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Bonners to sponsor blood drive/Help for Haiti

Amber Stoakley
Staff Writer

The Bonner Program is sponsoring another up-and-coming blood drive. Come out and support them. In addition to the blood drive is the "Help for Haiti" effort. The Blood Drive/Help for Haiti Effort will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 6 pm at Ferrum College. This effort is to support those involved in the tragic earthquake in Haiti.

This event will include door prizes. Kate Hersey, the director for the Bonner Program, said that the partici-

pants will be given raffle tickets and two winners will be randomly selected after each drive. The door prizes include a blood donor shirt, a hat, an umbrella, and a coffee mug. "It's just a little way we try to show appreciation for our donors. Winners are notified via email and they pick up their prize in the Bonner office," Hersey said.

The numbers for this blood drive are expected to meet about 60 donors that will be able to donate their blood. Volunteer donors are expected to reach 300 to 500 participants. Another

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Ewabo to bring a bit of the tropics to Ferrum



Ellie Miller
Staff Writer

"One Love" is the motto of the Caribbean Trio entitled "Ewabo," who are performing here at Ferrum College on Feb. 3. Ewabo is a Caribbean Steel Orchestra with many influences;

photo courtesy of Ewabo

American Pop, Reggae, and Calypso to name a few. Ewabo consists of three members among frequent guest appearances from various other artists.

Timmy is on the percussions and lead vocals, Roger on the pan (steel drums as it is known in its native lands), and also Frankie, who is the

Haiti disaster relief effort becomes yet another focus of The Lighthouse

John Wells
Staff Writer

After hearing the American Red Cross officially announce that the Haiti earthquake had claimed near 50,000 lives, Ferrum College's chaplain, Wes Astin, immediately contacted the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Headquarters and asked what their immediate needs were. He was told they needed financial assistance and health kits.

Monday Night Worship will be accepting offerings for Haiti relief. There are several organizations on campus that have already talked to Astin about doing special programs and events to raise funds for cause. Some of the on-campus organizations that have already started donating money are the fraternities SAK and MEX. Also, OXE is donating health kits. There are no time restraints on when funds should come in, and donations will be accepted all semester. Astin has helped raise \$500 and has been given 49 health kits which he sent out last week. He will continue to send funds as they come in, and hopes that this will be an ongoing endeavor throughout the semester.

Astin was also personally affected by the Haiti disaster. A member of his church and student at Virginia Tech was on a missions trip with the

Blacksburg United Methodist Church in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. She is now home safe. However, the head of UMCOR, the Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon, was killed when the Hotel Montana where he was staying collapsed. Also, the head of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC, The Rev. Clinton Rabb died in a Florida hospital from injuries sustained after being trapped for 55 hours in Hotel Montana. Both of Astin's dear friends were in Haiti working to send more United Methodist aid and volunteers to help the country in the future.

Astin has also been very busy with efforts to move into the new Christian Ministries house, also known as The Lighthouse. Astin and the work-study students are still getting settled in and are not quite ready to return to their normal seven-days-a-week operation. He hopes to be there by Feb. 1. The new location no longer has the big screen TV that students experienced at the previous location. But, they now have two large flat screen TVs in the house. Students will be able to play ping-pong, shoot pool, study, or lounge at the new location.

The Lighthouse is located at 622 Ferrum Mountain Road, in the brick

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band leader as well as keyboards and backup vocals. Together they form Ewabo, a band that intends to bring the rich cultural and ear pleasing sound that originated in places like Trinidad, Tobago, the Virgin Islands and St. Martin.

Ewabo has performed at multiple renowned locations, such as Former

President Clinton's Inaugural Ball in Arkansas, and multiple parades such as the Cherry Blossom Parade and the D.C. Caribbean Carnival Parade.

You can find Ewabo performing in the Panther's Den at 8 pm on the evening of Feb. 3. We hope to see you there!

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Not always the "last" lecture for series speakers

Susan King
Features Editor

"Why not give our faculty and staff the opportunity to step out of the classroom or their normal work environment and share their faith message with the campus community?" asks Wes Astin, dean of the chapel and religious life. Astin was the mastermind behind the Last Lecture Series, which began in September of 2009.

The "Last Lecture" concept is derived from a September 2007 lecture by Carnegie-Mellon computer science professor Randy Pausch. Pausch showed his audience of about 400 people images from CT scans charting the development of pancreatic cancer and spoke on the subject "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams". Pausch published a book based on the same theme and died in July 2008. His "Last Lecture" has become a widely imitated phenomenon (without, thankfully, the terminal illness).

The idea for the campus series was to give Ferrum faculty and staff an opportunity to give a message that included what each speaker believed the students would need to hear if it was the speaker's last opportunity to lecture. Astin sent out an e-mail in summer 2009 for volunteers, and that is where the program began.

Accounting Professor Jason Sharp said, "The minute that I read the email I knew that this was something I really



Wes Astin initiated Last Lecture Series on campus.

photo courtesy of Chaplain's web page

wanted to be a part of and I think I probably was the first one to respond to Wes saying that I would participate." Sharp was only one of seven people who volunteered for the series.

Michael Ferguson, a Ferrum alumnus and assistant director of dining services, was the first speaker on September 28, 2009. "The sole purpose of my lecture was to bring awareness of the simple things of daily living that we tend to forget," Ferguson said. Ferguson said he feels that Ferrum students should have more of an understanding of common sense issues for making decisions and should be willing to trust each other and reach out with love.

The second speaker was Ferrum President Jennifer Braaten, on October 26. Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Susan Mead spoke on November 16.

Dr. Helen Prien, assistant professor of theatre arts, was the most recent speaker on January 25, 2010. From the time she volunteered in July 2009, Prien said she was preparing for her "juicy role." Her main reasons for volunteering included her being a performer, and she believed it was a "great way to focus on self-reflection" and start off the new year.

The next "Last Lecture" speaker, on February 22, will be Dr. Jason Powell, associate professor of chemistry and physics. His lecture will be tied into an essay that he wrote in 1986, predicting what his life would be like in 2010. Powell won first place in the 4th-6th grades division of an essay contest for the essay, in which he predicted that he would be working to solve the problem of air pollution. Unfortunately, Powell says, he has not seen the impact he hoped for as a boy. "I hope more students will catch on and come out to hear a more personal side of the people who work so hard to enhance their educational experience," Powell said.

Sharp will be speaking on March 15. His lecture will include stories of the good and bad things that have led him to this point in his life, experiences that he hopes students can relate

to. These stories include times when Sharp hit "rock bottom" and how he came to be a professor at such a young age, which he says people can't believe. He believes that his past has only demonstrated that anything is possible and it has led him to the great things in his life right now.

The final speaker will be Mathematics Instructor Jobriath Kauffman on April 19. However, Kauffman is assuring his students that math will not be the main focus of his lecture. Kauffman said, "I believe that there is a lot more that we can understand about the world by listening to our stories rather than by trying to make them fit some mathematical equation."

With so much to learn about Ferrum's faculty and staff, it is surprising that attendance has not been higher at these lectures so far. However, all of the speakers say they are looking forward to reaching out to the Ferrum community and sharing their message with those that they care about. Not only should this be a chance for the community to learn a little bit about themselves and the speakers, but it may also serve as a challenge to accept and respect the different beliefs of the people who come in contact with each other every day.

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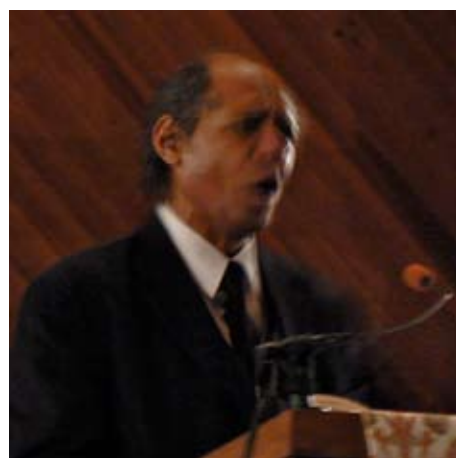
Biggest Loser competition is underway



The Biggest Loser Competition kick-off was held Tuesday, January 19th in the Panther's Den. All participants in the Biggest Loser event are measured and weighed at the beginning of the competition.

photo by Chalet Satterthwaite

Martin Luther King is remembered



Actor and historian Joseph Bundy was the guest speaker at Ferrum's tribute to civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., held Monday, January 18, in Vaughn Chapel.

photo by Chalet Satterthwaite

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goal of the special event is to collect 200 health kits to aid those in need in Haiti.

Hersey said, "We try to recruit about 15-20 volunteers to work each event." Everyone is encouraged to come out and volunteer. For more information or to make an appointment you can log on to RedCrossBlood.org. Anyone interested may also contact

Kate Hersey at 540-365-4284, or by email at khersey@ferrum.edu. More information can also be found by logging on to Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/event.php?eid=259500757033&ref=mf> for more information on the event.

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house directly behind the football stadium and across from Bassett Hall. Once they are open full-time, their hours will be Monday nights, opening directly after Monday Night Worship Service, then Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6-11

pm, and Friday and Saturday nights from 7 pm until midnight. Students are welcomed and encouraged to come up and relax with friends in this alcohol and drug-free environment.

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Ferrum Forum

compiled by John Wells

What would be your ideal Super Bowl XLIV match up?



Ben Barker

Vikings vs Jets



Brandon Nichols

Vikings vs Jets



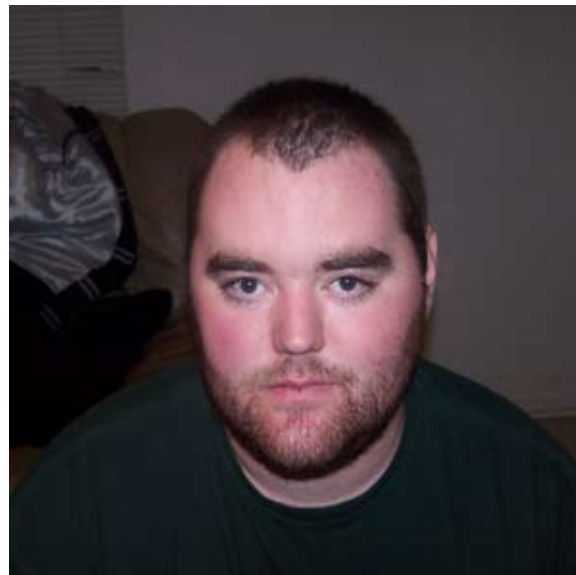
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Vikings vs Colts



Jared Stark

Vikings vs Jets



Joey Simpson

Vikings vs Jets



Moe Goode

Vikings vs Jets



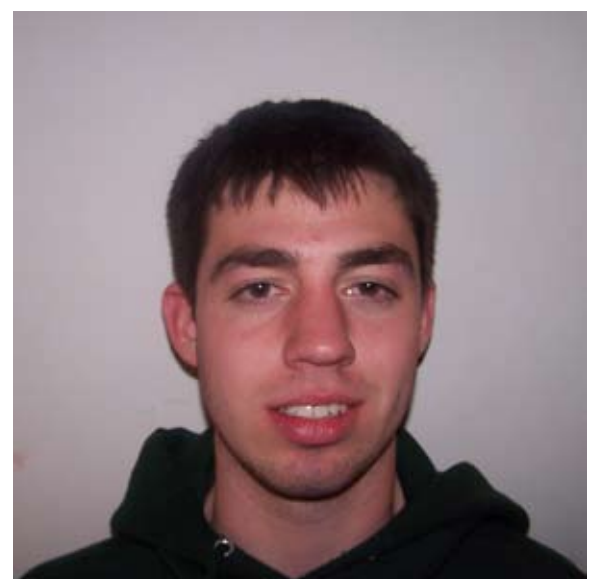
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Saints vs Colts



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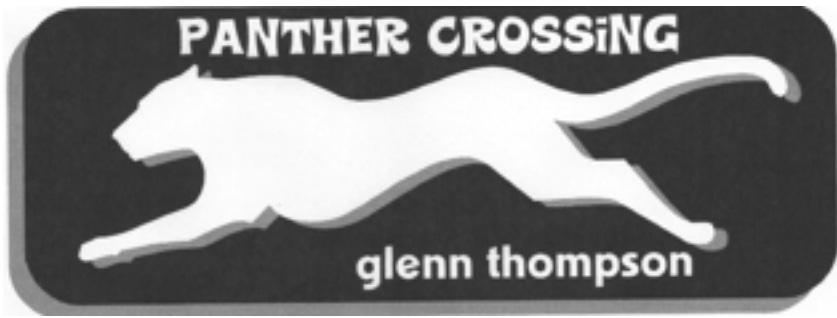
Vikings vs Colts



Ronnie Cross

Vikings vs Jets

Opinion/Editorial



by Glenn Thompson
Special to the Iron Blade

This will be a three-parter, delving once again into my history of occupations. People always seem curious about my bruising stint (all puns intended, believe me) as a movie stunt man.

It was back in the Olden Days... you know...the 1980s.

I was between permanent positions, doing some theatrical work and teaching acting in Northern Virginia, trying to convert my photographic genius into a viable and successful career. A friend called and told me of a recruiting effort for a film to be shot locally. They wanted people with stage fighting skills (a specialty of mine); martial arts skills a plus (I had eleven years in various styles and seven years in the Army).

I was easily hired, and they were even pleased with my shoulder-length hair, as it fitted the colonial period of the movie, which incidentally was a mini-series about George Washington.

Over the course of the next few months, I would be beaten, bitten, battered, and blown up numerous times. I would die no less than a dozen times and fight in two wars. I really loved it.

But, I am getting a bit ahead of myself here. There is a lot of background.

As promised though, I will include photos and drop names...and I'll start with the traditional photo of the young French officer in the uniform of the French and Indian War. Handsome



Lights! Camera! Action! Take One ...

rogue, don't you think? There weren't that many of us who could handle a sword, so when they wanted the clash of steel, we had a workout or three.



Our first bout of warfare was meant to recreate the circumstances of battle and the ultimate surrender (by then Colonel George Washington) of a small British bastion known as Fort Necessity, near what is now Farmington, Pa. The fort was located in a large clearing area known locally as the Great Meadow.



Our Fort Necessity was constructed, more or less, in a very remote area of Fort Belvoir, in Northern Virginia. We were to spend a great deal of time on Fort Belvoir in the course of the next month; some painful... some downright injurious.



Tune in, same place, next issue...where I meet get to meet *Captain Nemo!* I also meet *Brad*, who is very tall and very nice...but does not want to *Timewalk* again! And last...but by no means least...a *Charlie's Angel*...

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Features

Ferrum Folks: Kaye Adams

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Though sustainability is a current theme at Ferrum this year, Kaye Adams, a Reference Desk Assistant in Stanley Library, has been practicing sustainability for many years. Adams and her husband work their own organic farm named "Malu Aima," meaning peaceful land.

Adams moved here from Honolulu, Hawaii, about 20 years ago and has been farming since then. Adams' farm uses no pesticides and no poisons that would harm humans or animals.

"It's better for you, not ingesting insecticides," she says. "We grow enough to eat and try to sell at different farmer's markets every year."

Though they use no insecticides or poisons, Adam's farm is not without pests. They also raise 27 free-range chickens to eat the bugs and lay eggs, which the Adamses sell. Adams says using organic substances like soaps and flower mixtures help to keep bugs and small animals at bay. The Adamses have also built high fences to deter the deer.

In addition to growing her own food, Adams likes to buy locally grown food like milk and butter. "We eat locally and we buy locally because it's better for the local economy," she says. "If we can't get milk from our neighbor, then we buy from Homestead Creamery."

Not only is the organic food Adams grows better for her and her family, it's also more economical. "I don't spend as much at the grocery store," she says. "We eat things when they are ripe, and we freeze or can the

surplus. My grocery bill is reduced by about 90 percent."

Adams says she enjoys working outside. "I think I'm healthier mentally and physically," she says. "You get not only the benefits of the sun and fresh air, but it's nice to let your mind meditate."

Adams says she enjoys being in nature and capturing the moments on film. She says she "dabbles" in photography, taking pictures and selling them as cards. "I want to see a big buck when I have my camera," she says. "I see all these beautiful things in nature sometimes, but I never have my camera."

"I tried taking the camera and the dogs out when it snowed," she says. "I kept falling down," she laughs.

Adams also takes classes here at Ferrum. She usually takes one to two classes per semester in addition to working in the library.

Adams says she prefers taking classes at Ferrum to taking classes at other colleges. "The instructors here are more helpful and willing to work with you," she says.

Adams is majoring in Spanish and is taking a piano class off campus. "I should be about 73 when I graduate," she laughs.

Adams already speaks several languages including Japanese, French, and Hebrew, among others. She says that she's picked up some of the languages from traveling. "I love traveling and seeing new places," she says. "I like experiencing new cultures and new people."

Adams has worked in the library for about nine years now and she says she has enjoyed seeing the growth of the students and faculty in that time. "I walk outside at the beginning



Kaye is pictured with her cat, Lilly.

photo courtesy of Kaye Adams

of each semester and see all the new faces," she says. "Each year is different."

Adams says it is the incoming freshmen that change the tone each year. "Every fall I'm excited to see a group of freshmen. They all seem to have a collective personality," she says. "They set how the year is going to go, whether it's wonderful, awful, studious, or not. And it effects how we do our job."

Adams says she enjoys helping students with various research topics. "The different angles that each student looks at are interesting, whether it is about science or the Civil War," she says. "All of it is intriguing. Education is ongoing."

For Adams, her ongoing education tends to be in the form of classes or

reading literature on sustainability and organic living. "It (organic living) seems to be a fad right now and fads end, but I think the farmers will continue to grow and stay with it," she says. "It's sad that the price of organic food keeps people from enjoying it."

Adams says that one of her favorite books by Barbara Kingsolver, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, puts organic living in perspective for her. Kingsolver writes, "If every U.S. citizen ate just one meal a week (any meal) composed of locally and organically raised meats and produce, we would reduce our country's oil consumption by over 1.1 million barrels of oil every week. That's not gallons, but barrels."

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Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Jordan Edelin

Monday February 1, 2010

6 p.m. – Agriculture Club Meeting – Garber 123
7 p.m. – THE CHURCH
Vaughn Chapel
9 p.m. – PEM Club Meeting
Trophy Room, Swartz Gym

Tuesday February 2, 2010

Groundhog Day

Wednesday February 3, 2010

12 p.m. – Blood Drive
Fitness Center Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. – College Against Cancer/
Relay for Life Meeting
Beckham 103
8 p.m. – Caribbean Steal Band:
EWABO – Panther's Den

Thursday February 4, 2010

3:30 p.m. – Big Buddy Little Buddy
Middle School Valentine's
Day – Fitness Center
3:45 p.m. – Student Teacher Seminar
Beckham 101
8 p.m. – Recharging Thursday
Night Bible Study
Roberts Hall Conf. Room

Friday February 5, 2010

Assessment Day

Saturday February 6, 2010

10 a.m. – Barnes and Noble Book
Fair
Barnes and Noble, Valley
View Mall

Sunday February 7, 2010

9 a.m. – Caving Trip, depart from
lower Franklin Parking Lot
11 a.m. – Superbowl XLIV Party
Panther's Den

Chrysalis Magazine is seeking art submissions for publications

Jeffrey Myers
Chrysalis Staff

We, the Chrysalis crew, are looking for the best material we can get our hands on for our yearly magazine. Send a copy of your best visual artworks before Feb 26, and you'll most likely see it in the magazine.

Two-dimensional: Drawings, paintings, or anything of the nature should either be scanned, copied or have a workable digital pic (meaning that it fills the whole picture or at least most...try to take the picture without the flash first but if it isn't bright enough, then use the flash...try to keep as much reflection from the flash out of the picture as possible).

Three-dimensional: Sculptures and

other artworks of the nature should be copied by taking a picture (be sure the picture is that of quality...the best way to get a good picture is to take it outside on a sunny day or shine an unnatural source of light on it...do not use the flash on the camera please...the light from a bright lamp should be enough).

For all: Include your full name and/or alias, title if any, and date of completion if possible. You may e-mail them to nspencer@ferrum.edu or crsmith@ferrum.edu, or turn them in to Bassett 102. We really want to fill up this section with plenty of art and there is plenty of room so submit, submit, submit.

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Movie Reviews

“Extraordinary Measures” not at all an extraordinary film



Michael Rich
Senior Staff Writer

Walking into “Extraordinary Measures,” I felt that I was walking into a disease story-of-the-week movie. When the film was over, I felt the same way walking out.

Watching the movie, I could easily feel that I knew exactly what was going to happen at certain points. You get more interesting episodes on the show “House” than in this movie. It doesn’t help matters that it was “inspired” by a true story. What is wrong with just saying this is a true story?

John (Brendan Fraser) and Aileen Crowley (Keri Russell) are parents of two kids, 8- year-old Megan (Meredith Droege) and 6- year-old Patrick (Diego Velazquez). Megan and Patrick suffer from Pompe disease, a form of muscular dystrophy. No child with the disease apparently lives past the age of 9. Not wanting to sit back and watch his kids die, John enlists the help of Dr. Robert Stonehill (Harrison Ford).

Throughout the film, Stonehill and Crowley know right from the beginning that the problem with finding a cure happens to be money. They set up a lab, which requires money. Of course, there wouldn’t be a story if they didn’t get the money. Then the next battle has to be the evil

corporate people who believe in the profit, not the patient.

Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser are two great actors that don’t really need to be in the film. For the sake of argument, Ford could have easily made a better C.E.O. villain than as Dr. Stonehill. It is nice to see Fraser not mugging at the camera for once, but there is not one convincing moment in this movie to believe the things that he could do to save his kids. Keri Russell looks truly bored.

Last year “My Sister’s Keeper,” which I truly hated, dealt with a girl with a fatal disease. With that one, I at least felt (and I mean at least) as if I knew what the girl and her family were going through. Director Tom Vaughan, whose resume includes “Starter for Ten” and “What Happens in Vegas,” wants this to be more than a middle of the road medical movie. Sadly, to that end, he falls way short.

The problem with “Extraordinary Measures” is that we already know the outcome. It is also based on the book called “The Cure,” a title which seems to be all too obvious. There is no suspense. As I said earlier, this is another disease movie-of-the-week film that would quite frankly be better suited for the Hallmark Channel or even Lifetime than for the big screen.

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Coming soon to theaters near you! Late Winter/Spring Film Guide

Michael Rich
Senior Staff Writer

February

- “Dear John” - Adaptation of the Nicholas Sparks bestselling book.
- “Frozen” - Several skiers are stranded on a mountain after closing hours. (Limited Release)
- “Red Riding Trilogy” - Three fictionalized films about actual accounts of serial murders (Limited Release)
- “The Wolfman” - Remake of the classic, with Benicio Del Toro



“Shutter Island” - Leonardo DiCaprio is a federal marshal stranded on an island that holds mental patients.

“The Crazies”- Remake of the George Romero classic about a virus that infects a small town.



March

- “Alice in Wonderland” - Tim Burton’s take on the classic tale. Johnny Depp will be the Mad Hatter.
- “Brooklyn’s Finest” - A foray into the minds of street cops in Brooklyn.
- “She’s Out of My League” - A nerd falls in love with a cute girl, much to the surprise of both sets of friends.
- “The Bounty Hunter”- A guy must take his ex-girlfriend to court. Hilarity promptly ensues.
- “Season of the Witch” - Nicholas Cage is a knight templar who has to escort an assumed witch to trial.

- “Clash of the Titans”- Remake of the classic film about warring gods
- “I Love You, Phillip Morris” - Jim Carrey (right) is a gay prisoner who escapes prison to be with his partner (Ewan McGregor, left).



April

- “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” - Adaptation of the children’s book.
- “Tyler Perry’s Why Did I Get Married 2”- Sequel to the 2007 hit about four married couples.
- “Date Night” - Steve Carrell and Tina Fey are a married couple whose date night goes horribly wrong.
- “The Back Up Plan” - Jennifer Lopez plays a woman who uses artificial insemination to get pregnant, then promptly meets a cute guy.

- “Death at a Funeral” - Remake of a British film about hilarity at a funeral.
- “Kick Ass” - A kid attempts to become an actual superhero, unknowingly becoming a hero to other people wanting to become superheroes.
- “MacGruber” - The SNL character gets a feature length film.
- “Oceans” - Disney/Nature films brings you a film about the ocean.
- “Wall Street 2” - Gordo Gecko (Michael Douglas) gets out of prison only to find the financial situation worse than when he left.



“A Nightmare on Elm Street” - Remake of the horror franchise. Jacky Earl Haley takes over as Freddy.

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Sports

Rodge's Hodge Podge

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Sports Editor

For those who may have been waiting for it, the **State of Ferrum College Athletics** was supposed to run in this issue but I was not completely satisfied with it and have pushed it back a couple of weeks. ... It was great to see the **men's basketball** team beat Averett and play such stifling defense in doing so. **JT Edwards** has really stepped up over the past two games in scoring 15 points against CNU and 22 against Averett. The men sit at fourth in the conference with a game against conference leader N.C. Wesleyan looming. ... The **women's basketball** team lost to Averett again in a game determined by missed free throws. ... The **Super Bowl XLIV** matchup has been determined. It appears there will be points put on the scoreboard, lots of points. The top quarterback of the past century versus the top passing attack in the league. I don't think the defense of New Orleans will be able to stop Peyton Manning at all and the Colts' defense will get a few stops and that will be the difference. My prediction: **Colts 34, Saints 24**. ... One big sports story that I haven't gotten to mention in this column yet: **Tiger Woods**. ... We're kind of in a down period for sports writing as the only two sports at Ferrum are men's and women's basketball. **Men's and women's intramural basketball** is being played and volleyball, pool, soccer, tennis, softball, and others are coming

this spring. Be on the lookout for signup dates. ... To all those who hate going to the **Fitness Center** only to see the baseball or softball or tennis or lacrosse or whatever other team in the gymnasium: my heart goes out to you; I've done the same thing a number of times only to be disappointed that the basketball courts were taken by one of the college's athletic teams. ... **UNC** has really struggled in men's college basketball this year. Those young guys are still a good ways off. **Duke** impressed early but it looks like the team will wear down with **Jon Scheyer** and **Kyle Singler** having to play so many minutes. **UVA** has been one of the biggest surprises in the country early in the season. They went on an eight game winning streak, going 3-0 in conference to start and being alone in first place and having three wins against top 25 teams. Looking around the ACC the league is really big. **UNC's Ed Davis**, **GT's Derrick Favors**, and **WF's Al Farouq-Aminu** all look to be top 10 NBA draft picks with **FSU's Soloman Alabi** being a late lottery. This isn't mentioning **Deon Thompson (UNC)**, **Gani Lawal (GT)**, **Kyle Singler (Duke)**, **Trevor Booker (Clemson)**, **Tracy Smith (N.C. State)**, or any of the other ACC posts who are likely to make the NBA in the next year or two. ... Just because it has been awhile since I've done it: **CNU** should leave our conference and go elsewhere and compete.

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Edwards tabbed Rookie of the Week

Brian Cox
Sports Information Assistant

Ferrum College's J.T. Edwards has been named the USA South Men's Basketball Rookie of the Week for his play in the Panthers' lone game last week.

The Rocky Mount, Virginia, product scored 22 points in Ferrum's 59-57 win at home last week over USA South foe Averett University. Edwards also added two assists, one steal, and one block against the Cougars. Also nominated for Rookie of the Week was Methodist's Steven Kerr.

Edwards becomes the fourth Ferrum player to be honored by the USA South this month. Derek Mitchell, Daryl Hart, and Henry Hall garnered conference honors earlier this month. Mitchell earned Player of the Week on Jan. 19, while Hart earned Player of the Week Jan. 4, and Hall garnered Rookie of the Week honors Jan. 11.

The Ferrum men's basketball team takes the court tomorrow night,



photo courtesy of Sports Information
Wednesday, Jan. 27 against USA South leader North Carolina Wesleyan College. Tip-off is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Swartz Gym.

McMillan named All-State in women's soccer



photo courtesy of Sports Informaiton

Gary Holden
Sports Information Director

Ferrum College's Lea McMillan as been named to the 2009 College Division Women's Soccer All-State Team, as voted upon by the Virginia Sports Information Directors,

A junior defender, McMillan was one of 11 players named to the first team. McMillan had three goals and one assist this season for seven points, and scored Ferrum's game-winning goal in a 3-0 win over Mary Baldwin College October 18 on the road.

McMillan was an All-Conference first team selection this year in the USA South Athletic Conference. She was the top vote-getter among defenders.

McMillan's other honors include being named to the 2007 and 2008 USA South Academic All-Conference Team and the 2007 USA South Women's Soccer Sportsmanship Team.

Lynchburg College's Ashley Hoath was named Player of the Year, and Shenandoah University's Amber Womack earned Rookie of the Year honors. Lynchburg's Dr. Todd Olsen was named Coach of the Year.

Ferrum finished 3-15-2 overall this season under third-year head coach Sandy Lagana, including a 2-6-1 USA South mark to finish eighth in the league's final standings.

Annual Super Bowl party slated

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Student Leadership and Engagement will host its annual Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb. 7. The game will start a little after 6 p.m. and the party will get rolling at about 5 p.m. The Super Bowl XLIV party will be

in the Panther's Den as it has been in the past. The game will be shown on the big screen with secondary screens having Madden NFL games being played in a head-to-head, non-tournament format. Some food and drinks will also be provided.

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Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg recently got married. Which will be the last time he'll ever get a ring.

Allen Iverson has been named a starter in the NBA All-Star game. Next he can be named a starter on his own team.

Mets are interested in Chien-Ming Wang. The Mets are impressed by his velocity, control, and history of constant injury.

Kobe Bryant has become the youngest player in NBA history to score 25,000 points. Not only that, but he also has three assists.

And New York Jets coach Rex Ryan has been offered a seat in the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest. A very big seat.

Mike Lowell could be headed back to Florida this winter, just like thousands of other people past their prime.

The Washington Generals have offered contracts to Conan O'Brien and Andy Richter. And if they say no, we hear Gilbert Arenas is available.

Major League Baseball has agreed to move a three-game series between the Mets and Marlins to San Juan. They'll be the second and third best teams in Puerto Rico.

Surgery on Blake Griffin's broken left kneecap has been deemed an overwhelming success. It's the first success the Clippers have ever had.

And Tiger Woods is reportedly making great strides at a sex rehab facility in Mississippi. Doctors have already reduced him to just nine holes a day.

Shaquille O'Neal has become the fifth player in NBA history to score 28,000 points. All it took was 60,000 free throws.

The Detroit Pistons could be for sale soon. And if you get your bid in early, you can buy the rest of the city, too.

Jim Brown is urging LeBron James to remain in Cleveland. Because misery loves company.

Catcher Bengie Molina rejected the New York Mets one-year, five million dollar offer, instead accepting an offer to stay healthy.

And the Washington Wizards are reportedly distancing themselves from Gilbert Arenas. Mainly to be out of shooting range.

The Celtics, Lakers and Grizzlies are all interested in New York Knick Nate Robinson. The only team that isn't interested in him is the Knicks.

Nate Robinson has agreed to participate in the NBA Slam Dunk contest. Mainly for the playing time.

The San Jose Sharks beat the Calgary Flames 9-1. The game would have been even more embarrassing for the Flames if anyone was actually watching.

The New York Mets avoided arbitration with Jeff Francoeur, after Francoeur agreed to get injured half way through the season.

And Major league umpires ratified a new multi-year contract during a five-hour meeting. The meeting went so long, attendees thought it was an American League game.

The New York Mets have reportedly lost faith in the abilities of General Manager Omar Minaya. Just two years after they needed to.

Maria Sharapova was upset in the first round of the Australian Open.

Although something tells us she wasn't nearly as upset as the event's sponsors.

Three players have been kicked off the Duke football team after being charged with felonious possession of a weapon. Gilbert Arenas has already added them on Facebook.

Stephon Marbury has signed a contract with Shanxi Zhongyu of the Chinese Basketball Association. See? This is what happens when people can't use Google.

And Los Angeles Clipper Blake Griffin expects to be healthy by late April...just in time to help the rest of his teammates clean out their lockers. The New York Knicks are reportedly interested in Gilbert Arenas. Great it's been a while since they had a shooter.

Miami's Michael Beasley says he wishes he worked at McDonald's so nobody would care about his marijuana use. One more arrest and he might have that chance.

David Beckham says he uses Skype to help his son Brooklyn with his homework. That way, Beckham can still have the opportunity to teach his son to quit.

Mark McGwire claimed to have a "Huge rolodex of knowledge" to pass on to Cardinals hitters. We're guessing it includes Victor Conte's number.

And John Daly used a 20-year-old wedge at the Sony Open. It's nice to hear Tiger Woods isn't the only one using 20-year-olds.

The Los Angeles Lakers have become the first NBA team to reach 3,000 wins. The New Jersey Nets trail them by just 2,997.

Blake Griffin is expected to miss the remainder of the season. But he will not miss playing for the Clippers.

A Spanish basketball team is interested in signing Darko Milicic. Wow, their bench must be freezing.

The Florida Marlins are set to visit U.S. military troops in Iraq and Kuwait. Because that's how far they have to travel to find a Marlins fan.

And the Kansas City Royals have hired former Milwaukee manager Ned Yost as a special adviser. Yost should be able to provide them with plenty of tips on how to spend their free time in October.

Goose Gossage believes there should be no place in the Hall of Fame for Mark McGwire. Except, perhaps, as a bouncer.

The Baseball Hall of Fame has announced they're keeping Mark

Panther women top Lynchburg



Kristen Keith recorded her 10th double-double of the season with 27 points and 15 rebounds.

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The Ferrum College women's basketball team used hot shooting in the second half to pull away from Lynchburg College by a final score of 66-55 in a non-conference match-up at Swartz Gym.

Leading the Panthers was Kristen Keith, who had her 10th double-double in 17 games with 27 points and 15 rebounds. Following her in the scoring column were Telsa Akers with 11 points and Brittney bullock chipping in 10 points.

Lynchburg (4-13) was led by Courtney Brewer with 11 points. Chevonne Booker and Carly Greenlief contributed 10 points each for the Hornets.

McGwire's bat in Cooperstown. We are hoping they'll use it to beat some sense into Jose Canseco.

Tiger Woods has reportedly entered a sex rehab clinic in Arizona. He's not addicted to sex, it's just a great place to meet women.

The Washington Wizards shot only 44 percent in a surprising loss to the Detroit Pistons. Probably because all their best shooters are suspended.

And Nets forward Josh Boone says he would love to stay in New Jersey. As

The Panthers took a slim 31-29 lead into the break, but came out firing on all cylinders, shooting 56.5% for the second half. Trailing 45-44 with 10:46 remaining in the second half, Ferrum went on a 13-0 run to put the Panthers ahead for good.

Coach Harvey's club would build its largest lead of the game at 15 points with just over one minute left to play. Ferrum would once again work the ball inside, outscoring Lynchburg 32-14 in the post.

Ferrum (12-5) returns to the court Sunday, Jan. 31 on the road against Methodist University. The USA South doubleheader tips off at 2:00 p.m. with the women's game and will immediately be followed by the men's game.

long as the Nets move to Brooklyn. Three Washington Wizards missed practice to talk to authorities. The police have made little progress, much like the team itself.

Mark McGwire told the MLB Network he would have hit 70 home runs without using steroids, before his pants suddenly caught on fire.

Milwaukee Bucks coach Scott Skiles has been hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat. Doctors have encouraged him to lower his stress levels by