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Wuthering Heights - Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon as Heathcliff and Cathy in Emily Bronte's dark romance. William Wyler's film is literate, but visually exciting and properly atmospheric. NYFCA, Best Pic. of 1939. The film will be shown at the Science Lecture Hall on Monday, February 14, at 7:00 and 9:00.

SGA: What Does It Do?

by Gary Closs

The following article is an attempt to find out what the SGA has done, what it is planning to do, why it is not doing more and how it could be improved. This should not be the final comment on the subject, but the beginning of a meaningful dialogue between the students and the SGA.

What has the SGA under the leadership of L.H. Davis done in the last semester? In finding the answer to this question I learned that much of what the SGA does is "behind the scenes" in nature. During the beginning of the year the SGA had two major projects to take care of. The first project was to revise and ratify the Constitution of the SGA. The second item was the budget, which they submitted after six weeks of preparation. The results of both these projects were published in the Highland Cavalier. The ill-starred Stoneground Concert was also a project of the SGA, of which more will be written.

There were also a few dances sponsored by the SGA last semester. When I asked President Davis the accomplishments of the SGA he mentioned three other things in particular. One, getting the mechanics of the SGA set up so that it would run smoothly and efficiently. He stated this took most of the semester. Two, the SGA has been looking into a type of inter-campus phone system for the student at CVC. Mr. Davis said several colleges had this system and we are now looking over their experiences with it. Three, he stated the SGA has been investigating the food-price situation in the cafeteria. This is basically what the SGA has been involved in during the past semester.

What is the SGA planning for the future? The inter-campus phone system has already been mentioned. There are two other items L. H. Davis pointed out. The first is the football team which first came to attention in

his "welcome back" letter of last week. Mr. Davis said a college football team would be very beneficial for the college in that it would bring more students here. He said there is a possibility that a coal company would be interested in donating money specifically towards a football team. So far, Mr. Davis said, he has heard no objections from anyone concerning the football team. He hopes the SGA can set up a committee to investigate the matter shortly. Another concert is up in the air,

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Faculty Draft Protest Letter

On January 24, a group of Clinch Valley College faculty signed a letter containing charges of deliberate lowering of academic standards of CVC, intentions of cancellation of the foreign language major, and the intentional disbanding of "one major after another" at the

college. The letter has been sent to various persons throughout Virginia, including Frank Hereford, President of the University of Virginia, Governor Colgate Darden, Delegates Orby Cantrell and Ford Quillen, and to both the Board of Visitors at the University of Virginia and to the Board of Advisors at Clinch Valley.

The letter was apparently prompted by the termination of a member of the Foreign language department; the dismissal being necessitated by the continuous decline of the number of candidates for a foreign language major over a period of years. In the fall of 1974 there were enough students enrolled in the foreign language program to warrant the college's employment of two full-time teachers and one part-time teacher. At this time the college then had three full-time foreign language teachers. The enrollment has been declining since then, until this Spring when figures indicate that the college can only justify employing two full-time foreign language teachers: one for French and one for Spanish. This gradual deterioration of the foreign language department, and the subsequent release of one of the department's faculty has culminated in the letter to Dean Low where the various allegations were made against the Dean and the administration. Yet the Dean

did not receive a copy of the letter until February 2, the same time the other Virginians noted above received their copies.

The Dean then drafted a reply to the supporters of the letter in which he stated his concern for the actions necessitated by the decline in enrollment in foreign languages. He then defended the academic standards of the college with specific statistics: in 1973 the average SAT score for entering freshman at CVC was 866 and by 1978 it had climbed to 910.

Though 910 is somewhat below the national average, the Dean pointed out in his reply that Clinch Valley does pursue an essentially "open admissions" policy and does admit some "high risk" students. The college also maintains remedial programs which appeal to students with deficiencies in some areas of academics.

Perhaps that point made by the Dean which hit hardest was that "the academic standards of the college are the standards set by the faculty for themselves and for their students. It is the faculty who provide the primary components of the educational experience, who singly and collectively establish the standards by which students are measured. Thus you impugn the faculty, including

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Recommends Changes

Committee Reviews Evaluation Forms

Dean Low has appointed a committee of students and faculty members to review the faculty evaluation forms in an attempt to come up with a more thorough means of assessing the faculty.

The committee, composed of faculty members Ron Heise, Bob Vicars, and Ted Allen, and students Marlene Swiney and David Messer, has not discussed such aspects of the evaluation sheet as its length, its pertinence to the existing faculty at Clinch Valley, the role it is to play in matters such as faculty promotion and tenure, and what form any new questionnaire should take.

In discussions of the evaluation, several problems with the present form have become apparent. A main concern with the evaluation is that most students are unaware of how the evaluation is used; whether it is merely an

assessment of the teacher's academic performance from one semester to the next, or whether the evaluations are a viable consideration in tenure, promotion, or dismissal of faculty. Mr. Heise stated that the department chairman usually determines the importance of the evaluation, and that though the forms may be consulted in such matters, they do not play a crucial role in determining the positions faculty members gain.

The present evaluation form is essentially an opinion questionnaire with a scale representing the degree of quality of various areas of faculty performance where students are given the opportunity to rate their teachers. His method has its primary advantage in its use of tabulation. It is easy to determine that a faculty member with an average rating of 1.7 on

a scale of one to five is in need of a revision of some area of his academic performance. In addition to the grading scale, space is provided at the bottom of the form for comments.

After careful deliberations over the nature of an improved form, the committee decided to apply to the administration for funds to acquire a standard evaluation form from a professional testing service. The committee feels that a form prepared by professionals would be more likely to encompass the questions most often asked in a faculty evaluation, and would provide for greater use of tabulation, and more immediate preparation of the questionnaire. Should their request be denied, it would then fall to the committee to prepare and circulate a new faculty evaluation form.

Let's Keep It In The Family

Once again we are told that CVC is sinking, that our programs are becoming more restrictive with less variety and "someone" is purposely undermining the goals of the college by lowering the academic standards. And it is not bad enough that the members of this academic community must be subjected to this pessimistic news for the up-to-the-minute, it now seems that half the State of Virginia has been alerted to the crisis.

The letter from the select group of faculty to the Dean, dated January 24, is obviously a gross overreaction to the dismissal of a fellow faculty member. Yet this hardly justifies sending the letter to the President of the University of Virginia and to former governor Darden, the man who is largely responsible for the realization of the dream of a four-year school located in the heart of the Appalachians. And to merely include the Dean, to whom the letter is addressed, on the extensive mailing list as another recipient of the complaint was hardly ethical.

The content of the letter itself is both damaging to the college and lacking in substantial evidence to support the allegations it makes. The charge that the administration is deliberately trying to lower academic standards in an attempt to raise enrollment is both absurd and totally off-base. As the Dean himself pointed out, the teachers are responsible for any standard being maintained, raised, or lowered. If anyone is to blame for the falling of the overall standard, it is the individual faculty members. The administration is responsible for over-seeing the administrative affairs of the college; they cannot direct an instructor to ease up in his courses to attract students, and they certainly cannot promise "easy A's" in their recruiting program. Likewise it is not the duty of the administration to provide that "imaginative leadership" which the supporters of the letter say would keep the Modern Foreign Language department alive.

The fear of some of these faculty members of the continuing disbanding of major programs similarly has no basis in fact, as the Dean has shown them. Aside from an attempt to save the foreign languages at Clinch Valley by merging French and Spanish into one department (which, by the way, was in agreement with the wishes of the instructors involved), no departments at this institution have been "disbanded".

In glancing at the signatures appearing at the end of letter, one can see the shakiness of its support. Of the twenty-four employees of the college who signed it, four do not even hold teaching positions. It is difficult for me to comprehend how someone who is not directly involved in the academics here can judge whether they are being misled. And of the remaining twenty supporters, two have been here less than a year! I fail to see how anyone can evaluate an institution's standards when they have little or nothing to compare with it.

Perhaps the people involved "jumped the gun" in reaction to the dismissal of one of their co-workers. Or perhaps they did not fully understand the facts. But ignorance is no excuse, and this case is no exception. The fact is that these people have taken a strictly college-concerned issue outside the campus and into areas of the State where it does not belong, and they have done so without substantial evidence to back their allegations. Who knows what the consequences of their actions will be? Had they taken this into consideration perhaps this issue would not have been blown out of perspective. Ah well, you pay your money, you take your chances.

David Messer

Write A Letter To The Editor

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Crockett Crisis: Keep Calm Karl!

offense, Karl replied, "I was blasted out of my mind. I didn't know what I was doing, but I don't think I did it". Had I known this beforehand, I would certainly have shown more patience & understanding.

The mental anguish Karl describes himself suffering from is, I'm sure, more than anyone could expect to bear. For this reason, the resident advisors of Crockett are calling on the Administration to help Karl now, while there is still time! A "Help Karl Campaign" has recently been organized, & below are our lists of demands:

- 1) Fire Mr. Donathan & drop all music classes from the curriculum, so Karl can get the rest & quiet he needs.
- 2) Remove all invisible curtains, kitchen, & laundry rooms.
- 3) Since the Coca-Cola Company refuses to give us a Coke machine (the residents broke the last two), go out & steal one!
- 4) Give Karl his own dormitory so he can play ping-pong all night, & scream in the halls without waking people up.
- 5) Give Karl an administrative position so he won't have to show proof of responsibility, & can make his own rules.

-Ben Ragnic-

The Fraternity System And Phi Sigma

Kappa



The Fraternity system is as old as the United States. Over 200 years ago in 1776 Phi Beta Kappa, the first college fraternity, was organized at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Originally established as a social and fraternal order, it was the foundation of the present fraternity system.

A national fraternity furnishes the experience and mature leadership whereby the functions of fraternalism may be more adequately fulfilled. By cooperative effort the qualified leaders of these national organizations encourage high scholarship, sound financial management of fraternity homes, good manners and morals.

A national fraternity through the medium of conventions and regional assemblies promotes culture, broadens the viewpoint and widens the horizons of undergraduate and Alumni members by happy social and fraternal contacts among delegates assembled from all sections of the United States. Through its nationwide system of alumni clubs a national fraternity offers abundant opportunity for its members to create new friendships.

Phi Sigma Kappa was founded in 1873 at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, known today as the University of Massachusetts. It has experienced rapid growth since, due to the secure foundation which was laid by the charter members. At present Phi Sigma Kappa has expanded to 142 college and university campuses. A large number of the fine fraternity homes are owned by the individual chapter's Alumni or Holding Corporation. Its growth has followed a careful expansion policy.

Phi Sigma Kappa became Clinch Valley's College's first National Social Fraternity in November 1972 when colony status was granted to 12 newly initiated brothers. In November of 1976 the Clinch Valley Colony was granted chapter status and designated as the XI Hexagon Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa.

During the school year Phi Sigma Kappa has several major social functions. During the Spring Semester we hope to sponsor several dances including discos, and the Annual Spring Formal. Also we are planning a spring beer blast, and many other functions.

The Phi Sig Rush has been extended a couple more days to February 14. We strongly urge all male students here at CVC to

look at what Phi Sigma Kappa has to offer not only locally, but also nationally. Membership in this national fraternity is for life and has many benefits after college. Phi Sigma Kappa lives by her three Cardinal Principles, Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Character.

scriber to The Signet, Phi Sig's national magazine. With an understanding heart, Phi Sigma Kappa stands ready to welcome the new member, offering to take him as he is and give him her gifts in the proportion as he will receive them.

Robert P. Molinary

Protest Letter

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yourselves, when you say academic standards have been lowered." In effect, if standards are being lowered, it is the faculty's doing.

The Dean supported the administration against the charges that "the college cannot disband one major after another and still hope to remain an effective instrument of higher learning in Southwest Virginia" by stating that several years ago when French and Spanish majors were in danger because they could not meet degree specifications, the college combined the two to facilitate the development of a major in modern foreign languages.

Retorts to the letter are already coming in to the Dean. One angry "landholder" felt that this move to dismiss one of the faculty was indeed a move away from serving the people of this community. Only the next few weeks can reveal just how far-reaching are the consequences of this letter and its accusations.

V.D. Alert!

Reprinted From Readers Digest

Health Authorities have announced a worldwide alert for a new strain of gonorrhea that penicillin cannot cure. According to Atlanta's Center for Disease Control (CDC), the new strain first appeared in early 1976 in Maryland and California (in cases involving two people associated with the military), and has since spread to 11 states. It has also been identified in several foreign countries. The CDC said that the continuing increase in

cases poses a serious threat to VD-control efforts.

The CDC has notified all state laboratories and health departments and according to Dr. Ralph Henderson, director of VD control, it is recommending that all patients with gonorrhea be checked 7 to 14 days after completion of penicillin treatment (3 to 5 days if they have recently traveled abroad) to make certain that a cure has been effected. Dr. Ronald K. St. John, VD researcher at the center, said that if the new strain of gonorrhea, which produces an enzyme that kills penicillin, became widespread



John Cook Wyllie 1908-1988

it would mean an enormous new expense. "The cost could go from about 50 cents for a penicillin shot to \$3 to \$5 and as much as \$10" for treatment with other antibiotics, he said.

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John Cook Wyllie: A Name To Remember

by Susan Waddell Librarian Assistant in Public Services

The spacious, beautifully designed, \$3,000-volume library that Clinch Valley College now enjoys became that way through the foresight and hard work of many people. One of the first was John Cook Wyllie. When in 1954 the former UVA librarian and then Director of Libraries of the University system worked closely with Chancellor Smiddy to help gather books and staff for the small CVC library that was to be housed in old Crockett Hall, he had come a long way from the senior undergraduate who took a job as student worker at the UVA Library during the Christmas of 1928.

After he received his degree in 1928, Mr. Wyllie stayed on with the library and soon accepted the position of assistant reference librarian. In 1933-34, eager to learn more about the book trade, he travelled in Europe studying libraries, binders, and booksellers. In 1938 he did graduate work in library science at the University of Chicago. Not long afterward, Mr. Wyllie became the Director of the Rare Book and Manuscript Division; and, during the same period, 1938-1941, also became the Curator of the MacGregor Library. An exceptionally dedicated man, he took it upon himself to enlarge the rare book collection by personally examining every book in the general collection.

Interrupted by service in World War II in which he won citations from both the American and British armies, Mr. Wyllie went on to become head librarian at the UVA Alderman Library and a founding member of both the Albemarle County Historical Society and the University of Virginia Bibliographical Society. Also over a 25-year period, working no doubt thousands of hours, he compiled a 75,000 item checklist of all the books written by and about Thomas Jefferson and all the letters written to or by him. The people who knew Mr. Wyllie were as much impressed by the man as by his accomplishments. Chancellor Smiddy characterizes him as a gentle, good, fine, quite hard-working man; above all a dedicated scholar who left as his legacy to his library and college his enthusiasm for books. In 1948 when he received with Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Mr. Wyllie was acclaimed a man with a "keen mind, indefatigable industry, and striking originality." (Harry Clemons, The University of Virginia Library 1825-1950, Charlottesville, University of Virginia Library, 1954).

Our library was named the John Cook Wyllie Library as a fitting memorial to a man who work has touched thousands of students, staff, and faculty. Born of missionary parents in Palatka, Florida on October 26, 1908, John Cook Wyllie lived his fifty-nine years with the quiet dedication that we hope will be a reminder and an example to all of us who work with books. Ms. Waddell gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Chancellor Smiddy and Ms. John Cook Wyllie in the compiling of information for this article.

Job Outlook Favorable For '77 Graduates

College graduates entering the job market in May and June will find conditions better than those faced by last year's class. "Even with the economy recovering from its 1974-75 setbacks, that perfect job will still be hard to find," said Ron Montgomery, employer representative for the Virginia Employment Commission.

"This year's graduates will have more choices than their predecessors," he said, "but some young people may have to settle for a lower salary or a different job than they had been hoping for."

To help young Virginians

searching for a job, the VEC will again publish "College Profiles," a list of recent college graduates which is distributed to many Virginia employers.

To be issued in March, April and May, the list will carry the student's name, home address, college attended and major and minor courses of study. Employers who are interested in a particular student may contact him or her directly or arrange an interview through a local VEC office.

Seniors or recent graduates who want to be included on the list should see their college

placement officer or visit their local VEC office to pick up "College Profiles" registration forms. These forms, which have been revised since last year, must be completed, signed and returned to the VEC. No charge is made to applicants or employers for this or any other VEC service, according to Montgomery.

Please see Mr. Ely in A 238-239.

Students Form Social Welfare Association

The Social Welfare students of Clinch Valley College met with Tom Cox, the Director of the Program on Wednesday at 1:30. Among the subjects discussed at length were the future of the Program, the possibilities of an early attempt at obtaining accredited status, faculty-student relationships and the development of a student organization.

Among those present were: Mr. Ken Taylor and Ms. Marilyn Pace both part-time instructors in the Program and Rev. Bob Newcomb a field instructor in the Program. Although not all the issues were capable of being resolved, the attempt to sit down and talk things out allowed an opportunity for the students to express their concerns about the Program. Mr. Cox stated several times that the government would permit opportunities for input from the Community, alumni, students, field instructor and faculty and that the input for all concerned parties would be appreciated.

After the main discussion, the students decided to elect officers for the Social Welfare Association. Darlene Spores was elected as the President, Paula Branham as Vice-President and Clarence Whisenant was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Social Welfare Association will hold its first regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in A100a. All Social Welfare majors or potential majors are encouraged to attend:

Pool Schedule

- Block II (9:45-10:40 a.m.) Monday And Wednesday Advanced Swimming and Diving (first 7 weeks of the term); Intermediate Swimming (second 7 weeks of the term).
- 7:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday: Beginning (first 7 weeks of the term) and Intermediate (second 7 weeks of the term) Swimming.
- 5:30 p.m., Thursday: Water Safety Instruction.
- SERIOUS SWIMMING: 2:00-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- RECREATIONAL SWIMMING: 3:00-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 7:00-9:00 p.m., Thursday; 1:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Sunday.
- OUTSIDE GROUPS: Wise County Swim Club: 5:30 p.m., Monday; 5:30-7:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; 8:00 a.m. -12:00 noon, Saturday.

I.D. CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED

Snow School

This semester we have already missed four days of classes due to bad weather conditions. The faculty and administration of Clinch Valley College, realizing that even students get bored, came up with a fascinating new idea, Snow School. Snow School is primarily designed for those students who live on campus or close by and are tired of staring at the walls with nothing to do. The following is a schedule of these strange "classes".

- All "classes" will meet in the Jefferson Lounge unless otherwise indicated.
- 10:00 am Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Tennis
- Joe Scolnick
- 11:00 am Contemporary Irish Affairs
- Mike O'Donnell
- Politics
- Joe Scolnick and George Hawpe
- 12:00 Noon Jam and Jazz Session
- Mike Donathan
- 1:00 pm How To Play Bridge

- Judy Abbott
- The Chemical Basis of Memory
- Van Daniel (Z124)
- 2:00 pm Christianity
- Ted Allen
- Your Future In Space
- Bill Hooper
- 3:00 pm Sensitivity Training or Human Sexuality
- Tom Cox
- The Meal For The Bachelor Who Would Like To Impress Ladies
- Jack Mahony
- (Adm. Building Kitchen)
- Also, Movies will be shown in the Library between 12:30 and 3:30 pm. Each is approximately thirty minutes long. Students may request a special showing or just take pot luck. Three Movies include: Myths, The Golden Age of Greece, Plato and Socrates, Aristotle's Ethics, Rome, Emporer and Slave, Art of the Medieval Ages, The Renaissance Mind, The Renaissance, The Louvre, and The Theater.
- So the next time they cancel classes don't sit around the dorms and get bored go see what Snow School has to offer.

Women Enjoyment Season

By: ThtrMaMuUbM

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Mens' Basketball Synopsis...

By Ores AndronoWch

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