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## Temperatures force CVC closure; students get used to chilly rooms

### School Closing

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Everyone who arrived back to campus after a long Christmas break were made to wait a week longer for the beginning of the spring semester by the area's worst winter weather in years. Last Monday morning a mixture of freezing rain, sleet and snow hit the area, changing to heavy snow before tapering off to flurries. After 7-9 inches of wet snow, the roads were made treacherous by the sub-zero cold that followed behind the storm. The record breaking cold (-20's in isolated areas) iced over all of the roads and made the salt put down by the Virginia Department of Transportation ineffective.

For the first time in years CVC's administration decided to cancel classes due to inclement weather. The unrelenting, below freezing temperatures that kept the roads ice jammed forced school officials to start classes a week late. With Chancellor Lemons out of town the responsibility of deciding whether or not to close fell on Dean George Culbertson (next in line would be Business Manager Richard Kendrick). Culbertson based his decision to close on Virginia Department of Transportation highway road reports, weather reports, and local and state police road reports. Dean Culbertson added that other county's or state's road conditions do not play a large part in deciding CVC's snow schedule.

Concerning our one week late start, Dean Culbertson fears that if any more days are lost to snow, scheduling changes may have to be considered (watch out spring break!!!). Any changes that could be made to either the exam schedule or to allow seniors to graduate on time will be considered in meetings with the department heads. If any changes are made they will be brought to your attention in future editions of The Highland Cavalier. Dean Culbertson added that it is "always a tough call on the weather."

Students stuck on campus with nothing to do had fun filling up their time. Trailers resident Stacy Nicholson seemed to do just fine, saying "last week was a good time to sit around, drink beer, and do nothing. In other words, a typical week at CVC." Ron Hicks expressed disappointment, stating "If I had known that it was going to snow all week, I would have stayed home with my girl." Patrick Raines had words of support for CVC's administration, adding "I appreciate the fact they had the safety of the students in mind." Other students took advantage of the ice by going sleigh riding or playing football. All in all, it was a week of finding ways to pass the time before classes began this Monday.

### Heat Problems

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Editor in Chief

When McCraray and Honors residents returned to campus two Sundays ago, they found a surprise waiting for them. "As soon

as I walked in it was freezing," Chris Bye said.

According to he and other students, there was "no heat" in the buildings. Coupled with the below zero nighttime temperatures, some students elected to sleep over with friends. Bye spent one night on a friend's couch in the trailers. Natalie McConnell also thought about sleeping elsewhere: "My roommate's parents were going to pay for a room for us at the Holiday Inn," she said, "but instead we bought a heater."

Other students had similar stories: "We had to wear three layers of clothes and get under the blankets to be comfortable," Karen Poff said, "the worst of it is, I forgot the cord to my electric blanket."

"I had a bag of oranges sitting on my desk, and they froze," Chris Bye said, "the worst is, they turned off the water for a day."

Some students claimed that the cold didn't bother them at all: "No problem, I just stayed in my bed and consumed mass quantities of alcohol," Jay Barnes said. But for most of the students, the weather was a problem. They complained to their parents and to the administration.

"I complained to Mary Eubanks. She said that they (maintenance) would get it fixed first thing in the morning. I said I was freezing, so they brought me some tape and plastic for the drafts. But it wouldn't stick because there was too much ice on the wall next to the window," John Kendrick said.

"I called my mother," Christie Kneipp explained, "she was not too pleased."

Mary Eubanks, Dean of Housing, explained the situation.

"There wasn't a heating problem. The coldest rooms were in the 60 degree range. The boilers were fired up all the way, but the weather outside made it impossible to keep things toasty. The main problem was that the buildings are so drafty, especially with people going in and out of the doors all of the time. We told them to stay inside."

She said, however that some rooms were colder than others: "Some rooms had a draft from the windows."

Linda Chavies, Housing Director, took care of the drafty rooms: "We dispensed plastic and trash bags to those rooms to tape up their windows. It was difficult to keep the lobbies warm though." She also was adamant about the temperature. "It was 60 to 65 degrees in those rooms."

Students disagreed. "It was about 50 degrees. My nose was red, and you could see the wind blowing against the plastic on the window," Tracy Thompson said.

"There was no way that it was that warm," Bye claimed, "I needed five blankets to stay warm on the coldest night."

"CVC was not prepared for this kind of cold," Aaron Finney said, "one of my rooms had no heat at all, I was really worried about the guy."

Eubanks reported that they got several calls from parents.

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### Pro Art News

Press Release

Pro-Art Association will present one per-

formance of the acclaimed Broadway musical MAN OF LA MANCHA, on Tuesday, January 25, at J.J. Kelly High School in Wise.

MAN OF LA MANCHA is based on the novel Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes, one of the great masterpieces of world literature for more than 375 years. This musical comedy gives us a glimpse of literature's most fantastical character and his equally fantastic author.

It is the story of Don Quixote and his quest for "The Impossible Dream." That tune, which is more formally named "The Quest," has become an anthem for those striving to rise above the obstacles of daily life to reach one's goals.

The original Broadway production of MAN OF LA MANCHA ultimately won 5 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Score. It ran on Broadway for over 6 years

and has since become one of the most beloved musicals in America and throughout the world.

The ingenious tale opens in a dungeon where political prisoners, including Cervantes, have been thrust to wait the call of the Inquisition. The prisoners amuse themselves by having a mock trial for each newcomer. When Cervantes is accused of some nameless offense, he defends himself by acting out some of the stories he has written about Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, starting naturally with the knightly tilt with a windmill.

The Tony Award-winning show will begin at 7:30. It is co-sponsored by Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia and Fournier Furniture, Inc., as part of the W. Campbell Edmonds Memorial Concert Series.

Admission is free for CVC students who show a valid I.D. card at the door. For more information or assistance for the handicapped, call (703) 328-0191.

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## Students

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY/PROCEDURES CLINCH VALLEY COLLEGE

Clinch Valley College does not close because of snow except in the most severe and unusual circumstances. In such unusual circumstances, the decision to close will be made by appropriate administrative officers. An announcement will be on area radio and TV stations prior to 7:00 a.m. or will be announced by 3:00 p.m. on campus in the event a decision to close is made during a school day.

An appropriate administrative officer will make the decision by 6:15 a.m. each day if the College will be on snow schedule for classes. This decision will be communicated to regional television and radio stations. The approved snow class schedule is:

M-W-F Classes	T-Th Classes
I 9:00 - 9:50	XII 9:00 - 10:15
II 10:00 - 10:50	XIII 10:30 - 11:45
III 11:00 - 11:50	XIV 12:00 - 1:15
IV 12:00 - 12:50	XV 1:30 - 2:45
V 1:00 - 1:50	XVI 3:00 - 4:15
CONV 2:00 - 2:50	XVII 4:20 - 5:35
VI 3:00 - 3:50	XIX 6:00 - 7:15
VII 4:00 - 4:50	XX 7:30 - 8:45
VIII 5:00 - 5:50	
X 6:00 - 7:15	
XI 7:30 - 8:45	

All day classes start one hour later than normal except Time Block IX (M-W-F) and XVIII (T-Th) which will be canceled. A faculty member who teaches a class during Time Block IX or XVIII may reschedule these classes as appropriate. Night classes will start at 6:00 p.m. as usual.

All students are expected under most circumstances to attend classes on snow schedule days. Commuter students should use their best judgment about whether it is safe to drive to the College from their homes. Commuter students should also use their best judgment on whether to leave the College early on those days when snow begins to fall during the school day. It will be the policy of the College that a commuter student who cannot attend classes because of inclement weather will not be penalized and will be allowed to make up any academic work missed. Residence Hall students, including those in the Town House Apartments and Wise Inn, will not be granted excused absences for missing classes because of inclement weather.

Courses offered by the Department of Continuing Education are not covered by this policy. Students enrolled in continuing education courses should contact the building supervisor at the host school where the class is being offered if they have questions about whether or not classes have been canceled. In general, if weather forces the host school to be closed, continuing education courses will be canceled.

Office of the Chancellor

## SGA reports changes and expectations for spring semester

Wesley Adams  
Staff Writer

Welcome back to CVC's wintry Spring Semester. And a big Welcome to Clinch Valley College to our new students. Let me assure you that CVC usually isn't like this. But at least we all got an extra week off. Granted I could think of a few other places I would've wanted to spend it at.

During Governor George Allen's inauguration, he spoke of the winds of change sweeping across Virginia. The winds of change are also sweeping across the Student Government Association this spring as well. SGA Vice-President Joey Carico will be spending most of this semester in Richmond as Del. Terry Kilgore's legislative aid. The Student Council wishes him the best of luck and look forward to his return later in the semester. SGA Sophomore Representative Aaron Finney will be assuming Vice-President Carico's duties as chairman of the ACE Programming Committee and the Inner-Greek Council until his return. After some turnovers in the Freshmen Delegation, Jerry Dombay and Michelle Harrison are the successors to the seats vacated by Mike McCully and Jarrett Williams.

After a slightly bumpy shakedown last semester, most of the bugs have been worked out of the Jones Administration and will be in a better position to serve the Student Body. The changes in the SGA this spring are not

only in personal. We are in the process of putting together a fully functional Communications Committee to build on the foundation of improved communication that was built last semester. We are also starting some "spring cleaning" in regards to the organizational files. We will be trying to find out who is active, who's not, who's active without SGA recognition and to bring them on-board with the ACE Programming Committee and the SGA. Once this is done, we will be able to update the Source's listing of clubs and organizations which will help organizations in recruiting new members during the 1994-95 school year. Further information on this will appear in the Highland Cavalier in a few weeks. Finally, this year's Student Council is going to do what past Council's have only talked of doing, presenting a new Constitution for the SGA for the Student Body to vote on this spring. More information on the proposed Constitution will be forthcoming.

Despite all the above mentioned activity, as well as the student entertainment activities planned for this semester, including the Spring Formal, currently set for April 30th, the Student Council can't do it all by themselves, there are only 15 of us. We need the help of the Student Body. With the SGA and Honor Court elections coming up in a few months, along with the referendum on the new Constitution, we need 12 students to volunteer to serve on the Election Commission that is required in the SGA Constitution. The duties and requirements to serve on the Commission can be found on pages 65-69 in the 1993-94 Source. Any interested students can leave their name, address, and phone number either in the SGA mailbox (CVC Box 5606), calling the SGA office (328-0213), or by stopping by the SGA office during the day.

# Isn't life great?



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