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Student Accounts explains ins and outs of spring financial aid procedures

Vicky Robertson
Student Accounts Office

The mission of the Student Accounts Office is to provide students and their families with student account information in a courteous and professional manner. It is also our mission to educate students in the subject of personal finance. Even though many parents assist students with their educational expenses, the responsibility for insuring full payment of any student account balance is that of the student.

The first step in satisfying the student account balance is to complete all financial aid requirements. If there is a balance after financial aid, students may take advantage of several different payment options. One of those options is payment in full by cash, check or credit card. A second option is the interest-free monthly payment plan which is managed by Tuition Management

Systems. Students may also apply for an alternative loan; however, a co-signer may be required for the alternative loan.

Students are encouraged to view their student account and financial aid information via iAssistant on a regular basis. By doing so, students will be aware of any issues that may prevent them from checking in for the semester, viewing grades, and pre-registration for the subsequent semester. Transcripts and diplomas are also withheld if there is a student account balance.

Students who continue to be delinquent on their student accounts will be contacted by a Student Accounts Associate. Parents of the student will also be contacted provided the parents are listed on the FERPA form. If there is no response to those contacts, meals may be blocked and professors may be asked to send students to the Student Accounts Offices.

If contacted by a Student Ac-

counts Associate, please respond promptly. The associates are here to assist students with the development of a plan that will help students pay their educational expenses.

It is imperative that students take care of their accounts. Failure to do so may ultimately result in the account being placed with a collection agency. Students placed with a collection agency will be responsible for the additional collection costs and attorneys' fees. The placement will also negatively impact the student's credit rating.

With pre-registration upon us and the end of the semester soon to follow, the Student Accounts Associates strongly encourage all students to view their account information via iAssistant and if there are any account issues, please come by the Student Accounts Offices in John Wesley Hall soon to get those issues resolved.

Hernandez to Perform at Ferrum

Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Paul Hernandez will play his music of justice and peace in the Panthers Den on April 30 from 8:30-10:00 p.m. The self described musician with "dirt under his fingernails" has built up an impressive resume performing over the years.

He lives in the town of Managua, Nicaragua, but travels worldwide. He has toured the UK, Europe, and the Americas playing his music that describes his own struggles for justice and peace.

Hernandez is part of "Echoes of Silence," which, as stated on Hernandez's Myspace, "is a movement of artists dedicated to building tranquility through beauty and concrete action."

The group specifically supports projects to end war, reduce global warming and to build community information and action networks locally, nationally and internationally.

He is "Bob Dylan II, but more quieter." You can listen to a sample of Hernandez's music by visiting www.myspace.com/paulbakerhernandez. You can also find out more about "Echoes of Silence" at <http://echoesofsilence.pbwiki.com/>.

The event is sponsored by the Ferrum College Office of Student Leadership and Engagement and the Ferrum College Chapter of One. Admission is free.

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Annual Model UN held at Ferrum

Corrie Kondek
Staff Writer

The annual Model United Nations Security Council was held March 21. The Model UN allows students to discuss international relations and informs students about the United Nations Security Council and its operation.

Sixteen countries were represented, each by a team of two to three students. Ferrum students and 10 students from Franklin County High School participated.

Students prepared draft resolutions to present at the mock council. Proposals focused on gender-related issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Arab-Israeli conflict, and terrorism in the Indian subcontinent.

Each participant contributed to their delegations by drafting resolutions and researching background information on their assigned country. In addition, students were also required to look at previous resolutions from the United Nations Security Council.

According to sophomore Alexis

Hurdle, "the process was tedious and involved a lot of research and time commitment."

Some of the resolutions passed came from the delegations of the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, and the U.S.A.

According to sophomore Alexis Hurdle, "I felt that the Model UN was a success because it allowed me to experience what my future career will be like." Hurdle plans on entering the field of International Relations.

Participants in this year's event were as follows (names in italics are those of students from Franklin County High School):

Austria: Jason Butterworth, Patrick Shrader, Shana Collier

Burkina Faso: Bree Aldridge, Frankie Rutherford

China: Alex Hazlett, Ben Thacker

Costa Rica: Courtney Mayo, Cassey Heredia, Darryl Tarver, Chazley Logan

Croatia: Kevin Board, Christine Strahl

France: TJ Grzesikowski, Daniel Popsuy, Caitlin Fournier

Japan: Nicole Cale, Jeremiah Cook, *Jonte Craighead*

Libya: Tyrone Chavers, Devin Blauvelt, *Josh Meador*

Mexico: Stephanie Baez, Justin Little, *Ross Norvell*

Russian Federation: Devyn Bayes, Tiffany Coleman, *Stephanie Teeple*

Turkey: Robyn Backus, Chris Draper, *Emma Webb*

Uganda: Tyrina Brown, Alexis Hurdle, *Kassandra Rooney*

United Kingdom: Chris Eads, Eric Dalton, *Joshua Gay*

United States: Steven Burgoyne, Khoseraw Habibi, *Mack Robertson*

Vietnam: Parker Rountree, *Audre King, Lashawnda Wehterspoon*

Democratic Republic of the Congo (observer delegation): *John Turbyfill, Chandler Verhoven, Brenden Hicks*

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Ashley Hale contributed to this article.

Pre-registration for Fall 2009 begins today!

SIFE team wins Charlotte regional competition

Public Relations Office

The Ferrum College SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) Team returned to Ferrum as SIFE USA Regional Champions after participating in a Charlotte, North Carolina competition on March 16 2009. The event was one of seventeen SIFE USA Regional Competitions being held across the United States in March and April. The Ferrum team will now advance to the national level of competition, at the SIFE USA National Exposition May 12-14 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Dr. Demetri Tsanacas, SIFE Advisor, says, "This is the 20th anniversary of our SIFE Team and I am very proud of all the accomplishments. This year the Students did a fantastic job in presenting their projects, and received excellent comments from the business executives judging the competition."

During this academic year, the Ferrum College SIFE team organized numerous projects on campus and in the community addressing issues of customer service, financial literacy, marketing, success skills and credit issues. SIFE

student Steven Burgoyne says the experience was a valuable one. "This was my first SIFE regional competition and it was a great opportunity to network and get ideas to improve the community," he explained.

Josh Shell, a graduating senior and the Co-Chair of SIFE for this year, says, "I will really miss the experiences both on campus and in the community that SIFE afforded me. Dr. Tsanacas has been a vital part of my SIFE experience. The spirit, motivation and dedication that he brings to the SIFE program are truly contagious."

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, sustainability and business ethics.

For more information about SIFE or the Regional Competition, contact Dr. Demetri Tsanacas at dtsanacas@ferrum.edu or (540) 365-4318.

Will mouse in exchange for room and board

Press Release

The Barn Cat Buddies Program announces April 1 as the start of this year's barn cat placement season. B.C.B, which is in its second year of operation, connects barn owners, nurseries and warehouses in need of nontoxic, safe means of rodent control with felines who are happiest living in a mostly outdoor environment.

There are currently several feral and friendly cat candidates in the program. Barn Cat Buddies sterilizes and rabies vaccinates all cats prior to moving to their new homes. A simple protocol is followed to help your cats become acclimated to their new surroundings.

If needed, crates, food bowls and litter boxes will be made available.

For more information, please call Barn Cat Buddies Program Director Diane Novak at 540-344-8707 ext. 111 or email: diane@barncatbuddies.org. The Barn Cat Buddies operates under the non-profit status of Angels of Assisi in Roanoke, and is committed to ensuring the health and welfare of feral and domestic cats and kittens by promoting proactive, compassionate, no-kill programs.

For more information, please visit www.barncatbuddies.org or www.angelssofassisi.org. Donations gratefully accepted.

Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre to hold auditions for 30th summer season

Public Relations Office

The Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre, celebrating its 30th season, will hold open auditions on March 28 on the Ferrum College campus in Ferrum Virginia. Full time actors, singers, and musicians are encouraged to audition if they are available between May 12 and August 9.

The season selections include a new American memory play by Alan Bailey, *Wedding Belles*; a 50s musical revue, *Blue Suede Shoes*; Joseph Kesselring's favorite *Arsenic and Old Lace*; Dan Goggin's third installment of the Nonsense series, *Nonsense Jamboree*; and R. Rex Stephenson's adaptation of Lewis Carroll's children's classic, *Alice in Wonderland*. Company

members will also tour to elementary schools with a children's play.

All company members are paid; the BRDT provides housing and meals. Actors should be prepared to present a minute and a half memorized monologue, demonstrate vocal or instrumental musical ability, and may be asked to present a dance audition.

Auditionees should be at least 18 years old with some professional experience or extensive collegiate experience. The BRDT employs actors for the full season only.

All actors should make prior appointments for the March 28 auditions. Appointments can be made by calling (540) 365-4345 or contacting brdt@ferrum.edu.

Natural sciences faculty and students explore models of sustainable development for planning 2009-10 campus-wide theme

Public Relations Office

Dr. Dave Johnson, Ferrum College's Associate Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, recently led a group of Ferrum faculty and students on a working trip to the campuses of three colleges known for their work in sustainable development; Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, and Mars Hill and Warren Wilson colleges in the Asheville, North Carolina area. The purpose of the trip was to explore ideas that can be incorporated into Ferrum's new Environmental Planning and Development program and enhance next year's campus-wide theme, "Sustainability: Becoming the change you want to see in the world."

The group visited each institution with the goal of discovering how they are meeting the challenges of sustainable development and putting sustainability into practice, particularly those practices that provide experiential learning opportunities for students. "We chose

these locations based on their reputation," explains Dr. Johnson. "We carefully noted attitudes among students and their apparent levels of engagement on the three campuses. We learned that if campus operations and the curriculum have a clear sustainability orientation, students gain cognitive knowledge plus sustainability oriented habits of living."

Highlights of the trip included seeing the Eco-Village and on-campus food production at Berea, the Farm-to-Food program and the EnergyXchange in Madison County, North Carolina, a business model for arts and crafts at Mars Hill, and on-campus food production, renewable energy, and green buildings at Warren Wilson. The group plans to make a presentation at Ferrum to disseminate ideas gleaned from their work on the trip that could benefit the Ferrum campus. They also will make presentations at next fall's Appala-

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Opinion/Editorial

U. Montana sex column causes controversy; First Amendment issues raised

Allison Maier
Montana Kaimin, U. Montana

A University of Montana law professor who opposes the content of the Kaimin's weekly sex column could eventually take the issue to the state legislature unless the newspaper establishes written policies for hiring columnists and reviewing content.

Since February, assistant law professor Kristen Juras has made clear to the Kaimin her opposition to senior Bess Davis's "Bess Sex Column," writing a letter to the editor and meeting with Kaimin editor Bill Oram. Juras said the material in the column is inappropriate for college students and reflects poorly on the university and journalism school.

"It's embarrassingly unprofessional," she said. "It affects my reputation as a faculty member."

Since the start of the semester, the column has appeared on the paper's opinion page every Friday. Davis has written five columns so far, discussing everything from sex toys and virginity to Facebook

relationship statuses.

"I just wanted to give the campus something interesting to read," Davis said. "We're college students, and sex is on our minds."

In her first column, Davis stated that she's not a "sexpert," although she's "been at this for awhile now." Juras said someone writing a sex column should have a background in sexology, just as someone writing a column about the environment should have an environmental background.

Juras said she's concerned because the Kaimin appears to have no set criteria for giving someone a job as a columnist writing in an area of "alleged expertise" or for reviewing objectionable material. She said that if these policies were put in place, the problems she has with the content of the sex column would correct themselves.

Oram said the issues of hiring and content are based on judgment. Deciding whether to run something in the paper is based on its perceived value, and deciding whom to hire is based on who is

going to do the job best.

"You can have a written policy, but it's still ultimately based on human judgment," he said.

Juras plans to take her request for a written policy to the ASUM Publication Board, which oversees the Kaimin. If she doesn't get a response, she said she will approach the Board of Regents.

Part of Juras's argument is based on the funding the Kaimin receives from student fees. The Kaimin receives half of an \$8 "Kaimin/Recycling" fee students pay each semester, according to Kaimin business manager Joe Licitra. Juras, whose son attends the university, said because the Kaimin receives that funding, she thinks its primary purpose should be educational.

The majority of the Kaimin's funding — a little over 65 percent — comes from ad sales, according to Licitra. The paper's total budget this year is \$261,000, he said. This money is used for printing costs, employee wages and other costs.

The Kaimin does not receive direct funding from the legislature. Although the state pays for UM buildings, including Don Anderson

Hall where the Kaimin office is located, a private donor paid for the Kaimin office itself.

Juras said she is also prepared to take the issue of state funding to the Montana legislature and has already contacted legislators, including Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R-Great Falls). O'Hara did not return a request for comment.

Juras said that, as an attorney, she respects freedom of speech. However, she said that freedom of speech comes with responsibility, and she finds the sex column inappropriate and unprofessional.

Adam Goldstein, attorney advocate at the Student Press Law Center, said there's a problem in thinking that the First Amendment and propriety — conforming to conventional standards — go hand-in-hand. Rather, the First Amendment was established to protect speech that may be deviant.

"Speech that everyone thinks is appropriate doesn't need protection," he said. Clem Work, a UM journalism professor who teaches First

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Ferrum Forum

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What is your ideal NCAA men's Final Four?



Saqi Elhassan

Ohio State, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Marquette.



Fred Glenn

Louisville, Duke, Memphis, Syracuse.



John Branch

Maryland, Oklahoma, Louisville, Pittsburgh.



Mauriek Goode

Connecticut, UNC, Florida State, Wake [Forest].



J. Gibbs

Wake Forest, UNC, Memphis, Pittsburgh.



Fae Anderson

I don't watch basketball.



Tim Tyree

Purdue, Carolina, Duke, Arizona.



Uma Landgraf

Texas A&M, Clemson, Ohio State, Texas.



Travis Smith

Pittsburgh, Louisville, UNC, Memphis.

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by **Dominique Fitzgerald**
Staff Writer

Monday, March 30, 2009

7 p.m. Easter Celebration
Vaughn Chapel

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

8:30 p.m. Paul Baker Hernandez
Panther Den

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library

4 p.m. Annual Student Exhibition (Opening Reception)
Art Gallery

7 p.m. Battle of the Sexes
Panther Den

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
Art Gallery

4:30 p.m. Teacher Education
Performance Portfolio Reviews

Thursday, April 2, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library

7:30 p.m. "Baby" Musical

Thursday, April 2, 2009 cont'd.

8 p.m. Criminal Justice Club Poker Tournament

Friday, April 3, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library

7:30 p.m. "Baby" Musical

Saturday, April 4, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library
9 a.m. Shopping Spree Trip
Tanglewood and Valley View Malls in Roanoke

2:30 p.m. Secretarial Sciences Tea Party

7:30 p.m. "Baby" Musical

Sunday, April 5, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library

2 p.m. "Baby" Musical

Monday, April 6, 2009

8 a.m. Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
E. Taylor Geer Gallery in the Stanley Library

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Ferrum Folks

Sandy Doss



photo courtesy of Sandy Doss

Tristen Ashley
Staff Writer

Sandy Doss's official title is "Academic Secretary to the School of Arts and Humanities," and she has the demanding task of helping the professors in Britt Hall stay organized. Doss has had that position for four years now, and she says that she loves it.

However, Doss's title does not cover everything she does.

In addition to her busy day job, Doss keeps herself occupied with many different hobbies and interests including going back to school. Doss is taking classes part time at Ferrum and hopes to eventually earn her degree in Nursing.

She fell in love with nursing when her oldest son accidentally ingested kerosene when he was younger. She was awed by the way they were able help him and save his life. She got certified as an EMT and wants to become an emergency room nurse.

Doss's other skills include being a licensed beautician and mechanic. She recently used her beautician

skills on March 24 for the Women's Leadership Conference. She, along with Katherine Harris and Darlene Swain, donated time to cut hair, with all proceeds going to Oasis Rescue. Over \$700 was raised.

Doss says her proudest accomplishment is her two sons, Dustin Robertson, 25, and Brad Robertson, 20.

Corp. Dustin Robertson is a Marine stationed in Iraq. He left in January, and, since his deployment, Doss has been involved in getting together care packages for the troops. Doss gathers items together from as many sources as she can, including Ferrum College and Sontag Elementary.

"We don't know that they (the soldiers) have family," she says. "It's comforting to my heart to know that I'm helping."

Dustin Robertson tells his mom that the Marines are very appreciative for the packages. "I'm so proud of my Marine and all of the military," Doss says.

The Iron Blade wants YOU!

If you want to write, take photographs, design pages, sell advertisements, or be a paper boy or girl, the campus newspaper needs you.

Staff meets on Mondays at 2 p.m. in Library Addition 202B. Those with 1:25 classes can come late.

Those with 2:30 classes can leave early.

If you can't make the meetings, contact Dr. Lana Whited, advisor, at 4334 or e-mail lwhited@ferrum.edu.

If you want to be a new staff member for Fall 2009, pre-register for ENG 131 (journalism practicum).

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Movie Reviews

“Knowing” not much help to Cage’s character

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

“Knowing” opens in 1959 where a Massachusetts school buries a time capsule that will be opened in fifty years. Students are asked what they think the future will be like. One student, Lucinda Embry (Lara Robinson), starts to write numbers instead of drawing a picture because she is hearing voices and seeing strange people.

Fast forward fifty years later, and the time capsule is opened. The numbers come into the possession of Caleb Koestler (Chandler Canterbury). Caleb then

shows it to his astrophysical father, John (Nicholas Cage). John finds out that the numbers are the dates of every major disaster of the last fifty years, including the number of victims and the correct place. There are only three dates left, and John decides to hunt down Lucinda’s daughter, Dianna (Rose Byrne), and granddaughter, Abby (Lara Robinson in a dual role), to see if they can help. All the while, mysterious people that were haunting Embry are now haunting Caleb.

“Knowing” certainly has great ideas for a film. The film includes such topics as fate, chance, and

predestination. I certainly thought the movie was headed for such an interesting conclusion; however, the film cops out primarily because studio execs wanted more crashes and more special effects. Also, studio execs thought the average movie-going audience wouldn’t understand the larger picture.

Director Alex Proyas, whose previous efforts include “Dark City,” “The Crow,” and “I, Robot,” should have put more effort into this film. Even though there is a lot of atmosphere, there needed to be more tension and suspense.

I’m not going to fault Nicholas Cage’s performance, but at the

same time, the film gives him so little to do. Basically, all he does is moan, whine, run around, and scream. Sure the Cage character is smart, but maybe that character could have saved this screenplay.

“Knowing” thankfully isn’t your run-of-the-mill disaster movie. It actually proves to be more frustrating than your average simplistic disaster movie. The marketing team for this movie should be proud of themselves!

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Listen and relax to Maximilian Hecker’s “Lady Sleep”

Staff Writer
Min Chae

It was raining outside. I was looking out the window while sitting in a chair in my quiet room. The wet bricks of the buildings, cars in the parking lot, the dark, asphalt road, and the grass were all so vivid under the gray sky. I called my friend and said, “I feel lonely.” Then, he replied, “Do you feel lonely? That’s because you are human.”

There is something very interesting about my friend’s response. People do feel lonely.

Sometimes, people feel lonely when they are in a surrounded crowd. My friend sent me a song to help with my loneliness.

“Listen to it, and try to relax,” he told me.

The song was Maximilian Hecker’s, “Summer days in bloom.” That day, I attempted to relax while searching through Maximilian Hecker’s albums on the internet.

The emotional music of Maximilian Hecker is relaxing and perfect for someone feeling lonely.

Signed to Kitty-Yo Records and Play It Again Records (PIAS),

Hecker is known by few people in America, but respected by many European fans. In 2005, Hecker released an exceptional album titled Lady Sleep.

“Lady Sleep” is 11 tracks of bleary-eyed, classic song writing that rustles up a mixture of optimism with moments of melancholy. His lyrics are accompanied with piano, fragile vocals, and a side order of string arrangement. The album opener, “Birch,” illustrates this perfectly as brief silence slowly reveals a delicately swelling piano, which, in time, is joined by clutch of



mournful strings. The strong finish to the song creates an emotionally powerful ending for the listener.

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If you care to know...

What changes are in Earth’s future?

Clara Harlowe
Features Editor

Sometimes I get the feeling that I and my generation will witness many drastic changes happen to this Earth. It may be as major as the Earth ceasing to exist or as small as the extinction of bananas.

I watch the news and look around me, and it seems to me that the Earth is slowly dying. Natural resources are becoming scarce and extinction is all around us.

I was talking with a friend the other day, and he mentioned that bananas may become extinct in the next ten years. I immediately replied, “No way! There is no way bananas could become extinct!”

Sure enough, I went to Google, started doing a little research,

and found that the extinction of bananas in the next ten years is something that is truly possible.

I don’t know about you, but I find the extinction of bananas a bit absurd.

Also, what about the tiger? The tiger population is declining at an alarming rate. According to experts, the population of tigers world wide is definitely below 10,000. I find that unbelievable as well. Will I witness the extinction of the tiger? This just goes to show the extent of changes our world is going through.

Take global warming for example. Global warming is affecting environments all over the world. Animals in cold, icy environments (the polar bear, for example) are losing their homes

and are dying out because of global warming. What bothers me the most is that the animals are innocent, and we, the logical and advanced human, could have taken more drastic measures to help prevent this from happening.

I was watching the National Geographic channel, and I saw how some say global warming may be the cause of the end of the world. Others say the end of the world may be due to a galactic line up that some say will occur on Dec. 21, 2012.

According to the information I heard on the National Geographic channel, the Mayan calendar stops on that very day. It is said that every 250,000 years, some type of galactic line up occurs that ends life on Earth. I don’t know

all the details, but experts say that the Mayans were very good with astrology, and some of their predictions through time have somehow shown to be accurate in some senses. Whether or not this will really happen, it is still something that is very scary to think about.

I guess you could say that I have been watching a little too much of the National Geographic channel, but I really do consider all of these things, and I really do feel as if my generation will experience and witness drastic things happen to this Earth.

Just a little something to think about.

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Sports

Disappointing start? Not to VVK

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

A start to a season that most would view as disappointment is not what softball Head Coach Vickie Van Kleeck, sees. With a team consisting primarily of freshmen and sophomores and only two seniors, she believes youth can be an issue at times but is also a strength. The team is disappointed about losing a number of close games so far but has taken a lot of positives from these games.

The real disappointment so far has been the loss of the Ferrum Invitational. Four scheduled games were cancelled and now the team is looking for other teams to play later in the season.

Preseason goals were to go at least 7-3 in Florida, do better in close games, and to get to 30 wins. The team only went 6-4 in Florida, is currently 1-4 in one run games and 0-2 in two run games, and most likely will not reach 30 wins unless it starts playing its best immediately. Van Kleeck says that "success this season won't be determined by finite numbers" and that the team is just focusing

on taking things one day at a time. She admits that some poor defense and bad luck has contributed to a couple of losses but firmly believes that a team makes its own luck and they have not been making enough of their own luck.

Many different players have been making contributions this season whether it was great defense, solid pitching, or an opportune hit; the goal now is to get everyone in the lineup hitting well at the same time and to play mistake free softball. Youth has helped this year as when the team has been down the players have not held their heads down but rather battled back. In previous years the team accepted the coming defeat but this season the players know they are never out of a game. Van Kleeck wants the players to not be afraid to make a mistake and to just give their all because good things will come.

A problem in the preseason was the team's outfield rotation, but that has been somewhat settled. Megan Barger will roam centerfield and Jasmine Parker is holding down rightfield, but leftfield is still slightly muddled. Meagan Farrell,

Alyson Francis, and Lindsey Hager have all seen playing time there and all still may see playing time later in the season. One thing Van Kleeck mentioned about this team is their interchangeable parts; a number of players have the ability to play multiple positions, ranging from Hannah Shumaker pitching and playing shortstop to Meagan Farrell playing second base as well as leftfield to senior co-captain Lauren Rizzo playing all of the infield spots except for Brittany Barlow's third base position.

The Ferrum College softball team has taken some tough losses but Van Kleeck fully expects this team to bounce back. The conference is tightly packed this year, and she believes a number of teams could make runs and pull some upsets.

As long as this "great bunch" keeps a positive attitude and continues to work hard, Van Kleeck says, they will overcome these slight early season stumbles and vanquish those who oppose them.

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Lacrosse downs Wilson

Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Cara Jacobs led all scorers for the Panthers as they downed the visiting Phoenix of Wilson College 18-1. The sophomore tallied five goals and two assists, netting seven points. The effort was good enough for Jacobs (pictured



below) to earn USA South Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors. Phylicia Garner added four goals while senior Amanda Hardnack added three as the Panthers outshot Wilson 32-4 during the contest. With the win the Panthers improve their record to 2-2 overall. Their next game will be Tuesday, March 31st against conference opponent Methodist College at 4 p.m.

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Successful campaign ends too soon; women's basketball program looks to future

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

Similar to the men's basketball team, the women's basketball team ended earlier than planned. The team finished the year 18-9 (13-5 USA South) after a loss at Christopher Newport University in the conference semifinals. Looking back on the season, Coach Bryan Harvey acknowledged that the team had a "pretty good year but were disappointed it didn't win conference and make the NCAA tournament."

The team was successful, Harvey believes, because of how well-rounded its offensive attack was. Five players averaged in double figures or right at it; all games were a total "team effort." Harvey noted that any one player was capable of leading the team in scoring in any given game, a feat evidenced by a different player

leading the team in scoring in each of its last five games.

Individually, Tonya Wright led the team in scoring and rebounding and made USA South First Team All-Conference.

Other players earning postseason honors were Miranda Carrasco and Brittney Bullock, both earning Third Team All-Conference, and Kristen Keith and Caprice Laws, being named Honorable Mention All-Conference. Laws was also named to the USA South All-Tournament Team.

As a team, Ferrum won at CNU for the first time ever, one of its preseason goals that was accomplished.

Harvey wanted to bring mention to his two graduating seniors, Carrasco and Laws. Both were great seniors who had great careers. Laws "competed and gave everything every night." She was a

coach on the floor and played great on offense and defense.

Carrasco came as a sophomore, after transferring from Emory & Henry College. "She has been a big part of what [the team] has done the past three years by being able to knock down open shots." She is a "great kid" and always "committed to the team and its success."

Harvey said both players provided significant leadership to the team and "will be missed."

Looking forward to next year, Harvey expects Nicole Wahrman to return from a redshirt year caused by injury. Kiawna Berry should play a much larger role and build upon the good games she had and great defense she played down the stretch. Harvey expects to play more posts next year, often putting Tonya Wright, Brittney Bullock, and Kristen Keith on the floor at the same time. Harvey says that

seven or eight newcomers have been accepted to Ferrum but none has committed to coming to play basketball.

Currently the team is working on identifying why they came short of their lofty preseason goals and what needs to be done to reach those goals next year.

Team members are participating in open gyms run by the players and working on their individual games now and during the summer.

Official team goals will be established when the players return to school in September, but an ongoing goal for Ferrum is to make the NCAA tournament.

A saying used in Chicago and known by heart by any loyal Cubs fan could be the used for the women's basketball team: "Maybe next year."

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presentations at next fall's Appalachian College Association (ACA) Summit.

The trip was funded by the Environmental Science Education Program planning grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation. The grant is being used primarily to support planning for Ferrum's proposed new Environmental Planning and Development major, now in the approval process.

For more information about the trip, contact Dr. Dave Johnson at djohnson@ferrum.edu or 540-365-4364.

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Amendment law, said editors of college newspapers have complete editorial discretion over the content of the paper, and that content can't be limited unless it's outside of First Amendment protection, such as libelous material.

Work said just because the paper receives financial support through student fees, ASUM cannot exercise power over student publications.

The same holds true for any funding the paper might receive from the state, Goldstein said.

"The legal fallacy here is the idea that taking any amount of state money somehow turns you into an operation of the state," he said.

The Kaimin has never had a sex column in the past, according to Kaimin adviser and print journalism department chair Carol Van Valkenburg. Oram said the Kaimin started the column as a way to both educate and entertain, as well as provide a forum to discuss issues important to members of a college campus.

"Sex is a very important topic to people in their twenties," he said. "This is a sexually-active time in our lives. This is a sexually-active generation."

Oram said it was never his intention to provoke controversy by having a sex column, although he said he realized the column would be controversial.

"We welcome the fight because we feel we have a right and a duty to publish potentially controversial material," he said.

Oram said he has not received any letters from students about the column.

"The column says in its headline 'sex,'" Van Valkenburg said. "If you're not interested in reading about that, don't."

Juras wrote a letter last week to Peggy Kuhr, dean of the School of Journalism, and UM President



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George Dennison asking them to meet with members of the Kaimin's editorial board to ask them to reconsider publishing the column. Kuhr has been out of town and has not seen the letter so was unable to comment.

Dennison had only one comment about the sex column: "It's not something that I read."

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Doss says she misses her oldest son everyday. "I try to stay busy," she says, "and we stay in contact." "I don't watch the news."

Brad Robertson is an environmental science major with a minor in recreation. He has many interests like his mother, including playing the guitar, riding motorcycles and freestyle karate.

Doss's other love is the outdoors. In addition to hunting and fishing, she also likes to go four-wheeling.

"We used to have a '78 Chevy,

and I would go mud-bogging in it," she laughs.

Perhaps another thing she is known for is her love of a particular brand of motorcycle.

"I only ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles," she says. "I ride an '05 Harley Sportster because I love the way they sound."

Doss rode her first motorcycle in 2003 and has been riding ever since. "I like the cool, fresh air to blow in my face," she says. "It takes all my cares away."

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