UVa President visits CVC faculty and staff

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Last Wednesday UVa President John T. Casteen visited Clinch Valley College to meet with department chairs and address faculty and staff in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Casteen announced that he has charged a committee to search internally for an academic dean following the resignation of Vice Chancellor and Dean Lucius Ellsworth.

The internal search will last approximately one month. If no one has been recommended at this time, the search will be continued outside of the institution. Casteen said he hopes to find someone who will continue the same academic leadership accomplished by Ellsworth.

Casteen expects to be talking to the next chancellor a year from now about the dean position. While the position is currently titled Vice Chancellor and Dean, that title may change with the new chancellor's arrival.

Faculty Senate discusses competency test

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A College Minimum Competency Test has been approved by the CVC Faculty Senate which met last month to discuss the new state legislation requiring CVC juniors to pass the test before they can graduate.

The test was the main topic discussed by faculty at the last meeting on Fri., Jan. 29 and will be implemented starting this spring.

The test will "Certify that students have minimum competency in English, Math, and Oral Interpretation (Speech)," according to Dr. Glenn Blackburn, chairman of the Faculty Senate.

"We have to define what minimal competency is in terms of English Composition (Can students write?) and in terms of Mathematics (Do students know basic math?) and there has to be some sort of grading on the Freshman or Sophomore level," said Blackburn.

However, "Clinch Valley has not gotten to the Oral Communication part yet."

At the January meeting, a test was approved in Math and English as a "pilot project. "We will see how students do on it before we start setting grading standards," Blackburn said.

Casteen addressed the issue of administrative resignations, referring to those of Ellsworth, Chief Institutional Advancement Officer Lana Low, and former Chancellor Jim Knight. Low, also CVC's Affirmative Action Officer, announced her resignation in January and Knight announced his in midsummer of 1992.

One staff member posed a question as to whether it was unusual for three administrators to resign within one year. "It happens more than we think," Casteen replied.

Casteen spoke briefly of the Chancellor Selection Committee, headed by local attorney Kenneth Ashby. As of yet he does not have a report from the committee concerning a chancellor for CVC.

Casteen said that ads for the chancellor's position have been published, noting that some have appeared in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"I have asked the Chancellor Selection Committee what it is to be Clinch Valley College," Casteen explained. Such a definition might help to provide an incoming chancellor with a better understanding of the institution's mission.

Casteen introduced an idea for a possible executive assistant position for the chancellor's office. Responsibilities of this position could include the role of the affirmative action officer. Low's position would then encompass admissions and financial aid.

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L.A. Riots and Malcolm X film galvanize black empowerment

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The Los Angeles riots and the movie "Malcolm X" have galvanized black student activism on many campuses. The riot, which began on April 29, was sparked by the beating of a black motorist by Los Angeles police officers. The violence lasted for five days, leaving 53 people dead and thousands injured. The movie, released on March 30, follows the life of Malcolm X, a civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1965.

The riot and the movie have energized black students across the country, with many campuses seeing increased activism and support for black issues.

"We are seeing a resurgence of black student activism," said Yusef Salaam, national co-chair of the Student Movement for Black Empowerment. "This is a pivotal moment for us, and we are galvanizing our efforts to fight for justice and equality."

The riot and the movie have sparked discussions about police brutality, racism, and the need for systemic change. Students have organized protests, rallies, and events to raise awareness and demand action.

"We are not just protesting the past," said Jasmine Washington, a student activist at the University of California at Los Angeles. "We are fighting for the present and the future. We are not going to stop until justice is served."
Lucius Ellsworth has fostered the role of the faculty in the administrative processes of the College by developing the Faculty Senate and the increased responsibility of Departmental Chairs. Lucius Ellsworth has had a long range effect upon the college and the community by his efforts in this interaction with the State Council of Higher Education which focused the State's attention on the College's need for expansion of the Library, classroom and office space and his presence of the Abingdon office; his role in the secondary school system, his close connec­ tions between the College and community college systems and his activity in Pro and other civic groups.

Finally, be it resolved that it is the hope of the faculty that Vice Chancellor, Dean Lucius Ellsworth will continue his contribution to the College.

Family Senate meetings are open for everyone to attend. The next one will be held Fri., Feb. 12.

Lucius Ellsworth has continued to recruit highly qualified faculty members who have promoted ethnic and gender diversity in the faculty.

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Sexuals do have equal rights. We're all for that," said. "They want to be sure. They're not going to be considered a problem class, and Colorado's think that's fair. The laws are all in place for all U.S. citizens."

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The team will go as far as pitching and hitting get us, Spenilla said. "Well we've got some concerns defensively," Specilla explained. "We've got to be stronger up the middle than we were last year. We've got to get more overall consistency. Infield play," Junior Stanley Bowers is steady at third base, "but more Marcus Kilgore at first base, second base," Coach Ray Spenilla said. "Our key is for our first basemen to have more mobility from the first baseman to the second baseman. Our first baseman has not shown that they are capable of hitting. One thing we've got to get is better hitting. I think we've got to be stronger hitting. We've got to get on base more." As for the position of first base, "there needs to be a lot of improvement. We've got to improve the hitting. We've got to get more mobility from the first baseman to the second baseman. Our first baseman has not shown that they are capable of hitting." Coach Spenilla also noted, "Guys playing in the outfield, they are going to be ready to come out to third base and start with the catcher." Coach Spenilla also noted, "Guys playing in the outfield, they are going to be ready to come out to third base and start with the catcher. The secret to the Cavs having a successful season probably has a lot to do with "what level of maturity the kids are going to be ready to come out and play and make adjustments," said Specilla. Under the watchful eye of assistant head coach Hank Bauer and outfield coach David McDaniel, Specilla believes the Cavaliers, having injury, should have a successful run at the district title.
"You play the game one inning, one pitch, one batter at a time," Coach Spennilla tells his Cavaliers as they get ready for the season opener during spring training.

Intramural Basketball
Player of the Week

Rhonda Ledford

Rhonda, who plays for Tag-n-It, sank a 20-foot shot with 0.5 seconds left in the first overtime while being defended by two players from the Dream Team. The shot sent the game into second overtime. Tag-n-It won, 83-81.

1993 CVC Intramural Basketball Standings

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The Dutton Family gives variety concert

Pro-Art Association presents The Dutton Family in a February 12 musical program that ranges from country to classical.

The Duttons will take the stage of Burton High School in Norton at 7:30 pm. The performance, part of Pro-Art's W. Campbell Edwards Memorial Concert Series, is co-sponsored by The Norton Press, the City of Norton, and Wolfe and Farmer Attorneys at Law.

This performing family of nine, with children ages 11 to 20, leads in guitar and moon on bass. Each youngster plays violin, a legacy from many years of classical training. The children also display individual virtuosity on fiddle, banjo and mandolin, depending on the requirements of a particular piece on their wide-ranging program.

A typical program offers bluegrass, country, old-time fiddle tunes, ballads, gospel favorites, and classical music.

The Duttons play with equal experience and equal enthusiasm. Their performances have received rave reviews on college campuses, in community concerts, and at church activities, festivals and fairs. The Duttons are natives of Utah, but they also have appeared in several areas of the United States, and two European Tour Concerts. Their first overseas tour took them to eight concerts across France and three in the German cities of Stuttgart, Frankfurt, and Mainz. The second tour included performances in Germany, Belgium, France, and Italy.

Admission is $10 for adults, $8 for senior citizens and $6 for students. Seats will be held for subscribers until 7:15 pm on the night of the performance.

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