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Unexpected snowfall blankets the area

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Tuesday night, January 27 was a night to remember for Clinch Valley College as students experienced the first substantial snowfall of the semester.

What was originally forecast as heavy rain quickly turned to snow mid-afternoon Tuesday causing the school to shut down early for the day.

The snow continued throughout the day and the night.

Students were excited about the fall and went out to play in the snow. But, due to this unexpected heavy snow fall, the phone lines around the college fell and a few transformers went out causing half the school

to lose power for the majority of the night.

Due to the amount of snow on the roads, many people were left stranded and had to struggle to find a place to get out of the snow.

RHA's Valentine's Day Solution

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Valentine's Day is approaching once again. Are you at a loss of what to give someone for this special day? Have no fear- the Residence Hall Association is coming to the rescue.

On February 9 and 10, the RHA is sponsoring a "Tuck-Ins" program for Valentine's Day. "Tuck-Ins" is a fundraising activity that will allow students to have the chance to have somebody come tuck them into bed.

A perfect Valentine's gift,

"I went to pick up a friend who was stranded and I ended up stranded as well, despite the fact that my truck is four wheel drive," said Junior Jason Hulvey, "We wound up having to walk back in the snow."

Power lines were not the only

its limbs by the storm.

The effects of the snow lasted even after the snow quit falling. Parts of the college lost power through most of the day Wednesday.

"We received partial power Wednesday afternoon," said Sophomore David Amos of Martha Randolph, "but did not have full power until later on that night."

Other places in the area were not as fortunate as Clinch Valley College to get their power back.

"My parents are not expected to get power back until this Saturday assuming there is no more snow," said Sophomore Doug Arrington, adding that his parents, who live in the Breaks, are currently living on a generator.



HC File Photo

Due to an unexpected snowstorm, the school was closed for two days and on a snow schedule Friday.

things falling that night as the weight of the snow caused many tree branches to fall and even some small trees to bend. The tree in the courtyard outside Cantrell Hall was cut down due to the damage to



HC Photo by Graham Marsteller

Diamond Crockett will be a "tucker" for RHA.

Six weeks of winter or early spring?

Internet release

Punxsutawney Phil is the world's smallest and furriest weather forecaster, and February 2 is his day. Every February 2, people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded knoll just outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony in Punxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event.

The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks

for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club representatives in "groundhogese."

The representative then translates the prediction for the general public.

If Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner.

Approximately

90% of the time, Phil sees his shadow.

On February 2, 1998, at 7:20 AM, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, and thus we are headed for 6 more weeks of winter!

Source: <http://www.go.jp.com/groundhog/>



New Scholarship offered

Press Release

A women's organization known for its many community projects has established an endowed scholarship at Clinch Valley College.

The Coeburn Civic League Scholarship Fund will assist deserving students who plan to attend CVC. Graduates of high schools in Wise County and the city of Norton who demonstrate scholastic merit and financial need are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Students must have a minimum of 2.5 grade point average to be considered. Preference will be given to graduates of Coeburn High School. The first scholarships will be awarded during the 1998-1999 academic year.

Funds used to endow the scholarship were raised during the Coeburn Civic League's first

annual golf tournament held June 21 at Dan Hall Mountain Country Club in Coeburn.

"Clinch Valley College is great for our area," explained Alta Porter, who founded the Coeburn Civic League in 1966. "The organization wanted to do something to give back to the College."

Among the group's many activities, the Coeburn Civic League sponsors many town beautification projects and the annual Miss Lonesome Pine Pageant.

Coeburn Civic League members who helped create the endowed scholarship fund are: Pat Adkins, second vice president; Besse Arney; Martha Clay, president; Shirley Gillenwater; Edna Hileman; Bobbie Kyle, treasurer; Myrtle Ruth Large; Ann Lawson, secretary; Alta Porter, first vice president; and Alma Jean Ringley.

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"Great Expectations" offers style and finesse' but little emotional punch

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The new film "Great Expectations," starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Ethan Hawke, offers plenty of style and finesse' but provides little emotional punch.

The film is very loosely based on the famed Charles Dickens novel of the same name and has modernized the tale setting it in present day Florida and New York.

The film starts with young Finnegan Bell (Ethan Hawke), or Finn, on the Gulf Coast in a small motor powered boat.

The audience learns that he was orphaned at an early age and that he lives with his sister Maggie and her husband Joe (Chris Cooper) who takes care of him. During his free time he draws and sketches the people and places in his life, it is this talent that opens up many doors for him.

When on one of his sketching trips in the sea, young Finn is grabbed by a convict named Lustig (Robert DeNiro) who threatens to kill him if he does not bring him some bolt-cutters so he can cut loose of his prison chains.

Finn returns eventually and brings the cutters and some food and hard liquor for Lustig, the act

of kindness shown by the boy confuses Lustig and eventually they are forced to go their separate ways.

Finn carries the secret of the encounter with him. One day the richest woman in the state of Florida, a Ms. Dinsmoor (Anne Bancroft), hires Finn and his Uncle Joe to do a gardening job for her. Ms. Dinsmoor is insane because she was jilted at the altar 30 years ago so she is known for eccentric ways and wild proclivities.

Finn and his Uncle go to "Paradiso Perduto," Ms. Dinsmoor's estate, and while there Finn explores the grounds.

As he explores the estate he encounters Ms. Dinsmoor's daughter Estella (Gwyneth Paltrow). When Joe meets up with Finn he finds that Ms. Dinsmoor changed her mind and no longer wants them to work for her, she slipped Joe a \$500 check for "gas money" afterwards.

When Finn and Joe return home Maggie receives a call from Ms. Dinsmoor and she wants to have Finn come over every Saturday for the purpose of playing with her daughter. Ms Dinsmoor offers Maggie money for Finn's trips over to her house and Finn agrees to the arrangement.

Maggie takes the money and

leaves Finn and Joe, but they go on and Finn continues to visit Ms. Dinsmoor and Estella. During his visits he draws for Ms. Dinsmoor and she teaches him to dance and during the course of his visits he falls hopelessly in love with Estella.

When Estella and Finn have a romantic encounter he feels certain that they will be together but she leaves the next day to go to school abroad and she never even says goodbye.

After Estella leaves Finn gives up his drawing and his love for Estella and works full time with his Uncle Joe as a fisherman. He finds a routine and a way of life that makes him forget his love for Estella and his dreams.

One day a lawyer approaches Finn and tells them that he has been empowered by his client to make his "dreams come true."

The lawyer offers Finn a chance to exhibit his art in one of the most prestigious art studios in New York.

Finn at first refuses but eventually agrees to it and travels to New York only to run into Estella. Soon after meeting her he finds that she is engaged to a man named Walter (Hank Azaria).

Finn struggles to win Estella's love and in the process becomes famous and rich as his artistic talents take him to a place he thought he could never be, equal in social standing with Estella.

As Finn continues in his quest for Estella his mysterious benefactor emerges and things are eventually resolved in Finn's life.

Director Alfonso Cuaron ("A Little Princess") does a fine job with the story and the cinematic techniques but his leading man Ethan Hawke does not have the presence to give the film its emotional edge.

Key emotional scenes lack the heart-felt punch to really draw the audience in because of Hawke's subdued performance.

Gwyneth Paltrow shines as the coolly reserved but also passionate Estella and Robert DeNiro gives a characteristically menacing performance, but check out "Cape Fear" for a better convict role from him.

Rated R (Nudity, Language)

Pro Art presents "Big Al" Carter art exhibit

Press Release

"Art is my Emotion. Art is my Freedom. Art is my memories. Art is my Life. I create the Essence."

Artist Allen D. "Big Al" Carter wrote these words a decade ago, but they are still what he calls the "most precise statement" of his all-encompassing passion for art.

An exhibition featuring 23 of Carter's works in various media-

aluminum print, linocut, lithograph, monoprint, ink drawing, charcoal, drawing and etching will be on view in a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts traveling exhibition in Wise, Virginia in the Charles W. Harris Exhibit Room of the Wise County Public Library beginning February 5 and lasting until February 26.

"Memories of deeply felt emotions enrich his art," says Eileen Mott, curator of the exhibition and coordinator of the Virginia Museum's Statewide Exhibitions program.

"A mysterious vitality, seemingly fueled by pleasures of ordinary life and the unseen forces of nature, appears to radiate from his pen. The etching "Head Pain," captured with a Matisse-like line, and the ink drawing "What a Great Dog Butch" both capture human anguish and loss," she says.

Theatrical gesture, expressive line and dramatic diagonals proclaim the spirit of celebration that dominates Carter's lithograph "Reverend Artilla Carter Shouting at the Gainesville Church of God Prophecy."

"To Big Al Carter, art is not about the technical skill of making things pretty.

Art is about addressing matters of the soul," says Mrs. Mott. "Carter wants to draw a response to human conditions he portrays and the issues he addresses."

"He contemplates a moment of

life and then expresses the eternal in the guise of the everyday."

Born in Washington, D.C., in 1947, Carter now lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

He earned a BFA from Columbus College of Arts and Design in Ohio and took graduate courses at American University in Washington.

In 1986, he was awarded a Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Professional Fellowship. The works in the exhibition are on loan from the artist.

The exhibits will be on view at the Library Gallery located in the Wise County Public Library in Wise through the month of February and will be open to the public seven days a week.

The exhibit may view the exhibit during normal library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (8:30am-8:30pm), Wednesday and Friday (8:30am-5:00pm), Saturday (9:00am-2:00pm) and Sunday (2:00pm-5:00pm).

The exhibition is sponsored locally by Pro-Art, an affiliate of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Established in 1981 as a memorial to Charles W. Harris, the Library Gallery is a nonprofit, self supporting showplace for the visual arts in southwest Virginia.

Additional information on these or other exhibits may be obtained by telephoning Dale Masters, Gallery Director, at (540) 328-1251.

Pro Art presents Vienna Choir Boys

Press Release

One of the longest running performing arts ensembles in the western world, the Vienna Choir Boys, will sing in concert at Wise on Feb. 19.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at J.J. Kelly High School.

It is sponsored by Pro-Art, an association, in collaborative with Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia, as part of the W. Carroll Edmunds Memorial Concert Series.

The appearance is co-sponsored by Wise County and the Atlantic Telephone Company.

Admission is free for Clinch Valley College students and show a valid I.D. card at the door.

The Vienna Choir Boys carry on the rich traditions of Vienna's musical life as a living heritage

which traces its roots to 1250. Figures of Mozart, Haydn and Schubert.

From its inception in 1894, when it was founded by Pope Pius X, the organization has preserved the finest traditions of the Vienna boys' choirs.

A boy's voice produces a pure sound. Since their voices have not yet matured, they sing without the vibrato of the tenor, cord of an adult male producer.

These choir members perform with great power, but the absence of a strong line in the range of the tenor. They also lack the power of their tenors and sopranos.

The greatest problem with the choir is the lack of a strong line in the range of the tenor. They also lack the power of their tenors and sopranos.

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