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## International students use Thanksgiving break to raise money for student in South Africa

**Natalie Faunce  
Public Relations Director**

For most college students, the Thanksgiving break is a break from studying and attending classes to rest and relax with family. However, for four international students at Ferrum College, it means something else entirely. Instead of feasting on turkey and watching football games, the four students, Patrick Black from Northern Ireland, Youpeng Fu from China, Youngkyu Lee from South Korea, and Zhen Guo from China, are all traveling together to the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia over the Thanksgiving break. With their mountain bikes in tow, they plan to ride the trails through the forest for a 400-mile trek to raise money so that a student in South Africa can get the same opportunity they are getting – the opportunity for an education.

The four have teamed up with the group “These Numbers Have Faces,” a Portland, Oregon-based

nonprofit organization working in Cape Town, South Africa. “These Numbers Have Faces” works to confront the devastating effects of generational poverty by providing college scholarships for youths in the township of Gugulethu. Through the organization, the four students found out about 21-year-old Khanisa Nqoboka, a student who just started his first year at the University of Western Cape studying Tourism in anticipation of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. However, in May, both of Khanisa’s parents died and now Khanisa does not know how he will support himself through the next few years of college. With the help of “These Numbers Have Faces,” the four Ferrum College students are hoping to raise enough money to send Khanisa back to school. They spent months raising money from sponsors of at least \$1 for every mile they cover on their bikes to help Khanisa continue his studies. “Khanisa is thoroughly committed to his studies,” explains



**Hoping to help another student continents away fulfill his dream by giving up their Thanksgiving break are Ferrum international students (pictured from L-R) Youngkyu Lee, Zhen Guo, Youpeng Fu, and Patrick Black.**

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Patrick Black. “His attitude is an inspiration to all of us and demonstrates how we should never take our access to education for granted.”

We will have to wait and see if they are able to raise the necessary funds to send Khanisa back to school, but the four hope that

their trip will at least raise awareness among other Ferrum College students about the value of education and offer the opportunity to help those in a difficult situation. No matter the outcome of their endeavors, the efforts of these four students exemplify the college’s motto: “Not Self, But Others.”

## In case of emergency, use stairs; elevator trouble in Beckham

**Tristen Ashley  
Staff writer**

Being stuck in a pitch-black elevator may not sound like fun, but, for a short time in November, it became somewhat of a routine for faculty and staff in Beckham Hall. Several faculty and staff were stuck in the Beckham elevator on their way to or from their offices.

Gloria Maynard, academic secretary on the third floor of Beck-

ham, was stuck a few times. Nov. 17 was the last time that she was stuck. She was on her way to her office just before 8 a.m.

“I had a fairly decent experience, if that’s possible,” says Maynard. “It was pitch-dark. It was pretty scary.”

One faculty member was stuck on Nov. 16 for over two hours. The emergency button in the elevator didn’t work so no one could hear him. Luckily a student was walk-

ing in the building and heard the noise.

Unfortunately, this is not a new problem. The faculty and staff say that there have been problems with the elevator since it was installed in 2005. When moving in the furniture, the moving men had to use the stairs because the elevator didn’t work.

Martha Hayley-Bowling, assistant professor of social work, was stuck on Nov. 10, as was Professor

of Business Faye Angel. Bowling said that she could hear it and feel it get stuck off track.

When the elevator gets stuck, the lights usually go out or flicker off and on, and then the elevator drops a few feet.

“The worst part is when it drops,” says Bowling. “I just sit down until they come to get me. I

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## SGA studies proposals to change attendance policy

**Ashley Hale  
News Editor**

This year’s Student Government Association (SGA) is on the path of change. The SGA has listened to the voice of the students and is now working diligently to make improvements based on the key issues presented. An issue that has received much attention this year is Ferrum College’s attendance poli-

cy. The SGA has viewed old policies and new proposals in hopes of forming a new policy that can be adopted by the college by the end of the 2008-09 academic year.

According to SGA President Tim Shipe, many students feel that the current attendance policy includes too many gaps and is too flexible. “Students feel there should be a balance,” reports Shipe.

As stated in the Ferrum

College catalog, “College policy dictates that attendance is required at a minimum of three-fourths of all class meetings in order to receive credit in a course.” Though excused absences are said to include a student’s sickness, family emergencies, or representing the college at an activity, Shipe says that many students feel many professors do not adhere to such excuses and count such absences

against the student.

Though the SGA cabinet agrees that there should be a requirement for class attendance, they also feel that students who are representing the college at activities such as conferences or sporting events should not be penalized.

Two proposed ideas have been voiced. One is not to have an

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# Ferrum College Public Relations staff receives PRSA Summit Award for handling crisis situation

**Natalie Faunce**  
**Public Relations Director**

The Ferrum College Public Relations staff received a SILVER Summit Award at the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) Summit Awards Thursday night. The annual ceremony recognizes the best in public relations and communications efforts by professional public relations practitioners in Southwest Virginia. During the gala celebration at the Vinton War Memorial, Natalie Faunce, Director of Public Relations at Ferrum College, accepted the Silver Summit Award in the Issues and Crisis Management category for the department.

The Summit Awards recognize outstanding work in public relations and highlight the creative

ways in which communications impact our lives. They include twelve categories, which allow individuals or agencies to submit their work in a variety of areas with most divided into modest or average budgets. The entries were judged by the Central Pennsylvania PRSA Chapter and each entry was evaluated in four areas: Research, Planning, Execution and Evaluation. The competition is open to all professional public relations practitioners in Southwest Virginia.

The Issues and Crisis Management category is designed to recognize any public relations program designed to handle true crisis situations, unplanned events or major issues. Ferrum College was recognized for its handling of the gunman situation inside Bassett Hall back in February. "When a

housekeeper reported seeing a man with a handgun, Ferrum College was quick and intuitive in their response," remarked Mike Stevens, host of the PRSA awards gala. "Using their new mass text-messaging service to put out alerts to students, faculty, staff, parents and anyone else who signed up, Ferrum warned them to stay inside until further notice. Handling numerous audiences and the media, the response was quick, controlled and attentive earning Ferrum College the Silver Summit Award."

PRSA is the world's largest association of public relations professionals. The society's members represent business and industry, counseling firms, government, associations, hospitals, schools, professional service firms and non-profit organizations.



**Public Relations Director Natalie Faunce accepts PRSA award on behalf of her staff on Nov. 20.**

photo courtesy of Public Relations

## Due to ticket demand, additional performance added for "The Cricket on the Hearth"

**Natalie Faunce**  
**Public Relations Director**

To accommodate the demand for tickets, the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre at Ferrum College has added another evening performance for *The Cricket on the Hearth* on December 12.

R. Rex Stephenson's lively, comic, musical re-telling of Dickens's classic Christmas story features Willette Thompson as the Narrator; John Isner as John Peerybingle, a kind but self-doubting merchant; Chandra Diesel as his perceptive wife, Dot; Victoria

Parker as their well-intentioned but ungainly nanny; Michael Trochim as the evil Mr. Tackleton; Jody D. Brown as the talkative Mrs. Fielding; and Emily Rose Tucker as the sweet, blind Bertha. The cast also includes Kevin McAlexander, Randy Walker, and Julie Gruver. Tucker has also written the original music that enlivens the production and is directing the production.

The two guest artists and Ferrum alumni, Willette Thompson and John Isner, bring significant professional experience to the company. Thompson has performed in the DC metro area at several the-

atres including the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Discovery Theatre at the Smithsonian, as toured the US and parts of Europe with Quest productions, working with deaf and hearing artists, and has television credits including appearances on NBC, HBO, and FOX. Isner has worked for various theatre companies throughout the United States but now makes his "artistic home" with the Arkansas Arts Center Children's Theatre as a director and actor. In addition, Isner is a voice-over-artist, recording thousands of radio and television commercials that have been aired

on regional and national outlets.

The December production of *The Cricket on the Hearth* will have matinee performances at the Pigg River Community Center in Rocky Mount Virginia on December 3, 4, 10, and 11; it will also play December 5 (sold out) and this additional evening performance on December 12. Each performance offers an optional Christmas meal before the show; the show ends in a Christmas party that includes dessert for the entire audience. For reservations, call 540-365-4335 or email brdt@ferrum.edu.

## Ferrum 's annual Snowball is scheduled to be "A Walk through Heaven"

**Ashley Hale**  
**News Editor**

Ferrum's annual Snowball will be held December 5 from 8 p.m to 12 a.m. at the Quality Inn in Roanoke. Tickets are now on sale at the rate of \$15 for a single or \$20 for a couple. Everyone is invited to attend. This year's Snowball, with the theme "A Walk through Heaven," promises to be the best one yet.

Vice President for Student Activities Danyelle Taylor is very excited about this year's dance.

"I haven't been to any of the Snowballs because I wasn't involved. I heard a lot of negative comments, so this year I want to prove such comments false," Taylor says.

Student Activities, which consists of a variety of Ferrum College students ranging from sorority members, athletes, and various club members, were appointed to arrange the event. Decorations will incorporate the whole heaven theme, "complete with pearly gates and angels," Taylor says.

The Art Club was eager to help.

In an effort to help get the club's name out there, they offered to assist Student Activities with the decorations. Taylor is very excited about the art students' assistance.

"I am most looking forward to utilizing Ferrum's club and saving money while promoting one of our own clubs. The group efforts help the theme come to life," Taylor says.

The Student Activities committee has proposed an idea of crowning a Snowball King and Queen for this year's event. Glasses relating to the theme will be distributed as

gifts. The committee will also have a place where photos can be taken so that couples will also have a souvenir to remember the night.

Through working behind the scenes with the organization and production of Snowball, Taylor realizes that Snowball is truly a great event. "I feel that Snowball should be an elegant affair," says Taylor.

She and the committee have put forth much effort to ensure that this year's Snowball is one that no one will soon forget.

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**2008 Exam Schedule**

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# Opinion/Editorial

## Consumers Need a Stimulus Package Now

**Dr. Demetri Tsanacas**  
Professor of Economics

Main Street is in as much need of relief as Wall Street. Now is the time for policy makers in Washington to initiate a stimulus package to prevent the economy from a deeper recession than the one we are in. U.S. consumers have experienced the deflationary housing bubble and the huge losses in the financial markets, and they have scaled back their consumption. It is indeed very doubtful we consumers alone could spend our way out of the recession. A fiscal stimulus of \$400 billion to \$500 billion would neutralize the amount of spending wiped out by the decline in the housing markets, would stop further declines and would lead the economy back to the growth path.

The package should target: consumption at the local level by assisting municipalities in maintaining essential services; investment in the failing national infrastructure and in energy saving activities to give a boost to the construction sector; and investment in education, literacy and health care.

Investing in these activities will

not only get the economy out of the recession but will also increase the productivity of the U.S. worker and establish the path of long-term growth of the economy.

Deficit hawks in Washington object to a fiscal stimulus, arguing it will increase the budget deficit and drive up interest rates, thus crowding private spending out of the market. Although their argument is true when the private sector and the public sector compete for funds, the current economic downturn and the freeze of credit in the financial markets have placed a strain on the desire and the ability of private firms to borrow and to invest.

In fact, the increased government spending will strengthen the demand for goods and services, raise cash flows, increase profitability and change the direction of the economy back to the path of growth.

This stimulus package meets all the basic rules of deficit spending:

- n It increases government spending when most needed.

- n It increases the long term health of our economy by investing in growth-generating activities.

- n It provides a higher impact on a dollar for dollar basis than tax cuts

for the wealthy.

The additional argument that deficit spending taxes future generations very much depends on how the money is spent. If the money is spent on education and literacy levels, and the building of modern physical and informational infrastructure, future generations will become wealthier as a result.

The opposition to the stimulus package is quick to point that the bailout of Wall Street has already added to the national debt and the annual deficit. They are correct in that the \$700 billion adds to the national debt, but it should not be considered part of the annual deficit except as an accounting entry. It does not stimulate the economy; it seeks to prevent the financial wealth held by banks and individual retirement accounts from disappearing.

The bailout is in many respects an honoring of the commitment by our government to stand behind the

U.S. financial institutions through the too-big-to-fail doctrine that has been in effect for the past 20 years. In that respect, it is an expense for losses in the previous three years when all the bad loans were made. Furthermore, the impact of the bailout on the national debt will be much smaller than the \$700 billion as the Treasury takes a stake in the failing institutions.

With the unemployment rate at 6.5 percent and rising, it is time to take action to prevent another Great Depression by approving a stimulus package now. The administration should be learning from the mistakes committed back in the '20s, when the debate on spending was prolonged and indecisive, leading to the severe hardship experienced by U.S. citizens.

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# Ferrum Forum

compiled by Bridgett Hall

## What is your favorite holiday memory?



**Corey Brooks**

When I was 13 my father flew all the way from Albuquerque to surprise me and my brohers on Christmas morning.



**Jeremiah Cook**

When PS2 first came out, my family couldn't afford it, but that's what I really wanted. When Christmas morning came, after we opened all our gifts, they told me to look for my last one. It was a PS2!



**Audry Ransom**

Having great food every year!



**Caleb Taylor**

Getting my acoustic guitar, because I always loved playing music, and the sound of it soothes me.



**Chris Shaw**

When I turned 16, my parents bought my first car.



**Calvin Gunter**

Watching NBA doubleheaders with my family and Christmas dinner at my grandma's.



**Brittany Hughes**

My favorite Christmas memory is when we would all go to my grandmother's the last Christmas she was alive and watch the beautiful smile on her face.  
RIP Grandma!



**Sebastian Hernandez**

Christmas in Germany, where the German Santa and his sidekick would whip bad kids with sticks, me in particular.



**Tarreshia Stamps**

Waking up to everything I asked for.

# Features

## Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Kristina Stump  
Page Designer

### Monday, December 1

4 pm  
SIFE Program Mtg.  
Beckham 101  
4:30 pm  
AASA Mtg.  
Grousbeck 101  
6 pm  
PALS Tutoring  
Contact coordinator in ARC

### Tuesday, December 2

4:40 pm  
Ferrum College Democrats Mtg.  
Library AV Auditorium  
5 pm  
STIEGL Dinner  
Virginia Room, Cafeteria  
6 pm  
Criminal Justice Mtg.  
Beckham 204

### Wednesday, December 3

4 pm  
Teacher Education Performance  
Portfolio Reviews  
Beckham 101, 103, 201, 202,  
203,204, 317; Britt 106, 107;  
Roberts Hall Conference Room  
6pm  
Bloodmobile Leadership Training  
Panthers Den  
7 pm  
Holiday Music Concert and Carols  
Vaughn Chapel  
Free admission; donations of non-  
perishable food will be accepted

### Thursday, December 4

5 pm  
ONE Mtg.  
Beckham 204  
6 pm  
Bloodmobile Leadership Training  
Panthers Den  
6:30 pm  
Civil War Symposium  
Library AV Auditorium

### Friday, December 5

3 pm  
Civil War Symposium  
Library AV Auditorium  
5 - 10 pm  
Ag Club Christmas Wreath Sale  
Farmers Market, Rocky Mount  
7:30 pm  
Gospel Choir Concert  
Sale Theatre  
8 pm  
Snowball Dance  
Quality Inn, Ronaoke Airport

### Saturday, December 6

Panther Preview Open House

9 am-2pm  
Ag Club Christmas Wreath Sale  
Farmers Market, Rocky Mount  
9:30 am  
Credo to Credo Workshop  
Virginia Room, Cafeteria

### Sunday, December 7

3 pm  
Franklin County Christmas Parade  
Rocky Mount  
4 pm  
Praise Band rehearsal  
Vaughn Chapel  
7 pm  
Stress Relief Night  
Panthers Den  
8 pm  
OXE Mtg.  
LA 101

### Monday, December 8

4:30 pm  
AASA Mtg.  
Grousbeck 101  
7 pm  
The Church-Monday Night Praise  
Vaughn Chapel  
Ag Club Mtg.  
Garber 123

### Tuesday, December 9

7:30 pm  
Fall Dance Recital  
Sale Theatre  
Donations of non-perishable foods  
will be accepted

### Wednesday, December 10

**EXAMS Begin**  
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6 pm - 7:30 pm  
Bloodmobile  
Fitness Center  
10 pm  
RA all staff mtg.  
Garber 106

### Thursday, December 11

4 pm-9 pm Student Teacher  
Senior Presentattion Practice  
Grousbeck 101

### Friday, December 12

4 pm-9 pm Student Teacher  
Senior Presentation Practice  
Grousbeck 101

### Saturday, December 13

9 am-2 pm  
Ag Club Christmas Wreath Sale  
Farmers Market, Rocky Mount

### Sunday, December 14

3 pm-6:30 pm Teacher Education  
Senior Presentations  
Grousbeck 101  
8 pm  
Praise Band rehearsal  
Vaughn Chapel

### Monday, December 15

7 pm  
The Church-Monday Night Praise  
Vaughn Chapel

## 60 Seconds with Danyelle Taylor

Ashley Hale  
News Editor



### What is your class standing?

Senior. I transferred from Danville Community College.

### What clubs and organizations are you involved in on campus?

I am SGA vice president for student activities, president of the African American Student Association, a work-study assistant for the post office, resident assistant at Hillcrest, and a member of Ferrum College Democrats, the Spanish Club, STEP team, and APO. I also work the phone-a-thon. That's everything, off the top of my head.

### What is your major and minor?

I am a criminal justice major and Spanish minor.

### What led you into your field?

I always wanted to be a lawyer. I plan on attending law school after I graduate from Ferrum. I have applied to the University of Richmond and the Appalachian School of Law.

### What do you like best about Ferrum?

I love that faculty and staff are so willing to help students. I know a lot of students complain about Financial Aid and Student Accounts, but, anytime I've gone, I have received great help. Professors always give extra help. We have a caring group of faculty and staff.

### What do you think Ferrum needs to improve on?

While Ferrum is trying to prepare us as adults to enter into our specific careers, I feel like the fun is taken out of college at times. You can have good wholesome fun, without causing trouble.

### What is the best advice you can give students of our campus?

Get INVOLVED! We are in the middle of nowhere, but we have a beautiful campus and offer many clubs and organizations for the different interests of students. If you get involved in the numerous clubs and organizations there's no way you can be bored. The freshman need to realize that, straight out of high school, they offer the clubs new energy and ideas.

### What do you do in your free time?

When I find it...I sleep!

### Where are you from?

Danville.

### What do you miss most from home?

I miss being a dependent. I live in an apartment. If I don't cook, I don't eat. If I don't wash, I don't have clean clothes. [With a giggle] I normally have to pick the cleanest dirty pair.

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# Best and worst movies of 2008

Michael Rich  
Staff Writer

## The Best

1. Mongol: A: Really a magnificent film to watch. It doesn't have that feel of a big budget extravaganza
2. The Dark Knight: A-: This will probably go down in history as the best comic book movie ever made. Really does deserve Oscar consideration.
3. Iron Man: A-: The best comic book adaptation of the first half of the year. The movie doesn't follow the usual origin story formula.
4. In Bruges: A-: A fairly interesting story about a couple of hitmen. What so interesting about them is that they/re really the unluckiest hitmen around.
5. Charlie Wilson's War: A-: It's really amazing how these events of our past have shaped today. Plus it's a great comedy.
6. The Bank Job: B+: I think it's better than any of the Ocean's films. High society will do anything to keep power.

7. Cloverfield: B+: The first big surprise of the year. It almost reminds you of "The Blair Witch Project."
8. Vicky Christina Barcelona: B+: Maybe the best Woody Allen film in more than a decade. The film makes me want to go to Barcelona.
9. The Express: B+: I like sports films, especially football movies. This one is probably the best inspirational football movie to date.
10. Get Smart: B+: Adapting old T.V shows is a risky proposition. "Get Smart" is probably the best one of those old T.V show. Additionally, it's like a James Bond film.

### Honorable Mention (In no particular order)

Wanted, The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, Horton Hears a Who!, Sweeny Todd, Juno

## The Worst

1. Step Brothers: F: I don't think I could say anything positive about this film. I was ready to walk out after five minutes.
2. Semi-Pro: F: Will Ferrell really needs to stop with sports comedies. Even "Talladega Night" wasn't all that funny.
3. In the Name of the King: D-: Imagine "Lord of the Rings" on a \$65 million budget. Then imagine "Lord of the Rings" without any charm or wonder.
4. High School Musical 3 Senior Year: D: Disney really must have had an empty movie slate. I can't really find a reason justifying sending this series to theatres.
5. The Longshots: D: Even for formulaic sports film, this one is boring. Everybody in this film must've realized they were in a dud from the beginning.
6. Hamlet 2: D: Shakespeare is rolling in his grave. I wonder if Shakespeare left an estate. If Shakespeare did leave an estate, the heirs should sue.

7. Prom Night: D: In every horror film, there is what we call horror movie logic. In "Prom Night" that logic is throw out the window because of the sheer stupidity of the situation.

8. 10,000 B.C: D: Roland Emmerich has made some impressive films. This, however, isn't one of them. Quite frankly, watching it felt like 10,000 years.

9. Hancock: D+: This movie could've been a trilogy. It would've gone like this: Hancock, Hancock II: The Redemption of John Hancock, Hancock III: Origin of Hancock.

10: The Mummy- Tomb of the Dragon Emperor: D+: What the point of a having a mummy film that's not in Egypt?

### Dishonorable Mention (In no particular order)

The X-Files 2, The Happening, Speed Racer, Bangkok Dangerous, Babylon A.D

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## If you care to laugh... enjoy this holiday humour

Clara Harlowe  
Features Editor

**What do elves learn in school?**  
The elfabet.

**What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?**  
The Christmas alphabet has No L (Noel)

**What Christmas carol is a favorite of most parents?**  
Silent Night.

**Why does Santa have three gardens?**  
So he can hoe, hoe, hoe.

**What do snowmen eat for breakfast?**  
Frosted Flakes.

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**  
Frostbite.

**What kind of bird can write?**  
A penguin.

**What did the ghost say to Santa Claus?**  
"I'll have a boo Christmas without you."

**How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?**  
Fleece Navidad!

**What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?**  
Sandy Claws.

**What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?**  
Neither! Candles always burn shorter.

**Why was Santa's little helper**

**depressed?**  
He had low elf-esteem.

**What do you call people that are afraid of Santa?**  
Claustrophobic.

**If athletes get athletes foot, then what do astronauts get?**  
Missletoe.

**Where do polar bears vote?**  
The North Poll.

**What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift wrapper?**  
Ribbon Hood.

**What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?**  
Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

**If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?**

A subordinate claus.

**Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?**  
Because it "soots" him!

**Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?**  
You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

Jokes Courtesy of <http://holidays.kaboose.com/xmasgamesriddles.html> and <http://www.ahajokes.com/qandac.html>

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## Sports

### Football players earn All-Conference

**Gary Holden**  
Sports Information Director

Ferrum College had 13 players named to the 2008 USA South Athletic Conference All-Conference Football Team, including five first team selections.

Earning All-Conference first team honors for Ferrum were punter TJ Grzesikowski, fullback Matt Lucas, offensive lineman Dexter Hinds, defensive lineman Willie Taylor, and defensive back Zack Brown.

Grzesikowski is a repeat on the All-Conference team from a year ago when he earned honorable mention. He closed out the 2008 season with a 43.81 punting average, winning the NCAA Division III punting statistical championship. Grzesikowski had 47 punts for 2059 yards this season. He dropped 15 punts inside the 20 yard line, had nine carry for 50 or more yards, and had a long punt of 63 yards.

Lucas is a repeat first team selection. He rushed for 475 yards and a touchdown on 88 carries this season, averaging 5.6 yards per carry. Brown is also a repeat on the All-Conference team, having earned second team honors a year ago. He was in on 50 tackles this year, including 20 solo and 30 assisted. Brown recorded 8.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, two pass

breakups, two forced fumbles and a QB harassment.

Hinds helped Ferrum's offense average 367 yards per game, including 290.8 on the ground. This is Hinds' first All-Conference honor.

Taylor was in on 62 tackles this season, including 21 solo stops and 41 assisted tackles. Eight of his tackles were for negative yardage, including a pair of quarterback sacks. Taylor had one interception, which he returned seven yards, four pass breakups, two QB harassments, one fumble recovery and a blocked kick.

Earning All-Conference second team honors were running back Mike Vann, offensive lineman Nic King, linebacker Maureik Goode and return specialist Le'Bryan Patterson. Goode was also Ferrum's representative on the 2008 All-Sportsmanship Team.

Offensive lineman Adrian Baker, defensive lineman Devin Genchi, linebacker Jamar Moseley and defensive back William Kenney were honorable mentions.

Ferrum finished the year with a 7-3 overall record, which included a seven-game win streak. The Panthers are led by 15th-year Head Coach Dave Davis, whose team finished second in the USA South with a 5-2 league mark. Ten players will be lost to graduation.

### Flanagan named All-Conference

**Gary Holden**  
Sports Information Director

Junior Jessica Flanagan (pictured left) has been named to the 2008 USA South All-Conference Volleyball Team. This is the third consecutive season in which Flanagan earned a spot on the All-Conference team, having earned honorable mention the past two seasons.

Flanagan led the Panthers this season in kills, hitting percentage, block assists and total blocks. In 34 matches and 120 games, she had 430 kill, a .215 attack percentage, 41 block assists and 60 total blocks. Flanagan also had 363 digs and 26 service aces.

Player and Coach of the honors went to Christopher Newport University's Ellen Koch and Lindsay Birch, respectively. Mackenzie Tingle of North



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Carolina Wesleyan College was named Rookie of the Year and MaryBeth Finegan earned Libero of the Year honors.

Ferrum finished 9-25 under fourth-year Head Coach Nancy Howlett. The Panthers were 7th in the USA South this season at 7-11 in league play.

### Women's volleyball senior members recognized



Women's volleyball senior night was celebrated at a USA South quad hosted Nov. 1 at Ferrum. Pictured (front row L-R) are seniors Lauran Thurman, Tiffany Walker, Jessica Washburn, and Lynette Fatovic. Senior Lauren Thurman was named to the 2008 USA South Volleyball All-Sportsmanship Team as a repeat recipient. Thurman closed out her career with school records for match (48), season (560) and career (1494) digs.

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### Panthers fall to CNU in title game

**Sam Catron**  
Sports Information Assistant

Ferrum College suffered a 13-10 setback to Christopher Newport University this afternoon in USA South football action on the road.

CNU claimed the USA South football title with the win, edging the Panthers on a 30-yard Jay Graham field goal with 6:43 left in the game.

Quarterback Matt Dobson led the Panthers with 82 rushing yards on 18 carries, 53 yards passing and one touchdown.

Ferrum was led defensively by Willie Taylor and Maureik Goode with 10 tackles each. William Kenney added 6 solo tackles to go with 3 assists and 1 pass break up.

With the win, Christopher Newport captures the USA South football championship outright for the first time. They also gain an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Today's game marks the third time in the CNU-Ferrum series that the USA South's NCAA Playoff bid hung in the balance.



Quarterback Matt Dobson led the Panthers in rushing and passing yards.

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CNU closes out regular season action at 8-1 overall and 7-0 in the USA South. Ferrum finishes with a 7-3 overall, 5-2 in league play. The Panthers will lose 10 seniors to graduation.

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attendance policy. Many students feel that upon entering into college, students are independent individuals and are responsible for maintaining their own academic integrity. Various colleges and universities nationwide have such policies, and maybe Ferrum will be next.

Another proposed idea would be a revision of the old policy. This policy states that students who are representing Ferrum College in any form will not be penalized for missing class provided they follow a few simple steps. First, the student would be required to get a form of approval signed by his or her professors before the class is missed. This would notify the professor of the student's upcoming absence. Second, the student would only receive credit after making up the class assignments missed. Shipe feels this policy would give structure to the attendance policy already in use.

Changing an academic policy, however, is not an easy task. Just as our legislative branch has hundreds of steps to follow when producing a law, so does the SGA when amending a policy.

Meghan Hardy, chair of the SGA Academic Affairs, will first report to the cabinet and senate with ideas, concerns, etc. The recommendation, once

made, will then be drafted into a proposal. The proposal is then sent to the SGA cabinet who will review the document and forward it to the Senate for further recommendations.

After the Senate proposes issues that need revision, the policy is sent back to the SGA Academic Affairs committee for further changes. When these changes are made and the policy is final, it is then submitted once more to the SGA cabinet to be finalized. The final draft then must go through appropriate faculty and administrative channels for denial or approval.

Shipe is wasting no time on the development of the proposal.

"I want to see the new policy drafted through the legislative process by the end of January," Shipe states.

By February, Shipe hopes the final proposal will be submitted for faculty and administrative review.

"I'm very hopeful and optimistic that a change will be passed," Shipe says.

Students can also be a part of the process. Under the Community Group on Angel labeled "SGA Student Government Association," students can participate in a discussion expressing suggestions and concerns on the proposals.

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**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE  
Fall Semester 2008-2009**

EXAM DATE	TIME OF CLASS	DAYS	EXAM TIME
Wed. Dec. 10	All English 101 Exams		9:05-11:05
	18:45-21:45 MW		18:45-20:45
Thurs. Dec. 11	9:05-10:00 MWF		8:00-10:00
	9:30-10:50 TR		10:30-12:30
	2:00 - 3:20 TR		14:00-16:00
	18:45-21:45 TR		18:45-20:45
Fri. Dec. 12	8:00-9:20 TR		8:00-10:00
	10:10-11:05 MWF		10:30-12:30
	11:15-12:10 MWF		14:00-16:00
Sat. Dec. 13	8:00-8:55 MWF		8:00-10:00
	11:00-12:20 TR		10:30-12:30
	14:30-15:50 MW		14:00-16:00
Mon. Dec. 15	12:30-1:50 TR		8:00-10:00
	12:20-1:15 MWF		10:30-12:30
	1:25-2:20 MWF		14:00-16:00

If a student has three (3) examinations on the same day, a makeup time may be scheduled to the mutual agreement of the student and the faculty member.

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use my cell phone to catch up on calls."

Faculty and staff who got stuck said that there is no warning. The elevator just stops working. Maintenance comes to let the trapped person out of the elevator as soon as they can, but sometimes they have to work on the elevator before they can open it.

A representative from the company that services the elevator

was on campus after the last faculty member got stuck on Monday, Nov. 17. No one has had trouble since then.

But if you have to use the elevator in Beckham, you might want to take your cell phone along, if only to pass the time.

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