



CVC declared safest campus in Virginia

Amy Jones
Staff Writer

The Campus of Clinch Valley College has been declared the safest four year institution per 1000 students in the state. CVC Police Officer Steve McCoy attributes this to the "good quality of students."

McCoy believes that by developing a strong "one on one" communication with the students, trust is established between both parties and there is more cooperation

Clinch Valley students should be aware that the Campus Police are real. McCoy emphasizes, "They are trained and qualified just like deputies and town police." They can also make arrests anywhere within Wise County.

Officer McCoy believes that CVC Campus safety will keep improving because all seven police officers are dedicated to their work-they want to help students.

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Johnston hired as speech instructor, to assist tutors in communication lab

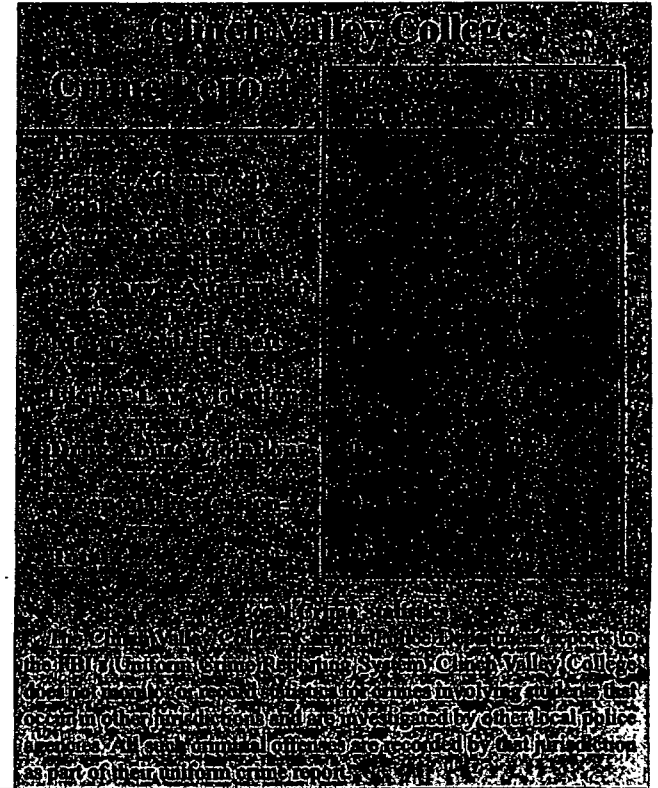
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This semester the communication department of Clinch Valley College welcomes a new instructor of speech and added addition to the Oral Communication Lab.

Since the departure of former speech teacher Jeanne Darby, CVC has taken under its wing newcomer Leigh Ann Johnston.

Johnston is a native of Louisiana where she went to Louisiana State University for her undergraduate studies and received her B.A. in Speech Communications and Marketing.

After working in Atlanta, GA



she pursued her graduate studies at Radford University. During her time at Radford, she received her Masters of Science in Corporate and Professional Communications.

Johnston, whose parents also reside in Georgia, explains that she chose Radford for many reasons. "While I was working in Atlanta, I read about Radford and their communications department. Their emphasis was more on Organizational Communication and Marketing.



HC Photo/Taylor Burgess

SPEECH, see pg. 5 Leigh Ann Johnston



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Oral Communications Lab relocated to faculty housing

Melinda Wadel
Managing Editor

Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia has undergone some new changes in the Communications Department. A new Oral Communications Lab is now open to all students whenever they need advice, or practice on giving speeches for any kind of oral presentations. The new location of the lab is faculty housing #3.

This will be the first semester that the new Oral Communication Lab will be used. Ron Heise, Associate Professor of English Literature and Director of the Communication Program, along with new instructor Leigh Ann Johnston, have opened the new lab for full usage for all students.

"We hope to establish a place where students can come or have faculty suggest they come for rehearsal and feedback on a variety of communication programs," Heise says. "These can include debates, speeches and any kind of oral reports."

The idea for the Communication Lab is a model program from Radford. "To the best of my knowl-

edge, we are trying to establish a communication program for all students-not only in the communication department, but across the program," Johnston said. "Actually, we're trying to get a program going called Oral Communication and we're trying to model it after successful department programs such as the one at Radford."

Johnston, who recently finished her graduate studies at Radford, said the program is a basic model of the one at Radford. "We're trying to model it after successful department programs such as the one at Radford, says Johnston. "That's the one I'm most familiar with since I worked on the program there."

The lab will consist of a camcorder on a tripod, TV and VCR for the students to record and then watch their performance. Students can also ask either Heise, Johnston or any of the tutors to help them with criticism and feedback they may need or want. "This lab is to give them some constructive criticism and beneficial feedback and hopefully we'll get a huge response on campus," Johnston said.

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"One man's theory is another man's belly laugh."

Letter to the editor:

Sincere believes the flat tax will reduce corruption

The notion of a flat tax to replace the current income tax system has been around for a long time. It was first introduced by Hoover Institu-

15 percent, 17 percent, 20 percent, or 23 percent? (All these numbers are substantially lower than the 40 to 50 percent of income that most Americans pay in taxes at all levels of government, including the 15 percent that goes to Social Security and Medicare.) Other disagreements focus on what qualifies as taxable income-wages only, dividend income, interest paid on savings, capital gains, and so forth. Still other disagreements are about how "flat" the tax will be. Essentially, these disagreements revolve around the question as to whether certain exemptions and deductions should still be allowed. The primary deduction at issue is the one for home-mortgage interest.

There are a number of different flat tax proposals on the table. Among the disagreements are what the level of the tax should be-a flat 15 percent, 17 percent, 20 percent, or 23 percent?

tion scholars in the mid-1980s. Only recently, however-particularly with the persistence of presidential hopeful Steve Forbes-has the flat tax achieved a sufficient measure of notoriety to be given the widespread attention it deserves.

What is lost as the debate about the flat tax focuses on these issues is the flat tax's central advantage: It reduces the size, scope, and complexity of the federal tax code. Currently, federal tax laws run to thousands upon thousands of pages. Stacking each volume of tax laws one on top of the other would create a pile some twenty feet high! The average taxpayer seldom understands everything required of him. Corporations hire lawyers and

accountants whose only job is to plow through tax laws. One estimate has been that individuals and corporations spend upwards of \$200 billion each year simply to comply with tax laws.

At the same time, corporations hire lobbyists to persuade the Congress to pass numerous exemptions in the code that will benefit their industry or even their particular firm. These lobbyists are paid millions of dollars each year so that companies will be required to pay less in taxes the following year.

The tax code is full of convoluted language that, if one reads it closely, is designed to grant a narrow exemption to income taxes to particular firms. One finds peculiar passages that define the exemptions as applying to "corporations employing between 19,998 and 20,001 workers in cities located between the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers whose business shall consist of no more than 72 percent and no less than 68 percent of out-of-state orders placed by mail or telephone."

Lobbyists and corporations also try to make friends with politicians by giving them campaign contributions from a single interest group.

There is nothing wrong with individuals or groups giving money to candidates whose beliefs they share and whose policies they support. In fact, a good case can be made that the current contribution limits ill-serve our democracy because they limit political speech and make it harder for talented candidates to succeed if they do not have ties to special interest groups.

The problem is that most of these campaign contributions are designed with one purpose in mind: to gain access to incumbent politicians-Senators and Representatives-who can grant favors to the contributors.

This is where a flat tax can greatly reduce corruption in government. If the tax code is simplified so that exemptions and deductions are reduced to zero, the Congress can no longer grant favors to their friends and contributors.

If Congress can no longer grant favors, lobbyists and their bosses will no longer seek them. If lobbyists no longer seek favors, they will

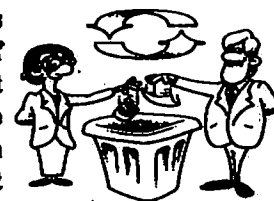
have no need to channel money to candidates. If less money is being channeled to candidates-especially long-term incumbents-it will become easier for talented challengers to win elections on the basis of their policy proposals, rather than the size of their campaign treasuries.

Common Cause and other organizations that decry the influence of money in politics should step forward to support the flat tax. By simplifying the tax code-indeed, by reducing the size and scope of government in any way-we reduce the opportunities for corruption and adverse influence of special interests in the political process. The fewer favors government can grant, the fewer reasons there are for favor-seekers to line the pockets of government officials.

Given this analysis, is it any wonder that both special interest groups and long-term incumbent politicians are so vehement in their opposition to the flat tax?

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Cynthia Polly
Director of the Writing Center.

Writing Center issues instructions for computers

To the Editor:
I would like to provide some rules for you, the user, must follow in the ALPS Lab.
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MCA helps people adjust to a global society

Heather Howard
Staff Writer

The Multi-Cultural Alliance of Clinch Valley College is an organization that promotes cultural diversity.

The Multi-Cultural Alliance better known as M.C.A. works toward bringing culturally diverse students together.

Hasan Majied of Danville, Va. is the president of the Multi-Cultural Alliance. Majied says that "the world is becoming more global and the Multi-Cultural Alliance helps people adjust to a global society."

M.C.A. currently has CVC faculty, staff and students who partici-

pate in the planning and attendance of the club's activities.

Mary Eubanks, advisor of the diverse group, says interested community members are welcome to join the group or attend functions sponsored by the group.

For the month of February, M.C.A. will assist CVC's African-American History Committee with a variety of activities in honor of Black History Month.

Since the beginning of the alliance M.C.A. has gone to leadership conferences, studied women's issues and Native American cultures, and produced several newsletters highlighting heroes from several cultures, including Chincó DeMayo, a Spanish War Hero.

In addition to sponsoring cultural events, the organization fo-

cuses on encouraging students to take part in college activities (such as bowling trips), to study and be active in classes, and for students to become more diverse. M.C.A. members adopted a resident of a local nursing home, participated in the CVC Homecoming Parade, held fund-raising events, and sponsored a talent show for the 1995-96 school year.

Some students, such as member Jason Hulvey of Stuarts Draft, admit joining the group in order to meet other students on campus and to "get involved with something".

Tayla Brown says students find themselves getting much more from the organization. The Multi-Cultural Alliance has helped me to see things in a way that I might not have", Brown says. "It has also

helped me learn to interact with others."

Majied says he hoped more students and community members will become involved in the organization during the next year.

Majied also hopes the group will be able to raise enough money to travel to Washington, D.C., in order to visit cultural offerings there, such as the Holocaust Museum and the Museum for African-American Art.

Majied's sentiments regarding student involvement are echoed by Brown. "Instead of sitting in their rooms watching T.V. or playing Nintendo, I hope students will start getting more involved", Brown says, adding, "I would also like to see us have activities for students who are on campus on the week-

ends." Hulvey says he would also like to see more activities offered on weekends. Since he is from a less rural setting where there is more going on, he says he becomes bored on the weekends.

Other M.C.A. officers are Javonne Whitfield V-President, Kierra Jones Secretary, Earlene Kincaid Treasurer and Deidra Kyle as Assistant Secretary. Hasan Majied President, states that as a whole all of the officers work together well.

"However, a lot of work and funds are needed to become a more effective organization.

Majied adds, "To learn about your culture is great, to learn about other cultures is even greater."

It came...and came again!



Members of CVC's maintenance department were busy Monday cleaning up the campus in an effort to open school after the second winter storm of the year. An estimated 12-14 inches of snow came in this storm. When will it ever end?

Series of events slated for Black History Month. In honor of Black History Month, Clinch Valley College has planned a series of events for the month of February. The leadership of the African American History Committee have chosen and several cultural events will be among the CVC presentations. The events will include...

PIANO PLAYER NEEDED. A piano player is needed by Clinch Valley College to play with the college choir being developed. Berea College will be providing assistance to CVC, but it is important for the group to have a pianist to accompany them. Interested musicians should call Mary Eubanks at (540) 328-0216.

Student Activities presented by Student Activities Board. February 12-13 pm in the Caterina Inman Hall Classroom. February 14-15 pm in the Caterina Inman Hall Classroom. February 16-17 pm in the Caterina Inman Hall Classroom. February 18-19 pm in the Caterina Inman Hall Classroom. February 20-21 pm in the Caterina Inman Hall Classroom.

Montreat beats Clinch Valley College in close game

Matt McCurry
Assistant Sports Editor

Clinch Valley College's five game winning streak came to an end January 24th when Montreat College came to Greer Gymnasium. It was a game the Cavs should have won easily.

A poor first half by Montreat left the opportunity open for CVC to build a large lead.

However, one bad half was courted by another and the Cavs entered the halftime up by only 30-23.

The second half was all Montreat as they came back and outscored CVC 42-33.

The final ended with the CVC losing to Montreat College as the Cavs blew four opportunities at the end of the game to win.

Mario Walker led the Cavs with 13 points with 10 in the first half. Clay Parker, Nat Hash, and Jim Porter each added 10 points.

The loss dropped CVC to 10-11 in conference play.



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The Cavs in a pregame huddle before their contest with Montreat College.

Lady Cavs beat Covenant

Mike LaCount
Sports Writer

Wendi Collier's triple-double led the Lady Cavs to victory over the Lady Scots of Covenant College.

The Lady Cavs, from the opening tip, took over both offensively and defensively. The Lady Cavs seemed to have little trouble scoring.

Whereas the Lady Scots had problems putting the ball through the hoop.

The Lady Cavs defense was executed well throughout the entire first half holding the Lady Scots to 23 points in the first half of play. Lady Cavs led 32-23.

The second half was no different. The Lady Cavs offense could not be stopped as the Lady Cavs went on a 20-9 tear with 12:23 left to go in the half.

The final score was 79-66. The Lady Cavs were led by Christy Gray with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Collier had an all around performance with 17 points, 15 rebounds, and 10 assists.

The Lady Scots only had six players dressed for the game against a healthy Lady Cavs team. This proved too much for the Lady Scots to overcome and ran out of gas in the second half.

CVC INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE 1996 SEASON

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The Sports Writers breakdown Super Bowl XXX

Stacy Nicholson
Sports Editor

Alas, everything is right with the football world. The beloved Dallas Cowboys sit atop the NFL as the champions for the third time in four years and avenging the Super Bowl losses issued to them by the great Steelers teams of the '70's.

Yet, the Cowboys were made to sweat in the last few minutes of the game. No doubt, Pittsburgh came to play but it was the power of the NFC that came to win.

After a week to reflect on the game, two keys won the game for the Cowboys. Number one would have to be the Cowboy defense. The return of Charles Haley and a defensive package that blitzed the shaky O'Donnell produced two costly turnovers to Larry Brown, which produced two Dallas touchdowns.

Second would have to be Troy Aikman. Aikman is the quarterback in the big game. He connected with the vast majority of his passes, with no interceptions.

Turnovers are the key in any big game. Either bad reads by O'Donnell or bad routes by Pittsburgh receivers cost them the most prestigious game of their careers. Perhaps they should have followed Ron Barhart's philosophy of ball control with a red hot Bam Morris instead of the four and five receiver sets.

Matt McCurry
Assistant Sports Editor

It finally lived up to its expectations. Instead of a one-sided game and a dominant victory by the NFC, the Super Bowl was finally exciting and in spite of how much I hate the Cowboys, I must say, the best team won.

A season of controversy ended for the Boys' who held off a late Pittsburgh rally to defeat the Steelers 27-17. First and foremost was the belief that they could not win the big game without the coach who created them. Barry Switzer is no Jimmy Johnson, but he proved to be enough. All season long Switzer had been labeled as the cause of Dallas' defeat and had been given no credit when they won. Maybe, finally, with this victory that will change.

As well as Switzer might have coached, the game was Pittsburgh's to seize. After coming back from a 13-0 deficit, Pittsburgh had the ball and a chance to take the lead late in the fourth. Hard nozed defense and a timely onside kick had allowed Pittsburgh to trail only 20-17, but they would score no more. Future MVP Larry Brown's second interception of Neil O'Donnell sealed the game for the Cowboys.

More important than the Cowboys' victory was Pittsburgh's defiance in defeat. Rather than fold as other AFC teams had done.

Mike LaCount
Sports Writer

Finally, a Super Bowl game that was more interesting than the Half-time Show.

The Cowboys, and most everyone else expected another Super Bowl blow out after one quarter of play. The Steelers seemed stunned by the Cowboys offense and defense while giving up 13 quick points.

However, with 13 seconds left to go in the first half, the Steelers scored a touchdown to change the momentum before the half.

When the second half started, the Steelers came out on fire. "Bam" Morris was able to run through the Cowboys defensive line without any problems.

Then the Super Bowl MVP Larry Brown took over. Brown caught the first of his two interceptions to give the Cowboys offense a chance to score their second touchdown.

Despite of what just happened, the Steelers defense did not let the Cowboys do anything. The Steelers scored a touchdown to close the gap. To keep the momentum going, the Steelers recovered the most incredible on side kick that fooled the entire Cowboy squad.

Then Brown intercepted his second pass and ran the ball back inside the five yard line. When the 'Boys scored, it was over.

NCAA admission standards may make college admission tougher for student athletes

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College Press Service

WASHINGTON—The next couple of years may be rocky for high school athletes hoping to shoot hoops or go out for a long pass in college.

New freshman eligibility standards by the National Collegiate Athletic Association raise the academic standards for getting into a college program, and some college officials say high school coaches and administrators may not be preparing athletes well enough to meet them.

The new requirements, called Proposition 16, set a sliding scale for freshman athletes entering college next fall. The scale combines a minimum grade-point average in 13 core courses with SAT or ACT scores and will replace Proposition 48, which current student-athletes met the eligibility requirements of when they signed on with a university. The new standards are significantly tougher than the old ones, according to the NCAA.

"I would be fool-hearted to think they weren't," said Donald Lemish, athletic director at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. The problem, opponents say, is that many high school seniors and even juniors are struggling to raise their standardized test scores and pull up their grades in order to qualify for athletic scholarships based on the new standards. And they do so without the proper advising by high school coaches and guidance counselors who may not be as informed on the changes, according to some college athletic officials.

"A lot of times many schools do not always have athletes go on to Division I," said Craig Angelos, assistant athletic director for compliance at the University of Miami.

"A lag time has passed on what's firmly understood in the high school world." When the high school coaches and guidance counselors are not as informed of the changes, they cannot advise student-athletes properly.

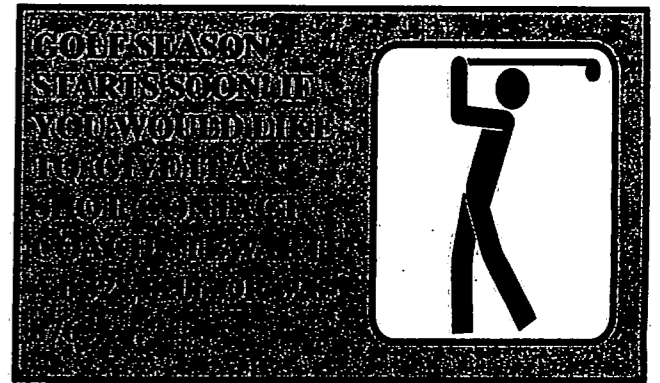
The NCAA, however, is trying to change that through better education of the high school administrators. To complicate the issue even more, the Princeton, N.J.-based College Board has reconfigured, or "recentered," the SAT scores.


What was once a 700 composite score now has to be an 820. A 900 on the SAT changed to a 1,010. A 21 ACT score is now an 86. "And that confuses prospects even more," Angelos said. Under Proposition 16, the number of core courses required has gone up to 13 and the minimum GPAs and minimum test scores have increased as well.

For instance, a 2.0 GPA will now require the equivalent of a 900 SAT. A student-athlete who scored 700 on the SAT last year will need a 2.5 GPA to be eligible for college play. Compare this to Proposition 48, in which to play in Division I sports as a freshman, an athlete had to have only a 2.0 GPA in 11 core courses and a 700 on the SAT. Some argue it is unfair to screen students, who are schooled differently, by standardized test scores.

Lemish admitted that the SAT scoring is "discriminatory," but says the sliding scale will "level out the playing field." Using SAT and ACT scores adds an element of consistency to an otherwise subjective process, said Lisa Hibbs, athletic academic coordinator at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. "It's a measuring stick that everyone uses," she said. "The only thing to get out there and compare with is a standardized test. No test is a fair test to use." Lemish said the SAT score generally has been discriminatory.

"I personally agree with that," he said. "The NCAA heard enough about that, and that's why they came along with Proposition 16." Hibbs said her university ad-





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The musical *Annie* is loosely based on the cartoon strip about the ageless orphan, her adoptive "Daddy" Warbucks and Annie's faithful canine companion, Sandy.

Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. at J.J. Kelly High School

Admission is free for CVC students *who* show a valid I.D. card at the door. The production, part of the W. Canby Edmonds Memorial Concert Series, is co-sponsored by Piggly Wiggly.

The story begins at a young age where Annie dreams of finding her parents and sings the wistful "Maybe." Her chit-chatting Miss Hannigan bursts in to make all the orphans scrub the floor, "I wish they'd die rollicking 'It's a Hard-Knock Life.'"

Singing her signature tune, "Tomorrow" Annie determinedly sets out to find her parents. First, though, she finds others who are even worse off in a shantytown caught in the midst of the Great Depression, where she rescues Sandy from the dogcatcher.

When Annie lands an invitation to the Warbucks mansion for Christmas 1933, Miss Hannigan is predictably livid, until her brother Rooster and his girlfriend Lucy concoct a scheme to bilk the billionaire Warbucks.

Touched by her wastefulness, Oliver Warbucks goes on a radio show with Annie to plead for her real parents' return. Then the billionaire industrialist carries his search to the White House, where FDR is so charmed by Annie and her song "Tomorrow" that he is inspired to invent the New Deal.

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