Blackburn: majors will add diversity to college

By David Grimes
Staff Writer

Clinch Valley College will provide three new majors next year in hopes to provide more job demands as well as improve the college.

Dr. Glenn Blackburn is the chairman of the committee for the new majors which include Art, Theatre, and Administration of Justice.

Each major has been placed on campus to help with the demand of jobs as well as by students. “This is a liberal arts college with no arts major and that makes no sense,” Blackburn said.

The Arts majors will consist of 36 credit hours. Of this 24 hours must be upper level work, with at least 12 credit hours of seminars stressing creative independent work. An extra 18 credit hours will be specifically designed for the student.

Bridge construction evaluated by board

By Jasah Rodriguez
Co-Editor

The Advisory Council Building and Grounds Committee is considering a budget amendment to build a pedestrian bridge between the new classroom and the Science Building.

The council, which met January 24, is looking at options, such as ADA assistance funds, to build a walkway between the new classroom unit and the Science building. The bridge would link all three buildings, Zehmer, Science, and the new building together. Whether or not this bridge would be completely enclosed was not mentioned.

Along with the proposed bridge, the committee also gave reports on the continued construction on the new classroom building and the library.

Work on the new classrooms is currently in progress. Weather has stalled the installation of the roof, and will possibly push back the finishing date.

A change order was given authorization to proceed with a chiller unit in the building. A specific location on this, however, has not been decided. The demolition of the areas that will house the new administrative offices in the John C. Wyllie Library has been completed.

Again, weather has played havoc on the construction.

Change is in the air...

The new classroom building, which is scheduled to be finished in June, may have a pedestrian bridge linking it to Zehmer and the Science Building. Weather, and lack of man power has slowed the progress of the center.

The Administration of Justice major and that makes no sense,” said Dr. Blackburn of the new major.

The Administration of Justice major will have to go through the University of Virginia Board of Visitors before it can be placed on campus.

The board will evaluate the new major and decide whether there is a significant need for the new program and if the college has the resources for it.

Dr. Blackburn sees this as only a formality, and is confident that the Administration of Justice major will be on campus by next year.

There is a search currently taking place for faculty members to teach these new majors, although some of the classes that will be required for the new majors are currently being taught at CVC.

Student leaders needed

Staff Reports

The fund for American Studies is recruiting student leaders from colleges and universities to participate in its 1997 summer institutes at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Undergraduate students will gain critical work experience through internships in public policy, politics, business, journalism, or international affairs, and will earn credits through courses work at prestigious Georgetown University.

The final application deadline is March 15, 1997.

Scholarships are available to each of the fund’s three seven-week programs: the English-Speaking Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, the Comparative Political and Economic Systems, and the Comparative Cultural Studies Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems.

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The new rooms will eliminate the "smoke" that is often associated with the dormitories for students, and we have already received many compliments from students and faculty members. This is in line with the College's growth and enthusiasm for technology. We are excited to see how our students will use the new technology.

The new campus will have a new library, a computer lab, a student center, and a new gymnasium. The new library will have more space and will be open 24 hours a day. The computer lab will have new computers and software. The student center will have a cafeteria, a study area, and a lounge. The new gymnasium will have a swimming pool and a weight room.

The new campus will also have a new recreation area, which will include a new basketball court, a new tennis court, and a new softball field. The new recreation area will be open to the public and will be available for community events.

The new campus will also have a new analytical laboratory, which will be used for research and teaching. The new laboratory will have state-of-the-art equipment and will be available to students and faculty members.

In summary, the new campus will be a significant improvement over the old campus, and we are excited to see how our students will use the new technology and facilities. The new campus will be a great asset to the College and will help to attract new students and faculty members.
Men's, women's tennis outlook

Coaches have busy off-season trying to stock up on talent for the upcoming season.

By Gary Haffner

Track and Field Preview

By Gary Haffner

Cavs prepare for upcoming baseball season

By Randolph Forsythe

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Clark returns to alma mater to coach Highland Cavaliers

by Gary Halpern
Staff Writer

If you ask most first-year coaches about the trials and the teething time of the season, you might hear a breath of excuses.

But men’s basketball coach Lee Clark has nothing but enthusiasm for what has happened this season. He knows that making the trans­ition from high school to college coach would be a big challenge.

Clark may have certainly had a rough go of it without help from both outgoing coach Preston Mitchell, assistant coach Brian Andrews, and the willing, hardworking athletes of his play­ers.

With the 1997 season drawing to a close, Clark can take some time to reflect on what has happened.

Carroll Dole expresses concern about the putting problem, not only at the gym, but also in the entire cam­pus. Hopefully something can be worked out the rest of the season.

Clark Dole
Sports Editor

Before this week I had the pleas­ure of talking to Athletic Direc­tor, Mr. Dole. Carroll Dole.

During the interview Carroll Dole ex­pressed his need for a new sports complex. "It is an urgency to get something started." said Dole. Money seems to be the biggest thing standing in the way.

"We are presently in conversa­tion with others on what the stadium should be," he added.

Clark Dole is also very excited about the possibility of Carroll Valley College moving up to the NCAA division II. Hopefully this can happen.

If ever the Cavaliers will probably be placed in the conference with schools such as Lambeth and Allegany.

Both of these schools have very good teams, and "I think that there has been a lot of discussion of mov­ing up to NCAA division II," said Dole.

But don’t get excited about it. Also will have to look at the costs for a long time since this dis­cussion has been going on geographi­cally, what will happen as well as our financial status.

Dole said that he was also very pleased with what has happened with

next week in the Highland Cavalier.

....Instramnal Report....Interview with Asst. Athletic Director Ray Spoonila....Men’ basketball update....Women’s basketball update....Star Wars makes triumphant return

By Jared Williams

A long time ago, some planets across the galaxy were struggling to survive, each with its own unique challenges.

This love carried over into the base effort in the form of ticket sales, as all film series in the films are at the top of the list of Top 10 grossing films of all time.

Now, two decades later, George Lucas’ original Star Wars films (a total near $15 million or more per year) are still in production.

At the end of the season, you might hear a "next season" from fans, this will probably not happen any more. As Coach Clark has nothing but enthusiasm for what has happened this season.

When talking about the Star Wars films, it is important to speak of them just as movies. The Star Wars series has become a phe­nomenon that has lasted through the years.

When someone makes a refer­ence to The Empire Strikes Back, the idea of the level of success it would impact them.

Lucas’ Star Wars series has become a phe­nomenon in our country.

The problem with this is the fact that there are not any high school soccer programs in this area. According to Clark, high school soccer programs are not as successful as they used to be.

High school soccer programs are not as popular as the high school tennis program.

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Recruitment would have to be done in other parts of the state, as well as the surrounding region.

"Hopefully there are no other people in the athletic department that would have to be addressed," he said. Hopefully these problems will be resolved in the near future.

Sports are a big part of what makes a high school successful. Hopefully they will be just as good or better.

Dole expressed concern for the high school community, however, "I think that there has been a lot of discussion of mov­ing up to NCAA division II," said Dole.

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Star Wars makes triumphant return

By Joe Blome

Illustration by Mark Draves courtesy of Epic records

Star Wars phenomenon, and you thought Gone with the Wind was the movies of all time.

In the beginning of the season, the team has been injury­free. This speaks well for Clark’s coaching philosophies, and learning a new or­ganization.

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Happy? Let’s hope not

By Jon Bischof
Entertainment Editor

My friend Dave says Counting Crows is “great music to drink beer to”, and I can see where he’s coming from.

When gazing at life through the unflinching eye of alcohol, you think about things that you perhaps try to keep distant when sober. You confront the questions that trouble you most, and for this melancholy self-examination, a good soundtrack is required.

Something depressing, something that lets you wallow in self-pity without being conscious of it. Every time that Adam Duritz moans about how he wishes he was beautiful, or how he’s the king of the rain, we can all sit back and identify with him, whether we have a cold beer in our hand or not.

Duritz, the chronically sad frontman of Counting Crows, is the top 40 version of Trent Reznor, always upset, tormented, always the guy coming in last, and eager to make sure everyone knows.

In an interview last year, he said he had to make a great leap to find the desire to record a follow-up to August And Everything After, because people kept coming up to him and telling how bad he sucked, and how he should lighten up. Those people should be shot!

Sad songs are wonderful things, and Duritz is the master of “woe is me” lyricism, paired with the moody instrumentation provided by the band.

August And Everything After was a masterful illustration of American disillusion and self-doubt, and one of the most consistently good records of the 90s.

The success of “Mr. Jones” and “Round Here” quickly propelled the Crows into the public eye, where they were loved or hated.

Now, after the passage of a few years, Counting Crows have returned with a new album, Recovering The Satellites. The first release from this album, “Angels of the Silences”, was something completely different than the Crows we were familiar with.

A punk rock-tinged tune from Counting Crows? What exactly was going on? Perhaps they were copying one of R.E.M.’s tricks by releasing a song that was not slated to be their first single, something that has paid off well for Michael Stipe and his crew.

While “Angels of the Silences” is a great song, it’s not the immediately infectious tune that “Mr. Jones” was, and it didn’t push Recovering The Satellites into the stratosphere.

Then came the explosion, courtesy of MTV, of “A Long December”. Aside from being an absolutely beautiful song, it’s also extremely radio-friendly, inspiring everyone from housewives to high school kids to sing along.

The rest of the album displays a somewhat disturbing instrumental trend - too many of the songs are upbeat! That’s not what we want from Counting Crows.

They lose some of their edge when they give up the piano dirge style. However, once you read the lyrics, all of the nervousness dissipates.

Duritz is still miserable! Hooray! His ship still hasn’t come in, he’s still “wasted in the afternoon and waiting on a train”.

Despite the distortion, Duritz still preserves a desperate, depressed mood with his Van Morrison-esque wail. Isn’t it great?

Of course, it’s misleading to say that there are no slow songs; there are pretty, just not as many as the last record. “Goodnight Elisabeth”, “Miller’s Angels”, and “A Long December” are the best of these.

The rest of the songs offer a mixed bag of good and unremarkable, although there are far more good tunes than mediocre ones.

“Catalpa”, “Angels of the Silences”, “Children in bloom”, “Have you seen me lately?”, “Another horse dreamer’s blues”, and the title track are all great.

August And Everything After was a classic, Recovering The Satellites is not. It’s still a nice record, only a few songs away from being as timeless as its predecessor, and very much worth having if you’re a Counting Crows fan, or just a fan of “A Long December”.

The impetus just seems to be gone. The Trees have no wind in their sails, apparently. Is Seattle a musically bankrupt place?

One mediocre album by the Screaming Trees wouldn’t necessarily indicate this, but that about record after record of garbage from Pearl Jam? What about Mudhoney’s curious absence since My Brother The Crow?

The only high profile act from this corner of the Northwest actually backing themselves up to an extent are Soundgarden, but their mutation into a commercial rock cash cow is disconcerting to the kids who grew up listening to their Screaming Life and Fopp Eps.

Of course, a place is not musically exclusive to its major label acts. We can’t forget about the indie labels.

Seattle is home to one of the premier independent record labels in the United States - Sub Pop. Just about everyone associated with the grunge scene released a record or single of some sort on Sub Pop.

Nirvana, Tad, Love Battery, Babes in Toyland, Beat Happening, the Jesus Lizard, Mudhoney, the Afghan Whigs, and many, many more found a place here. Now all of these bands have moved on or broken up, but the next generation is waiting in the wings.

Bands like Zeke, Sweetwater, and Six Finger Satellite rule the Seattle scene these days. One must wonder if they’ll render their classic rock influenced predecessors obsolete.

Are the Screaming Trees and Soundgarden dated concepts? Have they become the major label excess that they were reacting against in their youth? Let’s hope not.