Christmas Happening Wednesday, Lights, Music, Films, And Poetry

This is the last issue of the Highland Cavalier for 1969. The first issue of next semester will come the first full week of classes. There will be some changes in the production staff and additions will, hopefully, be made. Anyone wishing to join the staff should contact either Mr. Hooper or Truel Corns. Although it is not mandatory, it is hoped that all those who wish to join the staff will enroll in the Journalism Seminar for next semester. This is a one-hour course which meets for one hour each week. The only requirement of the course is that the student work with the paper and that he do “something” each week (writing, typing, lay-out, etc.).

Apollo 11 Films Scheduled Today

The official NASA films from the Apollo landing will be shown several times today, (Dec. 8) in the Physics lab, room S106.

According to Dr. William Hooper, who arranged for the showings, the film was ordered last summer within hours of the landing of the historic flight and this was the earliest the film was available. It is being shown three times to permit all students who want to see it to have a chance to do so. The showings are open to all students.

“With this film for several days”, Hooper said, “and wish to show it to as many people as possible. It was ordered for the Physical Science Club, but is being shown several times so that it can be seen by as many people as wish to see it. We will show it at additional times Monday or Tuesday if there are sufficient people that wish to see it.” The scheduled showings are 11:40 am, 1:40 pm and 2:40 pm in room S106.

An experience in lights, music and poetry will be presented in the Science Lecture Hall Wednesday Night December 10 at 8 p.m. Art projections, moving color configurations, projected pictures, drawings and messages together with experimental films and Marshall McLuhan’s film The Message will be combined with music, on tape and “live”, developed by Paul Conley and Band and Jack Wright. Poetry readings by Steve Conley, Charles Lewis, and Alan Murray will be interspersed by Corita Messages and News of the Day. Steve Campbell, Stan Bott, Terry Conley, William Stokes, Helen Lewis and Mary Beth Bingman will create and develop the light projections. Wallace Kiser, Dilan and The Store are all cooperating in providing lights, films and posters for the experience.

The charge is $1.00 for this Christmas Happening!

FOLK FESTIVAL BIG SUCCESS

A capacity crowd turned out for Clinch Valley College’s first Annual Folk Festival which featured such artists as Mike Seeger, Dock Boggs, and Earl Gillmore in the Jefferson Lounge here Thursday, December 4.

After the crowd, which filled all the available seats and tables and the floor in front of the performers, as well as lined the walls of Jefferson Lounge, had settled down, Jack Wright, organizer of the festival, gave a short introduction and then turned the floor over to Chancellor Joe Smiddy. Mr. Smiddy then gave a brief explanation of the origin of his instrument, the dulcimer, and then settled down to sing and play a few mountain ballads.

Guy Carawan followed Mr. Smiddy with a couple of Appalachian ballads, accompanying himself on guitar and banjo. He then asked for the audience to join in a sing-along to which the audience readily responded. Then joined by Mike Seeger on the violin, he sang the ballad of Long John in which the audience joined.

More local talent came next in the form of Kate Peters Sturgill and Norton's...
There Must Be A Better Way

By Bill Hooper

Grades in college are assigned on the assumption that, if the student does not learn the material the first time through, he will not be permitted to learn it at all. This is ridiculous; there must be a better way.

Students who earn the grade of D (or even C) in a college course have not really learned as much as they or their instructors would like them to have learned. Yet the college regulations prohibit the student from retaking the course for credit. The college is saying to the student, "If you did not learn it the first time, we will not permit you to learn it at all!" This is a pretty foolish attitude from a so-called "educational institution".

It is true, of course, that the college does not prevent a student from going out and learning the material by himself, but in practice that is nearly impossible. With the demands of college work, and the unfortunate emphasis on grades, the student finds it disadvantageous to spend his limited time in studying something for which he cannot receive credit. For all practical purposes, then, the college puts itself in the position of preventing a student from learning. When an institution dedicated to learning finds itself preventing the very thing it is supposed to be dedicated to, there must be something wrong. There must be a better way.

When a student does poorly in a course that he believes he should earn a grade of F, he is permitted to retake the course but only with a rather severe penalty. Although his record shows the lower passing grade, it still retains the earlier failing one. His overall college average includes both A's and F's. A student who fails a course once and gets an A in it the second time through receives the equivalent of a C average for the course (the average of A and F). Why should not the student's record show that he now knows an "A" amount of work? Does the fact that he flunked the course once mean that, after passing it with an A the second time, there must be a better way?

Better Way...

he knows the work less well than a student who passed it with an A the first time? I don't believe it.

Not only is the system discriminatory in that it unnecessarily and unfairly reduces a student's average, but it leads to rather ridiculous possibilities. Consider a student who gets straight C's throughout his college career, except for one F. Suppose he repeated the one course he failed and received an A again. Since both F grades will count on the student's record and since both F grades must be present in order to graduate, he now cannot graduate at all, even if he repeats the failed course a third time and gets an A in it? According to present regulations, this student would have to take additional college courses (basket weaving or art or slide rule, perhaps) for no other reason than to raise his average to compensate for the F grades on his transcript; F grades in a course in which he has subsequently earned an A in.

Caving as an earlier failing grade (or any lower grade) after a course is repeated with a higher grade is purely and simply punitive and has no educational justification whatsoever, and is an inappropriate policy for a modern, liberal college to follow. No student should be told by his college that he is not permitted to learn more.

A college student's grades should show where he is, not how hard he had to work to get there. And he should be encouraged to go as far as he can. Therefore, I believe every college should permit any student to repeat any course, whatever, or not be...

Letters to the Editor

"We will have additional publicity on this later," was the comment by Mr. Davidson and Dean Steeley at several points in last Friday's wasted hour, otherwise known as a convocation.

Absolutely nothing was done that could not have been done better and more efficiently in another way. Specifically, all announcements made and information disseminated could have been handled much better by simply printing it in the Highland Cavalier instead of having "additional publicity on this later," why not do away with the time wasting convocation and have "additional publicity" on this now...in print in the college newspaper.

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Folk Songfest Performance Bill Denham.

Mike Seeger entertaining at folk festival.

Students Urged To Use College Post Office Boxes

All full-time students have been assigned mail boxes, but several students have not picked up the combination to their boxes. According to Patsy Ringley, postmistress, this may be done by checking at the post office window. She also said that many students are not checking their boxes regularly.

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Rita Dotson Elected Holly Ball Queen

Rita Dotson narrowly won this year’s Holly Ball Queen contest with election held Friday, December 5. With fewer than two hundred votes being cast, Rita Dotson, sophomore from Hurley, Virginia narrowly won the election. Jerry Looney, President of the Cotillion Club, told the H.C. that only twenty-two votes separated the Queen from the one who received the lowest number of votes.

Miss Uingley, postmistress, this may be done by checking notices to students. She said that anyone who has not checked to find out his box number should come by the post office from 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00 to pick up his combination. She said also that, according to her, the Christmas vacation is the first time that most students will be home unless other arrangements are made.

Better Way... has already taken that course for credit and passed it. Furthermore, the college should count only the most recent grade earned by the student (even if it is lower, by the way) with the earlier grade being eliminated from the student's record completely. To do otherwise is unfair and unnecessarily restricts the student in his quest for knowledge. There must be a better way.

CARRIAGE HOUSE

Library Schedule

Calendar

Tuesday, December 13, 8:30 am to 5 pm.
Wednesday, December 14, 8 am to 11:30 pm.
Thursday, December 15, 8 am to 11:30 pm.

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Monday through Friday, December 8-12.
8 am to 11:30 pm.
Saturday, December 13, 8:30 am to 5 pm.
Sunday, December 14, 1:30 pm to 5 pm.
Monday through Friday, December 15-19, 8 am to 11:30 pm.
Closed Saturday and Sunday, December 20 and 21.

Closed Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, 8 am to 4:30 pm.
Closed December 24-January 2.
Monday through Friday, January 5-January 9, 8 am to 11:30 pm.
Closed Saturday and Sunday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Campus Book Store

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LANVIN EAU DE LANVIn....

Here's a beauty secret from the world’s most lovely women. They’ve discovered Eau de Lanvin, a toilet water that reflects the beauty of a great perfume, Arpège. Here is truly charming fragrance — the soul and spirit of a thousand French flowers. COHEN'S now carries Eau de Lánvin in all the great Lanvin fragrances and in a variety of sizes from three fifty. The tasteful gift packaging makes Eau de Lanvin easy to give, and it is delightful to receive. COHEN'S also carries Arpège perfume in sizes starting at eight fifty. Now that we’ve let you in on our little secret – we trust you'll keep it to yourself. Just your secret, and the world’s other lovely women.
OCS Visit Postponed
To January 26 And 27;
Shortage Of Funds Cited

The OCS Recruiting team informed the Business Office last week that due to a decrease in federal funds for recruiting purposes, they were unable to visit the Clinch Valley College campus on Dec. 1 and 2 as planned.

They plan to visit Clinch Valley College on Monday and Tuesday, January 26 and 27 to interview seniors and all interested parties.

Radio....

a broadcasting range of two or three miles from the college, thus allowing not only those living on campus, but those living in town to benefit from the station.

Broadcast hours are tentatively scheduled for 7 P.M. to 11 P.M., but Mr. Shultise said that these hours depend on the available staff and the number of hours that each staff member can work.

The station will broadcast music, news, sports, weather, and special programs such as discussions, sporting events, and announcements.

Although the station is being built by programs and some staff, it is expected that the Student Council will purchase the station and that it will be operated as a student activity rather than a project of the Physical Science Club.

This brings up several questions:

Are we willing to come "off the bill", Gap, Artesian Wells or Norton and Wise? Do we have anything to offer which the communities could use or want?

One such program might take is to offer services such as tutoring, recreational and art programs, self-improvement classes for adults and assistance in community planning and development projects so that the smaller communities in the area could be turned into community centers - extension service centers. Students, faculty and staff could offer their talents and work with members of the community in community development.

This type program called Outreach will involve some colleges is strongly encouraged by the Appalachian Regional Commission to provide talents and services in the area and to train young people in service.

Colleges are encouraged to use their work study students in such service projects so that the students can develop their skills and help their own communities. Faculty and students are encouraged to offer "free university courses in the community. Are we willing to explore, to be concerned and really Reach-Out?"

Dear Editor:

Mr. Smiddy recently wrote in the Highland Cavalier concerning the role of the College in the community. I would like to suggest that we, as a total college community, seriously consider developing a program of service for local communities so that the college could play a more effective and significant role in the Region's Development.

This brings up several questions: Do we have anything to offer which the communities could use or want? Are the services which we have to offer relevant to the needs of communities such as Cranes Nest, Pardee, Duncan Gap, Artesian Wells or Norton and Wise? Are we willing to come "off the bill", really look, listen and become involved in areas where we are not needed?

One goal such a program might take is to explore areas such as tutoring, recreational and art programs, self-improvement classes for adults and assistance in community planning and development projects so that the smaller communities in the area could be turned into community centers - extension service centers. Students, faculty and staff could offer their talents and work with members of the community in community development.

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From The Dean’s Desk

Young Puritans

BY FRANK STEELY

Some time back Russell Baker, in a column in the Louisville Courier-Journal, compared modern youthful rebels to the Puritans of England and Colonial America. His point is suggestive, because, assuredly, the dogmatic way in which many of these critics classify individuals as “all bad” or “all good” reminds one of our Puritanical ancestors. To these “angry young folks” the “establishment” is by definition “evil.” They “never trust anyone over 30.”

Strict moral judgments are characteristic of the rebellious generation. Like a modern day Jonathan Edwards (or Woodrow Wilson) everything is portrayed in terms of “black” and “white” (no racial reference intended). Thus it is not enough that the Saigon Vietnamese regime be evil. Hanoi must be accepted as virtuous!

In all these respects, and in their humorless quality, modern rebels might be described as the Apostles Paul described the Ancient Athenians: “Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too RELIGIOUS.”

The intolerant religiosity of modern youthful critics of the “New Left” is particularly regrettable because they do have something to say, as did, most certainly, the Puritans. And these new rebels are no more puritanical than their antagonists on the “Far Right.” In so many ways George Wallace and Lester Maddox remind one of Eldridge Cleaver and Rap Brown. There are undoubtedly enemies of reform who deserve vigorous challenges; it is, however, grossly unfair to lump together all who do not agree in toto with you. Wise and rational human beings do not indiscriminately damn their friends, and today’s critics have a considerable number of friends who are also members of the establishment.

Basketball Recap

CVC 80, Milligan 79

The CVC Cavaliers overcame the Milligan Buffaloes by one point Monday night to win in the second game played on their home court.

With CVC trailing by one point, Mike Counts made the final shot with less than one second remaining.

High scorer for the Cavaliers of the 80-79 win was David Bentley with 21 points.

Other individual scorers were: Dickenson, 8; Estep, 7; Gott, 3; Newsome, 12; Counts, 16; Johnson, 5; Fore, 7.

Concord Over CVC

The CVC Highland Cavaliers were ousted at Concord on their visit there Monday night.

Bentley led the offensive with twenty points and also the defense with numerous rebounds.

Assisting him under the nets were Johnson, Newsome, and Fore.

Pressure was applied late in the second half with Concord leading by 10 points. They applied a full court press and seemingly forced fouls from the players.

Other scorers were: Johnson, 17; Newsome, 11; Gott, 4; Estep, 5; Dickenson, 18; Counts, 3; Fore, 7; Ervin, 1.

Bluefield Romps

David Bentley led the Cavalier’s invasion of Bluefield State Tuesday night, with 28 points.

Other scorers in double figures were Mickey Newsome, 12; Albert Johnson, 14; and Edgar Fore with 10.

Clinch Valley, now with a 1-5 record, has four more games before Christmas holidays and hopes to make it 5-5.

David Bentley has a 22.1 average for the season. Next is Mickey Newsome with 12.6 average; Albert Johnson, 11.8; Steele, 11.5; Gott, 8; Fore, 7.8; Counts, 7.1; Dickenson, 7; Jones, 5.9; Ferrell, 5; Estep, 4.7; Ervin, 4; and Smith, 2.

Frosh Beat Bluefield

The Clinch Valley Freshmen stormed the Bluefield College Freshmen in an overtime duel in their first game of the season.

The score was tied 84-84 at the end of the game. There was a five-minute playoff to avoid a tie. The Cavaliers scored four points, and the Reds, two.

High scorers were Wayne Steele for CVC with 21 and George Lipps with 22.

Other scorers for CVC were: Ervin, 3; Jones, 17; Fore, 16; Smith, 2; Ferrell, 5; Brickey, 2.