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What To Expect When You're Expecting (to go to college)

This beautiful March weekend will for many mark the first step in a four-year journey through undergraduate education here at Virginia Tech. As prospective freshmen mill around with dazed looks on their faces and upperclassmen barrage them with activities, high-sugar foods, and thinly veiled attempts to get them to do their homework, many questions will be asked about what it is like to attend our illustrious institution. Well, gentle readers, I am here to give you the low-down on higher education. What follows is a detailed and entirely accurate depiction of precisely what you will experience at Virginia Tech:



Freshman year: You will lose 5-10 pounds after discovering that "Hillcrest" is actually on the crest of a huge hill, and that you have to walk up it three different ways to get to your classes. About halfway through first semester, though, you'll gain it all back when you realize that West End Dining Center is only 45 seconds away and that no hills are involved in getting there. Your classes will be tolerably difficult, but the juniors in Hillcrest will be complaining so much about how tremendously, mind-bogglingly hard theirs are that

you'll feel like you're living on Easy Street. You will, in fact, live on West Campus Drive. This is important for you to know, because Gumby's Pizza does not deliver to Easy Street.

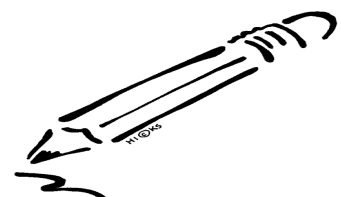
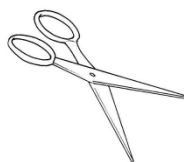
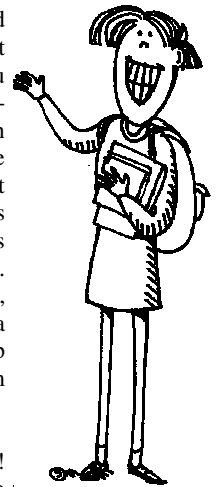
Sophomore year: You'll walk in to school with a huge superiority complex because you are no longer a clueless freshman. This will immediately be obliterated when you *meet* the incoming freshman class and realize they're all smarter and better-looking than you. Then you'll look at the junior class, who will be sweating bullets over their stupidly overloaded schedules and failed research projects and feel pretty good about yourself again. Enter: Sophomore scholarships. You'll soon be tantalized by buckets full of free cash monies to travel to the farthest reaches of the earth in order to get what is commonly called an "education," but what is really just a long, school-sponsored vacation. You should definitely apply for some of these. I mean, I didn't, but I hear the application process is relaxing and painless. If you choose not to, I recommend napping.

Junior year: After going to the first two weeks of classes, you'll start to wonder what all those other junior classes were talking about. Your professors will know (and like?) you by now, you'll have a good social life, and graduation is waving at you from an encouragingly far-away distance. The greatest issue you'll have to deal with is spam on the Hillcrest listserv. However, worried about your street cred, you'll do your best to act

irate at all times and whine endlessly about how much work you have. You will not, actually, have that much work. It is one of the great secrets of Hillcrest that none of the juniors are ever, *ever* as busy as they want you to think. Don't tell Dr. Papillon, though, because this is a great excuse to not help set up the dining room for community dinners.

Senior year: Holy crap! How did you get here so fast? You haven't even thought about your career yet, have you? Where are you going to live? Should you go to grad school? Have you met your soulmate yet? Did you ever get to travel to Venice? My God, your life is practically over now, and what have you got to show for it? NOTHING!!!! Well, in that case, you might as well kick back and enjoy the dwindling days of your youth. Just don't forget to register for that diploma, or you'll be back here again next fall! Actually, now that I mention it... haven't you always wanted to take a whole year of Wines and Vines, Ballroom Dancing, Floral Arrangement, and Contemporary Horror Films? Yep... just slip onto HokieSpa, add that second major in Fun to your roster. Problem: delayed.

Kathleen Cooperstein will never grow up.

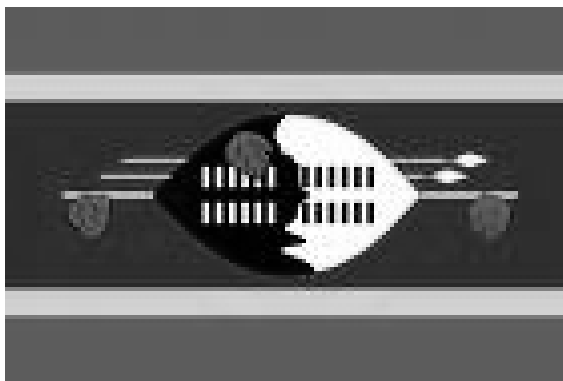


Beamer Buys Swaziland

I know what you're thinking: wow this is odd, John is writing a sports article. Alas, no. I am not. I am solely writing to complain about financial issues... again.

That's right though! Frank Beamer just committed to purchasing the small, South-Africa-locked country of Swaziland, claiming that he needed a summer retreat after a long, hard, grueling season of coaching Virginia Tech football. I guess no one told him that it's not really summer there when it's summer here...

When asked about how he possible has enough money to make such a purchase, he mumbled something about how the "research mobile... car shop... better hurry," exclaimed "Look, it's Bud Foster," (and of course, me being the football fan that I am, I had to look) and then dove into the bushes. I realized that the answer to this financial mystery was not going to come easily. I did some digging.



Swaziland's football-shaped flag.

It turns out that Frank Beamer is making over \$2 million per season. Two million. Dollars. Wow. After crunching some numbers, it turns out that we could cut tuition by \$66 dollars per student if we fired Frank Beamer and hired a volunteer coach. Sixty-six dollars! That's just barely enough to get lunch at Au Bon Pain on the flex plan!

When asked how he was going to re-decorate Swaziland, he responded that most things would still stay the same because the flag "kinda looks like a football. I like that." He also added that things were pretty nice, but the place was a good fixer-upper. "The AIDs rate is little high for my tastes... and life expectancy is a bit low... but I think I can do good things with it. I did good things with our football team, right?"

Yes, yes you did Mr. Frank Beamer. That is why you represent our school and football is how we are known. Who needs education?

Update: Rumor has it that one Charles Steger has just purchased one "South Africa" with excess tuition funds. He's going to plant trees just over the border to piss Beamer off.

John Hoffman should write happier, funnier, less angry articles.

Freshman Interview Weekend Descends Upon Us Once Again!

This week, in the usual spirit of being a Res. Life tool, I have decided to grace the pages of Hillpress with the most current news about Freshman Interview Weekend. Yes, I know that information has been difficult to come by at times, but here is what is going on. And to you, the pre-froshes attending, welcome! I am thrilled that you are here interviewing for Honors housing.

But welcoming is not the point of this article, information transfer is. So here we go, in 200 words or less, here's all you need to know about Freshman Interview Weekend:

Student Panel with Pre-Freshmen and Current Students: 3:15 to 4:30 pm Friday

Come chat with prospective new Honors freshman about what it is like to live in Honors housing and be a student at Virginia Tech. Contact Kate O'Connor for more information.

Are you hosting a freshman? Pick them up!: 4:30 pm

If you signed up with Julia to host a pre-freshman, please be downstairs in the Living

Room. You will then have time to hang out with them until the dinner.

Dinner: 5:30 - 7 pm

Dinner is downstairs in the Dining Room at 5:30. If you are hosting a freshman or signed up with Russell, you are invited to the dinner. Dress is business (meaning suits, etc).

Coffeehouse: 8:30 pm

Come to the Dining Room at 8:30 pm for Coffeehouse, a time-honored Hillcrest tradition. All of the usual snacks and drinks will be served. Look for great acts, I already have a bunch on the schedule! If you want to participate, please let me know either before Coffeehouse or at the beginning of the event.

So that's all for Friday night's activities! See you then!

Kari Adkins has less than 60 days left of being a Res. Life tool.

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

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