,000 challenge grant from a private Richmond foundation. The Roller-Bottimore Foundation of Richmond has also given \$25,000 toward the project. About \$725,000 has been raised in support of this project.

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

New Tennis Center

Great news for the Hollins Tennis Team, which won the 2002 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship. Work is under way to resurface four courts, build six new courts, and develop the complex into a landscaped tennis center. Gifts of approximately \$500,000 have already been committed toward the project. Fund raising continues and naming opportunities are still available. Contact the development office at (800) Tinker1.

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

---STUDENTS AND FACULTY---

SGA Vice President Takes Part in Diversity Leadership Program

Ashley Reynolds, a Hollins senior and Student Government Association vice president, was selected this summer to participate in Monster.com's Diversity Leadership Program. The Diversity Leadership Program is an opportunity for rising college juniors and seniors of diverse backgrounds to meet with some of the nation's top individuals and companies. This year 1,800 attendees were chosen from over 10,000 applicants.

Hollins Senior Attends Program for Women in Mathematics

Hollins senior Sarah Chamberlin was one of a select number of undergraduate women from across the U.S. participating this year in George Washington University's Summer Program for Women in Mathematics. She was one of only 16 women accepted in the program from 160 applicants.

Hollins Students Featured in Women's Colleges Art Exhibition

An exhibition featuring artists from eight southeastern women's colleges, including Hollins, is on display at Meredith College's Rotunda Gallery through November 23. Participating artists from Hollins include Maria St. Clair '03, Megan Koehler '03, Anne Zettle '03, Jessi Lawson '04, and Pippi Miller '04. The Rotunda Gallery is located on the Meredith College campus, 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh NC. Contact the Meredith College Art Department at (919) 760-8332.

Cross Country Team

First-year student Jaime Lockhart finished 13th at the 2003 Division II and III Virginia State Collegiate Cross Country Championships in Harrisonburg, earning All-State honors. Lockhart held a 50-meter lead with 200 meters to go when she collapsed from exhaustion. Nevertheless, she was still able to finish the race. Coach J.P. Widner said Lockhart will be ready to compete at the ODAC Championships on Nov. 1.

Inman Majors, assistant professor of English, just signed a book deal with St. Martin's Press for his second novel, scheduled to be published in fall 2004.

"Child Support and Homelessness," an article by Susan Thomas, associate professor of political science and women's studies, will appear in Homelessness in America, ed. David Levinson, Sage Publications.

Jake Mahaffy, assistant professor of film, will be one of the featured artists at the 16th annual Virginia Film Festival, which will be held October 23 - 26 in Charlottesville. Mahaffy will screen a rough cut of his movie "War." For more information on Mahaffy's work, visit:

<http://www.handcrankedfilm.com/>

---ALUMNAE/I---

Hollins alumna and photographer Sally Mann '74 has a one-person show at New York's Edwynn Houk Gallery, through November 15. "Last Measure" is a series of landscapes drawn from a larger project four years in the making, "What Remains." "What Remains," a five-part exhibition, will premiere in its entirety at the Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, DC, in June 2004. For images of Sally's work, visit:

<http://www.houkgallery.com/>

---UPCOMING EVENTS---

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

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

Family Weekend

October 31 - November 2, 2003

http://www.hollins.edu/news-events/family/family_weekend.htm

Theatre Production: "The Children's Hour"

October 29, 30, November 1, 8 p.m.; November 2, 2 p.m., Theatre
General admission tickets are \$7; senior citizen and student tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 540-362-6517 or e-mail theatre@hollins.edu.

Concert Series

Guest Artist, Leslie Tung, fortepiano; hear an all-Beethoven concert performed in the elegant and intimate surroundings of the Green Drawing Room on an instrument replicating one Beethoven might have played.
November 3, 7:30 p.m., Green Drawing Room in Main

Lecture by Chuck O'Connor: "Works on Paper"

November 4, 7:30 p.m., Green Drawing Room in Main, reception in the Art Annex Gallery

An exhibition of his work will be on display in the Art Annex Gallery from November 3 - December 12.

<http://www.hollins.edu/undergrad/art/artexhibit/artexhibit.htm>

1842 Society Weekend in New York

November 8 - 10

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

Hollins Fall Dance Gathering

November 14 & 15, 8:15 p.m., Jefferson Center, Roanoke

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$10 senior citizens/students/children. For tickets or information call 540-362-6429 or e-mail dance@hollins.edu.

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

Alumnae Reunion 2004: June 4 - 6, 2004

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

---QUAD QUOTE---

Painted on the rock during Alumnae Board Reunion Weekend, September 19-21, 2003: "Alums Rock and Rule!"

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