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From 1986-1988, Low shared his love of mathematics with high school students, teaching Advanced Placement Calculus via television to students across the Commonwealth using Virginia's Electronic Classroom. Low was the first AP Calculus teacher in the Wise County program.

A World War II veteran, Low earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Stetson University in just 26 months, graduating cum laude. He continued his education at the University of Florida, receiving master's and doctrine degrees in mathematics.

Throughout his career, Low accumulated a host of honors including listings in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*. He was the recipient of

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wealth to receive input from Virginians.

Attorney General Earley emphasized the Task Force should not attempt to mandate solutions from Richmond, but instead lead the discussion on this issue and build public support at the local level for the Task Force's recommendations. The Task Force's also will be examining ways to coordinate resources and studying successful programs around the country.

The Task Force includes a di-

CVC's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1988.

Low was also a member of a number of other professional and civic organizations including the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the national Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Sigma Xi, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Kiwanis Club. He is currently chairman of the Wise County Industrial Development Authority, treasurer of the Wise Kiwanis Club, and president-elect of the Southwest Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Gifts to the Emmet F. & N. Alys Low Endowed Professorship in Physics can be made to Clinch Valley College, Office of Development, 1 College Ave., Wise, VA 24293.

verse array of backgrounds and experiences, including college and university presidents, student leaders, legislators, parents, and local business and community leaders. It plans to make final recommendations to the Attorney General before the beginning of the 1998-1999 school year. The Task Force's full schedule and list of members, along with Attorney General Mark Earley's remarks, can be accessed on the Attorney General's web site after 12 noon on March 9, 1998 (www.state.va.us/~oag/main.htm).

Strategic Management Meeting Discussion Points



Press Release

The following are comments made at the March 23, 1998 Strategic Planning Meeting by students, faculty, and alumni. Please let the administration know what you consider to be the top five priorities for enhancing academic excellence. You may respond directly to Jay Lemons or Polly Ewell, or to the electronic suggestion box at suggest@clinch.edu. Additional suggestions, comments, or criticisms are welcome.

Joe Scolnick called upon us to consider the conditions that would allow each of us to achieve our own individual excellence. As he reminded us, the excellence of CVC as a whole may be built upon the collective excellence of each individual. Please keep this thought in mind as you review the following comments.

The following comments were made during the open discussion of possible initiatives that would enhance academic excellence by improving the conditions of academic life.

The curriculum itself must advance the liberal arts. We must evaluate whether it is meeting our goals as a liberal arts college and whether it must be strengthened. We need flexibility in both the curriculum and the schedule in consideration of our non-traditional students.

- * The College needs more 200 level courses, or courses that provide an introduction to the major.
* Build an overall sense of community.
* Try to build from the bottom up-individual excellence will contribute to the excellence of the College as a whole.
* Additional faculty lines will reduce the workload.
* Increase the diversity of the faculty.
* Fill out, provide greater depth, within the disciplines.
* Enhance the ways in which we recognize excellence for students and faculty alike.
* Bring back weekly publications, such as The Collage.
* Improve academic computing resources, such as allowing access to resources from sites other than the office.
* Focus on the liberal arts mission and don't be too quick to retreat and make concessions for those with special needs.
* Develop a common experience or reading for students.
* Hold regular faculty social events.
* Faculty should show more interest in students; lives.
* Find a place for the faculty to meet and engage in casual conversation.
* Students work form a "menu" of courses, without seeing the connections between their class work.
* Eliminate dual enrollment, which diminishes the excitement and importance of the high school senior year and the college freshman year.
* We need a place to get a take-out lunch or breakfast, or just a cup of coffee.
* The College should develop sister relationships with institutions in other countries.
* Students should have a two-day freshman experience with a service element.
* The following suggestions were offered by the academic enhancement facilitating team:
* Institute a leave program for faculty in order to reinvigorate teaching.
* Develop greater opportunities for student research.
* Put more emphasis on recognition of rewards for good teaching.
* Seek to develop a better freshman year experience for students.
* Establish better living and study conditions in residence halls.
* Have more lecture/concert programs for faculty and students.
* Improve faculty salaries to recruit and retain good faculty.
* Increase international experiences and study abroad programs.
* Provide greater opportunities for students to attend professional conferences.
* Provide greater access to databases through the library.

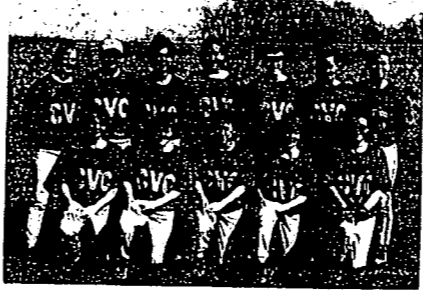
The Highland Cavalier masthead and staff list including Melanle Farley (Sports Editor), Patrick Withen (Faculty Advisor), Jarrod Williams (Entertainment Editor), Maggie L. Ulrich (Editor-in-Chief), and others.

Lady Cavs play on home turf

Melanle Farley Sports Editor

The Lady Cavalier softball team continues to keep the new field hot, as they recently played two double-headers and will host games against Emory and Henry and Milligan this week.

On Thursday, March 26th, the Lady Cavs hosted Pikeville College in a double header. In both games, Pikeville took the victory with final scores of 9-1 and 8-1.



HC File Photo by Josh Jett

The 1998 Lady Cavalier softball team

Although they did not win this contest, the Lady Cavaliers put forth a winning effort as junior Amee Duncan hit a double and a single, senior Missy Gragg smacked two singles, and freshmen Stephanie Brumfield and Dana Booher each batted single hits.

The following Friday, Tennessee Wesleyan arrived at CVC and captured the win over the Lady Cavs in another double-header.

The Lady Cavs also fought hard in this match-up with their TVAC competitors, as junior Brenna Derting hit a single and the "dynamic duo"—

Missy Gragg and Amee Duncan, also had single hits. Tennessee Wesleyan defeated the Lady Cavs 8-0 in the first

game, and 5-0 in the second competition. Today, at 3:00 p.m., the Lady Cavs return home to host a double header against Emory and Henry, after traveling to challenge the Lady Rams of Bluefield College on Tuesday, March 31st.

Cavalliers defeat Virginia Intermont

Zach Hayden Sports Writer

The Clinch Valley College men's baseball team played a three game series on March 27th and March 28th against Virginia Intermont in Bristol, Va, and came away from the weekend winning two of these three match-ups.

The first game on Friday saw the Cavaliers fall 11-1 to the VI Cobras. On Saturday, however, the Cavs rebounded and won both games.

The first game of the day saw starting pitcher Chris Hill give up only three hits.

Chad Shaffner and Alf

Rodriguez hit well and led CVC to a 9-0 victory.

The second game on Saturday saw Brian Head carry the starting pitching duties.

Combined with Head's consistency, the arm strength of Robert Whitt and Jr. Salyers helped the Cavs topple the VI Cobras 9-2.

The Cavs, who are now 11-6 overall and 3-6 in TVAC conference play, will travel to Bluefield College on April 4th and 5th to challenge the Rams in a three game series.

After this contest, the Cavaliers play the Tusculum Pioneers at home on April 7th.

Best of luck this season!

Upcoming Baseball Games

- April 7.....Tusculum
April 10.....Milligan
April 11.....Milligan (DH)
April 15... Tusculum(DH)
April 17.....King
April 18.....King (DH)
April 22...Emory&Henry (DH)
Apr. 25-30..TVAC Tourm.

Tennis teams ranked number one

Melanle Farley Sports Editor

The members of both the men's and women's tennis teams must have their eyes on the ball this season, since the women are currently ranked number one in TVAC competition and the men are tied for first place with Virginia Intermont in the TVAC.

The teams achieved their championship positions after they traveled to defeat Montreat College on Saturday, March 28th. The men breezed

past Montreat with a final score of 8-1, and the ladies gained their victory with a perfect score of 9-0.

The CVC tennis expertise did not stop on Saturday, however, as both teams again won again on Sunday when they traveled to Milligan. Both the men's and women's tennis teams defeated Milligan 6-3.

The match against Milligan represented the biggest challenge so far for the women, as Milligan is, according to Head Coach Danny

Rowland, "our strongest competition in the league."

Although the Lady Cavs took this victory, on April 2nd, "we will have to prove ourselves again" says Rowland, as Milligan arrives to fight back in another match.

While Milligan is the toughest foe for the women, Virginia Intermont remains the men's nemesis. The team will travel to Bristol this Sunday, April 5th, to challenge the Cobras. Both teams will head to Bluefield this Saturday, April 4th.

CVC Intramural Report: softball begins with record number of teams

Melanle Farley Sports Editor

The Clinch Valley College intramural softball competition has officially started, as Sunday, March 29th marked the first day of action.

Because thirteen men's teams and four women's teams are signed up to play, this spring's softball intramural line-up features the "largest number of teams for softball ever," according to Student Activities/Intramurals Coordinator Ronnie Welch who, putting this turnout into perspective added, "We have one team for every 79 students on campus." Needless to say, intramural participation is exceptional this year.

The thirteen men's teams include the Bruisers, captain Ron Hicks, Staph Infection, captain Todd Gambill, DPL, captains Travis Cantrell and Rob Beverly, Pi Kappa Phi, captain David Grimes, Pi Lambda Phi captain Brian Brantley, Half Baked, captain David Scott, Air Raid, captain Brian Arnette, Bomb Squad, captain Pete Richardson, KBC, captain

Alex Harris, Igloos, captain Scott Dinsmore, Big Guns, captain Tim Iddings, Heavy Lumber, captain Scott Hoagland, and Raven's Flock, captain Chris Davis.

This spring's four women's teams embody the Doobie Sisters, captain Tara McCall, Phi Sigma Sigma, captain Jennifer Moore, The Bad Girls, captain Nicole Davidson, and The Fly Girls, captain Heidi Eades.

All of this spring's intramural softball games will be played at Wise County Christian School, which eliminates the one home run per inning rule.

With softball, the last major intramural sport is beginning, which means that the All Campus Championship is winding down and points are becoming crucial.

Currently, the All Campus Championship T-shirt is on display in the lobby of Smiddy Hall. A plaque will also honor this year's champions in a future display case in Cantrell Hall.

Intramural activities are far from being over, however, and Ronnie Welch reminds all students that,

"It's-the-second-day-of-the-month-so-it-must-be-Spades Tournament Night" will be held again on April 2nd in the CVC Den at 7:00 p.m.

Also in upcoming intramural news, the coed flag football tournament will begin on Monday, April 6th, and students can still sign up by getting a registration sheet from Ronnie Welch.

In addition to these events, the Second Annual Chancellor's Cup is scheduled for April 18th and 19th.

This two day event will feature teams of 10 athletes, who will compete in flag football and basketball.

Because such a whirlwind of events will take place in April, Ronnie Welch feels that this month "has the outlook of being the best month yet for intramurals this year."

To keep up with this spring's jam-packed intramural schedule, all students are encouraged to utilize the bulletin boards outside of Ronnie Welch's office in Cantrell Hall.

Good luck to all softball teams in their games tomorrow!

Personal Performance Profile: Missy Gragg. According to Clinch Valley College's Lady Cavaliers softball coach Lisa Minton, Missy Gragg is "having her best season ever." Missy, who is a catcher for the Lady Cavs, has allowed only one run, and only two people this spring have successfully stolen bases that she has guarded. Missy is also the team's lead off hitter. Originally from Kingsport, Tennessee, Missy is a senior at CVC, and is majoring in Business Administration. Congratulations on a great season so far!

What about sports... "A good sport has to lose to prove it." Anonymous. "I don't think we can win every game. Just the next one." Lou Holtz. "You've got to take the initiative and play your game. In a decisive set, confidence is the difference." Chris Evert. "No pole-vaulting, no cross-country running and no away games." Activities Director, State Correctional Institute of Pittsburgh.

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Entertainment

Staff Scorecard on "Oscar" Predictions

Carolyn M. Hankins
Entertainment Writer

We now present to you the actual winners of the 1998 Academy Awards compared with our own predictions.

First, for the category, Best Picture. We picked "Titanic" and we were right. Well as expected "Titanic" made a big splash (no pun intended). The proverbial icebergs that were "L.A. Confidential," "Good Will Hunting," and "As Good As It Gets" failed to sink the mothership.

The next award is, Best Director. We picked James Cameron and guess what...right again. It is about time the director for "Terminator 2" and "Aliens" finally gets some credit.

The next award is, Best Actor. We Picked Jack Nicholson. Yep..you guessed it right again.

This bad ass actor deserves his third Oscar for portraying such a "sensitive" character.

The next award is, Best Actress. We picked Helen Hunt. We were right. After working with Jack Nicholson she deserves an award.

The next award is, Best Supporting Actress. We picked Kim

Poet's Society."

The next award is, Best Screenplay (based on published material). We picked "L.A. Confidential." We owe this one to the entertainment editor.

The next award is, Best Screenplay (written for the screen). We picked "Good Will Hunting." Hmmn...do we have to say it...RIGHT! The young guys winning this award showed help for the young artists of the world.

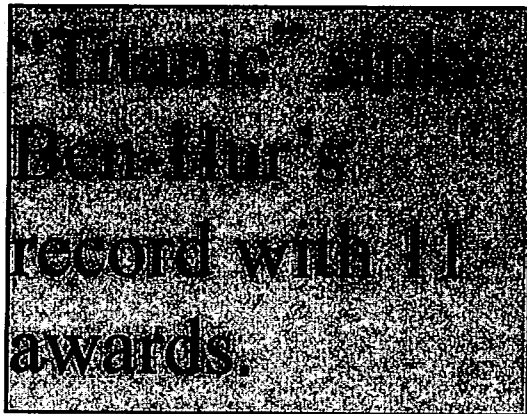
The next award is Original Musical or Comedy Score. We picked "Anastasia." Well how were we supposed to know a movie about a bunch of fat construction workers learning how to be strippers would have done so well.

Finally, the award for Best Costume Design. We picked "Kundun." Well "Titanic" got it, but it is okay to be wrong once in a while.

Titanic swept up with 11 awards. Technically it ties "Ben Hur." However the year after "Ben Hur" swept the Oscars with 11 wins the Academy cut down the number of awards that can be won.

Basinger. Sure enough we are right again. It was a well deserved award for a well deserving actress.

The next award is, Best Supporting Actor. We picked Robin Williams. Correct once more. It is about time, he got passed up for "Dead



Madonna shines in "Ray Of Light"

Carolyn M. Hankins
Entertainment Writer

A touch of heaven is the best way to describe *Ray of Light* the latest album from Madonna.

Her thirteenth album with thirteen tracks is her best work ever. She co-wrote and co-produced every song on the album. This hands on involvement can be heard in the fresh poetic sound the album brings to the listener.

The first single, *Frozen*, is a perfect sample of the entire album. Madonna experiments with the electronic sound or Techno of music and is successful with it.

Madonna is obviously attempting to break away from the "Material Girl" image she has been labeled with since the mid-eighties release of her second album *Like a Virgin*.

A lot of this change of style might have to do with the birth of her daughter, which inspired to

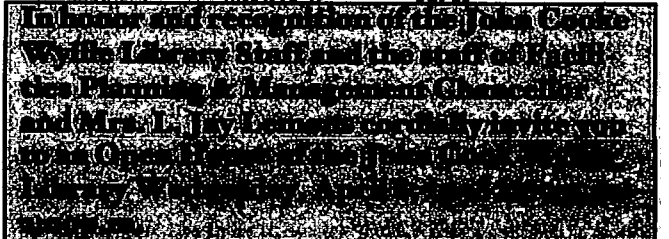
song *Little Star*, or it might have a lot to do with her spiritual soul searching which lead to a majority of the songs (*Ray of Light*, *Sky Fits Heaven*, and *Shanti/Ashtangi*).

The best track off this album is the title track itself, *Ray of Light*. It is very uplifting and motivational, yet it is very soothing.

Her vocal training from the musical *Evita* has also paid of and can be heard on this track. Instead of the traditional Madonna sound you can hear a more haunting and melodious incarnation of her vocal talents.

This album is a must buy for all the Madonna fans out there. It is not only a new look but a new grown up sound with a selfless tone.

Madonna, *Ray of Light*
Maverick Recording Company,
Warner Bros. Records
***** out of *****



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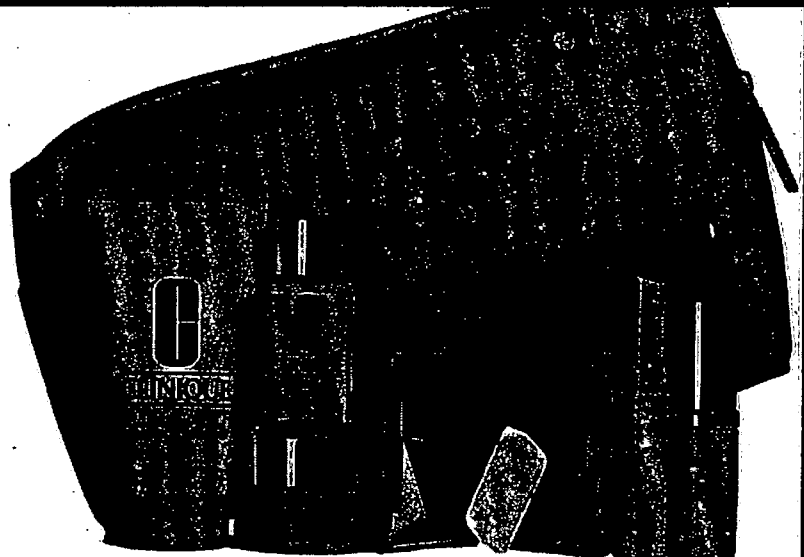
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