Melungeon heritage can be traced to Turkish and Moorish sailors

Heather Mac Powers
Staff Writer

Brent Kennedy, the Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations at Clinch Valley College, has been exploring the origins of the Melungeons since the 1980s. Kennedy’s conclusion, along with a team of researchers, is that the Melungeons have long been an enigma for historians. The Melungeons have been traced to various parts of the country, including Virginia and Tennessee. Kennedy said that his ancestors are Turks, and the word “Melungeon” is Turkish.

Accurate to the past years, the Melungeons have been seen as a dark-skinned people who were encountered as early as the 1600s by Europeans. Kennedy has traced his ancestry, along with many other Appalachians, to the Melungeons. The main ancestral link to the past is through Turkey. “Turkey is just a fascinating country. It’s not what most Americans expect, they think of camels and sand, but it’s just like the Appalachian mountains,” said Kennedy.

According to Kennedy, the connections to our Turkish and African descent are endless. “The term Melungeon is even Turkish. It means ‘cursed soul’, which would describe the circumstances of these young men (Turkish sailors) left in North Carolina that are part of our ancestors.” A few other words which have Turkish origin are Niagara, which means big noise and Powhatan which means cruel leader.

Another disease besides sarcoidosis which is found among the Appalachian people is Bechet’s disease. This is a Turkish disease that a man in Kingsport was recently diagnosed with. “Why is this disease in these mountains and in our people? I’ll tell you why it’s here, because we are genetically related to the Turks,” said Kennedy.

The research that has been completed has been highly publicized in Turkey. Kennedy said, “The story in the Middle East is huge. I guarantee you that most people in Turkey have heard of the Melungeons and know where Wise, Virginia is.”

In the past few months alone a great deal of Turkish response to the Melungeons has been evident. Mustafa Siyalan, the director of Turkish Tourism Office in Washington D.C. came to Wise and gave the first government recognition of the Melungeon connection to Turkey.

Also, just this past week, a Turkish television crew taped in Wise and the surrounding areas and plans to show the tapes in Turkey. Other developments are occurring daily as Clinch Valley and the community of Wise strengthen their ties with Turkey.

This article is the first of two in which a background of the Melungeon heritage has been provided. A story concerning the ties to Turkey and how they are becoming stronger will be in next week’s issue.

Computer club formed to aid in Internet and online services

Brandy Teasley
Staff Writer

A club was created in the past year for people who are interested in the Internet and online services. It is the only club available on campus that provides information and services about the Internet. The club is called Internet Users Anonymous and was created by students who are interested in finding out more about the Internet as well as helping others.

The faculty members who aided in the creation of this club include Tom Costa, Alex Edwards, and Prasad Polamraju. A moderate amount of people were interested and they have had quite a few people turn out for the meetings. Meetings are usually held on Wednesdays at 1:00 in Zehmer 210. The club has officers and they include:

- The Wiz (President): David Adams
- The Regulator (Vice-President): Tara Hughes
- The Coder (Secretary): Patrick Shamate
- The Money-Shaker (Treasurer): Rick Hughes

The club has its own homepage. To see it you must look on the CVC Homepage under Campus Life/Students.

The club is working on some objectives. One of these objectives, like any other club or organization, is fundraising. These funds are used to allow the students to go on trips and bring in some speakers to educate people about the Internet. One suggestion for a trip was to go to the Virtual Reality program. Club members also help to train faculty, staff and students who want to open an email account. Those interested in joining this club can email the officers at cvc_isa, come and talk to a member.
Ewing clarifies facts in Mini-Park article

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to clarify a few points in Kathy Brown's newspaper article, "Ewing Developing Mini-Park."

The primary focus in this article should be the fact that a large, evergreen planter (which currently sits near the Science Building) is being transformed into a manageable, small mini-park. This convention had long been suggested by members of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Advisory Council and others.

Any landscape plan has a focal point, and the focal point of the Science Planter is a large, evergreen hedge. Various flowering plants, suitable for Spring through fall color, will complete the small garden area.

The white cedar benches in this area are actually a small part of a total park concept. Advantages of these benches are low maintenance and a gray color when the benches have aged.

Ms. Brown pointed out that I would encourage student organization involvement in beautifying our campus by developing projects and carrying them out. We do hope student groups will be interested in adopting a project area on campus, and if interested, they must contact Dr. John's office or me for a list of small projects we have identified for small groups.

The Spring Pride '95 Clean-Up Day was the first annual campus wide weekday in March of 1995. This cooperative effort of students, faculty, staff, and advisory council members was a big success. (Thirty truck-loads of trash and debris were collected.) A similar event will be scheduled for Spring of 1996.

In closing, I express my thanks to Kathy Brown for her efforts to inform the student body of ongoing projects to improve our campus' landscape environment.

Sincerely,

Glenda Irons
Landscape Supervisor

Million Man March inspires students to take message home

By Marco Bwagha

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Bickers said the makeup of CVC's graduating class indicates that more students outside the college's traditional southwest Virginia service area are choosing CVC for a liberal arts education at a reasonable cost.

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CVC nurse addresses health service questions

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CVC Bookstore hit by heavy weight attack

Katelyn Brown
The Independent Florida Alligator

The heavy weight attack on CVC's bookstore took the form of a shipping accident, not a criminal act. The equipment used to lift the weights was not designed to handle the weight of the goods on display, and the store staff was forced to work overtime to resupply the store.

The incident occurred when a forklift operator attempted to lift a load of books and supplies from the store's storage area. However, the forklift was not equipped with the proper safety devices to prevent the load from shifting or falling. As a result, the load shifted during the lift, damaging several books and causing some injuries to the employees.

Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, and the store was able to avoid any major disruption to its operations. The store management is investigating the incident to determine the cause and take steps to prevent similar accidents from occurring in the future.

The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of ensuring that all equipment is properly maintained and used in a safe manner. It also highlights the need for adequate training and supervision for all employees who operate industrial equipment.

The store management has contacted the forklift manufacturer to discuss the incident and improve the safety features of the equipment. They have also reached out to the local Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to report the incident and receive guidance on how to prevent similar accidents in the future.

In addition, the store management has set up a fund to provide compensation for any employees who were injured as a result of the incident. The fund will cover medical expenses, lost wages, and other related costs.

The store management is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all employees and customers. They will continue to work closely with all parties involved to address this issue and prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

The store management appreciates the support of its customers and the community during this difficult time. They are committed to continuing to provide high-quality service and products to all of their customers.

If you have any questions or concerns about this incident, please contact the store management at (352) 392-8230.

The high weight attack on CVC's bookstore occurred on Monday, March 14, 2022. The incident is under investigation by the store management and local authorities.

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Non-traditional student finds missing piece of puzzle in college

Charlie Smith, a non-traditional student at CVC, was looking for a specific piece of puzzle that had been missing for months. After searching everywhere, she finally found it in a dumpster on campus.

“I was excited to find it,” said Charlie. “I had been searching for this piece for so long and it meant so much to me. I can’t believe I found it.”

Charlie is studying fine arts and has been working on this puzzle for several years. The puzzle represents a significant milestone in her creative journey.

“This piece has been missing for months,” Charlie said. “I had searched everywhere but just couldn’t find it. I was about to give up when I stumbled upon it in the dumpster.”

The puzzle piece represents a key element in the puzzle, and Charlie was excited to finally have it in place. She said that finding the piece reminded her of the power of perseverance and the importance of not giving up.

Charlie is grateful to the person who discarded the puzzle piece and brought it back to her. She said that it was a small act of kindness that made a big difference in her life.

“I am so grateful to the person who found and returned this puzzle piece. It means so much to me,” Charlie said. “This piece has been missing for so long and finding it is truly a miracle.”

The puzzle piece is a small, delicate piece, and Charlie has been working on it for several months. She is excited to have it in place and is looking forward to completing the puzzle.

Charlie plans to frame the puzzle piece and display it in her studio as a reminder of her perseverance and determination. She is grateful for the support of her friends and family and is looking forward to completing the puzzle.

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The Highlaid College

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Whyalla's legendary Eighties band, The Highlaid College, are set to headline a massive outdoor music festival this summer. The event, scheduled for the weekend of July 28-30, will feature a lineup of some of the biggest names in Australian music.

The event will take place on the picturesque cliffs of the Whyalla coastline, providing attendees with stunning views of the ocean and surrounding countryside. The festival will feature multiple stages, a range of food and beverage options, and a camping area for those looking to stay the weekend.

The highlaid College, known for their gritty sound and energetic performances, will be joined by a host of other bands and artists, including some of the biggest names in Australian music. The line-up is set to include a mix of local and national acts, ensuring something for everyone.

Tickets for the festival are on sale now, with early bird tickets available until the end of May. Early bird tickets are priced at $125 per person, with standard tickets available for $150 per person. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free of charge.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the festival's official website at www.thelargestfestival.com.au.
Cavs end regular season with a 34-8 victory over Chowne College

Shaly Nicholson  Sports Editor

Cinch Valley moved to 10-1-1 at Tingle Ralph Carney's Stadium Tuesday as they blew the doors off the Chowne College Braves 34-8, securing themselves a playoff berth against Lambuth University on Saturday.

Due to a possible playoff game at 11:15 a.m. that was rescheduled to 1:45 p.m., Cinch Valley moved their game with the Braves to 2:30 p.m. and won decisively.

Pocahontas was good and the Cavs led early 7-0. The Cars were up 14-0 very early in the game after Carter's touchdown run. Jay Withrow's extra point went through, and the fans were treated to a grab bag of moves to the Clintwood, Va facility.

The Cavs are charting unfamiliar territory, and the Eagles will have a playoff berth against Lambuth University next Saturday.

The Cavs need to take the next step. If the Cavs win the playoff game at J.J. Fields, they will be in the playoffs but Coach Ramseyer will have his troops ready for what they will see in New Orleans.

The Cats are on the road, and will carry the team throughout the season.

Mid-South Champion Lambuth Eagles may be the Cavs' toughest test this year

Shaly Nicholson  Sports Editor

The Cavs are charting unfamiliar territory, facing probably their greatest challenge ever this weekend against the Lambuth College Eagles, the Mid-South Conference Champions.

This is the first time the Cavs have ever been in the playoffs. Cinch Valley vs. the Highland Cavaliers know that just getting there is not enough. The Cavs have a lot to prove.

Lambuth is going to the bowl in a big way. Quarterback Cory Hill has thrown for 225 yards per game on the ground. Scoring against Lambuth proved to be difficult for the Eagles, as they scored a total of 12 points against the toughest teams that the Cavs faced earlier in the year, including Tennessee College, Cumberland College, and Cumberland University.

If the Cavs can avoid turnovers against Lambuth, they can win. The Cavs need to come out of this game with a fresh start.

On defense, the secondary will be tested with a lot of receivers. The defensive line needs to establish a pass rush.

The secondary could have a field day if the defensive line forces Lambuth to throw when they are not ready. They need to have to score a lot of points to win against Lambuth.

Collier also scored Cinch Valley's first touchdown of the game as he went in from the one yard line. Running back Greg Thomas finished the first half with 34-8 on the ground. The Cavs lead 34-8 at the half.

The second half was a replay of the first half. When the Cats needed to score, they did. The Cats kicked off the playoffs with a bang.

Lambuth University Eagles. The Eagles finished 8-0-1 in the regular season in the Mid-South Conference Champions.

The Cats kicked off the playoffs with a bang. Cinch Valley won the battle of the Best.

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CVC Intramural Basketball Standings as of 11/13/95

While some students are celebrating their Christmas vacations at home, a group of students from Cinch Valley College are still competing for the annual USF&G flag football championships in New Orleans.

This year's flag football championship game is over. The Cavs need to come out of this game with a victory.

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Versatile Bassett: from rock star to chauffeur to vampire

By Ian Spelling
College Press Service

What's love got to do with it? If you're Angela Bassett, the answer is: everything. After years of paying dues with small roles on TV ("Cosby Show") and in movies ("Boyz 'n the Hood," "Malcom X"), Bassett finally got to strut her stuff as Tina Turner in "What's Love Got To Do With It?"

Her stirring portrayal of the rock diva and legendary survivor earned Bassett an Oscar nomination and set the stage for a succession of films soon to arrive in theaters. On the big screen now is "Strange Days," an apocalyptic cautionary tale. Then there's "A Vampire in Brooklyn," a comedy-horror film in which Bassett stars opposite a blood-sucking Eddie Murphy.

By year's end, there will be the long-awaited film version of "Waiting to Exhale," in which she shares the screen with Whitney Houston. "It was a matter of looking around for something good after 'What's Love,'" Houston said. "I think my life is fine. My husband and I look picture-perfect. Then he says, 'I don't want you anymore.' "

"Maybe I didn't want him anymore, but I was going to go along with it, at least get through New Year's, and hang out until our children turn 18, enjoy the fancy, the money and the nice house. If I knew, maybe I could have gotten out first and then I might not have been so devastated.

Now, as her own star rises, Bassett hopes she might one day inspire some youngster somewhere, "I want to do good work and encourage others to do good work," she says. "I just want to stay on the path and keep clearing it the way those who came before me have cleared it."