Lounges were turned into rooms

McCraray residents deal with overcrowding

David Grimes
Staff Writer
Andrea Waldron
Staff Writer

The rise in Clinch Valley College’s incoming student population in recent years has placed campus housing with the burdens of growth and development.

Overcrowded men’s quarters in McCraray Hall forced students to live in the second and third floor lounges and in resident assistant rooms in the beginning of the ‘96 fall semester.

A majority of these men have now been moved from lounge quarters into regular residence rooms.

Lounges quarters were turned into rooms by roommate pairs, but lack of privacy was an issue among residents since the lounge’s windows do not have blinds and phone lines have not been installed.

Mary Eubanks, director of student affairs, said overcrowded residence halls are a concern.

Eubanks cited Clinch Valley’s Open Admissions Policy as a reason why so many freshmen students are now living in residence halls.

“Any institution wants to start at 100% occupancy. It’s like an airline, you’ll make more reservations than you know you’ll be able to fill, because you know you will lose people...and that is what has happened this year,” said Eubanks.

Eubanks acknowledged a plan could be developed to renovate lounge rooms in order to accommodate for more male students.

“This happened so fast,” said Eubanks, “and I know there are things that slipped through the cracks.”

Eubanks said changing Crockett from a co-ed residence hall to an all-male building would not solve the dilemma and only eliminate single rooms for women.

Eubanks also added that dividing McCraray into either male or female floors would create the same overcrowded situation with female residents.

According to Eubanks, the residence halls will no longer be at 100% occupancy after Sept. 9 since some students will decide to leave the college.

“I didn’t find out until two days before I arrived that I was going to be in the lounge,” said Freshman Doug Arrington.

Arrington, along with three other males, resided in the third floor lounge before being moved elsewhere on campus.

McCraray resident Drew Lowery said, “They should have taken the time to make room. When we have people living in lounges, it’s kinda bad.”

Freshman Mike Branson, “The college should not have admitted people if they did not have the room.”

Crockett resident Josh Brooks added, “It is detrimental to students to live in lounges and with Residence Assistants. As a result, students are unable to enjoy the full college experience.”

No answer in sight for commuter parking problems

Amy Howard
News Editor

Students dealing with overcrowded parking areas in both upper and lower commuter lots may find it even harder to find parking spaces in the months ahead as construction begins on the John Wylie Cook library.

Swin Ewing, vice chancellor for administration, said there is no immediate answer in sight to increase parking areas for commuter students. Ewing noted that several faculty parking spaces will be taken once construction begins on the library addition. The loss of faculty parking spaces near Zehmer will only aggravate the parking situation, said Ewing.

Ewing added that a master plan highlighting physical changes to the campus is currently under development with enlargement and additional parking areas being considered. “The honest answer right now is that there are no plans for increased parking at the present time. We need to address how much parking is needed and how to pay for it,” said Ewing.

Ewing said the master plan will be ready for submission to the state after the first week of October. If the plan is approved, college officials can begin raising funds to cover the costs of additional parking.

According to Clinch Valley College Director of Financial Services Richard Kendrick, an investigation was conducted two years ago by a parking committee that found 300 spaces were needed to provide commuter students with adequate parking facilities.

The parking committee proposal PARKING, see pg. 4

Welcome back to Clinch Valley College!
This is my first editorial of the year. As fall begins, I am prepared to write something about the opening of the new school year. With all of the new student that now call Clench Valley home, I would like to talk about word of...

Page 2

Opinion

Editors speak on college and responsibility

This is my first editorial of the year. As fall begins, I am prepared to write something about the opening of the new school year. With all of the new student that now call Clench Valley home, I would like to talk about word of...
Smashing Pumpkins kidnap seven astronauts

Adam Barrell
Entertainment Editor

It was pyrotechnics extraitordinaire, bald headed wizardry, and re-vamped rock machines on Wednesday, September 4 when teams of hipsters convened once again on New York City's Radio City Music Hall for the 12th Annual MTV Video Music Awards. Saturday Night Live talk show host Dennis Miller was the emcee for the gala showcasing this year's biggest and brightest in the world of music video.

The evening's big winners were the Smashing Pumpkins who took home seven of the eight moon-men for which they were nominated. Among those seven were the awards for Best Alternative Video ("1997") and Best Video of the Year ("Tonight, Tonight.").

The Pumpkins, who opened up the night with a full-on orchestral performance of "Tonight, Tonight", were gracious in accepting their numerous awards.

After accepting the award for Best Alternative Video, frontman Billy Corgan served his duty as crown-prince of the alternative nation elite in stating that "We're happy we're still alternative...we were wondering."

He went on to say "We're very proud to be an alternative band and I know the term has been bullied around. The fact of the matter is that's what we came from and its been bands like Soundgarden and Nirvana and others of our 'elitique' that have made music so exciting this past six or seven years. We're just happy to be a part of it."

This was the first time the Pumpkins have ever come away winners being nominated only once before in '94 for their "Disarm" video. Their latest album, Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness has sold six million copies, more than any other double CD in history, outselling Michael Jackson's History album to earn the distinction.

The Pumpkins' success at the award show certainly did not hurt them as the latest Billboard report showing Mellon Collie at #3 this week, up from 45. Following the Pumpkins in the space guy feast were Alanis Morissette and Coolio with three moon-men a piece. Alanis came away with the awards for Best Female Video, Best New Artist, and Best Editing in a Video, all for the "Ironic" video. Coolio's silver rush included awards for Best Rap Video (Gangsta's Paradise) and Best Dance Video ("1,2,3,4 Sumpin' new").

Coolio was humble in accepting his Best Rap Video award in stating that "Everyone nominated for this award should have won. They're all the best." Other winners included Bush, who won the Viewer's Choice Award for their "Glycerine" video and the Fugees, winners of the Best R&B Video for their rendition of the old Roberta Flack song "Killing Me Softly".

Several hot performances were turned in by Alanis Morissette, Bone Thugs & Harmony, and Metallica among others.

Alanis brought everyone to their feet in ovation when she performed the untitled track off of her Jagged Little Pill album with only an acoustic guitarist for accompaniment.

As usual, Oasis bought their cocky Brit-boy swagger on stage with them, spitting and throwing a beer bottle at the crowd.

Speaking of Oasis, it was reported by the BBC on Thursday the 12th that lead guitarist and songwriter, Noel Gallagher had flown home to London and that the band was no more.

Oasis was currently in the middle of their American mini-tour that had already seen constant fending among the band.

Noel's brother and lead singer Liam Gallagher had only recently rejoined the band after opting out of the tour because of a "sore throat and residential instability". That was all that was available at press time.

The hottest performance of the night came when Kiss, original lineup with makeup and all, performed under the Brooklyn Bridge to close out the show.

The boys performed their world famous sound check "Rock and Roll All Night" in all of their mid seventies glory which included towering infernos, a bombastic and spectacular fireworks display, and one demolished guitar courtesy of Paul Stanley. And of course no KISS show would be complete without the tongue-work of the almighty Gene Simmons.

Perhaps the biggest event of the night was the reunion of the original lineup of Van Halen. The return of frontman Sammy Hagar made way for the return of David Lee Roth. Roth, still displaying that same old Vegas strut and Hollywood smile, appeared on stage with the rest of Van Halen for the first time in over a decade to present the award for Best Male Video to Beck for his "Where It's At" video.

Roth wasted no time in letting the world know that he was back as he hammered it up, shaking his hips and communicating with the crowd in a body language that can only be spoken by Dave.

The crowd, which consisted mostly of the twentysomething music elite who grew up adoring and rocking out to Van Halen, reacted by presenting Dave with a standing ovation.

"It's like we've come full circle and it's good to have the Halen back to kick some ass and whip everyone back into shape," said Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan.

As usual, MTV will without a doubt be a part of it as quickly as possible.

Gardner noted that he has instructed the police force to be more lenient issuing parking tickets when commuter areas are filled. Even though police will be more sympathetic to the overcrowded parking situation, Gardner said that parking in handicap and grass areas will not be tolerated.

We are trying to increase fines for parking in handicap spaces and grass areas. When students park on the grass it is torn up and becomes muddy, that takes effort and money to fix. A regular ticket violation costs $7, so we feel that parking on the grass should cost a little more since you have to repair the site," Gardner said.

Senior Matt Clark added, "I usually park up on the hill and it's horrendous. I'm not one of these people who wants to pave over all the grass, but I really think we should do something about the problem. We should install a parking garage with the new complex by Zduner—it would beat walking from the top of the hill!"

PARKING, from pg. 1.

was submitted to upper management in 1994 with plans to develop larger parking areas in both the upper and lower campus, Kendrick said. The committee has not met to discuss current parking problems in over two years, and Kendrick said there are no plans to meet in the near future.

Kendrick said that officials are considering paving the former trailer lot on the lower commuter parking area, but the cost of paving the area could run as high as $60,000.

He also noted that preliminary plans are being discussed for a parking area in the front of Smiddy Hall and beside Crockett Residence Hall.

Construction equipment located on the upper campus commuter parking area had eliminated more than half a row of parking spaces, forcing students to park along side the gravel roadside toward Clinic Valley's maintenance building.

CVC Police Chief Ed Gardner said that efforts are being made to remove the equipment from the area as quickly as possible.

Gardner noted that he has instructed the police force to be more lenient issuing parking tickets when commuter areas are filled.

Even though police will be more sympathetic to the overcrowded parking situation, Gardner said that parking in handicap and grass areas will not be tolerated.

In case you might have missed this year's awards show, don't fret. As usual, MTV will without a doubt air the show, in its entirety numerous times in the weeks to come.

Try and check out the pre and post awards shows which include insightful interviews with the Smashing Pumpkins, Oasis, Bone Thugs & Harmony, and the whole gang again Van Halen.

Also, be sure to check out MTV online at www.mtv.com.

ENROLL, from pg. 1.

maintain a 2.5 GPA to receive the tuition discount.

Dawn Kiser, a CVC student from Nona, Ky., said, "I wanted to come to Clinch Valley, but I would have been too expensive. If the rates hadn't been lowered I wouldn't be here."

There are currently 30 students attending Clinch Valley who reside in Ky. Director of Enrollment Manage-