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Hillcrest Spotlight of the Month: that is Drinkard not Drunkard!



Susan Drinkard:
Olympic Text Messenger

So who is that hot, curly-haired girl on the second floor? Susan Renee Drinkard, of course! Pretend there is an accent on that second e. As for her interesting last name, it was originally Drunkard, due to corresponding behaviors, but was changed to mislead people. JR!! Susan is from Douglasville, Georgia, which is a half hour west of Atlanta. Back home, she enjoyed the music scene, particularly Jump, Little Children. No, that is not an order, it is a band. Susan decided to come to Tech to pursue Interior Design through the College of

Architecture. In her spare time, she likes to sleep, text message the very awesome Brian, and eat Pudding Thing. Speaking of Pudding Thing, her favorite RA is Sanda due to her amazing desert making abilities. Susan's least favorite RA is Brad, because he does not let her wear his hat backwards. Also, for some strange reason, he does not love Pudding Thing, which upsets Susan greatly. And by Susan, I mean Sanda. Susan is not all fun and games (and text messaging). Unlike most Hillcrest residents, she likes to read, particularly books by Kurt Von-

negut for their sense of humor and innovative plots. Her favorites are Sirens of Titan and Breakfast of Champions. Susan is also a member of VTU Speakers, so she has had several interesting opportunities to meet with notable personalities. Recent guest speaker Lorna Tychostup spoke of her experiences as a photojournalist in Iraq, and Susan was able to further converse with Tychostup with since committee members eat dinner with speakers after their lecture.

-Sanda Chelliah

When I moved into Hillcrest my freshman year, I was delighted to be moving into a building with its own computer lab. Sure, it was not a major deciding factor in my coming to Virginia Tech, but it was a nice bonus. For those of you who are asking "Computer lab? What the hell is he talking about?" have no fear. Hillcrest had a computer lab...until RHF took over our basement. That is right; we used to house a glorious array of Macintosh computers complete with printers and scanners. We used to go downstairs to do some homework or some of the side projects we had. We shared good laughs. We watched as one of the more high-tech Macs tried to kill Heath every weekend. There were even

plans for a group to make a movie with one of the Macs as a character (the one who tried to kill Heath no less). But this was all taken away from us. Without any warning or input from the students it most directly affected. Taken away from us so that RHF might have offices. Now, I like RHF as much as the next guy. And I love hall council. I mean, it's not like they could just give that extra funding to the RA's to do stuff with...that would never work. And who doesn't appreciate the over-priced care

packages that they get through RHF. I mean, you like the stuff in there right? You certainly wouldn't want your family to actually care enough about you to make up their own care package. You certainly wouldn't want freshly baked made home-chocolate chip cookies when you could instead have a bucketful of semi-edible sweet and salty goods. To

be fair, RHF is definitely trying to provide a service to us. I simply think that providing this service allows our family members the ability to take the easy way out and just send us the pre-packaged goods. Me? I'd rather take the cold-hard cash so But, I am still a petulant child and want to play in my basement. So give me back my playground. I want computers and scanners. I want weight machines and all-purpose rooms. I want a place that adds to the community. And remember, there is no "RHF" in "team". But there is a "Hillcrest" in "Hillcrest residents are better than everyone else."

-Rick Bis

Your
Petulant
RA

PIRATES!!! YARRGGG!

News came today that a cruise ship on its way from Egypt to Kenya was attacked by pirates. This is the first major attack recently following numerous threats from pirates all over the world. It brought up the greater question of the possibility of attacks here in Blacksburg.

Conventional wisdom would say that Blacksburg is landlocked and could not possibly be a good place for pirates to invade. When asked whether he was concerned, Hillcrest 235 resident Jeremy Henry said, "I don't know. It is pretty concerning to me. There is Claytor Lake, and the New River. Heck, even the Indians... I mean Native Americans feared it as the River of Death."

And Jeremy has a point. I mean, how difficult could it possibly be for a decent sized army of pirates to come down through the great lakes, follow river ways, and end up coming down the New River for an eventual short walk and strike to Blacksburg. After actually finding an unemployed pirate on the side of the road in Christiansburg, he explained to me,

"YAARG, we have had our eye on the New River Valley for some time. Our first



Resident, Jeremy Henry, in pirate gear. Does anyone sense a conspiracy in progress?

choice tAARget was the town of Floyd, but YARRGGG... some darn honors students sacked it before we could get there. After we had to scrap our plans for attacking Floyd, Blacksburg was the next best tAARget, being the home of the ones that beat us to Floyd. Of course planning would take at least 5 years." The pirate would not comment on how he came to be unemployed on the streets of Christiansburg. With all of this new informa-

tion, I asked Chris Rogers and Erin Smithberger, both residents of Hillcrest if they were concerned about pirates. Chris looked both ways, started crying, and ran down the hallway. Erin said very quickly, "Pirates, why would I be afraid of pirates? I have to go..." She then promptly power walked to her room, slammed her door, and locked it.

Not everyone was scared, however. Dylan Greenwood said he was prepared. "I am a fencer. Captain Hook wouldn't stand a chance to my skills." I did not have the heart to tell Mr. Greenwood that his sword didn't even have a sharp point.

The local police were not available to comment, further showing the lack of readiness for a pirate raid in Blacksburg. The only official move made by the department was to elevate the pirate threat level to periwin- kle... which means... well nobody really knows what that means...

In the words of activist Hillcrest resident Collin Calhoun, "Our only hope is vigilante justice." With that, he began sharpening his knife.

-Brad Shapiro