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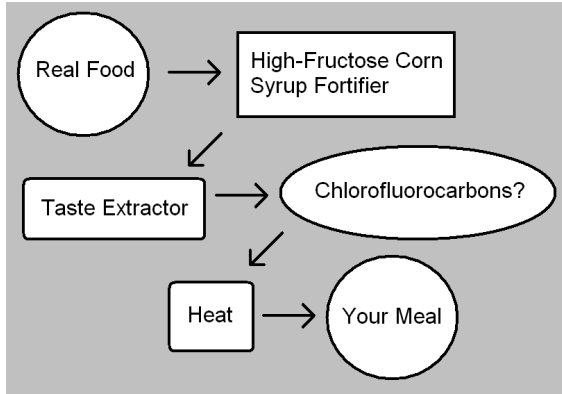
## Dining Hall Overcrowding Prompts Conception of D3

If you have tried to catch a 6:30 dinner at West End this semester, you probably have some visible bruises. You probably also have some developing hypertension. (Better keep it to Leaf & Ladle for a while!

Even though the new residence halls under construction aren't finished yet, there are approximately 5613 more freshmen than necessary, adding strain to the already overwhelmed dining facilities at Virginia Tech.

In a statement released earlier today, University President Charles Steger revealed plans to deal with the stifling appetite of the class of 2012. "I mean, there are just so many of them... Something had to be done." Clearly, the freshmen are to blame for the overcrowding crisis that has caused waiting times for Sunday pancakes to be given in fortnights rather than minutes.

The solution? Something massive. An enormous tribute to the concept of economical



*Pictured above is the revised food preparation protocol for the new D3 dining center.*

dining. Just for kicks, the building should also be utterly repulsive. For a while, the university could not decide where to put the newest dining center. It certainly couldn't be visible from the drillfield. Rather, put it on top of a preexisting mogul to massive mastication. The new dining hall will be called D3.

Conveniently located on top of D2 (and right next to Pritchard Hall,) D3 will be well suited to accommodate the record numbers of new Hokies. Because the class of 2012 is solely responsible for the current overcrowding situation, freshmen will be required to dine at D3 exclusively.

While D3 will emulate the buffet-style of its predecessor, it will also feature some new dining policies. Like D2, D3 will not provide trays to its patrons. To save yet more food and beverage, D3 will not include plates either. An extensive sandwich buffet will be conducive to hands-only dining. For those

craving soup: cupped hands.

Virginia Tech is hopeful that the construction of D3 will curb the collective freshman appetite enough to allow the rest of us to get some London broil with reasonable expediency.

*Tory Smith was never a freshman. .*

## It's Not Easy Being Green



*Cynthia McKinney on a good hair day.*

For the last 427 weeks, America has concerned itself with a few political questions. Who will win the major party nominations? Who will the nominees choose as their running mates? Wait, who is Sarah Palin? When will this all be over?

One question seems to have conspicuously

slipped through the cracks of 24-hour media coverage. That question could be phrased most eloquently as: Whom do you have to punch in the chest to get on the Green Party's ticket?

The correct answer would be: a Capitol Police Officer.

Yes, America, it's true. Cynthia McKinney, former Democratic Representative of Georgia's 11<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> districts, notorious among Washington's inner circles as the "Legislugger," is running for president. Of the United States of America. Yeah, North America.

In a recent debate (who was she debating? Bob Barr? Mickey Mouse?), the moderator posed a very specific foreign policy question to Ms. McKinney, who responded, "Oh you

want diplomacy?!?! I've got your diplomacy RIGHT HERE!" The moderator then managed to cover all of his personal pressure points simultaneously while taking shelter underneath his desk. The other candidates were nowhere to be found. Ms. McKinney was declared the winner, and everyone went home very afraid.

So America, the lesson we've learned here, is that the Green Party, while dedicated to non-violence and socioeconomic/bodily health, is willing to nominate a candidate that will knock you to the ground if you make her go through a metal detector. When you're deciding who to vote for in November, just remember, that if you don't vote Green, Cynthia McKinney will flatten you.

*According to Will Satterwhite, no Capitol Policemen were harmed in the making of this article. Oh wait...*

## Spotlight on Leading Liberals: Diana Cole

I used to be conservative. I used to believe in crazy things. I know. I didn't know any better, and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely apologize to the readers of Hillpress for my erroneous ways. You see, good readers, I have had an epiphany. It's really not that difficult to believe – in fact, there's only one requirement. If you've met young Diana Cole of Room 321, then you've met that requirement.

What started out as an innocent interview for a "Freshman Spotlight" feature turned into a nearly religious experience as Diana recounted her life story. A more inspirational story has not been told in quite some time betwixt these pages, and I would invite each and every conservative reader who might be clinging to their outdated doctrines to strike up a conversation with Diana. Your life will be changed for the better.

*Matt Allen:* So what was it like, growing up with tequila and cactuses everywhere?

*Diana Coole:* I wouldn't know. I was born in America. I'm half Chinese, if that's what

you're referring to.

*MA:* Oh, sorry. I'll come back to that when you're ready. So I hear you're supporting Barak Obama for President this year?

*DC:* I just decided that I didn't want to jump on any bandwagons like my Conservative friends did after the Sarah Palin thing.

*MA:* You mean McCain picking her as VP?

*DK:* What? No, I was talking about wearing the Dolce frames like she picked up for the ANWR National Conservancy meeting.

*MA:* So you've said you're an International Studies major. Could you please identify this country for me? [Holds up a picture of a boot with the toe pointing right]

*DC:* Italy, of course.

*MA:* Actually, it's a picture of a boot, Diana. Plus, it's facing the wrong direction.

*DC:* Oh, sorry. It's Louisiana.

*MA:* Louisiana's not a... You like to travel internationally, right?

*DC:* Yeah, I'd love to travel to the Grand Canyon some time.

*MA:* [three second pause] ...Have you heard of Obama's plan to fill in the Grand Canyon with dirt from the Rockies? It's part of his "Robin Hood-omics" plan.

*DC:* Really? I guess that's a good idea – I mean, why should the mountains have all the good dirt when Nevada doesn't have any?

*MA:* I think I'll leave it at that.

And so, good readers, there you have it; my conversion. Take heed, and beware, for Diana Cole is coming for your conservatism and she's not taking prisoners.

*Matt Allen didn't make up as much of this interview as you think.*

## Anti-Helmet Group Forms on Campus

As the election debates heat up, more and more issues are brought to the front of Americans' hearts and minds. Most recently, a group of concerned students on Virginia Tech's campus have formed the Students Against Teaching Kids to Wear Helmets When Riding a Bike or Doing Other Dangerous Stuff (SATKWHWRBDODS, for short.)

This group is primarily concerned with the prevalence of dangerous activities amongst Americans aged 11-18. I spoke with the group's president, Jane Stag earlier this week.

*Hillpress:* Ms. Stag, your group is against teaching kids to wear helmets or other protective gear while engaging in dangerous physical activities. Why is that?

*Jane Stag:* We believe that the reason children do such dangerous things is because they believe they are safe. And they're not! There's danger everywhere. If we teach kids to wear helmets, they'll start thinking it's okay to do things like

ride bikes before they are emotionally, physically, and balencially able to do so responsibly.

*HP:* Balencially. Now, is that a real word?

*JS:* Look, you're missing the point here.

The point is, kids think it's cool to do stuff like riding a bike before they're really able to do so. Some kids will "outgrow" two or three bikes before they settle on the one they'll ride as an adult. That's a waste of bikes, not to mention it puts kids at risk for premature scarring. We believe scars are only okay when you're old enough to look cool for having them.



*This young child has already been inducted into "helmet society."*

*HP:* Does your group have any plans for advancing these efforts against helmet education?

*JS:* Right now we're just getting the word out. Ultimately, though, we'd like to have helmets removed from the kids' section of department stores, so as to make them less available.

The SATKWHWRBDODS is currently seeking out new members and hopes to make its way onto the national stage as soon as possible.

*Kathleen Cooperstein likes to live dangerously.*

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