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Successful SGA debates and elections end with Beck on top

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The campaigns have been waged, the votes have been cast, and 1999 Student Government Association elections are finally over. Promulgating with flyers and more flyers, this year's SGA races had several interesting moments.

Minutes before the debate took place last Monday at 1 pm, in the CVC Cafeteria, senior Wil Massey took the floor and made known his disqualification to run for president. He stated his belief that "a popular election should be decided by the people and not by the government". He also said, "the administration must not decide who runs - we don't decide who gets administrative positions".

Incumbent president Betsi Phalen opened the debate and introduced the candidates one by one. Each presented his or her

platform, before the actual debate commenced.

Dressed in a blazer and khakis, Mr. Beck took a more laid-back approach to the debate. He spoke of livening up the campus with more activities - such as midnight basketball and student sections at sport games. Beck also stressed the importance of increased commuter representation in the SGA.

Mr. Bell's demeanor was a bit more professional. His platform encouraged a more prominent SGA, and increased student involvement all over campus. His ideas included moving the SGA meetings from late-at-night to the middle of the day, encour-

aging student attendance. Maggie Ulrich then took over



Photo by Marlene Williams

Jessee Beck will be the 1999- 2000 Student Government Association President.

for the actual debate questions. The candidates took turns answering questions relating to parking fees, the extension of library and computer lab hours, SGA policy-making, and the recent namechange.

There were very few disagreements; both saw the merit in parking fees and extended computer lab and library hours. In the event of a policy unsatisfactory to the students, both felt the students are important and would do anything possible to get the word out. Relating to the namechange, while Bell was intent on proclaiming the new name and making it known, Beck realized the opportunity to increase ties

to UVA-Charlottesville, even promising a section of the newspaper dedicated to the main campus.

Most of the differences manifested themselves in minor details of the processes each

would take - the basic goals were almost identical.

After the candidates took some student questions, the debate concluded with Betsi Phalen's call to the polls - which opened the next day.

Over the course of two days, 3(8 or 9)6 student cast their votes, and on Wednesday evening the results were announced - the 1999-2000 Student Government Association members.

Jesse Beck won the presidential race, Eric "Stick" Thomas was reelected vice president, Jerry Honaker is the new treasurer, MJ Dixon (miss CVC 1999) is the new secretary, and Nicole Fleming and Jamie Smith are the Senators-at-Large.

The new senior Honor Court senior and junior representatives are juniors Zack Larson and Larry Waldron, and sophomore Heather Eades.

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New Major Provides Foundation

Damian Garrison
Staff Writer

A few years ago the Virginian Legislative began to examine the public schools teacher licensure program. They discovered that a majority of the education students coming out of college lacked the skills needed to meet the requirements of the SOL (Standards of Learning Guide for K-12) that addressed the four main subject areas of education- mathematics, natural sciences, English, and history/social sciences.

It was realized that the Teacher Education programs in VA failed to meet the conditions of the SOL, so the VA Education Board decided to improve these results by imposing a new set of regulations that ensured that all VA

college and university education programs met the requirements of VA Licensure Regulations.

These new regulations for elementary Pre K-6 Licensure were approved and changes for secondary licensure are pending approval. Clinch Valley's Education department in conjunction with the Natural Sciences, English, Mathematics, and History departments have developed a new Liberal Arts and Science Major.

This new major offers courses that meet new state licensure requirements as well as serves as a firm foundation for future education students or those students who don't seek to teach in the state of Virginia. The

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Heise retires, taking a part of CVC history with him

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Staff Writer

The friendly handshakes, the typical "dear-heart" greetings in the hall, the sincere words of encouragement, and the often boisterous laughter are only a few of Communication Professor Ron Heise's unique characteristics many students will long remember and miss after he retires this semester.

Heise, currently in his thirtieth year at CVC, has actually been teaching students for forty years. After receiving his A.B. degree from Eastern Baptist College and his M.A. degree from Villanova University, he completed course work for a doctoral degree in American Literature and doctoral course work in communication at

the University of Tennessee.

Heise said although he "flirted" with the ministry, law, hotel and restaurant management, "as soon as I got into teaching, it was clear that this was where I belonged."

Before putting down roots at CVC, Heise taught at three other institutions—Valley Forge Military Academy, Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky. At every college, including CVC, Heise received excellence in teaching awards.

"I had opportunities at other institutions," said Heise, "but I became very excited about the prospect of CVC—a college with a clear focus on a regional mission and created by local citizens."

Heise and his wife Julia decided to embark on their

journey with CVC in 1969 alongside another couple who also share much in the history of the college—Jack and Catherine Mahoney.

Of the two couples' many years together, Heise said he is especially fond and grateful. He also expressed gratitude for being able to pursue a "highly satisfying career" at CVC.

Indeed Heise achievements and contributions to CVC are many. In fact, students may be unaware of Heise's major, pioneering role in the instigation of the communication program at CVC.

In addition to this accomplishment, Heise also advised and helped develop *The Highland Cavalier*. He has also served in

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Sports

Women's tennis



Style

"Importance" review

True love in writing comes from art, not chance. As those move about who have earned to dance. - A. Rose

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senators will be Eric Chapman, Nikesha Pendergrass, and Toy Thomas. Juniors will be represented by Jennifer Lockhart, Lesley Hamm, and Lance Bartholomew. Finally, Amanda Sizemore, Mike Minter, and Heather Collins will lead a constituency of seniors. The complete list of candidates follows. For president - Jesse Beck and Adam Bell. For Vice President - Eric Thomas and Heidi Eades. The positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Senator-at-Large were all unopposed. Senior Senator - Shameka Venable, Amanda Sizemore, Mike Minter, and Heather Collins. For Junior Senator - Chris Mann, Jennifer Lockhart, Lesley Hamm, and Lance Bartholomew. For Sophomore Senator - Toy Thomas, Jeff Gore, Eric Chapman, Krissy Brown, Nikesha Pendergrass, and Justin Brooks. The SGA and the Highland Cavalier extend thanks to all who cast their votes on election day.

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Liberal Arts and Science major provides a flexible approach to obtaining a degree that meets the requirements of the teacher Licensure program in Virginia. The major requires the completion of the core curriculum which requires 73 hours and 2 concentrations of which include general mathematics (20 hours), general science (17-20 hours), history/social science (21 hours), general language and literature (21 hours), and professional education (24 hours). Those who seek to teach will be required to take the professional education concentration as well as one of the others. This new major will not effect any seniors, juniors, or sophomores who are already enrolled in the current education program, but incoming freshmen next year will be encouraged to take advantage of this new curriculum. For more information about this new major contact Clinch Valley College's Education Department Chair Richard Davidson.

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CVC's faculty government structure and advised a large number of students during his time at the college. And the students, Heise said, are what he will miss most after he retires. "The most exciting thing for me about teaching at CVC," said Heise, "is the opportunity to work and interact with developing young minds." Heise also said most of the best students he ever met were those he encountered while at CVC and looks back at the thirty years he has spent among them with thankfulness. As May quickly approaches, Heise's next journey—this one into retirement, is already filled with numerous plans and goals. "I hope to improve my golf game," Heise said jokingly. "It needs a lot of work." He also said he will enjoy spending time at a hobby he dearly loves—fishing. Already a world-traveler, Heise said he and wife Julia will continue to take advantage of the travel groups offered by CVC, and will join those students and faculty scheduled to visit Spain next spring. Indeed Heise said he and Julia are committed in keeping a friendship with CVC. Also, through laughter, Heise commented that Mrs. Heise would have to continue her relationship with the college to support his retirement. Heise's plans for retirement, however, are not all devoted to leisure. Admiring the efforts of one of his favorite U.S. president's, Heise said one of his goals is to become an active member of Habitat For Humanity which was created by Jimmy Carter. Hoping to be involved in two projects for this organization a year, Heise said he is eager to devote his time to a cause he believes in. In fact, it is this same sort of devotion into an area he has believed in that Heise said has made his experience in the profession of teaching at CVC so satisfying. When asked what words of advice he would offer students who are just beginning their journeys into careers from the vantage point of one who is at the end of that journey, Heise quoted Robert Frost: "When your avocation is your vocation, you are blessed."

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The Highland Cavalier would like to remind everyone that the last day of classes is April 30, and exams start May 3 and end May 7.

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Women's tennis team Lady Cavs stun wins TVAC tournament Bulldogs 10-9, 3-0

Robby Mullins Sports Writer

On April 16 and 17, the Lady Cavalier tennis team traveled to Johnson City, Tennessee to play in the TVAC Tennis Tournament. In the bracket for the #1 seed singles, Kristen Dotson made it to the semifinals, where she was defeated by Villanova of Bryan, who ended winning the tournament. In the bracket for the #2 seed, Stacie France defeated Burroughs of Tennessee-Wesleyan. Amber Gunter took

care of the #3 seed bracket when she defeated Cox of Tennessee-Wesleyan. Brandi Collins was victorious in the #4 seed bracket with a win in the final over Bray of Milligan. The #5 seed, Lacy Gilley, made it to the quarterfinals, where she was defeated by Stover of Milligan. In the #6 seed bracket, Kristi Carter defeated Merritt of Tennessee-Wesleyan to complete the singles match.

In the bracket for the #1 seed doubles, Dotson and Gilley defeated Posey and Click of Milligan to win the doubles crown, France and Gunter won the #2 seed bracket over Wigley and Schatzelle, and Carter and Collins beat Stover and Lawyer in the #3 seed bracket to complete a doubles sweep for Clinch Valley. The Lady Cavs' next destination is the NAIA National Tournament in Florida.

Robby Mullins Sports Writer

On Sat. April 17, the weather went through all four seasons...in less than four hours! However, the bizarre weather changes did not stop the Lady Cavalier softball team from playing a doubleheader at home against the Tennessee-Wesleyan Lady Bulldogs, the top team in the TVAC.

double, creating a 10-3 lead. In the sixth inning, the Lady Bulldogs scored three runs, pulling within four runs, 10-6. With the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh inning, the Lady Bulldogs scored three runs on a double to center field to cut the lead to 10-9, but the Lady Cavs' were able to preserve a 10-9 victory over the Lady Bulldogs when Conkin caught a high fly ball in right field. In the second game, Booher took over the pitching duties. She helped herself on offense when she reached on an error in the first inning by the opposing second baseman, allowing Vaughan and Duncan to score, and making the score 2-0. Also, in the first inning, freshman second baseman Lana Holbrook was substituted for the starting second baseman Brumfield as a collision that occurred at home plate, in which Brumfield was ejected from the game. When Holbrook came to bat in the second inning, she turned out to be the only other runner to cross the plate, boosting the score to 3-0. The rest of this game was pure "D-fense," highlighted by a fine catch by Duncan in foul territory and Booher's shutout pitching performance. The shutout was the first goose egg of the season for Booher. "I felt comfortable out there, but it was a team effort and everybody played well," said Booher. The "team effort" resulted in a 3-0 victory. After the doubleheader, the players seemed very satisfied with their performance. "We're coming together hard as a team and today was a big boost," said Duncan. According to Brumfield, winning the doubleheader also represents were they stand as a team. "We're proving ourselves by beating the #1 team," said Brumfield. The Lady Cavs have one more regular season game before the TVAC tournament, a home game on April 22 against Alice Lloyd. Come out and cheer them on to victory!

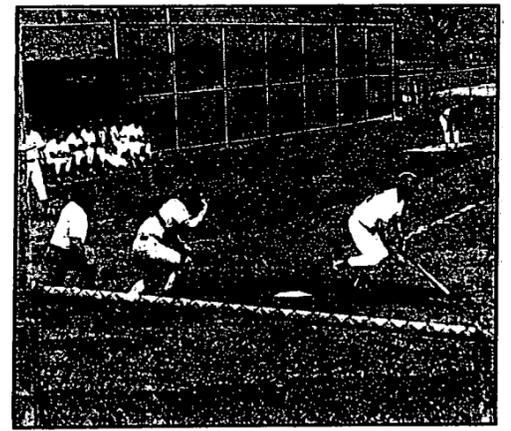
Cav baseball team's offense going strong

Brandon Taylor Sports Writer

It has been a busy week for the Highland Cavaliers baseball team as they played four games. The first game of the week pitted the Highland Cavaliers against the Emory and Henry Wasps at Powell Valley High School. The game had lots of offense as both teams pounded out double figures in hits. However, the Highland Cavaliers effort fell just a bit short as they lost by the score of 14-6. Even with the loss the Highland Cavaliers received another strong performance from third baseman Steven Tyler, as he paced the Cav's offensive attack with three hits including two massive home runs. Second baseman Scott Baker played solidly on offense contributing two hits. Baker also played outstanding defense in the game. Monty Matthews also played well as he drove in two runs to go along with two doubles. The second game of the week was against TVAC foe Milligan College in the first of three game set. Game one was packed full of excitement which saw the Highland Cavaliers trail 4-3 going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Center fielder

Derek Phipps started the rally with a lead off double and later scored the tying run on a double by Kevin Dalton. Dalton later advanced to third on a wild pitch, which set the stage for a dramatic finish as short stop Mike Jones drove in Dalton with a game winning sacrifice fly for an impressive 5-4 victory. Senior Chris Hill allowed only six hits and two walks to go along with his eight strikeouts en route to a complete game victory.

where he left off in the first game collecting two doubles and two RBI's. Left fielder Chad Shaffner contributed to the cause as he collected two hits as well in the defeat. Game three saw the Highland Cavaliers fall quickly behind 4-0 in the top of the first only to see CVC tie the game at four in their half of the first. That was how much of the game went as it saw both teams answer each other run for run for much of the game. The Highland Cavaliers pounded out an impressive 14 hits in the game but it was not enough as the Highland Cavaliers fell by the score of 12-9. Right fielder Kevin Dalton led the way with 4-5 performance at the plate with two RBI's and a towering home run. The Highland Cavaliers also got a solid contribution from Jones, who went 3-5 with a run scored and a RBI. Clinch Valley also



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The second game was not as favorable to CVC as the first as they dropped the second game to Milligan by the score of 13-6. The offensive attack was led by Jones, who had two doubles and two RBI's. Phipps also played well as he picked up from

got strong play from Monty Matthews as he had two hits to go along with his two RBI's. The Cav's next game will be against King College on April 23. They will play a doubleheader against King the following day. Good luck Cavs!

"To be prepared is half the victory." -Miguel Cervantes

Entertainment

The Importance Of Being Earnest staged at CVC to much praise and audience delight

Ruel R. Faruque
Staff Writer.

The program described it as "a trivial comedy for serious people", the director described it as a challenge upon society's perceptions of what constitutes upper class, and students simply loved it.

It's the Clinch Valley College production of "the Importance of Being Earnest". Staged April 14-18, director Eric Thompson's rendition of Oscar Wilde's most famous play entertained audiences of all sorts, with its superb acting and technical support.

Starring several CVC students and area citizens, the play tells of two men, Algernon Moncrieff (CVC student Rob Brooks) and John "Jack" Worthing (Patrick Ryan). Algernon resides in the city, and takes on the alias of Earnest to visit an imaginary friend Bunbury in the country; Jack, meanwhile, calls himself Earnest while visiting an imaginary younger brother named Earnest in the city.

The two friends call this happy and quite intriguing process "Bunburying". Under the alias of Earnest, Algernon meets and falls in love with Cecily Cardew (Tara Rowland) in the country, whose guardian just happens to be Jack. Jack, meanwhile, takes to Gwendolyn Fairfax (Dawn Soltis), the daughter of Lady

Bracknell (Pamela Gilmer), who is also Algernon's aunt.

A rather large dilemma arises when Cecily and Gwendolyn reveal that they love Algernon and Jack only for their names - Earnest. This creates quite a predicament for the men, causing the bonberry to fall apart; in desperation, Jack and Algernon decide to be re-christened "Earnest".

There is also a large tie-up when Lady Bracknell - a proponent of arranged marriages - intervenes. But all is cleared in the end when it is revealed that, through a long and unneringly strange series of events, Jack is actually the son of the late General Earnest John Moncreiff. Sound complicated?

It turns out, Jack was nursed as an infant by Miss Prism - the tutor and "assitant-guardian" of Cecily Cardew. When she mistakenly switched him with a book manuscript and placed him in a handbag it ended up in the trainstation cloakroom.

A man - the now late Mr. Thomas Cardew (Cecily

Cardew's grandfather) had found the bag, and raised Jack with Cecily. (When Mr. Cardew died, Jack then took over as Cecily Cardew's legal guardian.)

In the end, Jack and Algernon are forced to expose their "Bunbury" and are married to Gwendolyn and Cecily, respectively of course. Jack

realizes the "importance of being Earnest" - both in the sense of the name *and* the trait.

Director Eric Thompson led the cast to a stunningly great performance - literally almost perfect. The acting was real, in the sense that one did not see merely a friend on stage, but a new character. This, compiled with the numerous comical scenes, and excellent set design made the play a success.

Among the cast members were several area citizens. The house gasped when CVC Biology professor Kevin Jones entered as the Rev. Canon Chausable, and high school English teacher

Pamela Gilmer brought the character of Lady Bracknell to life. Michael Abbott and Kim Cole also gave great performances as Lane and Merriman

(butler, manservant), and Miss Prism, respectively. CVC students Tara Rowland, Rob Brooks, Patrick Ryan, Fill Lucas, and Dawn Soltis comprised the rest of the all-star cast. Tara Rowland led the CVC crew with a near-perfect performance as Cecily, and the others followed close behind.

Comical scenes abound. As the play opens, the butler enters, checks for his master three or four times, and drinks the alcohol; then he picks up a piece of dust off the floor and places it in the fireplace. During one intermission, a stage crew member danced across the stage with a broom, arousing many laughs.

Numerous witty lines also rocked the hall; several audience members even jotted them down.

"Tara Rowland lead the CVC crew with a near perfect performance as Cecily"

The play's plot alone will provoke great though, and it appears that Wilde intended it to be this way. First time viewers will not understand anything until the

middle of the second act; and even then, it only clears up during the third act. 'Tis quite a thoughtprovoker!

The technical crew also accented the stage performers with the exquisite set design - the window and entryway had the outdoor landscape and foyer as extensions or extra walls outside

the main room. This greatly added to the realism; when one moved his or her head, the sky outside the window actually moved with respect to the window panes.

The garden scene of act II was also quite a phenomenon, with projected tree shadows, and fifteen individual plantpots on stage. Yet set changes during intermissions were handled extremely well - speedy, smooth, and efficient.

Overall, the Clinch Valley College production of *the Importance of Being Earnest* was a great success. Director Eric Thompson said he was extremely happy with the actors' hard work, and observed that "everybody found fun in taking the production more seriously". It paid off; the show was great.

All in all if you missed *The Importance Of Being Earnest* at the CVC theater, you missed a lot, namely the lengthy philosophical debates prompted by the exceedingly deep thoughts promulgating the work of art. If you did not see it you missed a great show.

"The house gasped when Biology professor Kevin Jones entered as the Rev. Canon Chausable"

Barrymore shines in *Never Been Kissed* but film is too predictable

Tara Rowland
Entertainment Writer

So it was not the best movie I have ever seen, but I was definitely cute, which is about the best word I can think of to describe it. *Never Been Kissed* opens with Josie Geller (Drew Barrymore), as a copy editor of the Sun-Times, who really wants to be a reporter. Eventually her editors (Garry Marshall and John C. Reilly) give her then undercover assignment of being a highschool student so she can get a story on today's kids. During this second chance at highschool she seems to relive her old highschool days, the audience sees many a flash back on that one. She becomes close friends with Aldys (Leelee Sobieski) and gets into "The

Denominators", a club basically made up of math geeks. The ones who sent her in to do the story are unhappy with her progress and tell her she must get into the popular group because that is where the stories are. Suddenly Josie's younger brother Rob (David Arquette), who was popular in the years he originally went to school, enrolls in highschool with her and makes her popular. She leaves behind the smart kids, and becomes a member of the more shallow beautiful crowd. You also begin to notice that Josie has her eye on her young English teacher Sam Coulson (Micheal Vartan), and he seems to return the affections. This all leads up to prom, and the story unfolds pretty much how you figure it will.

Directed by Raja Gosnell and

produced by Miss Barrymore, this movie seems to idealize all the teenage love stories before it. It also takes that dream that everyone had of being the most popular, or having a second chance to relive the past and uses that as its basis. Also starring in this movie is Molly Shannon, from Saturday Night Live, as Anita, who is Josie's sex crazed adult pal; Jeremy Jordan as Guy Perkins, the guy every girl wanted in highschool; Jessica Alba as Kirsten; and Marley Shelton as Kristin, the ever popular beautiful girls of the highschool.

So if you are a fan of Miss Barrymore you might want to check it out, otherwise I suggest you wait until dollar night at the rental store.

Rated PG-13

His name is who?

Jarred Williams
Entertainment Editor

STOP! Collaborate and listen Ice is back with a brand new.... If you can finish this lyric then you no doubt can remember a certain white rapper who busted on the scene not too long ago and then just as quickly disappeared from the public view. Many people remember the days of "Ice Ice Baby" (or have repressed them at least) so the prospect of a new solo white rapper appearing on the music scene may make them skeptical to say the least. New rap artist "Eminem" has taken the industry by storm with the success of his new album "The Slim Shady LP."

Aside from the phenomenal success of The Beastie Boys, white rappers usually end up by the way-side in a form of music

where street credibility is an essential component. Eminem seems so far to have the credibility which may be largely due to the fact that original "N.W.A." rapper and now famed producer Dr. Dre is backing him. Once you bury the recurring comparisons to "Vanilla Ice" you begin to realize that Eminem can carry a good rhyme and he has some very catchy back beats and lyrics.

Although the content of Eminem's songs are bound to offend many, he wraps up his venomous rhymes with catchy lyrical hooks and toe-tapping drum beats. Also, the content is so over-the-top that nobody should take the content seriously.

If you are not offended easily, like rap, and can shake off the shadow of "Vanilla Ice" then give Eminem a try. *** (out of 5)