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Day of Remembrance and Promise to be held Nov. 1

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Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 1, Ferrum College will hold its annual Day of Remembrance and Promise in honor of Holocaust victims.

This year's theme is "Remembering the Gifted Among Us" and will feature a special plaque dedication in memory of Dr. Livie Librescu who was killed in the Virginia Tech shootings.

The program will be at 6 p.m. with a gathering at the Holocaust Memorial Garden for the dedication of the plaque.

"We will be gathering at the Holocaust Memorial Garden for a dedication of a special plaque honoring Dr. Librescu, the Virginia

Tech professor, who, in the words of the plaque, "gave his life for his students," Dr. Horn, coordinator of the Holocaust course said. "There will also be a dedication of a special dwarf Nandina bush donated by Nell and Todd Fredericksen, in memory of Dr. Librescu. Prof. George Loveland will speak briefly about Dr. Librescu, and Chaplain Wes Astin will deliver a blessing, to be followed by a candlelight march to the Panther's Den to begin the program there."

At 6:30, artist Mark Strauss will speak in the Panther's Den about his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust.

Strauss's work will be on display in the Panther's Den, along with painted tiles created by last year's Holocaust course students.

After being inspired by the tiles on the children's wall at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, students in the spring 2007 Holocaust course students decided to create their own under the direction of artist Nell Fredericksen. The tiles depict various symbols or reflections of the Holocaust.

"The tiles depict symbols, words, feelings - special communications that each student felt were important to share about the Holocaust with the Ferrum community," Horn said. "Some of the art was inspired by works we've read in the course; other drawings were inspired by the trip to the Holocaust Museum, and still others by private reflections."

Horn encourages all who are available to come to the event, which

is the third Day of Remembrance and Promise held at Ferrum College.

"Students should come to this event to join together to honor the memory of Dr. Librescu; to reflect on his courage and caring for students, especially on April 16 when he and other faculty and students were gunned down at Virginia Tech; and to learn through the words and paintings about the impact of the Holocaust by listening to survivor and artist Mark Strauss," Horn said. "An important reason for this program is to spread the message of how the Holocaust can touch so many lives and how important it is to be aware of its meaning."

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Ferrum College student meets with Gov. Tim Kaine

Press Release

Ferrum College student Tiffany Weaver was the only college student in the state of Virginia given the honor of representing over 20,000 of her fellow Virginia TAG recipients at a recent meeting with Governor Tim Kaine in Richmond.

Weaver, a junior majoring in biology, met with Governor Kaine during a Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) meeting in Richmond on Friday, October 12th. During the meeting, several CICV presidents, including Ferrum's president Dr. Jennifer Braaten, met with the governor to discuss the state's Tuition Assistance Grant (TAG) program and the group's commitment to access and affordability to a college education for Virginia students. Weaver was introduced to the governor and spoke about how TAG helped turn her dream of attending college into a reality.

"I really felt honored and privileged to be given the opportunity to tell my story," says Weaver. "If it wasn't for the TAG program, I would not have been able to afford a college education."

Weaver is a first generation college student in her family. She says her parents would have struggled to come up with the money to send her to college. After graduating from Franklin County High School, Weaver looked at several colleges in Virginia but says she found a home



Student Tiffany Weaver met with Gov. Kaine to discuss the TAG program available to students attending private colleges.

here at Ferrum College.

"The minute I stepped on campus, I knew I wanted to go to school at Ferrum," Weaver said. "The campus was beautiful, the people were genuine, and there was always a friendly face."

More important, she says, was the attention she received from the financial aid office.

"They sat down with me and

went over all my options," she says. "Once they estimated the cost, I was amazed. I realized for the first time that I actually could afford a college education."

CICV was instrumental in starting the state's TAG program. TAG provides annual grants to Virginia residents who are full-time students at eligible private colleges and universities in Virginia.

Weaver is a Bonner scholar and co-captain of the cheerleading squad and volunteers with countless community service projects. She plans on attending medical school after graduation and hopes one day to become a forensic coroner.

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Ferrum joins web-based project, provides information to students and parents

Press Release

Ferrum College, along with hundreds of other members of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), has joined a national initiative to provide prospective students and their families with clear and concise information on individual institutions. This information will be presented through the University & College Accountability Network (U-CAN) a Web-based project with a commitment to information transparency and accountability.

Despite the many and varied sources of college information, focus groups with higher education consumers show great concern about the lack of proper information to make the right college

choice. It was consumer and political demand that sparked the development of U-CAN, which is unique in the fact that it is the first nationally coordinated effort by institutions themselves to collect and report data directly to students and their families. Recently, the project gained attention when dozens of colleges and universities publicly announced their decisions not to participate in U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of America's Best Colleges.

U-CAN is designed with the user in mind, with all content and design driven by consumer comments. The site consists of institutional profiles that contain comparable data and hyperlinks to qualitative campus information. The material provided in the U-CAN profiles is taken from an

extensive U.S. Department of Education survey and information known as the Common Data Set. Sections within the profiles will cover admissions, enrollment, academics, student demographics, graduation rates, most common fields of study, transfer of credit policy, accreditation, faculty information, class size, tuition and fees trends, price of attendance, financial aid, campus housing, student life and campus safety. Most notably, all the information on the U-CAN website is completely free (U-CAN does not accept advertising or sponsorships). For more information on U-CAN, contact the Public Relations Office at (540) 365-4300 or to see the free profiles, go to www.ucan-network.org

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Virginia Tech narrows options on future of April 16 shooting site

Andrea Woods

The Collegiate Times
(Virginia Tech)
10/18/2007

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. -- After reviewing seven pre-proposals regarding the future use of the space in Norris Hall currently under review, the Norris Hall Task Force has chosen three candidates to submit a full proposal by Nov. 9.

Two of the pre-proposal teams were recommended by the task force to combine their ideas into one proposal. The Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics proposed to, according to a recent press release, "re-create community" by "consolidating department operations and create state-of-the-art video conferencing, research and laboratory space for students."

A second pre-proposal came from

the Center for Violence Prevention and Peace Studies and aimed at a "student-led research program that engages faculty from numerous departments." The Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships proposed a "collaborative meeting space for students and members of community agencies." The task force recommended that these two proposals should combine into one because they compliment each other well.

After they are submitted on Nov. 9, both teams' full proposals will be reviewed and discussed in a meeting on Nov. 15. Each team will meet with the committee for presentations, questions and comments.

Provost Mark McNamee, who was appointed by President Steger after April 16, chairs the task force to discuss the future of Norris Hall. McNamee said that, as of right now,

no budget has been set for renovations.

McNamee said that the renovations might have to be done in phases or through modest renovations.

Renovations are "challenging because of budget reductions," McNamee said.

McNamee said that the office of the university architect will review the chosen proposal and help to develop an idea, the budget and a plan for how to handle the renovations. Steve Harrison, dean of engineering, proposed several ideas that were not chosen for full proposal, but the task force recommended that they be considered for integration into the other plans.

One of Harrison's proposals was to create classrooms for team-based projects and convert windows into full doors with balconies, in which students "can bring the outdoors in."

He proposed to seal off the hallway affected by April 16, making the "lived-in space more visible" and the "less-lived-in spaces invisible."

"Norris Hall is clearly a presence and a powerful symbol on campus," Harrison said.

The decision process on what is to be done with Norris Hall is a completely open one, allowing anyone with questions or comments the ability to contact the Norris Hall Task Force, McNamee said.

"We're hoping that by being open, people will have the chance to think about it, and contact the task force," McNamee said.

By Dec. 1, the task force will have submitted a proposal to President Charles Steger.

"The sooner we can use the space productively, the better," McNamee said.

Study shows negative long term effects of anti-social bonding in juveniles

Trevor Davis

Oregon Daily Emerald (U. Oregon)
10/16/2007

(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. -- Childhood friends and conversations may be shaping who students are today -- even if that's for the worse.

Friendships and conversation topics could affect the development of children, researchers say. A recent University of Oregon study found friendships in adolescence can be beneficial and harmful. Close friendships are generally associated with positive outcomes, but close friendships that are centered around anti-social values appear to be harmful, researchers found.

"Most people look at what kinds of good things come from friendships, but what we were interested in is finding the dark side of friendships," said study co-author Tom Dishion, a professor of psychology and school psychology.

Conversations about violating rules and talking negatively about others can influence behavior - even if children don't realize it, Dishion

said.

"It turns out that when we connect with people with those kind of topics - known as deviant talk - the fact that we're even connecting with someone on those topics doesn't bode well for long-term adjustment," Dishion said.

The research is revealing for centers that group children together for treatment or rehabilitation such as therapy centers for substance abuse, said lead author Tim Piehler, a doctoral student in psychology, in an e-mail.

"Kids could actually get worse as a function of being brought together," Dishion said.

Piehler said treating children in those group settings could be harmful.

"Properly structuring these settings is very important to minimize the creation of close friendships between anti-social youth," Piehler said.

Researchers tracked nearly 1,000 adolescents in Portland at the Child and Family Center starting in sixth grade, and tracked them through

their early 20s, Piehler said. The participants are ethnically diverse and primarily come from high-risk neighborhoods.

The research started in 1995, and the oldest participants are now 24, Dishion said.

Researchers asked the participants in the study, along with their families and teachers, to fill out questionnaires every year, Piehler said. The questions asked for typical behavior, peer group and parenting behaviors.

When the participants in the study were in 11th grade, researchers asked them to bring a friend into a Portland lab to participate in a videotaped conversation, Piehler said. The participants could talk about topics including friends, drugs and alcohol and dating.

During the study, researchers looked at the quality of friendships, - measured by the following questions: Did they listen carefully to each other? Did they seem interested and engaged in their conversation? Researchers analyzed the content of the conversation.

Those adolescents who talked about anti-social behaviors, such as breaking the law or drug use, tended to be the ones doing those behaviors, Piehler said. Those adolescents who seemed close to their friends and spent a lot of time talking about these anti-social behaviors showed the worst outcomes and the highest levels of anti-social behavior.

Parents should closely observe their children's interactions with others, Dishion said.

**Don't forget
to turn your
clocks back one
hour on
Sunday, Nov. 4**

Ferrum Forum

compiled by Phylcia Garner

Do you think Ferrum should continue to make it mandatory to take a Bible-based course?



Torez Spady

I feel that you shouldn't have to take a religion class if you don't want to because that may not be your religion.



Courtney Johnson

Some students did not come here because this school is affiliated with the Methodist church. They may have come for other reasons.



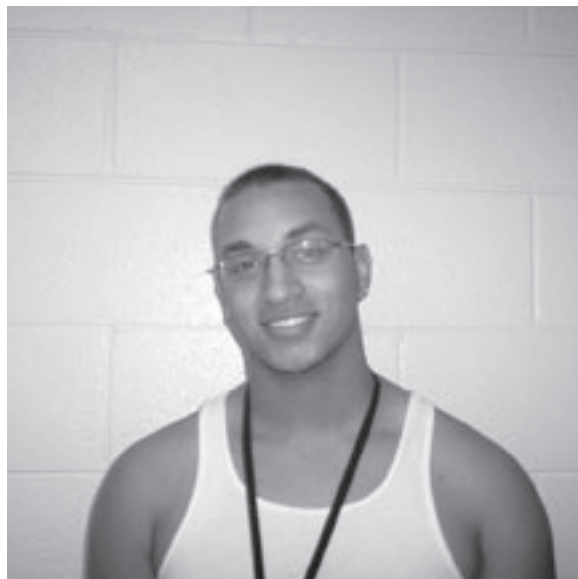
Kevin Marshall

We shouldn't have to take religion because most people don't agree with it.



Mark Fine

I think it's a personal choice, so it shouldn't be mandatory. If you want to take a religion course, it should be up to you.



Brandon Parker

I don't think it should be mandatory because not everyone is into the whole religion thing.



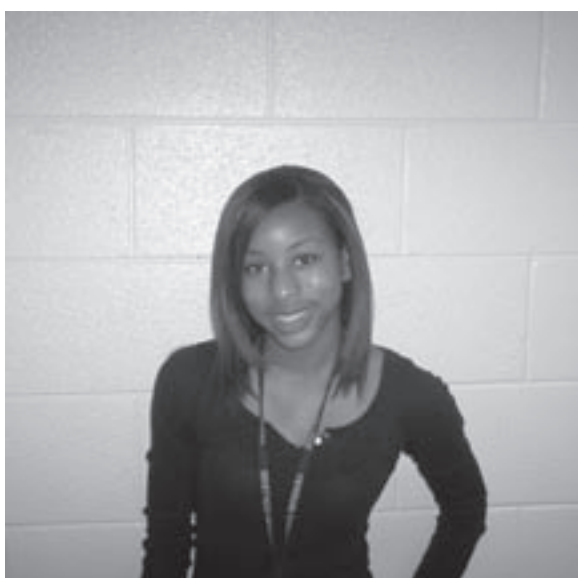
Chaz Pando

I don't think we should be forced to take religion. We all come from different beliefs and backgrounds, and it should not be forced on us.



Leighanna Glazebrook

I don't think we need to take a religion class. We should be able to take the class at our own free will. It should not be required.



Ashley Miles

Although this school is affiliated with the Methodist Church, people come from different religious backgrounds.



Chazz Staten

No, we shouldn't be forced to learn about a religion we probably don't practice in our everyday lives.

Editorial

Last Ditch Effort



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Given the recent negative attention on social work education that has arisen from the study by the National Association of Scholars and George F. Will's editorial (Washington Post, 10/14/07), the public at-large, and consumers of social work services, have a right to hear another viewpoint regarding this matter.

Mr. Will appears to extract language from the study to draw his own conclusions, and promote a personal agenda. As many of us recognize, reports of "study findings" are often misleading, as are the opinions expressed by Mr. Will. He has conjured up illusions of universities brainwashing students, and shackling them to an inescapable social and political doctrine. Mr. Will ignores the context in which professional education and training occurs - for all professions. This critique misrepresents social work education and is a disservice to our members and the clients they serve.

The National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics is the accepted guide for appropriate and ethical behavior in the practice of Social Work. While it is true that the Code mandates that adherents advocate for social justice, it is not the subversive and seditious document that Mr. Will alludes to. In taking sections of the Code out of context, Mr. Will conveniently overlooks the fundamental principle of our profession; the right to self-determination.

He has painted a disturbing and inaccurate picture of a diverse profession which exists to respond to and overcome many of society's ills. Social work practitioners cannot discriminate as to who is worthy of receiving services. Imagine a scenario where only the chosen few could be served. The very essence of the profession is to respond to the needs of all segments of the population.

Professional social workers are trained to be resourceful and critical thinkers in assisting people to overcome the barriers which prevent them from living a secure and productive life. They possess the skills necessary to guide consumers who may have a myriad of complex issues to conquer. To insinuate that our universities and the accredited schools of Social Work are turning out indoctrinated students is completely and utterly ludicrous.

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Features

Student Activities Calendar

Monday, October 29

- 11 a.m. Blood Drive Sign-up
Franklin Hall Lobby
Blood Drive Nov 1
- 4 p.m. Seminar of Finance
Beckham 202
- 5 p.m. Accounting Club Meeting
Beckham Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Political Science Meeting
Grousbeck
- 7 p.m. The Church
Vaughn Chapel
- 8 p.m. SGA Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Religious Study

Tuesday, October 30

- 11 a.m. Blood Drive Sign-up
Franklin Hall
- 9 p.m. Haunted Forest
Chapmen Pond

Wednesday, October 31

- 5:30 p.m. Trick or Treat for Canned Goods
Panther's Den

Thursday, November 1

- 11:30 a.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive
Fitness Center
- 5 p.m. Big Buddy/ Little Buddy Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Day of Remembrance and Promise
Panther's Den
- 8:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday, November 2

- 9:30 VA Dept of Health POD Drill (Flu Vaccination Clinic)
Fitness Center
- Noon: Moore Hall Dedication
- 8 p.m. Talent Show
Panther's Den

Saturday, November 3

- 6 p.m. AA Meetings
Light House

Ferrum Folk: Suzie Kelly

Alyssa W. Walden
Editor-in-Chief

Looking around campus, you can see this woman's work in just about every building. Any time you log onto Ferrum's Web site, you again see this woman's work.

Meet Suzie Kelly, Ferrum's lead designer, who graduated from Alfred University with a degree in fine arts.

Kelly, who will have been at Ferrum in the public relations office for four years in February, says she first came to Ferrum working with the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre in 2002 doing lighting, sets, and painting.

Since then Kelly says her job description has changed quite drastically.

"My goal when I came to Ferrum was to enhance the Web site, but my job morphed, and now I'm lead designer and do a little bit of everything," Kelly said.

A little bit of everything may be a bit of an understatement. Kelly is actually responsible for the Ferrum Web site, all campus publications (except for admissions), posters, postcards, the Ferrum magazine both in print and online, and photography on campus.

Kelly believes her biggest contribution has been her work on the Ferrum Magazine.

"When Dean (Browell) was here,



Photo by Alyssa W. Walden

we brought the magazine in house. I wanted to get into magazine, and the college was willing to give it to me."

Kelly says in her time working on the magazine, which was previously published in Roanoke, she has completed six editions.

The job does not come without some struggles, but Kelly says the struggles she faces are not really too extreme.

"I get to be so creative all day long, it's hard for me to be creative for myself, which I enjoy doing," Kelly said.

When not working, Kelly says she enjoys traveling in the summer,

kayaking, seeing live music, and just being at home in her garden and studio.

As advisor to FerrumRadio.com, Kelly's love of music makes her an asset to the club.

"I love music, so I love being a part of that," Kelly says. "That's something I like to do on my own time, so it's nice to just sit back and relax."

Kelly's love of music extends to all genres, but when asked to give her number one favorite of all time, her answer was quick and definite, "Ray Johnson."

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Club Scene: 60 Seconds with Ferrum Radio

Alyssa W. Walden
Editor-in-Chief

With the hopes of delving into Ferrum Radio, interviews were conducted with both student leader Kelly Payne and advisor Suzie Kelly. Here's what they had to say.

What is your main goal for the year?

KP: Our main goal for the year is to get lots of new DJs and settle in our new station!

What do you see as being the biggest struggle for your club?

KP: The biggest struggle for our club would be the moving and getting resettled, as well as adapting to our new broadcast software. The move has affected our organization dramatically. It's hard to get office hours and everything sorted out with having to move everything and set up all of our equipment again. However, the new broadcast software is much easier to use than the previous software,

SK: Moving is a challenge. We've have to move a couple times in the past two years so we're still in the process of relocating.

How can a student become involved with your organization?

KP:A student can become involved with our

organization at any time. They can either come by our table at the club fair or contact me at krpayne@ferrum.edu and tell me that they are interested.

What roles can students play in Ferrum Radio?

KP: DJs can have a radio show whenever they would like, and they will be trained on our new software. Students can be djs and, if interested, can possibly gain a spot on our board.

What is the most important thing students should know about Ferrum Radio?

KP: The most important thing students should know about Ferrum Radio is that it's a good opportunity to gain some valuable radio experience!

SK: We're always looking for DJs. We're up and running again. We have a new iMac with new Nicecast software and a \$50 iTunes allowance a month. We're still a mess, but we're up and running. We're looking at having a CD sale to get rid of a lot of the older CDs that are taking up space.

How do students listen to Ferrum Radio?

KP: It's internet-based and it's a good experience and a lot of fun! Go to Ferrumradio.com and click the link to listen to us!

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Opposing viewpoints: "Into the Wild"

A beautiful, but flawed journey

Jordan Farmer
Staff Writer

Based on Jon Krakauer's best-seller of the same name, "Into the Wild" tells the true story of Christopher McCandless, who, in the early '90s, donated his life savings to charity and embarked upon an odyssey through the American wilderness.

Adapted for the screen and directed by Sean Penn, the film is a visceral knockout. Using the photography technique of Eric Gautier, whose experience stems from foreign films, "Into the Wild" is a sure bet for cinematography when Oscar season rolls around. Every image – rapids, mountains of snow, endless acres of crop – encapsulates a unique visual majesty. The film is so intensely and vividly *alive*, that, to a certain extent, its own physicality diminishes the power of McCandless's journey, rather than enhancing it.

The film stars Emile Hirsch as Christopher McCandless, and his performance is a paradox of emotion: insightful and compassionate, yet simultaneously evoking a sense of entitlement. The story plays out through a series of interrelated, yet ultimately random, vignettes while also using a flashback technique, which is constantly moving toward a spiritual deliverance that concludes the film. If you are confused by that structure, I was too. I understood what Penn was *trying* to do, but ultimately his film failed to convey the intended message of McCandless's quest. There is very little story to recap at all, and the small portion of story within "Into the Wild" is disjointed.

Clocking in at nearly two and a half hours, "Into the Wild" is far too long, especially for a film with almost zero substance. A unique take on voice-over is implemented, but fails due to the overwhelming amount of pretension contained within the dialogue. Ultimately, Penn has left his audience with an eye-popping journey through the mind's threshold for boredom.

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Know a movie our reporters should see?

Let us know about it!

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The best film of 2007

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered about leaving society? Have you ever dreamed of dropping everything for the quiet of the open road? We occasionally hear stories about those who make that leap of faith, and the results aren't very pleasant.

Remember "Grizzly Man," brought to us in 2005 by acclaimed director Werner Herzog? It was about a guy named Timothy Treadwell who went to live in the bears and he – along with his girlfriend – was mauled for it. Now, director/writer/actor Sean Penn brings us the story, based on the book by John Krakauer, of Christopher McCandless, who dropped out of society and made his way to Alaska.

This is a movie where we combine two of the more popular elements of our lives. One is man vs. nature. The other is the road movie. When the movie begins, McCandless (Emile Hirsch) has already reached his ultimate destination: the Alaskan wilderness, where he finds a bus that will provide him shelter.

"Into the Wild" is narrated by McCandless' sister Carine (Jena Malone). We meet him as a child whose parents (William Hurt and Marcia Gay Harden) see him graduate from Emory University.

Even by this time he is ready to get rid of his material possessions and, he has his life planned out.

He donates all his money to OXFAM and torches everything else. Now calling himself Alexander Supertramp, he heads west. Considering it's the year 1990, we might not expect to see hippies, but he actually meet an aging hippie couple (Catherine Keener and Brian Dierker).

He shares some nice moments with them and then leaves. He works for a guy named Wayne (Vince Vaughn) who is a grain harvester. Then by rail and sea, he heads west. He meets with the old hippie couple again and has a brief romance with a teenage singer (Kirsten Stewart). Before he heads for Alaska, he meets an old man named Ron (Hal Holbrook).

Emile Hirsch does an excellent job of portraying McCandless, who will end up dead at the age of 22. The most likely cause, according to this movie, concerns a potato plant. For the rest you'll have to watch the film

I honestly think this is the best film of the year because it celebrates the life of a man. By the time the movie ends, he is dead and his life has come full circle.

If this movie is playing in your locale, it would be a crime to miss it.

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This Day in History October 29

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

Events:

969: Byzantine troops occupy Antioch Syria
1390: First trial for witchcraft in Paris
1422: Charles VII of France becomes king
1591: Innocent IX succeeds to Gregory XIV as pope
1665: Battle of Ambuila
1859: Spain declares war on

Morocco
1913: Floods in El Salvador kill thousands
1922: King Victor Emmanuel III appoints Benito Mussolini as prime minister
1923: Turkey becomes a republic following the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire
1961: Syria exits the United Arab Republic
2004: Norodom Sihamoni becomes King of Cambodia

Births:

1017: Henry III, Holy Roman Emperor
1704: John Byng, British Admiral
1861: Andrei Ryabushkin, Russian painter
1879: Franz von Papen, Chancellor of Germany
1910: Alfred Ayer, British philosopher
1917: Eddie Constantine, American actor/singer
1925: Dominick Dune, American author
1947: Richard Dreyfuss, American actor

Deaths:

1138: Boleslaw III of Krzywousty, Duke of Poland
1268: Fredrick I, Margrave of Baden (beheaded)
1829: Maria Anna Mozart, Austrian musician
1919: A.B Simpson, Canadian preacher
1950: King Gustaf V of Sweden
2003: Franco Corelli, tenor

Holiday's and Observances
Turkey- Republic Day
Coronation Day of Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia

Panther Profile



Jessica Walker Volleyball captain

Roger Keaton
Staff Writer

If you have attended a volleyball game during any of the past four years, you have seen her in action. A starter at setter and outside hitter since the fall of 2004, Jessica Walker has made an impact on the Ferrum College volleyball team.

The senior captain from Warren County High School in Fort Royal, Va., loves playing volleyball with her younger sister, Tiffany.

"It's great!" Walker says of playing volleyball and attending school with her sister. "We get along very well on and off the court. I couldn't imagine her being anywhere else. I love playing sports with her because we work so well together. She's an amazing person."

Similar to the affection that Jessica has for her sister are her thoughts about beating Averett for

the first time in 12 years, a game that she calls her "best moment here at Ferrum."

Apart from her athletic ventures, Walker is a pre-professional science major who plans on attending medical school upon graduating. She says her favorite class at Ferrum has been anatomy with Dr. Aylesworth and, like last week's Panther Profile, Perry Ford, her most difficult class has been physics with Dr. Bowman.

Walker is the vice president of the Pre-Med Club, a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society, and a community advisor in Village West. Walker says she believes that the best part about Ferrum is "the people and the great education" and tells current students to "live it up because it's gone before you know it."

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Volleyball team steals show at quad meet

Brandon Lucas
Sports Editor

Seniors Mindy Altice, Jessica Walker, and Kenzie Franklin were honored before the fourth and final game of a USA South conference quad meet on Saturday, October 20. These women will be sorely missed by Coach Howlett, fans, and supporters of the Panthers volleyball program.

The Quad meet featured the likes of Peace College, Meredith College, and Christopher Newport University, along with the Panthers. Both Ferrum and Christopher Newport won each of their games while Peace and Meredith lost their two.

Ferrum showed their dominance in the first match against Peace College. They won in three straight games, thanks in large part to Mindy Altice and Jessica Flanagan, who combined for 31 kills. Jessica Walker added seven more, and Jessica Washburn led the team with 22 assists.

The scores of the games were 30-22, 30-15, and 30-15. With the win, the Panthers reached the .500 mark at 14-14 and an 8-6 record in the USA South conference. The Pacers dropped to 10-19 on the season and a 3-11 record in conference play.

Meredith's record was not reflective of their effort and determination. Ferrum, though they would win the first game, did not play well. The Panthers set the tone in the last half of the game and used that momentum to carry themselves to a 3-0 win. The scores of the games were 31-29, 30-17, and 30-18. Jessica Flanagan had 14 kills and Jessica Washburn, 22 assists. Ferrum improved to 15-14 (9-6) on the year, and Meredith falls to 5-23 (2-13).

The Panthers will travel to Staunton, Virginia, on October 23 to take on Mary Baldwin, a team that they have shown that they have no trouble with. That match is scheduled to start at 6:30.

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Unheralded junior enjoys big day for Virginia

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Mikell Simpson casually walked into the media tent at Byrd Stadium. It was the first time this season he had been requested for interviews following a game.

With a humble demeanor, he slowly walked to the lectern, still wearing his dirt-streaked uniform pants and a black sleeveless shirt. This was the moment he had been waiting for "ever since I left high school," Simpson said. "I came to college thinking I could do the same thing I did in high school."

Reporters held their recorders up and cameramen shined their lights on his face, and Simpson, the man of the hour, stood silently. The first reporter spoke up and appropriately asked of his second-half performance Saturday night. Simpson answered, and before speaking about himself, he credited his teammates and their refusal to give up in the second half.

"The second half was a display of not giving up and knowing that we would never crack no matter what the situation," he said.

If you hadn't just seen the last 60 minutes of football, you probably

wouldn't have known who he was. He's listed in Virginia's media guide at a generous 6-1, 197 pounds. And on his eye-black stickers is written the name, his two-week old niece, Jayda. Simpson said she got a nice birthday present from his performance Saturday.

If you look for Simpson's name on Virginia's roster, you might have trouble finding him. He's not even listed on the depth chart, since Simpson is listed as both a tailback and wide receiver. Groh calls him his secret-agent man.

Considering Simpson's high school stats, it's a little surprising he had to wait this long to make a name for himself.

He was named a four-star player by Rivals.com while he was in high school. A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Simpson was ranked the No. 14 running back in the country. The whole country. Just for comparison, Peter Lalich was only the No. 17-ranked quarterback by Rivals coming out of high school. Simpson averaged almost 10 yards a carry his junior year in high school. He played defense and wide receiver. Simpson is what Groh is talking about when he says he likes diversity in his recruits.

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No. 1 Tar Heels romp over Terps field hockey

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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Thirty seconds into the No. 2 Terrapin field hockey team's game Saturday at top-ranked North Carolina, the Tar Heels worked the ball down to the Terps' goal line and tried to slam the ball past goalie Kathryn Masson.

"I knew from right away in the first few minutes that we needed to get back on track and find a way to play our game," Masson said.

The play, which failed to produce a North Carolina goal, ended up setting the tone for the game rather than serving as a wake-up call for the Terps.

The Tar Heels, who outshot the Terps 23-0, finally managed to score on Masson three times in the last 15 minutes and proved they deserve the No. 1 ranking with a 3-0 win.

The Terp loss snapped a 20-game winning streak dating back to last season.

The Tar Heels' domination gave

North Carolina the top seed in the ACC tournament and showed the Terps they have work to do if they hope to win a third straight national championship.

"We knew they were going to be a great team, and we just let them intimidate us," Masson said. "I thought our nerves got the better of us."

The action started in North Carolina's offensive zone and stayed there for most of the first half. The Tar Heels (17-0, 5-0 ACC) took 14 first-half shots and threatened with seven penalty corners, which resulted in several good scoring opportunities.

Each time, Masson was there to keep the game scoreless. The two-time All-American made six saves in the first half, and she said facing a lot of shots quickly got her warmed up to play well.

Offensively, the Terps had trouble receiving the ball in the midfield and could not generate any legitimate scoring opportunities until the second half.

With just more than 15 minutes

left and the game still scoreless, the Terps had their best scoring chance.

Freshman Katie O'Donnell broke past the Tar Heel defense and moved toward the goal, but a defender nudged O'Donnell from behind as she entered the circle. She kept possession and the referee chose to let the play continue because of the Terps' advantage.

However, it slowed O'Donnell enough for the defense to recover and stop her from taking a shot.

Terp coach Missy Meharg said a penalty stroke could've been awarded on the play; she said she at least would've liked to get a penalty corner. She said the no-call affected her team.

"I think Maryland reacted as a unit a little negatively because we all sort of put our heads down," Meharg said.

Less than a minute later, the Tar Heels turned their 17th shot of the game into their first goal. Alli Tanner took a pass from Katelyn Falgowski and nailed a shot past Masson into the right side of the cage.

Yet the Terps were not out of the game. Meharg called a timeout with 8:05 left and made changes to increase the offense, but it cost the defense. Falgowski and Jesse Gey added goals a minute and eight seconds apart to close out the game.

"I'm just proud of my team for staying in it for so long," Meharg said. "With the way we were playing and the way they were playing, it's pretty shocking that, with nine minutes on the clock, it was 1-0."

In the highly anticipated matchup of the supposed top two teams in the nation, the Tar Heels showed why they are No. 1 in offense and defense with a performance that impressed Meharg and could give her team extra motivation for possible rematches in the ACC and NCAA tournaments.

"Carolina outplayed us," Meharg said. "They were a much better team than we were today. For us to not be on the board statistically was a bit of a revelation. It's amazing that there can be such variance in the level of play across the country."

Mountaineers men's soccer take down No. 1 Huskies

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(U-WIRE) MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -- The top-ranked Connecticut Huskies (12-2-1, 6-2-1) came into Morgantown riding a six-game unbeaten streak only to fall to the No. 20 Mountaineers (9-5, 5-3) by a 1-0 decision.

In his first career start, it was sophomore defender Jason Bristol who netted the winning goal.

On a set piece in the 53rd minute of action, senior Dan Stratford arced a ball into the box where Bristol was waiting. The ball was placed perfectly on Bristol, as he headed home the decider and his first collegiate goal.

"He put it right there. There was no other place for it to go than my head and I was just glad to put it in," Bristol said.

With a crowd of 1,773 -- second-largest ever at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium -- cheering them on, the Mountaineers would not be denied victory.

"It's a great feeling. It's great to have a win like that," senior Paul Cunningham said. "Walking into the locker room at a quarter 'til 7, we

knew we were going to win. There wasn't a doubt in anyone's mind."

That confidence was evident on the field as the Mountaineers controlled the ball and the tempo of the game for the entire first half.

The intensity continued, as WVU created opportunities and were rewarded early in the second half. However, UConn would not go without a fight as they mounted an attack immediately after the Mountaineer goal.

Mountaineer goalkeeper Zach Johnson saved a UConn goal that was deflected into the middle of the box. UConn then took a sharp shot that clanged off the crossbar and was cleared by WVU.

For the rest of the game, the Mountaineer defense was stifling, holding UConn's O'Brian White, the NCAA's leading scorer, to just one shot on goal.

"It was a challenge. There's a reason he has 15 goals this season. We handled it as a team and forced him to play the way we wanted him to play," said senior Andrew Halsell, who marked White during the game.

And according to Mountaineer head coach Marlon LeBlanc, Halsell played his best game of the season.

"That's why I call Andrew Halsell an All-American candidate. He was excellent tonight, and he shut down the No. 1 forward in the country. He rose to the occasion."

The entire Mountaineer defense was dominant as well, holding UConn to four shots on goal during the contest.

"They've got goals coming from everywhere, but, at the same time, our back wall is one of the best defensive units in the nation," senior Andy Wright said. "That's a bold statement, but I think it's true, and they went out and proved it tonight."

In all, the Huskies outshot the Mountaineers 15-10, but WVU was the one to convert the crucial opportunity. The goal was something their head coach had been looking for all season.

"Coming out and jumping on them in the second half was something that we talked about in the locker room at halftime, and to get ahead," LeBlanc said. "On top, we're pretty hard to beat."

The Mountaineers are a perfect 9-0 when they gain a lead this season and 3-1 against top-10 teams.

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After redshirting in 2005, Simpson's freshman year lacked the excitement he showed in Harrisburg. Buried in the depth chart behind Jason Snelling and Cedric Peerman, Simpson recorded only 13 carries and 12 receptions, playing in only half the games of the 2006 season. But that doesn't mean that Simpson had lost whatever it was that drove him to success in high school.

Jameel Sewell remembers exactly how Simpson's career started last season.

"The first carry he ever got was against Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh [Sept. 2, 2006]," Sewell said. "The play was messed up totally. I called the play wrong, and he broke it for 18-, 20-something yards, and, from that point on, we knew he had the ability to do it."

Finally, the heralded recruit is living up to his statistics. His turnaround has suddenly become one of the best storybook breakouts in Virginia history.

"I never dreamed of this," Simpson said. "But things happen and this was just one of those moments that it happened, and I just thank God for that."

As he stood behind the lectern

in the media tent following Saturday's game, he looked like he'd been there before. Humble yet confident, he exited the tent quietly, as if the fans waiting for him weren't screaming his name.

"Mike-kell, Mike-kell," they yelled. His name has a little rhythm to it, especially when shouted by thousands of Virginia fans. Maybe it'll catch on.