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No changes yet to attendance policy: SGA proposal heading back to the drawing board

Ashley Hale
News Editor

Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) met with the Academic Standards Committee on Fri., Feb. 1, to discuss the pros and cons of the current Attendance Policy. Danyelle Taylor, president of student activities, Morgan Nuttycombe, treasurer of the SGA, and Tim Shipe, president of the SGA were present to represent the views of the student body.

The SGA cabinet has spent much time and effort on creating a new Attendance Policy that they say will provide consistency for students. Although many students want to eliminate all forms of an attendance policy, Shipe states this is not the solution.

“Our new Attendance Policy would need to be workable for both faculty and students,” Shipe said. “The SGA understands and realizes

that some students would not succeed without structure; therefore, an attendance policy is necessary.”

The SGA supports the current “three-quarters rule” attendance policy, which states that students must attend seventy-five percent of classes in order to earn credit, but strongly feels that the policy does not provide consistent protection to students who need to represent Ferrum College. “We feel that some professors pick favorites and become inconsistent when determining excused and unexcused class meetings,” reports the SGA. The SGA, therefore, strongly urges that the college adopt a policy that will outline in detail, excused and unexcused absences.

“Some students do not go to class because they simply don’t feel like it,” Shipe says. “We do not have sympathy for those students. That’s not integrity.”

The new policy would offer

more protection to those students who miss class to attend conferences, sporting events, etc.

“Ferrum is known for developing the whole student socially and academically,” Shipe said. “We do this by getting them involved. Students may need to be away from campus to represent a certain club or organization. We need to protect these students.”

In order to develop a workable plan, Shipe urges open communication between faculty and students. A discussion forum about the Attendance Policy is available on Angel under the SGA link.

Shipe urges students to keep an open mind. “Our motto ‘Not self, but Others’ is the goal,” Shipe says. “The new Attendance Policy needs to benefit the entire campus community.”

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SGA President Timothy Shipe says a new Attendance Policy will need to be workable for both faculty and staff.

photo courtesy of Timothy Shipe

Anticipating an increase in tuition and fees, Ferrum students speak out

Rebekah Staples
Staff Writer

By the numbers, Ferrum College is one of the more affordable private colleges in Virginia, but the cost of attending seems to be the biggest and most common complaint of the students. The possibility of rising tuition for the coming academic year seems to be on the minds of many students.

Some students say they are beginning to research additional options, such as student loans and increased financial aid. Other students are concerned with finding alternative institutions altogether. Some students are even worried that they may have to drop out of college completely, due to rising tuition and other economic factors.

Sophomore Courtney Webster is fearful of the likelihood of rising

tuition. Like some other students at Ferrum, Webster says she is beginning to look at institutions she may transfer to. She states that the problems in the economy will have a direct effect on Ferrum’s enrollment.

“Due to the rise in tuition and the way the economy is,” Webster states, “the enrollment will be lower than expected.” Webster worries that other students will be forced to begin finding new colleges to attend.

Dustin Tosh, a returning senior, agrees with Webster. He believes that enrollment will be affected if tuition is raised. He says, “no one will be able to pay. I know some people can’t pay for Ferrum, so they are going to other colleges.”

Both Tosh and Webster understand the possibility that tuition may rise every year, but

they state more improvements should be seen around campus. Webster says that while she understands the rise in tuition may be needed, “there needs to be a better quality of things around campus such as internet and food, to make it feel worthy of paying so much money.”

Not all students are upset by the prospect of rising tuition. Corey Williams, a graduating senior, predicts that enrollment will not be majorly affected by a rise in costs.

Williams, however, does agree that a rise in tuition will likely frustrate some returning students. Williams sees the benefit in raising tuition. He says, “if the rising costs are for the betterment of the Ferrum College experience, I can see reasons for it.”

While the tuition price for next academic year has not been set, it

is likely to rise. A pamphlet was distributed through campus mail earlier in the semester regarding an increase in tuition but prices are still being discussed and plans are still being developed.

Even though plans have not been finalized and costs for 2009-10 have not been announced, students can probably expect some increase. Over the past three years, tuition has risen approximately 7 percent per academic year.

This year, tuition and fees total \$22,500. For 2007-08, tuition and fees were \$20,840. For 2006-07, tuition and fees were \$19,490.

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Cancer survivor Jane Duncan Stogner: the disease puts life in perspective

Ashley Hale
News Editor

"In life you choose to deal. If you are short, you learn to use a stool. If you are tall, you learn to duck."
— Jane Stogner

Renowned artist, retired Ferrum College professor, and cancer survivor Jane Stogner says she celebrates her experience with cancer. Though she does not wish the disease on anyone, she says, "It is what I needed to become the person I am today."

Stogner says, "Many things in life didn't make sense until this experience. I was forced to slow down, to become humble, and to open my heart completely."

During her 32-year career as an art professor at Ferrum, she admits to being slightly obsessed with her work. "I kept myself too busy," Stogner admits.

She was extremely strict and demanding in her course work, but she was dedicated to her students. Stogner stated that, through teaching, she could reach out to those who were in most need of

direction.

"I got to teach what I loved, and I had time to enjoy my life," said Stogner.

It was her passion and love for teaching and art, however, that made Stogner ignore her own health. Stogner admits to hearing her "inner voice" telling her that something was not right. "But I wanted to finish out the school year," she admits.

A year after her retirement, when Stogner finally went for a health check, she received the news that would alter her life forever.

In the summer of 2003, Stogner was diagnosed with colon cancer. She began immediate and regular chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Although most people would be overcome with the situation, Stogner admits that she did not experience much fear.

"Fear is an enemy of anyone," said Stogner. "Fear of pain makes the pain more intense. Don't ask why. It's just the way it works."

Stogner admits that she faced her cancer with a slight apprehension, but



photo courtesy of Jane Duncan Stogner

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College to host 12th Annual Women's Leadership Conference: "Gender Roles in a Shrinking World"

Ashley Hale
News Editor

Deborah Rodriguez, best-selling author of "Kabul Beauty School," will be keynote speaker for Ferrum's 12th Annual Women's Leadership Conference on March 24. Dr. Amy Hayes Holmes '00, a physician and medical missionary, will serve as alumna speaker.

Appalachian folk singer and lecturer Dr. Katie Hoffman will also be a featured performer.

Ferrum's campus theme, "Legacies of the Past, Challenges for the



Deborah Rodriguez, author of "Kabul Beauty School"

Present, Gender Roles in a Shrinking World," is the main focus for this year's event. Each presentation will focus on this theme.

Rodriguez went to Afghanistan with a humanitarian aid team in 2002. Being immersed in an unfamiliar world, Rodriguez became familiar with the plight of women repressed by years of Taliban control and sometimes by their own families. Through her hard work and persistent dedication, she established the first modern beauty academy and training salon in Afghanistan, the Kabul Beauty

School. Her book of the same title is the story of that undertaking.

Rodriguez will share her experiences of living in Afghanistan and tell of the struggles she faced in establishing the beauty school, as well as the solidarity that can develop among women facing limited choices and traditional attitudes.

Rodriguez will speak at 7 p.m. on Tues., March 24, in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room, with a reception and book signing following in Franklin Hall Atrium.

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Mechanical failure in Stanley Library causes fumes and smoke but no injuries

Breunka Davis
Staff Writer

Stanley Library was evacuated on Feb. 5 due to smoke and fumes in the ARC and middle level of the building. Faculty and students were reported to be in the library at the time of the incident. Campus wide e-mails were sent out to notify students about the extended time the library would be closed and the possible rescheduling of classes.

Timothy D. Belcher, director of Administrative Computing, sent out an e-mail directing students needing to take assessments scheduled in the library the following day to report to Beckham Hall. The 13 classes located in the Library Annex were moved to other buildings located on campus with the assistance of the registrar, Yvonne Walker.

Dr. Cy Dillon, associate professor and executive director of Stan-

ley Library, arrived on the scene around 10 minutes past 7 p.m., after being notified by Susan Crow, assistant professor and director of the Academic Resource Center and experiential term.

Dillon states, "I wouldn't say it was an electrical fire; it was more of a mechanical failure, due to a large fan breaking. The belts that drove the fan were tangled with the motor that powered the fan.

"The pulley on the motor,"

Dillon continues, "was rubbing against the belts and caused the fumes and smoke. Since the large fan circulated the air, the front of the building was not affected, but the back of the building was."

Daniel Adams, evening librarian assistant, was at the reference desk when the mechanical failure happened.

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Opinion/Editorial

Who owns content under new Facebook policy?

Kristina Hunter
Indiana Daily Student
Indiana U.
U-Wire

After Facebook changed its Terms of Use this month, many bloggers responded Monday in an uproar, concerned that Facebook now has more ownership of users' content than ever.

Despite a response from Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Monday afternoon, IU law experts said it appears Facebook has the power to use content in any way it chooses.

The terms of use, which were updated on Feb. 4, removed a few critical lines that previously allowed users to remove content, at which point the license granting Facebook content ownership would expire.

The blogosphere began buzzing after The Consumerist, a blog published by Consumer Reports magazine, published "Facebook's New Terms of Service: 'We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever,'" on Monday.

The new Terms of Use, without these lines, allows Facebook rights to all user content, names

and photos, even after a profile is deleted.

Facebook's Terms of Use state the site has permission "to use your name, likeness and image for any purpose, including commercial or advertising ... on or in connection with the Facebook Service or the promotion thereof. You represent and warrant that you have all rights and permissions to grant the foregoing licenses."

But whether or not that is full ownership is up for debate.

Zuckerberg issued a statement Monday by posting on Facebook's official blog that people still control and own their information.

"In reality, we wouldn't share your information in a way you wouldn't want," Zuckerberg wrote. "The trust you place in us as a safe place to share information is the most important part of what makes Facebook work."

But the statement does not address the lines removed from the terms of use.

Anthony Fargo, associate professor of communications law, said by removing these lines, users still own the information, but now Facebook does, too. Users who post content on the site give

Facebook somewhat of a "quasi-ownership," or more ownership rights of the content, and he said he believes there are some ethical issues.

"When people join Facebook, they don't read the terms of service," Fargo said. "I don't see how the new terms can be applicable without an option for members to pull out content before the agreement changed."

Fred Cate, IU School of Law professor and director of the Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research, said this change of terms is just a clarification and isn't a big surprise, even if there was no prior announcement about the changes.

"It's common to do this without a big announcement," Cate said. "This is just clarifying that that's exactly what Facebook can do."

Cate said the contract appears to say Facebook can use content for any purpose, including advertising, activities such as publishing a book using any pictures, or even as an introduction if someone is selected for the Supreme Court years from now.

Just because the law allows for a service to change its terms pretty easily, Cate said that doesn't mean he thinks it's fair.

"It's a particular challenge for

students," he said. "It's known that a large number of future employers check Facebook before they hire people."

Cate said people who are upset have many opportunities to express their concern.

"People should be upset," Cate said. "But these days it's easy for people to organize ways to provoke a response."

Facebook might have been trying to clarify its terms on ownership, Cate said. Other social networking sites make it clear whether or not the content is owned by the network, Cate said.

MySpace and Twitter, other popular social networking sites, both have terms of service that state they do not claim ownership rights or keep content after an account is deleted.

The idea of the Internet, though, makes anything posted online accessible at any time, and if people do not want information released about them, they should watch what they post online, Cate said.

"This is the Internet," Cate said. "It's not a place where you want to put things. Think of the Internet like a postcard; anyone can read it."

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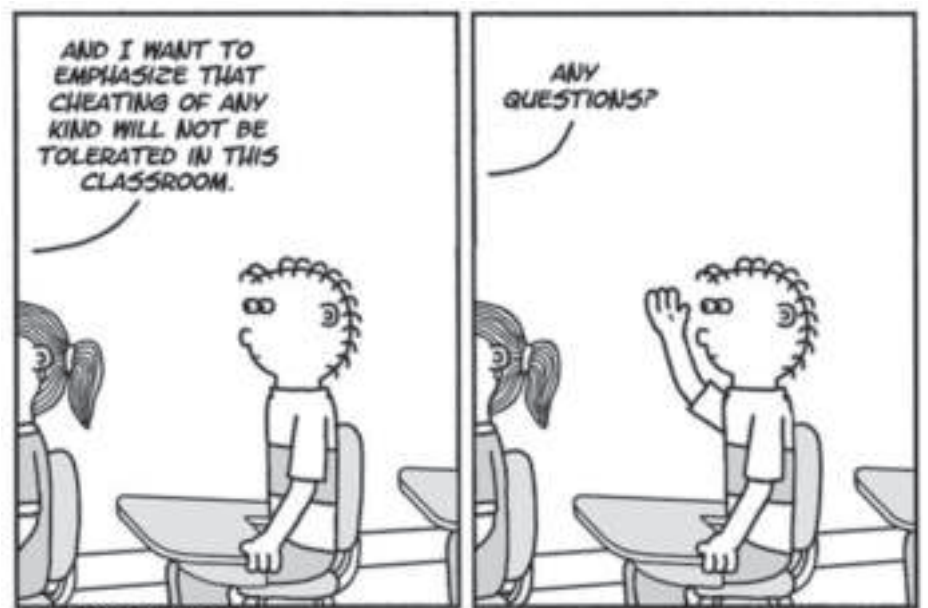
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CORRECTION

In the February 16 issue of the Iron Blade Kay Adams should have been given photo credit for the picture of AnnMichelle Bolt.



Ferrum Forum

compiled by Matt Bird

What would your ideal Spring Break be?



Brittney Bullock

Trip to Tokyo with Grandma



Daniel Alvarez

Turtle hunting in Salt Lake City, Utah



Tyler Milstead

Ice fishing in Vermont



Ethan Fowlkes

Alligator wrestling in Tallahassee, Florida



Gabe Moncada

Noodling for catfish in Sedona, Arizona



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Bird watching in Eagle Pass, Texas



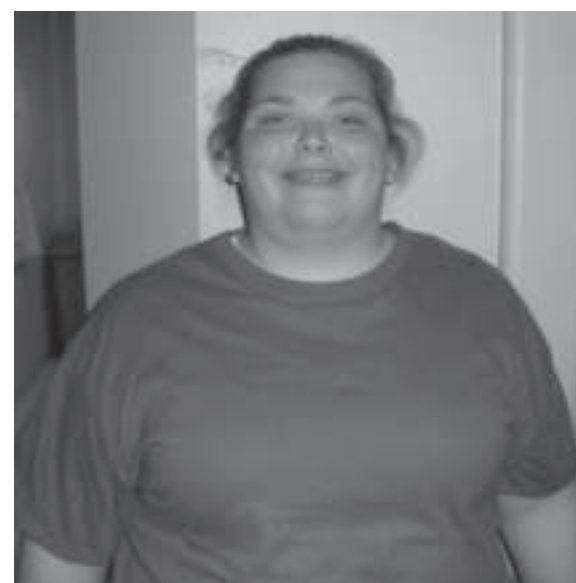
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Spending time on my uncle's bee farm in Cheyenne, Wyoming



Tyler Easterly

Snake charming in Fargo, North Dakota



Elizabeth Byrd

Trip to Australia

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by
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Staff Writer

Monday, February 23, 2009

5 p.m. Agriculture Club Meetings
Garber 123

7 p.m. The Church- Monday Night
Praise
Vaughn Chapel

7:45 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Pledge
Meetings
LA 201

8:30 p.m. Colleges Against Cancer
Weekly Meeting
Beckham 103

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

4:30 p.m. Ferrum ONE Meeting
Roberts Lobby

5 p.m. Karate Club
Dance Studio/Gym

7 p.m. VITA tax preparation
Beckham 202

8 p.m. Senate Meetings
Grousbeck Auditorium

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

12:20 p.m. Psych Club Meeting
Grousbeck 201

4 p.m. Sobriety Day Meeting
Library 201

7 p.m. Lambda Sigma Honor
Society Potentials Social
Virginia Room and Skeens
Seminar Room

Thursday, February 26, 2009

3:30 p.m. Big Buddy /Little Buddy
Elementary Event
Fitness Center

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Continued
4:30 p.m. AASA Meeting
Beckham 103

5 p.m. Art Club Meeting
Clay Studio/Pottery House

Ferrum College Democrat Club
Meeting
Beckham 101

Karate Club
Dance Studio/Gym

7 p.m. VITA tax preparation
Beckham 202

8:30 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible
Study
Roberts Hall Conference Room

Sunday, February 29, 2009

4 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
Vaughn Chapel

Monday, March 2, 2009

5 p.m. Agriculture Club Meetings
Garber 123

7 p.m. The Church- Monday Night
Praise
Vaughn Chapel

7:45 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega
Pledge Meetings
LA 201

8:30 p.m. Colleges Against Cancer
Weekly Meetings
Beckham 103

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Ferrum Folks Yuji Hairston

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photo by Suzie Kelly

In October 2007, several newspaper articles referred to Yuji Hairston as a "hero." However, that's not how he sees it.

"I'm not a hero. I'm a regular guy concerned about others," he says. "Heroes are on a different level."

The "heroic" comments refer to an event in October 2007 when Hairston risked his own life one morning to save an elderly couple from their burning home. Hairston heard an explosion and thought that he could help.

Hairston is almost an institution here at Ferrum College. Between his happy-go-lucky attitude and his self-admitted "crazy" hairstyles, it's pretty hard to miss him.

It is mostly Hairston's outlook on life that also makes him stand out. "I like to help people and I'm good at it," he says, and then laughs. "I blame my parents."

Hairston chose to go into the Marines directly after high school. He felt the military would focus him better than immediately going to college.

"I knew college wasn't what I needed," says Hairston. "I never expected to go to college."

Hairston went to Marine boot camp in 1999 and he says he found his place. "It was a way to serve my country and be part of the solution," says Hairston.

In May 2002, Hairston became

a father. "I had done a lot of preparation (for fatherhood)," he says. When his daughter, Jerica, arrived, he was able to put that preparation to work. "It was more of a test to see if I could be the father I wanted to be. The way my father was."

So Hairston was a 23-year-old father when he started college, an atypical freshman. After being in the Marines for four years, he had decided to look into going to college. He initially chose Ferrum for practical reasons, because Ferrum took freshmen students mid-year. After visiting Ferrum's campus and meeting the professors, he says, he knew it was the right choice.

Hairston started Ferrum in 2004 and took a year off in 2005 to go over to Iraq for seven months with the Marines.

Hairston is a double major in chemistry and biology. He has been interested in those subjects since middle school after having an enthusiastic science teacher.

"She was such an amazing teacher," he recalls. "She solidified my interest in science."

Hairston plans to go back into the military after he finishes college. He wants to do research in chemical and biological

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NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

Movie Reviews

“Friday the 13th” remake wastes no time fulfilling audience’s horror film expectations

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

The new “Friday the 13th,” directed by Marcus Nispel, is more a re-imagining than the straightforward remake of the original film directed by Sean Cunningham. This “Friday the 13” is no worse or better than any of the other sequels this franchise has spawned. In giving this film a compliment, I will say it wastes no time getting down to business.

The opening credit sequence of the original pits camp counselor survivor (Stephanie Rhodes) against Mrs. Voorhees (Nana Visitor). For people who saw the original film, Mrs. Voorhees is avenging the death of Jason, who drowned.

Any how, we skip to the

present, in which our first set of teens is camping. These teens are basically smoking pot and getting laid. Some of them attempt to explore the abandoned cabins of Camp Crystal Lake. One by one, they are picked off by Jason (Derek Mears).

About a month later, a new set of teens--including Trent (Travis van Winkle) and Jenna (Danielle Panabaker)--come to the lake for the weekend. Also arriving is Clay (Jared Padalecki). He is searching for his sister Whitney (Amanda Righetti), who disappeared with the previous victims. The police have given up the search for Whitney, so Clay goes to visit the townspeople for clues. The townspeople give him some hints on what happened to the previous campers. Though the town folks

realize it was Jason, they know it’s best to leave him alone.

As I said earlier, this movie gets down to business pretty quickly. The movie actually combines elements of previous film installments in II-IV (The head of Jason’s mother was Friday the 13th II, The Hockey Mask of Friday the 13th III and the missing sibling of Friday the 13th IV). There is little character development, which is to be expected, and Jason has been turned into something resembling Rambo, which I think is a nice surprise. All that being said, it is pretty much what you want in a horror film without ever actually thinking about what comes next.

Director Nispel also directed the remake of the “Texas Chainsaw Massacre.” Now, he should get out of the horror remake business or



create something new that doesn’t have such a ludicrous premise.

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Like biting bittersweet chocolate—“Apocalypso”

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Staff Writer

February is filled with the smell of chocolate. Although I had nothing especially romantic to do this Valentine day, I could not get out of the aroused atmosphere all around me. Somehow, I found myself humming the song, ‘Kinky Love,’ from “Apocalypso”--a debut album by Brazilian-influenced indie pop singer Rita Calypso. The song was spinning around in my head like a banana stuck on a fork in a chocolate fountain. Her album “Apocalypsois” is perfect listening for a romantic night in with a box

of chocolates.

Rita Calypso has released a brilliant debut album with her “Apocalypso” on “Siesta Records.” From the colorful cover to the trippy tunes, the CD is intended to take you out of your world and drop you into Rita Calypso’s.

“Apocalypso” is a rich tradition of Brazilian songwriting. Instead of sticking to one or two songwriters, Calypso digs through a vast and rich tradition of many songwriters, delving into the vaults of the 1960s for what has become a time of peak creativity in Brazilian music during the 20th century. “Apocalypso” is full of



great tunes like Claudine Longet’s ‘Wander love’, Bacharach & David’s ‘Paper Mache’, Charles Fox’s ‘Where Do I Go?’ Nancy Sinatra’s ‘Kinky Love’, Ellen Dedrick’s ‘Settlement Boy’, Jimmy Webb’s ‘I’ll Cry Myself

To Sleep’ and Mason William’s ‘Never Was A Love Like Mine’. Also included are some choice instrumentals: versions of Bruno Nicolai’s ‘Mary’, Tony Hatch’s ‘Birds’, and The Brass Ring’s ‘The Disadvantages Of You’, which add a lounge, soundtrack, bliss to the proceedings.

This week for the romantic month of February, take time out and listen to Rita’s mellow voice and bossa nova rhythms. Even if you failed to find love this Valentines Day, this album will soothe your mind.

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If you care to know ... some trivia to ponder

Clara Harlowe
Features Editor

I thought it was time for a change of pace. The more I thought about it I kept thinking how I’m in the mood for some useles, funny trivia. How about you?

First check out some unique phobias:

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia - is the fear of long words.

Clinophobia - is the fear of beds.

Paedophobia - is a fear of children.

Automatonophobia - is a fear of ventriloquist’s dummies, animatronic creatures, wax statues or anything that falsely represents a

sentient being.

Hypnophobia - is a morbid fear of sleep and falling asleep.

Lyssophobia - is a morbid fear of insanity.

Phobatrivaphobia - is a fear of trivia about phobias

Dromophobia - is a fear of crossing the road

Unatractiphobia - is a fear of ugly people.

Arachibutyrophobia - is a fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth.

Trivia:

If you suffer from geophagia then you have a compulsive urge to eat soil.

The life of an eyelash is about 6 weeks.

You will have to walk 80 kilometers for your legs to equal the amount of exercise your eyes get daily.

The tongue of a mature blue Whale has approximately the same mass as that of an entire adult elephant.

Termites are affected by music; the termites will eat your house twice as fast if you play them loud music.

One gallon of used motor oil can ruin approximately one million gallons of fresh water.

Sound travels 15 times faster through steel than it does through the air.

An owl can see a mouse moving from over 150ft away by a light no brighter than candlelight.

In a lifetime, the average clean-shaven man will spend five months shaving and will remove 28 feet of hair.

Over a 12-day period your body generates a whole new set of taste buds. (This process continues until you are in your 70s.)

Walt Disney World generates about 120,000 pounds of garbage every day.

A Viking tribe once raided England because they had run out of beer.

The average woman speaks 7000 words per day, where as the average man speaks just over 2000.

Disney World is bigger than the

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Sports

Baseball off to strong start

Corrie Kondek
Staff Writer

The Baseball Team is out to a 4-1 start after wins over Southern Virginia University, Roanoke College, and the University of Maine Presque Isle. The team's only loss was on the road against Kings College in Tennessee.

So far, the hitting leaders of the team have been Paul Jaglowski, Michael Nolte, and Jason Butterworth, who are all hitting over the .500 mark. Justin Franklin has hit 3 homers in 2 games. The whole team is off to a positive start.

Pitching wise for the Panthers, Brian Mays leads the team with 12 K's. Michael Baskeyfield, Trey Finch, and Josh Jordan are all 1-0 on the mound.

Wins against Southern Virginia and Roanoke College kept fans in their seats until the bottom of the 9th inning when the Panthers came back to win both of those games. After the Emory Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, the team's next home game will come on February 25th at 3 p.m. against Guilford College. Seven consecutive road games follow until March 11th when it hosts Washington and Lee University at 3 p.m.

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Freshman Paul Jaglowski has been named Baseball Rookie of the Week by the USA South Athletic Conference for his part in the Panther's first five games this season. Jaglowski had a banner day against the University of Maine-Presque Isle on Feb. 15 at home. He helped Ferrum sweep the Owls in the non-conference doubleheader, 16-5 and 7-2, going 7-for-8 at the plate with five RBI, four runs, four stolen bases, and two doubles. Jaglowski is from Chesapeake and prepped at Western Branch High School. He is also a member of the Boone Honors Program.

photo courtesy of
Sports Information

Panthers fall to Captains



Miranda Carrasco (3rd from left) and Caprice Laws (3rd from right) with their parents and Coach Bryan Harvey during pregame Senior Day ceremony. photo courtesy of Sports Information

Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Jerlisa Bowser's put-back off Chelsie Schweers missed shot with less than a second remaining in regulation gave Christopher Newport University a 77-76 USA South women's basketball win over Ferrum College on senior night. Ferrum carried a 39-38 lead going into halftime, and increased their lead to as many as 10 points in the second half. It was not enough, as CNU clawed their way back into the game behind Schweers 30 points. CNU was up 75-74 when Tonya Wright's layup with seven seconds left put the Panthers ahead 76-75. CNU called timeout after bringing the ball across half

court. After inbounding the pass to Schweers, she drove to the left side of the key and put up a shot that landed short, but Bowser was there to put the ball back in the net.

Ferrum had four players that scored in double figures, with Ashley Norton leading the way with 21 points. Seniors Miranda Carrasco and Caprice Laws scored 20 and 15 points respectively, while Tonya Wright added 11. Ferrum's record drops to 16-7 overall, 12-4 in the USA South. Ferrum has secured a home game in the USA South Athletic Conference Tournament; the opponent has yet to be determined.

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Holmes' presentation, entitled "The Least of These: The Forgotten Women of the Developing World," will focus on medical and other problems faced by women in developing countries. Holmes has undertaken voluntary medical mission trips to India, Mexico, Malawi, Indonesia, New Guinea, Uzbekistan, and, most recently, Ethiopia. She earned her medical degree at the George Washington University School of Medicine and is a physician at medical centers in Ponca City and Medford, Okla.

Holmes will speak at 11 a.m. in the Panther's Den.

Hoffman will kick off the conference on Tuesday morning with her presentation "Women's Voices, Women's Woes: Folk Ballads as Female Space." Through folk music and lecture, she will discuss gender-specific problems faced by women in various cultures, including Appalachia, focusing on how the themes of

such folk songs from the women of the past apply to the women in the present. Hoffman will perform at 9:30 a.m. in the Panther's Den.

Another conference highlight is a charity event to benefit Deborah Rodriguez's organization, Oasis Rescue. On Tuesday afternoon, several local hair stylists will give haircuts for a minimum \$10 donation to the organization. Oasis Rescue was established to help women in Middle Eastern countries, particularly those living in refugee situations. By educating women on the commerce associated with the beauty industry and empowering them with skills, Oasis Rescue is helping women develop a means of supporting themselves and their families.

The conference will also include several other events.

During a luncheon in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room from 12:30 to 1:30, cast members of the spring musical, "Babe," will perform.



Dr. Amy Hayes Holmes ('00) in Ethiopia.

The Smith Mountain Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women will once again host a late afternoon tea to recognize Ferrum's junior and senior female student leaders. Campus organization officers, student media leaders, and athletic team

captains will receive invitations.

The Afghani women Deborah Rodriguez sought to help face more persecution than American women. The women in developing countries visited by Dr. Amy Holmes Hayes face medical and day-to-day living situations more intense than those of most Americans. But it is one of the goals of the Women's Leadership Conference to reveal that, despite cultural, socioeconomic, political, and geographic differences, women's struggles around the world have much in common.

As men must also be a part of finding solutions to these problems, they are also welcome and encouraged to attend conference events.

For more information on the conference or to register, visit www.ferrum.edu/wlc.

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not experience much fear.

"Fear is an enemy of anyone," said Stogner. "Fear of pain makes the pain more intense. Don't ask why. It's just the way it works."

Stogner admits that she faced her cancer with a slight apprehension, but knew she would defeat the disease. She states that she made each step keeping in mind "the acceptance of surrender, faith in God, and faith in self."

The harsh treatments quickly began to take a toll on Stogner. Her immune system began to shut down. She was not allowed to have visitors or flowers for fear that they would spread germs.

"The Ferrum Community was a constant support," Stogner said. "I received multiple cards from members of the college. President Jennifer Braaten faithfully wrote a get-well card once a week."

Stogner also received cards from former students. "They meant so much to me," she says, "and I kept every one I received."

Again, Stogner admits that fear was not an issue. "Fear plays too much of a role in people's lives," Stogner says. Through meditation, she says, she was able to control her emotions and, ironically, be

the support for her family and ease their fears.

It took Stogner a year to regain her health. Throughout her illness, Stogner admits to constantly painting and drawing as a form of therapy. "I surprised myself," she said, "I found strength that I didn't know I had."

Though she still has frequent doctor visits to take blood and look for markers of cancer, she refuses to slow down. Stogner now commits herself to inspiring those suffering from cancer.

Her paintings are often auctioned off, with proceeds going toward organizations such as Hospice. She has created her own card ministry. She also sends various inspirational books to patients. From first-hand experience, she knows what simple gifts can mean.

"I still paint like crazy," she said. Stogner also continues to teach adult art classes.

After her experience with cancer, Stogner says she no longer fears the inevitable.

"You just have to learn to deal with the issues life throws at you."

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"I went up stairs after the smoke started to see if I could see anything," Adams said. "As I was coming back downstairs the police came in and told everyone to evacuate."

Around 7 p.m. the library was evacuated. Burning rubber could be smelled for about an hour after the evacuation.

Adams states, "We were very happy to see how fast the police and fire department responded to Susie Crow's call."

Some people present in the library at the time reported being uncomfortable, but no injuries were reported.

To fix the fan and insure that no other problems would arise, heating and air conditioning professionals repaired and tested every fire alarm. Sam Moran, associate director of Physical Plant Services, hired a welding company and contracted with a machine shop to check all alarms and fans.

Although Dillon regrets that he had to close the library, he wanted to make sure that there was no definite danger and that all the alarms were working before students and faculty were allowed to reenter the building.

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advancement. "I want to do my part to make the world a better place," he says.

Hairston likes military life the best. "I'm not good as a civilian," he says with a laugh.

With some life experience under his belt, Hairston is not the usual college student. "I have more motivation to do the courses and the work," he says. He jokes, "But I'm still lazy."

Hairston says he likes to learn. "I've always loved learning," he says. "I don't really like grades."

Hairston is involved in several activities around campus, including being a lab assistant, being on the Environmental Committee and being in APO.

Most people recognize Hairston as the helpful "go-to" guy. "He'll help any way he can, if he can,"

says Kaitlin Peterson ('07), Hairston's girlfriend of four years.

Peterson and Hairston met at Ferrum. Peterson says she likes his sense of humor. "He makes me laugh, and he can laugh at himself," she says. "(I think) that's really important."

Hairston says he tries to help whenever he can. "I just go through life and try to have fun and take others along the way," he says.

"He has such a big heart," says Peterson. "He's a father figure, protector, big brother. He always tries to do the right thing."

Hairston, like many college students, has big plans for the future. He wants to go back into the military and eventually move back to his hometown of Boston

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