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Growing Up: Jobs and Excuses

Dear Brad & Hillpress Staff,

Oh crap my plane leaves in like 3 hours, but by the time you read this I'll probably be on my way back because hey, that's how the business world works. Am I excited about getting on an airplane? Lord no. This isn't 1995 and I'm not going to see Grandma. I'll get to my hotel at 11 PM just in time to fall asleep and be up for my interview 10 hours later. Nothing more fun than sitting across the table from different people for 3 hours knowing your success depends on how harshly they're judging all the screwups you're surely making. My only consolation is that in the couple of hours after the interview -- when i'm living in the purgatory of igno-

rance about my future -- I can go around and exchange the bright pink medium cowgirl hat I got for Krisen



for a larger, brighterer pink cowgirl hat, because apparently the girl's head is huge and she <3 pink. The best case scenario of all of this is that i get of-

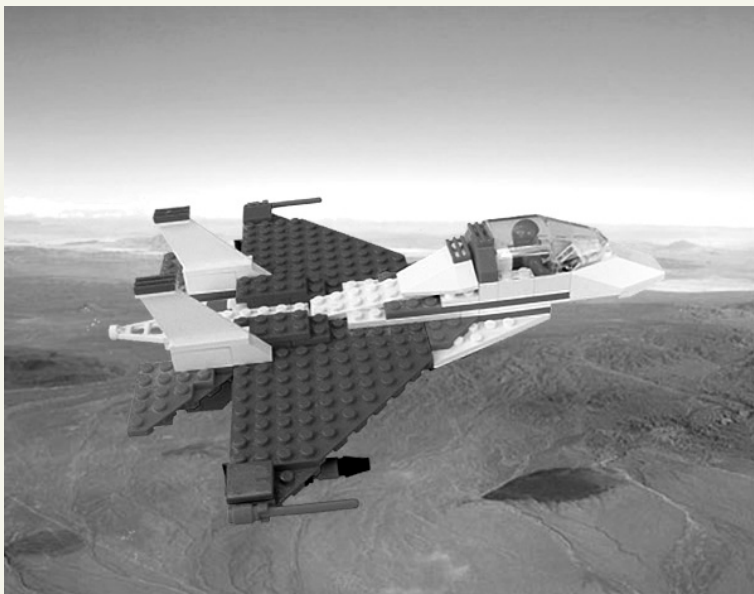
fered a job and become a Texican for at least the next couple of years, and I don't have to tell any of you how horrifying that is. Also, the next texican i hear tell me how hot it is in the summer is going to get a good ol' south carolina beat down. i know hot weather too, & i'm pretty sure they would curl up and die if the humidity ever got higher than 20%.

Sorry I don't have an article this week. I hope *Battlestar Galactica* is awesome!

Kisses,
Ryan

Ryan Luck is the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada.

Hillpress Exclusive Special Report



"The intrepid staff at *Hillpress* have recently become aware of a new, secret technology being developed by the Virginia Tech Aerospace Engineering program. Our sources tell us that this aircraft is made of a new material that will revolutionize air travel as we know it. It is lightweight, stealthy, and sexy, and if you order now it comes with a free ginsu knife set! As you can see from this exclusive photograph, this experimental plane is flying over a desert or the moon or something. As far as we know, no other planes can fly to the moon. This innovation should give Virginia Tech the edge it needs in our forthcoming military conquest of the ACC. You heard it here first, folks, but don't tell anyone from that other university down the road!" --David Choquette reporting.

David Choquette flew with the famed Blue Angels for thirteen years.

Need to Catch a Bus?

Have you ever tried to catch a bus from Hillcrest, only to find that the bus stopped running two hours ago, and its only 6 in the afternoon? Have you ever tried to go to that hellish place called the Math Emporium to take a quiz, only to find out that the BT has changed the schedule again? This is a never-ending problem that Hokies around Blacksburg face on a daily basis.

Our favorite Blacksburg Transit used to cater to the needs of college students, running the buses on schedules that fit students' lives rather than the lives of some distant person who never rides the bus. What good is it to run the University Mall Shuttle until 6:25? If you have class until 5 in the afternoon, want to eat dinner, and then go take a quiz you are screwed. I mean, unless you want to wait for Tom's Creek, go all over Blacksburg to get to the Emporium, or find a friend who is willing to give you a ride.



And the limited hours! Some of us remember when the Hokie Express ran every eight minutes as opposed to this every fifteen minute crap. What good is it to call it an Express if it doesn't run faster than any of the other buses

on the BT schedule? When you need to get from Hillcrest to McBryde in less than ten minutes and have no time to walk across the Drillfield in the freezing cold winds that have characterized Blacksburg for years, don't rely on the BT to get you there in time. Cas Craven was raging about the inadequacies of the Hokie Express to me this morning as he told

me his sad story. He needed to get from Randolph, back to Hillcrest, and then back to Whittemore before his 10:10 class. After waiting for the bus for a few minutes he sadly realized that the bus wasn't going to come and had to run back to Hillcrest in the cold, all because the BT doesn't run buses anymore.

So what do you do when you are faced with the dilemma of waiting all day for the BT? I guess you watch for the buses to pop over the hill, dreading the fact that you might just have to ride that horrible Orange Bowl Hokie Express bus that is a taunting reminder every day of how our dreams of a BCS bid are over. But wait, you will never see that bus because it will never show up.

Kari Adkins secretly wants to ride the Orange Bowl bus.

Mark Your Calendars!

Hokie Halloween Movie Night

Today 10/27 7-midnight Dining Room
Watch movies with Hall Council. p.s. there's food.

Pumpkin Carving

Su 10/29 1:30pm Kitchen
You bring the pumpkins, I bring the stabbing implements... errr...
If you need a stencil, just ask Erin

NerdFest Capture the Flag

Su 10/29 5:30 Field by Duck Pond and Grove
Wear Orange. Be Stealthy. Capture the Flag.
Rules will be sent out by Jeremy sometime... maybe before we start.

Hokie Dog in Hillcrest

R 11/2 8:00pm Dining Room
The police dog, Hokie, will visit Hillcrest. Very much like Santa, but with more fur... he knows if you've been bad or good so be good for goodness sake.

NerdFest Scrabble

Possibly 11/4-11/5
Make words, not war... but kick Main Campbell's butt too.

Miami Football Game

Sa 11/4 8:00pm Dining Room
Watch with other Hillcrest Hokie football fans and Hall Council

West Wing and Elections

T 11/7 7:00pm Location TBA
Watch West Wing and the mid-term election results with people who care. Plus, the good seasons of West Wing (1 and 2)

Art and Mug Painting

R 11/9 7:00pm Conference Room
Make art to display at the Coffee House and paint coffee mugs with which to enjoy Coffee House coffee. All materials are provided-even the mugs.

Coffee House

Sa 11/11 8:00pm Dining Room
Coffee, refreshments, talent.

Tip of the Hat Wag of the Finger

Tip of the hat to *Hillpress* staff members Erin Rubin and Kari Adkins for making the Mid-NerdFest Dance amazing.

Wag of the finger to the Washington County Tennessee Election Commission for giving me an absentee ballot with no verification of my identity... I mean honestly... what do they think? My vote won't matter in E. Tennessee? Shame on you Washington County. Shame on you.

Brad Shapiro was an All-American Quarterback at Science Hill High School and turned down and athletic scholarship at the University of Oklahoma.

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I am Invincible! Brad Shapiro
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Natalia Kari Adkins
Civilian David Chocolate
Siberian Special Forces Peter Kauffmann
Oddjob Jeremy Henry
Jaws Kathleen Cooperstein
Janus Special Forces Ryan Luck