



THE IRON BLADE

SINCE 1955



Ferrum Folks

Roger L. Keaton III

see page 5

Vol. 55, No. 19

55 Years of Ferrum College News

April 19, 2010

Jessica Flanagan named senior class speaker

Susan M. King
Features Editor

Between a physical education major in the Teacher Education program, Jessica Flanagan is quite the busy bee. In her fourth year at Ferrum College, Flanagan is now referred to as "Senior Class Speaker" by all of her friends.

"I didn't even know I was nominated at first until a friend called," Flanagan said. She joked with her friends about the idea, with no expectations of actually getting the honor. When she first got the e-mail with the announcement, it was a huge surprise, and Flanagan was very excited.

When Flanagan first came to

Ferrum College for a "recruit visit," she knew it was the right place for her. "Everybody was just so nice and friendly," said Flanagan. She also chose Ferrum because it was "close enough to go home if needed, but far enough away to get away."

Flanagan also loved Ferrum College because of the many opportunities it gives students for after graduation. "If you need help, you get it," Flanagan said. Even though she has had a great deal of support and resources, she is still a little nervous about graduating, because she is not completely sure about what is next. "Four years just flies by," Flanagan said.

Flanagan's last semester has been

spent student teaching. She is also busy coaching middle school softball. "It (student teaching) is hard work," Flanagan said. With graduation closing in, Flanagan is now concentrating on her speech and her presentation in the classroom portion of student teaching (synthesis), which will be given on April 25.

With so many wonderful memories at Ferrum College, Flanagan has to pick and choose what to put in her speech for graduation. "My friends and I always joke about little things to add in, even though I'm sure they won't get in there," said Flanagan.

smking@ferrum.edu



Also an athlete, Flanagan is a member of Ferrum women's volleyball team. photo courtesy of Sports Informations

Media violence expert to visit Ferrum

Press Release

A leading expert on media violence will speak at Ferrum on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Panther's Den. Dr. Karen Dill, author of "How Fantasy Becomes Reality: Seeing Through Media Influence," has testified twice before Congress on how media violence impacts society.

She is director of the doctoral program in media psychology at Fielding Graduate University, which awards the first doctorate in media psychology in the United States. She also writes a regular blog for "Psychology Today" and is editor of the forthcoming



Dr. Karen Dill

ing "Oxford Handbook of Media Psychology."



Dill's reputation as an expert on the issue of media violence has grown so much that the creators of the video game "Grand Theft Auto IV" named a car, the "Karin Dilettante" after her as an inside joke, according to her web site.

Dill earned her Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1997 and was formerly a faculty member at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C.

Dill's visit to Ferrum is sponsored by the Boone Honors Program. For more information, contact Dr. Lana Whited at 365-4334 or lwhited@ferrum.edu.

Greer Gallery to feature senior art majors' exhibition

Stephen Washington
Staff Writer

The Senior Art Exhibition, which officially opens April 20 in the E. Taylor Greer Gallery in Stanley Library, will feature the artwork of seniors; Stephanie Perdue, Shane Boyd, and Cameron Piper. Each artist has contributed a work to the art exhibit and presented their works for their senior theses on Saturday April 10 in Vaughn Chapel.

Senior, Stephanie Perdue named her work, "My Formal Investigation of Color and Shape in Painting." "I knew I wanted to create a body of work that was non-objective, so I started working out ideas with simple shapes and finally arrived at using just squares to challenge myself to create different, interesting compositions," says Perdue.

Stephanie's inspiration for her work came from looking at different works from artists like Piet Mon-

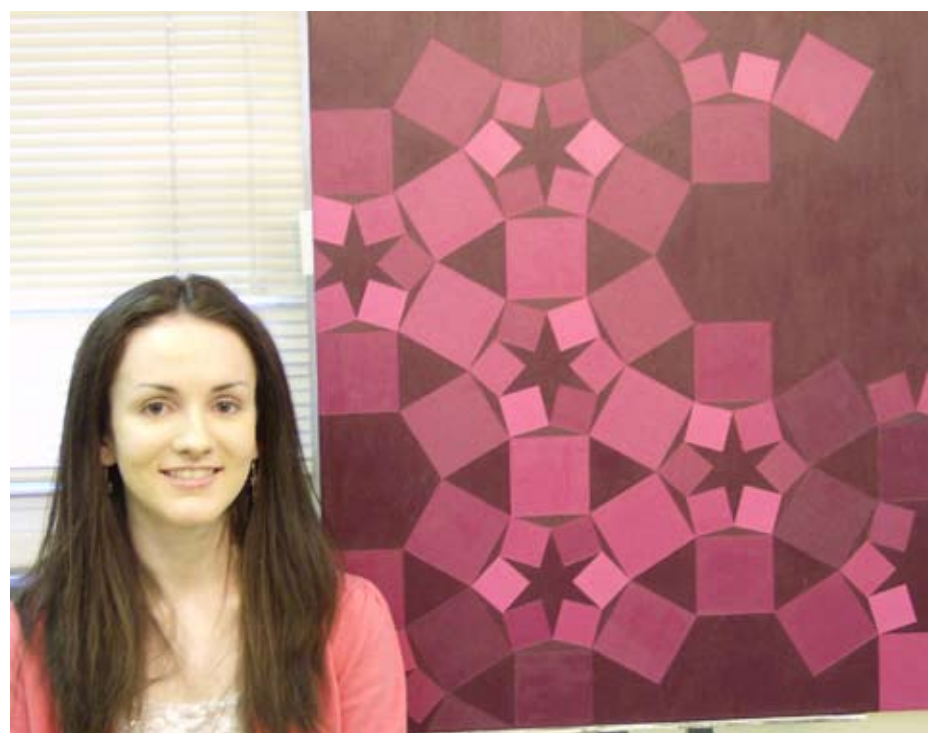


photo by Steven Washinton

drian, Frank Stella, Josef Albers, and Ellsworth Kelly, and also geometric abstract work.

The desired effect she had for her

work was to be open to any interpretation by the viewer because the body of the work is non-objective. Color is a very important aspect in her work be-

cause it may evoke different feelings in the viewers. However, it is not her intention to conjure memories or emotions, because the work is not narrative or overly expressive. "My goal is to engage the viewers by making them think about the relationships between color, shape, geometry, foreground, and background that are represented in the work," says Perdue.

Art classes were always her favorite in school, and as she became older, she became interested in art history and always enjoyed it. She always wanted to be an artist in some capacity. "I have always been interested in art since I was little; I was always more interested in drawing and coloring, and having markers, crayons, and paper instead of actual toys," says Perdue.

She would like to attend graduate school at some point to study graphic design.

see EXHIBIT page 8

INSIDE:

News 1

Opinion/Editorial 3

Features 5

Sports 7

Free Earth Day 2010 Shirts

Rachel Troyer
Sustainability Coordinator

How can you get an Earth Day T-shirt for free?

- *Fill out an energy survey in the Franklin Hall Atrium this Tuesday and Wednesday (raffle style).
- *Fill out an energy pledge form, brought to you by the Ferrum Energy Coaches (raffle style).
- *Join us for Earth Day 2010 events, April 22 (everyone gets a shirt!)

Earth Day 2010 Events
Thursday, April 22
40th Anniversary

Jenny Lucas and Seth Burruss
(right) model the shirts.

photo courtesy of Rachel Troyer



Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming Webcast, Brainstorming, Free pizza, Free T-shirts! Panther's Den, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Trash Pick-Up--Free pizza, free T-shirts! Meet in Garber Hall, Rm 123, 4:00 p.m.

Earth Day Blessing with Ted Strong and Wes Astin
Adams Lake (corner near Stanley Library) 6:30 p.m.

An intergenerational Native American perspective on sustainability
Ted Strong with granddaughters Monet Becenti and Marianne Gonzales
Blue Ridge Mountain Room, 7:00 p.m., refreshments provided

rtroyer@ferrum.edu

Mark Twain party

honoring
the 100th anniversary
of his death

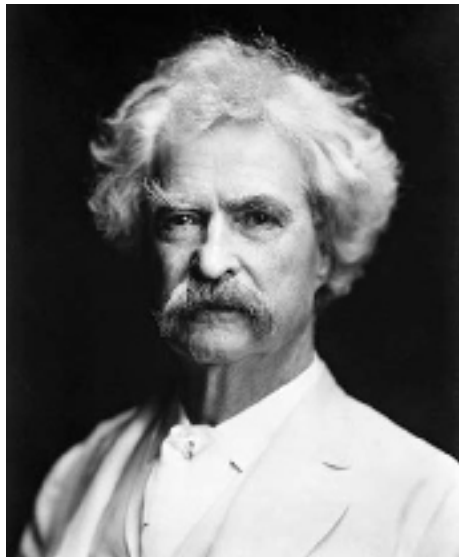
April 21, 2010
12:30 p.m.
Panther's Den

Bring your own lunch and
your favorite
Twain quotation!

featuring

a performance by
R. Rex Stephenson

and period music



The Programme:

If Mr. Twain has not irreparably insulted members of The Jack Tale Players, they may join him in this programme. The sponsor cannot predict the precise personnel of this organization, as some of them are hiding out from casting directors at the Wofhouse Dinner Theatre and others may be pressed into sailing to Helena, Arkansas. Be assured that some of them will appear if their conditions permit.

Jody D. Brown will hold forth as the Interviewer and Emily Rose Tucker will demonstrate the difficulties of marrying an older husband, unless either of these women finds honest employment before the performance, in which case these sections will be omitted. However, no money will be refunded.

Mr. Twain has been hiding out in western Franklin County passing himself off as a Ferrum College professor and writing a few new works under the pseudonym R. Rex Stephenson.



The performance is funded by the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre and the Integrated Programming Board. Photo of Dr. R. Rex Stephenson by Dr. Ken McCreedy. Photo of Mark Twain courtesy of the University of Portsmouth (UK) web site.

Honor societies hold induction ceremonies



Kappa Delta Pi officers Timothy Wilson, treasurer, and Samantha Dickerson, president, appear with the KDP charter following the campus chapter's first initiation Saturday, April 10 in Vaughn Chapel. Students initiated were Shaina Debord, Samantha Dickerson, Jessica Flanagan, Raven Forbes, Leigh Gish, Tomas Crzesikowski, Misty Griffith, Ashley Hale, Erin Hodges, Karsey Hodges, Holly Loughorn, Jacklyn McAden, Morgan Moran, Mary Jessi Naff, Whitney Scott, Ashley Thomas, and Timothy Wilson. Faculty initiated were Dr. Jason Powell and Prof. Virginia Seale. Faculty reaffirming their membership were Prof. Nancy Beach, Dr. Ed Cornbleet, Dr. Leslie Lambert, and Dr. Mary Ann Norman. Executive committee members are Dr. Norman, counselor, and Professor Seale, co-counselor. The new inductees are charter members of the Alpha Epsilon Phi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an organization founded in 1911. Kappa Delta Pi translates as "knowledge, duty, power" which is also the society's motto.

photo by Virginia B. Seale



Inductees of the psychology honorary society Psi Chi and faculty advisors are pictured above. (Back, L-R) Christopher Ryan McElligott, Bethany Ann Lackey, Heather Nicole Luther, Jerrica Lachelle Barksdale, Prof. Kate Bye. (Front, L-R) Dr. Kevin Reilly, Dr. Frederic Torimiro, Emily Briggs Fiske, Kristin Nicole Ferguson, Allyson Kalei Altizer, AnnMichelle Bolt, Cara Ashley Jacobs, Dr. Sharon E. Stein, Dr. Sandra L. Mankins.

photo provided by Bethany Lackey

Correction

In the April 2 issue of the Iron Blade, in the article "Ferrum Energy Survey, Take Two," it was stated that "*Ferrum College paid about \$100,000 for power (electric, gas and oil) in 2009." The article should have reflected that the college's bill was over "\$1,000,000' for power (electric, gas and oil)." We apologize for the error.

Ferrum Forum

compiled by Vanessa Torres

If you had a time machine and could travel back to your freshman year at Ferrum, what would you do differently?



Carl Parsons

I would have returned the rival frats' letters in person.



Steven Cauley

I would have made fun of Carl Parsons more!



David Hancock

I would have never become best friends with Blake Saunders.



Blake Saunders

I would have convinced John Wells to join OXE.



Ashley Norton

I would have gone to class more!



John LaPointe

I would have put more effort into my academics.



Jesus Diaz

I would have joined OXE earlier and learned time management.



John Price

I would have taken a Spanish class.



reprinted from Funny Times / PO Box 18530 / Cleveland Hts. OH 44111
phone: 216.371.8600 / email: ft@funnytimes.com

Opinion/Editorial

Old McThompson had a farm

Glenn Thompson
Special to the Iron Blade

It's really, really Spring! Mother Nature is not foolin' this time!

Well, for a while there, I began to wonder! Snow...snow...snow... and some more snow! Lately, it has been cold night after night, and our poor "babies" are still confined to their little poly cells, unable to spread their little legs and feet out and grow the luscious goodies we work so hard for.

We went a little crazy this year...I know, since when is that different?

You're right. Who else do you know who grows at least two dozen different varieties of tomatoes each year? Not always the same, mind you. We love to go through the plethora of catalogs we receive each winter, discovering new and unusual new types to try each year. We have had much success with some...little with others.

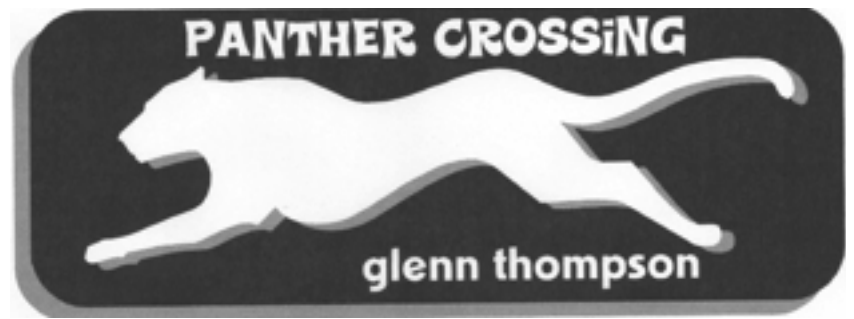
There was the first year we grew

the yummy-yummy Chocolate Cherry Tomatoes. Incredible! Not only were they scrumptious...the bush grew to the size of a VW bug, and yielded hundreds of the little brown-red treasures! CCT's have become a very obvious favorite of ours and ALL our friends.

One year we tried a few unusual Russian varieties, but they did not fare too well. Seeds from that part of the world need a bit more coolness than we find in our summers. However, the same hemisphere yielded up the Japanese Trifele...can I just say...addicting? Yes...it is that good.

It is not what I call a pretty tomato...it is dark, dark beefy red... and literally looks like a small beef heart. And, quite frankly, I would have to call the taste downright beefy. I have yet to use this one in a dish or salad that did not soar above all previous efforts. Very rich...very good.

This year we are going to try



some new legumes...beans to the uninitiated.

We will be bringing back the ever-popular favorite...the two foot long green bean!

At harvest time, they look like a small forest of green snakes hanging from their bushes...nervy, but cool... and de-lish!

Over our eight years here, our garden has grown like a well-fed kitty...we have plenty of those too, remember. Our first year, it was a small fenced-in area of twenty by thirty feet. Not much yield, but a lot of fun. Each year since, like Topsy, it has grown and grown. It is now up to about fifty by seventy feet, divided up into multiple raised beds and growing areas with fences and trellises. Not such a hobby anymore, it has become a treasure trove for us and our friends.

I would say we probably give away at least half the yield of the garden each year. Friends this winter mentioned in passing the hope of the return of this or that favorite to the garden. We try and please, but at least half our area each year is given over to new things to grown and try.

We garden for the food yes...but also for our own good. Getting your hands in the soil has a greater calming effect than any anti-depressant you care to name. Watching the results of your efforts climb to the sky, struggling to bring you all the goody-goodies...that too can lift any spirit and take it along for the ride.

I believe we garden for our hearts as well as our tummies.

I recommend it highly. Have a great summer!

gthompson@ferrum.edu

The sports editor bids farewell

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

This is my final time writing for the Iron Blade, unless of course

something unexpected occurs and I am writing once again for the venerable Ferrum College newspaper sometime in the future. This article will be much like a HodgePodge as this is the letter

to readers that editors write in their final issue in said position. I will retell my story from beginning at Ferrum to now.

My involvement with the newspaper came by ways of being in the Honors Gateway seminar with Dr. Lana Whited as my advisor and Alyssa Walden as my O-team leader. Both asked our class if any of us were interested in writing for the campus newspaper and few, if any, hands rose. I thought about their question and my dabbling in sports message boards during high school and decided that I would give it a try. Along with writing on those message boards, I read the sports section of the newspaper every day from late elementary school until the present. I showed up at an assignment meeting one day and found out that there were no sports writers, with Amanda Viglietta being the only other person who wrote anything related to sports. My first year, I wrote game summaries and nothing else.

Coming into my sophomore year, I knew that there was an opening for the position of "Sports Editor." No one else wanted the position, so I gave it a try. That year, I came to the realization that writing a game summary and having it publish over a week later was not anything that people wanted to read. The decision was made then that partial season summaries and features would be the primary direction of the newspaper. I had originally started doing a "Panther Profile" (I did not create the name; they were started in the past and discontinued) my freshman year but stopped being writing altogether during that spring due to lack of time (and laziness). As editor I decided that

the Panther Profile would be a regular part of the newspaper and it has been as I (or varied writers) have been able to write them. That same year I also tried to do a small area titled "Panther Scores and Upcoming Events" but the usefulness of this became an issue.

I asked around and most people had no idea what it was. If someone was interested in attending a game that person already knew when and where it was. It was soon discontinued.

This year, I knew that the Panther Profile would still happen and wasn't sure about much else. I knew I would write but filling a page myself got to be overwhelming. A few writers helped me out greatly this year, especially Chris Brown (the tennis player, not the singer) in the fall and Calvin Gunter and Vanessa Torres in the spring. They made my job an editor position instead of a writer/editor. Much thanks goes to those who have written sports as it is a different animal in itself, but is so much fun in the end.

In wanting to add variety this year and give credit to sports that I may not necessarily be a fan of, I made a conscientious effort to write about golf, tennis, lacrosse, etc. At times it seemed that articles for each of those sports would not be long enough so they were included in this, Rodge's HodgePodge, something that has been the most fun for me to write of all I've ever written. The HodgePodge allows me to give random tidbits about anything and everything, and I feel it is interesting for readers who want the quick survey of Ferrum sports. The other big feature I wrote was the State of Ferrum College

see **FAREWELL** page 5

STAFF

Editor-in-Chief

News Editor	Bethany Lackey
Features Editor	Susan King
Sports Editor	Roger L. Keaton III
Photography Editor	
Advisor	Dr. Lana A. Whited
Page Designer	Kristina Stump

Staff Writers, Photographers, and Contributors

Tristen Ashley	Matt Bird	Cara Friende
Calvin Gunter	Ellie Miller	Michael Rich
Chalet Satterthwaite	Amber Stoakley	Caleb Taylor
Vanessa Torres	Olivia Walker	Stephen Washington
John Wells	Tanisha Williams	

Letters Policy and Publication Details:

Address letters to the editor of The Iron Blade through campus mail, or e-mail iblade@ferrum.edu; all letters must include names and phone numbers and are subject to editing for grammar, space, and potentially libelous material. Names may be withheld in special circumstances, subject to the discretion of the editor, but in no case will a letter be printed if the identity of the writer is not known to the editor or advisor.

Opinions expressed in The Iron Blade do not necessarily reflect those of Ferrum College administration, staff, faculty, or students.

The Iron Blade is published every week during the academic year at Ferrum College, Ferrum, Va. It is designed on Apple computers and printed at JS Printing in Birmingham, Ala. Material may be reprinted with the advisor's written permission.

To contact The Iron Blade, call 365-4304 or e-mail iblade@ferrum.edu.

The crest on page one was designed by alumna Sandy Southard ('04) in 2005 and updated and colorized in 2009 by Glenn Thompson.

Features

Ferrum Folks: Roger L. Keaton III



photo courtesy of Roger Keaton

Tristen Ashley
Senior Staff Writer

Senior Roger Keaton has a rule that he lives by: always leave a place better than it was when you found it. After being at Ferrum for three years, Keaton says he feels like he has lived out the rule.

Keaton is the sports editor for the Iron Blade and says that he leaves his mark through the paper. "I feel my biggest impact at Ferrum has been through the Iron Blade and my support for all of Ferrum athletics," he says. "I love writing for the Iron Blade.

Keaton says his favorite part about writing for the Iron Blade is that he gets to pick his topic. "I like sharing my opinions on things and I can choose what I want to write about," he says. "I love 'Roger's HodgePodge' because it allows me to give my opinion about things while covering all of Ferrum's sports."

Keaton says that sports in general are a big part of his life. "It has competition, dedication, and hard work," he says. "Once you're done, you can walk off and shake hands."

Keaton enjoys coaching as well as writing about sports. "I help coach the football team back home," he says. "I want to be able to make an impact on America's youth."

Keaton says that as a person of faith he is concerned about the future. "They allow cursing on television," he says. "Thirty years ago that was unheard of! I worry about raising kids, growing up like this."

As a member of the Instrumental Church of Christ, Keaton thinks that morality is in trouble. "As religious

people, we're getting away from morality," he says. "Instead of offending anyone we let them do whatever they want."

Keaton says that his faith governs his life. "I haven't cursed since high school," he says. "I've never had alcohol in my life. If there is underage drinking going on, I won't be around."

Keaton says he chooses to live his life this way to be an example. "There are enough words in English that curse words aren't needed," he says. "I don't drink because I feel my witnessing would suffer to those who struggle with alcohol addictions."

After going to church camp in the eighth grade, his faith became part of him. "I had a big coming to God moment at church camp and after that it became a big part of my life," he says. "I worked there and went there through high school."

Keaton believes that without his faith, he would be dead. "I battled with depression some," he says. "It feels like you're never going to get out. Things never look better but eternity is a long time. What's a few years versus eternity?"

Keaton graduates in May with a degree in mathematical science, a minor in computer science and many plans for the future. "I'll probably be in business somewhere to provide for my family," he says. "I want to teach eventually though."

Keaton says that children are definitely in his future. "I'll be coaching next year wherever I am," he says. "I want to make the world a better place than it is today."

tashley@ferrum.edu

Student Activities Calendar

Compiled by **Ellie Miller**
Staff Writer

Monday, April 19, 2010

6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.-Agr Club Mtg
Garber 123
6 p.m.-7 p.m. - Bouldering Session
Bouldering Wall, Fitness Centre
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. - The Church: Last Lecture,
Vaughn Chapel
9 p.m.-10 p.m. - PEM Club Meeting
Trophy Room, Swartz Gym
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.-Orientation Team
Interest Meeting, Panthers Den

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Reception for Senior
Art Exhibit: W. Shane Boyd, Cameron
Piper, Stephanie Perdue, E. Taylor Greer
Art Gallery, Stanley Library
5 p.m.-8 p.m. - SGA Leadership Awards
Banquet, Blue Ridge Mountain Room
9:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Improv Club Show, Panthers Den

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

9 a.m.-10 p.m. - Senior Student Art
Exhibit: W. Shane Boyd, Cameron Piper,
Stephanie Perdue E. Taylor Greer Art
Gallery
4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
SGA Appropriations Hearings

Founders' Room

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Colleges Against Cancer/Relay For Life
Meetings, Beckham 103
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Night Hike, Panthers Den
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Pathways to
Leadership Workshop - Panthers Den
7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. - Dance Recital
Sale Theatre, Schoolfield Hall
9:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. - Orientation Team
Interest Meeting, Panthers Den

Thursday, April 22, 2010

12p.m-2 p.m.-Earth Day Webcast and
Discussion, Panthers Den
4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. - SGA Appropriations
Hearings Founders' Room

Friday, April 23, 2010

4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. - SGA Appropriations
Hearings, Founders' Room

Sunday, April 25, 2010

8 a.m.-5 .m. - Canoeing Trip
Depart from Franklin Hall Parking Lot
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Teacher Education Senior Presentations,
Grousbeck 101

emiller@ferrum.edu

FAREWELL from page 4

Athletics. This is something that I hope will be continued in the future as it has received the third most positive feedback of anything I've written, behind the HodgePodge and individual Panther Profiles.

As my time here comes to an end, I would like to thank a few people. First, Lana Whited for giving me this opportunity and keeping the newspaper alive during a difficult time where it seemed we had no editors at all. Second, I would like to thank Kristina Stump, our page designer, who works insane hours because the sports editor likes to take his sweet time in getting articles in to her. Third, Gary Holden and the SID office deserve great thanks for allowing their game summaries and photos to be included in our newspaper. A number of times so great I don't want to admit I have gotten lazy and not wanted to write the article I assigned myself so the press release was included instead. Also, photos from this office filled much of the space during weeks that I didn't have enough text to fill the

page. Finally I would like to wish all the sports teams at Ferrum College good luck in their respective futures. For all the little people who I forgot to mention, please do not hold that against me (no, I am not talking about you Bob Dill or Jasmine Parker).

rkeaton@ferrum.edu



© Mark Parisi, Permission required for use.

Movie Reviews

Comedy and action, Carell and Fey make "Date Night" worth a try



Michael Rich
Senior Staff Writer

My expectations were high when I first went into "Date Night." Lately, comedies haven't been all that funny. I still can't get the sour taste of "The Bounty Hunter" out of my mouth. "Date Night" thankfully has the two best comedic acts of this decade with Steve Carell and Tina Fey, but imagine my surprise when I started watching the film.

Phil and Claire Foster (Steve Carell and Tina Fey) are a married couple who have lost their spark. What is considered a spark for them is the occasional date night, considering they both have jobs and they have two kids. In order to get out of the boring usual date night, Phil takes Claire to a new Manhattan restaurant where you need a reservation a month in advance. In taking a chance, they decide to take someone else's spot.

The couple's reservation that they chose to take is the Tripplehornes, who apparently had a good idea when they chose not to show up. Phil and Claire eventually find themselves being intimidated by a couple of corrupt cops Armstrong (Jimmi Simpson) and

Collins (Common). Phil and Claire eventually learn that the Tripplehornes have information that leads to a corrupt District Attorney Frank Crenshaw (William Fichtner) and a New York City mob boss (Ray Liotta). Helping them along the way is a guy named Holbrooke (Mark Wahlberg) who has a real estate history with Claire.

What works in "Date Night" is that Steve Carell and Tina Fey are a much more believable couple than Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler, which sets up some interesting conversations about married suburban life. However, I really do question why this movie had to turn into an action comedy. While I admit that the action here is better than that in "The Bounty Hunter," it truly feels pointless at times.

Director Shawn Levy when making this film was probably wondering all throughout if he was making a bad sitcom style film. While the result is a resounding no, I have to say that Carell and Fey manage to lift this material into something that is actually worth watching.

mrich@ferrum.edu

"Why Did I Get Married Too?" is classic, predictable Tyler Perry

Calvin Gunter
Staff Writer

Playwright-actor Tyler Perry's 2007 film adaptation of his play, "Why Did I Get Married," was a success, with an inside look at four couples and the ups and downs of their marriages. These four couples return in the newly released sequel, "Why Did I Get Married Too?" which is a sequel with a bit of both predictability and twists in the plot.

Singer Janet Jackson and Malik Yoba ("Cool Runnings") return as Patricia and Gavin. Patricia and Gavin are often viewed as the "perfect couple" among their friends, often suggesting ways to strengthen and sometimes repair marriages to their friends.

Terry (Perry) and Dianne (Sharon Leal) are another couple in the circle of eight. In the first film, Dianne, a workaholic corporate woman, was so busy to a point where she was working while on the couples' retreat! Poor, lonely, and sex-deprived Terry got so fed up with it until he almost left Dianne. Now, it seems that Dianne has finally got her priorities in order, putting family first.

Mike (Richard T. Jones) and Sheila (singer Jill Scott) was another key couple in "Why Did I Get Married?" with their relationship as an important element in the sequel.

In "Why Did I Get Married?" Mike cheated on Sheila with her best friend, Trina, due to his disgust in Sheila's weight. At the end of the first film, Mike complains to his friends about

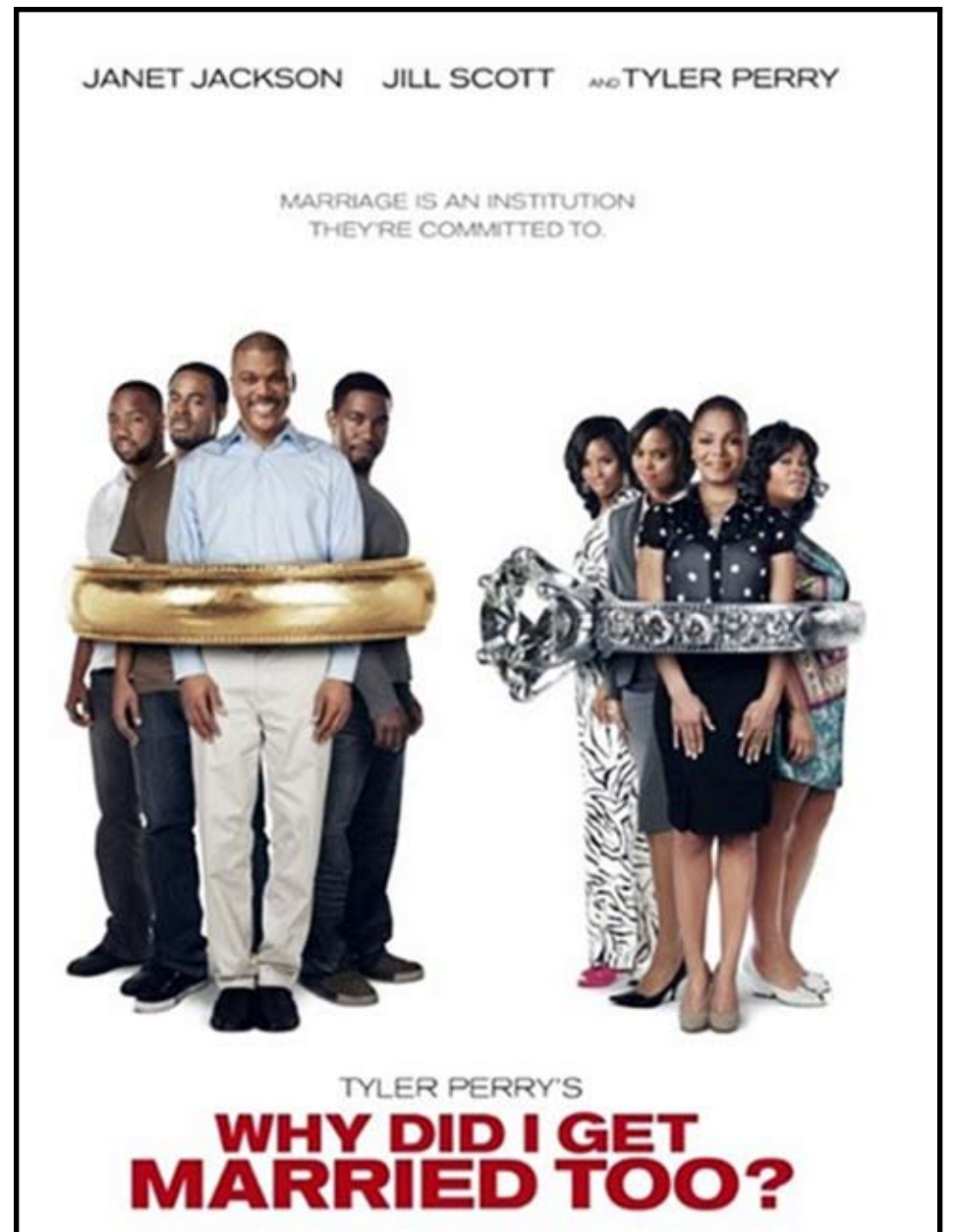
how Trina is a lousy wife, realizing his mistake of dropping Sheila. Once he sees that Sheila has moved on from the pain of losing him, he only feels worse.

Moviegoers couldn't even forget about Angela (Tasha Smith) and Marcus (Michael Jai White), the hilariously dysfunctional couple throughout the film franchise. These two spent a good portion of the first film in many arguments, pitting Angela's sass against Marcus's ability to ignore her.

This sequel has these characters, including Sheila's new husband, Troy (Lamman Rucker), relaxing and enjoying the island life on vacation, but the plot of the story is shook up by the unexpected return of Mike and his strong-willed determination to win Sheila back at any cost. In the first film, he was mainly the cause of all the drama by airing out all the other couple's dirty laundry after Angela put him on blast about his affair with Trina. Again, he puts every couple through it a little, with the characters re-evaluating what's important in their own marriages.

Personally, I enjoyed this movie. Perry offers a good look at life through his plays and films, incorporating God as a big healer and faith as one of the key elements to live life and enjoy it. My only problem with the film was the repetition of the obvious lesson that anything worth having in life is worth fighting for.

Though the moral of the story is a bit overrun, Perry continues to express to all couples in relationships and marriages that it's not an easy



road to travel, but traveling down that bumpy road together makes everything

worthwhile.

cgunter@ferrum.edu

Sports



Spring sports regular seasons end: records fall, rookies make impact, coaches excited about future

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

This spring got off to a slow start with the weather affecting every team's practice and game schedules. A couple of records were set and some freshmen made some big impacts. On the diamond the baseball team got off to a hot start but faltered late and ended up with the dreaded fifth seed in the tournament. The softball team set the school record for consecutive wins and entered its final day of conference play with the ability to win the regular season; two losses later the team accepted the fourth seed.

The women's lacrosse team added eight wins to last season's total and achieved a 4-3 mark in conference play after going winless the previous season. The team qualified for the tournament as the fourth seed by doing so and will face top seed CNU in the first round. There was a clear pecking order in men's tennis as each team lost to the team above it in the final standings and beat the team below it; the Ferrum men finished sixth. The women's tennis team was affected more by freshmen than perhaps any other team as four of the top six players were rookies. This team showed its youth and inexperience and

had difficulty winning this season.

Among the record setters was DJ Phillips, senior centerfielder on the baseball team. He finished a game against Emory & Henry with six hits, eclipsing the previous record of five. Hannah Shumaker set a softball record against the hapless Squirrels of Mary Baldwin College, hitting three triples in a single game, breaking the old record of two accomplished most recently by current coach Lauren Rizzo in March of 2008. Little, taller sister Rachel tied a couple of records this season, including runs scored in a game and single game hits, both coming against Guilford College.

Younger Shumaker also has a very good chance at breaking the single season record for hits, even though she missed four games. Whitney Womack did not break or tie a record but came awfully close, getting six rbi's in a game against Averett University. Womack, a freshman like Rachel Shumaker, tied the single game record for home runs during that six rbi game, by ways of swatting two long balls. During the season Megan Barger had a ten game hit streak and an eight game rbi streak, the former falling short of Rizzo's 16-game streak

see **SPORTS** page 8

Spring semester intramurals come to a close

Calvin Gunter
Staff Writer

As the school year comes to an end, students will have great memories of first, last, or somewhere in-between years at Ferrum College. Much of the fun from this year came from Ferrum Intramurals.

5-on-5 basketball was dominated by a team of former Ferrum men's basketball players. Volleyball was swept by a team headed by Sam Catron.

Softball had a very big turnout.

Many students would gather in front of Bassett Field to watch their friends, classmates, and hall mates play friendly, yet sometimes intense, games. "The OXE team won the intramural softball championship, but it was a good season (regardless of outcome)," Chris Rill, Director of Intramurals, said.

Rill was unaware of the winner of the intramural bowling program. "I'm still waiting for the papers on that program determining the winner," Rill said. The bowling program consisted of ten four-men teams and was held at

the Rocky Mount Family Fun Center.

Rill hasn't commented on the progress of both intramural soccer and tennis at press time. Intramural soccer would be a good opportunity for Ferrum soccer players to get some practice outside of the field and for interested students who plan to try out for soccer next year. The same principle applies to intramural tennis as well.

For the remainder of the semester, Rill has also planned a student-faculty basketball game and a dodge ball tournament for Spring Fling weekend.

Rill also hopes that the freshman class of 2014 will hop on the intramural train at a quick pace as well. "Freshmen usually adapt quick to the intramurals and sometimes win it all. Last year, freshmen came in and just swept the competition clean," Rill said. "I don't really expect anything any different from what we have been getting, which is a strong freshman base."

cgunter@ferrum.edu

Health and Human Performance: Total fitness takes more than a gymnasium

John Schlueter, Blake Hendrix
and **Jon Morris**
Special to the Iron Blade

Are you interested in helping people, an active/hands on career, or becoming a coach, physical educator, personal trainer, fitness/strength and conditioning coordinator, athletic trainer, physical/occupational therapist, cardiac rehabilitation specialist, exercise physiologist, or take on a closely related field?

Ferrum College is proud to present the Health and Human Performance

major and the highly sought after coaching minor. The HHP program is looking for prospective students who want to help their communities by displaying the strength to educate, rehabilitate, and improve the quality of life in others.

In completion of this program, students will know the concepts of fitness, demonstrate a variety of safe techniques, design and implement fitness programs for diverse populations in order to produce desired effects, translate knowledge into practical application in

professional settings, and demonstrate a physically active lifestyle. Students will learn to exceed expectations of being a positive role model for others.

Areas of emphasis of the HHP program

Physical and Health Education (Teaching Pre K-12): For those interested in teaching health and physical education at the elementary and secondary levels.

Exercise and Sports Studies
Emphasis: An emphasis in exercise-

based preventive, technical education, and rehabilitative services, providing education in the development of exercise programs for diverse populations ranging from healthy individuals to individuals with cardiovascular disease.

Health Promotion Emphasis: An emphasis in planning and coordinating programs for community groups, constructing school curriculum, and informing and involving other health professionals in community health issues.

see **HHP** page 8

**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
SPRING SEMESTER 2009-2010**

Exam Date	Time of Class	Day	Time of Exam
Monday April 26	8:00-8:55	MWF	8:00-10:00
	9:05-10:00	MWF	10:30-12:30
	9:30-10:50	TR	14:00-16:00
	6:45-9:30	M	18:45-20:45
Tuesday April 27	8:00-9:20	TR	8:00-10:00
	10:10-11:05	MWF	10:30-12:30
	11:00-12:20	TR	14:00-16:00
	6:45-9:30	T	18:45-20:45
Wednesday April 28	11:15-12:10	MWF	8:00-10:00
	2:00-3:20	TR	10:30-12:30
	1:25-2:20	MWF	14:00-16:00
	6:45-9:30	W	18:45-20:45
Thursday April 29	12:30-1:50	TR	8:00-10:00
	12:20-1:15	MWF	10:30-12:30
	2:30-3:50	MW	14:00-16:00
	6:45-9:30	R	18:45-20:45

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

SPORTS from page 7

during her freshman campaign in 2006 (among others) and the latter being the longest in easily researched history. A third freshman for the softball team whose impact cannot be forgotten is Kaitlyn Culler, a winner of a couple USA South Freshman Pitcher of the Week awards while batting fifth in the lineup.

The women's lacrosse record book has been rewritten this season, with freshman Brooke Hewartson and junior Cara Jacobs doing the damage. Hewartson has taken almost every offensive record for a single game and a season including goals, points, shots, and draw contests. The only offensive record that she does not own is the assists record, which Jacobs holds for both a game and season. Jacobs also holds the single game ground ball record. Goalkeeper Velena Taylor has taken the goals against average record this season also.

teams improving coaches are optimistic about next season. Many underclassmen have led teams to victory this spring. Players of note (started at least 20 games for fielders, at least nine appearances pitching) who are finishing up their eligibility include Jason Butterworth and pitchers Trey Finch, Brian Mays, and Jon Wilson from the baseball team, and Jasmine Parker from the softball team. The men's tennis team will lose #3 Bob Dill, #6 Jay Dotson, and #1 doubles partner Daniel Grubb. The women's tennis team expects to retain its whole roster for next year. The golf team loses its lone senior, Travis Fields. Finally, women's lacrosse loses key contributors (start at least 1/2 of the team's games) AnnMichelle Bolt, Jen Phan, and Sonja Ulvedal. Good luck to all of these seniors and to all others who may not have been mentioned.

With records falling and

rkeaton@ferrum.edu



HHP from page 7

Students will learn how to develop campaigns with the use of marketing resources.

parents, and schools.

For further information or interests in the HHP, visit our facebook group! Search: Health and Human Performance Ferrum College.

Minors (With Any Major)

Coaching: A focus in the instruction, training, goal setting, influencing, and performance of individuals or teams. Students will learn to work with players,

jschlueter@ferrum.edu
bhendrix@ferrum.edu
jmorris@ferrum.edu

Your next and last chance to attend the Improv Club's performance by the Black Masks this semester is



**Tuesday, April 20
9:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Panther's Den**



EXHIBIT from page 1

Cameron Piper (pictured below) presented his senior thesis on his art exhibition which was composed of hand drawn planet cityscapes that focused on multiple perspectives and shadowing. Much of Piper's work is based on sci-fi, space, and horror movies. Currently, his senior exhibition is untitled, and will be displayed April 20 in Stanley Library.

Piper feels that his work portrays an outcast, alienated look and feel in a busy urban environment. Cameron became interested in art because of his parents, and because it basically runs in his family. After graduation, Cameron

plans to go into the field of Graphic Design.

Shane Boyd's (pictured on right) senior thesis was on his work with black and white photography. He titled his senior thesis "Tones of Home." Boyd's work was created in and around Franklin County, and includes people and places that resonate with him. He hopes that his work will give each viewer a nostalgic feel when they look at his work.

Art has always been something that Boyd was strongly interested in, and he says this interest developed over time.

As an Art and Environmental



photos by Stephen Washington



Science major, Boyd does not plan on doing professional artwork in the future. "I will always be out in nature, and

that's what my photography is based on," says Boyd.

swashington@ferrum.edu