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With November around the corner

Senate candidate speaks in Norton

Stacy Nicholson
Editor-in-Chief

The campaign trail led to Norton, Virginia on Saturday, September 14 for several Democratic candidates.

Among those included Senate candidate Mark Warner, Congressman Rick Boucher, and Delegate Bud Phillips.

The candidates were part of the annual Wise County and City of Norton Democratic Women's Club's Fall Luncheon at the Norton Holiday Inn.

Mark Warner, who is the Democratic candidate opposing incumbent GOP candidate John Warner, spoke about a number of issues. Among those was the education of Virginia's youth.

After visiting Clinch Valley College and seeing the

new connector classroom, Warner said, "We are stepping forward in the Commonwealth of Virginia. If we do not make the investment in education, we will continue to see

the exodus of young people to Roanoke, Richmond, and Northern Virginia."

Warner, who went to college through financial aid, also spoke about the importance of the studies paying for higher education. Warner also said that John Warner voted against the student loan program.

Warner also spoke about the importance of the Head Start program in Southwest Virginia. Warner claimed that John Warner wanted to cut this program.

Warner also wants to increase spending on vocational schools that will prepare some students with job skills in today's workplace.

The rest of the program was filled with comments from other candidates, as well as elections of officers for the women's club.



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Democrat Mark Warner

Future of yearbook to be decided by SGA

Amy Howard
News Editor

Students awaiting a 1996-1997 yearbook may be sadly disappointed as Student Government members meet Wednesday to decide the fate of The Outpost.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Gary Juhan said Monday that efforts are being made to determine whether a yearbook for the current year is economically feasible.

A yearbook has not been produced since 1994, though funds have been allocated each year.

Juhan said he and Student Government President Willie Maxwell have recently discussed the possibility of producing a yearbook for the 1996-1997 school year.

The decision will be made by the Student Government at their meeting on Wednesday.

"There hadn't been a yearbook produced in two years and students have been asking why we were still giving The Outpost money though nothing had been printed," said Fields.

The results of the elections determined that a majority of students would rather do away with The Outpost and allocate funds to other organizations. Juhan said that he is willing to produce a 96-97 yearbook, but he will leave the decision in the hands of the Student Government.

"I am not sure that the concept of a yearbook has not outlived its usefulness in terms of how students see it," Juhan said. "As I told the SGA, I am willing to lead a team that will raise \$12,000 that can go to other organizations."

Student demand for an Outpost edition will be questioned during the Student Government meeting on Wednesday.

YEARBOOK 2000

Clinch Valley declared second safest college in Virginia

CVC Press Release

Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia is the second safest four-year state college in Virginia, according to an annual report issued by the Virginia State Police.

CVC finished second only to the Virginia Military Institute in total number of crimes committed on campus during 1995.

The College reported only thirteen crimes in 1995, compared to fifteen in 1994.

Clinch Valley was declared the state's safest college in 1994, as VMI reported nineteen crimes that year.

Of the thirteen crimes reported to the Virginia State Police by

CVC's campus police in 1995, five were cases of larceny, five were cases of aggravated assault, and three were burglaries.

The College had no reported cases of motor vehicle theft, robbery, rape or murder, the other categories of crimes in the report.

"There is an understanding among our students that the campus police are here to keep Clinch Valley as crime free as possible," —Ed Gardner

Ed Gardner, Captain of CVC's Campus Police, said the College historically ranks at the bottom of such crime reports, something he attributes to the College's location,

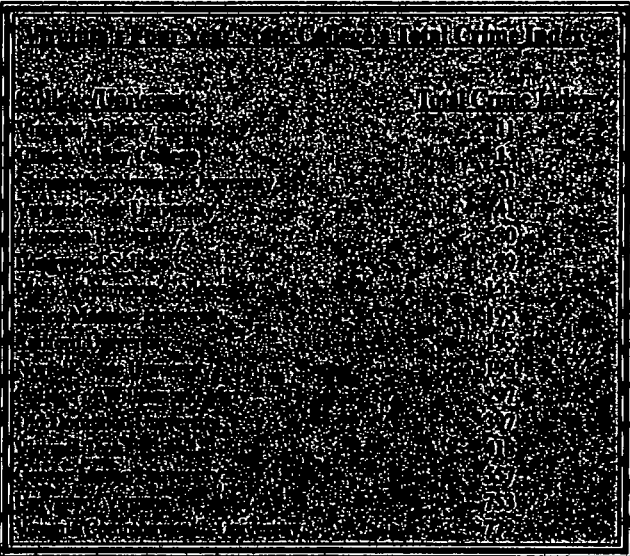
sense of community and respect for its on-campus police force.

"We've always had a good relationship with the students here," said Gardner. "There is an understanding among our students that the campus police are here to keep Clinch Valley as crime free as possible."

State law requires all state colleges that maintain campus police forces to report crimes to the Virginia State Police.

The figures are included in an annual report called "Crime in Virginia" and are also forwarded to the FBI as part of that agency's Uniform Crime Reporting system.

Virginia Western Community College was selected as the safest college among two-year colleges.



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No person is your friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow.
—Alice Walker, author 1983

Opinion

Editor opens forum on complaining at CVC

Why do people complain about everything on this campus?

Excuse me for talking about this subject, but it seems like everyone has a beef with everything on this campus. Last week for example, as I was passing out newspapers, a student said to me, "Man, this paper is too thin."

I didn't take offense to the remark at first, but when I returned back to my room, I felt bad for everyone who pours their heart out every week trying to reach deadlines and balance out their other important activities. I admire the staff of the *Highland Cavalier* for their hard work and dedication.

I admire the students who play sports and give up their time to go out there and lay it all on the line.

I admire students who go out into the community to make a difference. This editorial is not aimed at the active people on this cam-

pus.

I remember my freshman year when I heard people with the same old tired remarks like, "I'm bored," or the ever popular, "There is nothing to do here." I cannot disagree more. There are mountain paths to explore and culture to experience.

Sure, there is nothing to do if you sit in your room and stare at a television screen. I would hate to think that all of the myths about Generation X are true, but in some cases, my elders are correct.

I remember how people my freshman year used to laugh at me because I was involved in a club or organization. "Why are you wasting your time?" they would ask. I wanted to make a difference. By the way, a lot of those guys failed out

of college. So if you subscribe to the philosophy of existentialism, which states that you defined by

leage anyone out there who feels bored sitting there in their rooms, drinking beer or playing Sega to go out and make a difference in the community. It sure beats laying around and doing nothing all day.

There are so many activities to do out there. Clinch Valley is a great place to become a college leader.

For example, the SGA and SAB are great places to go to get active in the college

community. The BSU and Wesley Foundation provide students of the Christian faith to get together for good fellowship and fun.

The Commuter Club is an organization that provides commuter students the forum to meet and discuss issues that affect them.

Greek organizations provide an outlet for social interaction for all students.

The Residence Life Council provides college residents with the opportunity to get involved with programming decisions.

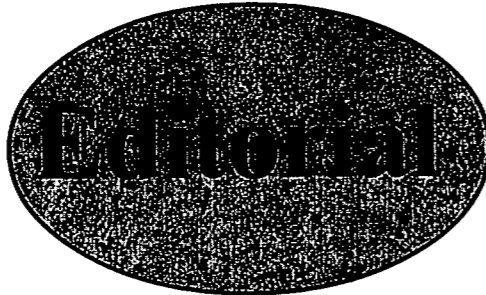
Intramurals provide students with the opportunity to get involved with sports and other activities.

There is a club or organization out there for everybody, signing up is solely left up to the individual.

With so much to do out there, then boredom exists only in the minds of the lazy.

Go out and join a club. You may even enjoy yourself or make a new friend. The world is yours, enjoy it. Take advantage of what is offered during your four or five years at Clinch Valley.

Stacy Allen Nicholson
Editor-in-Chief



what you do on this planet, then the small college setting is for you.

So, if you feel like complaining the whole day long, keep it to yourself please. Complaining simply gets nothing done and besides, it is a waste of time.

Instead of complaining, I chal-

Cavalettes recognize Lawson

The Cavalettes would like to recognize Valarie Lawson, our sponsor, and to express our appreciation for everything that she does for us.

Valarie has been working with the Cavalettes since the dance team was established in 1991.

She was not only a great help in the establishment of the team, she has continued to work toward its recognition and credibility on campus.

The Cavalettes Dance Team is a fairly new organization, and thanks to the hard work of people like Valarie, we have grown to be recognized as part of the CVC tra-

dition. Besides Valarie's work toward the establishment and recognition

Valarie (Lawson) is more than a sponsor, she is a leader and a friend to each and every member of the Cavalettes.

of the dance team, she also works hard to hold our team together.

Valarie's "behind-the-scenes"

work is a huge part of the reason we are able to continue as a dance team. Valarie is more than a sponsor, she is a leader and a friend to each and every member of the Cavalettes. Through this article, we hope to give her a small portion of the recognition she deserves. Thank you, Valarie, for a job well done.

The Cavalettes
Sherry Roberts (Captain)
Tammy Graham (Co-Captain)
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Clinch Valley awarded planning grant for radio station

CVC Press Release

Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia has been awarded a grant to study the possibility of establishing a non-commercial radio station at the College.

The grant, totaling \$10,427, was issued under the Public Telecommunication Facilities Program, administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

The money will be used primarily for engineering surveys, geographic studies, and surveys of local community interest.

If sufficient space is found in the radio spectrum to allow a new sta-

tion, and if the necessary community support is determined, the College will then attempt to obtain the necessary funding for construction of a station.

A potential source is the National Telecommunications Facilities Program, which funds both planning and construction grants. The College might also seek the support of private individuals and foundations, local businesses, broadcasting companies and local and state agencies.

Scott Pippin, Director of College Relations, said receiving the planning grant is the first step in a lengthy process for the College.

"We want to stress that this grant allows us to do an engineering re-

port and to find out if there is adequate community interest for a radio station. I'm confident that interest does exist, and I'm hopeful we'll find an open spot on the radio dial. But even with the best of luck, we're still looking at a couple of years before we could start broadcasting," said Pippin.

Pippin stressed that such a station, were it to become a reality, would be non-commercial, meaning it would be located somewhere between 88 and 92 on the FM band.

The station would not be in competition with other local stations. The station would likely try to become a National Public Radio affiliate, with heavy emphasis to-

ward local public affairs and news programming.

CVC will also study the possibility of integrating such a station into its communications curriculum.

Presently, the curriculum is print-oriented. Discussions will be held concerning student involve-

ment in programming the station. Far Southwest Virginia does not have the nearest non-commercial stations in Virginia are in the New River Valley.

The College hopes its station, if it becomes a reality, will provide community and public service to the area.

Jewish holidays celebrated

David Grimes
Staff Writer

The month of September contains two of the most important holidays in the Jewish religion.

Rosh Hashannah is observed the evening of Friday Sept 13, and Saturday Sept. 14.

Rosh Hashannah is the Jewish New Year. According to the Jewish Calendar the current date is 5757.

Rosh Hashannah is usually celebrated by the eating of apples and honey.

This represents the upcoming

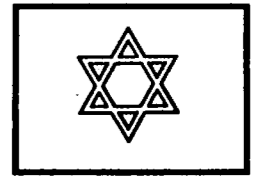
year and the hope that it will be sweet.

The next holiday, Yom Kippur, is celebrated the evening of Sunday Sept. 22, and Monday Sept. 23, is more spiritually serious.

Yom Kippur is the day of atonement, or forgiveness, in which the whole day is usually spent praying.

Yom Kippur is also celebrated by the observer fasting for the entire day.

As a result of the small percentage Jewish students on campus, there are no services for these holidays on campus.



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Sports

Cavs continue to roll after win at Chowan College

Jason Hulvey
Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 21, the Highland Cavaliers headed to Murfreesboro, N.C. to take on the Chowan Braves.

CVC came into the game looking for continued improvement following their 17-14 win last week.

The Chowan Braves came into Saturday's game with a record of 1-1, after defeating Gallaudet University last week. On offense, the Braves ran a basic pro-set style offensive scheme. The defensive side of the football for the Braves feature a multiple 40 defense.

Clinch Valley got on the scoreboard first following the first of five Chowan turnovers.

Clinch Valley holds off Ferrum to improve to 2-0

Jason Rodriguez
Sports Editor
Jason Hulvey
Staff Writer

On Saturday September 14, the Highland Cavaliers traveled to Ferrum College in hopes of making improvements from their win over Cumberland University the week before.

Despite shaky, early defense in their first game, the Cavs look to put up a strong defensive effort. Offensively, Clinch Valley hoped to be more consistent and play hard nosed football for all four quarters.

This was the first ever meeting between Ferrum and Clinch Valley. Ferrum display a pro-set offensive scheme, and a basic 40 on defense. The Panthers came into the game hoping to show improvements from their 42-7 loss to Wesley, DE in their opener.

Clinch Valley struck first after both teams were forced to punt on their opening possessions. On Ferrum's second possession, Senior linebacker Rodney Stanley picked off a pass from Ferrum quarterback Josh Whitley at the Ferrum 28 yard line, and the Cavs were in business.

Ferrum's defense stiffened, however, and the Cavaliers had to settle for a 30 yard field goal from Hay Withrow. So with 5:17 left in the first quarter, the Clinch Valley Cavs had a 3-0 lead.

An interception at the Braves' 22 yard line gave the Cavaliers great field position and a very good chance to score. The Cavs did not let this chance pass by, as back Greg Thomas scored from the 1 yard line. Withrow made the extra point, and the Cavs had a 7-0 lead.

This would turn out to be the only scoring of the first half. Both teams displayed outstanding defense during the second quarter. The only other scoring threat came when CVC went on a 10 play, 54 yard drive. This ended at the Chowan 20 yardline when the Cavs committed their second turnover of the game.

Chowan failed to take advantage of the turnover, as the Cavs defense stepped it up a notch. At half time, Clinch Valley went

Ferrum tried to get something going offensively on their next possession, but the CVC defense held, thus forcing Ferrum to punt. The Cavs took over on their own 39 yard line.

They marched down field to the Panther one yard line where fullback Ralph Carter bulldied into the end zone for the score. Withrow added the extra point to give the Cavs a 10-0 lead at half-time.

The Cavaliers began the second half at their own 31 yard line. They established a strong drive until



HC File Photo

Ron Hicks sends in a play in the 17-14 win over Ferrum.

quarterback Ron Hicks threw an interception.

The pick left the Panthers with excellent field position at the CVC 43 yard line. The Cavaliers defense stepped it up a notch, though, and Ferrum turned the ball over on

into the locker room protecting a 7-0 lead over the Braves.

The second half would be a different story, however, as the Cavs began to take over the football game. The Cavaliers received the kickoff and promptly marched 75 yards on 10 plays. The result was a 39 yard strike from quarterback Ron Hicks to Greg Thomas. Jay Withrow added the extra point, and Clinch Valley increased their lead to 14-0 with 11:05 left to play in the third quarter.

Chowan failed to get anything going on their next possession. An interception thrown by Braves quarterback Chris Dent gave the Cavs another chance to score, starting at the 49 yard line. Clinch Valley marched down the field, going 51 yards on 8 plays for the score.

downs.

The Cavs offense then went to work on a 76 yard scoring drive that was capped off by a great display of running.

Senior tailback Greg Thomas, who finished the day with 130 yards rushing on 26 carries, broke a few tackles at the line of scrimmage and bolted 54 yards for the score.

Jay Withrow added the extra point to give the Cavs a seemingly comfortable 17-0 lead with 5:46 left to go in the third quarter.



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Both teams traded punts and fumbles before the Panthers began their comeback attempt, which began with yet another CVC fumble, which happened deep in Panther territory.

Ferrum took the fumble and

Fullback Ralph Carter, who ended the day with 169 yards rushing on 26 carries, carried the all into the end zone from the 1 to cap off the drive. Withrow added the extra point and the Cavs had a 21-0 lead with 6:03 left in the third quarter.

Chowan got rolling on their offense, and scored on their next possession. This was possible by the passing of quarterback Chris Dent. Fullback Johnny Nowell fought in from one yard out. Dent then hit tight end Reggie Wilson for the two point conversion. With 2:59 left in the third quarter, the Braves had cut the lead to 21-8.

This would be the only bright spot for Chowan as three consecutive interceptions by Dent allowed the Cavs to put the final nails in the coffin. In this

went on a 8 play, 78 yard scoring drive that ended with a 16 yard scoring strike from backup quarterback Brith Osinkosky to tight end Mike Souma.

Richard Harr added that extra point and the Panthers climbed to within 10, 17-7, with 9:14 left in the game.

The Cavs were forced to punt on their next possession, but a big interception by cornerback Lewis Johnson gave Clinch Valley the ball back at their own 2 yard line.

The Cavalier offense could not do anything with the football and were forced to punt. Ferrum took over with outstanding field position at the CVC 41 yard line.

Ferrum then went on an eight play, 41 yard scoring drive that ended when fullback Colby Allen barreled over the defensive line.

The Ferrum place kicker Harr added the extra point to make things interesting. The Cavs lead was cut to 17-14 with 1:18 left in the game.

The ensuing inside kick was recovered by Clinch Valley. The CVC team then ran out the clock to hang on for a hard fought 17-14 victory.

The win ran the Cavs to 2-0 on the season, while the Panthers fell to 0-2.

Also, a continued improvement gave alot of hope to the CVC defense that seemed to struggle the week before.

span, Carter got his second score of the game, a one yard touchdown run. The extra point was good, and the score was increased to 28-8, with 9:25 left to play in the game.

Following another Chowan turnover, Greg Thomas, who completed the game with 88 yards on 24 carries, scored his third touchdown of the game on a 9 yard touchdown run. Another successful Withrow try, and the score became a walk-away: 35-8.

The Braves continued their turnover woes, and gave the Cavs the ball again. The Cavs then ran the clock out to leave Chowan smarting from a 35-8 whipping by the upstart Cavs.

The win pushed the Cavs to 3-0 on the season, while the Braves stumbled to a 1-2 start.

Thomas runs into record books

Jason Rodriguez
Sports Editor

On Saturday, September 7, 1996, Clinch Valley College running back Greg Thomas took a hand-off around the right side and ran into the record books.

Thomas dashed 38 yards for a touchdown, but the carry was worth more than six points, for it was the 26th straight game in which he had scored a touchdown. These touchdowns have either come from a pass reception or a run.

The scoring run set a national record that had been held by Bill Burnette of Arkansas St. sin 1969. The record was formally at 25 consecutive games, until Thomas' run against Cumberland.

The breaking of this record, however, is facing some hardships. The debate is over the fact that the NCAA does not count playoff games in records, as to where the NAIA division does.

Due to this fact, some congratulate Thomas, but feel that he has not yet broken the record. To date, Thomas has now scored in 28 straight games, and looks to keep extending his record.

This weeks Homecoming game is against Butler, who face a challenge in stopping the CVC offense. They not only have to stop Greg Thomas from scoring in his 29th straight game, but also from leading the Highland Cavaliers to a 4-0 record.

CVC cross country runners have two successful meets

Randolph Forest
Asst. Sports Editor

The CVC Cross Country team showed off what they are made of at the Lee College Cross Country Invitational that was held on September Twenty-first. The Cavaliers competed and defeated very talented NCAA and NAIA schools.

A special congratulations must go out to Junior Hugh Salyers. Salyers finished a team high 17th, one of the highest finishes in school history.

The supporting cast also performed well. Jason Marshall and Eric Thomas finished 19th and 21st

CVC Intramural Report

Jason Rodriguez
Sports Editor

Most students see intramural sports as a chance to showcase their talents to other students. Others just do it for something to do. No matter what the reason, intramural sports are indeed for everyone.

This school year has already managed to jump into full swing. A number of activities are both completed and under way. For highlights so far, we have the Intramural "Plays of the Week", highlighting the winners of some of the activities that have taken place so far.

Will Massey pulled his best Tiger Woods impersonation in reigning over the Frisbee golf tourney. As champs of the 2-man volleyball tournament, Alan Taylor and Rob Beverly are packing for their tour on the Beach Volleyball Pro tour.

They will be joined by the hard hitting team of Doug Barefoot, Andy Hawkins, Jason Wook, and Trey Wood, our Kings of McCrary field, and champions of the 4-man event. Finally, Ben Mullins is searching for Bobby Fischer, as he blew away his opponents in the CVC Chess Championships.

respectively. Also contributing to 23rd in the women's 5k race. A special thanks goes out to SGA president Mike Fields who coached the team in coach Collies absence at this meet. The team also fared well at the Carson Newman Invitational which was held on September the Fourteenth. The team hung tight with the speedsters from NCAA school as well in this meet.

"The course was fun, yet difficult. The team has been improving quite a bit from week to week" say Don Trivett who finished a respectable 76th place out of one hundred plus runners. Other top performers were Jason



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CVC team pre-race warm ups.

Also, Ginger Branham, the only woman cavalier runner, placed

Womens volleyball looks toward bright future

Randolph Forest
Asst. Sports Editor

Although the CVC Volleyball team is 2-11 and 0-5 in the conference, the team is steadily improving.

With no seniors on the squad, the volleyball team is definitely planning for the future." In the TVAC we need to be in the top four to advance. I think that it is an achievable goal if we put all the pieces together," says first year head coach Lisa Minton.

The volleyball team consists of Freshmen Bonnie Boardwine,

goal of these hard workers, other than to relieve from the on-setting boredom, is for everyone to get involved.

So keep an close eye out for the late breaking intramural news, as well as the listings of all those events that are upcoming right here, in the Highland Cavaliers Intramural Report.

Marshall, who led the team for the second week, Hugh Salyers and Eric Thomas, who continue to show improvement.

The team will travel to Bluefield West Virginia on September 28th to compete in another race.

The team seems to be on the rise, and could continue to climb in the placings. With the kind of success this team is possible of, no one knows as to what the future might hold.

Wish the team luck as they fight for a TVAC championship.

Other participants included Randolph Forest and Rob Mullins who is also showing signs of being a top dog on the team.

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serve percent, and Misty Puckett who leads the tam in blocks, also is third in hits, second in digs.

The team lost a heartbreaker to Union College 4-15 15-12 6-15 and 7-15. Amy Silcox lead the team in digs and kills and Nichole Davidson and Misty Puckett lead the team in Ace blocks with three a piece.

Go out and cheer the volleyball team on Friday September 27 as they play Covenant at Greer Gymnasium at seven p.m.

Watch out for the women's volleyball team in the future, for they are certainly on the rise to a championship.

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Entertainment

Pearl Jam reaches deep down and pulls out.....

Brian Brantley
Staff Writer

Well if you haven't gotten it yet....then don't. Two years and one Neil Young collaboration after Vitalogy, Pearl Jam is back and they are more than just disappointing this time around.

With *No Code*, Pearl Jam has taken the typical "I'm a successful rock band and I'll do what I want" approach and cut an album completely made of fat.

Let us reminisce for a moment. A few years back, '91 to be exact, a fresh new band came blazing out of the soggy Seattle scene to help define music in the 90's with their monumental *Ten* album.

The band consisted of members from the defunct Seattle bands *Mother Love Bone* and *Green River* and possessed a powerfully raw sound that sent angst ridden 15 year olds to the music stores in droves.

With Jeff Ament on bass, Mike McCready and Stone Gossard on guitars, Dave Krusen on drums, and an ex-surfer from San Diego named Eddie Vedder on vocals, Pearl Jam ruled the music world.

Much has changed since then. The drummer position has changed twice with Krusen being ousted for Dave Aburzzee, who was eventually booted for current skin man Jack Irons.

So as I sit here and listen, I think to myself, "Can this possibly be the same band that put out *Ten*? Or even *Vitalogy* for that matter?" Well If I didn't know better, I couldn't say that it is. Not even by a long shot.

Excuse me, am I venting? After hearing the first song, just the first song entitled "Sometimes", I almost got sick. Maybe its because I'm not into that freeform, 70's re-ject, *Tripping Daisy-wanna* be crap. Want some more?

The first single, "Who Are You", is, well.....let's put it this way...if you are into the whole 'tribal' sound, more power to you.

There is maybe a glimmer of hope in the song "Smile". It's tough to say but it actually had somewhat of a groove to it. The harmonica gave it a little more. Now remember that I said glimmer, and that is indeed stretching it.

On the track "Lukin", Eddie Vedder's barking like a rabid dog

was totally out of place for the song which simply consisted of an over-used punk riff.

The album just wasn't consistant. It seemed more like a group of lost musicians trying so hard to get away from what they have been in the past which is a successful rock band.

Now don't get me wrong, I like Pearl Jam, or maybe I should say what Pearl Jam used to be but someone needs to give me a break. It seems that these guys spent more time trying to get Ticketmaster to lower their prices than trying to put the time into a good album.

Hell, Nirvana recorded *In Utero* in something like 6 weeks, and it was a decent album. Are you trying to tell me that given two whole years with absolutely no touring Pearl Jam can't put out a credible album? As it was proved with *Ten* and somewhat with *Verses*, Pearl Jam is capable of putting out good quality music.

All in all, If I were to rate this album on a scale of 1 to 10 on the crap scale, this album would clog up my toilet. I fully expect to find this album in the clearance bin along side Prince's *Graffiti Bridge*.

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Roll Call

- DEAN: The epitome of manhood of yesteryears. Envy of all men, lover of all women.
- SHELDON: The newest member of Tri Kupa Brew. Born-again drunk.
- TONY: The Lush Boy from Jersey. The senior member of the Tri Kupa Brew fraternity. Holds frat record for highest blood-alcohol level.
- RALPH: Yet another disillusioned youth of America and TV Junkie.
- LEBLIE: Lima bean Nature at its worst.
- FRANK: Neurotic, insecure, agnostic, pessimistic and single.
- BRANDY: The most beautiful girl in the tri-state area, but she doesn't know it. Constantly worries about her weight and appearance, even though she's flawless. Also a cheap ploy to draw in more readers.

Wall of Sound

CVC's new weekly guitar column by Jerry Stone

This week: Purchasing your new axe

In playing guitar, it is always a good thing to have a guitar that you like. I myself started out on a cheap K-Mart model before moving up to the guitar that I now own.

If you are truly ready to buy a good guitar, I expect that you have grubbed up enough money to respectably walk into a music store. A good amount to start off with would be around \$300. For this low price you can get some good cheap guitars without having to sell vital body parts to be able to afford it.

Always shop around and never just settle for the first thing a dealer pushes on you. Prices vary greatly from dealership to dealership. The want-ads are a good place to shop around as well. When selecting a guitar, I look at several things.

1) If it is a used guitar, scope out the neck. Sometimes necks can bow inward due to improper care. This is the last thing you need.

A good way of checking the neck is to sight it like you would a shotgun from the bridge. The neck should be flat and straight. Bowed necks cause intonation problems and dead spots on the neck. It would not be wise to purchase this guitar.

2) Check out the hardware (ie. bridge nut, tuning pegs) for damage. These things are pretty expensive and you do not want to buy a guitar with damaged components.

3) Plug in the guitar and play it. Listen for the sounds that the guitar itself makes, not the sounds of the kicking amplifier or the pedal that the salesman plugged you up with.

Sometimes a really good amp and distortion pedal can hide a bad guitar sound. If possible bring your pedals and amp to try out the guitar on. This prevents you from getting a guitar that you think rips but when you get it home you're disappointed.

Always get the guitar that feels right

to you. You don't have to have a Gibson or a Fender to wail. There are many different quality guitar brands out there. Don't look for the brand name. Look for certain features that appeal to you personally. One specific quality to look for is good fret action. Poor fret action causes your fingers to get caught up on the frets making fluidity almost obsolete.

4) When purchasing acoustic guitars, try to play every note in a quiet section of the store. Most stores have a quiet room but some don't. A sales tactic I have noticed is that the salesman will tell you it sounds good when you don't hear all of the guitar sound. Don't let salespeople lead you to a bad buy. Stick it to the man. Hey, after all its your money so don't let someone else spend it for you.

Next week I will cover amplifier purchasing and maybe a lesson.

Tekken 2 helps fight off those lazy days

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Picture this in your mind...the first warm, sunny day in a while. Your friends spending the day together playing, yet not in the sun.

Usually we would be playing soccer or volleyball on McCrarry field, but today, thanks to Tekken 2 for the Sony Playstation, we are inside.

It was on whim that my esteemed roommate purchased the new game.

For those of you who are not familiar with Tekken, it is a fighting game, along the same lines as Mortal Combat and Street Fighter.

What sets this game apart from its contemporaries are its superb 3-D graphics, interesting soundtrack

and moves that astound as well as amuse.

Tekken 2 offers game players a wonderful outlet for their pent-up testosterone surges.

Tekken 2 introduces new and improved characters, as well as some of the old familiar faces such as Jack, Bruce Lei and Michelle.

There are many new options for the game as well. This time around we have team battles, a practice mode complete with an on-screen scrolling commands list, and a timed survival match.

In the survival match, your character must fight his way through as many of the other superfighters as possible before eventually succumbing to the clock.

During the arcade mode the object is to fight your way through all of your rivals and beat the main man Kazuma.

Things are a little different this time around for it is rumored that Kazuma has made a pact with the devil himself.

Beat the game with each of the original ten characters and you are presented with all of the hidden characters plus a wicked surprise.

For those of us out there that enjoy a good dose of electronic aggression, Tekken 2 is both challenging and amusing.

In my opinion and in the opinions of my game playing contemporaries, this game is a must have.

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The Black Crowes strike a universal chord with Three Snakes and a Charm

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It has been six years since the Black Crowes' first release, the multi-platinum selling *Shake Your Money Maker*. Throughout the past six years the Crowes have not strayed from their "blues" style despite the mainstream's alternative coup d'etat.

Three Snakes and One Charm is no aberration. Chris Robinson's vocals sound the best since *Shake Your Money Maker*.

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saved the best for this one.

The first single, "Good Friday," is a ballad about the ending of relationships. Excellent song! It is by far the best song on the album. "Nebakanezer" is of the typical upbeat, downhome Black Crowes school of good-time southern rock. This tune is sure to be a hit single for them. Definitely keep an ear out for it.

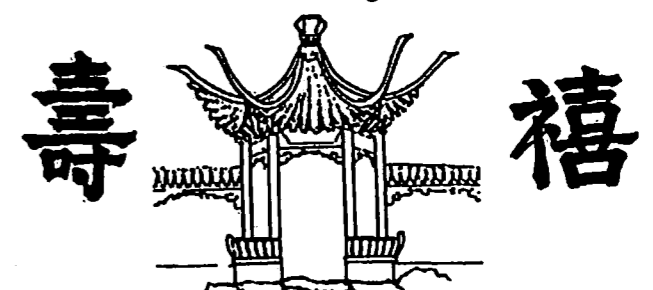
With the crafty song writing of brothers Chris and Rich Robinson, this album should not only infect the current Crowes fans, but others who have yet to get a taste of the band's seminal vibe.

If you're a Crowes fan or just want to hear some good-time, soul-savin' rock&roll music...you should definitely take this album in. Who knows, this may just be the remedy you're looking for.

Other notable songs: "How Much For Your Wings?", "Bring On, Bring On," and "Girl From A Pawnshop."

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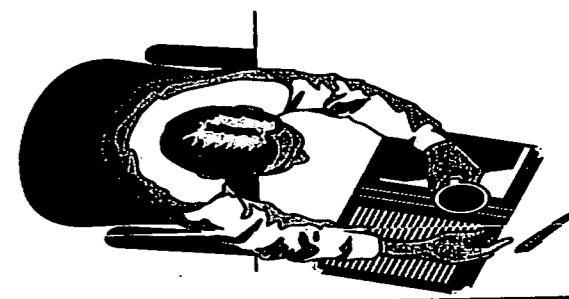
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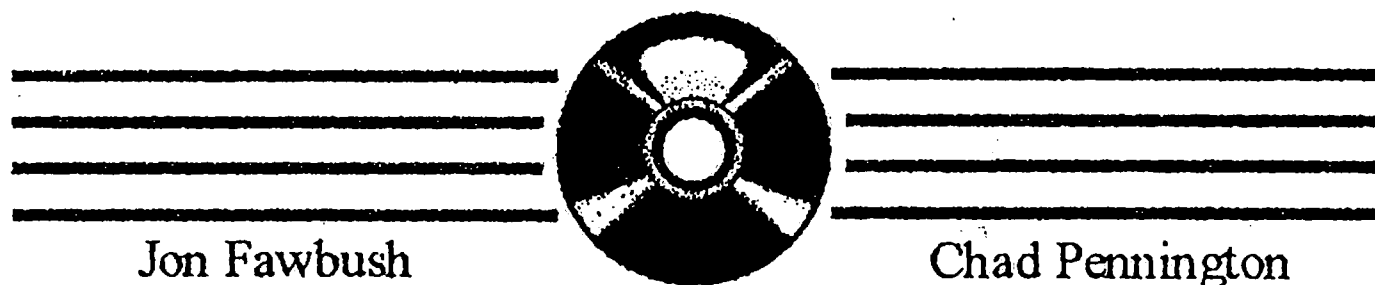
Top Ten Ways to Tell the Relationship is Over according to Sarah Stallard

1. When you get a call from Rikki Lake saying you are a guest on her show titled "Stalking My Past Love"
2. If you notice the sheets on the bed aren't the ones you made up this morning.
3. When you find condom wrappers on your nightstand and you've been impotent for a week.
4. When 3/4 of your phone bill consists of 900 numbers you didn't make.
5. When your lover says that the Ginsu is the new sexual position that you just have to try.
6. Finding tubs of Vaseline in the bathroom when you know you didn't buy them.
7. When spending time with their friends includes the ex.
8. When Super Tecmo Bowl gives your mate that climax that you just aren't giving anymore.
9. When love letters start coming on post-it notes.
10. When your mate would rather stay home to watch reruns of the Brady Bunch than be with you.

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