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Hillcrest Gets a House Call

Over the past few weeks, a dreadful epidemic of jerkfluenza has swept the dorm. From vandalism to litter to outright disrespect, the entire community has felt its effects. Leading Hillcrest scholars have speculated on the cause of this relatively recent development, with proposed theories ranging from a river of pink psychoreactive slime running through Blacksburg's abandoned subway system to an airborne "fear toxin" being put into the water system by the manager of the local insane asylum.

"These theories are all hogwash," declared Honors Director Terry Papillon following an emergency meeting with the building's RAs last week. "I have talked to Dr. Crane myself and he assures me that our water supply is uncontaminated. Rest assured, the hall staff and I have enlisted the help of one of our generation's greatest medical minds to help us get to the bottom of this problem – and fast."



Laurie (front) addresses a community meeting with his team, Drs. Taub, Hadley, Kutner, and Thorp (l-r)

So it came as no surprise when Hugh Laurie, better known as TV's Dr. House, showed up last Tuesday to address the curious case. In a prepared statement, Mr. Laurie emphasized his wealth of experience in fake doctoring and promised to use the same time-honed techniques from his prime-time show. Laurie then made a sardonic comment about Papillon's cleavage, presumably out of habit.

"Everybody lies," continued the Emmy-winning actor. "We can only trust the evidence. To this end, I'll be sending members of my team to perform illegal searches in each and every one of your rooms. Now if you need me, I'll be twirling my cane, popping Vicodin, and watching your free cable in the lounge upstairs. Oh, and don't come bother me without bringing food."

When asked how long he intended to stay, Laurie stated that his investigation would last "until the dramatic breakthrough soundtrack starts playing."

Breakthrough or not, Laurie is expected to announce his findings during Friday night's Coffeehouse. Look for in-depth coverage of the House Subcommittee's report in the next edition of *Hillpress*. Or not.

Peter Kauffmann thinks it's lupus.

FCC Identifies New Expletive

ATLANTA, Georgia – Officials at the Federal Communications Commission have added a new word to its "Bad Words List," a list of words that may not be broadcast over television, radio, and other media outlets without proper rating and/or censorship.

This new expletive, like many four-letter words that have come before it, traces its origins back to common usage, without any implication of the grotesque or taboo. At the ACC Men's Basketball Second Round game featuring the Virginia Tech Hokies and the Carolina Tarheels, the "referees" made a terrible call against the Hokies, causing them to lose the game. By calling a j**p b**l, the refs gave possession to the Tarheels, allowing them to beat the Hokies on what is arguably the most worstest call in ACC basketball history.

As a result of this unfortunate officiating, us-



age of the term "j**p b**l" has turned from innocent and descriptive to profane and illicit. FCC officials warn that college students in particular have been heard saying this inflammatory phrase in the same way that they commonly use other four-letter words – excessively and disrespectfully.

Basketball games, ranging from pee-wee all the way up to the NBA, will be broadcast on a five-second delay (much like the brains of

ACC basketball officials, now that you mention it) to avoid offending television audiences.

This craze over the new phrase has inspired pop culture memes all around the Internet, the haven for un-censorship. Surfers all around the world will be able to share their unfortunate stories of referee run-ins on jumpballmylife.com when it goes online next week. Facebook users, battling with a new interface once again, have started sharing notes titled "25 jump balls," a fad that threatens to subject millions of passive users to unwarranted tagging. Expect to see this new obscenity to turn up all across our beloved tubes in the months to come.

Will Satterwhite can proudly? say that he was there at the inception of this new expletive.

Virginia Tech Does Research... Hard

With the release of the fall issue of the Virginia Tech Magazine hailing it, Virginia Tech is back in the top 50 research school rankings. That's right, Virginia Tech ranked 42 out of 662 universities nationwide with a research expenditure of approximately \$367 million. That's enough money to bail out 1/1754th of the American auto industry!

But this is really great news for all of the students here at Tech: we now have the opportunity to take part in groundbreaking research in almost every field we could possibly imagine! ... provided that there is a professor here who is working in that field who happens to be in need of an undergraduate assistant and you just happen to be there are that right time... But no, seriously: this is a great opportunity for all of us here.

As the Virginia Tech Magazine reports, Robert Walters, the vice president of research, stated "the university is about \$35 million ahead of its strategic-plan goal to achieve \$540 million in research expenditures by 2012." How fantastic! You know, this explains why all of our tuition is going up! You see, now we have all this great research going on to which we have *direct access*. This translates into better students, better grades, better jobs and, dare I say it, a better world.

I was able to track down this "Robert Walters" for a brief interview.



Hillpress (HP): So what exactly does the Vice President of Research do?

Robert Walters (RW): I spend most of my time researching how the research funds at this University are distributed. I check on research ethics issues and promote and encourage research through research scholarships and, you know, that helpful research pat on the back.

HP: Great. So how does research directly benefit the students here at Tech?

RW: Well research really opens up new horizons for everyone. Professors get to learn new things that they then can communicate to their students. Research also really puts Vir-

ginia Tech on the map for a lot of big companies to invest in. This translates better jobs for students and then in turn even more research for the future. Here at Virginia Tech we don't even need to invent the future, we'll just research the hell out of it.

HP: But how exactly does that translate into increased and better LEARNING for the students?

RW: Well the research is really fantastic. Students have access to research that really research helps them research learn more things about research. Their professors do all this research and the students in the research classroom get to research see all the research... Research.

HP: That made no sense. It sounds like you're just saying research multiple times because it seems to reflect well on the university.

RW: Quick Chuck, they found us out! To the Research Mobile.

That was the last that I saw sir Robert Walters and Charles Steger that day. I did snap a quick photo of them headed out of town in what appeared to be an approximately \$35 million "research mobile."

John Hoffman wants to make sure all you kids eat your research for breakfast!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings, gentle readers, from your pal at the paper, Editor in Chief, Kathleen. As we all make our way back from the various tropical, exotic, or snow-capped vacation destinations, the time has come for us to step back into real life. With the ending of spring break, we must all face the unfortunate and unavoidable fact that there are still eight weeks of school remaining in the year.

One of the most formidable tasks after a break is, of course, the opening of your inbox after having studiously ignored it for 10 days straight (let's be honest here— spring break starts on the Thursday before.) This time, you were sure to have discovered the yearly reminder from dear old Kenneth Belcher instructing you to make plans to leave again. It's as if he doesn't even want you here at all!

I know for many Hillcrestaceans, the onus of having to be moved out within 24 hours of

your last exam can be a burden. After all, who wants to pack, ever? Nobody. Who wants to put packing off as long as possible? Everybody.

This year, I have a grand solution for all those non-seniors who want the luxury of staying until after graduation. I am willing to pretend to be your cousin. You can put me down as a graduating family member, and then wallow in two semesters' worth of filth for a few precious days more.

The only stipulation is you have to come to my graduation, as well as buy me a very nice gift. And take me out to dinner and tell me how smart and cute I am.

None of Kathleen's relatives are coming to see her graduate or buying her presents, because they're making the same trip two weeks later for her wedding. They're all jerks.

Be next week's guest writer! Submit your work to Kathleen

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