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Retired Ferrum professor/local artist's work on display in Stanley Library's Greer Gallery

Caleb Taylor
Staff Writer

When you look at a work of art, what do you see or observe? Colors being stroked together to make a memorable and beautiful picture, or a scene of colorful and vivid imagery fabricated in order to illustrate a person's passion, love, and interest?

Regional artist Jane Stogner is inspired not only by artists such as Frederic E. Church and Andrew Wyeth, but also through her own struggle and survival of rectal and cervical cancer. Stogner, a Franklin County native, educated many students at Ferrum College prior to her retirement from teaching. A collection of Stogner's work, entitled "Beyond Horizons", is currently on display at the E. Taylor Greer Art Gallery in Stanley Library. Her exhibit will continue through February 15th.

In addition to serving as a long-time faculty member at Ferrum, Stogner has also taught at Wilkes Art Center in Wilkesboro, N.C., where 25 of her newest watercolor paintings are on display. Many of Stogner's paintings have been donated to charities for cancer

and to the well-known non-profit organization known as Hospice. Although she's educated gifted artists for many years, she says she still considers herself to be a student in art--learning the fundamentals of passion, patience, and beauty, which are all seen within the aspects of artists worldwide.

During their Ferrum teaching careers, Stogner and her husband Dr. Joe Stogner, who taught Environmental Science, were awarded the Hurt and Exemplary Professor awards for their excellence in teaching. The Stogners have also received the Bald Knob Artist Club, which teaches 60 adult members, sponsors art shows and workshops, and soon hopes to distribute scholarships and internships to various art-loving scholars. Stogner, who often paints landscapes, strongly believes that students are the caretakers of the environment and hopes that, through the art of painting, rising young artists will cultivate love and appreciation of our ecosystem.

"Art takes time, dedication, and discipline, and has always been an amazing teacher and ally in my life," Stogner says. "Art teaches you patience and to see beauty."



Artist Jane Stogner, a former member of Ferrum's art faculty, says she is still a student of art, always learning and experimenting. Her show will continue through February 15 in Greer Gallery.

photo by Suzie Kelly

Not only is she proud of her students, and her achievements, she is also pleased to have numerous paintings being collected and shown by many national, inter-

national, private, and corporate organizations.

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"The Black Jew Dialogues": just a spoonful of laughter helps the prejudice lesson go down

Corrie Konddek
Staff Writer

"The Black Jew Dialogues" will be held in the Panther's Den on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. Ron Jones and Larry Tish will portray one of society's most serious problems, racial prejudice and discrimination.

According to the FBI, 9,535 hate crimes victims were identified in 2007. Often incidents such as hate crimes remain unspoken and go unpunished. Misconceptions about race, religion, and culture are main players in hate crimes.

Statistics show that black people and Jews have more incidents and offences against them than any

other groups. In this day and age, we try to understand each other and get along, but problems still exist in our country and around the world.

Justin Muse, assistant director of student leadership and engagement, recommends this program as an educational but also fun experience, "It will be a night of laughter and joy," said Muse.

Ferrum's motto "Self, not others", urges students to look at all the things happening around us and put aside our differences and embrace what makes America and Ferrum different. The Black Jew Dialogues is a program consistent with that motto.

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Larry Tish and Ron Jones perform in "The Black Jew Dialogues."

The "Gateway" to success in grant proposals

Breunka Davis
Staff Writer

Students in seven Gateway classes learned about the grant proposal process during Fall 2008, and some students even had their proposals funded.

The students presented their proposals on Monday, Dec. 8, and Tuesday, Dec. 9, and funding selections were made through the Christian Ministries Program, directed by Wes Astin, dean of the chapel and religious life.

The Gateway program prepares freshman students by giving them a chance to explore their gifts and talents, through academic guidance. Faculty have devoted their time and efforts to help incoming freshmen develop professionally, as well as intellectually. Dr. Gail L. Summer, assistant dean for academic affairs, approached and selected Gateway faculty members, with a chance that their students could participate in a funded community project.

George W. Loveland, Gateway advisor and associate professor of library science and public services librarian, states that his role in the project was "to stimulate students who identified a social problem that mattered to them personally, and to help them make a connection to someone in the community



Last semester, as part of her Gateway class's project of learning about grant proposal procedures, Dr. Sharon Stein had students design and display posters relating to the topic for which they were seeking funding. One of Stein's class projects, "Suitcases for Foster Children," received funding.

photo by Elaine Ly

who was already working on that project." He prepared his students by focusing on specific chapters of the book entitled "Soul of The Citizen" by Paul Rogat Loeb, and by having them writing journal en-

tries. His class also participated in mock presentations of their Grant Proposal Projects.

Loveland believes his most memorable moment was when one group interviewed a community

leader, who talked about his experience with Meals on Wheels. "The group was so touched about

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Students named to Dean's List for Fall 2008

Jessica Michelle Adams
Laurie Marie Adams
Corey Osajie Akhidenor
Andrew Allwine
Allyson Kalei Altizer
Daniel Robert Alvarez
Alexander N. Angell
Abigail Stephanie Ardis
Chelsea Lynn Austin
Valerie Claire Bandell
Burcu Melissa Barkan
Jerrica Lachelle Barksdale
Michael Thomas Barnes
Aleksandra Alicia Battek
Devyn Michelle Bayes
Danielle Nicole Beach
Wilfred Kambeh Jusu Beah
Joseph Ross Beckner
Emma Lillian Beneke
Joshua Lynn Bernard
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Joshua Syilva Breen
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Tyritya Michelle Brown
Tyler Hampton Brubaker
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Steven John Burgoyne
Elizabeth Parry Byrd
Blake Edward Caduff
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Daniel G. Campbell
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Jennifer Lynn Carter
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Ashley Jade Clements
Benjamin Franklin Cockerille IV
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William Matthew Comstock
Amanda Michelle Conner
Ashley Magen Conner
Jeremiah Jonathan Cook
William Justin Cooper
Morgan Anne Cramsey
Dale Andre Crosby
Jennifer Lynn Curtis
Holly E. D'Heron
Destiney Ann Davis
Shirley Renay Davis
Morgan Elizabeth Dillon
Gabrielle Renee Dobbs
Jessica Jade Doss
Brian Wayne Dovell
Garet Robert Dunivin

Ivan Isaiah Eames
Lauren Elizabeth Eary
Matthew Richard Eggleston
Romulo-Andre S. Fajardo
Lynette Marija Fatovic
Kyle David Flack
Jessica Leann Flanagan
Raven Nichole Forbes
Mica Johnice Ford
Ashlynn Marie Foster
Caitlin Claire Fournier
Jessica Elizabeth Fralin
Erin Leah French
Greer Wayne Frith
Youpeng Fu
Maria Guadalupe Garcia
Kevin Wayne Hunt Gilley
Ramonda Mechele' Gilmore
Bethany Gabrielle Gomez
Michah Naomi Gordon
Melinda Lynne Graham
Brittney Lynne Greene
Michael George Gresham
Thomas Joseph Grzesikowski
Robert Edward Gudman
Emily Christina Guilliams
Jennifer Sue Gunter
Khosera Habibi
Devann Shea Hagy
Ashley Lynn Hale
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Christopher Kenneth Henz
Crystal Dawn Hickson
Dexter Andy Hinds
Erin Nichole Hodges
Karsey Jaline Hodges
Joshua Stephen Horan
Kellie Diane Housman
Patric Keatley Hypes
Cara Ashley Jacobs
Paul Townsend Jaglowski
Lindsay Kaye Jones
Melissa Anne Keatts
Steven M Keesler
KristenNicole Keith
Dabney Leigh Kellogg
Tammy Myers Kidd
Seon Hee Kwon
Cierra Jeannette Lancaster
Youngkyu Lee
Ming Lei
Rachel Lynn Lewis
Jessica Ann Lively
Jacqueline LeeLocklear
Tember Elizabeth Long
Jessica Michelle Lucas

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Opinion/Editorial

ONE chapter established on campus; members committed to fight against extreme poverty and preventable diseases

Michael Gresham
Staff Writer

“Only a humanity to whom death has become as indifferent as its members, that has itself died, can inflict it administratively on innumerable people.”

-Theodor Adorno-

There is a point, I think, in our philosophical travels, when ideology meets reality head-on, and, in the subsequent collision, we are forced to set our own limits. At this point, a society's rules are, in a sense, superseded, since we then live according to the principles that govern humanity, rather than those set by states and countries.

It is in this spirit that I wish to tell you about a campus organization that strives to abide by these universal principles. The Ferrum chapter of ONE was established last semester, thanks to the tireless efforts of Milan

Jimenez and the many campus leaders who supported him.

You may have seen ONE flyers posted around campus last semester and wondered what ONE was all about. The ONE web site describes the organization's purpose as follows:

“ONE is a grassroots campaign and advocacy organization backed by more than 2 million people from around the world and every walk of life who are committed to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa.”

It is easy to overlook such crises when we, as First World citizens, reside in the eye of the storm. There are *millions* of people worldwide dying of preventable diseases, starvation, and senseless warfare. **3 billion people worldwide live on less than a dollar a day.** McDonald's dollar menu seems rather exorbitant when stood alongside such statistics,

eh? And while it is easy to frown and point fingers, it is much more difficult to *stand up* and declare one's self a global and universal citizen, one who will *NOT* stand for such rampant misery and inequality.

I couldn't care less whether you are a Democrat or a Republican. This is *beyond* partisanship, *beyond* politics, and *beyond* prejudice. We are talking about a radical shift in perception—we are talking about earth-shattering changes that must happen on a global scale, changes that—alas—must first happen locally.

As always, you have a choice. By all means, party on, rock out on Guitar Hero, laugh and enjoy each other and enjoy life, but I would ask you this... would you also be willing to take time from your schedules and stand with us? Would you stand for those who cannot enjoy such luxuries, people to whom survival is the only way of life? Only through

your help can we ever hope to raise our voices into a defiant scream, demanding that the world's governments do everything in their power to resolve these crises.

So when you see an e-mail in your inbox about the next ONE meeting, please at least consider seeing what we are all about. Go to <http://www.ONE.org> and read the literature. Even if you don't join ONE, at very least see what can be done in your own community. Tell your friends about it. Tell your families about it. Tell your preachers and your barbers. Tell everyone who will listen. In the end, it is indeed down to ONE... one person and one voice, eventually snowballing down the mountain into an avalanche of unstoppable persuasion and force.

For more information, please go to the following site: <http://www.one.org/about>.

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Iron Blade critics: “be more tolerant”

Dec 1, 2008

To the Editor,

This letter is in reply to the “Iron Blade is not yet fair enough” letter printed in the November 17, 2008 edition of the *Iron Blade*. I would like to start off by saying that Ferrum College, Dr. Whited, and the *Iron Blade* staff are doing the campus community a great favor in their efforts to provide us with timely information relevant to our everyday lives. The foundation of the organization of the *Iron Blade* not only provides an outlet for student expression but, more importantly, gives our students the opportunity to enter the world of journalism before leaving the campus.

I feel that the recent letters, opinions and actions of my fellow students attacking the *Iron Blade* and its supporters are undermining the purpose of the *Iron Blade* and show us as ungrateful recipients of this long term, momentous relationship between the *Iron Blade*

and the campus community. Personally, I would like to thank the *Iron Blade* staff for their committed service and encourage them to continue their hard work.

My fellow students, I ask that we be more tolerant in all areas of our lives and to realize in ourselves, *that life isn't always fair!* Now, as for the election, it's over, and instead of continuing to be adversaries, we all need to come together and assist our new President, Barack Obama, in making the necessary improvements needed across the country. **Global problems begin inside ourselves.**

Tiara C. Gill

Ms. Tiara C. Gill

President of the Young Democrats Club

Editor's note: Ms. Gill's letter was received in early December, after the last fall issue of *The Iron Blade* was printed.

Ferrum Forum

compiled by John Wells

What was your New Year's resolution, and have you stuck with it?



Elizabeth Byrd

I do not have one because I never stick with them.



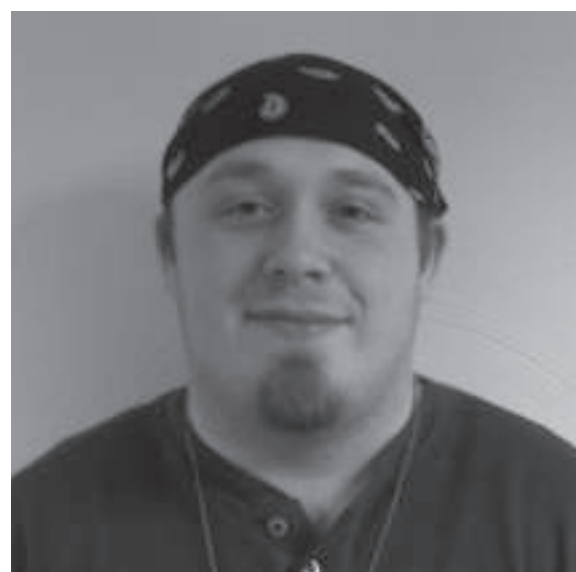
Jeff Williams

My resolution is to gain weight. I have doubled my eating.



Alex Hurdle

To become more organized.



Steven Keesler

To lose 25 pounds so we can win the conference championship next year.



Crystal akers

My resolution is to graduate in May.



Regis Boudinot

To live one day at a time.



Latisha Toddy

I did not make one because I never keep them.



Brian Walsh

My resolution is to stop eating fast food and eat healthier. Put down the burgers, Ferrum.



Jared Stark

My resoluion was to do better in school; so far this year school has started off a lot better and looks to be a better semester.

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Dominique Fitzgerald
Staff Writer

January 26

Art exhibit, "Beyond Horizons"
Jane Stogner, artist
Greer Gallery--continues through
February 15th

12 a.m.
Racquetball Clinic
Fitness Center

5:30 p.m.
Ferrum's Biggest Loser
Panther's Den

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

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

January 27
7 p.m. Relay Pizza Party
Panther's Den

January 28
12:20 p.m. Psych Club Meeting
Grousbeck 201

4:30 p.m. Teacher Education
Internship Reception
Blue Ridge Mountain Room

8 p.m. Black Jews Dialogues
Panther's Den

January 29
3:30 p.m. Big Buddy/Little Buddy
Elementary Event
Fitness Center

January 29, continued

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

January 30
Art Gallery: "Beyond Horizons"
Jane Stogner

January 31
10 p.m. Grown and Sexy
Panther's Den

February 1
12 a.m. SuperBowl Party
Panther's Den

4 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
Vaughn Chapel

February 2
7 p.m. The Church-Monday Night
Praise
Vaughn Chapel

8 p.m. Foosball Tournament
Fitness Center

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

9 p.m. Comedian Lav Luv
Panther's Den

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60 Seconds with Dave Newcombe

Clara Harlowe
Features Editor



photo by Clara Harlowe

How long have you been working with Ferrum College?

This is my 23rd year.

What is your position here at Ferrum College?

My position is director of Student Leadership and Engagement.

Has this always been your position?

No. I started in 1986 as the director of residence life. In 1989, I was given the position of dean of student affairs; I had different responsibilities under that position. This was my position until 2005.

What do you like most about working at Ferrum/ What has kept you here?

I guess the sense of community, and students tend to keep you young and fun! It's a wonderful place.

Are you originally from this area?

No. I am from Central Pennsylvania.

What is the biggest change you have noticed here at Ferrum other than the new dorms?

I have seen lots of changes, but

I think the biggest change is Dr. Braaten's leadership. Through her leadership has come new buildings, exciting changes, and more students.

What is the best advice that someone has ever given you?

Hmm...I think there's advice coming from the Bible. Faith, hope, and love are important ingredients in life; love is the most important of those three.

What advice would you give a senior getting ready to enter into the real world?

Just that right now, job search is difficult because of the economy and to really work hard at finding the job that you love.

Do you have a New Year's resolution?

Yes I do; I have three. One is by next Jan. 1 to weigh less. I have a resolution to be involved in at least three service learning projects, and to do one fun thing with my grandchildren each month.

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NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

Movie Reviews

“Paul Blart Mall Cop”: surprisingly enjoyable

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

I went into “Paul Blart Mall Cop” not thinking I was going to like it. Recently, comedies under the guide of Will Ferrell have become juvenile and raunchy--two combinations I really despise. Thankfully, “Paul Blart Mall Cop” isn’t that, but is what comedies are supposed be, an uplifting tale.

Paul Blart (Kevin James) is an overweight security guard at a

New Jersey Mall. Blart’s dream is to become a New Jersey state trooper. Unfortunately, Blart’s hypoglycemia has kept him from actually finishing the obstacle course. His home life isn’t much better, considering he lives with his mother and daughter (Raini Rodriguez). Paul’s daughter wishes he would date again. Therefore, she sets him up on a dating website. The website continually tells him that he has no matches.

Paul works at New Jersey Mall

and takes his job with surprising seriousness and dedication. One day, Paul is assigned to teach a new security guard (Keir O’Donnell) the ropes of guarding the mall. The next day will be Black Friday, the busiest shopping day of the year. On that Black Friday, criminals have taken over the mall.

If there is one thing I didn’t expect in “Paul Blart Mall Cop,” it is the parodies of “Die Hard” and “Die Hard 2.” Paul’s trying to actually do things that Bruce

Willis did in those movies is quite comical, to say the least.

There is some violence in “Paul Blart Mall Cop.” Some of it does work, and sometimes it doesn’t. More violence, though, wouldn’t make the movie more comical, and it is as a comedy that it works best.

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If you care to know ... did you make resolutions?

by Clara Harlowe
Features Editor

Spend more time with family and friends, exercise more, lose weight, quit smoking, and enjoy life more—those are just some of the most common New Year’s resolutions, and I bet that if you are reading this, you probably want to do one or more of those things.

I did not know what my New Year’s resolution was going to be until about 11:30 p.m. on New Year’s Eve. I had thought long and hard and wanted to pick the perfect

one; I wanted to pick a resolution that I knew I could keep without giving up.

There are so many things that I want to accomplish this coming year, and it was so hard to pick the right one. I want to lose weight. I want to appreciate my family and friends more. I also wanted to enjoy life more. What resolution would help me to do all of those things?

Finally, it hit me. I finally chose a resolution that would take care of everything I wanted to do this year. My New Year’s resolution is

to do the best I can at whatever I do, and to live life as regret-free as possible.

Basically, my New Year’s resolution cuts out slacking all together; slacking, at least for me, always brought me regrets.

This year, I plan to do the best I can at losing weight. I am going to do the best I can at spending more time with my family and friends. One major thing I am going to try my best at is graduating. My goal is to graduate at the end of the fall semester 2009,

I know it will be hard to reach

all of my goals, but I will do everything I can to reach them. If I happen to feel regret, that is when I know I did not do my best.

Good luck to everyone in whatever your New Year’s Resolution may be. No matter what resolution you have chosen, as long as you know in your heart that you did your best, you have nothing to regret.

Happy New Year!

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Coming soon in *The Iron Blade*

What changes is the SGA proposing to the college’s pet policy?

How can Career Week benefit you?

How are some business and accounting students fulfilling their experiential learning requirement? (Hint: Yours is due on April 15.)

Where is the flat screen TV that used to be in Roberts Hall?

Who are “The People United,” and what are they united for?

Who is Robert Gudman?

How much money did Ferrum students spend at the book-store this semester?

Sports

Panthers close out non-conference slate, key in on USA South play

Chris Brown
Staff Writer

At the midway point of the season, the Panthers find themselves with an 8-7 overall record. "Definitely a better non-conference performance this season," said 4th year head coach Bill Tharp. In a non-conference slate that included plenty of the top teams in the Commonwealth, the Panthers are hoping that the tough non-conference slate has prepared them for USA South play.

Ferrum was able to use their

home court advantage last season and win some tough road games to capture the USA South regular season crown, something the Panthers hope to accomplish again this season. Coach Tharp admits that in order for that to happen, "we have to be more consistent."

At press time, Ferrum was off to a good start, recording a key victory on the road at pre-season favorite and archrival Averett, 72-60.

"They're all big games," says Tharp who mentions that winning on the road is no small task in the

USA South. "You've got to be able to defend your house, and steal a couple on the road."

Strength at home was a strategy Ferrum executed to perfection last season, going 9-0 overall at home and where they are 4-1 so far this season. "The student body has really supported us the past two seasons and made this a really hostile place (for opponents) to play."

Junior Derek Mitchell has continued to terrorize opponents with his punishing physical style of play. The reigning D3hoops.

com South Region Rookie of the Year is averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds Junior Sharp-shooter Keith Crump is also scoring in double figures. The Panthers also have had contributions from two-sport standout Marcus Mayo, guards Jarrell Wade and Justin Henderson and big man Christian Waters.

Ferrum is seeking their first conference tournament title since 1993 and hoping to gain entry into the NCAA tournament.

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Women's basketball season begins strong

Matt Bird
Staff Writer

The Ferrum College Women's Basketball team has started off the 08-09 season in a great way hoping to bring yet another conference championship to Ferrum. Their current record, (8-3, 5-0 USA South,) includes conference wins over Peace College, Meredith College, and Averett University on the road and Methodist College and Mary Baldwin College at home. Two of the Panthers' three

losses came to nationally ranked opponents #2 Oglethorpe and #16 Marymount. The third loss was a five point one to a Roanoke College team that stood at 8-0 after the game. Ferrum played host to USA South Conference co-leader Greensboro January 21st hoping to take the outright lead in the conference. Senior shooting guard Miranda Carrasco explains, "The Greensboro game will be huge. Greensboro returns every one of their defending conference and tournament championship teams

last year."

The regular starting five includes senior Caprice Laws at point guard, Carrasco at shooting guard, junior Ashley Norton at guard, junior Tonya Wright at forward and sophomore Brittany Bullock at center. The starting five are all averaging at least 10 points a game with solid play from freshman forward Kristen Keith, also averaging 10+ points a game, coming off the bench.

Ferrum is playing great basketball at this point during

the season. They finished second last year to Greensboro in the conference. Carrasco explains, "Our big goal is to win regular season and the conference tournament. We also want to get to the next level this season by making the NCAA tournament."

Ferrum plays host to Meredith College on January 31 and also plays host to North Carolina Wesleyan on February 1.

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The Biggest Loser comes to Ferrum

John Wells
Staff Writer

The Biggest Loser is for everyone who affiliates themselves with Ferrum College, including but not limited to students, faculty and staff. Everyone has a chance to win the grand prize!!! This program is aimed at helping people achieve weight loss and learn tools for a healthy lifestyle. The event lasts from January 26th to March 26th.

The first weigh-in is being held on January 26th and 27th; the final weigh in is on March 26th. All weigh-ins are completely private.

The first meeting is January 26th at 5:15 p.m. in the Panthers Den. If you cannot make it to the meeting you can also come to the fitness center January 26th and 27th between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m.

There are going to be classes from Monday to Thursday each week and biweekly weigh-in from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The classes that are being offered are aerobics, water aerobics, Katie's Boot Camp, self-defense, Relay for Life, team challenges and nature hikes. None of the classes are mandatory in order to participate. The program will monitor each

participant's progress by using the Body Mass Index (BMI) system. BMI measures one's body size and healthiness based on his or her height and weight. It will allow the participant to take the weight lost throughout the competition and see it as a percentage.

You can either participate in a team competition or an individual competition. A team must consist of five people. Why should you participate? An obvious reason would be to get healthier. A reason many cash-strapped students might find interesting are the prizes that the winning team and individual

receives. The cash prize for the winning team is \$125. The cash prize for the individual competition is \$250. You can enter both the team and the individual events at the same time. Total body mass lost is what determines the winner of both the team and individual events. For more information you can contact Chris Rill; he can be found in the Fitness Center Monday through Friday if you have any questions or you need any more information.

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Super Bowl XLIII party planned

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Having trouble figuring out where to watch the big game? The Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the Student Government Association have

reserved the Panther's Den for the big night.

While Super Bowl XLIII is projected on the big screen, students will be able to enjoy those all important Super Bowl snacks. The Panther's Den will also be decorated in each team's

memorabilia to help increase the competitive and festive atmosphere.

There are rumors that a couple of the Pittsburgh Steelers' "Terrible Towels" will be around and be waived (sorry Cardinals fans.) Everyone is invited to come out

and eat, watch the game, and have a good time. The festivities start at 6 p.m. and go until the game ends. The office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the SGA look forward to seeing you there!

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Gatorade Pong was one way to pass time indoors during the recent cold snap. Photos by Elaine Ly.



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occasions they shared a story about an individual who had fallen into a fire and later passed away," Loveland said. The only people who checked on these poverty-stricken neighborhoods were the Meals on Wheels staff.

Dr. Sharon E. Stein, associate professor of psychology, states, "I was one of the professors of the seven classes that (were) able to propose a grant, and possibly have it funded by Wes Astin." "So I helped guide ideas and put them into a form that was appropriate."

The project that was funded from Stein's class was entitled "Suitcases for Foster Children." The proposal was prepared by Angelina Baaklini, Chelsie Brown, Amy McGourty, Vanessa Torres, Joshua Blow, and Nick Gorman.

The students' idea is to provide a suitcase with age-appropriate toys and stuffed animals for all children entering foster care. Stein says she liked this idea because she believed this gave children at risk something of their own. "When I was a foster parent," Stein said, "a lot of the children came to me

carrying a trash bag filled with their belongings."

Stein says she believes that these types of projects should continue in the Gateway program. "I think they are a great idea, and our students have a great opportunity to do something when they find these problems on their own."

In addition to Summer, Loveland, and Stein, the other faculty members whose classes participated in the project were Nancy Beach, director of disability services; Bryan Faulkner, assistant professor of mathematics; Beth Harper, instructor of English; and Gilda Woods, director of admissions. Other projects that received funding were as follows:

Beth Harper's students Sherrie Saunders and Tameisha Stamps proposed a program for teens called "Self-Smart." Its goal is to promote self-esteem through an after-school program that focuses on positive choices and academic success.

From Gail Summer's class, a proposal to benefit the Henry Fork

Service Center was selected. It was prepared by Marquez Fields, Jeremy Greenbacker, Chris Lewis, Andrew Morgan, Tim Smith, and Billy Winslow.

Nancy Beach's students Justan Witcher and Joshua Jordan developed a proposal to provide funding for Project Smile surgeries and supplies. Witcher and Jordan will receive funds from the Christian Ministries program to match money they raise on their own, up to the amount of their award.

Morgan Young, Billy Fudella, and Calvin Ruffin proposal was selected from Gilda Woods' class. The students proposed the creation of a play area, including the completion of a mural, for child abuse victims served by the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in Rocky Mount.

Five of Bryan Faulkner's students were selected for a conditional grant for their project "Care Packages for U.S. Troops." The students are Matthew Hamm, Randolph Granderson, James Cooper, Tevin Scott, and James

Dodson.

Wes Astin helped fund the grant proposal project through his Christian Ministries Program. He says he believes the project gave first-year students an opportunity to learn about their community, and learn the beginning stages of research. With additional help, Astin was in charge of picking the group from each class who would receive funding. He added, "I did not expect it to be so difficult, and I always want to have a team."

Astin later states that he was so proud of Ferrum's first year students. Astin concludes, "I would like to see more people on campus getting involved and finding more ways to help more people in a less costly manner." Astin states that he is willing to help students make things happen as long as students are willing to make a difference within the community,

"If you find an injustice, you find a way to make a difference," Astin says.

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Dr. Lana Whited contributed to this story.

Colleges Against Cancer presents Relay Pizza Party

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Tuesday, January 27, 2009, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Panther's Den

All who are involved or interested in becoming involved with this year's Relay! With Relay quickly approaching, now is the time to register and FUNDRAISE! This session will offer team captains, as well as other Relay participants, time for questions concerning Relay business.