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Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre experiments with Rocky Mount venue

Natalie Faunce
Public Relations Director

Why is the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre at Ferrum College producing "A Cricket on the Hearth" at the Pigg River Community Center in Rocky Mount this December?

The answer is easy. Because of student productions, semester projects, and seasonal concerts, the campus facilities at the college are full of activity until mid-December. Therefore, the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre sought an alternative space in Franklin County to meet its patrons' calls for a Christmas production.

The Pigg River Community Center with its convenient location, ample parking, appropriate kitchen, suitable patron facilities, and plentiful interior space will make a good place for patrons to enjoy a good meal and a fine musical, according to Jody D. Brown, executive director.

"A Cricket on the Hearth" has been a Christmas success since Dickens first wrote it. He read a manuscript version of it to a cheer-

ing crowd of 2,000 people in 1844; by 1895, the New York Times would observe that "the charm of the little story was irresistible," and that its characters had taken "their places among the greatest of the public favorites."

The Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre version of this classic tale will be a musical. R. Rex Stephenson is writing the adaptation and lyrics; Emily Rose Tucker is composing original music.

The production stays true to Dickens' subject matter: the essence of family and home as reflections of divine love. Just as Dickens examines this theme through his delightfully eccentric characters: John and Dot Peerybingle, Caleb Plummer and his blind daughter, Bertha, Mr. Tackleton, May Fielding, and Tilly Slowboy so too, the BRDT production will include these memorable characters.

"A Cricket on the Hearth" will have matinees on December 3, 4, 10, and 11; and a Friday evening performance on December 5. Sisters Catering will prepare the meal,



Jody D. Brown, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Dinner; William-Helm, Pigg River Community Center Board Member; and Emily Rose Tucker, Artistic Director of "A Cricket on the Hearth," discuss preparations for the December performance.

photo courtesy of BRDT

which will include traditional English Christmas fare: roast beef, ham, macaroni and cheese, broccoli and carrots, fried apples, and rolls. The entire audience will join the cast at the end of the show in a

Christmas party.

Reservations should be made by phone message at the BRDT box office, 540-365-4335, or by email at brdt@ferrum.edu.

Schedule for spring semester pre-registration set

Dominique Fitzgerald
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, it's almost time to register for spring classes. Registration for Spring 2009 will begin on November 10. Please make an appointment soon to meet with your Academic Adviser to plan and prepare a class schedule for the spring 2008-09 Semester.

Students with unsatisfied finan-

cial obligations will not be permitted to register online.

In an effort to register students by priority need for classes, the blocks of time below have been assigned for registration by class.

Seniors (88 hours earned) can register beginning on Mon., Nov. 10.

Juniors (56 hours earned) can register beginning on Tues., Nov. 11.

Note that juniors must have completed and submitted Degree Plans prior to registration.

Sophomores (24 hours earned) can register beginning on Wed., Nov. 12.

Freshmen (less than 24 hours earned) can register beginning on Thurs., Nov. 13.

Students who are members of the Boone Honors Program can register 24 hours earlier than other

students of the same class year.

Be advised that the registration process is completely online and programming is in effect to block registration until the assigned date or until account balances are satisfied.

Students may review class schedules by logging on to i-Assistant at <http://computer.ferrum.edu>.

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Have you thought about E-term?

Olivia Walker
Staff Writer

E-Term is an exciting new program that began in spring 2007. Courses offered in May 2009 will generally be three-hour courses from across the curriculum, including core courses and new electives.

The experiential portion gives

students a chance to participate in research, take part in national and international travel, build their resume, and participate in service projects as well as earn credit hours for graduation. Students will be housed on the Ferrum College campus during E-Term, where all resources found during the regular semester will be available.

According to the Ferrum College catalog, "Freshmen entering Fall 2006 or later will be required to pass two E-Term courses prior to graduation. Students who transfer to Ferrum College with 58 hours or more will be required to pass only one E-Term course."

E-term may be a good way for a student to pick up additional

credit hours, as students can enroll for up to 19 hours in the spring semester plus a three-credit hour e-term course without being charged an overload fee. In order to enroll in an e-term course, a student must enroll for at least 12 hours (not

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Sponsors of 8th Annual Trick-or-Treat Canned Food Drive work to surpass last year's deposits to area food banks and beat the competition

Brittni Taylor
Staff Writer

I was given the chance to sit down and talk with one of the coordinators of the trick or treat canned food drive, Susie Crow, and get the general idea and ask a few questions about this program. This is the 8th year this program has been held. It is one that reaches out to Franklin County citizens that depend on food banks to provide food when it is needed. The main goal is to keep the shelves filled and make managing money a little easier.

There are four food banks that are the focus for this mission: Heavenly Manna, open Monday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Lake Christian Ministries, open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m.-noon; St. James Center, open Wednesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; and God's Provision, open the 2nd and 4th Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The majority of the schools in our division compete in this event, Crow said. Ferrum came in second to Greensboro College last year

and is striving for first place this year.

While getting the scoop on the basis of Trick or Treat Canned Food Drive, I asked Crow a series of questions.

Q. What started Trick or Treat Canned Food Drive?

A. A young man by the name of Wayne Brockwell, president of Lambda Sigma (the sophomore honor society), came up with the idea in his year of graduation. He was the president of his freshman and sophomore classes and, in his senior year, of the Student Government Association. Because of Wayne, Lambda Sigma is head coordinator and sponsor with SGA as co-coordinator and co-sponsor.

Q. What mission is destined to be achieved through the food drive?

A. We overstocked St. James last year, so by expanding, we hope to stock local food pantries and get students involved. The Gateway Mission in which the freshmen made food packages for those overseas is somewhat the same concept as our mission to help.

Q. How many volunteers are

usually involved?

A. It's growing every year! Trick or Treat Canned Food Drive is used to introduce freshmen to get to know these clubs and organizations and possibly join one and to meet new people.

Q. What is the outcome of this program?

A. INVOLVMENT on so many levels. Freshmen are involved with service learning, the campus community is giving to the larger community, and we can beat the socks off every other school in our division!

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Career Services works for students, past and present

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Staff Writer

Seventy-four percent of Ferrum's 2007 graduates are employed, and another 19 percent are currently in graduate school. Six percent are both working AND in graduate school, and the other 1 percent are self-employed. These were the results of the Employment and Graduate/Professional School Survey for Ferrum College for 2007 graduates. The survey had a return rate of 58 percent.

How do Ferrum graduates achieve this success? The answer lies in an office in Franklin Hall.

From your first day on campus to the day someone puts your degree in your hand, the Career

Services program has proven to be one of your greatest resources on campus. The program offers individual personality assessments for new students and career analyses for graduates, so that you can find a career that is best suited for you.

A young student coming into college has to make many choices. Who you are and what you want to do with your life is not something you can decide overnight. The Career Services program is willing to help from the time you move in.

The Myers-Briggs assessment is a personality-type inventory that shows you what type of personality you have and what career fields are well-suited for that personality. A career exploration course is also offered as a class for stu-

dents to enroll in to see all types of prospective jobs. Students are encouraged to seek out the Career Services Office (CSO) from their very first semester at Ferrum.

For students who are nearing the end of their college years, the CSO offers more career-intense programs such as resume review, mock interview, and mock panel interviews. This is especially beneficial because, without a perfectly constructed resume, a job applicant will not receive an interview. Rol Walters, the Director of Career Services, said, "The resume gets you the interview; the interview gets you the job."

Students can also become part of the College Central Network (CCN). Students can submit their

resumes, and faculty will make suggestions for improvement. Also on the CCN, students can receive job notifications from across the nation while keeping their resumes posted for employers to review. This program is also available for alumni who are looking to switch jobs.

Students interested in using the resources of the Career Services Office can make an individual appointment or visit them on the Ferrum website at www.ferrum.edu/career/. The website also contains notice about upcoming events such as the Academic Majors Fair on November 6, and the Challenge Career Fair on November 13.

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including the e-term hours) in the spring semester.

E-term courses do carry special fees, which vary. Fees range anywhere from \$25 to \$4,000, and need-based scholarships are available for courses with fees over \$1,000.

Since the spring of 2007, 21 new courses have been added to the E-Term catalogue. Some new courses include: Agriculture/Hor-

ticulture 390, Education 247, Environmental Science 208, History 220, Physical Education and Health 294, Recreation 361 and 475, Study Abroad 250, Sociology 391, and Theatre Arts 414. All of these courses involve traveling of some sort, whether overseas or local, which is the beauty of e-Term.

Students will be involved in hands-on experiences, along with different and unique ways of learn-

ing.

Students must register for an E-Term course when pre-registering for spring semester, and must register for a minimum of 12 hours for the regular spring semester. Pre-registration is November 10-14. Deposits for courses involving travel will be due by December 9, 2008.

Applications for need based scholarships will be available dur-

ing pre-registration. Arrangements for any other financial aid help must be addressed now with the financial aid office. Students are obligated for all course fees after February 6, 2009.

Arrangements to pay outstanding student account balances for the fall semester must be in place and current to register for an E-Term course.

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Opinion/Editorial

VTAG: Help save your own financial aid

Michael Gresham
Staff Writer

So then, here we are—now officially a part of history in the making. The financial meltdown is certainly going to hit every aspect of American life, in ways we probably haven't even thought of. Already, budget cuts are being established across the board, belts are tightening to suffocation, and—due to gas prices—the number of bikes and mopeds has increased exponentially.

But in the midst of this chaos, one budget cut in particular could affect every one of us here at Ferrum College.

If you attend Ferrum or one of 30 other private colleges in Virginia, you probably receive a VTAG grant. It currently pays out \$3,200 to undergraduate students, is not need-

based, and you don't ever have to pay it back. The only requirement is that you've been a resident of Virginia for the past 12 months.

Let me say that again, in case you glanced over that last paragraph. Virginia gives you free money to go to college—\$3,200 worth—and all you have to do to get it, quite literally, is fill out a sheet of paper.

Here's where it pays to read the fine print, though. The amount of the VTAG grant can be reduced at *any time* during the school year.

This means that if budget cuts or something similar necessitates it, VTAG funding can be cut with no penalty to the state. The only ones who would suffer would be the students, left with \$3,200 worth of college tuition to pay for!

As horrible as this may sound, this situation already has the

potential to become a reality. State legislators, under pressure from Governor Tim Kaine, are being forced to drastically slash their budgets, and VTAG is one of the proposed items under the knife.

For many of us here at Ferrum, VTAG represents a substantial load off our wallets and our minds. Only by making our voices heard can we stop them from cutting off this valuable educational funding!

I don't know about you, but VTAG was a major reason I was able to come to college this year!

Here's the thing. I know most of you have busy lives. You may not know whom to send an email to, or whom you need to speak with.

Go to this site: <http://capwiz.com/cicv/home/>

The people who run this site will do all the work for you. All

you have to do is copy and paste a message, type in your address, and the site will send emails to all the relevant people. Talk to your friends and family and get them to go this site, too.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am not kidding when I say that the future of VTAG is in our hands. Do not be silent as they run their scissors through the Virginia budget! Let them know that we, the young people of Virginia, represent the future of this great state, and providing educational grants is a rock-solid way to guarantee that future!

Whether or not you take action could be one of the most important financial decisions you ever make.

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Students should exercise their right to vote on November 4

Katorie Preston
Special to The Iron Blade

With the presidential election right around the corner, everyone should be aware and involved. Dr. Lana Whited's Rhetoric class is trying to encourage everyone to vote and take action. The "Got Vote" campaign is a way of focusing every college student on the issues at hand. We, the "Got

Vote," committee, want everyone to vote. Change is all around us and the way to adapt is to make your voice heard.

This presidential election will determine things that we will have to face, and it will continue to shape the United States. The economy is not in the best shape; health care is a continuous problem, so why would anyone want to sit back and just let

things happen? We have the right and the power to shape our government.

College students have so much on our plates that we may be uninformed about the serious issues our nation faces. But now is the time to let our voices be heard and encourage others to raise theirs as well.

I am glad the "Got Volte?" project got me, a skeptic, involved. I too am a victim of not caring about things

that did not affect me directly, but now I know what I want and what I need to do to get it accomplished. The "Got Vote" campaign has taught me a lot about the candidates waiting and ready to take on a nation that is indeed in turmoil and in need of change.

So what are we waiting for? GO VOTE! I will!

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Ferrum Forum

compiled by Olivia Walker

What is the best Halloween costume you have ever worn or seen?



Anthony Chitwood

I'm going to be Barack Obama. That's the best one by far.



Teara Terry

I once saw a girl dressed as the Orbit Girl. It was very original.



Anan Little

I once saw a Power Ranger costume;



Sherrie Sanders

A nurse costume. I loved the colors on the costume. They were red and black, which made it different.



Mills Babb

Batman. Everyone loves Batman. It even came with a utility belt.



Daphney Lutes

A bumble bee. It was very cute.



Nicole Hendrick

I once made a scarecrow costume. It was different because we made it out of real straw.



Stacey Cooper

Last year I saw a girl covered in clear duct tape and toilet paper. It was so creative.



Anthony Thames

A vampire. It was covered in blood.

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Clara Harlowe
Staff Writer

Monday, Oct. 27

4 p.m.
SIFE Program Meeting
Beckham 101
4:30 p.m.
AASA Meeting
Grousbeck 101
6 p.m.
PALS Tutoring Contact PALS
coordinator in ARC for
location
7 p.m.
Monday Night Praise
Vaughn Chapel
Agriculture Club Meeting
Garber 123

Tuesday, Oct. 28

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Halloween Grams
Franklin Hall in front of
main doors that lead to
cafeteria
6 p.m.
Criminal Justice Meeting
Beckham 204

Wednesday, Oct. 29

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Halloween Grams
Franklin Hall in front of
main doors that lead to
cafeteria
3:30 p.m.
Big Buddy/ Little Buddy
Elementary Event
Fitness Center and
Racquetball room

Thursday, Oct. 30

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Halloween Grams
Franklin Hall in front of
main doors that lead to
cafeteria
11 a.m.
Psychology Club Bake Sale
Franklin Hall in front of
main doors that lead to
cafeteria

Thursday, Oct. 30 cont.

3:30 p.m.
Big Buddy/ Little Buddy
Elementary Event
Fitness Center and
Racquetball room
5 p.m.
ONE (Ferrum Chapter)
Beckham 204
7 p.m.
Russian Club
Beckham 204
8:30 p.m.
Bible Study
Roberts Hall Conference
Room

Friday, Oct. 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
11 a.m.
Psychology Bake Sale

Sunday, Nov. 2

TBA
United Way Bowl-A-Thon Rocky
Mount Bowling Center
4 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsals
Vaughn Chapel

8 p.m.
OXE Meeting
LA 101

Monday, Nov. 3

4 p.m.
SIFE Program Meeting
Beckham 101
4:30 p.m.
AASA Meeting
Grousbeck 101
6 p.m.
PALS Tutoring
Contact PALS coordinator
in ARC for location
7 p.m.
Agriculture Club Meeting
Garber 123
Monday Night Praise
Vaughn Chapel

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Blue Ridge Institute launches Virginia rockabilly music project



The Dazzlers, a 1950s rockabilly band from Campbell County, Va., reunited for a concert at Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Folklife Festival on Saturday, October 25.

photo courtesy of Public Relations

Natalie Faunce Public Relations Director

The beat of the 50s returned to the Blue Ridge with a reunion of the Virginia rockabilly band, The Dazzlers, at the 35th Blue Ridge Folklife Festival, Sat., Oct. 25. The show kicked off the Blue Ridge Institute & Museum's multi-year program on Virginia rockabilly, which will include a major exhibition, a double CD set, and a series of performances.

Readers can listen to two Rockabilly samples at the URLs listed at the end of this article.

Rockabilly was the sound of the 1950s teenage world. Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash were driving American music in new directions. The Dazzlers came out of Brookneal, Va., and quickly hopped from "dance party" television shows in Roanoke and Lynchburg to the studios of Nashville. They made records with Jerry Lee Lewis. By the time they gave up the road life, they had shared the stage with Chuck Berry and Fats Domino.

In addition to The Dazzlers, the 2008 Blue Ridge Folklife Festival packed in three stages of lively fiddle-and-banjo tunes, bluegrass gospel singing, ballads, and blues.

Dale Jett, grandson of A. P. and Sara Carter, headed up a musical tribute to the legacy of the original Carter Family, the country music giants of the Great Depression. Two Mountain Dance workshops showcased several premiere Blue

Ridge buck dancers, flat footers, and cloggers in an exploration of the nuances of traditional dance in the region.

The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, includes the Blue Ridge Institute and seven other venues:

The Ralph Stanley Museum and Traditional Mountain Music Center is located in Clintwood.

Country Cabin II, the oldest music venue in the group, located in Norton, was originally built as part of the WPA project during Franklin Roosevelt's administration.

The Carter Family Fold is located at Maces Spring, the home of A.P., Sara, and Maybelle Carter, the so-called "first family of country music." The Birthplace of Country Music Alliance is the location in downtown Bristol where, in 1927, record producer Ralph Peer set up a portable recording studio and recorded, among others, the Carter Family.

The Rex Theater in Galax is the site of one of only three live-broadcast bluegrass and traditional music programs in the nation. Galax also hosts the Old Fiddler's Convention, now in its 69th year, every August. Blue Ridge Music Center, located at milepost 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway (near Galax), was established by the U.S. Congress to recognize the contribution of traditional music

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NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

Movie reviews

“W” offers a too-obvious interpretation of President George W. Bush’s motivation

Michael Richs
Staff Writer

When watching Oliver Stone’s “W,” I had a feeling that the film was painted in broad strokes. That, to me, is quite surprising, in that George W. Bush will rank with James Buchanan, Warren Harding, Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter as the worst to ever serve in the office of president.

The movie starts out with the second president Bush (Josh Brolin) trying to sell the Iraq

war to his cabinet. Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright) urges caution, only to have his ideas shot down by Karl Rove (Toby Jones), Vice President Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss), and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (Thandie Newton).

The movie then goes back in time to tell about Bush’s early days as a drunk. How he met his wife Laura (Elizabeth Banks) at a party. How his father George Herbert Walker Bush (James Cromwell) thought “W” wasn’t living up to his potential with the Bush name.

Then also how the younger Bush gained his faith and quit drinking alcohol. How God told him to run for president.

If there is one problem with the film, it’s that Oliver Stone doesn’t go beyond a simplistic interpretation: our current president has daddy issues. Well, that to me is nothing new. A lot of sons have tried to emulate their fathers throughout history. Another thing Stone wants to sell is the Iraq war. Everybody in the cabinet had their own idea. Stone should have gone with something a little more

sinister. Colin Powell in this film comes off as the sane one in the Bush Cabinet

Josh Brolin earns points for actual mimicking Bush. However, he doesn’t exactly look like Bush. Toby Jones and Richard Dreyfuss are spot-on as Rove and Cheney. Thandie Newton’s Rice comes off as an annoying mouse. Scott Glenn and James Cromwell look totally lost in their roles as Rumsfeld and Bush Sr.

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to American culture. It is a cooperative effort of the National Parks Service and the National Council for the Traditional Arts.

The Floyd Country Store & County Sales is located at 206 S. Locus St. in Floyd. Every week, it hosts a world-famous Friday Night Jamboree. Most of the venues still host live traditional music shows weekly.

The BRI is the Easternmost venue on the Crooked Road. In addition to sponsoring the Folklife Festival annually, it is the official State Center for Blue Ridge Folklore. Its programs and exhibits are estimated to have reached over a million people in its 30-year history.

The 2008 Blue Ridge Folklife Festival was supported in part

by a grant to the Crooked Road Music Trail from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The Blue Ridge Institute’s rockabilly project has received support funding from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

For more information about the Blue Ridge Institute or to access its online exhibits, visit www.blueridgeinstitute.org

Learn more about the Crooked Road Music Trail at its web site at www.crookedroad.org. Listen here to samples of Rockabilly: <http://www.ferrum.edu/fe/2008fall/Dazzlers1.mp3> and <http://www.ferrum.edu/fe/2008fall/Dazzlers2.mp3>.

Lana Whited contributed to this article.

Holocaust survivor to speak in Rocky Mount at public school teachers’ recertification course

Natalie Faunce
Public Relations Director

Nathan Kranowski, a Holocaust survivor who escaped the Nazis in France and who has visited Ferrum College previously as a guest speaker in the on-campus Holocaust course, will be a guest speaker of the Teacher’s Holocaust Course, a new recertification course designed

just for public school teachers. His speech, entitled, “Jewish Death and Survival in France During the Holocaust: My Personal Experience” will take place on October 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Franklin Center Lecture Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Kranowski was born in 1937 in Paris, France. In 1940, the Nazis occupied France and France surrendered in June.

Kranowski’s father was arrested by the French police in 1941 and taken to Auschwitz where he was murdered. His mother was condemned to a similar fate a year later. Kranowski lived with his aunt and eventually moved to New York. It wasn’t until he later married and his son was born that he felt compelled to start investigating what had really happened to his parents.

Kranowski details his experience in his talk and says the lesson he thinks is most important for others to learn is how to prevent an event such as the Holocaust from happening again. He notes with sadness the recent genocide in Darfur and in other places in the world. He repeats the warning of the philosopher Santayana: “If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it.”

The Teacher’s Holocaust Course is a brand new continuing education course that was offered this fall to public school teachers seeking recertification. The course follows the general format of the

spring Holocaust course offered at Ferrum College, wherein nine faculty members teach from various disciplines and examine the history and lessons of the Holocaust from different points of view.

Dr. Marcia Horn, who designed the course and helps teach it, says Kranowski spoke to her class last spring and was so captivating, she asked him to return to speak to this group. “The window of having Holocaust survivors with us is closing,” she explains. “We have to take advantage of their knowledge while they are here with us.”

The Teachers’ Holocaust Course is a first for Franklin County and is sponsored by Ferrum College in partnership with the Franklin County Board of Education and the Franklin Center.

For more information about Kranowski’s visit or about the Holocaust Course, contact Dr. Marcia Horn at mhorn@ferrum.edu, or 540-365-4328.

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Sports

Freak of the Week: Mike Ferguson

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

This is the start of a new biweekly column about a member of the fabulous organization that gives Ferrum College athletics such an advantage. This group is called the Ferrum Freaks.

Ever wondered who that man walking around the cafeteria smiling so much is? Mike Ferguson is his name. He is currently the Event Sales and Catering Coordinator. Ferguson graduated from Franklin County High School in 1974 but did not enter college immediately. He needed money, so he took a job working at Bassett Furniture before deciding to enroll at Ferrum College, where he would receive a degree in business in 1981 after starting as a social work major.

Ferguson worked in the hotel industry as a banquet supervisor at Marriott and Wyndham Hotels, but after a change of ownership, he decided it would be best for him to look for another job. During a campus event for alumni, he heard about an open position, applied for it, and was hired immediately. In a sense it was a dream of his to be able to come back to his alma

mater, hometown, and family.

Reminiscing about the past, Ferguson mentioned how the different residence halls would have spirit competitions to see who supported the athletic teams the most. Thinking about these times and what he felt was a lack of support for athletics caused Ferguson to create the Ferrum Spirit Team, which was an organization for faculty, staff, and students to support all Ferrum College sports.

The Ferrum Spirit Team has now joined with the Ferrum Freaks, for which he is the advisor, in order to have a bigger impact. Meetings for this organization are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Panther's Den. Everyone is invited to attend.

While working as a caterer for a college may not be the ideal profession for many, Ferguson's inspiration is the students at Ferrum College. He loves talking with and helping them any way possible. Ferguson also has a celebrity in his family. His nephew is Jesse L. Martin, better known as Detective Ed Green from the television show "Law & Order."

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Hornets' sting is no match for Panthers' bite

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The first serve of the game would set the tone for the rest of the Ferrum vs. Shenandoah volleyball match held on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Ferrum quickly shut down Shenandoah's hopes of winning. The Hornets' inability to get the volleyball over the net led to their defeat in three consecutive games.

Ferrum was clearly the superior team; however, the Panthers' small mistakes allowed the Hornets to stay closer in score than Panther fans would have liked. The first two games stayed close early, but 5-0 runs in each game helped the Panthers take control of the games.

The third game included 13 ties, and, as the Panther's fell behind, fans began to wonder where their team had gone. Ferrum's mistakes allowed Shenandoah to gain a lead by as many as four points. The Panthers, however, remained strong and clawed their way back to tie the game again. The match ended similarly to the way it started, with a Hornet player unsuccessfully attempting to get the volleyball over the net and into the Panther portion of the court.



Mallory Stratton led the Panthers with 12 kills and four blocks against Shenandoah Hornets.

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This dominant performance by the volleyball team was led by Ferrum's front-line players. Every time a Hornet attempted to spike the volleyball, it appeared to come back in her face. Mallory Stratton, Hannah Shumaker, and Tiffany Walker led Ferrum in this area, combining for almost all of Ferrum's blocks and 27 of their 41 kills.

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Ferrum stops Methodist 31-13 in football

Ferrum College picked up a 31-13 USA South Athletic Conference football win over Methodist University on the road October 18th.

Fullback Matt Lucas (left) rushed for 132 yards on 15 carries, while Mike Vann and Le'Bryan Patterson had a pair of touchdowns each. Ferrum had 400 yards in total offense, 369 rushing. Methodist had 322 yards in total offense, 269 passing. Backup QB Matt Dobson had 81 yards rushing on 13 carries, and Vann had 56 yards and two scores on 13 carries. Dobson completed one of five passes for 20 yards and a score. Starting QB Marcus Mayo had 56 rushing yards on nine carries and was 1-3 passing for 11 yards.

Erik Teague was 20-29 passing for 269 yards and two TDs for the Monarchs. He was picked off three times and sacked four times. Methodist (1-5, 0-3 USA South) had just 53 yards rushing, 20 by Reggie Scales.

Patterson slammed in from four yards out to give Ferrum its final score at 31-13 with 3:22 left in the game. The win was Ferrum's sixth in a row, and keeps the Panthers unbeaten in USA South play at 4-0.

Ferrum (6-1, 4-0 USA South) will return to action Saturday, Nov. 1, at USA South opponent Greensboro College. The lone night game on Ferrum's schedule is set to kick off at 7 p.m. at Jamieson Stadium.

Photo at right: Matt Lucas rushed for 132 yards, and Mike Vann and Le'Bryan Patterson each had two TDs as Ferrum picked up a 31-13 USA South football win Oct. 18 at Methodist.

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