

## The Legacy of HCC

In the Spring of 2007, Josh Delmage had this to say about the legacy of the Hinman

College Council:

We back each other up. All of us have a sense of community. HCC is very much a growth process. It makes you ask the question of yourself, "What can you do to continue the traditions and legacies of Hinman?" HCC has truly been the best experience of my life in college and I'm sure it's that way for others in Hinman too. How HCC is perceived is how Hinman is perceived. HCC is the most active of the area governments and we have a reputation for being the best. Other communities are just different. HCC is about showing the new students the passion of Hinman and passing it on to them so that they can continue with the traditions and pass that on themselves when the time comes.<sup>1</sup>

Similarly, Vicki Wargo had these thoughts and reflections about her time and experiences in HCC,

Christina Ritter (AKA "Critter"-a former RD in Smith Hall), during her last HCC meeting before she left Smith said that "HCC is intense...it's like no other experience. When you go to other communities it's different." I think that's what it's really all about. HCC values everyone...everyone has a say.<sup>2</sup>

As great as these words of wisdom are, perhaps it is Joshua Kittenplan who best sums up the HCC experience.

I got involved in HCC because of being pushed through my RA, though other communities don't value public service the way Hinman does. I enjoyed HCC meetings, and the sense of camaraderie. When I was president I would go through my file cabinets in my office and read about the years gone by. I knew I was part of something larger than myself, but it was comforting to know that what we did at that time was the same as what was done before us and that those who came after us would do the same.<sup>3</sup>

HCC is all these things and more. Belonging to HCC is belonging to the oldest and most dedicated of Hinman institutions. It is belonging to a body that makes important decisions that affect the lives of everyone who resides in Hinman. It is a fellowship that no matter when you went to Hinman, you can always, say "I was involved in HCC" and everyone will know what you're talking about. It is an avenue for young people to hone numerous skills and become the

leaders not just in Hinman but in life as well. Innumerable RA's, DA's and even SA Presidents have held positions in HCC. Countless doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and many others at the height of their professions all got their start in HCC where they learned confidence, poise, and invaluable interpersonal skills which transfer to any number of occupations. In other words, it is the place where boys and girls first entering college come to learn how to be adults and active citizens. Just as the Presidency of the United States is considered to be a sacred office, so too is that position in Hinman, maybe even more so. In fact, every position, from the President of HCC all the way down to each and every single HCR, is a valued and important member of the Hinman community. It is a fellowship that has lasted for nearly forty years and has only grown stronger as time goes by. If Hinman is described as a family, then HCC is the heart and soul of that extended family and the most central and shining example of the Spirit of Hinman.

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Joshua Kittenplan, e-mail message to author, February 8, 2007.