

# The Highland Cavalier

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## Clinch Valley College Theater Opens September 15th

The Clinch Valley College theater and the Highland Players, under the direction of

Charles W. Lewis, will open its fall season with a limited-run of a summer production, Emlyn



William's Night Must Fall.

Night Must Fall is a suspense melodrama which stars many of last year's actors and should prove to be an interesting play.

The play begins on Monday the 15th of September and runs through Thursday the 18th of September.

In order to acquaint the Clinch Valley Freshmen with CVC theater, opening night seats have all been made available exclusively to Freshmen. Those wishing to procure seats should make reservations with the Humanities Office Secretary in the Zehmer Building. Admission for Freshmen opening night will be free, courtesy of the CVC Theater. Seating for the other shows

may be reserved at the same office. Phone: Clinch Valley College, Ext. 257. Admission is \$2.00.

The Highland Players plan to present another summer production in October. The play, a western parody, James Rosenberry's The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch will be advertised further. Also in November the Theater will present a series of one acts produced and directed by drama students, later in December another full length production will be presented, Chase's Harvey.

The Theater welcomes everyone and hopes that everyone will take advantage of

the chance to attain a little culture.



## Orestia

Aeschylus' trilogy, the Orestia will be shown in the Science Lecture Hall on Sep-

tember 15, at 7:00. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

## Honor Court Elections

The Honor Court of Clinch Valley College announces six vacant positions on the present Court: One Senior position, one Junior position, one Sophomore position, and three Freshmen positions. Elections will be September 17, the third Wed-

nesday of the month. To run you must obtain a petition from the Dean of Students office and later return it there no later than nine days before the election or September 9, the second Tuesday of the month.

## Record Registration

Registration for 1975-76 at Clinch Valley has already reached a record peak and is presently over 875 students and still increasing. This is the

largest number of students enrolled at Clinch Valley in the history of the College. It promises to be a big year at CVC.

October 4 Deadline

## Register And Vote

Clinch Valley College students are urged to register at vote for the November 4, 1974 elections. Any student who claims his residence here in

Wise County can register at the Courthouse in Wise, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. If you do not vote, you do not count! Register today.

## Night Tutoring

Special Services is again providing tutoring in the library at night. The schedule so far is: Mon. nite (7-10) Joe Bush-Physics-Chemistry; Alvin Wells-Math Tues.nite (7-10) Donna Vance-Chemistry-Biology; Tom Samuel-Math

Wed. nite (7-10) Robbie Stallard-Math Thurs. nite (7-10) Shahid Malik-Chemistry; Fred Rowe-Math We hope to have an English tutor available soon. Please feel free to take advantage of this service. No charge.

### Job Notice

The U.S.F.S. district ranger station in Wise, Va. has appointed a C.V.C. student to organize a twenty-one member "Hot Shot" fire-fighting crew to be made up of C.V.C. students. This crew will be responsible for stand-by and firefighting duties on national forest land in the event of a severe fire situation this fall.

The base pay is a 'straight' \$3.20 an hour and to qualify you must meet federal mandated physical-fitness requirements. Also, you must be available whenever your class schedule permits, plus weekends.

Naturally those with fire-fighting experience will be preferred but training will be supplied for both the experienced and inexperienced.

To apply, submit your name, home and/or college phone number, a copy of your fall schedule and a description of any fire-fighting experience to Frank Kilgore; or put the information in an envelope and address it to Frank Kilgore, Box 682, C.V.C., and give it to the postal clerk at C.V.C.

All applications should be submitted by September 9, 1975, and applicants must remember that the length of time that they will be needed depends solely upon the weather.

### Class Pics

Students interested in having their pictures taken for the 1975 yearbook may do so September 29 or 30. Tri-State School Pictures, Inc., will again take the sittings, at a cost to the individual of \$2 per person.

Photographers are tentatively planning to set-up their equipment out-of-doors in the area between the Zehmer building and the Library from

## NOTICES

8:30 to 4:30 each day. In the event of inclement weather, pictures will be taken inside the Zehmer Building, near the Post Office. It is suggested that students "come as you are."

### Notice

All persons interested in playing golf for Clinch Valley College, see Judd Lewis before the 13th of September.

College Campus Representative Needed to sell Brand Name Stereo Components to Students at lowest prices. HI Commission. No investment required. Serious Inquiries only! FAD Components, Inc. 20 Passaic Ave., Fairfield, New Jersey 07006. Jerry Diamond 201-227-6814

### Datura Stramonium

Jimson Weed, the literary magazine of Clinch Valley College, is now accepting any artistic endeavors by students or faculty for future publication. Please send manuscripts (poetry, short stories, excerpts from novels), drawings, photographs, or what have you, to: Editor, Jimson Weed, Campus Mail. Subscribers are also wanted to help alleviate the burden of publication costs. Subscriptions are one dollar per year (two issues); single issue seventy-five cents. Copies of Spring 1975 issue (containing the award-winning short story by Tom Crowe) are still available for seventy-five cents from the same address.

### Young Republicans to Meet

There will be a Young Republican's Club Meeting in Z119 at 12:30 on Wednesday, September 10. All interested

people please attend.

### Young Democrats to Meet

The Clinch Valley College Young Democrats will have an organizational meeting Wednesday, September 10th, at 2:30 p.m. in Room Z124. All interested students are asked to please attend this important meeting.

### Notice

Students who need to take the Graduate Record Examination in October because of special financial considerations (scholarships or assistantship) should see Dean Allen as soon as possible. The GRE will be given at CVC only in January and April.

### Notice

Students who are eligible to apply for a Danforth Foundation Award need to see Dean Allen before September 16.

### Cheerleader Tryouts

Cheerleader tryouts will be held in the gymnasium on Thursday, September 11, 1975 at 4:00 p.m. All students in good standing (including freshmen) are eligible to participate.

Please notify the Dean of Student Affairs by Wednesday, September 10, if you plan to try out for a cheerleading position. You may contact Mrs. Lana Low or Ms. Jo Cleek, cheerleading advisors, for further details about the upcoming tryouts.

### Honor Court

The Honor Court will hold a make-up meeting for freshmen. Every freshman must attend one meeting! This orientation meeting will be Wednesday, 2:40 p.m. in A-10.

by Robert Kuhlken

Recently there appeared an advertisement in a local weekly paper for a certain business enterprise located in Powell Valley. The copy read like an absurd series of vaudeville one-liners on death and dying, its purpose being to exploit and capitalize American society's emphasis on conspicuous consumption, even after death. It was so presumptuous in its claims, and so illogical in its appeal to human vanity, that it deserves a bit of comment.

First of all, the establishment in question "is pleased to announce they are now expanding the present chapel for an additional space of 288 crypts." After erroneously reminding us that "for centuries, above ground entombment in a mausoleum has been a preferred burial of Kings, Queens, Presidents and the wealthy", the ad goes on to inform us that "now persons of all incomes can afford the clean, dry, ventilated crypts of a majestic mausoleum as their final resting place". Perhaps they are playing upon the public's inevitable association of Pharaoh with pyramid, but while it is true the kings and queens traditionally have had their crypts in which to enjoy themselves, the custom is neither as consistent nor exclusive as they would like us to believe. In ancient Rome, for example, everyone, including slaves, had a marked burial place, or loculus. As Christ hit the scene, and carried man on into the Middle Ages, an inverse situation existed. The "preferred burial" for everyone was to merely be dumped in any of the various charnel houses which surrounded the medieval church. The closer the pit into which they dumped your remains was to the wall of the church, the more "preferred" was your burial ground. Not until around the fourteenth century did monumental tombs regain popularity, and even then only for the more illustrious personages. Around the eighteenth century the middle class began to clamor for their own piece of prized (and priced) immortality. The funeral business was off to a flying start.

The next two centuries saw an upward progression of prestige attached to the occupation of "gravedigger": from "undertaker" through "mortician" to the currently vogue "funeral director". This era also ushered in the rapid development of cemeteries (presently "memorial gardens"), now no longer owned by the Church, steadily expanding in size and flavored with non-denominationalism. Which brings us up to our "majestic mausoleum".

Jessica Mitford, in the book *The American Way of Death*, takes note of this new capitalist burial phenomenon: "The latest trend in cemetery development is upward expansion of the com-

munity mausoleum. Here indeed is a breakthrough in the space barrier. There may be limits to how deep one can conveniently dig to bury the dead, but in building for aboveground entombment the sky is literally the limit. Referred to disparagingly by cemetery men of twenty years ago as 'tenement mausoleums', they are now very in, and are an enormously lucrative proposition. Doubtless a moneymaker, as evident in the eagerness of the ad's list of reasons for purchasing your very own crypt, contrary to common sense, religious principles, and sound ecology.

The first blatant misconception encountered is a simple matter of continuing geological history. The ad claims that the crypts are "built for the ages - constructed of time-defying granite, marble, steel, and reinforced concrete." In truth it is hardly built for the ages, for the floor of Powell Valley will continue to erode away from under it, and the cliffs forming the walls of the valley will erode down upon it, crumbling to the trumpet of time like the ancient walls of Jericho. As for its "time-defying" construction, we should again turn to Mitford's book: "The crypts lend themselves ideally to the simplest forms of block construction, for they consist merely of tier upon tier of cubicles made of reinforced concrete faced with a veneer of marble or granite. Crypt is stacked upon crypt - two deep, on either side of a visitors' corridor." It would not take but a few good-sized boulders of Silurian sandstone to tumble down the mountainside and completely level our loved ones' final resting place.

The advertisement continues. Is there not an anti-biblical air running rampant in the following blurb? "Entombment above ground in clean, dry, ventilated chambers, protecting precious remains from the unfriendly elements of the earth." Unfriendly? Precious remains? Just where in hell does man think he comes from. Let us all forget, the following is line 19 from the third chapter of Genesis: (and God said to Adam)

"By the sweat of your face

Shall you earn your bread,

Until you return to the ground.

For from it you were taken:

For dust you are

And to dust you shall return."

Our remains would be infinitely more precious if they were allowed to biodegrade back into the earth. And why should we give better treatment ("clean, dry, ventilated") to decomposing organic matter than we give to the very living organism that it once was? The answer may be found in the next sales pitch, the real clincher in mausoleum popularity: "An everlasting memorial to your family name." Ah, here we have it at last, the

### Jericho, Jericho

entrepreneur's acknowledgement of the seven deadly sins' deadliest - pride. An outright appeal to an age old human yearning. Silly human, immortality is for the gods. Besides the family name will be preserved by the subsequent generations, and eternal life is best achieved through the memory of those yet corporal, those

dearly departed from. In a sense, memorials are only tributes to the power of insecurity over death. They register our feeble attempts to stake a claim on our very existence, on our having been here. They are manifestations of a desire to belong, to remain a part of this at once both cruel and wonderful world. They are needless.

Ambrose Bierce tells us of the epitaph he found, on a federal soldier's grave up in Pocahontas County, W. Va., which gives truer tribute to human life (and death) than all the hand-hewn monuments the world will ever produce: His part in all the pomp that fills The circuit of the Summer hills Is that his grave is green.

### Honor Court On Trial

During the last few years the traditional methods of self-government and so, self-control, have been called into question on many college campuses, at U.Va., and here at Clinch Valley. More specifically, the feasibility and reliability of the Honor Court and like systems are being questioned.

One of the fundamental principles underlying the Honor Court is that men are basically honest and honorable creatures and are capable of regulating a system to insure fairness and respect for others in an academic community. This view seems straightforward enough and most of us would not mind to subscribe to it.

However, this is the view being called into question. The opposing opinion is that men are basically dishonest and will use any means to achieve their goal. The most common system of regulation proposed by

those of this mind is, simply, a community controlled by proctors watching for those who would lie, cheat, or steal.

The big question is, then, are men honorable? This is an age-old inquiry and it would be foolish to try to formulate a definite answer. We must merely answer it to our best satisfaction. For myself and many others, the answer is that men are indeed honorable or capable of honor. The Honor Court is far superior, for me, than a system of proctors watching to see if I cheat or lie or steal.

From this standpoint, I wish to emphasize that the only way the Honor Court can function effectively is if nearly every member of this academic community understands it and participates in it. It must be realized that the Court is our device to insure respect and fairness; to participate

actively in the system helps the whole community. When one student cheats, he hurts himself, surely; but he also hurts everyone else by giving the professor a jaded view of the students' knowledge. This cheater may be the guy who ruins the curve for you!

Finally, the question of punishment for offenses is inevitable. Here at CVC, there are several punishments designed to fit the offense. Some of them are: reprimand, rehabilitation, social probation, and, of course, suspension from school with the reason cited on the permanent record.

This may sound tough, but so is stealing, lying, and cheating. For the system to work you must participate! We can regulate ourselves and have no need for proctors to stand over us! If you agree or disagree, write a letter to the editor and explain why.

-Lynn Mullins

### In The Eyes Of The Beholder

Appalachia, in the late nineteenth century, was just beginning to feel the affects of industrialization. Today, in the nineteenth seventies, Appalachia is well into the world of industry.

Some people look upon Appalachia's past and yearn for "the good old days." Other people smile about Appalachia's present status and say that "progress is good." Whatever the opinion, one thing is certain - Appalachia has changed.

The early days that our elders look back upon were filled with farming, family and near isolation. Our great grandparents, and their children, voice an almost unanimous opinion that the days of sweat and toil were also spiced with laughter and joy. Growing old certainly adds to a person's tendency to distort reality; however, all throughout our forefather's reminiscing there prevails one underlying theme. That theme is that isolation and hard work created a togetherness in the basic family structure. This family unity is evidently absent, or at least greatly diminished, in today's Appalachia.

However, the problem of family division and

alienation is not restricted to Appalachia. Almost any rural society that, at one time, depends upon the land for subsistence, then suddenly finds itself changed by "progress", discovers that the family structure has weakened. In Appalachia the problem does seem more acute, partially due to the quickness of change and the resulting displacement of the mountain people.

Today we find that young Appalachians are hard pressed to identify their heritage - they view themselves as Americans, male or female, black or white, tall or short. It is rare that a mountain youth will proudly proclaim "I am from the mountains." Perhaps they are ashamed of that fact, or it just may not be evident to them that their heritage is a bit unique.

Of course one might have found it hard to locate a nineteenth century mountaineer that would have known that he, or she, was an Appalachian. Subsistence farmer, unique, independent, trustworthy and filled with an unbending family loyalty. However, one might suspect that these "oldtimers" somehow knew that a lot of the things that they had were good.

Such things as a "piece of land", a "good" woman or man, a sturdy trailing hound, a multitude of dependable "kinfolks" - all these things, and more, must have given the nineteenth century mountaineer a feeling of security and a suspicion toward change.

The people of today's Appalachia have made the 'change', some willfully - others fighting "progress" every inch of the way. The 'change' has brought the mountain people very close to middleclass America through the media, modern transportation, tourism, zoning, and an endless assortment of "taking-it-easy" luxuries. To be able to afford our luxuries and leisure time we have, in effect, sold our birthrights.

It can be argued that a major portion of our land and customs were already destroyed by our ancestors' greediness, but we have done little to try to correct their mistake. Indeed, some people even question whether or not it was a mistake to exchange the old for the new; while others among the mountain people are uncompromising in their beliefs that "going middle-class" was nothing more than a step down.

## THE RIP ON COMIX PAGE

### Minutes Of The Student Government

On Tuesday, September 2, the Student Government Association of Clinch Valley College held its first meeting of the fall semester. Those members present included:

Jasper Reynolds, Andy Kersey, Gene Garrett, Doug Tackett, Mike Shupe, Gwyn Roeger, Glenn Mooney, Eddie Lindsay, Edward Merritt, and Howie Boggs. Charlotte Collier did not

attend. Fred McClellan attended as a non-member.

In summary:

1. The SGA will meet every Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

2. Ed Merritt motioned to place a two hour maximum and one-half hour minimum on all meetings. Kersey seconded. The motion passed 6-3.

3. Jasper Reynolds appointed Ginger Boggs to the position of Senior Representative. Motion for acceptance made by Merritt, second by Kersey. Vote 9-0 for acceptance.

4. Fred McClellan reported that the SGA made \$245 on the Freshman Dance and \$30 at the Bluegrass Festival, which decreases the current debt to \$88.

5. The SGA discussed plans for a concert to be held at the end of this month.

6. Jasper Reynolds appointed Joan Cox to the position of

Assistant Secretary Treasurer. Motion for acceptance made by Kersey, second by Merritt. Vote 9-0 for acceptance.

7. Fred McClellan suggested, and Kersey motioned for the appointment of a committee to publicize events of the SGA.

Second by Merritt and H. Boggs were appointed by Jasper Reynolds to serve on this committee.

8. Jasper asked members to encourage freshmen to run for the Freshman Representative positions which are now vacant.

9. H. Boggs suggested that the SGA investigate the possibility of having music in the Jefferson Lounge. Merritt proposed that the SGA might purchase a stereo system. No definite action taken.

10. Kersey motions for adjournment. Vote 9-0 in favor.

Gene Garrett Sec.-Treasurer

### SGA Notes

The new year that everyone has been talking about is finally here. The Student Government office hopes everyone has geared themselves properly and that nobody had to go through any undue changes. Student participation in last week's dance is to be commended for a job well done. If this is any indication of things to come, this year can be a very enjoyable experience for all of us. The SGA is beginning this year in the financial hole to the tune of three hundred and sixty dollars. At the rate we have

established this past week, however, we are destined to be in the black pretty soon. So, a hearty "Thank you, students" from the SGA.

Budget Announcements Budget requests are now being taken by the SGA. All clubs and organizations are urged to submit their respective budgets as soon as possible.

Freshmen wishing to seek election as freshman representative should contact any SGA member.

### Poet's Corner

#### Civilization

I like to think of nature, That is a perfect nature, where Minds can flow like pure water in the Mouths of fish and birds that pour forth Truth in carefully measured portions.

And I would like to think of perfect ecological tranquility Where mammals propel with half sleep movements

Over fields that leave clover spinning

A narcotic of loving affection. And I would have to think that there

Are planets where life can exist in natural undisturbed harmony.

Like the final fusion of man, plants,

And animals, when man has abandoned his beastly inclinations.

Ben Raszak

Support The Highland Cavalier

### Intramurals To Begin Sept. 16th

The Intramural Association, under the direction of Jim Gott and Student Assistants Roy Baker, Glen Gilliam, Robert Ledford, Greg "Pickie" Marshall, Rick Myers, Tony Powers, and Mike Shupe, will begin its season on Monday, Sept. 15, 1975 with Softball, Tennis, and Football. Those interested in participating should obtain registration forms from any of the student assistants. Registration for the above listed sports must be filed by 4:30 on Sept. 12, 1975. Softball will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1975. Schedules will be posted and

circulated. Tennis will be conducted in two brackets, A and B. "A" will be for the more experienced players, and B will be for all others. Competition will begin also on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1975. Football will be played during the colder weather. For more information, contact Jim Gott, Room 236, Administration Building or Roy Baker, Room 151, Emma McCraray Hall. Remember, registration forms must be in the Director's office by 4:30 on Friday, Sept. 12, 1975 for at least Tennis and Softball.

### Can You Dig-It

It's time for Women's Volleyball at C.V.C. All women students with an interest in playing on the varsity team are encouraged to be a part of what promises to be one of the best

seasons for volleyball at Clinch Valley. Practice will begin Monday, Sept. 8, at 4:30 in the gymnasium. Support your school support women's intercollegiate athletics.

### Thought For Athletes

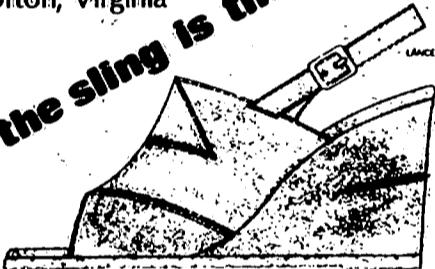
There's no thrill in easy sailing,  
When the sky is clear and blue;  
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### Kennedy Announces For '76 Democratic Convention Seat

Coeburn-- J. Jack Kennedy, Jr., executive vice-president of the Virginia Young Democrat, has announced that he is seeking a delegate seat to the 1976 National Democratic Presidential Nominating Convention.

Kennedy says that he is "not committed" to any presidential candidate and is seeking one of the Ninth District's six delegate seats to the national convention as an "uncommitted" delegate. Ninth District delegates to the 1976 Democratic Presidential Nominating Convention will be chosen at a district convention in mid-May following local mass meetings across the Ninth District.

Kennedy has received an endorsement for the '76 convention seat from Delegate Orby Cantrell, a member of the Virginia General Assembly from Pound. Cantrell stated, "I know of no one that is more deserving or anyone that I would rather support."

Kennedy hopes to win the delegate position to the New York Convention on the basis of a long history of hard work for the Democratic Party. He recently attended the "Target '76" training school program sponsored by the Democratic National Committee in Washington, D.C. He was also recently a delegate to the 76

National Young Democrat Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Asked his view on what kind of a candidate the Democratic Party should field in 1976, Kennedy said, "We've got to nominate a candidate who will give straight talk to the people. He must be a man who will offer the people positive policies and programs to do something about the nation's growing

problems of energy and inflation. And finally as a Democrat I want to nominate a winner in '76."

Kennedy concluded by encouraging his fellow Democrats to "look carefully at the candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination and take an active role in the delegate selection process next year."

### Post Office Box Assignments

All students please be advised that post office boxes will be assigned to you for this academic year as soon as a complete list of students is available. These boxes are assigned for your convenience in receiving regular mail and campus-type mail. We are also equipped to sell stamps, insure mail and handle mailing of packages. Packages that arrive via U.P.S. are also distributed through the Post Office. Hours of operation for window service are posted in the Post Office area. You may call for your mail at the window until we are

able to assign your box. Mrs. Carol Still is the Postmaster and will be glad to offer you such assistance as we are able to afford. Any recommendations or complaints as to service should be sent to my attention in order that we might better serve your needs.

We wish you success in your academic endeavors and hope that you will bear with us until we can make assignment of boxes to provide you with better and more expeditious service.  
Gary D. Rose  
Assistant Business Manager

### John Cook Wyllie Library General Information

1. Books and other circulating materials are charged out at the circulation desk. Students must present their I.D. card whenever they wish to charge library materials.
2. Books are loaned for a two week period, and may be renewed unless someone else has placed a hold on a certain title.
3. Books and other materials placed on Reserve by teachers are kept at the main desk. They are charged out and returned there. Fines are counted by the day or hour. Hour reserve materials may be charged out overnight two hours before the library closes and must be returned before 9 am the following day (3 pm on Sundays).
4. Reference Books, Magazines & Newspapers are

- noncirculating and may not be taken from the Library.
5. Fines - 5c per day on all overdue 2 week books. 25c per day - hour on overdue reserve books. All fines are due immediately.
6. Xerox Copies are available at 10c per page - self service. Ask for auditor at desk.
7. A Lost Or Stolen Library Book should be reported immediately. Fines will cease after the date book is reported lost. If the book is not located, the present day cost of the book plus \$1.00 fee for ordering and processing will be charged to the student (refundable if the book is later returned in good condition).
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9. Ask about Interlibrary Loan for materials our Library does not own.
9. Overdue Books & Unpaid Fines will be reported to the Registrar at the end of each semester, and transcripts or grades will be withheld until the student clears with the Library. Students who have not cleared with the Library may not register until restitution is made.
10. You are expected to be considerate of your neighbor and work quietly in the Library. Conference Rooms are available for group study on the lower level.
11. Typewriters & Record - Tape Players are available for your use on the lower level.
12. Smoking is permitted only in the Lounge Area of the upper level. Prohibited in the food or drink in the Library.

Remember that the Library exists for your use. These few rules should serve as a guide. Whenever you need help, see one of the library staff.

Library Hours: Sunday, 1:30 - 10:00; Monday - Thursday, 8:00 - 10:00; Friday, 8:00 - 4:30. The Library is closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but is open most other holiday periods, including breaks between semesters. Hours will be posted prominently in the Library during these periods.

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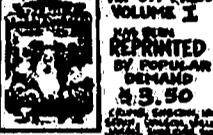
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