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VITA: more than a learning experience

Ashley Hale
News Editor

Students enrolled in the Accounting Practicum classes are not only receiving college credit, but they are also helping many Franklin County citizens with their annual income tax reports. These students participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Students enrolled in ACC 290, 390, or 490 are offered this amazing opportunity to help members of the community and, at the same time, gain experience within their profession. Though the course is only one credit, students are gaining hands-on experience that is not available at other institutions.

Associate Professor of Accounting David Forrest Sulzen leads the program at Ferrum and comments that the program is both a great opportunity for students and “a huge thing for Ferrum College.”

This is Sulzen’s eighth year conducting the VITA program at Ferrum. A record number of 28 students agreed to participate this year, with five members returning from last year.

Students are required to have an experiential component before graduation. Most students, therefore, will participate in the VITA

program for at least one year, but many continue for as many as three years. “They’re learning things I can’t teach them in the classroom,” Sulzen states.

According to Sulzen, VITA is an IRS program offered nationwide. The program allows low income individuals a chance to have their taxes filed for free. The goal of the program is to help struggling individuals receive refunds and credits they most likely would not find.

Most families who take advantage of the VITA program are eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit. This credit is offered to individuals who work, but may still be struggling financially.

For example, a single mother who works may not owe taxes, but rather be eligible for up to \$3,000-\$4,000 in tax credit. Sulzen explains the government offers such benefits to encourage citizens to work.

Although members of the Support to Eliminate Poverty (STEP) organization of Franklin County offer some services, the majority of the tax preparation comes from students. Students receive extensive training in order to ensure the quality of their work. All tax preparations are reviewed by Sulzen, a certified public accountant (CPA),



A community member and an accounting student assistant take advantage of Ferrum College's VITA program. This year's program will begin February 2 and continue through April 15.

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who checks for errors.

“They are scared to death at first,” Sulzen says, “but in the end they learn a lot.” Though the project is a lot of work and Sulzen admits that, while the project is underway, “It becomes (my) life,” the students are able to work in private and personal situations and get a taste for what their profession will entail.

VITA will be offered from Feb. 2 to April 15. On Tuesdays from

3:30 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., students will be at Ferrum College in Beckham 202. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30- 6:30 p.m., students will be at the STEP Headquarters in Rocky Mount. The executive director of STEP, Inc., in Franklin County is Jon Morris, a Ferrum alumnus.

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Job Fair offers upperclassmen an opportunity to get a head start on post-college employment

Chris Brown
Staff writer

“It’s one of the most important activities a Ferrum College upper classman can attend,” says Rol Walters, director of the college’s Career Services Center. And with the uncertainty that clouds today’s job market, there should be little doubt that the upcoming Career Week program has something to offer to any Ferrum College student. Whether it be just learning how to complete an interview or how to behave at a professional dinner, a Ferrum student controls his or her own destiny when it comes to learning how to get a job for after college life.

Career Week gets under way on February 9, and students will find the complete schedule of events on the Career Services Center web site.

Having trouble looking a part time or full time job here at Ferrum? Then maybe you would consider working for the U.S. Census Bureau. “The 2010 Census is coming up and the U/S. Census Bureau is looking for people to help collect data,” Walters says. On Tuesday Feb. 10, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting testing for any students interested in working for them. Expect a thorough background check since you will be working with the federal government.

“It’s a good job for a college student, because if you get to work for them, you will get paid over \$10 an hour, and they pay for your gas.”

Later that evening, students interested in entering the medical field should attend “The Reality of Medical School,” presented by the Minds-N-Medicine-Club. Osteopathic Medical Student Adrienne Gentry will speak of her experiences about entering a medical school and her experiences there.

Students can also perform mock interviews with potential employers on Feb. 11.

According to Walters, the most beneficial program for students this year may be the “Tough Job

Market” program on the Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Panther’s Den. There, Joyce Waugh, president and CEO of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, will discuss the how the current economic situation is affecting the job market and how to prepare for a job search in a tough employment market.

If you would like to see all the programs that are offered during career week, stop by the Career Services offices located in Franklin Hall or check out the web site at <http://www.ferrum.edu/career>.

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The legacy lives on: a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

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Staff Writer

Students and faculty united together on Jan. 19 to hear Brenda Webb Muse speak at the annual Martin Luther King celebration. Vaughn Chapel was packed with over 40 members of the campus community to celebrate King's accomplishments.

LeShonika Harris, a member of the Faithful Few gospel choir, sang a solo at the event. Harris stated that she felt the song fit the celebration perfectly and that singing has always been a part of her life. Harris concluded that, "the Martin Luther King celebration gave Ferrum College students hope and impacted African Americans by letting them live out his dream."

Brenda Webb Muse, the night's keynote speaker, is no stranger to the Ferrum College community. A native of Franklin County, Muse received her associate's degree from Ferrum College in 1980. In 1993, she returned to Ferrum College to earn a bachelor's degree in English and her minor in Psychology. She graduated from Ferrum in 1995 and currently serves as an administrator at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount.

Muse describes the King celebration as a "celebration of equality, freedom, and a wonderful man." She said "it is the time for the nation to remember the injustice, [and the] message for change." Muse also stated, "Dr. King spoke

of a dream where we would not be judged based on the color of our skin. For the first time in history people voted to cast their ballot for hope, prosperity, and change. Tonight we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, (Barack) Obama, and America."

Muse continued, "Dr. Martin Luther King's dream has become a reality, and to keep his dream alive, we must commit to ourselves and to humanity." She then gave advice to students, by telling them to commit themselves to a goal and to achieve that goal through hard work and determination.

Justin Muse, assistant director of Student Leadership and Engagement and Muse's nephew, and that he invited her to speak over a Christmas dinner with his family. "She was a graduate of Ferrum College. I just wanted to get her up here and speak, and she was excited to do so," Muse said.

Muse then discussed that the King celebration is "basically a program that we do each year because it celebrates his history." "What we did this year was made it funnier and more of a celebration, a traditional church service." Muse then shared how King led the way for everyone, and African Americans today benefit from his works.

Muse stated that we can keep King's dream alive by "working together, being more diverse in programs on campus, and being more diverse as a whole by participating in organizations like the African



College community members gathered in Vaughn Chapel on Jan. 19 to celebrate equality, freedom, and the memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

photo courtesy of Public Relations

American Student Association, Russian Club, Spectrum Club, and all clubs that are different from the traditional clubs."

Muse wanted people that attended the celebration to know that President Barack Obama is carrying out Dr. King's legacy. "Obama could be like his poster-child and not so much Obama, but other people have a chance to be his poster-child," Muse said, "like the people who are successful ... there are a lot of CEO's in businesses that are living out Martin Luther King's dream."

Muse says "Obama and his

inauguration is something historic, and we got a chance to see King's dream come alive. People did not vote for Obama just because he was black, but because of his tactics."

Muse says his aunt describes Obama's indebtedness to King by saying, "Martin walked so Obama could run. Obama ran so that we can fly. So it is time for us to fly!"

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U Minnesota doctors test salmonella on cancer patients

Alex Ebert
Minnesota Daily

(U-Wire) Researchers at the University of Minnesota plan to treat gastrointestinal cancer by infecting people with a genetically altered strand of salmonella in clinical trials to begin in late spring.

Salmonella could be used to treat cancer in a place where the bacteria can thrive, like the colon and intestines, said Craig Hedberg, professor of environmental health sciences at U. Minnesota.

The genetically engineered salmonella treats cancer in two ways: The human immune system naturally grows stronger while fighting bacteria, and the genetically altered salmonella holds Interleukin-2, a naturally occurring cancer fighter in the body, said Dr. Daniel Saltzman, part of the research team and head of pediatric surgery at University Children's Hospital.

Between the natural immune

enhancement and the benefit of Interleukin-2, Saltzman said the treatment defeated cancer with no side effects in lab animals.

In the mid '90s, microbiologist Roy Curtiss III unveiled a new kind of bacteria: one that kills itself. Curtiss, then a professor at Washington University in St. Louis, altered the genetic makeup of salmonella, giving it a suicide mechanism that causes the bacteria's protective cell wall to break down after it grows for a certain amount of time, causing it to die within weeks. This kind of salmonella is very different from the wild type which is responsible for national outbreaks.

This doctored strain of salmonella's short life span guarantees patients who consume the bacteria will not be plagued with a potentially deadly infection, said Dr. Edward Greeno, an oncologist, who will run the spring drug trials.

At first, the scientific commu-

nity dismissed the possibility of a bacterial infection treating cancer, Saltzman said. "Initially when I proposed this and we talked about it I was laughed out of the room because it was too crazy.

In conjunction with other university researchers, Saltzman created genetically-altered salmonella in the laboratory basement of the Phillips Wangenstein Building on a shoestring budget. While some labs have million-dollar operating budgets, the research team operated on a modest \$250,000 a year, partially because bacteria is cheap to reproduce in a lab. "I didn't buy anything new, and I hired smart people to help me," Saltzman said.

After 15 years of research and a 1,100 page proposal to the FDA, Saltzman is optimistic.

The FDA recently approved a 'phase one' trial as a last resort treatment for 18 patients, suffering from liver metastases.

The first phase of human trials

will primarily test whether patients react negatively to the salmonella treatment, while future trials will test how effectively salmonella treats gastrointestinal cancers.

Approval processes are complicated because there are many concerns about releasing genetically altered bacteria into the environment. The lab will practice sterilization, including pouring bleach into toilets after patients defecate, neutralizing the threat of bacteria spreading out of the lab.

Another concern is the use of Interleukin-2, which is currently used to treat melanoma and is extremely toxic.

Greeno stressed that while the researchers are optimistic, the project's results are a toss-up.

"It's easy to get excited about this, but this is very early research," Greeno said. "Only a small number of things that we start at this stage turn out to be beneficial."

Opinion/Editorial

The bookstore emptied my wallet!

Michael Gresham
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the semester, I found myself herded with countless others into a line at the bookstore, glass-eyed and drop-jawed as the wallet clutched in my fist was wrenched away. Almost \$400 disappeared into the register, converted into ink and processed tree pulp.

Obviously students (and to a larger extent, parents) are in this case a captive market; textbooks are a requirement for almost every single class, after all, and you can be damn sure that *someone* out there is raking in cash by the boatloads.

Curious as I am, I decided to do a little poking around. Before you blame Ferrum's administration for the outrageous pricing structures, it might interest you to know that our beloved bookstore is *not* owned by Ferrum, but rather by the Nebraska Book Co., a company that runs 269 *other* bookstores besides Ferrum's. This company is one of the largest textbook distributors in the entire United States, with only Barnes and Noble being anywhere close in

terms of sales volume.

While this is certainly a lucrative endeavor, the Nebraska Book Company also cashes in by selling textbooks (more than 6.8 *million* of them) through their Textbook Division. They have a 300,000 square foot warehouse stuffed with over 100,000 titles.

Combined, these two ventures netted the Nebraska Book Company 581 *million* dollars last year.

But all of this, while pertinent, doesn't answer *why* textbooks cost so much. Part of the reason for the insane price hikes, believe it or not, has to do with used textbooks. Companies such as Nebraska buy them in bulk for dimes on the dollar (by paying out rip-off prices to students desperate for beer money) and then reselling them to the next crowd of overzealous parents willing to front any cost for a college education.

Book publishers don't see a *dime* of this money. Once they sell their textbooks to the distributors, they are left out of the equation, while companies like Nebraska and Barnes and Noble sweep in profits on the *same* textbooks semester

after semester.

Ferrum is a friendly, down-home, faithful country college, and smack-dab in the center of campus there is a bookstore run by a giant, impersonal corporation; a corporation that specializes in wringing every dollar and cent they can out of *your* pockets. One article I read suggested that the only industry that is anywhere equivalent in perpetuating such price-gouging is the medical industry. Welcome to the United States of Greed, ladies and gentlemen.

Is there anything we can do about this? Well, sites such as

CampusBooks.com provide price comparisons, and getting used textbooks from friends who have already taken those classes can help assuage the financial burden.

Other than that, some professors have taken proactive measures. Dr. Gary Angel, for example, has students in one of his classes create their *own* textbooks, a proposition that not only keeps more money in my wallet, but also gives students practice in thinking for themselves.

See you at the bookstore! I'll be the guy in back, sobbing over an empty wallet.

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'If not me, then who?': Prominent social activist discusses 40 years of fighting for social justice

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Social activists are all around us. Successful businessmen who turn the full weight of their influence and financial power to the cause of enacting social justice and alleviating poverty are something altogether different. In his new book, "If Not Me, Then Who?" (published by iUniverse), author, businessman and activist E. Cabell Brand recounts over four decades of work with the disenfranchised and how each individual can do their part.

Cabell Brand has taken the adage "think globally, act locally" to heart in ways few others have. "If Not Me, Then Who?" is not so much a memoir as a template on how to affect change in one's community. Combining pragmatism with ingenuity and insight, Brand first furthered his family's successful shoe company and then redirected his money and efforts into social activism. Working with other great activists such as President Jimmy Carter, Brand has focused his personal assets into helping his country and his own community grow and better develop itself.

After returning from WWII, Brand went to work at his father's shoe company. Traveling with the salesmen from his father's company, black and white alike, Brand witnessed firsthand the disparities between blacks and whites in post-WWII America. This insight fuelled Brand's desire

to see social justice become a reality.

Brand opens "If Not Me, Then Who?" with a story about attending a White House dinner. Among the people sitting at Brand's table was the White House's current resident, President Bill Clinton. The story poignantly illustrates Brand's ability to seize a situation and press his point:

An hour later, when Clinton had finished speaking, he looked across the room, saw me in the audience and returned to our table. "Mr. Brand," he said, "you never had a chance to ask me that question."

I said, "Well, thank you, Mr. President. My question is why did you in your budget cut the Community Service Block Grants, which fund a thousand community action agencies in the United States?"

And he said, "I don't know anything about that. You go see Frederick Raines over at the next table. He's head of the Office of Management and Budget, and ask him." And I said, "Mr. President, would you go with me?" And he said, "Yes." So we went over to Raines and asked him, and he said he didn't know anything about it. So I told him that it was a tragedy to cut this budget because this money was leveraged more than 20 times locally and dealt with poor people and needed to be restored and eventually increased. With the President of the United States

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Ferrum Forum

compiled by John Wells

**How much money did you spend at the bookstore this semester?
Did you buy all your textbooks?
If not, what do you plan to do when you need them?**



Chris Schenko

None, I bought all my textbooks online because they're a whole lot cheaper than the bookstore.



Paul Short

\$200, I bought half my books online. They were a lot cheaper online. I only went to the bookstore only when I couldn't find them anywhere.



Scott Barnard

I spent \$311 for all my textbooks but one, which I already had.



Chris Cornwell

I didn't spend any money at the bookstore. I bought my books online.



Brittany Elliot

I spent over \$400 for half of my books. I'm going to share with my friend Carly.



Nick Baden

I spent about \$60 at the bookstore but bought most of them online.



Robert Miner

Way more than they are worth.



Wally Wright

I spent \$130 on textbooks online.



John Lawrence

I bought all my books online and saved about \$400.

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Dominique Fitzgerald
Staff Writer

February 2

Art Gallery: "Beyond Horizons,"
Jane Stogner
continues through February 15th

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

8 p.m. Foosball Tournament
Fitness Center

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

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

February 3

7 p.m. VITA tax preparation
Beckham 202

8 p.m. Motown's the Funk
Brother's
Panther's Den

February 4

12 p.m. Bloodmobile
Fitness Center

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

February 5

5 p.m. Big Buddy/Little Buddy
Meeting
LA 201

February 5 continued

6 p.m. Bloodmobile Leadership
Training
Panther's Den

7 p.m. VITA tax preparation
Beckham 202

8 p.m. Walking the Trails of
Mexican Immigrants
Panther's Den

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

February 6

February 7

February 8

4 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
Vaughn Chapel

February 9

11 a.m. Career Week: Career
Check-Up

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

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

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Ferrum Folks: Robert Gudman

Tristan Ashley
Staff Writer



photo by Ashley Hale

The word "determined" only begins to describe Robert Gudman. A senior at Ferrum College, Gudman has three majors: history, accounting, and financial management.

In order to graduate with three majors, Gudman has been dual-enrolled at Ferrum, Virginia Western Community College and Patrick Henry Community College at one time or another. He is also completing requirements of the Boone Honors Program.

"I just look at what's ahead and say full speed ahead," says Gudman. He will graduate in May and hopes to find an entry level position in accounting.

Gudman discovered accounting in high school and liked it so much that he has decided to make it a career.

"It follows a certain order," he says, as opposed to calculus. "Calculus is the devil's work."

History is Gudman's other interest. He hopes to one day get his Ph.D. in History so he can teach--probably locally.

"I like to see the trends that have taken place," he says. "You can see why things happened the way they did. The past is a good indicator of the future."

Gudman is particularly fascinated with the beginning to middle 1800s in America, which he refers to as the "Northern Aggression."

His fascination started early; he knew all the names of the Confederate Generals when he was growing up. He has been to

Gettysburg a few times.

"It's a bit creepy being there," he says, referring to being in a place where so much history has taken place.

When he has time, Gudman re-enacts Civil War battles. He says he enjoys being able to re-enact local events. There is a Civil War re-enactment in October in Patrick County that he usually goes to.

In addition to his academic load, Gudman also works two jobs. He can be seen in the library working Friday and Saturday evenings. Most every other evening he works at Lowes in Rocky Mount as a cashier.

When he has free time, Gudman likes to read. He has an interest in Sci-fi books. His favorite authors are Steven King and Anne Rice.

With tax season right around the corner, Gudman will soon have even less time because he has a "taxing" internship coming up.

Amber Vogelgesang has worked with Gudman in the library on the weekends for the past two years.

"He's old-fashioned," she says. "It's something you don't see often. Anywhere."

Gudman and Vogelgesang have time to talk about many things on the weekends when not many other students are in the library.

"He's stubborn," Vogelgesang laughs. But she says that is a good thing. "It's good if you can keep it in check. He'll keep going. He won't be deterred."

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Movie Reviews

There are more than three reasons not to see “Underworld 3: Rise of the Lycans”

Michael Rich
Staff Writer

“Underworld 3: Rise of the Lycans” is an early candidate for the worst film of the year primarily for these simple reasons: Kate Beckinsale in a tight leather outfit decided to skip this sequel. The back story to why vampires and werewolves were fighting isn’t all that interesting. Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy and Rhonda Mitra all seem to be wondering when they get their paycheck. Did I mention that Kate Beckinsale isn’t in this movie.

The back story takes place a couple hundred years into the

past. From what I can presume, it must be the middle ages. Anyhow, vampires are keeping werewolves as slaves during this period until one day a werewolf gave birth to Lucian (Michael Sheen), who is a Lycan or can shapeshift into one form or another. (The movie sort of explains that vampires, humans, and werewolves were part of the same genetic structure at one point in time) Viktor King of the Vampires (Bill Nighy) decides to keep Lucian as a pet or maybe considers him the son Viktor never had.

Years later, Lucian is killing his own kind just to keep sane. Lucian is also having an affair with

Viktor’s daughter Sonja (Rhonda Mitra) in which interbreeding is forbidden. All the while the Vampire Council is urging Viktor to create a kind of Lycan noble class to deal with their animal brethren and convert human peasants to Lycans. Eventually, things fall apart in one scene that will start Lucian’s uprising.

I would at least think that a film that has vampires and werewolves fighting each other would be interesting. However, director Patrick Tatopoulos films action sequences that are, quite frankly, boring. Considering that it’s Mr. Tatopoulos first time directing, it is an easy mistake to make. He was

also visual effects supervisor from the previous two films and given the job after Kate Beckinsale’s husband Les Weisman decided to direct “Live Free or Die Hard”.

Bill Nighy and Michael Sheen are very good actors in need of better film projects. Bill Nighy I give credit for making the most of his time chewing up the scenery. Michael Sheen-- all I can say is that he must have watched “Spartacus” a few dozen times. Rhonda Mitra almost looks like Kate Beckinsale for those fans of this series who miss her in this film.

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“Slumdog Millionaire” is no underdog

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“Slumdog Millionaire” is no underdog, as far as the entertainment industry is concerned, in light of Oscar nominations and critics’ positive reviews. It is now playing at the Grandin Theatre, located on Grandin Ave in Roanoke, Va., which is worth a visit if you like an intimate and historical atmosphere. Grandin Theatre is the oldest and longest working theatre in Roanoke.

The runtime is 2 hours and it is rated R for some violence,

disturbing images and language..

From director Danny Boyle (“Trainspotting,” “28 Days Later,” “Millions”) and screenwriter Simon Beaufoy (“The Full Monty”) comes this darkly funny rags-to-riches story that was a breakout hit at this year’s Toronto International Film Festival.

“Slumdog Millionaire” is the story of Jamal Malik, an 18 year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai, who is about to experience the biggest day of his life. With the whole nation watching, he is just one question away from winning a staggering 20 million rupees on India’s Who Wants To Be A

Millionaire? But when the show breaks for the night, police arrest him on suspicion of cheating; how could a street kid know so much?

Critics offered the following reviews.

“Who would believe that the best old-fashioned audience picture of the year, a Hollywood-style romantic melodrama that delivers major studio satisfactions in an ultra-modern way, was made on the streets of India with largely unknown stars by a British dire”

Los Angeles Times
- Kenneth Turan

“With dazzling, magical realism and vigorous storytelling, the film has an enchanting power, fusing a fairy tale quality with gritty realism.”

USA Today
- Claudia Puig

“...a story of social mobility that is positively Dickensian in its attention to detail and the extremes of poverty and wealth within a culture.”

Variety
- Todd McCarthy

Review excerpts are from GrandinTheatre.com.

If you care to know ... The future—my biggest fear

Clara Harlowe
Features Editor

The Future—it is such a scary thing to think about. It is especially scary for us seniors.

I am a senior, and I find myself thinking about the future quite a bit. For some reason, it always crosses my mind when it shouldn’t, such as when I am trying to go to bed at night.

As soon as I lay my head down on my pillow at night, many thoughts start racing through my head. Where am I heading in life? Where am I going to work when I graduate? Will the economy affect my job opportunities and my way of living? Am I going to be able to be the civilized, responsible adult that I need to be? Is everything going to be okay?

I am very afraid of the future. Other than death or something like that, the future is probably my biggest fear right now.

My senior year has come so fast. As cliché as it may sound, it came in a blink of any eye, literally. It feels like just yesterday when I first set foot on the Ferrum Campus to begin my freshman year.

I remember all the thoughts running through my head and how nervous I was to be a college student. The questions running through my head were kind of similar to what is going through my head now as a senior. I was really scared of college and scared about the direction I was heading in. I had the idea that college was going to be so hard and impossible to make good grades in.

When I stand back and look at it all, I was really scared as a freshman, but everything turned out okay. I had no reason to be afraid. I try the best I can, make pretty good grades, and have achieved much.

Maybe, just maybe, I am in the same position now. I am nervous and scared for my future, but I just need to realize that everything will be okay as long as I try my best.

People do say that I tend to worry too much. Maybe this is one of those times when I just need to sit back and relax. I need to let the future come to me on its own, and stop trying to predict it.

So, that is what I’m going to do. I am going quit driving myself crazy about what the future has in store for me. I am just going to do everything I can to contribute to a

positive future for myself. In all honesty, that is pretty much all I can do at the moment.

There is one thing that I would like to say to the freshman class. Appreciate each year you are in college. Whether you are attending Ferrum or a college somewhere else, these really are the best days of your life. When you graduate and if you are planning to get a good job and live a responsible life, those late-night partying, procrastinating days are over.

And seniors—as scary as the future may be, as long as you do the best you can at whatever you do, you can be confident knowing that the future will be okay. Good luck to everyone this semester!

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Sports

Panther basketball updates

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Women's Basketball

So far the Lady Panthers are 11-4 overall, 7-1 in conference play.

Key games coming up for the Women's team include home games vs. Averett University on February 4th at 5:30, Peace College February 8th at 2 pm, and also a game against Shenandoah University on Valentine's Day, February 14th at 2 pm.

At this point there are five players scoring in double digits per game: Tonya Wright, Ashley Norton, Miranda Carrasco, Brittney Bullock, and Kristen Keith. Wright as well as Keith leads the team in rebounding. Caprice Laws has the majority of the assists for the Panthers. Coach Ken Harvey likes how any of his players on any given night has the chance to make a difference in the game.

Men's Basketball

The Men's Basketball team has a 10-7 record, and is 3-1 in USA South Conference games.

Critical home games for the Panthers are against Averett, immediately following the women's game on February 4th. The men will also have another conference game against Shenandoah, after the women's game on February 14th.

The leading scorers for the Panthers are Derek Mitchell, Keith Crump, and Marcus Mayo, each averaging double digits in points. Mitchell thus far leads the team in rebounds per game. Jerrell Wade has distributed the ball more than any other. Coach Bill Tharp hopes that his team can make strides for bettering their record.

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Ashley Norton reached a game-high 28 points, including seven treys against Greensboro College January 21.

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Brittney Bulluck, with a career-high 22 points and 13 rebounds, lead the Panthers in win over Shenandoah University January 24.

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Tonya Mitchell, left, scored 28 points, reaching a career-high, in the Christopher Newport game at home January 25.



Keith Crump, above, lead all scores with 25 points in win over Greensboro College January 21. Derek Mitchell, left, recorded his 10th double-double of the season with 15 points and 18 rebounds against Christopher Newport January 25.

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The lighter side of sports commentary

Steve Hofstetter
Editor

**National Lampoon's Minute
(Or So)**

The former head writer for CollegeHumor.com is now editor of the "National Lampoon Sports Minute," a syndicated sports column. The column is a 250-word hysterical look at the world of sports produced 5 days a week and is written by four comedians who have written for Sports Illustrated,

Maxim, ESPN, and others. It's currently syndicated in two dozen papers and on over 170 radio stations.

In his e-mail to Roger Keaton, Hofstetter states that "if this bother[s] you, just let me know and I'll disavow all knowledge that I ever had your email address.

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Members of the Tampa Bay Rays were recently given \$223,390

each for participating in the 2008 World Series. It's nice to hear that Stephon Marbury isn't the only loser who's getting a big pay check.

The impasse between the Knicks and Stephon Marbury is expected to carry into next week. After all, why stop the fun now?

The WNBA's Houston Comets have announced plans to fold their operations. The team's fan is

heartbroken.

The Giants suspended Plaxico Burress for four games. After reviewing the case, they said that he really didn't have a leg to stand on.

And despite the struggles in the banking industry, the Mets will still keep Citi Field as the name of their new ballpark. Mainly because they're hoping they can get a bailout for their bullpen.

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standing there, Raines said, "Well, I will look into it."

Since it was not a huge amount of money in the federal budget, relatively speaking, it was fully restored and has remained about at that level ever since with constant lobbying of the Congress, even during Republican administrations.

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For more on Mr. Brand, visit his center's website at Cabell Brand Center: <http://www.cabellbrandcenter.org/index.html>

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N.C. State coach and women's sports icon dies

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(U-Wire)Women's basketball coach Kay Yow, the iconic matriarch of N.C. State women's sports and a leader in the fight against cancer, died Saturday morning at WakeMed Cary Hospital. She was 66.

Yow, who was in her 38th year of coaching at the collegiate level, will be remembered not only for her work advancing the game of women's basketball but also for her heroic struggle against breast cancer and her efforts to raise funds for research to stop the disease. In an official statement, Athletics Director Lee Fowler expressed his sorrow.

"Everyone who had the privilege of knowing Kay Yow has a heavy heart today," Fowler said. "Her record and the honors she received over the years are evidence of her abilities as a coach, but the former student-athletes who come back year after year and bring their children to visit her are a testament to the type of person she was. She was a blessing to many people. She faced every opponent, whether on the basketball court or in a hospital room, with dignity and grace. She will be greatly missed."

Her accomplishments in the realm of athletics seem almost limitless. Athletics Director Willis Casey hired her in 1975 to lead

the women's basketball program. She also served as head coach of the softball and volleyball teams during this time and later as the coordinator of women's sports.

While she would eventually pass off her duties in softball and volleyball, Yow led the women's basketball team for the next 34 years. In that time, she compiled a record of 680-325, leading her team to 20 NCAA Tournaments, 11 trips to the Sweet 16, and one trip to the Final Four in 1998.

She put together a 57-19 record from 1970-74 at Elon before coming to N.C. State, and her all-time collegiate record of 737-344 makes her one of just six coaches to earn more than 700 victories. Along with Tennessee coach Pat Summit and Texas coach Jody Condradt, Yow is one of just three coaches to coach 1,000 games with the same program.

Nora Lynn Finch, the ACC's associate commissioner for women's basketball, said Yow played a critical role in the development of women's sports in the ACC and across the nation.

"Kay Yow has been the most visible and recognized women's coach in this area, and one of the most recognized in the entire world," Finch said.

In addition to her career as a college coach, Yow led the 1988 U.S. team to a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. She led the United States to gold at

the 1981 World University Games, the 1986 Goodwill games and the 1986 World Championship Games. She was also an assistant coach for the United States team that took gold at the 1984 Olympics.

Yow has been named national Coach of the Year eight times by various publications and organizations including USA Today, Sports Illustrated and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. In 2002, Yow became just the fifth female coach inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Five years later, ESPN awarded Yow the inaugural Jimmy V ESPY Award for Perseverance. In 2007, North Carolina Governor Mike Easley presented Yow with the state's highest sports recognition.

After missing four consecutive games in December and January, Yow announced Jan. 6 she would not return for the remainder of the 2008-09 season. Interim head coach Stephanie Glance has led the women's basketball team. Glance expressed her grief at the loss of her mentor.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to work with coach Yow for the last 15 seasons. I suddenly find myself grasping to retain everything she has ever said and ever taught me," Glance said.

"Each of us who has had the special opportunity to learn from her and share wonderful friendships with her now has a

special part of Coach Yow in us that will live on as long as we mirror her legacy of always giving to others," Glance continued.

Yow was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987. After initially beating the disease, it recurred for the first time during the 2004-05 season, forcing her to sit out two games. During the 2006-07 season, Yow again was forced to miss 16 games while battling breast cancer.

Yow's fight with cancer has served as an inspiration to thousands of Wolfpack fans and cancer victims nationwide. In December 2007, the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund was established in partnership with the V Foundation as a charitable organization dedicated to finding the answer to women's cancers. She also helped create "Hoops 4 Hope," a game focused on the fight against breast cancer and a fundraising event for the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund.

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