Pluto crashing, new internet server named for Michelle Partin

Amy Howard
News Editor

A system malfunction originating in the On-Line accounts of one or more Clinch Valley College students may have contributed to the shut down of Pluto, the college's internet server, several times during the last few weeks.

Students checking their e-mail recently may have had difficulty or no success in accessing their accounts because the system would periodically "crash," eliminating all Internet access to and from Clinch Valley College.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Alex Edwards said the problem may have started in the program file of one or more CVC students. When the student(s) would log on to Pluto, the entire system would shut down.

Edwards said he believed the problem had been fixed in late November, but Pluto crashed again on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Edwards added he had no idea what caused Pluto to crash Thursday, but he hopes to run a maintenance program during Christmas break in hopes of eliminating the malfunction again.

According to Christopher Boggs, computer analyst for computer services, Pluto must be manually shut down in order to locate the program error. It could take anywhere from several hours to several days to fix the problem, Boggs said.

"The era messages that IBM's give are very cryptic," Boggs said. "They are not very easy to understand. When we looked the era number up when Pluto went down, the manual said it could be a system problem or a hardware problem, which doesn't really help."

Pluto is an IBM-RS 6000 computer which runs the UNIX operating system for the computer science department. Pluto was originally purchased for the use of computer science students only, but now houses over 1000 student and faculty e-mail accounts.

Edwards said there has been a tremendous growth of students wanting e-mail accounts in the last year. He added that Pluto is equipped to handle the growth and is rarely used to its maximum potential.

Along with the computer lab expansion in the new education building currently under construction, there are several plans to upgrade student Internet access within the next year.

Director of Computer Services Oscar Raile said Pluto will soon be replaced by Partin, a new computer currently being programmed to handle all e-mail accounts at Clinch Valley.

Partin is named for the former Director of Computer Services Michelle Partin, who died from cancer in June 1995.

Boggs is currently working on a program for Partin that would eliminate the need for students to request an e-mail account in computer services. E-mail accounts will automatically be assigned to students when they register for classes, Boggs said.

Boggs said Pluto will return to the math and computer science department after Partin is set up in the spring of 1997.

Raile noted the only change students will experience from the new Internet server is a new Internet address.

Raile is asking students to begin listing their return e-mail address. "Pluto.clinch.edu" in order for the computer services is providing this upgrade at no extra cost to students.

The Novelle server, which currently services the business computer lab, the psychology lab and some user accounts on campus will also be upgraded in the near future.

Raile said the Novelle server is outdated, and needs to be replaced.

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CVC graduate severely burned

Jasen Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Clinch Valley College graduate Tim Stacy was recently burned severely due to an accident at his workplace.

Stacy, who now works as a cook at Captain D's in Norton, was burned on over 75% of his body.

The accident occurred when the restaurant's deep fryers were overheated onto Stacy.

He had apparently slipped and attempted to grab hold of something to keep his balance, when the STACY, see pg. 3

CVC students Derrick Williams, Frank Hansold, Brad Montgomery and Adam Franzen cheer the Cavaliers on during last week's playoff game.

Photo by David McMillian

Lemons completes barcoding

Amy Howard
News Editor

CVC library staff member, Jean Burrell, was recently awarded for completing 1,800 barcodes.

The barcodes labels are a necessary component of the library's automation system. The $161,000 automation system was funded by the state legislature.

Additional funding from the library will allow the library to purchase a Windows-based library management system for Sisir, Inc. to simplify and improve the process of managing and accessing library holdings.

The barcoding system will hopefully be implemented this year, according to Director of Library Services Robbi Beinke.

This newspaper is dedicated to Marty Green.
Opinion

Christmas is a time to count your many blessings

Stacy Nicholson
Editor-in-Chief

It’s that Christmas time of year and it’s time to count our many blessings such as final project due dates, exams, crowded malls, and the “holidays parties.” Unarguably, the best holiday of the year is Christmas. Christmas in America is grand. Seriously, don’t doubt it. Let’s appreciate the hard work and the care we all devoted to making my stay at Claxton Hall so memorable.

First, I would like to thank my professors for guiding my thoughts and helping me in directions where my views can be fine-tuned. I can make no mistake about it, the professors and staff have helped me so much.

Second, I would like to thank the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi for making this stay at CVC so much fun. These guys are awesome and I have enjoyed every time I was with them. Good luck to all of the rest of the gang for being there at that tough time.

Fourth, I would like to thank Carolyn for being there at that tough time.

Good luck to Amy Howard as editor-in-chief. I think we spent more time talking than being productive, but great job.

We were both promoted, as I was promoted to Editor-in-Chief. I think we spent more time talking than being productive, but great job.

It will be hard to move on, as we

Editorial

Welcome to the final edition of the Highland Cavalier for 1997. As you prepare to look back on another year, we hope you value our publication as a source of information and entertainment. We look forward to serving you again next year.

Initiative and referendum and the 1997 campaign

You’re 1997 is your “right to petition” the government for the redress of grievances” in Article I of the Virginia Constitution. It’s also a right to vote for candidates of a specific party. When is the best time to evaluate candidates? When is the best time to evaluate political parties? When is the best time to evaluate our political system? These questions and others are currently being asked by people who believe that the system is broken. It’s time to take a look at the political landscape of 1997 and to consider how we can improve it.

In Virginia, where democracy began, we must take a look at the political landscape. The 1997 campaign was a time of change and transition. It was a time when new ideas and new candidates emerged, challenging the status quo. It was a time when voters had a chance to make their voices heard.

The Virginia Constitution provides for the initiative and referendum. The initiative is a process by which citizens can propose legislation to the General Assembly. The referendum is a process by which voters can vote on legislation that has been passed by the General Assembly.

The initiative and referendum process is an important part of our democracy. It allows citizens to participate in the legislative process and to have a say in the making of laws.

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Cavs fall in first round of NAIA playoffs

Andy Blatt and their very aggressive game after stopping the Cavs's country with Westminster at number one defenses that ranked in the top five country.

With a team as powerful as the Titans, the Cavs came into the game with great confidence and the Titans took a 14-0 lead into the first quarter. The Cavs had cut Westminster's lead in half, 14-7.

Elden Quinney provided a strong pass rush for the Cavs defense. Quinney also scored a touchdown, off of a blocked punt, in the 27-20 loss to Westminster.

Troy Catchlin, and the rest of the offensive line, again chipped in with 12 points. The Titans were not quite ready for the start of the third quarter, as the Titans took a 21-7 advantage over the Cavs.

The Lions handed the Cavs their second loss of the year, 72-41. Walker led the way for CVC with 19 points, 10 of which were made from behind the three point line. Vermillion once again led the team in scoring with game highs during the contest and the perfect season.
Lady Cavs start off strong season, look to surprise in TVAC

Renaud Postell
Sports Editor

The Western Highland Cavalier Basketball Team will soon against tough teams. The Lady Cavs will be playing on November 1st with 3-4 against Covenant. Although being 3-4, Coach Gill is very happy with her squad.

Leaving, we can only expect great things.

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What would you do if......

Ransom
US (1996): Thriller, 110 min, Rated R, Color
Directed by: Ron Howard
Starring: Mel Gibson, Rene Russo, Gary Sinise, Delroy Lindo, Brawley Nolte, Lili Taylor, Donnie Wahlberg
Expectations: high. Ransom: delivers.

Most films have to save their “big” plot twists until near the very end. Not Ransom, whose plot twists come early and often enough to make you wonder how much more you could possibly handle. It may be overlooked by the Academy, but it really hits home with the masses. It’s surprisingly thought-provoking for a thriller, and even allows us to identify with a multimillionaire, despite the mistakes he has made. Ransom is a fresh alternative to the influx of outrageous action films of the summer, and rightfully should rule the fall.

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Last man standing... the Doggfather

G-Ride Martin
Staff Writer

Snoop Dogg: the last man standing under the Death Row record label. Snoop has just released his first album in 3 years. The album is called The Doggfather and it’s mission is to take you with more west coast style rap than your ears can possibly handle. His last album, Doggystyle sold over 4 million copies and went triple platinum. Snoop is feeling the pressure to produce with this new album in trying to live up to his previous record’s mark.

On The Doggfather, Snoop displays a new level of confidence in his lyrics and true dedication to his fans. The album on a whole still puts out that gangsta style rap that has been a great part of Snoop’s identity.

This time, however, Snoop allows a more positive side to prevalent. The beats are more reminiscent of p-funk George Clinton than the Snoop style we are accustomed to.

His lyrics are slower but as smooth as ever. Snoop brings in some necessary guests in to accompany his monotone rhymes such as the Dogg Pound, Nate Dogg, Warren G, Tray Dee, and the L.B.C. crew. They provide a new flow to Snoop’s raps and put a grip on the originality of the new beats.

This album, I believe is comparable to his old one. There is still humor among his rhymes about tricks and ho’s, etc. Snoop has dedicated The Doggfather to the memory of the late The Pac Shakur (R.I.P.). The Doggfather puts Snoop on a new level.

I think Snoop will keep Death Row alive and help resuscitate it with this album. Check him out.

Newsflash: Mars Attacks!

Mars Attacks
US (1996): Science Fiction/ Horror/Comedy, 107 min, PG-13, Color
Directed by: Tim Burton
Starring: Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan, Sarah Jessica Parker, Martin Short, Jim Brown, Pam Grier, Michael J. Fox, Lukas Haas, Natalie Portman, Danny Devito, Sylvia Sidney, Rod Stieger, Paul Winfield, Tom Jones, Joe Don Baker
You probably think that Mars Attacks! looks and sounds pretty darn silly. Well, you’ll be right. The good news is, unlike many sci-fi films (see The Arrival), its supposed to be.

From the manic himself, Tim Burton (Beetlejuice, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Batman) comes the ultimate tribute to all those B-movie of the ’50s and ’60s that dealt with alien invasion rather cheesy. Take some funny looking aliens, some funny looking spaceships, and, yes, some funny looking humans, and let them all duke it out. The difference is that Mars Attacks doesn’t take itself seriously, plus it has killer special effects and computer animation to back it up.

Stop me if you’ve heard this one before: The Martians have come to Earth to destroy mankind and take the planet for themselves. The basic framework works here because of the new approach — hip, funny aliens and an odd assortment of humans.

Where most alien invasion flicks tend to make every character shallow in that they only care about saving the Earth at any cost (like who would believe that?), Mars Attacks! instead gives us an artistic teenager here, some misguided hick there, a clueless new employee, in most films, they are rarely seen, and when they are, they’re not very imaginative (stereotypical alien references). Leave it to Tim Burton to come up with the most humorous aliens possible.

If this film weren’t a comedy act, the humans would play straight man to the Martians.

Kids will even love this one because of the aliens’ gags, but the will surely not get many of the jokes and may even get rattled by some of the violence and gore, even if it is animated alien gory.

If the sight of multicorellated skeletons (lots of ‘em) or an alien’s head exploded inside its helmet leaving only green brain matter bothers your children, you may want to think twice about letting them see it.

Otherwise, Mars Attacks! is a breath of fresh air, and comes highly recommended for those of us who just want to get away and let the movies take us for a ride.

Spot gives this movie 4 1/2 out of 5.

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Alternate Oscars:

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Attention Shoppers!
The Alpine Lodge gift shop is open during the following hours:
Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—5:30 pm
Thursday—Saturday: 8:30 am—6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am—3:30 pm

These times are subject to change.

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