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HILLCREST HALL - CUBS WIN! CUBS WIN!

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK: COLLIN CALHOUN

And now it's time for an article on everybody's favorite Hillcrest resident: Collin Calhoun.

What? You say you don't know who Collin is? Well, just because he's been out west fighting the good fight against fires and such doesn't give you an excuse or anything. Fine, I guess I'll have to break it down for all of you freshmen.

Collin is pretty much good at everything: lumberjacking, writing entertaining stories, lumberjilling, making freshman girls cry... you know, all of the things that are important skills around Hillcrest. However, Collin is nothing if not merciless. Nothing stands in his way, whether it be trees (Chopped!), snow rugby opponents (Broken Bones!), or capture the flag defenders (Garroted!). One lesson you all should learn before Collin returns empowered from his burly western expedition is to always stay on Collin's good side, lest you find yourself intimately involved in a



woods tool training session gone terribly wrong.

Given this description, it is easy to pass Collin off as a reclusive arborist madman, and many do. However, his jolly demeanor and Brawny Paper Towel Manesque lifestyle easily outweigh his negative

personality issues. Unfortunately, support for Collin's noble firefighting efforts are waning throughout the building. In one notable survey of female mechanical engineering graduate students, 100% of respondents said that they were "very supportive" of wildfires over Collin. We as a community must do all we can to win back the favor of Collin, as his beard is source of magical/mystical powers. A serum can be extracted from his follicles capable of curing dysentery and cholera. However, since a beardless Collin looks about 8 years old, he seldom uses his powers for the good of mankind. Perhaps one day we can convince Collin join in the fight against these vicious diseases and eventually make the world safe for all travelers down the Oregon Trail.

Peter Kauffmann is a lumberjack, and he's OK. He sleeps all night and he works all day.

Cloudy... With a Chance of Meatballs

Beware, Hillcrustaceans, there is a force greater than us all who is out to get the immune systems and sinuses of each and every human being in the Montgomery County area. Enemy to every college student, with our limited wardrobe space, it has forced the Virginia Tech population to cram both seasons of clothing into one small closet. This nemesis is none other than the WEATHER.

It appears that of recent, Weather has settled in an ominous cloud over Blacksburg (except for the days when it's clear- then it's settled like a pane of glass, or plastic-wrap or something) and it does not intend to relinquish its hold on the region to its appropriate guardian, Autumn. Unfortunately for us, Autumn had to run out to the store for some more leaf dye, and has left us at the cruel behest of the Weather until the lines at Wal-Mart let up. In its absence,

I am here to prepare you for how to properly respond to a Weather Emergency.

The Weather is a tricky devil, and must be approached with caution at all times- if you find yourself in direct conflict with the Weather, you should immediately dial for

backup or find the nearest shelter until the Weather has moved on. It is an unstable and bipolar entity, so its actions are nearly impossible to predict; it may quickly lose interest and move on within minutes, but it also has the capacity to focus its energy for hours on end, so in order to prepare for such contingencies, it is recommended that you carry a Weather Survival Pack at all times. A Weather Survival Pack consists of: short-shorts and a tank-top, parka and space-blanket, and a water canteen and inflatable canoe.

Hillcrustaceans, unite against this foe! And remember, whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, we'll all be together, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not!

Kathleen Cooperstein was once a weatherman for Halloween.



VOTE OR DIE!

Once again, dear children, it's time to consult with everyone's favorite not-yet-convicted politician, Senator Jeremy. Senator Jeremy is running for re-election this fall, which means you all have to go out there and vote. Voting is one of the most important things most of you will do on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. And it's not just important that you vote for the President, apparently there are other elected officials too, some of whom actually matter.



Ever since John Hancock wrote the Magna Carta on December 7th, 1941, affirming the right of white, land-owning males to do whatever the hell they want, people have been not voting. And it's not just Americans - people in other countries exercise their democratic right to not vote, like in Cuba. People haven't been not voting for people that are not named something other than Fidel for centuries now, which is why he's been in power since the BC/AD changeover.

The best part about voting is that you can vote for whomever you like (as long as they're in the two major parties, otherwise you're just throwing your vote away). Take Missouri, for example. In November 2000, Mel Carnahan was elected Senator, beating out John Ashcroft, the incumbent. Interestingly, Mel Carnahan died in a plane crash in October 2000, one month prior to the election. Luckily for John Ashcroft, he was appointed Attorney General a year later under President George W. Bush (who happened to lose an election and become President in the same year).

When voting, don't let the moral character of your candidate cloud your judgment,

as politicians are always honest. Instead, go for the candidate that has the flashiest ads, or bashes their opponents the most, or uses the word "America" more than 8 times in one sentence. Even though politicians are above the law and cannot be punished for their actions, they still uphold the highest standards in everything they do, be it campaign contributions, tax payment, racial equality, or human rights issues. Senator Jeremy recently bucked the trend of honest politicians, as he is "under investigation" (senate-speak for "laying low until it all blows over") for certain, well, unpleasant activities, although in his defense he claims that congressional pages are "just too cute to pass up." Well, at the advice of the Senator's lawyers, that's all the time we have for today, so until next time, just remember, he's innocent until proven guilty.

Senator Jeremy has received no illegal campaign contributions, except for a cocker spaniel named Checkers, and we're not giving him back.



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Tip of the Hat Wag of the Finger

Tip of the hat to Hillpress staff member, Jeremy Henry for being named Resident Advisor of the month for September.

Wag of the finger to Greg Swieter for being named student of the month for the month of September... how dare you take away the glory of fellow nominee and Hillpress staff member Peter Kauffmann.

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