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## McCain, Obama Campaign in Hillcrest

With November's presidential election swiftly approaching, the campaign season has reached full swing across the nation. Presumptive Democratic nominee Barack Obama's decision to eschew public funding has given him the financial resources to seriously challenge his opponent, Republican John McCain. Nowhere is this battle more evident than in Virginia, a state that until recently was considered a stronghold of the GOP, having not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. As the candidates duke it out across the state and across the nation, we here at *Hillpress* are proud to provide a brief look at the key issues behind the two senators' efforts to court Hillcrest and its crucial 0.0000153 electoral votes.

### Offshore Grilling

While the nation grapples with high gas prices, Hillcrestaceans have always been more interested in another source of energy: food. In order to secure a continued, affordable source of this valued energy supply, Sen. McCain has floated a proposal to open our nation's patios to offshore grilling on a dorm-by-dorm basis. In a recent speech McCain said that "grilling will take care of our tailgating needs for years to come" by supplying the nation with a cheap, domestic source of oily foods. Sen. Obama, on the other hand, insists that grilling wouldn't decrease prices that much "since we all have meal plans anyway."

### The Surge

Another hotly contested issue in this year's campaign relates to the Bush administration's decision to deploy a surge protector to each resident of Hillcrest. Sen. McCain insists that the surge is re-



Senator McCain was joined by several supporters onstage at a recent Hillcrest Coffeehouse for a rousing rendition of "I'll Make a Man Out of You" from Disney's *Mulan*.

sponsible for the recent decline in blown fuses throughout the building while Sen. Obama maintains that we should pull out our extension cords and redeploy them against the Taliban in Egglestan.

### Veepstakes

On Tuesday, a source close to Sen. Obama reported that his short list of potential running mates includes prominent Hillcrest figure Terry Papillon, the incumbent Governor of University Honors. However, with this new exposure in the national spotlight, Gov. Papillon has found himself criticized from a number of angles, most notably for his lack of foreign policy experience and his close ties to Main Campbell, an organization

that has long been a suspected front for Al-Qaeda in the United States.

As you can see, this fall promises to be an exciting and repetitive blitz of advertising. Remember to check out all the action from the nominating conventions over the next three weeks, and be sure to sign up for an absentee ballot so you can participate in the process yourself.

*Washington correspondent Peter Kauffmann is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist whose articles appear in almost one newspaper nationwide.*

## THE NEWS FROM MT. OLYMPUS

### ElectOlympics

Here in the month of August, American news coverage is inundated with two things: tire pressure gauges and how fast Michael Phelps can swim. Well, to be less specific: politics and the Olympics. Every time you turn on a television or search over Google news, you're guaranteed to see at least a few stories on these two subjects.

Because of this August fever, the United States Election Board, acting on a measure from Congress, will institute a series of competitions between those candidates running for president. The Electoral Olympics will attempt to capitalize on America's current fixation with the real Olympics, and more importantly, on NBC's rare positive ratings.

First on the grueling, three-month schedule for our ElectOlympians is the always-intriguing Individual All-Around Mudslinging competition. Each candidate will get an amount of airtime designated by a combination of a media poll and fundraising performance, meaning Senator Obama will have roughly eight times



the start value of Senator McCain. The Libertarian and Green candidates are not expected to qualify. After the start values are established, the candidates will trade turns defaming each other's character until the end of the ElectOlympic Games.

One of the expected highlights of these new ElectOlympic Games will, in fact, be held in two different cities at two different times. The Convention Rally Team Event will be held first in Denver, as Barack Obama and comrades Mark Warner, Howard Dean, Hillary Clinton, and others will do their best to amass as many points and votes as possible, and hopefully more than their greatest opponent. Next on the floor will be John McCain, with

teammates Mitt Romney and Mike Duncan, and a surprise keynote player yet to be announced. McCain's team will aim to shake its base in Minneapolis and hope to outscore his adversary when the scores are totaled in November.

While the individual contests will prove to be most interesting, the competition will heat up a great deal in the next few weeks, when each candidate chooses a partner to help in the overall competition. These partners, the vice presidential candidates, are still a great mystery to the rest of the world (and to the candidates, suspects this reporter). However, once they are chosen, the pairs will compete in the Attack-Defend Relay, the Canvassing Road Race, and of course, Beach Volleyball.

At this point, a final medal count is too much to expect from the poor pundits and political casters in America's media. All we can expect as viewers and voters is that this will be a knockdown, drag-out fight that will ultimately result in a new president...we hope.

*I'm Will Satterwhite and I approve this message.*

### Olympic Aspirations



I've been hearing a lot about Michael Phelps lately. **14** Olympic golds. **7** current world records. **4** stomachs. According to the good people of NBC, the proportions of his body are optimized for complete swimming dominance. This revelation started me wondering: For which Olympic event is my body perfectly built? A brief breakdown of my physique should get the London 2012 ball rolling.

**Opposable Thumbs** - Yes, I realize that most humans have this going for them, but I find my stubbiest digits to be especially agile.

**Minimized Muscle Mass** - Although a disadvantage in most Olympic events, my "skin and bones" build could be beneficial in future competitions. Human Lincoln Logs, perhaps?

**Insatiable Desire for Ice Cream** - While I may not have the raw speed-eating power of Peter Kauffmann, I can easily scarf down a half-gallon daily.

**Earlobe Freckles (On both ears!)** - Not useful, but really freaking awesome.

While my unique attributes may not lend themselves to dominance in any competitions currently endorsed by the International Olympic Committee, I expect my optimal sport to emerge in the next few years. When the committee recognizes "Watching the Games From A Recliner While Eating Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough" as an official event, I'll be ready. Until then, I won't stop training.

*Mitch Daniels has a man-crush on Michael Phelps.*

# INTRANATIONAL NEWS

## News Reports Cause Interesting Reactions In Southern Appalachia

Six days ago when the New York Times reported that “Russia and Georgia Clash over Separatist Region,” Georgia resident Eli Whitney packed his family into their two cars and headed west... to Tallapoosa, Alabama. A mass confusion had begun over the lack of clarification as to just exactly which Georgia the Times was referring.

Whitney was by no means the only citizen to depart that wonderful peach-filled state; a small exodus took place. 70,000 individuals left their homes prepared to be away for an extended period of time.

Interestingly, for every individual that left, 2.35 individuals were more determined than ever to stay and defend the “Homeland.” Gun sales at Wal-Mart and Dick’s Sporting Goods, as well as Food Lion and Piggly Wiggly, went up an unprecedented 50% in certain regions.

Lifetime Georgia resident Fanny Kemble explained her purchase of an

AK-47 (widely available at 711s in Georgia, but this particular Kalashnikov was purchased at a yard sale): “Well, I got two young ones back home, they’re both getting on about ten now and I just figured it was about time for them to have something to take care of. With the Russians comin’ we got to have the extra protection too.”

Kemble’s husband, Rick, insisted that he had known for “the longest time” that it was only a short while before the Russians invaded. In his right hand he held a bag complete with milk, eggs, bread, and Charmin. In his left hand was a jug of distilled water, and under his arm, seven cartons of Camel Unfiltered cigarettes. “Two for me, two for her, and three for the kids whenever they start.”

I tagged along with the couple to the Emergency Response System they had recently constructed. It came complete with guard dogs (an overweight lab madly in love with my leg and a german shepherd with such deep apathy it might have been dead), spotlights (headlights and roof-rack lights of the family’s

Pontiac Firebird), and enough weaponry and ammunition to put the country of Georgia to shame.

The true jewel of the setup was the well-thought-out, precisely executed bunker housing. An overturned aboveground pool formed the main structure. Three holes, covered by Plexiglas, let in light during the day and the “roof” was entirely covered in tin foil to “keep out the space rays,” according to Rick. Topping the safe haven off was a satellite dish duct-taped to the roof with Grandma sitting next to it, armed to the teeth.

“It’s the neighbor’s. The bunker that is, not Grandma. He leased it to us.”

I had seen enough. As I left, I simply did not have the heart... or the weaponry... to tell them that it was indeed not our Georgia, but rather Europe’s. I was going to put some interesting facts here, but my experience with the Kembles... left me... never put me through that again.

Please, New York Times: HEADLINE CLARIFICATION.

*John Hoffman is technically from the South; however, he has never quite gotten used to the heavily armed small children.*



## SPORTS

In the midst of the grossly excessive Olympic coverage, it's important to remember what we should all *really* be concerned with in the world of sports: Brett Favre. This dynamic quarterback holds the fate of not only the Jets, or even just the entire NFL, but, quite possibly, all of the world. In light of this, Hillpress has been covering his developing story with Favre-or. Here we have the highlights of this morning's gripping Favre events:

6:24 am: Wakes up and brushes his teeth (25 strokes, Crest Whitening toothpaste.) Eats two bowls of Cheerios with 2% milk and one cup Folgers coffee, cream and sugar (same spoon used for coffee and cereal.) Receives text message.

7:37 am: Departs home and drives (average of 4 mph over the speed limit) to Food City on Hollis Street. Parks (6.258 inches to the left of center of the space) next to handicapped space. Buys Pearl-Tipped Easy Glide tampons (\$6.27, tax included.)

7:45 am: Returns home (average 7 mph over speed limit).

8:30 am: Turns on Madden 2009 (autographed "To Brett with Love.") Plays a full season as the Dolphins (16-0 on All-Pro (takes a 36 minute break at 12: 58 and eats sandwich (Sara Lee roast turkey on rye))).

5:00 pm: Enters bathroom.

5:47 pm: Exits bathroom.

6:02 pm: Wife arrives home (has KFC 20-piece bucket of chicken.)

6:24 pm: Dinner with wife while watching America's Next Top Model.

And there you have it, friends. I'm sure you all understand just how incredible today's events have been. Now we are left wait, and watch what this amazing man will do next.

*Kathleen Cooperstein is a Bears fan.*



The weight of the world is on this man's shoulders.

## THE GRADUATE'S CORNER

Since I have recently (read: August 11th) graduated from Virginia Tech, and therefore graduated from Hillcrest, it is high time that I buried the hatchet with my old nemesis, Dr. Terry "Yes, My Actual Name Is Terry" Papillon. Papi, as he is affectionately known around my apartment, has been involved in a feud of sorts with some of the Hillcrest denizens ever since the fabled Hillcrest-Papillon Scandal of 1873. Read your History books, it's in there. In the interests of peace, I have decided to write:

### THE TOP SIX REASONS TERRY PAPILLON WILL DO A MODERATELY GOOD JOB AS HONORS DIRECTOR

**Firstly**, it is important for an Honors director to have the ability to appeal to both sides of the aisle on most issues. Dr. Jack Dudley did a great job in that respect, with few exceptions. One notable exception is Dr. Dudley was so far to the left, he— well, I have no clever witticism here; he was just really liberal. Dr. Papillon is centrist enough that he would be able to carry on conversations with both David Grant and Dylan

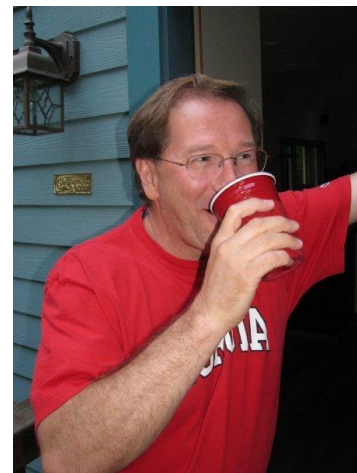
Greenwood, if either of them would let him get a word in edgewise.

**Secondly**, he has a PhD in Philology. Just in case you don't know what that is, don't worry. No one else knows what it is either. The degree's sole purpose is that during interviews he can say "I have a PhD in Philology," and rather than admitting that they don't know what that is, the interviewers just go ahead and hire him, assuming it means something along the lines of "the study of learning everything about everything."

**Thirdly**, the students in Hillcrest will be able to complete a Snow Papi in 1/8th the time it took them to make a Snow Jack, which means they'll have more time to study and get good grades, thereby improving GPAs in Honors in his first year. Well done, Papi.

**Nextly**, he doesn't take himself too seriously, which is a good thing, because no one else in University Honors takes him too seriously either.

**Second-to-lastly**, he still has Russell, Tammy, Michelle, Christina, Michael, The Thorpedo, and the rest of the gang.



We here at Hillpress do not condone the use of alcohol underage, nor grossly overage.

**Finally**, if things get really and truly screwed up, Jack still lives in Blacksburg, and is already plotting his hostile take-over of the Honors Director job, right after he turns Burruss into his own personal jungle-gym.

*Jeremy Henry really and truly has the nothing but the deepest respect for Dr. Papillon and all he did for Main Campbell.*

## AROUND THE TOWN

### Consumer Alert

Welcome back Hillcrestaceans. You'll notice that the 2.5 floor is infinitely bleaker (a direct consequence of my departure). However, we wanted to make sure you still heard about one of the greatest gems in the Blacksburg area: the **VT Surplus Auction**. The next date is this Saturday, which unfortunately is the same date as the Cascades trip, so I'll walk you through this: a typical auction list.

First, we come across a **"FREEZER, SO -LOW, ULTRA-LOW."** This freezer is perfect for those of you who want to have a dance party with your ice cream. Oh yeah, it will only be \$2.50. Oh yeah, it doesn't work. But you can put it in your room anyway.

Next, you see an **"APPLE AIRPORT MODEM."** For those of you who didn't know, the Apple Corporation has its own airport. They also got tired of their old modem. It's awesome. Well, it would be if it worked, and if it wasn't in my room.



This ice cream will get so low- ultra low with your new freezer.

After you wait another couple hours, you'll notice the big kid tools: **"CRAFTSMAN BANDSAW MODEL"** and **"BELT SANDER KALAMAZOO."** These are perfect for making your dorm room larger and smoother. They will either be \$2.50 or \$3,000—there's really no way of knowing. Either way—totally worth it.

For those Star Trek fans out there, the auction has an extra **"FABRICATION**

### STATION, LAMBDA PHYSIK."

You might have just thought physics was misspelled, but you would have been wrong. This thing can make anything. ANYTHING. You can now wipe out poverty, alcoholism and travel the universe with Patrick Stewart, all for the cost of \$12.50— thanks to PHYSIKS... It makes sense. Don't question it.

Finally, for those of you who have always wanted to be on the Terror Watch List, you can buy a **"DRY TYPE BACTERIOLOIOLOGICAL INCUBATOR, BLUE M ELECTRIC CO."** This contains bacteria (germ warfare), oil (profit), and electric (doesn't use oil) — mind blowing. This will put a hold on your passport for life at the mere cost of \$7.50.

So finish off your room in Hillcrest with some quality products from the Surplus Auction. You can be the coolest kid in school.

*Brad Shapiro's apartment is completely filled with auction crap that his roommate has purchased over the years.*

## !!!!!!! ACTUAL NEWS !!!!!!!

Fall is upon us, and we have planned a lot of great activities for the semester. As you will see when you get to Hillcrest, Dr. Seuss has come to Hillcrest and left hints of his masterful works all over the building. All residents have been split into four teams (one fish, two fish, red fish, and blue fish) and these teams will be used for four different activities: sock wars, butter battles dodgeball, a whizbang game night, and the green eggs and ham brunch. Also, circus mcgircus coffeehouse is coming your way in September.

With election season comes the chance for residents to vote for the second most important election of the year in NerdFest '08. The Hillcrestaceans, powered by hope, will compete against the right-winged Main Campbellians in an election run more exciting than Bush versus Kerry. Debates include Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, Bike Racing, Cranium/Taboo/Scattategories, and Video Games. Election Day comes to a close with Jeopardy. The Mid-NerdFest Dance will be held as well.

Below are the dates for the events mentioned. For more information, see the community calendar outside the RA Office.

### August:

- 22: Community Cookout at 6 pm
- 23: Cascades/ Honors Dinner
- 24: Hall Meeting at 8 pm

### September:

- 1: Sock Wars Begins
- 7: NerdFest Ultimate Frisbee 2 pm on the Drillfield
- 14: Butter Battles Dodgeball
- 19: Coffeehouse 8 pm
- 26: Whizbang Game Night
- 28: Green Eggs and Ham Brunch

*Kari Adkins is living in the former man cave of 243 Hillcrest and is still a Res. Life tool!*

# MEET THE HILLPRESS

**Kathleen Cooperstein**

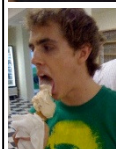
Kathleen is the new Editor-in-Chief. She spent her summer dancing naked with the faeries and druids.

**Peter Kauffmann** *Washington Correspondent*

Peter spent his summer making water flow downhill for the third year in a row. It's harder than you might think.

**Kari Adkins** *Friendly Neighborhood RA*

Kari spent her summer splitting time between studying for class and frolicking in the flowers.

**John Hoffman***Vladimir Putin*

John Hoffman spent his summer founding a hip hop crew called the Wu- tang Clan; you may have heard of them. Or research with the VT Physics department, whatever you want to call it.

**Will Satterwhite** *The Satterwhite Rabbit*

Will was down a very long hole all summer, playing his trombone for the Queen of Hearts.

**Matt Allen** *Junior Senior Correctional Agent*

Matt Allen was probably outside your window at least twice this summer.

*Paparazzi***Mitch Daniels**

Mitch spent his summer co-oping at a non-profit strategic consultancy. He's still not quite sure what it is they actually do.

*Prospective Olympian***Tory Smith***Non-Writing Writer*

Tory Smith spent his summer shirking his Hillpress duties because he was "busy," being "out of the country," doing "important research." We advise you not to "believe him."

**Special Guest Writers:****Jeremy Henry***Senior Salmonella Expert*

Jeremy Henry spent his summer as a camp counselor, and will be working at the Writing Center this fall, putting his degree in Mathematics to good use. Someone hire him, please.

**Brad Shapiro***Consumer Watchman*

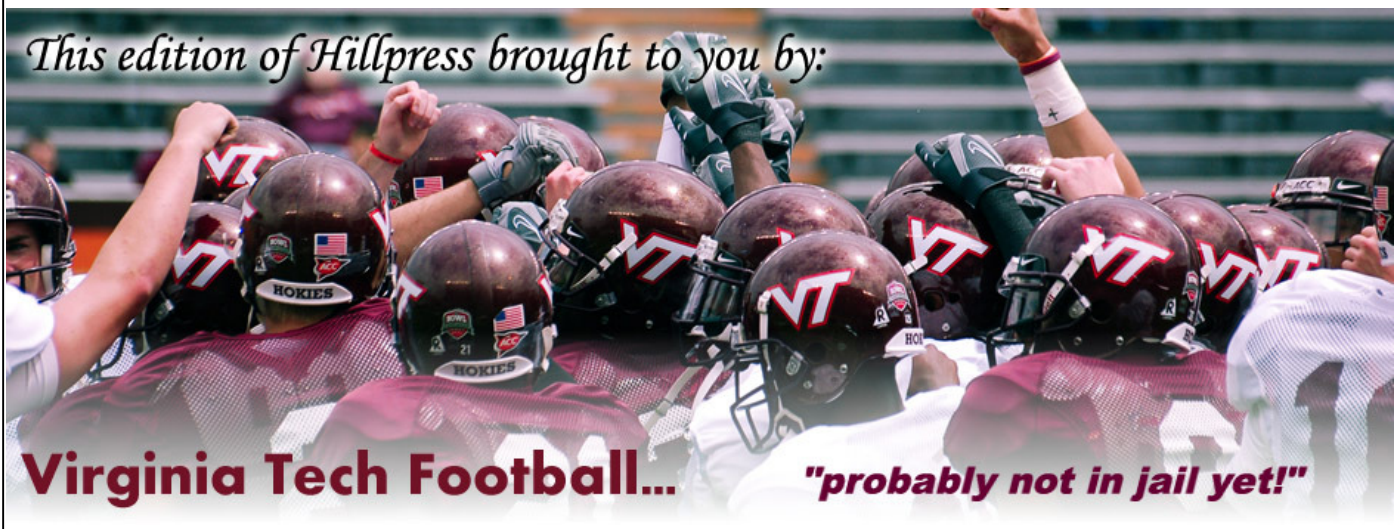
Brad visited the GRAND TETONS this summer without Peter Kauffmann. He also went to 3 surplus auctions, played disc golf 47 times, and wrote the cook book *Rice and Beans: Not Boring Anymore*.



Would you like to join these semi-talented people in their efforts to provide semi-reliable, semi-straight-forward, semi-accurate news to the residents of Hillcrest? If so, contact the EIC at:

[justme@vt.edu](mailto:justme@vt.edu)

Although Hillpress is not currently accepting applications from first-semester freshmen residents, we will also be looking again next semester!



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**Virginia Tech Football...**

**"probably not in jail yet!"**