

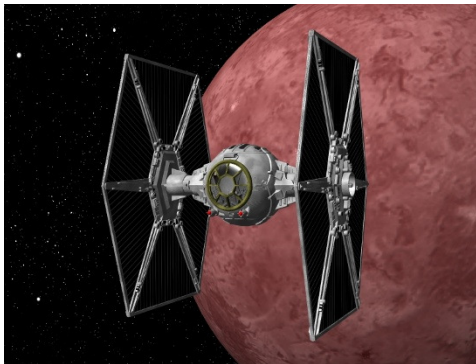
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Mandatory Dinners to be Enforced

One of the pressing issues facing the modern -day Hillcrestecan is the question of whether or not to attend the community dinners provided by the Honors Department. In days when the word "mandatory" means something more like "if your meal plan is running low," it can often be tempting to opt out of the dressy dinners in favor of some Kraft Mac 'n Cheese, your ratty old pajamas, and a season of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Be on the lookout, however, as the Dining Committee is making moves towards a higher community dinner participation rate.

"We needed to find some sort of incentive for residents," explained Dining Committee Chair Erin Smithberger. "We thought that admitting an extra 937 freshmen with dining plans would help drive honors students to the community dinners, but it hasn't."



This Tie Fighter returns from the desolate and far-away planet of Main Campbellonia.

In short, the Dining Committee has now engaged a Tie Fighter Enforcement Crew. "It's just like when you see signs on the road: Speed limit enforced by aircraft," says Smithberger. "Except here, the aircraft are

monitoring students to make sure they aren't goofing off instead of coming to dinner."

According to Smithberger, the Tie Fighters would also be utilized to remove diners who arrive without an RSVP.

The solution proposed by the Dining Committee has been called radical by some, genius by others, and just plain silly by most.

"Have you seen how bad Tie Fighter pilots are at driving?" queried one skeptical resident. "They couldn't even navigate an asteroid field, let alone all this construction on campus."

Kathleen Cooperstein forgot to RSVP.

Coldplay: Better Before First Album

Okay, here's the premise: Coldplay's fourth effort - I say effort because it's too much credit to call it an "album" - entitled "Viva la Vida" is the worst 42 minutes of garbage I have ever listened to. I recently made the mistake of purchasing this plastic pressed into pitted foil because I heard rave reviews from my idiot friends about how this album was so "revolutionary and experimental and well-produced and it just has so much to say!"

I now know I can trust my friends' opinions (and grammatical prowess for that matter) about as much as James Bond trusted Trevelyan right before the chemical factory scene in Goldeneye. If nothing else, their traitorous lies had me sitting on my couch for twenty minutes trying to get off that annoying piece of plastic that holds the CD case shut so you can't steal it from Target.

I learned only two things from this experience:



the first is that I would never, *ever* steal this album. Since I wrote that, I forgot what the second thing was because I just realized that the song called "42" is the sequel to Dave Matthews' "#41" - another song that, just like VX nerve gas, is something we wish we could dis-invent.

Actually, I take that back. Coldplay frontman Chris Matthews' songwriting really actually shines on this song. His magnificent crooning of "those who are dead are not dead," combined with the guitarist (who I'm pretty sure is Kurt Cobain's dead body), really change my mind about the song writing abilities and technical talent of this band. I'm serious. (I'm not actually serious, for the record)

Coldplay is not as good as my friends think they are. I'm considering getting those friends together with my Radiohead friends so they can talk about their feelings and discuss the eating habits of their Tamagachi. Bottom line: Go buy this album if you need another coaster for your Mello Yello can while you try to attain level 61 on World of Warcraft.

Matt Allen is sorry, but he would have written a good review if the band was better.

The ACC Leaves Football Fans Wondering, WTF?

Football season is in full swing yet again. Virginia Tech is off to a great start with a 5-1 record and impressive road wins in Lincoln and Chapel Hill. A season that began with worries after a loss to East Carolina has solidified.

Our friendly rivals over in Charlottesville are having somewhat of a tough run this season. Last year, Virginia Tech clinched an ACC Championship berth after beating a UVA team that had won five games by two or fewer points. This year, both teams have changed.

The Duke Blue Devils have long been the laughingstock of the ACC. The same "Dukies" famed for camping out near Cameron Indoor Stadium to get basketball tickets typically find themselves hibernating during football season. The same school that has recorded three NCAA tournament titles since 1990 has also suffered losses on the football field to teams with names like Southwestern Idaho Christian Technical Community College.



the Duke Blue Devils beat the Wahoos by four touchdowns, and UVA students are finding themselves in a real bind because they can't exactly hold out for basketball season...

In a recent Saturday, the Cavs found themselves a 7 point underdog to their bye week. Plenty of laughs have been had so far this year at the expense of our collar-popping comrades, but any semblance of balance in the conference was shattered again this past Saturday after UVA crushed the visiting Terrapins 31-0. The Blue Devils may have temporarily recaptured their bottom feeding position after failing to score any points against the Yellow Jackets.

It's no wonder that the ESPN talking heads never mention much about the ACC on game day – they don't know what to say.

Tory Smith does take solace in the fact that the ACC might be better than the PAC-10.

And just when you thought it was safe to Might point a finger at the "worst" team in the ACC,

Announcing the Hillpress Cryptoquip Contest!

At right are three cryptoquip puzzles. Each phrase has been encoded such that each letter corresponds to another, within each puzzle. A single hint has been provided for each cryptoquip to help you along.

The first person to supply me with a correct answer to ANY of the three puzzles will win the coveted prize of a Hillpress Spotlight Article.

I swear, on the reputation of this great news source, that all three puzzles are legitimate and solvable. None of that malarchy Brad tried last year with the Sudoku puzzle.

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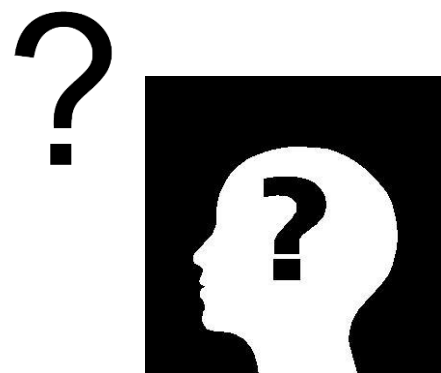
Hint: Y=A

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VQLJ PIUGC DLMFN OIXTLQX.

Hint: Z=C

VDVHFIRMW KJT XFUYEGCJZSJU
LBENFXJ OSQJAEPU.

Hint: P=X



Will Satterwhite suggests that you look for patterns, like "ING," "ED," and "THE" to help you along your way.

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