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Lady Cavs disbanded

Citing an "insufficient number of players," Clinch Valley College has officially dropped the womens' basketball program for at least the remainder of this year. In a Dec. 18 press release issued from the chancellor's office, the college pointed to the loss of injured Sharon Baker, bringing the number of players down to six, as the catalyst behind their decision.

The press release followed a memo sent to basketball players on Friday, Dec. 13 from coach Ray Spenilla which stated that the program was being dropped because

"we no longer have enough people to continue the program in a manner which would be edifying to our college."

Assistant to the Chancellor Steve Mullins said that the college first became aware of a problem with the womens' basketball team less than a month before it was dropped. Mullins said that it was first-year coach Spenilla who first brought attention to the problem in a personal letter to Chancellor Moomaw.

Mullins also said that the recommendation to drop the program came from Spenilla. "Spenilla recommended to the chancellor that the team

not continue with six members," Mullins said.

The Lady Cavaliers were forced to forfeit the last six games on their schedule last year due to a lack of players, finishing the season with a 2-19 record. They were 1-9 before the program was cancelled this year.

Spenilla, coming to CVC at the beginning of this year, was hired to take over the Cavalier baseball program. The former Castlewood High School coach took over the task of coaching the womens' basketball team when the position was vacated by Hal Clary this past summer.

\$Quarter million requested

The Clinch Valley College chancellor's house is apparently going to be more than a home.

Broader conceptions of the uses to which the planned residence can be put have surfaced in Wise and Charlottesville and seem to have the support of the Governor's office. As ideas about how the facility is to be used change, the amount of money necessary for land preparation, road and utility installation, and house construction is increasing.

The budget sent to the General Assembly on Wednesday, January 8, recommends the spending of an additional \$250,000 to complete the project in a way consistent with the expanded ideas of how the facility is to be used.

In a story in *The Coalfield Progress*, Moomaw said he wants to use the building, approximately 4000 square feet in size as planned, to host groups of students, their families, faculty, members of the community and other friends of the school for a variety of social and educational activities.

"It is important to have a lot of people in often to learn about the college and be part of the college community," he said.

"I want to create the atmosphere of a really fine, small, residential, liberal arts college with a sense of community. Having the Chancellor and his or her family living on campus is a very important part of that," Moomaw said as he explained that while off-campus housing had been considered, it has been rejected at this time.

"There are some fine homes available and it occurred to us that if a house became available for a lot less than we could build, that would be an advantage.

"But I see great advantages to being on campus. We would need an overwhelming reason for going off campus," he said.

In comments to the *Highland Cavalier*, Moomaw said that the house is part of an overall plan to make CVC a more residential college.

In the *Coalfield* story, William Fishback, a spokesman for the University

of Virginia, said "The university would like it to be a home that could be used to serve the region well."

Total cost for the facility is projected at about \$400,000 at this time. Last year the General Assembly appropriated \$150,000 for a chancellor's residence. The request for an additional \$250,000 originated with architects at the University of Virginia, according to Senator John C. Buchannon, D-Wise.

About \$275,000 is to be used in house construction and the rest of the money would be used for roads, utility work and landscaping, according to the *Coalfield Progress*.

The resolution from the governor's office would authorize CVC to spend up to \$400,000 for the facility, but at present only the first \$150,000 could come from the State's general revenue fund and the remainder of the needed money would have to be raised from private donations or profits earned by the school from dormitories, food services or "other money the college collects from students" and other



Students visiting the new pub prior to the dedication.

sources, according to Nancy Suttensfield, section manager for education with the State Department of Planning and Finance, as reported in the *Coalfield* story.

Moomaw said, in an interview with the *Highland Cavalier*, that student money or money from student services would not be used to construct the facility. He said that the house would not be built if it could not be funded in some other way.

Senator Buchannon said

that his preference was that the total cost of the facility be paid for from the general revenue fund. He said he would seek an amendment to the budget after examining the UVA architect's figures.

Moomaw indicated that one of the reasons he is optimistic the funds will be made available to CVC from the state is because CVC is the only four-year state college without an on campus residence for its chief executive.

Letter, columns address student press freedom

January 1986, and January 19, 1986, are Freedom of the Campus Student Press month and day, respectively. The College Media Advisors began the recognition of a national student free press date in 1982 to "provide opportunities to explain the role and function of the student press on campuses across the nation."

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Chancellor announces new plans

By W. Edmund Moomaw
Welcome back! We hope you've had a good Christmas vacation and that you are looking forward to Spring Semester. We are looking forward to it too, and we're glad you're back. Since you have been away enjoying the holiday break, we have been busy with several projects on campus to make your Spring Semester better. Here is a summary of a few of the things that have been done:

1. Remodeled Cavern. We have begun the process of turning the Cavern into a student pub. Some remodeling has taken place, new furniture has been ordered, and a large screen, cable-connected television with VCR capability is in place. The College's beer license has been renewed, and beer is now on sale. The new student pub's hours will be until 11 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and until 12 midnight on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Beer sales will begin at 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and at noon on Saturdays. Food will be available also. The new facility is for the enjoyment of all students, not just those of legal drinking age. There will be weekly live entertainment to be announced from week to week. We have opened the new student pub. (Student Government is to come up with a new name for it) to provide you with an entertainment place on campus. The student pub will be available only for CVC students, faculty, and staff. No outsiders will be admitted. Please let us know your

suggestions about its operations.
2. Cafeteria Additions. The College cafeteria will be having weekly dinner specials this semester that will be announced from week to week. The first will be this Thursday, January 16. The prices will be very reasonable for a good meal. We hope you will enjoy that.

3. New Campus Police Location. The Campus Police station is now located in the small white building between Crockett and Cantrell. We think this will make locating the Campus Police easier when you need them. They also have a private telephone number that can be reached from any telephone number. That number is 328-2282. We hope this will make Campus Police easier for you to contact when you need them. Please call on them for any of your needs. They are here to help you.

4. Chemistry Lab Ventilation System. The ventilation system in the chemistry labs has been completely re-done during Christmas break. There still may be a little finishing up to be done in the next few days. This has been a major need at the College for a long time, and we are pleased that we have been able to get it completed during break.

5. Women's Basketball. We're sorry that we are not going to be able to complete the Women's basketball schedule for the Spring Semester. We were down to just six players before the

holidays, and we felt we could not continue with so few. Even though additional women since have expressed interest in playing, we feel it was too late for adequate preparation for the spring schedule. I am really proud of our Women's basketball team this year. They played well and with a lot of heart. The College continues to be committed to a quality women's athletic program. We will be doing all we can to provide additional sports for women next year.

6. Electronic Classroom. If all goes well during the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly, CVC will be getting an Electronic Classroom installed for next year. This classroom will enable us to receive classes, and other programs directly from U.Va., VPI, and other places. We think this will be a major positive addition to our educational program.

7. More Student Activities. I agree with the often expressed student view that we need more activities for you on campus. We need to work together to remedy this situation. For starters, we will ask student government and the Student Life Committee to work with us to organize more activities for Spring Semester with funds the College will provide. We also expect to provide an expanded intramural program for all students. For next year, we need to start planning now so that programs can be booked in advance.

Have a good Spring Semester!

Shorts

Events scheduled by CCM

CVC's Catholic Campus Ministry is sponsoring two events, according to Jeff Brickett, President, and Father Joseph D'Aurora, Campus Minister. A general planning meeting will be held Wed., Jan. 22, 8 p.m. in Jefferson Lounge. Plans will be outlined for the entire Spring Semester. A Super Bowl Taco Party will be held Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning one-half hour prior to the kick-off time at St. Anthony Church Hall, 1009 Virginia Avenue, Norton. Both activities are open to the college community.

Intramural basketball rosters due

Intramural basketball rosters are due January 23, 1986 at 4 p.m. (Men and women). Must have a minimum of three teams in order to run a season. Rosters may be picked up in the Housing Office.

Graduate School Guides in Placement Office

The Placement Office now has copies of the 1986 Graduate School Guides — a guide to masters and doctoral degree programs in the northeast and midwest. Stop by and pick up your copy.

Family heirloom lost

Small engraved brass lamp left in the Chapel of All Faiths on December 18. Family heirloom. Contact Dr. Garrett Sheldon, 328-5410 or Smiddy Hall Room 210.

Thursday night special announced

Thursday night special — Chicken dinner with trimmings — 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. All you can eat for \$2 - January 23.

Air Band Contest scheduled

8:00 p.m. — Air Band Contest — Persons wanting to enter must register with Charlie Engle no later than Wednesday, January 22-4 p.m. Must provide your own cassette tape. Beer - \$.25.

Coach seeks baseball memorabilia

Coach Spanilla is interested in acquiring any old Major League Baseball memorabilia including: baseball cards, programs, books or other items.

Phi Upsilon Omega extends greetings

Phi Upsilon Omega would like to welcome everyone back from a great holiday and encourage everyone to participate in CVC's extracurricular activities this spring semester!

The sorority has been very active this past semester. Some of our activities included:

grandparent, donation of clothes and food to a family in Wise County, and a donation of food and supplies to the Hope House.

This past weekend the girls' hardwork and dedication was rewarded with an evening in Knoxville. We are looking forward to another gratifying semester!

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Letters to the editor

Farewell Lady Cavaliers

To the Editor:

Farewell Lady Cavaliers. Gather around Lady Cavaliers. There's a tribute to be read. It was a cold, cold day in December with a chill in the air and a pain in your head... when it was said.

You know I was told that I must part. Remember Lady Cavaliers — you are strong at heart and not a quitter, no, no, you are not by any Cavalier's heart.

You have been called the "Gutsy Five" and that was said with pride. Lady Cavaliers don't be sad, don't cry, be strong at heart... you have your scars, broken bones, injured muscles and aching heart to show for me.

You have won and lost battles it has been told. Listen... to win and lose are experiences to build on and memories to remain and hold. Your love of basketball will live on and on.

I realize you have donned the uniform the last time for me. I know that I must part. Farewell Lady Cavaliers... I know that I will always remain strong in your heart.

By a CVC student

Differences between public and private 'publishers' given

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick,

You recently wrote that it was "beyond my comprehension why student publications should operate under a different rule" than the commercial press does, vis-a-vis the relationship of the editor and his publisher.

Why the public college administrator cannot act as a traditional publisher in his relationship with the student newspaper, however, has been understood well by the federal judiciary and supporters of the college student press for more than a decade.

Constitutionally, the college administrator cannot act as the traditional publisher because his function as censor is proscribed by the First Amendment. The publisher you served for 17 years was a private citizen; the university administrator who presumes to be publisher of a student newspaper is a public official. The First Amendment admonition is against governmental interference with press freedom. It applies, therefore, to the university administrator, who is an agent of the state, but not to your publisher, who is not.

Professionally, the college administrator is neither dedicated to nor performs the role of the traditional publisher. Your publisher owned your newspaper — lock, stock and Linotype machines — or acted for those who did; the investment was his or theirs; he gave it his full professional attention, and earned his livelihood from it; he was trained in the business and, I hope, the profession. The college administrator, however, makes no such commitment of resources and attention; his livelihood does not depend on the success or failure of the student newspaper, he is trained in neither the business nor the profession of journalism.

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Former editor believes 'publisher' should control content of publications

By James Kilpatrick
We have been having a noisy flap in Washington this month over a question both perennial and universal: What are the First Amendment rights, if any, of the editor of a student newspaper? Is such an editor entitled to "freedom of the press"?

The issue pops up all the time, not only in colleges and universities but at the high school, also. The facts are almost always the same: The young editor either has published, or is about to publish, some editorial or story to which the school administration objects. In one instance this involved

nude photographs in a college annual. In another is involved vulgar words in a news story. In a third, it involved some allegations unfavorable to a major benefactor of the university. The consequences also follow a uniform pattern: The student editor is dismissed; Continued on page 4

Campus Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / Weekend
HC meeting 3:30 p.m. A216 SGA Meeting 5 p.m.	Weekly evening meal 6:30 p.m.	Observatory open weather permitting Catholic Campus Ministry 8 p.m. Jefferson Lounge	S.S.U. evening meal 6:30 p.m.	

Letters to the editor

College administrators serve as government officials and cannot censure press

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Ethically, the college administrator does not know the obligations of the traditional publisher, does not accept them and cannot accept them. Your publisher was not the local government for your newspaper's readership, or should not have been and could not pursue, free of conflict of interest, your newspaper's duty to scrutinize the performance of the government on behalf of your readership. His only obligations were to the ethics of journalism and to the well-being of the newspaper. The former are well described by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Code of Ethics: "Journalists must be free of obligation to any interest other than the public's right to know the truth." The college administrator is the head of his school's government; however, his obligation is to the administration, so his duty as administrator conflicts with the duty of the traditional publisher. His allegiance lies elsewhere.

Educationally, the college administrator as traditional publisher is placed in the unethical position of setting for his students a false example. As you correctly wrote, college students should "grow up to what life in the real world is all about." In the real world, the government did not tell you, as editor, what to print or withhold. Your publisher, the private individual may have, but the government did not. Nor, in the university community, should students be led by example to believe that in our society we condone censorship of the press by the government. We should demonstrate, instead, what the real world and the First Amendment require: that the college administrator cannot exercise the censorship role of the traditional publisher and that as a public official he should indeed encourage a critical, independent and vociferous student press.

Finally, I think the reasons the college administrator cannot act as the traditional publisher raises two questions for journalists outside the student press to consider. Both questions deal with the erosion of public support for First Amendment protections, a serious problem for student journalists and non-student journalists alike.

First, there is the implication of non-student journalist support for exempting the student press from the First Amendment. You reported that in cases of student press censorship, the editor's "fellow students rise up in wrath." Actually, students who are not journalists are like anyone who is not a journalist: Unless their ox is being gored, they are little interested whether the First Amendment is being violated. Are the non-student non-journalists in the real world — those who stand aside or even applaud in the face of governmental attempts to control the press — products of universities where they learned by example that censorship of the student press is accepted as the norm rather than abhorred as an aberration?

Second, there is an implication for the non-student press of the student press: First Amendment model for the relationship of the editor and publisher. For the student press, the model requires this: Since the publisher is the university's chief administrator and his allegiance lies outside the First Amendment, the First Amendment protection lies with the editor, whose obligations are to the ethics of journalism, who "must be free of obligation" to interests other than the public "right to know the truth." The publisher-president cannot censor the editor. On campuses where the model is in force, the courts have not dictated it; instead, the institutions have recognized that the model is the correct one. It is a model which ought to be considered by the non-student press, where editors are still trained and still practice the profession of journalism under publishers whose primary allegiance is to the corporation they serve rather than to the newspaper, its ethics and its readership.

By John David Reed
President Society
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Journalists

James Kilpatrick allowed publisher to make his editorial decisions for seventeen years

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fellow students rise up in wrath; a cry is raised of "freedom of the press"; and college trustees tear out whatever hair they have left. The incident winds up in court, and more often than not, the student editor prevails.

At Howard University, the student newspaper is known as *The Hilltop*. Its editor, the 23-year-old Janice McKnight, persisted in giving prominent coverage to a lawsuit involving the university's attorneys. It appears that a staff attorney filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission.

By any objective yardstick, this was a pretty fair story for a student newspaper. Miss McKnight played it to the hilt, to the great discomfiture of Howard's president, James E. Cheek. Dr. Cheek ordered Miss McKnight to cut it out. She refused. Then, by amazing coincidence, the university's administration discovered that Miss McKnight had "falsified" her admissions application back in 1979.

Seizing upon this heinous offense, Dr. Cheek thereupon expelled her. The students erupted in protest. True to form, the matter went

to court, and a judge ordered Miss McKnight reinstated both as a student and as an editor. Moreover, the university was ordered to stop interfering with "her exercise of free press rights guaranteed by the Constitution."

The reason given by the university for the young woman's expulsion is what is known in Latin as *phonus bolonus*. That reason is unbelievable. She was fired because of the editorial insistence. But there is more to be said. My own contention is that Howard's president clearly had the power to remove her as editor. In my

Expert explains student press rights and libel responsibility

By Dr. Louis E. Ingelhart

Every week I receive a half dozen calls from very concerned advisers or student editors asking for advice and help to overcome a campus problem of suppression or discipline.

I cannot function for these people unless I know what I'm talking about. To that end I have compiled more than 1,200 court decisions and legal action reports which outline just what the status of the freedom of the press the student editor has. Here is what you should know:

Freedom of the press is a right guaranteed to individuals.

The individual who enjoys that right in public colleges or schools is the student editor. Other students on the staff serve in the interest of the editor's freedom, not their own.

No government official can serve as a publisher of a newspaper in which another individual is exercising press rights.

This means that a college president, a board member, a faculty member, an administrator or a student government official cannot restrain, censor, threaten in any way, chill or punish the student editor for the content of the newspaper.

The state university cannot reduce or take away the funding it has been supplying the newspaper. Once a state has established a forum for the expression of opinion or the presentation of information, it cannot weaken or discontinue that forum because it is unhappy with the content. A public college can establish reasonable rules as to the time, manner or place of distribution or can refuse to allow distribution of

a publication on campus which might be a serious threat of disruption. But the college cannot censor that publication or keep it from being circulated off-campus.

Mr. Kilpatrick used a delightful Latin phrase to describe the reason given by the university to expel Janice as *phonus bolonus*.

Mr. Kilpatrick should know another Latin phrase — *non sequola*. It means that a person has a large splinter up his or her leg.

Instead of a splinter, however, Mr. Kilpatrick still needs the security blanket of his publisher's wisdom to cover up 17 years of indiscretion as an editor of a major daily newspaper.

Mr. Kilpatrick, you should know that the amount of substantive knowledge that the typical college president or administrator has about libel, obscenity or other press law matters is insufficient to knit a hanky, let alone a blanket.

In review, the college president of a public college is forbidden by court precedents from assuming the traditional role of the publisher. Miss McKnight obtained her right and power to publish whatever she "damn well please" from the same place every other of the 235 million American residents got their right and power to do so — the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

And here is a final aside. Since the public college cannot control the content of the student press, it cannot be held liable for libel damages. The student editor is the one who catches that assessment. This helps student editors grow up much faster to what the real world life of the journalist is.

own view, the rights of an editor end when the power of his publisher begins. In these student cases the school or college plays the role of publisher. It cannot be otherwise.

I was for 17 years editor of a major newspaper, but I never had any misapprehension of any "free press rights." If my publisher, in his gentle way, said that we ought to think a while before running one of my fire-eating editorials, that was it. The piece didn't run. It was his paper, not mine. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, his mature judgment was wiser than

mine anyhow.

It is beyond comprehension why student publications should operate under a different rule. If student journalists want unabridged freedom of the press, their course of action is clear: Let them buy their press and move off-campus. Until that happens, let them grow up to what life in the real world is all about.

Editor's Note: The press used by the Highland Cavalier is located off-campus. The column on this page and the letter begun on page two are both in response to Mr. Kilpatrick's column.