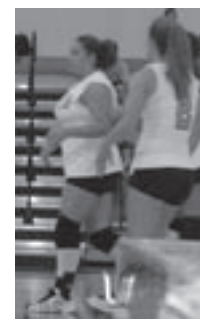




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Forum examines relationship of media and justice system

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The relationship between the media and the criminal justice system was the main focus of the Communications Board Forum held Oct. 1.

Held in a panel format, the forum was moderated by Dr. Lana Whited, professor of English.

The panel consisted of three members: Dr. Ken McCreedy, Cliff Hapgood, and Scott Leamon.

Dr. Ken McCreedy is a criminal justice faculty member at Ferrum and has over 35 years of experience in the criminal justice field.

Cliff Hapgood is the Commonwealth Attorney for Franklin County and an adjunct professor of criminal justice.

Scott Leamon is a reporter for WSLs-10 and has been involved in broadcast journalism for 10 years. Leamon has been featured nationally on CNN and MSNBC.

Each panelist was given five minutes to make comments on the general topic of media and the criminal justice system.

McCreedy credited the changing times with the changes in both systems.

"When I first started (in the criminal justice field), reporters had no access to anything," McCreedy said. "They came and asked for information and took whatever they could get."



photo by Alyssa W. Walden

Panelist from the Communications Board Forum were (L-R): Dr. Ken McCreedy, Cliff Hapgood, and Scott Leamon.

McCreedy also made comments concerning his view of how media organization can impact a trial.

"Not only can the media impact the outcome of a trial, but they can significantly damage the lives of innocent people," McCreedy said.

Hapgood's view of the relationship between the media and criminal

justice system revolves around the need for a paycheck.

"They (the media) have a job to do, and we (attorneys) have a job to do," Hapgood said. "Hopefully we don't step on each other."

Responding to the question of whether or not someone can receive a fair trial, Hapgood said a definition

of fair trial was needed.

"Nobody knows what a fair trial is," Hapgood said.

Hapgood said one complication is the pervasiveness of information sources that may be mistaken for news sources.

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Honors students attend opera, experience Indian cuisine

Alyssa W. Walden
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photo by Ashley Hale

The cast of "Hansel and Gretel" bow after the performance of the opera.

For many students in the honors program, this opera experience was a first.

"I was an outsider going in," said Camille Bower, a freshman. "It was something that I had never been to. I didn't know what to expect, but I enjoyed it."

The scenery and costuming for the opera were both originally designed for the Sarasota Opera.

"The scenery looked magical, and the costumes were good as well," said Ashley Hale, sophomore.

The opera, performed in three acts, lasted approximately two and a half hours.

Emily Rose Tucker, adjunct professor of music, portrayed the sandman in the opera's cast.

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Members of the Boone Honors Program experienced both an opera and a taste of Indian cuisine on Sept. 30.

As the first outing of the year, the honors students attended Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" performed by Opera Roanoke at the Jefferson Center in downtown Roanoke.

Conducted by Stenen White, the opera followed the children's tale that is popular in various versions in many cultures.

The opera was performed with the help of the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and the Roanoke College Children's Choir.

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photo by Dr. Sharon Stein

Students and faculty from the Boone Honors Program posed for a picture before having dinner at Nawab Indian Cuisine.

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Following the opera, the students and faculty headed downtown for dinner at Nawab Indian Cuisine.

Students dined on a variety of Indian dishes, with different students enjoying different things.

"It was different," Bower said. "I had never had Indian food before."

Hale said she enjoyed spending time with other students in the program.

"I enjoyed the bonding at the dinner table because we were all experiencing something new at the same time, and I got to see everyone's reactions," Hale said.

The next honors outing to see the Blind Boys of Alabama is scheduled for Dec. 5.

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tainment Tonight is news coverage?" Hapgood asked.

Leamon opened his comments by saying that most media organizations are for-profit, so their coverage will be based on what the viewer wants to watch.

"We want you to watch us," Leamon said. "People watch stuff that they find interesting, that scares them, or things like that. Most of the time we get our highest ratings from

huge tragedies."

During many criminal proceedings, areas of conflict arise in terms of the media coverage.

"The conflicts that I have with the media during a trial is that they have to have something every single day when there may be nothing to report," Hapgood said.

Another issues arose concerning whether or not the media should be required to cooperate with the courts

after interviewing certain people. Leamon said that in coverage of some crimes, protecting a witness may be essential to a story.

"There are some stories we can't do unless people feel like they can talk to us and be protected," Leamon said.

With many new sources of information available, the criminal justice system faces challenges in the selection of jurors. Hapgood believes that

to combat this issue, changes may be needed.

"We might need to think about changing the criminal justice system to fit how the media works," Hapgood said.

The forum was sponsored by the Communications Board, chaired by George Loveland, oversees the Iron Blade, Chrysalis, and Ferrum Radio WFFC.

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Fulbright U.S. student grant competition closing soon

Submitted

The Institute of International Education (IIE), in cooperation with the U.S Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, announced the closing of the 2008-2009 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition on October 19, 2007. Only a few more weeks remaining to apply for one of the approximately 1,400 grants to over 140 countries.

For over 60 years, the federal government-sponsored Fulbright U.S Student Program has provided future American leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research, and teach in other countries. Fulbright student grants aim to increase mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange while serving as a catalyst for long-term leadership development.

The Fulbright U.S Student Program awards approximately 1,400 grants annually operates in over 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships are now available to 26 countries. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident coverage and full or partial tuition.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S Student Program must be U.S citizens at the time of applications and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the

grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement. (Professional applicants lacking a degree but with extensive professional student and/or experience in the field in which they wish to pursue a project may be also considered) The Fulbright U.S Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university. Applicants from young professionals interested in an international are also encouraged

For more information, interested individuals should visit the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website at www.us.fulbrightonline.org Students currently enrolled at Ferrum College should contact their campus Fulbright Program Advisor M. Katherine Grimes for more information. Applications must be submitted both electronically and in hard copy to Dr. Grimes, kgrimes@ferrum.edu by the campus closing date of October 12, 2007, in order to be received by IIE electronically by October 19, 2007 and in hard copy by October 22, 2007 national deadline.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 279,000 participants worldwide with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, and cultural institutions, exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of important to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. In the past 61 years, 105,400 students,

scholars, and teachers have benefited from the Fulbright experience.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. Financial support is provided by an annual appropriation from the United States Congress to the Department of State and by participating foreign governments and host institutions in the United States and abroad. The Presi-

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Ferrum Forum

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What do you miss the most from home?



Seantay Ford

I miss my dog, Jake.



Thomas Porter

I miss my mom.



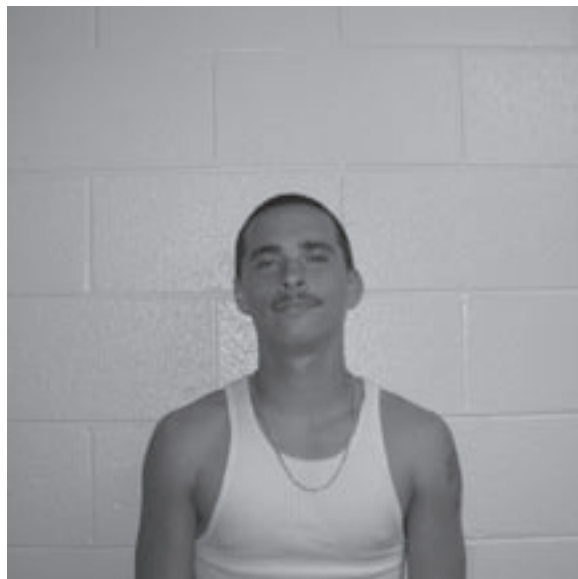
William McCray

I don't miss anything.



Shane Lytle

I miss the food.



John Hartin

I miss my friends and family.



Brent Jones

I miss going to the drag strip.



Robyn Backus

I miss my family and friends.



Devyn Bayes

I miss my best friends.



Brandon Parker

I miss my family.

Editorial

Last Ditch Effort



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“What’s next for you?”: daunting question, no answer

Alyssa W. Walden
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Have you ever had a moment in your life when you felt like you’re completely out of control?

Your head constantly hurts. Your palms constantly sweat. You swear up and down that your pulse is beating ten times faster than normal.

I’ve had this feeling once before in my life and it was not enjoyable to say the least.

My first experience with this feeling came towards the end of my

junior year of high school and lasted until April of my senior year when college acceptance letters came in the mail.

As my college graduation draws closer everyday, that feeling is again starting to settle in the bottom of my stomach, and it is no more enjoyable the second time around.

At press time for this issue, I have approximately 80 days left at Ferrum College, including weekends and holidays.

I’ve always thought that 80 days seemed like a lot of time, but at this point in my life, 80 days might as

well be 80 seconds.

I remember in high school being asked, “What’s next for you?” and “Where are you headed?” Sadly, those questions have started resurfacing and make me just as nervous.

Not only am I now worrying over classes and clubs, but there are GRE tests, graduate school applications, and job applications.

Graduating in December complicates things a little more, since many graduate schools do not offer spring admission (a policy I severely dislike).

So once these 80 or so days are up, I’ve got another six to nine months before I can pursue higher education. Needless to say, my answer for the questions of “What’s next?” gets extremely complicated.

Currently, I cannot honestly say what is next for me because I don’t know myself.

The stresses of graduating are enough to drive anyone crazy. The pressure of the future is daunting.

For those of you who, like me, have no answer, just breathe, smile, and answer as politely as possible.

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Ferrum College ARC: Don’t wait ‘til it’s too late

Features

Harmful speech

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK -- On Wednesday afternoon, several students discovered graffiti in a SIPA bathroom that made startling and hateful proclamations about Muslims and Africans. The find came just days after police reportedly used excessive force and racial slurs against an Asian-American student carrying an open container on 114th Street. It may bring us peace of mind to write these off as isolated occurrences, but to do so would ignore the sad and storied history of bias incidents at Columbia University over the past several years. Occasional but deeply disturbing, these episodes serve as reminders that the waters of tolerance at Columbia are still tainted. While blame for such failures of civility does not rest with any one party, it is incumbent on us all to discuss them candidly and to further the causes of mutual respect and understanding around Columbia's campus.

If one thing became clear from the visit of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Columbia, it was that hateful speech and acts can galvanize the attentions of a campus and a nation. The scale of these two recent bias incidents may pale in comparison, but no act of hatred is minor, and Columbia's community ought to take special notice of what occurs in its own arena. It is imperative, then, that the University and student body condemn such acts and encourage

thoughtful dialogue around them, even when such discussion does not immediately yield practical solutions.

Sadly, when they do occur, bias incidents seem to elicit little more than a yawn from a great many in the Columbia community. When homophobic graffiti was scrawled on the walls of EC and Ruggles last year, for example, some students voiced outrage, but just as many seemed to greet the incidents and their fallout with the indifference and cynicism characteristic of Columbians. Stop Hate On Columbia's Campus drew flippant criticism when it made waves in spring of 2006, but these two incidents suggest that the organization's ends deserve our continued consideration, however imperfect and incomplete its means may have been.

It is oft-repeated-but still worthy of repetition-that acts of hate have a poisonous effect on an entire community, not just the individual group that is targeted. As a University committed to free speech and tolerance, Columbia has an obligation to engender dialogue when bias incidents occur and ought to publicly condemn such hateful acts - whether or not a world leader is involved. Likewise, as it ponders the implications of racism, injustice, and oppression halfway around the globe, Columbia's student body need only look to its own back yard to see hatred playing out in small but still insidious ways.

Alumni Events October 13

10 a.m.
Tennis Alumni Match
Burrows Tennis Court

Mens Basketball Alumni Match
Swartz Gym

Women's Basketball Alumni
Social

Baseball Alumni Social

11 a.m.
Alumni Awards Luncheon and
Induction
Budskeens Alumni Center

Noon
Agriculture Alumni Association
Gathering
Upper Adams Field

Greek Reunion
Upper Adams Field

Ferrum v. Methodist
Kickoff 1 p.m.
Adams Field

1967 Football Reunion
5:30
Panthers Den

Student Activities Calendar

Spirit Week!

Monday, October 8

4:30 p.m. Side Walk Chalk
Franklin Hall
6 p.m. Boldering Wall
7 p.m. Monday Night Praise
Vaughn Chapel
Religious Study
Light House
On going event Blue Ridge Clay
Invitational in the E. Taylor Greer
Gallery, Stanley Library.

Tuesday, October 9

4 p.m. AASA Meeting
Panther's Den
8 p.m. ESL Panel Discussion
AV Auditorium
Spirit Bingo
Panther's Den

Wednesday, October 10

11 a.m. Human Services Career
Fair
Panther's Den
7:30 p.m. Colleges Agasint Cancer
Think Pink!!
Panther's Den

Thursday, October 11

4 p.m. Big Buddy Little Buddy
LA 201
Quality Enhancement
Plan Town Meeting
Panther's Den
4:30 p.m. Art Club
Clay House
7 p.m. Take Back the Night
Flag Pole
8 p.m. Banner Making Contest
Confetti's
Bible study
Franklin Hall
Conference Room

Friday, October 12

50 Year Reunion
8 p.m. Pep Rally

Saturday, October 13

10:30 Tailgating
1 p.m. Kick Off!
Ferrum vs Methodist
6 p.m. AA Meetings
Lighthouse

Spirit Week: Get your spirit up

Megan Lucks
Staff Writer

Spirit week is held the week leading up to homecoming to "increase students' spirit" says Dave Newcombe.

It starts on Monday with clubs participating the sidewalk chalk competition. This event starts at 4:30 and runs until 7. Make sure you get the rules from Student Leadership and Engagement. Come out ready to draw for your club!

On Tuesday, Spirit Bingo will be held at 8 p.m. by Panther Productions in the Panther's Den with bigger and better prizes. And remember that it's fifty cents a card with the chance to win money at the end of the game!

Wednesday is Spirit Day! Get decked out in your finest Ferrum gear. We want to see your face painted, pompoms in your hair, and those black and gold colors in your clothes. Whatever it is that shows people you have spirit!

On Thursday, there is The Take Back the Night Rally which is stopping domestic violence. That will be from 7 to 8 at the Flag Pole.

After that, head over to the Banner Making Party

in Confetti's at 8. Paper and paint will be available to students, but anything extra you have to bring yourself. Make sure you get the rules from Student Leadership and Engagement if you want to win the prize on Saturday.

The Pep Rally will be held on Friday, and there will be plenty going on there. There will also be a Faculty and staff versus students basketball game.

The Homecoming King, Queen, and Court will be announced there, as well as the winners of the Banner Making Competition. Homecoming T-Shirts will be given away at the pep rally. On Saturday, the football game against Methodist College kicks off at 1 p.m.. This is a tailgating event, so come on up behind the football field and tailgate with some of the best clubs and activities on campus beginning at 10:30. Half time will feature the Homecoming King and Queen as well as the winners of the banner contest.

The formal homecoming dance will be Saturday night at 10 p.m. at the Panther's Den. This is a dress-up event, so please look your best, and make sure you register your date with Justin Muse in Student Leadership and Engagement.

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Think Pink! campaign promotes breast cancer awareness

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Think Pink! It's that time of year; October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

With the help of Zeta Theta Epsilon and Colleges Against Cancer, the American Cancer Society is making strides against breast cancer.

While ACS puts on a walk, students here at Ferrum are selling "Think Pink!" gear to help raise money to find a cure for cancer.

The kickoff for Breast Cancer Awareness month will be at the Homecoming football game.

The event is co-sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer and ZOE.

This will be the 3rd annual Think Pink! event held here at Ferrum.

There will be Think Pink! t-shirts designed by Colleges Against Cancer and ZOE members for \$10.

There will free hand outs and information packets available. The clubs that have donated money for the t-shirts will have their organizations listed on the back. Come out and get involved.

"Think Pink!" T-shirts will be sold for \$10, and donations will be taken for many of the other things available.

Pens, pins, emery boards, and balloons will also be available, thanks in part to the ACS.

"Think Pink!" headbands, wristbands and T-shirts, as well as

many other breast cancer awareness markers will be sold at the Oct. 13 football game from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. So you can get things before, during, or after the game.

There will be booths at the entrance to the game and the tailgating entrance. The sale will be held during lunch hours all through out October as well.

All proceeds made from sales of and donations for the "Think Pink!" gear will go toward the American Cancer Society and their program "Making Strides against Breast Cancer"

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive walk to help fight breast cancer and provide hope to people facing the disease.

Your participation will support the American Cancer Society's

lifesaving research, prevention, early detection, and support programs for thousands of patients and their families. While we aren't walking we can still help find a cure!

The Survivorship committee will be selling ribbons to honor those who have survived or suffer from breast or testicular cancer.

These will be five dollars and you can write your loved ones name on it to be added to the banner displayed throughout the year.

For more information, contact CAC President Amanda Viglietta at aviglietta@ferrum.edu, or ZOE President Kristin Reming at kreming@ferrum.edu.

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"Resident Evil: Extinction" is Mindless Entertainment

Michael Rich,
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Three interesting things came to my mind when watching "Resident Evil: Extinction." First, it has always been a bad idea to make movies out of video games. (Some people say that "Silent Hill" is the best one to date.)

Second, I think Millia Jovovich has the possibility of being a great actress if only she would stop making lame films.

Lastly, when making a movie about zombies, I believe there should be enough material for the entire film. If you don't have

enough material, please don't go into "Mad Max" territory and don't pay homage to "The Birds."

The plot of this "Resident" is that the evil Umbrella Corporation that spawned these zombies is apparently looking for a cure. There is an attempt to find the genetically altered Alice (Jovovich), whose blood apparently holds the key to their salvation. They attempt to clone her, and the result is not very good.

They attempt to follow her with a bunch of renegades from the last film. The renegades need a safe place to hide from these zombies. Naturally they do what anybody would do in a time like this: go to

Alaska.

Before they actually go to Alaska, they make a pit stop in Vegas, or what is left of Vegas. Meanwhile, during all of this, the crows have been feeding off the mutant flesh.

One of the chief complaints that I have with zombies is that they're boring villains. Sure there are hints in this film that zombies could be domesticated, but why would you want to do that? My advice is take a look at the zombies from 28 days and weeks later. They run like track stars on steroids.

"Resident Evil: Extinction" has a few good bloody moments, but even those were really dull. I personally didn't care what the evil Umbrella

Corporation was up to. The final showdown between Alice and this super mutant Umbrella Corporation doesn't really try to make a whole lot of sense. The ending of this film suggests a fourth might happen, but in the end, who truly cares?

Director Russell Mulcahy does what he can to make the movie go along at a brisk pace. He made his screenwriter Paul W.S Anderson and his staff actually play the Resident Evil games. Good for them, considering they're having fun. Personally, I wasn't considering someone else was at the controls for this movie.

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This Day in History: October 8, 2007

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Events

1480: Great Standing at the Ugra River

1600: San Mariano adopts its written constitution

1888: Melville Fuller is sworn in as the eighth Chief Justice of the United States

1912: First Balkan War begins: Montenegro declares war against Turkey

1932: The Indian Air Force is

established

1939: World War II: Germany annexes Poland

1967: Guerilla leader Che Guevara and his men are captured in Bolivia

1982: Poland bans solidarity

1986: Famous Broadway show

"Les Miserables" makes its world premiere in London

1991: The Croatian Parliament cuts all remaining ties with Yugoslavia

2007: "Donkey Kong Barrel Blast" is released for Nintendo Wii in North America

Births

1515: Margret Douglas, Countess of Lennox

1715: Michael Benoist, French Jewish missionary

1789: John Ruggles, American politician

1870: Louis Vierne, French organist

1887: Huntley Gordon, Canadian actor

1895: Zog I, King of Albania

1910: Ray Lewis, Canadian runner

1920: Frank Herbert, American writer

1928: Neil Harvey, Australian cricketer

Deaths

1286: John I of Dreux, Duke of Brittany

1317: Fushimi, Emperor of Japan

1735: Yongzheng Emperor of China

1869: Franklin Pierce, 14th President of the United States

1953: Nigel Bruce, British actor

Holiday and Observances

Wales and Cromwell-Saint Keyne

Columbus Day in the United States

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Sports

Vann's the man as Ferrum football runs over Averett

Roger Keaton
Staff Writer

Ferrum's offense finally got rolling during the first half of a game as the Panthers put 35 points on the board during the first two quarters against Averett on Set. 29 in a USA South matchup.

Averett looked like a J.V. squad at times, as Ferrum was able to run left, run right, and run right through the middle of Averett's overmatched defense.

Mike Vann finished the game with 327 total yards and five touchdowns via 187 on the ground and three scores on 12 carries, 120 and 1 touchdown on two kickoff returns, and 20 receiving on one catch that went for a touchdown.

Vann's third rushing touchdown (fourth of the game) was a school record-setting 94-yard run, breaking the record of 90 yards set by former All-Pro Seattle Seahawk running back Chris Warren.

Other single-game school records that Vann tied were total touchdowns (5) and scoring (30 points).

Vann also had a 64-yard touchdown run called back on a holding penalty.

Matt Dobson also had a good game on the ground as he rushed for 119 yards a score on 11 carries.

Matt Lucas rushed for 99 yards



photo by Katie Porter

The football team takes the field to prepare for their next run against Averett University.

on 14 carries, and Robert Rankin got in the end zone on a 5-yard plunge during the fourth quarter.

J.J. Jordan, Shaun Green, and Randy Jones were their usually dominant selves, as Jordan finished with five solo tackles and two as-

sists, Green with five solos, three assists, and one sack, and Jones had two interceptions.

Zack Leonard had 1.5 sacks, and Jeff Crews recovered a fumble.

For the game, Ferrum outgained Averett 444 to 108 yards on the

ground. Something disturbing to Panthers fans was Ferrum's 14 penalties totaling 100 yards. Ferrum improved to 3-2 (2-0 USA South) and Averett fell to 0-4 (0-1 USA South).

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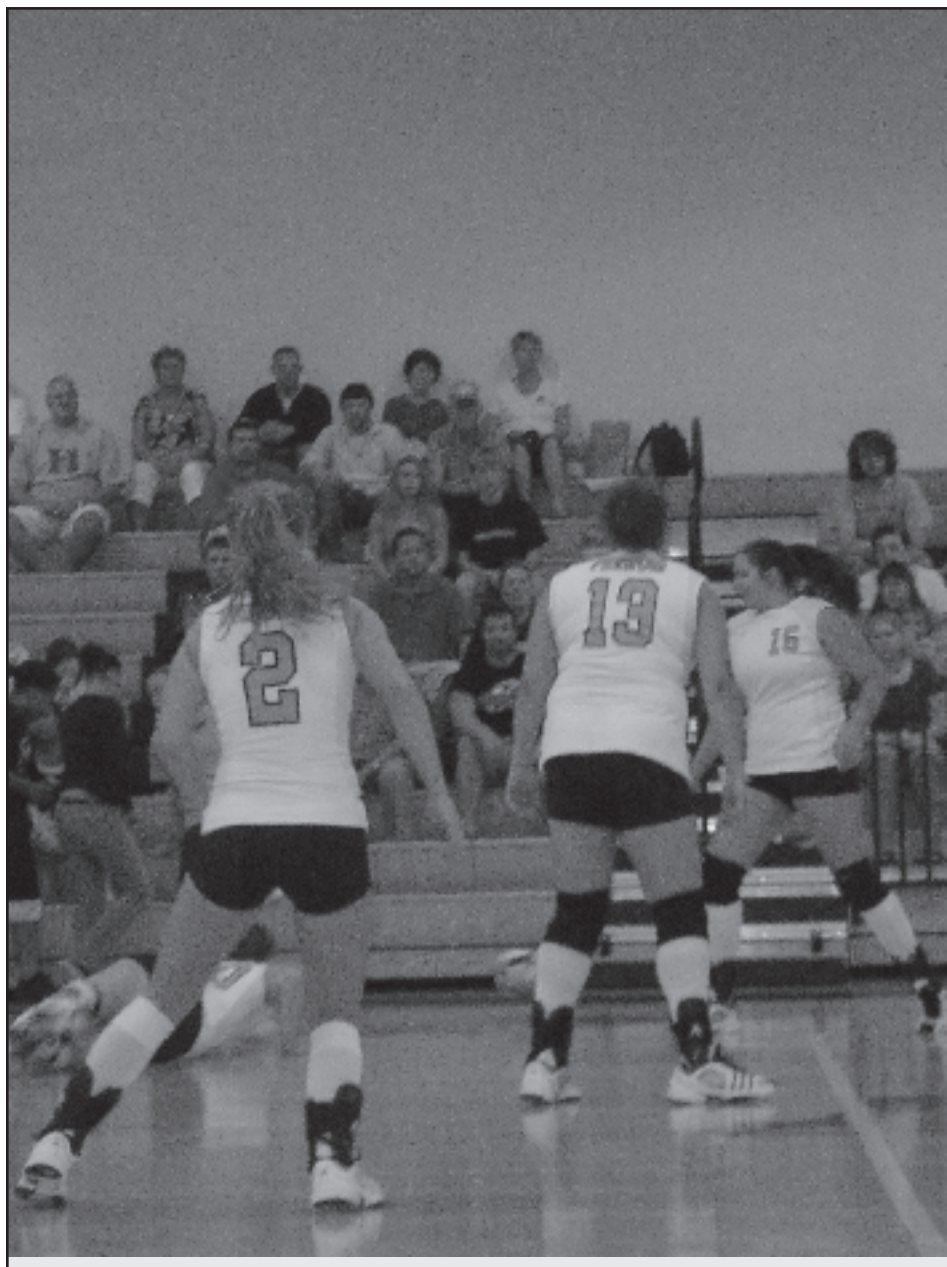


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Members of the volleyball team stop play as another teammate fell to the ground.

Volleyball blanks Mary Baldwin, Guilford

Brandon Lucas
Staff Writer

The volleyball team picked up wins this week against Mary Baldwin and Guilford. Ferrum beat both teams in three straight games. The Mary Baldwin match was a conference match.

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Swartz Gymnasium was the site for the USA South conference match between the Panthers and the Mary Baldwin Fighting Squirrels. The first six points of the first game went to Mary Baldwin. It looked as if the Panthers were out of sync. It didn't take long for Ferrum to bounce back, though. They got within two points, and from there the game went back and forth. The Panthers proved to be too much for the Squirrels, winning the first game, 30-26.

Ferrum seized control of the second game, winning it in convincing fashion, 30-14. The third game

ended 30-17, giving the Panthers the 3-0 victory. Mindy Altice led the team with 19 kills, and Jessica Flanagan had 13 digs to go along with 12 kills. Jessica Washburn had 32 assists.

The Panthers once again flexed their muscles on Sept. 27, defeating the Guilford Quakers, 3-0. Ferrum took the first game easily, 30-21. Guilford threatened in the second game. Both teams played each other very physically. A service ace by Jessica Walker gave Ferrum the game, 31-29.

The momentum heavily favored the Panthers at this point, and, from there, they ran away with the third game, 30-17. The trio of Mindy Altice, Tiffany Walker, and Jessica Walker combined for 36 kills. Jessica Washburn led the team with 25 assists.

With the wins, Ferrum improves to 10-10 on the season.

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Trio of Jessicas lead Panthers volleyball to victory

Roger Keaton
Staff Writer

Ferrum's Sept. 27 volleyball match against Guilford College was humdrum except for a second quarter scare that made the victory sweeter. A rather uneventful first game that ended with a score of 30-21 in Ferrum's advantage was only that close because of a late Guilford College run.

In stark contrast was the second game. Guilford came out strong and gave Ferrum a scare. More than the score of the game, Ferrum's team and all those in attendance were on edge when sophomore Jessica Flanagan when down during the second game. The injury was minor, determined to be a subluxed knee (meaning that the kneecap was dislocated). Flanagan sat the rest of the second game and Ferrum fought to overcome the loss. Said senior Jessica Walker of the loss, "With Jessica out in the second game, we struggled with the lineup, but I'm very proud of how the team

brought it together and still won." Near the end, Guilford was up 29-28 but Ferrum scored the next three points to finish out the game.

Flanagan returned for the third game, but it looked like a repeat of the second game. Tied at 8, Ferrum went on an 11-2 run before Guilford answered with three straight points and then Ferrum got nine straight points. The game ended with a score of 30-17 when Flanagan spiked the ball for her final kill.

Senior Mindy Altice finished the game with 17 kills, 6 digs, and 1 ace. J. Walker 11 kills, 20 assists, and 2 aces. Flanagan had 14 digs and 7 kills and senior Jessica Washburn had 25 assists. Ferrum improved to 10-10 on the year. It is said that victory is determined not by the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog. The Panther's volleyball team doesn't seem to be lacking in either of these areas.

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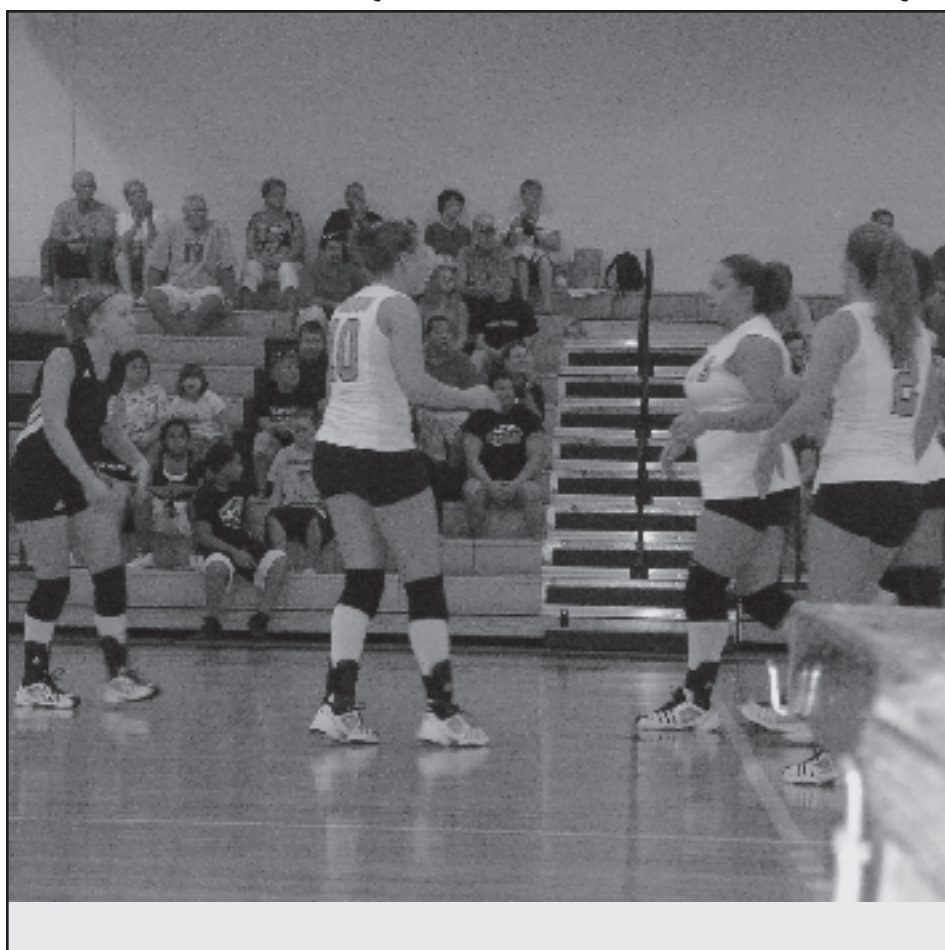


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Members of the volleyball team discuss which play they will run next.

Baseball honored with championship ceremony

Press Release

The 2007 Ferrum College baseball team was honored Saturday, Sept. 29, with a ceremony at halftime of the Ferrum-Averett football game to commemorate its USA South Athletic Conference championship season.

During the ceremony, each member of the team was presented with a championship ring. Assisting with presentation of rings was Ferrum Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Dr. Lee King.

Included in the ceremony was the presentation of Brett Thomas' NCAA Division III statistical champion plaque as the nation's leader in home runs. Thomas batted .387 last season with 10 doubles, three triples, 15 home runs, and 65 RBI.

He earned All-America second team honors last year, the 21st baseball All-American at Ferrum. Thomas is only the second player from Ferrum to win the NCAA home run statistical championship, joining former All-American Pat Daly, who earned the honor in 1998 with 24 home runs.

The Panthers closed out the regular season in 2007 as co-champions, then ran the table at the 2007 USA South Tournament and claimed the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Ferrum hosted an NCAA Regional for the first time on campus and drew the largest field possible, a seven-team event. Ferrum was eventually eliminated in the championship game, falling 6-5 in 12 innings to eventual NCAA runner-up Emory University. The Panthers' final record

was 27-18.

Coach Abe Naff retired from coaching last spring following the NCAA playoffs, but remains as director of athletics at Ferrum. Naff closed out his career with a 643-236-3 career coaching record, for an impressive 73 percent winning record. Naff averaged over 28 wins a year over a 23-year career as the Panthers' skipper.

Naff's honors include ten trips to the NCAA playoffs, ten conference championships, seven regional runner-up finishes, five Virginia Small College Coach of the Year awards and four USA South Coach of the Year awards. He is a member of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame and the Lynchburg College Sports Hall of Fame.

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U. Mississippi track star shot, killed in apartment

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(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. -- The 20-year-old Ole Miss track star who was found dead Saturday morning will be remembered by friends as a good person and popular athlete who always had a smile on his face.

Rodney Lockhart was found dead at 10:08 a.m. Saturday with a gunshot wound to the head, according to information Lafayette County Corner Lonnie Weaver released to The Associated Press.

An acquaintance of Lockhart arrived at the track student's Taylor Pointe apartment off Anderson Road Saturday morning and found him unresponsive, according to a news release issued Saturday afternoon by Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin.

A murder investigation by OPD and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is now under

way. Police would not comment further.

Lockhart was a sophomore from Vaiden. Last year he competed in the 400-meter relay at the 2006 World Junior Championships in Beijing, China.

Jacob Farmer, an Ole Miss senior and university track team member with Lockhart, said Lockhart's death is a major tragedy.

"His death is a terrible loss for everyone who knew him," Farmer said. "I'm just really sorry he had to go like that."

Farmer said Lockhart was a good friend and person.

"I was real sick my first year coming in. He was my roommate and he was always there for me during that time," Farmer said. "If I needed to talk, he was there. If I needed money, he was there for me. Whenever I needed Rodney, he was there, and whenever he needed me I tried to be there for him."

Lockhart's unique personality will be missed by his teammates, Farmer said.

"He was always cracking me up. He was al-

ways doing something or saying something that was just crazy," Farmer said.

Lockhart was close to many of the track members, Farmer said.

"He was real close to some of the other guys on the team," he said. "They went out together and stayed at each others' houses. He was really close to some of the guys on the team, because he lived with some of track members."

Chris Jones, an Ole Miss senior and friend of Lockhart, said he will greatly miss Lockhart.

"He was a great person," Jacobs said. "Every time I saw him he had a smile on his face."

"Whatever he did, he didn't deserve to die."

The University Police Department will assist the Oxford Police Department in its investigation, should OPD request information that UPD would be better able to provide, such as the identification of a student, UPD Chief Jeffrey Van Slyke said.

Since OPD is in charge of the investigation, UPD was not able to provide additional information on the investigation, Van Slyke said.