

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
BLACKSBURG 24061

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

October 12, 1968

Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall
Campus

Dear Dr. Holliman:

It is certainly a pleasure to transmit herewith a check from the VPI Educational Foundation in the amount of \$500.00, representing the Philip Sporn Award for the Outstanding Freshman Teacher at the university during the past academic year.

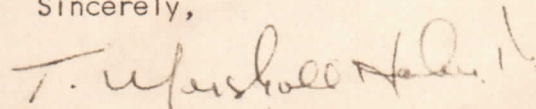
You were selected for this award by means of a careful screening and election process involving students in your and other classes and your colleagues on the faculty.

The award was made possible by the generosity of Dr. Philip Sporn, former chief executive officer of the American Electric Power Company, and Mrs. Sporn, who established this prize and another for outstanding teaching of undergraduate engineering subjects in 1965 and provided the funds to finance the awards. You are the third faculty member to receive this award.

Please accept my warmest congratulations for this very significant prize. No higher honor can be paid an educator than the designation as a superior teacher by his students and colleagues, and this award recognizes exactly that. In addition, please accept my warmest thanks for the outstanding quality of instruction that is recognized in this award and that is so vital to the progress of the university.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,



T. Marshall Hahn, Jr.
President

TMH:br

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Phillip Sporn
Dr. W. W. Brandt
Mr. S. K. Cassell
Dean L. F. Malpass
Dr. R. A. Paterson

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

October 12, 1968

Dr. Phillip Sporn, Chairman
System Development Committee
American Electric Power Company, Inc.
2 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Sporn:

It is a pleasure to enclose herewith my letters to the two recipients of the Phillip Sporn Awards for the past academic year.

The Awards are to be presented today at the Homecoming football game before thousands of alumni and other spectators. We believe this will call maximum attention to these Awards and to the importance that we attach to this matter.

At this time, let me thank you again for your and Mrs. Sporn's generosity in making these Awards available. Both Dr. Holliman and Dr. Counts are exceptionally outstanding teachers, and we are grateful to you for our ability to reward them in this way. Needless to say, the faculty have responded to the Award with much enthusiasm and interest, and the Awards have done much for faculty morale.

It is my hope you and Mrs. Sporn will have opportunity to visit us again, and we will look forward hopefully to the pleasure of seeing you.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

T. Marshall Hahn, Jr.
President

TMH:br

Enclosure

bcc: Dr. W. W. Brandt
Mr. S. K. Cassell
Dr. W. B. Bell
Dean L. F. Malpass
Dean W. G. Worcester
Dr. Jerry T. Counts
✓ Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman

Blind P.S. to Dr. Holliman:

It would be appreciated and would strengthen Dr. Sporn's interest in this program if you would write him a short note of appreciation for making the Award available.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
BLACKSBURG 24061

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

October 14, 1968

Dr. R. B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall
Campus

Dear Buck:

It is a real pleasure to congratulate you on winning the Sporn Award. You certainly have earned it and it is great to see the recognition come when so well deserved. We hope that this will merely be a marker along a long history of dedication to students.

We appreciate also your interest in suggesting Dr. Walter Henry Leigh as a candidate for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Leigh has a very impressive set of credentials, and we will give his name careful consideration. He does appear to fail to meet a criterion which many people have expressed to us that would relate to his age.

Congratulations and thanks again for your interest in helping us with our search for someone to fill this vacant position.

Sincerely,



Warren W. Brandt
Executive Vice President

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 16, 1968

Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall
Campus

Dear Buck:


This is to repeat our words of congratulation last Saturday with respect to your receipt of the Sporn Award for outstanding teaching. As you know, this award was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Philip Sporn and is given each year to the teacher selected by students as the outstanding teacher of freshman subjects.

Somewhat over 1600 ballots were cast last spring, with more than 125 faculty members receiving at least one nomination. Based on a ratio of number of votes received to the number of students enrolled in your freshman classes during 1967-68, the students on the committee to select the recipient of this year's award cast their votes for you.

We were, of course, delighted with the selection. It certainly is well deserved. Many comments have come to us during the past three years of your outstanding teaching capabilities. We know of your deep interest in students and your willingness to go the extra mile in helping them to understand the intricacies of biology and to appreciate the necessity for investing effort and wisdom in completing their education. We know you will continue to demonstrate exceptional instructional efforts in the years to come.

It was a joy to meet your parents and to have Mary join you at the football game Saturday. Winona joins me in warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,


Leslie F. Malpass
Dean

LFM:mfs

cc: Dr. Paterson

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH
AND GRADUATE STUDIES

October 30, 1968

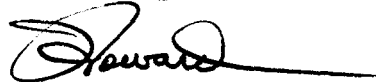
Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall

Dear Dr. Holliman:

Congratulations! I am delighted to learn that you have received the Sporn Award for outstanding teaching at this University. Since I have first hand knowledge of your teaching methods, I know that you deserve this special honor and recognition. This award could not have been presented to a more deserving individual.

Best wishes for continued success.

Cordially,



P. H. Massey, Jr.
Associate Dean for Research
and Graduate Studies

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CC: Dean L. F. Malpass
Associate Dean R. V. Dietrich
Dr. R. A. Paterson

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
TALLAHASSEE 32306

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

October 21, 1968

R. B. Holliman
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
College of Arts and Sciences
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Dear Buck:

Let me add my congratulations on your award for being the Outstanding Freshman Teacher at V.P.I. I am glad you wrote me about this and it, of course, makes me happy to see one of my boys do well. I'm sure Henry Leigh will feel the same way.

Stop by if you get to Tallahassee next month (or any month).

Regards



Robert B. Short
Professor of Zoology

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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33124

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
P. O. BOX 9118

December 19, 1968

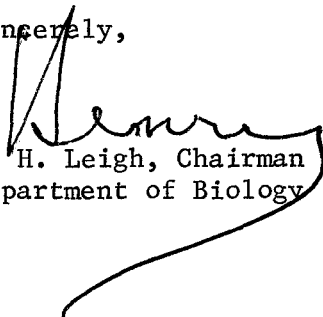
Dr. R. B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
College of Arts and Sciences
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Dear Rhodes:

One of my longterm failings is to put important matters in a file marked "urgent" and then look at it day after day while I handle other matters that call for attention. At long last I want to tell you how pleased I was about the Educational Foundation Award. Seeing these events happen to you and other former students makes the whole game of education worthwhile. Much has happened since you had your first contact with P. echinus and you must take the credit for the creative ability and drive that have made it possible for you to profit from your opportunities and to move ahead.

All goes well here. Come and visit us in our new Science Building when you can. Please give my regards to Mary. We hope you have a very happy Christmas and a rewarding New Year.

Sincerely,



W. H. Leigh, Chairman
Department of Biology

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061



RAYMOND D. SMOOT, JR.
President

ROBERT M. SHISLER
Executive Assistant to the President

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 17, 1968

Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall
Campus

Dear Dr. Holliman:

Please allow me to extend to you my congratulations on your receiving the Sporn Award last Saturday.

Outstanding teaching is perhaps the most important contribution which one can make to the University community. On behalf of the Student Body, let me express our appreciation for your excellence in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond D. Smoot, Jr.".

Raymond D. Smoot, Jr., President
Student Government Association

RDS/ljv

cc: Dr. Warren W. Brandt
Dr. James W. Dean

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

October 14, 1968

Dr. R. B. Holliman
Department of Biology
Price Hall
Campus

Dear Dr. Holliman:

Congratulations! I think it is just wonderful about your getting the Sporn Award. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

J. W. Overton

Mrs. J. W. Overton, Jr.

Dr. Rhoda Holliman

Zoology

Congratulations on
The Sporn Award

Well deserved

Al Payne



The First National Exchange Bank of Virginia

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

October 15, 1968

Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman
1306 Hillcrest Ave.
Blacksburg, Virginia

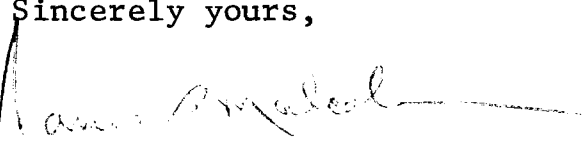
Dear Dr. Holliman:

I would like to offer not only my personal congratulations but also those of the staff of the First National Exchange Bank to you for being chosen as a recipient of the Philip Sporn Award.

Any recognition received in one's field is very gratifying, but I know this award is more so in that it is bestowed not only by your associates but by the students of V.P.I. which you teach.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely yours,


James B. Malcolm
Assistant Cashier

JBM:lm

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

16 Oct. 1968

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Dr. Philip Sporn, Chairman
System Development Committee
American Electric Power Company, Inc.
2 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Sporn:

As recipient of the Sporn Award for the past academic year, I was honored beyond all my dreams by the vote of confidence from my students and colleagues. In all humility, I am deeply grateful to you and Mrs. Sporn for the generous honorarium.

I am now stimulated to pursue my teaching with renewed vigor and, thereby, to try to earn the confidence shown in me. This award is a great stimulus to all members of the faculty and it is inspiring to know that, in this time of emphasis on research and graduate teaching, the undergraduate teacher is not forgotten.

You might like to know that I have two sons approaching college age. The honorarium will be used for their undergraduate education.

My warmest regards to you and Mrs. Sporn.

Sincerely,



R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

cc: Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, Jr.
Dr. W. W. Brandt
Dean L. F. Malpass
Dr. R. A. Paterson

PHILIP SPORN

CONSULTANT

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October 23, 1968

Dr. R. B. Holliman
Department of Biology
College of Arts and Sciences
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Dear Professor Holliman:

Thank you for your gracious letter of October 16 on the occasion of the granting to you of the Sporn award for excellence in teaching during the past academic year.

Mrs. Sporn and I are particularly gratified to see this clear indication on the part of both faculty and students at VPI of their deep interest in excellence of teaching.

Sincerely yours,


Philip Sporn

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

31 Oct. 1968

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Dr. Philip Sporn
140 Broadway, Suite 4201
New York, New York, 10005

Dear Dr. Sporn:

I thought that you might like to read the editorial page of the enclosed VIRGINIA TECH paper. The comments therein are a tribute to your kindness and generosity toward V.P.I..

I deeply appreciate your kind remarks of Oct. 23.

My best regards,

Sincerely,



R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

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sent*

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

BLACKSBURG 24061

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

November 4, 1968

Dr. R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology
Department of Biology
Campus

Dear Dr. Holliman:

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send a copy of THE VIRGINIA
TECH of October 25 to Dr. Philip Sporn.

There is no question the editorial page of that issue of the
newspaper interested him greatly, and I commend you for your
thoughtfulness in sending him a copy of it.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



T. Marshall Hahn, Jr.
President

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Minutes of the Fall Quarter (1968)
Faculty Meeting
College of Arts and Sciences

4:00 p.m., October 17, 1968, Commerce Auditorium

Dean Malpass opened the meeting by congratulating Dr. R. B. Holliman for having won the Sporn Award for outstanding teaching of freshmen. Dr. Holliman is the third winner from this college. The dean then urged support of the bond issue in the November 5 referendum. He introduced Dr. P. C. Holt, who asked for representatives from each department to solicit for the Blacksburg United Fund; Dr. Holt also said there is a twelve-month payroll deduction plan for faculty members who wish to give this way.

In separate actions the faculty unanimously approved the minutes of the Spring Quarter meeting and reports of the Curriculum Committee, the Visiting Scholars Committee, and the Wine Award Committee. Dr. Noel R. Krieg, chairman of the latter committee, announced that among the winners was Dr. James F. Wolfe, Associate Professor of Chemistry; he read a student letter recommending Dr. Wolfe and explained that such spontaneous comments are highly valued in the selection of a winner. Dr. Krieg also answered several questions about the operation of the committee. A resolution on the retirement of Dr. H. E. Spencer, presented by the Resolutions Committee, was accepted. It was announced that the reports of two ad hoc committees -- on Graduate School Admission Requirements and on Summer School -- will be presented at the next meeting.

Dr. James Herndon, chairman of the ad hoc Committee on the Five-Day Week, presented his group's report. He withdrew the proposal for a five-day week in summer school, saying that this matter would be considered by the other ad hoc committee. He then moved that his committee's plan (as presented on page 2 of the report) be adopted. Following discussion of the merits of this plan and the committee's alternatives, Dean Malpass explained that our faculty is initiating this proposal and that the University Council would probably submit it to other colleges. The question was asked, "Do we want the five-day week?" A motion was then seconded and passed: that the committee's recommendations be tabled for no more than 15 minutes of discussion on whether or not the faculty wants a five-day week. Some of the arguments presented from the floor in favor were as follows: Students are absent on Saturdays; most of America has moved to the five-day week; many professional meetings are held on Saturdays; administrative offices at the university are closed on Saturdays; some faculty members and students prefer 75-minute periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays, such periods allowing more time for classroom discussion. Arguments against the five-day week: Students may stop coming to Friday or Friday afternoon classes; budget requests for more teaching space may be endangered. An amendment to the original motion was moved, seconded, and passed by majority vote: that this faculty recommend that we go on a five-day academic week.

Following a series of complicated parliamentary moves, including reconsideration of the tabled motion, a motion made and withdrawn, and discussion of the elimination of the word "recommend" on page 2 of the committee's report, this motion was seconded and passed unanimously: that information about all options be made available to the University Council. Dean Malpass then polled the faculty on whether the different plans suggested by the committee should be voted on at this meeting or by a later mail ballot. Voting at this meeting won by a

majority. So the faculty then recorded its wishes as follows: those in favor of the option on page 2 of the committee's report -- 9; those in favor of option B in the appendix -- 78; no one voted for the other alternative plans.

Dean Malpass then spoke briefly on the rapid growth of our college in students, faculty members, and funds for research. Future projections indicate that by 1980 student enrollment in Arts and Sciences will double and there will be a minimum of 725 teaching positions. He asked faculty members to find out from students what they think of our teaching methods; students seek information and wisdom, he said, and the faculty should get their opinions and ideas. They can contribute significantly to departmental development. They surely will want to participate more in campus and departmental governance.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Preston Newman
Preston Newman,
Faculty Secretary

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

16 Oct. 1968

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, Jr., President
Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Dear Dr. Hahn:

I want to thank you personally for your kindness and generosity shown me and my family at Homecoming last week. As recipient of the Sporn award, I am honored beyond my ability to express in words. Hopefully, I can ultimately earn the award by deeds.

Your continued interest in my career over my entire period of service at V.P.I. has been a prime source of stimulus and encouragement for me. I have been made to feel that I am needed here, thus I take great personal interest and satisfaction in seeing V.P.I. grow and prosper. For me and my family, this university and community ^{has} ~~have~~ provided everything we have ever wanted for our professional and personal satisfaction. We are indebted to you for many things.

I hope that you will continue to let me serve the university in any capacity that you may desire.

Sincerely,

R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

18 Oct. 1968

Dr. Warren W. Brandt,
Executive Vice President
Burruss Hall

Dear Dr. Brandt:

I want to thank you personally for your complimentary remarks and your many kindnesses shown to me and my wife during our years at V.P.I. I feel a deep sense of "belonging" to this institution which has been stimulated by your interest in me and encouragement from Dr. Hahn.

I derive my greatest source of satisfaction from seeing V.P.I. grow and prosper. With renewed enthusiasm, I will try to earn the fine vote of confidence shown me last week by my students and colleagues.

In all humility, I am grateful for the privilege of being a part of V.P.I.

My best regards,

Sincerely,

Buck

R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA 24061

18 Oct. 1968

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Dr. Leslie F. Malpass, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
Williams Hall

Dear Dean Malpass:

I want to thank you personally for your many kind words and all you have done in my behalf to inspire, encourage and reward me. I derive my greatest source of satisfaction from seeing V.P.I. grow and prosper and, as recipient of the Sporn award, I feel a keen sense of "belonging" to this institution.

Words cannot express my appreciation of all the complimentary letters received during the past week. Hopefully, I may sometime earn the vote of confidence proffered by my students and colleagues.

Please keep me in mind for any task where I may serve our college and V.P.I.

My best regards,

Sincerely,

Buck

R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

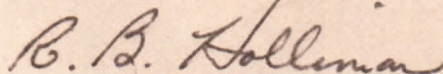
21 Oct. 1968

Editor,
"The Virginia Tech"
Publications Building
Virginia Tech Station C
Campus

Editor, "The Virginia Tech":

I want to thank all of my students, past and present, for their inspiring vote of confidence in selecting me for one of the Sporn Awards. You have honored me and, hopefully, I can reciprocate by introducing new students to exciting fields in biology. I approach this task with renewed vigor.

Sincerely,



R. B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology



VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

The Virginia Tech
25 Oct. 1968

Editor, "The Virginia Tech":

I want to thank all of my students, past and present, for their inspiring vote of confidence in selecting me for one of the Sporn Awards. You have honored me and, hopefully, I can reciprocate by introducing new students to exciting fields in biology. I approach this task with renewed vigor.

R.B. Holliman
Associate Professor of Zoology

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Tech Honors 5 Professors

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech has honored five faculty members for their outstanding teaching during the past academic year.

It presented the William E. Wine Faculty Achievement Awards to Dr. Robert H. Bond, assistant professor of electrical engineering; Dr. Robert K. Coe, chairman of the department of business administration; and Dr. James F. Wolfe, assistant professor of chemistry.

It also presented the Philip Sporn awards to Dr. Jerry Counts, assistant professor of engineering mechanics, and Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman, associate professor of zoology.

Each award was accompanied by a \$500 check.

The Wine Award was established in 1957 as a memorial to the late William E. Wine of Parker. He was a 1904 graduate who served as rector of the university's board of visitors and president of the association.

The Sporn Awards, established in 1965 by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Sporn of New York, are given to the outstanding teacher of freshmen and to the outstanding teacher of undergraduate engineering subjects. Dr. Sporn is the retired president of the American Electric Power Co., and chairman of its system development committee.