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Melungeon heritage can be traced to Turkish and Moorish sailors

Heather Mac Powers
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Brent Kennedy has spent the last nine years piecing together the intricate puzzle of the Melungeon people and their heritage. The Melungeons have long been an enigma for historians who have tried to explain the origin of these dark-skinned people who were encountered as early as the 1600's by Europeans.

Kennedy's conclusion, along with a team of researchers from various parts of the country, is that the Melungeon heritage can be traced to Turkish and Moorish sailors who were stranded here in the New World and migrated into the mountainous areas of North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

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and African descent. Kennedy said of his life-threatening battle that, "When I lived through that, I decided to find out why I had it." Since that time, 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 camels and sand, but it's just like the Appalachian mountains," said Kennedy.

According to Kennedy, "The connections to our Turkish

ancestors are endless." The term Melungeon is even Turkish. Kennedy said of the origin of the word, "Melungeon is 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 Niagra, 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 Siyahhan, 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 tie 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 Shumate

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 and tryout 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_iaa, come and talk to a member.

The commuter club meets every other Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. outside of the HP computer lab in Zehmer. HC Photo/Taylor Burgess

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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, overgrown planter (which existed near the Science Building) is being transformed into a manageable, small mini-park. This conversion had long been suggested by members of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Advisory Council and others.

Any landscape planting has a focal point, and the focal point of the Science Planter is a Japanese Flowering Maple. Various flowering perennials 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 organizations to become involved in beautifying our campus by developing projects and carrying them out. We do hope several student groups will be interested in adopting a project area on campus, and if interested, they need to contact Dr. Juhan'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 workday in March of 1995. This cooperative effort of students, faculty, staff, and advisory council members was a big success. (Thirty truckloads 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,
Olenda Ewing
Landscape Supervisor



Million Man March inspires students to take message home

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

Eric Moreland says he felt a new sense of purpose in his life after attending the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. Now, Moreland has ambitions of bringing some of his newfound hope back to the University of North Carolina campus.

"I came back feeling like a complete man," says Moreland, a UNC junior. "I came back with a new sense of purpose and a new sense of responsibility. I want to see African-American men take a day off from work, entertainment or sport and refrain from profanity. The men also were called to 'repent, atone and reconcile to the God of creation and salvation.'"

"Black men need to say we're sorry for abandoning our responsibilities and then move on," says Robbins.

News

Enrollments at MECC, CVC exceed projection for fall term

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By MIKE STILL
Coalfield Progress Staff Writer

Enrollment figures at Wise County's public colleges have exceeded projections for the beginning of the 1995-96 school year, and officials at Clinch Valley College and Mountain Empire Community College attribute the jump to greater public awareness of the quality of their respective institutions.

According to Clinch Valley College Director of Enrollment Services Doyle Bickers, the final enrollment figures for the fall 1995 semester showed a total enrollment of 1,273, including 1,127 full-time and 146 part-time students. This compared to last fall's total enrollment of 1,198, with 1,018 full-time and 180 part-time students.

Bickers and other college officials at the CVC Advisory Council meeting in September noted that enrollment had exceeded college projections by 13 students.

Enrollment figures released by Mountain Empire Community College's information

office show the student headcount population at 2,739, with an full-time equivalent enrollment of 1,733 students based on an average of 12 credit hours per student. The original projection called for 1,645 full-time equivalents.

MECC President Robert Sandel says the college, in terms of headcount, is effectively handling 200 more students than it has projected in its 1995-96 budget. That means the state is not supplying additional funding for those students as it would for the 1,645 students specified in the college budget.

Bickers, in an Oct. 10 statement, said the CVC enrollment increase was due in part to a 25 percent increase in freshman enrollment compared to last year. The incoming class included 275 new freshmen out of a total of 420 students. He also cited the incoming freshman class as being "one of the most qualified ever to enter CVC." The cumulative class grade-point average was 3.0, Bickers noted, with 54 freshmen having achieved GPAs in academic coursework of 3.5 or higher.

According to MECC enrollment figures, 352 incoming students are 1995 high school graduates and, while exact figures were not available, that group includes one of the largest groups of students to rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes.

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ton counties and the city of Norton, Bickers noted, while the numbers of students from Tidewater, Richmond and northern Virginia appear to be rising.

Sandel said that MECC has managed to maintain the strongest enrollment growth over the past three years among its counterparts — Southwest Virginia, Virginia Highlands, New River and Wytheville community colleges.

"It goes against the population trend in our service area," Sandel observed. "I look at it as a compliment to us. People know what we're about, they know the quality of our programs and people also realize the quality of our transfer program."

Sandel also noted much of the enrollment growth seemed to center on the college's technology and industrial and manufacturing programs. While the transfer program — designed for students preparing for a bachelor's degree — has remained constant in terms of percentage of the student body, Sandel explained, that approximate one-third share of the enrollment has grown numerically along with the overall enrollment growth.

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CVC nurse addresses health service questions

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CVC Bookstore hit by heavy rain last week

Kathy Brown
Staff Writer

Clinch Valley College's Bookstore was hit by a flood last Tuesday morning according to the store manager.

It has always leaked," said Estella Willis, Bookstore Manager.

Willis went on to say that this is the fourth time that the Bookstore has had a leak. She said that this one has been the worst leak, but not the worst by total cost that was lost. The rain water splashed up on the books and the merchandise have become water-logged.

In all, the total damage is \$3000 which includes books, the slactwall, which is warped and the

new paint job. The slactwall was installed in the Fall by a construction company. They also have had fiber optic wires put in this fall.

Tammy Greear, from house-keeping, was the first person to have had found the leak. She telephoned Willis at home. One member of maintenance emptied 24- 20 gallon garbage bags of rain water that day.

Other people who helped were Cory Rosenkranz, Health Education Coordinator, Jean Good, from CVC's post office, and workstudy students. The construction company arrived at the bookstore to fixed it at noon.

"I really appreciate what every-one did to help us out during the

flood because I would be in a row-boat if these people did not help," said Willis. She went on to say that she owes Rosencranz a new pair of shoes because Rosencranz had a new pair of shoes and they were destroyed by wading the water while mopping.

"I think the Bookstore needs a better location or it needs to be fixed," said Ann Baker, CVC Bookstore Clerk.

Willis stated that her fantasy came true by seeing all the men working while she was standing around.

Bill Rife and Tim Wright, of maintenance, fixed a gutter to catch the rain water as it came inside into the garbage can.



CVC's bookstore suffered a \$3,000 loss in merchandise from last week's downpour, according to Estella Willis, Bookstore Manager.

Racist e-mail sent to UF computers

By Kathy Bushouse
The Independent Florida Alligator
University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—An unknown group's racist diatribe, sent out by electronic mail, has infiltrated the computers of many University of Florida students and staff members.

A number of people have received an almost 10-page message titled "The Long March." The message is addressed to those

who "are concerned about the fate (of) Western/American civilization (sic) and its people." A note at the end of the message states that the article was based on the "American Dissident Voices" radio broadcast—referred to in the message as "the only truly uncensored patriotic radio program in America"—from July 1.

A white supremacy group known as National Alliance is listed as a contact agency for further information, but the group—which

according to the address is based in West Virginia—could not be reached for further comment. But Brandon Rosswell, a data media specialist for UFNET and one of the recipients of the unwanted e-mail, said he traced the copy sent to him to France.

Rosswell said he wrote a message to the server's administrator in France, and received an automated response that said the problem is being handled—something that Rosswell

said indicated to him that this has been an ongoing problem. "I'm sure this is a nationwide thing," he said.

Kenneth Sallot, a systems programmer at UF's Center for Instructional Research Computing Activities, also received the mail but cannot find out who sent it to him. "We don't even know who's seen the mail," Sallot said.

"The problem is that whoever did it, did it in such a way that he tried to make it difficult to track."

Sallot said there is not much people can do to prevent the mail—he said it is much like getting junk mail at home. He said that other places on the Internet have faced similar problems with this kind of mail, and the only thing people can do if they receive the mail is to delete it.

"Anybody with any sort of e-mail account anywhere on the Internet can send anybody e-mail," he said.

"They just sent random people e-mail."

Funding, civility seen as major college issues

Reduced funding for higher education and civility on campus were seen as two of the major issues that will impact Virginia's colleges and universities during this school year, according to public relations officials at the colleges.

Members of the College News Association of Virginia and the

District of Columbia were asked to identify the major issues that will affect their campuses in the 1995-96 school year.

The CNA is an organization of about 250 public relations officials at some 70 colleges and universities in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Most of the college officials listed financing as one of the key issues of the year.

An information director at a private liberal arts college said "with cutbacks in state funding for higher education, an issue of increasing concern is the competition for private support between the private

schools and the public institutions. "The state schools are embarking on some major capital campaigns and pursuing the same donors that private schools have relied upon over the years," she said. "The potential for some very real tension exists."

The director of university relations at one of the state's largest public universities pointed out that "as entitlement program, K-12 education and public safety costs consume larger shares of state budgets, higher education is relegated to increasingly smaller portions of the state pie."

An issue related to reduced funding was pointed out by an official at an urban public university: "Faculty are leaving state colleges and universities for better paying positions at schools in other states." Accountability for funds was cited by a private college official: "Parents and students alike want to know how the increased tuition they are paying is being spent and how the institution is providing a better education than it did two or three or 10 years ago.

"Everybody wants to get his money's worth," she said. "There will be greater watchfulness about what colleges and universities do with other people's dollars."

A public relations official with a church-related private college added that all colleges will be expected to "do more with less."

Another issue cited by several officials was what one called "the growing inability of people to disagree with civility."

One public information director said that colleges must set an example as places "where varying opinions can be expressed and debated without hostility and meanness and personal attacks."

"We have to instill the basic democratic concepts of civility in discourse," another said.

Among other key issues in higher education cited by the public relations officials were: use of technology in teaching; tensions between research and teaching; the future of tenure; distance learning; and international education.

The CNA, founded in 1990, is an organization of public affairs professionals who work with the news media on behalf of public and private colleges and universities. CNA members were surveyed by e-mail through the organization's electronic bulletin board.

— Provided by CNA of Virginia and the District of Columbia

Non-traditional student finds missing piece of puzzle in college

Neil Hepwood
Editor-in-Chief

Not many of us get a second chance, but when we do, we do everything we can to make the most of it. Non-traditional junior Charlie Smith is a prime example of one man's determination to start over again.

Mr. Smith, a 49 year old native of Bristol, came to CVC this semester as a junior from Virginia Highlands Community College. "I know this sounds very spiritual, but as I've gotten older there's always been something missing from my life." For Charlie the missing piece was a college education.

Spending twenty one years as an airport construction worker in the California peninsula town of San Mateo- which is nestled between San Francisco and San Jose-Charlie had other priorities on his mind than his own education. "I don't beat myself about it any more, but I never did have any long term goals. My only goal was to have a better than normal standard of living. I did have my daughter's college fund paid off by the time she was 16."

Construction jobs were prevalent in Southern California during the "golden" 70's and 80's, and Charlie never had trouble finding work. "I think someone handed me a hammer and I said 'wow, I think I'll be a carpenter.'"

Twenty years later he came back to the area to spend time with his family. "I was laid off from a job where the Bristol Walmart is now. I then went to the Adult Skills Center there and took word processing. Somehow I decided...I can do this."

Charlie enrolled at Virginia Highlands Community College and earned an Associate's Degree in Management. "I said, since I got an associate's degree, hey I can get a bachelor's." Charlie's first choice was King College but he was won over by Rusty Necessary's enthusiasm for CVC. "It's been a roller coaster ride ever since-it's been great."

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Living with younger folk has provided Charlie with other types of learning experiences as well. "I thought I had a monopoly that this is hard and that this is pressure because I'm old, but no." Younger students have an innate respect for his years of life, often finding some comfort in having him around. "Younger people talk to me about things that they can't talk to their dads or moms about, because I'm not going to judge them...or take away their allowance." Charlie's

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their decisions. But Charlie reminds us,"of course, if I always agreed, they wouldn't need me there anyway." He also is business manager of *The Highland Cavalier* student newspaper.

Dreams come in many fantastic forms, and Charlie's aspirations lie within the sacred halls of education. When a student at Virginia Highlands College, he went as part of a



Charlie Smith, a non-traditional student at CVC, finds college to be the missing ingredient to an eventful life.

HC Photo/
Taylor Burgess

Charlie has gradually adapted to CVC's grind, and he now, for the first time in his life, envisions long term goals. "My major is business, my love is history. I am very passionate about this thing called education." He hopes to graduate with a business degree, but in the meantime he has several important projects he is involved in.

Charlie, a junior senator with the SGA, feels the SGA "is a very positive part of this campus" and that he "really have some bright minds." The SGA's major decisions center around money and Charlie doesn't agree with all of

group to Mexico on a trip sponsored by the Habitat for Humanity organization. In conjunction with the Hnahnun Indians they built a home for the "poor"-a word he came to view as a misnomer.

To his group the only thing these people lacked was material wealth. "The parents would tell their kids to do something and the kids would run to do the errand not because they would get their butts whipped but because he was chosen out of ten kids and it was a honor. There was ten people to hold a crying baby and to show it love."

Destitute, starved, and without

health care or clean water, their people suffer in virtual misery." We didn't see the holes in their clothes, but we could see the tremendous wealth of love and unity amongst them."

Instead of sitting on his laurels during the upcoming Christmas break, Charlie is returning to Mexico to help build yet another home, this time sponsored by the organization COPAC. "The world looks at them like militant Indians. The Mexican government does to their people now what we did to ours in the past. The people are screaming look at me, help me world, and no one is listening." By next summer Charlie is hoping to have earned a scholarship through CVC to attend the University of Mexico, in order to teach Mexican Indians.

His decision to attend CVC has yielded unexpected fruit. "I've met a lot of delightful people and got to know them on a one on one basis. There is a total acceptance of non-traditional students in Wise. I've heard about the problems with the economy in the area.

I talked with miners that have been laid off with 20 years experience and a family...with truck drivers that have seen their haulings get less and less or has already stopped. I see a lot of strong back bones out there and I praise them for their efforts."

It's plain to see second chances do come to those who wait."How many people my age get to do what I'm doing? How many 49 year olds get to be in student government?"

How many 49 year olds get the exposure to young people to see what they are doing?" After a pause punctuated by a deep breath and faraway eyes, Charlie adds: "I am blessed."

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With a playoff berth against Lambuth

Cavs end regular season with a 34-8 victory over Chowan College

Stacy Nicholson
Sports Editor

Clinch Valley moved to 10-1 at a frigid Ralph Cummings Stadium Saturday as they blew the doors off the Chowan College Braves 34-8, securing themselves a playoff berth against Lambuth University next Saturday.

Due to a possible playoff game at J.J. Kelly's Carroll Dale Stadium, the game was moved to the Clintwood, Va facility.

All of CVC's scoring took place in the first half as the fans were treated to a grab bag of freezing rain, sleet, and finally snow. Chowan's first drive ended in a fumble. On one play, the Cavs went 25 yards on a Ralph Carter touch down run. Jay Withrow's extra point was good and the Cavs led early 7-0.

Earnest Starker' 48 yard punt return led to the Cavs' next score. From the Chowan 12 yard line, Running Back Greg Thomas dashed 12 yards for the touchdown. The Cavs were up 14-0 very early in the game after Withrow's point after.

Still unable to get the ball down field, the Braves were forced to punt. The Cavs

showed that they could run the ball against a big defensive line as Thomas and Carter forced their way down the field behind an aggressive offensive line. Early in the second quarter, the third score of the game came off a one yard touchdown plunge by Thomas. Withrow's extra point made the score 21-0.

The Braves were picked off by Cornerback Rod Burnette of the Highland Cavaliers. The Cavs went to the ground again and Ralph Carter powered his way for the fourth score for the Cavs. Withrow's extra point made the score 28-0 with 9:38 left in the half.

Forced to punt again, the Cavs's special teams made a big play. Forced to punt, the return was fumbled and the Cavs recovered. Greg Thomas rushed for his third score of the game. Withrow's kick was blocked, but the Cavs led 34-0 late in the half.

Neither team could muster anything and the Cavs led big at the half.

The snow began coming down harder in the second half as the temperature started to drop. The second half went by quite quickly as the referees kept the clock moving.

Chowan's only score of the game came off a blocked punt in the end zone.

The two point conversion was good, and with 1:30 left in the game, the Cavs led 34-8.

When the final gun sounded, the Cavs walked away victors over Chowan and finishing the best season in their brief history, clinching a playoff berth.

Although the passing game wasn't effective, the running game took over as Thomas rushed for 111 yards and Carter rushed for 107 yards.

The Cavs kick off the playoffs next Saturday in Jackson, Tennessee against the

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

Kickoff is set for 1:30 Central Standard time. The *Highland Cavalier* newspaper wishes the Cavs the best of luck!



#39 Ray Gatlin looks for daylight as #14 Ron Hicks looks on.

HC Photo/Kevin Stovall

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

Stacy 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 that the Cavs have ever been in the playoffs but Coach Ramseyer and the Highland Cavaliers know that just getting there is not enough.

Lambuth is going to put the ball in the air, a lot. Quarterback Cory Hill has thrown for 2247 yards this season, averaging 257.4 yards per game against some of the toughest teams that the Cavs faced earlier in the year, including Tusculum College, Cumberland College, and Cumberland University.

Jeff Peterson, their leading running back, averages over 56.25 yards per game.

The Cavs need to pay attention to Peterson because he is a tough runner in the Eagle's three and four wide receiver sets.

Cory Hill's favorite receiver is Chris Miller. With 48 receptions on the year, his eight touchdowns and 737 yards are a big reason for their success.

Hank Chambers and Johnny Allen combined for 49 catches and 715 yards.

Lambuth was one of the highest scoring teams in the country, averaging over 40 points per game.

On defense, Lambuth runs a 4-3 look that only gave up an average of 93.3 yards per

game in the air, although they did give up 225.77 yards per game on the ground.

Scoring against Lambuth proved to be difficult for their opponents as the Eagles gave up a total of 152 points all season, which averages to a little over 16 points per game.

The Cavs need to run the ball early. This means that it all starts up front. Looking at the stats, the Cavs should be able to do that. Working the play action pass, the Cavs need to bring up Lambuth's safeties.

On defense, the secondary will be tested early and often. 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.

The linebackers will have to watch the middle as well as the draw and the counter.

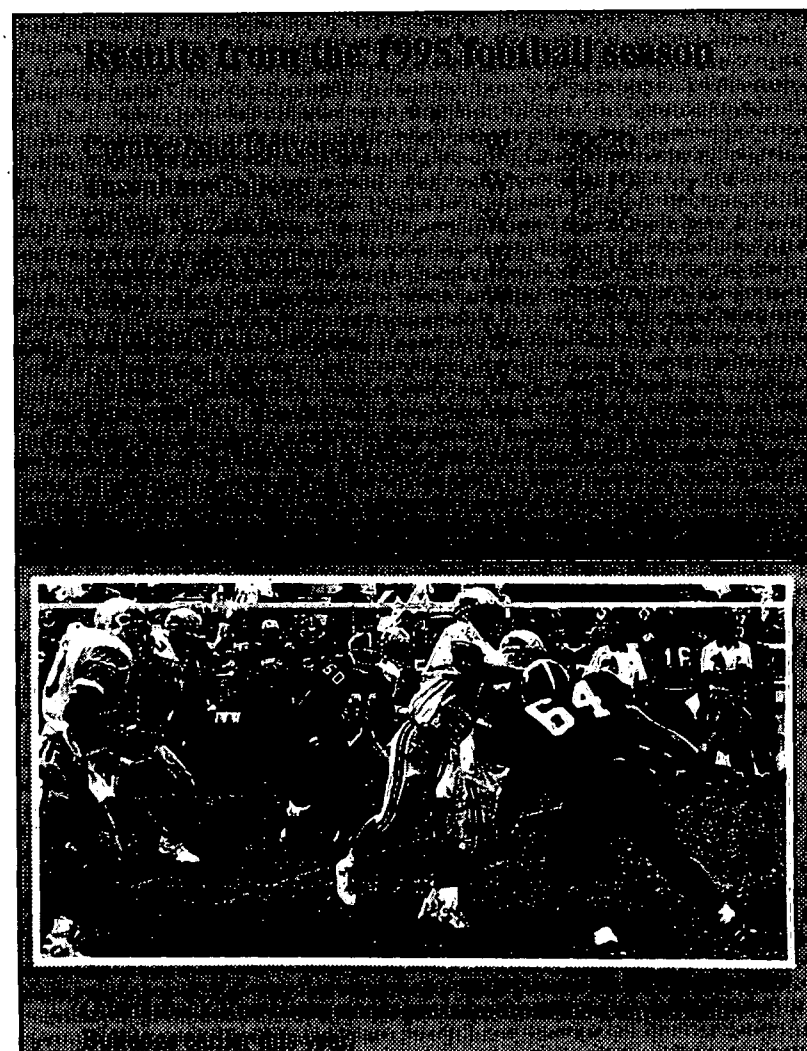
The Cavs need to take the next step. If the Cavs are able to keep the ball away from the high octane Lambuth offense and not turn the ball over, the Cavs have a great shot on keeping their season alive.

If Lambuth is able to control the ball, then the miracle season for the Cavs will be over.

I look for a great game this Saturday. Coach Ramseyer will have his troops ready to play.

Greg Thomas needs to get over 100 yards, and the offensive line needs to play above themselves.

The defense will need to attack the Eagle offense and pressure the quarterback. If this happens the Cavs will win.



Results from the 1995 football season

Lady Cavs lose home opener to Pikeville

Mike LaCount
Staff Writer

In the first game of the season, the Clinch Valley College Lady Cavaliers lost their home opener to the Pikeville College Lady Bears, 66-48. The Lady Bears, an NAIA division 1 team, came into the game fired up from the start.

From the opening tip-off, the ladies from Kentucky took control of the game and never looked back. In every possible way, Pikeville outplayed the Lady Cavaliers in every possible way.

The shots did not fall for Clinch Valley, who didn't score until 4:50 of the first half when Wendy Collier stepped up to the free throw line and scored CVC's first 2 points.

Collier also scored Clinch Valley's first field goal with 6:55 left to go in the first half. The offensive scheme of

the Lady Cavs was working well enough to give them good looks at the basket, but nothing would fall. Pikeville, on the other hand, seemed to be having little trouble

Gray hit a 3-point shot with no time remaining. Going into half-time, Clinch Valley trailed 35-14.

With momentum and confidence on their side, the shots from the Lady Cavaliers seemed to be falling. The defense stepped it up and the tide of the game was changing.

Clinch Valley out scored Pikeville, 34-31, in the second half but the 21-point Lady Bear deficit from the first half was too much to overcome.

Collier and Gray lead CVC's attack with 13 and 15 points, respectively. These same two ladies lead the Cavs in rebounds: Collier with 10, and Gray with 4.

Head Coach Michele Gill felt that the team played well, especially in the second half.

She felt that Collier will be the team leader and will carry the team throughout the season.

The Lady Cavaliers next game will be Tuesday, the 14th, as CVC travels to Union College.



Christy Gray shoots a jumper against Pikeville College last week at home

HC Photo/Deana Jones

After winning intramural championship

Quick Strike to play in New Orleans for USF&G title

Stacy Nicholson
Sports Editor

While some students are celebrating their Christmas Vacations at home with their families, a group of students from Clinch Valley College will represent the school in the annual USF&G flag football championships in New Orleans.

This year's flag football champions, Quick Strike, look to be competitive against strong teams from across the nation. Last year champions, the Razor's Edge, won their preliminary round of 64 but lost to a very fast Southern University squad.

Quick Strike returns two Second Team All Americans: Linebacker Jason Taylor and converted Quarterback John Jerrel.

Captain Aaron Hicks felt that the intramural season here at Clinch Valley College prepared the team for what they will see in New Orleans. "Todd Gambill did a good job with flag football this year. He eliminated the confusion of the rules from years past and it added to the game."

Hicks was quick to point out that the competition over his four years has gotten a lot tougher. "By forming all star teams, the players returned back to the college, wanting



Members of Quick Strike look to win in New Orleans.

HC File Photo

to use what they saw in New Orleans. Instead of new people every year, there are regulars who understand the rules. Although they want to have fun, the goal is to go to New Orleans."

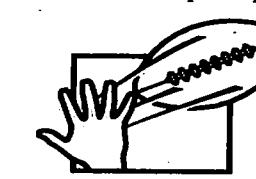
John Jerrel takes over the reigns at quarterback, replacing Steve Dalton. He heads the run-n-shoot offense that Chris Lark mastered in last year's tournament. Jason Taylor leads a tough defense that features two down linemen, one linebacker, and four defensive backs.

"Our team is a lot quicker than last year's squad. Jerrel can take the ball and run if he has to. Although

we don't have the size of the Caywood brothers on defense, our guys can get to the quarterback in a hurry," said Aaron Hicks.

"I think we can finish in the top ten this year," said Hicks, "it all depends on the teams that we draw."

With a mix of speed and experience, this team looks to make a run at the national championship.



Intramural basketball action this week

Matt McCurry
Sports Writer

Clinch Valley College's intramural basketball season progressed deeper into its season with yet another exciting day of games on Saturday. Although no major upsets occurred, the games were exciting and up beat. Da Pharcyde, Bolling for Bucks, and the Pi Lambs remained undefeated.

Rebounding strongly from early

season losses were the Freebirds, the Brew Crew, and Staph Infection. The Bombers and the Sharpshooters struggled today even. The Pi Kappa Phi gave a good effort, but still couldn't get their first victory.

The player of the week for intramural basketball is Mickey Harris.

After posting 43 points in last week's victory, he led Da Pharcyde with 21 points as they defeated the Bombers on Sunday.

CVC Intramural Basketball Standings as of 11/13/95

Da Pharcyde	3-0
Bolling for Bucks	2-0
Pi Lambs	2-0
Freebirds	2-1
Staph Infection	2-1
Brew Crew	2-1
Bombers	1-1
Sharpshooters	1-3
Pi Kappa Phi	0-2
Thugs	0-2
No Fear	0-3



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Versatile Bassett: from rock star to chauffeur to vampire

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What's love got to do widi it? If you're Angela Bassett, the answer is: everything. After years of paying dues widi small roles on TV ("Cosby Show") and in movies ("Boyz 'n' die Hood," "MalcomX"), Basset finally got to strut her stuff as Tina'nimer in "What's Love Got To Do Wrth Itr'

Her stirring portrayal of the rock diva and legendary survivor earned Bassett an Oscar nomination and set die stage for a succession offifanssoon to arrive in dieaters. On the big screen now is "Strange Days," an qiocalyptic cautionary tale. Then diere's "A Vampire in Brooklyn," a comedy-honor film in which Bassett stars opposite a blood-sucking Eddie Mmphy.

By year's end, diim will be die long-awaited fihnverson of "Waiting to Exhale," in which she shares die screen with Whitney Houstoa "It was a matter of looking around for somediing good after 'What's Love,'" says the fiendly, talkative actress during a conversation at a Manhattan hotel.

"Peoplediink, 'OJfC., diat was good. What are you going to do next? Can anything even come close or was 'What's Love' just a

fhike?' I got scripts about shigers. That'd be a litde too obvious. Somdxidy soit a script about Harriet IXibman, but I ttiought Cicely lyson did diat so brilliandy years ago."

What to do? Litde time passed before Bassett had her answt Director Kathryn ("Point Break") Bigelow was in pre-production on a movie called "Strange Days," written by her ex-husband, James (AUens) Cameron. And Bigelow had only Bassett in mind for die role of Mace.

Mace is limo driver/bodyguard^ o finds herself oisnared in a wA of events involving her friend Lenny (Ralph Fiennes). In the movie, there's a dead rqi/star activist, racial strife, a hooker's brutal killing, police comiptioa, and compact disk tedmok^ dot allows one person's experiences to be recorded di«i played back and felt by anodier person.

This all unfolds in Los Angeles just two days before the new millennium. "Kathryn was so endiustiatc, warm and energetic. It was so flattering I feh as if I were being courted. When I got the script," recalls Bassett, "I was very pleased widi it I liked the role reversal"—Mace is tou^ Lomy is bit squeamidi, and Mace continually saves Lennv from trouble—"and I liked the

strengdi of Mace, her moral integrity at the movie's center. I came aboard and a few months later, Kadiryn mentioned Ralfdi. So, it got better and better."

As much as Bassett ultimately enjoyed working widi Fiennes and Bigelow, she's die most satisfied widi the film's message, which is that the world is getting smaller and inore volatile and the only way to achieve a brighter fbtoe is for pet^le to become more undostanding and racially tolerant.

"The fiiture depicted in 'Stoange Days' will be upon us very soon if we don't learn the lessons we all need to learn," she argues. "Hopefully, that message is there for everyone to see. I cotainly think it's diere."

Bassett also sounds happy about "Vampire," which puts a new spin on die old saga of die undead. The fihnv was directed by Wes ("Nightmare «m Bhn Street") Craven and also stars Kadeem Hardison and Aden Payne. "I'm a vampire, but I don't know it," reveals die actress, who's single and lives in LA. "I just have diese... urges. It's not an Eddie ha-ha-ha comedy, not what you'd jmbably nqiect Eddie plays a straight man. He's a vampire who's very charming, charismatic and serious."

By the time "Stranae Davs" and

"Vampire" finished shooting. Bassett was exhausted and yeamed to rest. Then Whitney Houston made it known she'd be interested in making "Waiting to Exhale" her sophomore fihnv efi bit... if Bassett joined het

Eveiydiing panned out and the waiting for "Exhale" will end at Christmas. "I play Bemadine, the character I'd always been most attracted to. She's a woman, two diikben, married. At die top of the movie," she notes, "my husband comes in. I'm dressed, waiting to celdnate New Yew's. I diinkn^ 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 widi it, at least get dirough New Year's, and hang out until our children turn 18, enjoy die finery, die money and die nice house. If I knew, maybe I could have gotten out first mud dien! might not have been so devastated.

Now, as her own star rises, Bassett hqies she might one day in^ire soine youngster some«4iere. "I want to do good work and encourage odios to do good wode," she says. "I just want to stay on the path and keep clearing it the way tiiose who came before me have cleared it"

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