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## Stop complaining and Do something!

Once again, dear children, it's time to consult with everyone's favorite Faculty Preceptor, Dr. Jeremy Papillon. This week Dr. Papillon will be explaining why Hillcrest sucks. Sure, one could argue that you're not a terrible community; you're just used to always being lauded as the best community on campus and now you're being asked to prove it, but that's far too simple of an explanation. I think that we have to get down to the real root of the problem, and that is that you have a bad community. There are five reasons you guys are so bad.

1) You hate the environment. Main Campbell has been recycling paper for ages with absolutely no help from anyone outside of the community. Hillcrest, on the other hand, has never recycled - you certainly didn't recycle paper last year until the recycling bins were taken out of your lounges, and you certainly haven't made any efforts to try to bring those bins back, to no avail.

2) You're not Main Campbell. Main Campbell is awesome. Main Campbell is new and shiny, so we like to pay attention to it. All hail Main Campbell. For those of you in Hillcrest who have older siblings, now you know what they felt like when you were born. Deal with it.

3) You are not actively working on getting wireless internet in your **pubic** areas. Nudge nudge, wink wink.

4) You write terrible Colloquium papers. You treat the class like a joke. Main Campbell wrote good ones last year, and that is in no way related to the fact that most of their residents had never taken the class before and the fact that they had faculty members who helped facilitate the class.

5) You're not Main Campbell. Just in case you had forgotten, you are not the same as them. Please remember, Main Campbell is new, and thus far more worthy of our attention. Obviously, it is much easier to complain about not being the center of attention. There's no need to go

out of your way to bring your community back to what it used to be.

I'm sure some people out there will disagree with me, and to those people I ask that you please prove me wrong. Let's go Hillcrest, show us that you actually deserve all the attention you (used to) get. Let's get some more applications for those big scholarships, let's get good Colloquia going again, let's start getting more participation in activities that will better the community, like Hall Council and other (now defunct) organizations.

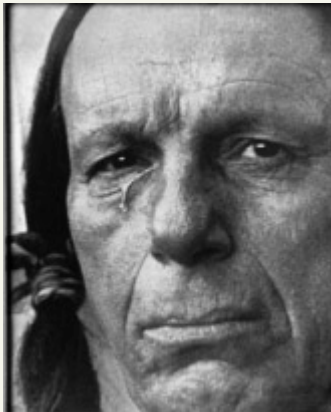
Well, that's all the time we have for today. I have to run, as there are several people who are probably out to kill me. Until next time, I'm Dr. Papillon, and most of you are not.

*Dr. Jeremy Papillon is neither a doctor, nor a Papillon, but one day hopes to become both*

## HAPPY TURKEY MURDER DAY!

Well, gentle reader, midterms are come and gone, and finals loom ominously on the horizon as we each prepare to gratefully partake of the week-long vacation that is Thanksgiving. For many students this means 7 days of turkey, turkey stuffing, turkey gravy, turkey sandwiches, turkey salad, turkey giblets, and turkey juice. Now, let's see here, fellow *Hokies*. What could possibly be wrong with this picture?

If you guessed "Eating nothing but turkey for an entire week is cruel to the turkey population and a blatant betrayal of our favorite mascot," then you're right! What is wrong with you people? Turkeys are



people too, and the outright disregard for their rights is appalling. Honestly, I expected better. When you see our brave and valiant Hokie Bird shaking his tail feathers day in and day out in support of every endeavor you embark upon, what part of your brain says "What a nice turkey... I think I'll repay him by eating his children"?

Besides the issue of cruelty, eating turkey on Thanksgiving isn't even historically accurate. Turkeys didn't become popular Thanksgiving

victims until well into the 18<sup>th</sup> century when the great Chicken Insurrection of 1748 occurred. At the true "first Thanksgiving," starving American colonists gratefully partook of traditional Indian foods. Seeing as that even has the word "traditional" in it, wouldn't it make sense for that menu to become the "tradition"? So this Thanksgiving, I encourage every Hillcrustacean Hokie to go back to the roots of the holiday, and serve up a big ole American plate of poori and chicken tikka masala. Mazel tov!

*Kathleen Cooperstein was a rare form of water fowl in her previous lifetime. At that time, she was served as part of the first Thanksgiving meal.*

## Local Ghosts Love to Get Down, Funky

Since the beginning of time, around when Pete Grossman first roamed the halls of Hillcrest, suspicious events have been reported in the halls late at night. Doors open and close on their own, florescent hallway lights turn off after midnight for no clear reason, and somebody keeps leaving West End boxes in the kitchen trashcan. There's only one possible explanation for all of these goings on: ghosts.

Just where have all of these ghosts come from? Local legend states that one night in 1984, nefarious architecture major Ivo Shandor attempted to create a ziggurat to the Sumerian deity Gozer by wiring up the Hillcrest turret to the newly installed CNS network. Unfortunately, at the moment he made the connection, lightning struck the turret, electrifying the building and sending nearly 150 well-dressed wedding guests into the supernatural realm. These ghosts were growing weak, but my expensive, high-tech ghost equipment tells me that they have been getting stronger and stronger since

the mid 1990s when the Hillcrest Honors Community was founded. Why? This fresh infusion of smart honors students and their succulent brains has sustained and revitalized these ghosts. My thorough and comprehensive paranormal education told me that ghosts, like zombies, have an insatiable appetite for gray matter. Student Programs even embarked on a secret campaign to kill off the

brain cells of Hillcrest residents by painting the hallways during the past semester. However, these unseen Hillcrestaceans are resisting all eviction efforts because of their love of classic movies and energetic nerdy dances.

However, we do have a plan. Ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to announce that for the past month the Hillcrest RAs have recently been following my expert advice: to purposely throw the NerdFest competition. The only way to rid our beloved building of these unwanted houseguests is to convince them that there is a better home for them waiting in Main Campbell. Since ghosts desire nothing more than the power derived from egghed neural energies, they will obviously see the Main Campbellonian win as an opportunity to strike that building whilst their guard is down. You can thank me later.



The Hillcrest ghost population enjoys nothing more than to jump up, jump up, and get down.

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## Bush: Not a Girly Man

Word has recently come from White House Press Secretary Tony Snow that the Bush Administration refuses to be a lame duck for its remaining two years. To prove that he is serious, he has recently issued an ultimatum to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger that if he does not disarm his weapons of mass destruction, the United States will have no other choice than to employ military force. Shortly thereafter, President Bush held a press conference to answer any questions that were pressing reporters. Luckily, I was able to sneak in.

"No one doubts that the Arnold Schwarzenegger is dangerous. Sure he just got re-elected with 70% of the vote, but after all, Saddam Hussein got 99% of the vote just before we ousted him from power. It is suspicious when people don't win by the skin of their teeth. It just isn't logical," Bush exclaimed.



President Bush expects for this *Lego* statue of Governor Schwarzenegger to be pulled down triumphantly when the U.S. Army soldiers are greeted as liberators by the oppressed people of California

it is led by a dangerous man. I would tell you more, but it is classified. We're talking top secret, robot breeding with human secret." Bush seemed concerned and babbled on about some sort of intelligence leak when Helen Thomas began to read a synopsis of the movie *Terminator* to the press corps.

continued on quite perplexed that the reporters did not see where he was coming from on the matter. "Look people, we are talking about a man who was willing to shoot a plasma ray gun blindly into a warehouse not knowing how many of his own innocent people were in there," Bush said emphatically.

After the President was politely reminded that he was only recalling a scene from Schwarzenegger's popular movie *Eraser*, he scoffed in disbelief. "The liberal media is always twisting the truth in favor of the terrorists. California is armed and dangerous, and

The President will not back down in this matter, and California could have a lot to be worried about. When asked his thoughts, Governor Schwarzenegger simply said, "This great state of Callyforneeyaw will make it through the hard times. We have after school programs, and after all the children are our future." Not knowing how that pertained to anything we had been talking about, reporters all looked confused. Schwarzenegger ended his press conference by calling the President a girly man... or maybe he was talking to me...

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