Spruce Henry returns to GVG...still having fun.See story page 4.

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Letters to the editor

Support Highland Players

To the Editor:

This semester, the Highland Players are opening Iheir season with a comedy entitled, "Baby wHh the Bathwater". I urge everyone to come and see this ptay. I'm sure everyone will find It to be one of the funniest experiences they will ever encounter at OVC. There Is also the chance that they might learnsomethIng.

A Highland Player production Is not like ahigh school play; Charles Lewis Is a creative, talented director and his cast always puts on a good show. These plays are very professional. Theatre Is another sMe of college life students shouM experience. Several instructors encourage the students to attend theseplays and other functions of the arts department. Exposure to the arts is an essential part of a well-rounded education;

Alter talking with some students and faoultynnemliara. I have discoverediseveral reasons why students do not attend these plays. One reason Is, "We don't want to spend $2.50 to see a play." The theatre department makes no revenue on its plays. There are royalties to be paid on the show and numerous other expenses. As erne member o! the Highland Players stated, "we're not In Itto make money-we do it forthe students." Another argument Is, "Weil, I really didn't know about It." The Highland Players makeevery effort to Inform the public through posters and articles In the college newspaper. A faculty meml>er saki, ''People are |ust not aware-they don't pay attention."

This year the Highland Players are having a freshman night and refreshments will be offered at every performance. The director, cast, and crew of "Baby with the Bathwater" have worked very hard to make it an enjoyable evening for the audlence-comesupport them.' Insure Its success.

Sincerely,
KimRaymer

A local business has decided to slop running advertisements in the Highland Cavalier. Temporarily- at leasttand for good reason.FewCVGsludents were responding to lhead. Listen up.

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Take nottoe. There are "bargains" for CVG students. Many advertisers offer a 10% discount to CVC shidents with I.D.'s. Don't hesitate to whip that plastic out. That shows Ihe advertiser his ad Is.achleving the aim. It shows the patron Is taking advantage of the advertiser's attempt to cater to special needs. We all know a student's purse thrives on discounts. Other advertisers offer specials on certain nights or simply ask for.your patronage.

Those who advertise In the Highland Cavalier should be given special consideration because these establishments want CVC business. This should reveal the type of service and treatment students will be given. They certainly aren't going to spend time and money getting business In the door without making every effort to secure future patronage. CVC students will find that our advertisers will treat them as valued customers.

We value our advertisers. Their support provides nearly 50% of our reveniie. Without them.The Highland Cavalier would be faced with very real f Inanclalproblems.

Whether It's clothes, jewelry^ pizza, or soda pop, Ihe purchase should clearly IndkMite a link between CVC and thai business. The ads In this paper start that chain. Student response Is the missing link.

We encourage everyone to take a hard k>ok at the advertisements In this paper. Consider those businesses before considering others that don't actively seek our patronage. Support those who support you.

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Has President Reagan stopped the Russians cold ?

By **JoeScolnIok**

One campaign claim of President Reagan Is that his administration's policies and personal firmness have effectively contained Ihe Soviet Union during his term of offtee. True, not only have there been no new AfghanIslans during his administration, but the Soviet Union has not even picked up new client slates In the Third World. The question, however, Is whether the President should be credited for the Soviet Inactivity? **To** answer this, some admlnlslrallon policies and their effects will be discussed below.

President Reagan has displayed ttve greatest vertMl belligerence toward Ihe Soviet Union of any American presklent since the Cold War began, but there Is no evidence that his hostile rIMtorlc has caused (hem to halt their expansionism. On the other hand, II has made II more difficult for the two sides to discuss their mutal problems and has scared some Americans as well as manyofouralIles.

The Reagan administration has Increased defense spending (via huge budget deficits). But this Increase Is not a clean break with the past; after all, slgnlHcant Increases In defense spending began In Ihe last two years of the Carter administration following the Invaston of Afghanistan. Even more Important to note, at no point had American military power declined smh thal our major national Interests were endangered. The American Joint Chiefs of Staff, for example, despite their Incessant complaints about American military Inadequacy, were always clear that they wouM never conskler trading America's military capabilities for the Soviet Unton's. Thus, although the recent military bulkJup has helped to guarantee the continuance of Ihe rough parity between the hwo states* mIlllary forces, It has not forced any Important changes In Soviet foreign policy.

The U.S. has pressed Its allies and many Third World slates to view the Soviet Unk>n as their overriding concern. This policy has failed so thoroughly that It Is nolworthifuriher mention.

The President compares his firmness ***and*** vigilance with Jimmy Carter's confuskin and vacIllatton in dealing with the Soviet Union. But Is this what the Soviets perceive? An argument Is easily made that, apart from rhetoric, there has been little change in American foreign and mlliUry policies from the last two years of the Carter admlnlslrallon to the period of the Reagan administration; In any case, let us look for a moment at President Reagan's behavior toward the Soviet Union and communism In general. Apart from the Grenada Invasion, the record Is not one of displayed power and success. The U.S. has llfted the Garter administration's grain emt>argo on the Soviet Union, ended some of the Carter administration's sanctions on Poland, and failed either to convince or pressure the Europeans to block the construction of the Soviet gas pipeline. What else? When the Korean alrilner was shot down, our

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response was aln>ost exclusively verbal. Fulhermore, despite our size and power, have we defeated the Sandinistas In Nicaragua, established peace and democracy In El Salvador, or taken any forceful action toward Castro In Cuba? This Is In our own backyard, not halfway around Ihe world In Vietnam. The Soviet leaders know the difference between words and physical aollon. For good or III, Ihe Reagan admlnlslratlon's policies toward Ihe U.S.S.R. have consisted mostly of words, nol deeds.

Finally, *Mr.* Reagan ran against President Carter claiming that the SALT II treaty was dangerous to Amerk)a's security. But since taking offtoe, he has followed to the letter the provisions of tiiat treaty even though it remains unratified. Moreover, Ronald Reagan ran In 1B80 on the charge that America's . land-based missiles were endangered (Ihe so<alled "window of vulnerability") and that

President Carter's plan to build 200 MX missiles was inadequate to reverse the weakness. However, since he has been president, Ronald Reagan has accepted Ihe construction of only **too** MX's and no more Is heard al>out Ihe "window". Truly, our presklent Is a master of blue smoke and mirrors.

In short, there Is little evMence to support President Reagan's claim that his policies have deterred the Soviet Union from expanskinIsm. Bui if U.S. acttons have not had this effect, what explains the lack of Soviet expansionism during Ihe Reagan administration? A brief look at the Soviet Union during this period suggests Ihe answer. In foreign affairs, they are already fighting In Afghanistan, hoping thai Poland does not collapse and pull them Into the wreckage, spending extensively on existing client slates (e.g. Cuba, Vietnam, Ethiopia), worrying about religious fundamentalism from Iran Infecting their Muslim population, keeping a large army on the Chinese border to guard against Ihe"yellow peril" from that quarter, attempting to keep East and West Germany from getting any closer, and nervously watching the East Europeans as they become Increasingly unhappy with Ihe reslrlcIlons on them. At home, the Soviet Union has an economy that Is ailing with little hope for maior Improvement, Increased bureaucratic strangulation of most sectors of life, serious problems with rising anti-social behavior (e.g. alcoholism, fraud, at>senteelsm from work), a declining general inlrest and belief in their official Ideology, and aging men at Ihe top who appear unwilling or unable to allow any fresh kieas or people to rise. Moreover, the past three years have been a long successton of crisis, with Brezhnev, Androjiov, and Chernenko all ailing and unwilling to act beyond maintaining their hold on power. Simply put, a country with all of these Internal and external problems Is unlikely 10 undertake risky and expensive foreign adventures. But has President Reagan and his polksles played an Important role in these Soviet problems? For the most part, they have little to do with the U.S. or Preskient Reagan. The fact of the matter Is that the President has had the great good fortune to be In office during a period when the Soviet Union was reluctant to engage In expansionist policies for a variety of reasons having little to do with his behavior.

We are now In the "silly season", the Amerksan presklentlal campaigning period, when generally intelligent men make ridiculous promises and claims. In this column, we have briefly analyzed one of these claims to see If It would ftoat. It sank.

Sex *symbols* *compared*

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Marilyn Monroe became a balance of the light and dafk aspects of the mother goddess Inanna. She was able to be a sex symbol devokl of sexual connotations. Professor Peake compareditherrllualiof the death of Marilyn Monroe to the descent<of tnannailnio Iheunderworid.

Professor PeaKe spoke ol the advantages Monroe could have brought to the Women's Movement had shebeenailve Initheera.. There was the problem, however, of the way the movement was hostile to Marilyn Monroe - type personages. He stated that she was no barrier to the movement. If seen as she was. "These feminists have taken the wrong myths and lost most of their weapons-.", stated Peake In dlsousskH) following the dellveryofhis paper.

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Alumni Review

ByMarkKHgore

Has Il ever occurred lo ,you lhal when college life is over and the Teal' world of professionalism Is thrown at you; thai maytM you will succeed and be happy or mayt>eyouwon't7 ,

well. Spruce Henry has found both success and happiness. Spruce Is a 1983 graduate of Clinch Valley College with a B.A. in Performing Arts (Theatre), and Is using his degree with the hope of becoming more successful and happy.

Following graduation, Spruce did one of his favorite things-traveled. "I'm taking a year off for me," staled Spruce in a very casual manner. His travels were to the Southern arKi Northern ends of the East Coast.

Then when that year was over. Spruce audlllloned lor Lime Kiln Arts, Inc., a Lexington, Va. Ihealrlcal company. The company, directed by Don Baker of Norton. Va.. casi Spruce in their tale ol CymbeHne (play by Shakespeare and adapted by Don Baker). Spruce said the experience was a never ending learning one. "The theatre I did here was very dllferent to that of Don Baker's. Dr. Lewis was a marvelous and excellent teacher, and he prepared me for professlona! work, but the two were so extremely opposite it was difficult to adapt. The company was very close and you need that lo makea show successful. Don (Baker) wanted the involvement of the audience, whereas Dr. Lewis didn't. He presents reallsllctheatre."

The job of an aclor Is very demanding. As Spruce advises "don't get discouraged - keep working atIt."

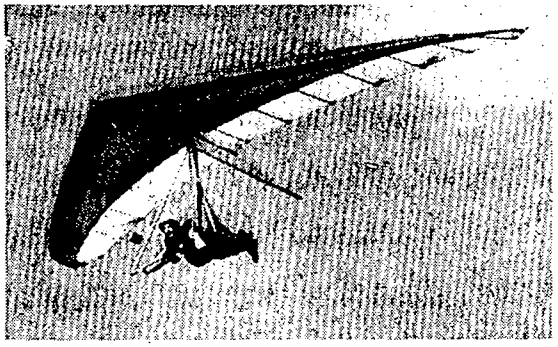
When asked If Spruce Is still the same, he replied, "Yeah, still crazy and having fun and liking Chocolate." That's Spruce-still the same.

What does the future hold for Spruce? He wants to< stay employed and be successful, but not lamous, because lame. Spruce believes, lakes away one's privacy more than anything.

Well, he may not be lamous yet, but this critic believes fame could be just around the corner for Spruce Henry .And CVC now has a 'real-life' celebrity.

Clogging classes for all ages to be offered

Children's beginning clogging and Intermediate <>loaa)naiior .alli aaes^wUi .be conducted on Wednesday nights beginnirtg on Octotier 17 at the Norton Community Center, next to the swimming pool. Children's beginning classes willfoes S



Hang-Gliding

A 'glory sport' it's not

"The basic conceptual skills needed for hang gliding are not hard to learn...(it) is an art and a person can fly successfully if he develops a technique for it," says Nelson Lewis, sophomore and resident expert of hang gliding at Clinch Valley College.

Photo by Fletcher Dean

By Dru Evans

"I am literally addicted to it! I even get grumpy and hard to live with if I go two weeks without it," confessed CVC sophomore Nelson Lewis about his hobby of hang gliding.

Lewis has been hang gliding for three years, but his interest in flight began with bird watching when he was twelve. "I enjoy watching and studying birds. I admire their capacity for pure flight--being able to soar above the clouds without the help of engines." It was this fascination for pure flight which prompted Lewis to get involved in hang gliding.

According to Lewis, hang gliding is a complicated sport to learn. "The basic conceptual skills needed for hang gliding are not hard to learn. It's the proper application of these skills that's difficult. Hang gliding is an art, and a person can fly successfully if he develops a technique for it."

Lewis also warns that hang gliding cannot be learned "on a Saturday Afternoon. Nothing is clean cut in gliding. A prospective pilot first needs a feel for it. He must realize that he is actually a part of the glider. Every move he makes will have an effect on the movement of the glider. If he sneezes, something is going to happen. Then, of course, he must practice a lot!

But not everyone can be a hang glider pilot. "Hang gliding is not a glory sport. Thrill-seekers tend to push it to the limits. Eventually, they're gonna push just a little too far and get into trouble," Lewis stated cautiously.

He enjoys being a glider pilot for the "beauty of pure flight. It's an incredible feeling to float on the wind for hours. The feeling cannot be described; only experienced!"

Before he journeys to the Mendota Fire Tower, where he most often hang glides, Lewis assembles the glider and checks it meticulously. "I have to have 150 percent confidence that the glider is going to do its job. I don't want to constantly look over my shoulder and worry that something might go wrong."

Like any sport, if carelessly executed, hang gliding can be dangerous. But Lewis said that "Hang gliding has improved greatly in the recent years." Many safety features are present on many hang gliders, including a parachute and the ability to correct a terminal dive.

"I'm tired of people saying that hang gliding is for suicidal maniacs. It's dangerous only if abused. People should appreciate how far the sport has evolved. They should also see it for what it really is: a beautiful, finely tuned art."

Sports Spotlight

Prentis Herndon

By Edward McMurrer

From the concrete jungle of New York, a 6'5" power forward finds his way to CVC. His name is Prentis Herndon.

Prentis grew up in Syracuse and attended Nottingham High School where he started on the varsity team his first two years. He later transferred to Suffolk, Va. for his senior year and played center of Suffolk High School. This is his second year at CVC and his second year playing for Coach Bentley. Commenting about Coach Bentley Herndon said, "I like Bentley a lot; when he tells you to do something he expects at least 100 percent."

Syracuse, New York and Wise, Virginia are worlds apart and the lifestyles are different. "Dr. P" has handled this transition very well. "Coming here is a lot different than where I came from; I finally realized the fast life isn't everything...the slower pace of life has helped my academics tremendously." Prentis was a high school honor student and has been able to maintain good grades at CVC, even with basketball demanding so much of his time.

Playing intercollegiate basketball as well as any other sport presents many obstacles. "Rebounding was my speciality last year, but this year I would like to help the team out in other aspects as well. My goal this year is to bring my offensive output up to level with my defensive game."

Prentis feels the attitude of the freshman players this year will help the team greatly. "They (the freshmen) approach the game like they want to be winners. They seem to be catching on better this year than they have in the previous years."

Last year "Dr. P" was awarded CVC Basketball's "Most Improved Player." "Dr. P" feels very positive about the upcoming year and promises an action-packed season.

Photo by Fletcher Dean

Prentis Herndon says his goal is to bring his offensive game up to the same level as his defensive game.

Intramurals worth seeing

By Charlie Engle

The Phi Sigs lead intramural football with 4 wins and 0 losses. They depend on teamwork and experience. The Sydow/Modaber connection is back and working as good as ever. The Sigs depend a lot on their passing game and Harry Sydow has had an excellent season as quarter back. The line is good and very effective when it comes to stopping the play out of the backfield.

Only three more games remain in the regular season then the play offs. The season should be over before fall break, providing the weather is good and games don't have to be post poned. All the teams have shown much better sportsmanship this year and are playing for the sport. There have been a few arguments and injuries but these are to be expected. We encourage every body to come to a game and check it out. Any volunteer help would definitely be appreciated by the Intramural Dept.