Debates present candidate hopefuls

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As the semester comes to a close, another factor has just begun. Elections are coming up and new positions for the SGA presidency will soon be vacant. On April 15, candidates for presidency were heard. These candidates are Mike Murrell-Fields, Aaron Finney, Daniel Goodwin, and Charles Hartgrove. Each candidate had five minutes maximum for their platform speeches, two minutes for the question and answer session from the panelist, and the last 10 minutes they received questions from the audience and gave brief answers. After all questions were answered, the closing remarks were made by Chris Cline. The panelist consisted of Chris Cline and Melinda Wadell.

Opening remarks were made by each candidate, the first to go was Aaron Finney. Finney said that he would like to improve the college moral and the commuter student involvement. He would also like to see the growth between college and town leaders continue. Charles Hartgrove said “My concentration is on commuters and tuition.” Hartgrove also said that he knows students want to know what is going on and that he’ll try his best to let the students know. Daniel Goodwin said, “I will work hard to do my best and I would like to help commuters.” He also says that even though he’s a simple person, he will try his best to be the best. Mike Murrell-Fields said that in his opinion, the student body comes first and that he wants Clinch Valley College to be a whole and not just individuals here and there. After the opening remarks were made, the question and answer session started.

In the question and answer session, each candidate had two minutes to answer the questions asked. The first question was: “What does it mean to you to be the SGA President?” Finney said, “SGA means more than holding up a meeting and I want the presidency because I feel I have a commitment to the students and college.” Hartgrove made the statement that the senate is important and he feels that he is a responsible leader. “I feel like I owe something back to the college after being here for four years,” Goodwin said.

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Has the info-highway passed you by?

The John Cook Wyllie Library will take you for a cruise on the information superhighway as part of "Log on at the Library" Day scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, during National Library Week. Patrons may browse the computerized card catalog and online databases available to access the collection management system, using library computer terminals. The display case will show what the day is all about.

"Libraries are the public's on-ramp to the information superhighway," explains Library Director, Barbara Sheehan. "Wednesday is April 14-20. "Log on Day" is being sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) as a way of showing the wide range of information available online on the vast global network of computer databases found in the information superhighway. The Library will be having a "treasure hunt" during National Library Week with prizes given to students who currently find the answers found in one of the many databases found in the Library.

Each library will pose two questions; students will drop off the answers or a junk of the Circulation Desk. The next day, those correct will receive the prize awarded from those in the display case. One grand prize will be drawn at the end of the week. Try your luck and knowledge on our databases and win a prize!"

ELECTION RULES

Approved by the SGA on April 6, 1996

1. The campaign, copy and other equipment of the Student Government Association may not be used for the production of campaign materials.

2. The Highlander student may be used on campaign material with an ad being placed in the paper, subject to the editor's rules and regulations.

3. All candidates must campaign on the main campus within Student Union and Student Center.

4. Candidates must campaign for the period of time as stated in the campaign order and not thereafter.

5. All candidates must be available to take the oath of office on the 15th of April.

6. All candidates must be available to the campaigning submitted.

7. The candidate who is the winner in the election will be the winner by the Election Committee.

8. The CVC Honor Code applies to every aspect of the Election.

CVC's summer rates announced


PayrollDirect For your Information the last pay period for student assistants to receive their paycheck was the week of May 19. The next payroll period will be May 30. If you are working after May 19th, you will not be paid. If you are interested in a job, you will need to be a day or more from the quicksand often in order to reach your goals.

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"What is the student center?" Doug Barreset

"A place where art can be exhibited," says Crystal Collins, who will be graduating next spring. The Highland Cavalier incorrectly stated that she would be graduating this spring. Our apologies to Crystal.

"Food, games, study areas, open 24 hours a day," says Daniel Goodfriend displays a sign showing his candidacy for SGA President.

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"Just think it needs to have games, pool tables, ping-pong, lots of food, and should be open 24 hours a day," says Patty Salyers.

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**Clinch Valley’s professors at a glance**

NAME: Dr. Garrett W. Sheldon, Chair of the Political Science and Social Science Department. Telephone: (319) 271-2876. Office: 328-2000. Dr. Sheldon is also in charge of the Theta Chi fraternity. He is known for his Charismatic approach to teaching and his ability to connect with students on both a personal and academic level. Dr. Sheldon is a vocal advocate for the importance of community service and encourages his students to become active members of the community.

NAME: Dr. Beverly Tyler, Professor of History. Her research interests include the history of the American West and the impact of technology on society. Dr. Tyler is also the advisor for the college’s history club and is known for her engaging lectures.

NAME: Dr. Daniel Cline, Professor of English. His research focuses on American literature and he is the author of several books on the subject. Dr. Cline is also a popular speaker at conferences and workshops on writing and literature.

NAME: Dr. Michael Blackham, Assistant Professor of Business Administration. His research interests include entrepreneurship and small business management. Dr. Blackham is also the advisor for the college’s entrepreneurship club.

NAME: Dr. Mary Quinn, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Her research focuses on the effects of technology on mental health. Dr. Quinn is also the advisor for the college’s psychology club and is known for her innovative teaching methods.

NAME: Dr. Ryan Ball, Professor of Education. His research interests include educational technology and the use of digital media in the classroom. Dr. Ball is also the advisor for the college’s education club.

NAME: Dr. Peter Magnan, Assistant Professor of Fine Arts. His research focuses on the history of art and the role of art in society. Dr. Magnan is also the advisor for the college’s art club and is known for his energetic and engaging lectures.

NAME: Dr. Darrell O’Quinn, Associate Professor of Economics. His research focuses on economic inequality and the impact of global trade. Dr. O’Quinn is also the advisor for the college’s economics club and is known for his practical and applied research.

**WEITZMAN student leader education**

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The student and parent groups that are organizing the event are preparing for the day's activities. A student who is a member of one of these groups is also a student of that major. The second student gives a brief overview of the project, which is to be presented in a few minutes. Dr. Weitzman introduces the topic, "The Triangles Contests," and emphasizes the importance of student involvement.

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HC debates show diverse opinions concerning CI inch Valley College

Goodwin and Sheldon are both passionate about their positions. Goodwin argues that the SGA should be more involved in the decision-making process, while Sheldon believes that the SGA should focus on providing services to the students. The debate continues, with both sides presenting their arguments.

**In particular, I would like to thank the student body as well as my senators and executive officers because they did an outstanding job.**

"We'll have a better chance of getting more student support trust needed, more move towards the honor court is a very important part of the system. Goodwin has been the main person in this area.

The next question referred to the weaknesses of the current SGA. Fields said, "We're not involved in the meetings and tasks. He also added that the SGA needs a schedule when it is convenient for everyone. Goodwin believes that conversation must be made clear.

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Ramsey uses the spring to build another winner at Clinch Valley

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Sports Editor

Coach Bill Ramseyer has been busy recruiting the area for new talent this spring. Ramseyer is looking to bring some scholarship money to the program next season. We hope to be in a position to help little kids, but we also are looking from some others for that as well at Clinch Valley. The annual Red-Grey intrasquad scrimmage will take place on Friday, April 26 at 8:30 at Carroll High School. The Highland Care­ tors will practice both the offensive and defensive sides next week.

"Coaching is teaching, your classroom is on the field. I'm a fan of being positive, and in our coaching philosophy, we want to portray that to our squad," Ramseyer said. There will be no changes in the coaching staff for next season. Coach Ramseyer will need to find some replacements for last year's returning squad like receiver Cullen Brown, defensive tackle and punter Redgeman Slusher, and tight end Shad Bell.

The willingness to play us.

Football may not be a spring sport, but that's what I like to do. I'm very much the kind of person who wants to teach, to make a mark in your profession, if there aren't any regulations anywhere in the world to go by. Although there is no time in place for moving to a conference, Ramseyer said that they are exploring all possibilities. In the five years of the football program, scheduling has been a major concern for Ramsey. "I told the players last week. They had heard some of the rumors and I thought I should tell them what was going on," said Mitchell.

Mitchell steps down as men's head coach to accept Powell Valley coaching job

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Men's head coach, Preston Mitchell, held the position of recruiting and coaching at Clinch Valley to accept a position at Powell Valley High School. "I am officially resigning effective June 30, which is the end of my contract year," said Mitchell. Mitchell said that that was announced by Powell Valley High School. His departure after the season was over for an open history teacher position. After talking with them [Powell Valley], I thought I should let them know how I was feeling about the program, and I thought I should tell them what was going on," said Mitchell.

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ally been more of an athletic team person and been more of a team player. And now, people have questions, they turn to me for an answer. I think that the knowledge base that I had was built on from the way that I was raised. It was built on from several events I had experienced; however, that was a small part compared to what has happened this year," says Hicks.

Hicks also stated, "Each representative, brought forth new ideas, listened to how things used to be, how things are, how they like to see things, I think our group came up with our way instead of saying this is my way, this is our way or this is how it used to be, and but this is our way."

"We honestly created a team. I drew back on what I knew, I set back, I learn to trust people and when you trust people around you tend to show trust. They trust you and they will help you. We really have prospered. Our administration did an excellent job, and I will compliment them all the way down the line," said President Hicks.

President Hicks said that if he could go back to the beginning of the year and could change things, he would not change anything about the way the SGA has been running during the year.

"Hindsight is always 20-20. Given any situation that has arisen throughout the year, and the way that we, the SGA adapted, and overcame those events that did come up and what few did come up. No, I don't think that I would change the way we did anything because I think we as an SGA handled ourselves in a very professional manner, and we as an SGA worked through things in a very methodical way so as to promote professionalism, promote the fact that we were a legitimate organization and administration," said President Hicks.

"Past SGA Presidents cannot tell the next SGA President and the Administration how to run itself because President Hicks said that it is their administration. He can give advice and show the next administration what they did, but no one can force anyone to do it like the former administration had done it.

"I can't tell them what to do because when the elections are over and they are officially sworn in, it is their administration and it is time for me and this year's administration to sit back and let things go and let them develop their own leadership and their style, said Hicks. "If there is anything I can advise them to do, it is to keep in mind you are an elected official of the student body and the student body did put you in office. So keep those people in mind. I also would like to see increased student involvement with events."

Issues are always there. Last year in the Presidential debates, there were issues such as commuter parking and have more commuter involvement in all events.

"You have the same issues every year. Entertainment, commuter parking, and various issues on budgets. The whole thing that it boils down to is how well next year's SGA will be able to involve the students, community, faculty, administration, and staff to come up with a starting point to improve in all of those issues," states Hicks.

"Each issue whether it will be parking, food services, entertainment, community events, XYZ for us; we need to do XYZ for the community. We need to make the school progress not degree. SGA needs to think about those issues and develop a starting point to ways that they can alleviate some of the problems in those issues," Hicks said.

A new issue that was brought up during the debate is the work-college concept. The work-college concept is like that of Berea College. Students will work a certain number of hours in return for not paying tuition.

"I think there are mixed feelings with that and there will be questions raised about that; however, I feel that this is more than a SGA decision. This involves Administration, the student body, parents, community and it also involves the University of Virginia, as well as the SGA," says Hicks.

"I think that will be an issue and each candidate does need to think about that and how they will respond. As I said in an earlier issue of The Highland Cavalier, once the nuts and bolts of the program are worked out then it will be the'some of the responsibility of the SGA and student body. SGA next year needs to tap into the student body opinion and they need to represent thoroughly in that sense, says Hicks. "By doing that, the SGA can get the point across that this is how the students feel because not a lot of the students right now have shown interest in the program. I have heard mixed feelings. No one has come forward with a positive stance as far as the student body is concerned."

"I probably would have run again whether I have had of won or not remains to be seen, but yes I probably would have run again because I have enjoyed this year. I have enjoyed representing the student body and I hope that we have done a good enough job to represent the student body and facilitate their need the best that we could this year," says outgoing President Hicks.

Hicks also went on to say, "The key was the one semester and it would not have been fair to the student body; if I would have been elected. I do have mixed feelings, but I think that you do in any leadership role that you take. It is almost a changing of the guard so to speak and it is time the student body do things their way. Mr. Joe Carico, 1994-95 SGA president, administration was the stepping stone to ward everything about the SGA. We helped first lay the new administration. They can take there different ideas and hold some of the same things of Mr. Carico's presidency and his administration and our administration. I will not take credit for anything because we all did it. We all worked, we all worked diligently. Hopefully, the new SGA will take the ideas of Carico's and our Administration's ideas and put them together with some new things with any organization or business. A change is necessary. You have some things that work and some things that don't throughout the year. You pull the things that work and the throw the things out that don't. I am having mixed feelings. I have enjoyed representing students and watching the SGA work this year and accomplish a whole a lot of things. I am impressed with them. Our administration is one of the hardest working group of people that I have ever seen," says Hicks.

"I want to thank this year's Administration for all the work that they have done. I also want to thank Melinda Wadell and Brandi Teasley for heading up the Elections. I want to give thanks to the student body for allowing all of us to serve as your SGA. I want to give thanks also to The Highland Cavalier for being fair and just to each and everyone of us this year and for their efforts in making the SGA members known," said President Hicks.

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