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## Executive in Residence series continues with Carilion CEO Edward G. Murphy

Roger L. Keaton, III  
Sports Editor

The Executive in Residence program features perhaps its most timely speaker on Tues., March 30. Edward G. Murphy, M.D., President and CEO of Carilion Clinic and professor of medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, will speak at Ferrum. The Carilion system employs 500 physicians of varying specialties and includes eight (8) hospitals and an undergraduate and graduate medical program.

Murphy's visit to campus comes just over a week after the U.S. Congress passed a national health care reform bill on Sun., March 21.

The Executive in Residence series began in Fall 2009, headed by Thomas

F. Cosgrove, Ferrum's director of Corporate Relations, to involve corporate America with Ferrum. The hope of this program is to bring in top executives and get them involved with Ferrum by interacting with students. Through the course of the day these executives will tell students about what has worked in their careers and offer suggestions to the campus populace about what might help them.

Cosgrove says he is looking forward to Murphy speaking due to the timeliness of his speech on the topic "The Future of Health Care" and because of the quality of the man coming.

With national health care reform enacted and signed into law by President Barack Obama, Murphy could not be coming at a better time.

Murphy's speech will be the first in this program open to the public and he surely will appeal to the Franklin County community.

Reared in a poor mill town and having only one parent with a high school education, Murphy has, by his own efforts, become the fourth most powerful physician in the United States, according to Modern Physicians Magazine.

Murphy is a "great role model" with a "terrific work ethic," Cosgrove says. He is a noted family man and community activist, serving on a number of local civic and corporate boards. Murphy's home at Smith Mt. Lake is his connection to Ferrum and Franklin County.

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Dr. Edward G. Murphy.

web photo

## BRDT to open in April with "Steel Magnolias"

Press Release

The Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre will start its season April 6 with the American classic "Steel Magnolias." "Steel Magnolias" is often billed as "gentle humor and tender drama," but BRDT's director, R. Rex Stephenson, notes that the "humor is more than gentle and the drama turns out to be pretty powerful."

The play, which originally opened on Broadway in 1987, recounts the true story of the playwright, Robert Harling's, sister's fight with diabetes.

The play centers on a group of gossipy Southern ladies in Truvy's small-town beauty salon, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Wise-cracking Truvy, who never stops dispensing shampoo and free advice, is helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle, who is not sure if she is married or not. Veteran BRDT performer, Emily Rose Tucker, who portrays Truvy, states, "There's goin' to be a lot of laughs and a few tears."

Jody D. Brown returns to play M'Lynn, the linchpin of the drama. M'Lynn is the mother of the diabetic

Shelby. "It is a wonderful role for any mother to play.--to be an outspoken Southern mother, who basically says exactly what she thinks," states Brown.

Others in the cast include veteran BRDT performers Anna Holman and Willette Thompson, who are joined by newcomers Emily Bramblett and Rachel Blankenship.

The Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre is located on the campus of Ferrum College. "Steel Magnolias" has both matinee and evening performances. A three-course meal, featuring some

long-time Southern favorites, precedes shows on April 7, 8, and 10; show only tickets are also available those days. For more information, call 540-365-4335 or emailbrdt@ferrum.edu.

For more information, contact R. Rex Stephenson, Artistic Director, at rstephenson@ferrum.edu, Jody D. Brown, Executive Director, at jbrown@ferrum.edu, or the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre at 540-365-4335.

## Psychology club attends SEPA conference



A group of psychology students and faculty members attended the Southeastern Psychological Association conference held in Chattanooga, Tenn., from March 10 to 13, and was funded by the Psychology Club. Pictured left to right are Dr. Kevin Reilly, Justin Deming, Dr. Allison Deming, Lauren Keeler, Heather Luther, Kristin Ferguson, Bethany Lackey, and Chris McElligott.

photo provided by Bethany Lackey

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## College sponsors annual trip to Holocaust Museum

Members of the Boone Honors Program and other students, faculty, and staff, as well as community members, visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. on February 18. The trip was sponsored this year by the Boone Honors Program and the Roanoke Jewish Community Council (RJCC).

photo provided by Marcia Horn



## “Drugs and Sex Tourism” presentation features unusual reasons for global travel

John Wells  
Staff Writer

The “Drugs and Sex Tourism” video presentation held at the Blue Ridge Institute on March 16, 2010 was very informational. It focused on unusual, sometimes even illicit, reasons for travel. The presentation was by Glenn Thompson for Dr. Jasmine Goodnow’s Ecotourism class (REC 265). Some of the locations that are hot spots for this type of tourism are Colombia, Amsterdam, Mexico, Canada, Korea, and Jamaica.

Amsterdam is one the most common traveling destinations for drug and sex tourism. Thompson said, “Amsterdam has over 200 hemp cafés and the Nether-

lands has over 700 cafés in the country.” The main reason tourists travel to this city is because of the Cannabis Cup that is held every year in Amsterdam.

The Cannabis Cup is a festival that has been held yearly in Amsterdam since 1987. The festival is the most famous cannabis festival in the world, and cannabis users from all over the world come to the Netherlands for this event. Travelers come to try a large variety of marijuana strains which they then help to judge and decide the winner of the Cannabis Cup. Some upcoming cannabis festivals that tourists might travel to this year are the 4th San Francisco Cannabis Club Awards, 7th Annual Highway 420 Anti-Prohibition Rally, and the 23rd

Hightimes Cannabis Cup.

Sex tourism is also a big item on some people’s traveling agendas. People are traveling to places like Amsterdam, Seoul, Korea; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to have sexual encounters with women and even children. Some of these tourists are presidents and CEO’s of companies. Thompson said, “over 1 million women and children are enslaved in the human sex trade and half of them are in the United States.”

Some people also travel for festivals, and not for sex. The AVN Awards are movie awards for “adult” or pornographic films and they are called the “Oscars of Adult films.” The AVN started with 300 people attending the

awards but now over 30,000 people attend. Tourists are clearly traveling to go see the favorite stars of the adult film industry. The 2011 AVN Awards will be hosted by Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thompson’s overall presentation was incredible and packed with information on unusual reasons people choose to travel.

If students are interested in majoring or minoring in recreation, REC 265 (Ecotourism) and REC 260 (Foundations) will be offered in Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. You can also contact Dr. Jasmine Goodnow, whose office is in Garber 115, for more information on recreation majors and minors.

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*for Fall 2010*

Please complete the following checklist of items to Reserve Your Place at Ferrum for Fall 2010:

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- **Submit Your \$200 Confirmation Deposit**  
Confirmation deposits can be paid by check or online at: <https://ferrumserver2.ferrum.edu/secure/bu/onlinestacctpays.asp>
- **Make Your Housing Reservations**  
If you haven’t confirmed your housing arrangements for this fall, be sure to contact your Residence Life & Housing staff ASAP. *\$200 Confirmation Deposit must be paid before you can secure your housing.*
- **Pre-Register for Your Fall Courses**  
Make an appointment to meet with your advisor.  
Outstanding account balances must be paid prior to registering for classes. Payments can be made by check or online at: <http://www.ferrum.edu/studentaccts/>



*Keep up the good work for the rest of the spring semester!  
We look forward to welcoming you back to campus next fall.*

# Ferrum Forum

compiled by Vanessa Torres

## What would you like to see on next year's SGA agenda?



**Jeffrey Williams**

More sugar-free deserts.



**Meredith Tribble**

The cafe to be open until 8 instead of 7. The internet in Bassett to work, and a drink machine on 3rd east!



**Ryan Firebaugh**

Better internet.



**Jesus Diaz**

New student activities.



**Brooke Hewartson**

More freedom!



**Christian Waters**

Accommodate more people for housing.



**Cory Balsey**

More student activities and MORE to them.



**Megan Tucker**

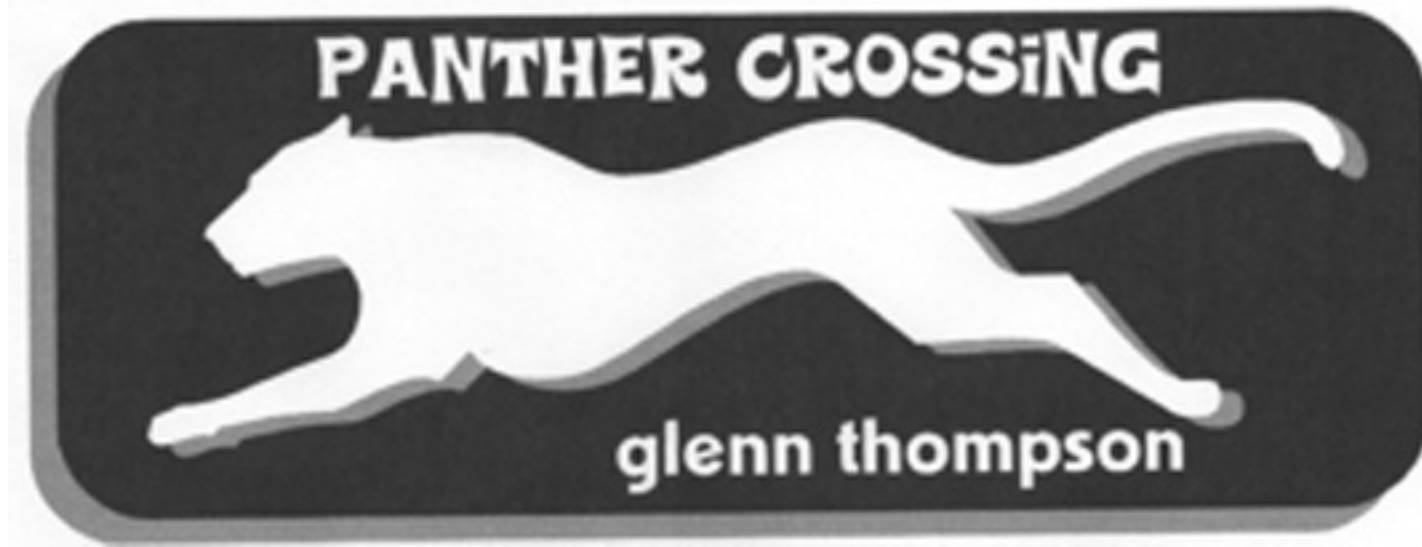
Better food and more activities.



**Josh Taylor**

Better food in the cafe.

# Opinion/Editorial



## “Grandpa Glenn”?

**Glenn Thompson**  
Special to the Iron Blade

My youngest son (I have two) called me from Northern Virginia the other day.

“Dad,” he said, “How do you feel about being a grandfather?” My beautiful daughter-in-law Francesca is with child. With child...two simple words...in an old fashioned kind of statement that says volumes.

Please do not misunderstand...it is not a big surprise. These two have been together about twelve years, and I was honored to attend their nuptials this past summer. They made it clear that they intended to get pregnant. They

both have excellent jobs with strong futures, and they are two of the most “together” people I know. They will make first-rate parents. They are not the problem.

I am.  
Many of you know me quite well.

Think about it. Me--a grandfather.

Oh...I know I look the part. Got the gray...got the wrinkles, reading glasses, and bad back.

My mail swells with odd notices I had never received before. AARP® solicits me every few weeks, wanting my money and my political support. Drug dealers from all over the world seem to think they know more about my

current sexual abilities than I do myself. I judge the potential of my day by my level of pain and joint stiffness upon waking. Yea... yea...I am getting the old guy part down pretty pat...it is the grandparenting part that spooks me.

There is a certain level and degree of behavior that children expect of their grandparents, and I worry I won't be up to the task. The child will look at me trustingly, and expect me to be... wise? Mature? Me?

Ohhhh...this may not be pretty. At times, I have the maturity of a rutabaga.

I see a future time when my children bring their young child to me for a visit, expecting me to be prudent and sensible; a guiding light to growth for my grandchild;

and return to find us both soaked to the skin amidst soggy environs after a truly cathartic water gun war. Yes...it could happen...trust me.

Some would say my own lack of father or grandfather leaves me without any example or experience to base my own interpretation of what such should be, and that my behavior has always demonstrated a preference for a personal ideal, rather than a realistic figure. I say...so what?!

If there was a rulebook for the behavior of grandfathers, it would no doubt, dictate the spoiling of the child as an indisputable right. The social pack bonding that occurs between grandfather and grandchild is part of what I call the “Don't Think I Don't Know What You Are Doing Moment Payback.” This long awaited collection moment saw its creation when the child-now-parent “played” the then-parent off against the grandparent, receiving a DTIDKWYAD look full of patience, assured in the knowledge of what was to come one day: payback!

I was a percussionist for six years, so a drum set will definitely be a necessity.

Maybe I'll start low and slow, though...I play some...anyone know where I can get one of those loud little plinky-plinky pianos?

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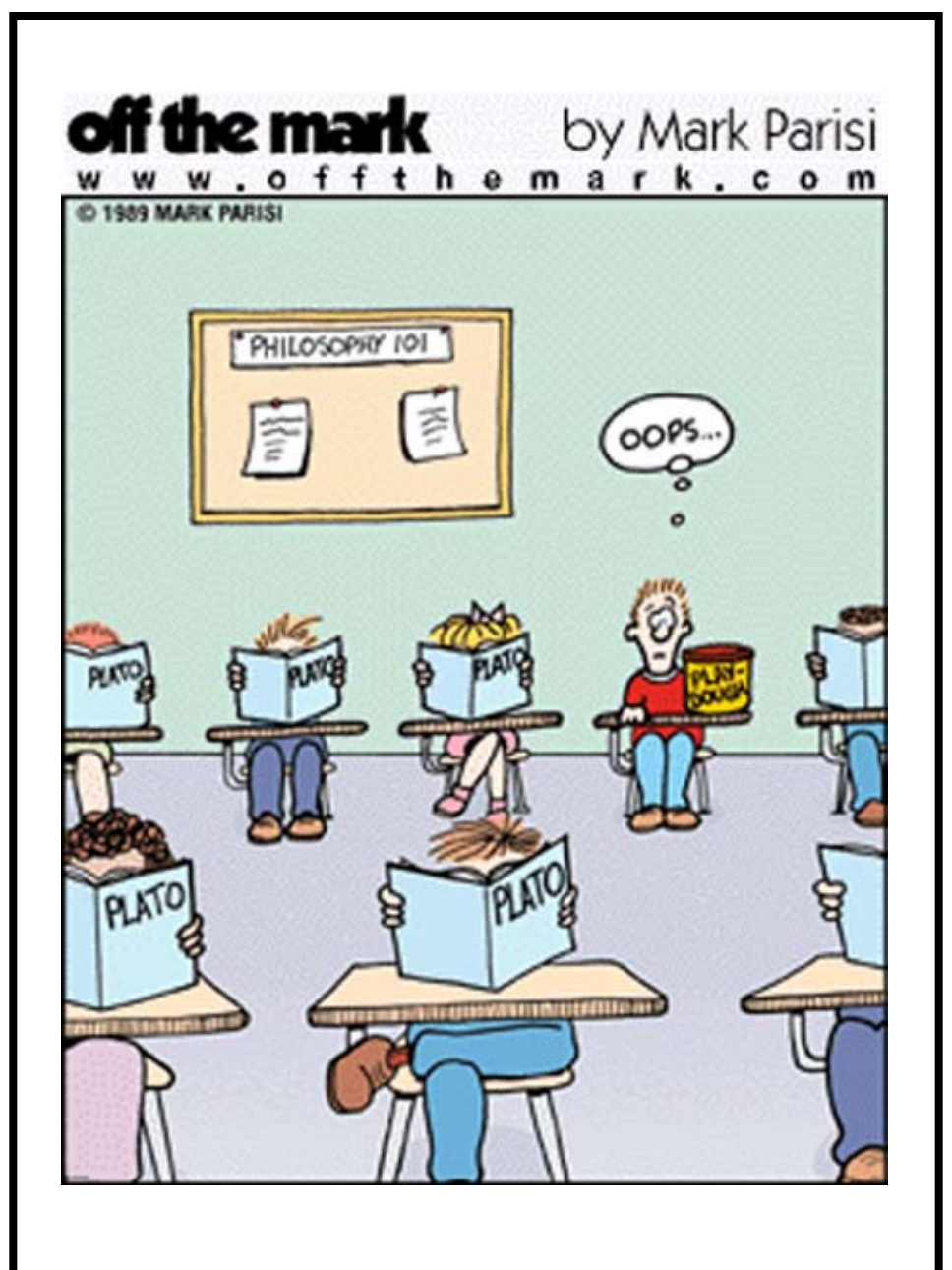
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# Features

## Ferrum Folks: Whitney Scott



photo by Tristen Ashley

**Tristen Ashley**  
Senior Staff Writer

Known as “the brain” to her friends, Whitney Scott has a broad list of extra-curricular activities that seem to reflect her extensive interests. Scott will graduate in May 2011 with a degree in English and minors in music and teacher education. She is also a member of the Boone Honors Program.

Scott says that being in the teacher education program brings everything together. “I wanted to be a writer, but I realized that unless you’re J. K. Rowling you’re not going to make a life that way,” she says. “I like helping people. If you combine helping people and writing, you get education.”

Scott chose to go into secondary education. “I think it takes something special to connect to students in their teens,” she says. “I have a sister that age, and I have a feel for what they (teens) need, so I chose to go with

that instinct.”

Among Scott’s extra activities, she tutors on campus for linguistics and freshman composition. Scott says that helping others in English also connects her to writing.

Scott says she got interested in writing when she was a young adolescent. “When I was in middle school, I used to write novels for my own enjoyment. They weren’t good ones, but I liked them,” she laughs. “When books stopped peaking my interest, I wrote my own.”

Scott says that writing helps to solidify her thoughts. “I’m a reserved person. It takes a long time for me to be able to open up. Writing is how I channel it,” she says. “At first it (writing) was entertainment but then it became a tool for expressing emotion. I love to manipulate language. It’s fun.”

Scott’s good friend Corey Brooks, says that writing fits into the person that Scott is. “She’s so witty and creative,” says Brooks. “Writing is a

good outlet for who she is.”

Scott and Brooks met in their freshman English class and soon after found out that they had many things in common. Brooks says that the trait that she appreciates most about her friend is Scott’s wit. “I can’t even explain why, but her subtle wit makes her special,” she says. “It is part of her character that is different from the average person.”

Scott says that aside from English and writing, her other passion is music. “People know me because of it (music),” she says. “It helps me to meet people and form connections. Everyone likes music.”

Scott’s activities include many musical ventures. She plays for the college jazz band, sings in collegiates, plays the hand bells, and plays in Dr. Gary Angel’s band. Scott says she doesn’t remember a time when music was not part of her life.

“I learned to play the sax when I was eleven, but I’ve always made up songs,” she says. “My dad would make me read a book and I would sing the words instead of reading them.”

Brooks says that music is a part of Scott. “(Music) is in everything that she does,” Brooks says. “She can’t bear to be without it.”

Brooks says that Scott brings music into any activity that they do together. “She hums on the way to class,” laughs Brooks. “The funniest thing is when she harmonizes rap songs. She has a desire to make every piece of music beautiful.”

Scott began playing the saxophone in Dr. Angel’s band in the beginning of her sophomore year. “It really forced me to learn to play by ear because I was used to reading music,” she says. “I had no idea what 50s music was until I got in the band. It has

broadened my horizons so much.”

Scott says that being at Ferrum allows her to combine all of her interests. “Ferrum is something you kind of make your own,” she says. “I’ve made it into music and learning and English, so it’s mine.”

Scott has a reputation among her friends for being intelligent. “When I’m around her and she is studying, she makes me want to study,” Brooks says. “Her intelligence is contagious.”



photo by Tristen Ashley

Others on campus seem to notice Scott’s intellectual abilities. In addition to serving as student representative to the honors program steering committee, Scott recently finished up an undergraduate research project in September. “My advisor encouraged me to apply,” she says. “We were looking at an undergraduate research model for Ferrum College.”

Scott says she enjoyed the research project. “New information can change the smallest of things,” she says. “Research can also have an impact on communities, and nations. Research can influence the quality of life.”

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## Student Activities Calendar

compiled by **Ellie Miller**  
Staff Writer

### Monday March 29, 2010 through April 17

9 a.m.–10 p.m.: Annual Student Juried Awards Exhibition-E. Taylor Greer Art Gallery, Stanley Library  
3:30–6:30 p.m. – Intramural Soccer Begins – Basset Field  
6–6:45 p.m.: Ag Mtg – Garber 123  
6–7 p.m.: Boulderling Session Boulderling Wall, Fitness Center.  
7–8:30 p.m.  
The Church: Easter Celebration  
9–10 p.m.: PEM Club Meeting Trophy Room, Swartz Gym

### Tuesday March 30, 2010

11a.m.–1:30 p.m.: Dr. Ed Murphy, Executive in Resident Lecture Series  
Blue Ridge Mountain Room

9–10 p.m.: Improv Show  
Panthers Den

### Wednesday March 31, 2010

6:30–8:30 p.m.: College Against Cancer/Relay for Life Meetings Beckham 103  
6:30–7:30 p.m.: Full Moon Night Hike, Panthers Den  
6:30–7:30 p.m.: Pathways to Leadership Workshop Panthers Den  
8–10 p.m.: Affrilachia Poet Frank X Walker  
Blue Ridge Mountain Room

### Thursday April 1, 2010

11a.m.–12 p.m.: Easter Eggs Sale Franklin Hall Atrium, Main Entrance  
3:45–5:45 p.m.: Student Teacher Seminar, Beckham 101  
8–9 p.m.: Recharging Thursday

Night Bible Study  
Roberts Hall Conference Room

### Friday April 2, 2010

7 a.m.–10 p.m. Easter Break Begins  
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.: Wilderness Advanced First Aid Course Panther’s Den, Franklin Hall

### Saturday April 3, 2010

7 a.m.–10 p.m.: Easter Break  
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Wilderness Advanced First Aid Course – Panther’s Den, Franklin Hall

### Sunday April 4, 2010

7 a.m.–10 p.m.: Easter Break  
8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.: Wilderness Advanced First Aid Course Panther’s Den, Franklin Hall

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## Annual Student Art Exhibition is open

**Matthew LaRose**  
Associate Professor of Art

The Ferrum Annual Art Student Exhibition 2010 is open. Program coordinator Matthew LaRose calls the exhibit “our celebration of the accomplishments of Ferrum students in art classes and a representation of their best work over the past year.” The works include drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, 2-D and 3-D work and graphic design.

The exhibit will hang March 24 through April 17 in the E. Taylor Greer Gallery in Stanley library.

The opening reception and awards ceremony took place Thursday, March 25 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

See the notice on facebook on the page ARTS @ Ferrum College.

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## Movie Reviews



# No reward for “The Bounty Hunter” audience

**Michael Rich**  
Senior Staff Writer

“The Bounty Hunter” has an interesting premise of two ex-lovers. One happens to be a bounty hunter and the other happens to accidentally skip bail. Unfortunately, the movie can’t really decide if it wants to be a romantic comedy, an action comedy or a combination of both. It’s also not a good sign when a movie is being advertised from the Director of “Hitch.” “Hitch” was made 5 years ago and Andy Tennant hasn’t directed anything good since then.

News reporter Nicole Hurley (Jennifer Aniston) is out on bail on a bogus charge of assaulting a police officer. Nicole is in the middle of working on a story involving a suspicious suicide. When Nicole misses her court appearance, her bail is revoked and a warrant is filed for her arrest.

The bounty hunter happens to be Nicole’s ex-husband, Milo (Gerard Butler). Milo is offered \$5,000 to bring her in. Milo believes that this will be a piece of cake. Things however, seem to go way off track when the story Nicole happens to be working on begins to turn on her. In the process, Milo and Nicole seem to gain a greater understanding of why they fell in love in the first place.

Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler are two great actors, but they need a better script. Milo here is really just a child who the audience just wants to say “grow up” to. Nicole should move to another state just to get rid of the jerks in her life. They really go through every romantic angle in every other movie from the last 20 or so years. What is worse? I didn’t really think they had any great chemistry together.

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# “Alice in Wonderland”: a return to wonderland

**Don Rima**  
On-line Review

The latest adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland adventures is rated PG. This Tim Burton film stars Mia Wasikowska, Matt Lucas, Johnny Depp, Michael Sheen, Christopher Lee, Anne Hathaway, and Helena Bonham Carter, among others.

Alice (Wasikowska) is now 19 and in the process of being proposed to by some totally clueless wimp in British aristocracy. For some strange reason, Alice literally puts the whole world on hold waiting for her response to his marriage proposal while she chases a rabbit with a time piece down the hedgerows and falls down his rabbit hole and into Wonderland.

Alas, all is a tizzy in Wonderland. The Mad Hatter (Depp) and his friends are concerned that the rabbit has brought back the wrong Alice and in general life is running amok. The Red Queen(Carter) and the White Queen(Hathaway – complete with trademark banner red lipstick), even though they’re sisters, have created a huge divide in the kingdom to which the scrolls of prophecy have predicted that Alice will return to cure and in the process slaying the dreaded Jabberwock dragon of the

Red Queen. Soon, the Hatter, Alice, Rabbit, Cheshire Cat and the rest of Wonderland and involved in plotting the demise of the evil Red Queen and her henchman knight. The story climaxes as the two sides take positions on the chessboard and the battle rages.

Even though this is clearly a kid’s story, there’s a huge part that’s more calibrated for adults than kids. The storyline keeps the interesting going at a good pace and you don’t fall asleep in this one.

The 3-D production graphics are cool, and the characters are done well for a kids level mind. It was interesting to find a fat mellow Blue Caterpillar sucking on a hookah water pipe making me wonder just was in that cooker and the Cheshire Cat was as cool as a cat can be.

For kids of all ages, this is a story with a heroine who slays the dragon, versus the brave knight, but the message of the hero coming to the rescue and all’s well that ends well at the end is very clear, as well as the message that kids should make their own decisions rather than letting others make major decisions for them. That kids can grow up to be whatever they want to be. And, that’s a good message today’s kids.

Alice is rated PG for a good



reason, it’s really not for younger kids that may not understand the violence and war scenes, beheading the dragon or the way the Red Queen treats the peasantry or how she uses animals to

play gold with. Final Grade: B-

I’m Don Rima, and that’s the way I saw it, From Where I Stand.

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## Sports

# Panther Profile: Jasmine Parker

**Calvin Gunter**  
Staff Writer

Ferrum's softball team has a handful of memorable faces, including a blossoming group of freshmen and sophomores, a few juniors, and one super senior, Jasmine Parker.

"My goals for this season are to have a winning record, win the conference championship and get a ring, and improve team chemistry," Parker said, smiling. "In order for us to achieve the first two goals, we have to have that chemistry."

Parker was expected to be one of the Lady Panthers' strong weapons for the 2010 season, with other players such as returners Hannah Shumaker,

Megan Barger, and Meagan Farrell and new impacts, such as Kashina Hancock, Rachel Shumaker, and Kaitlyn Culler. As a three-year player for head coach Vickie Van Kleeck, Parker provides a great amount of experience and is looked upon as a leader and the backbone of the group.

Unfortunately, Parker sustained a broken thumb in the Panthers' 5-4 win over Clarke College in the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla. She missed ten games and returned to the field on March 17 in USA South Conference action at home against Greensboro. Ferrum defeated the Pride twice, 2-1 and 4-2.

Parker preferred not to disclose her statistics through her Ferrum career.



"Personally, I think my stats have gone down since I learned to adapt to a new swing," she said modestly.

Parker is a native of South Boston, Va., in nearby Halifax County. She majors in Physical Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science.

"I chose to attend Ferrum because it's close to home," she said. "The teacher to student ratio is at good, and I love the small school setting."

When she's not on the field, she enjoys hanging out with friends, doing homework, and relaxing. "After the season is over, I just look forward to

enjoying what little time I have left here," she said. As the end of the 2010 softball season and school year draws near, Parker starts to contemplate her plans after Ferrum. "After I graduate from Ferrum, I have two options in mind as far as what I want to do. I'm applying for two jobs in Lynchburg, which are both part-time, and I'm thinking about attending graduate school at Averett University."

Either decision she makes, her future looks to be as bright as her smile.

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## Rodge's Hodge Podge

**Roger L. Keaton, III**  
Sports Editor

It's been over a month since I've gotten to write this column. In that time **men's** and **women's basketball** has ended and spring sports have gotten underway. The **men's basketball team** lost a tough game at **Averett University** in the USA South Conference Tournament. **Derek Mitchell** ended up being named Second Team All-South Region. The women made the conference finals but lost to a team to not be named and an All-American played who will not be named. **Kristen Keith** was named First Team All-South Region for her great sophomore season.

The **baseball** team started the year strong, going 11-2 to start and getting some votes in a D-III top 25 poll but has since stumbled and lost four consecutive games. **Jason Butterworth** and **Justin Franklin** had led with their bats with Franklin being named NCBWA D-III Co-Hitter of the Week. **Brian Mays** has led the team from the mound in compiling a 4-1 record with a 3.64 ERA.

The **softball** team has won eight consecutive games and only given up six runs in that span. Freshmen **Rachel Shumaker** and **Kaitlyn Culler** have made especially big impacts, leading the team in batting and pitching. Freshman **Heather Littles** started the year really strong and sophomore **Hannah Shumaker** leads the team in rbis and has won a couple of games pitching as well. Junior **Megan Barger** has come on strong as of late and leads the team in batting average in conference play. The younger Shumaker and Culler have been nominated for and won conference freshman awards a couple of times already this season.

The **golf** team has had some success in its first two tournaments this spring with **Brian Cox** and **Ryan**

**Throckmartin** leading the way. After losing in its first three events this spring the **men's tennis** team has won two straight. I have to give **Jay Dotson** credit as he is representing for all of the big guys out there, showing that build doesn't determine ability. The young **women's tennis** team has not fared as well, having only won a pair of individual matches by **Lea McMillan** and **Emily Gaidowski** and a couple of doubles matches by the pair of **Joy Doughty** and **Ashley Ellis**.

**Women's lacrosse** has been beating up on some of its opponents thus far this season but got a taste of defeat against a team to not be named. Freshman **Brooke Hewartson** has come on the scene strong and junior **Cara Jacobs** has provided consistently good play, along with classmate **Jen Phan**.

The **NCAA men's basketball tournament** has been much better this year than last, to the dismay of my bracket. I'm in the school of thought where you complete one bracket and that one bracket isn't doing so well. Maybe Kansas winning it all and Villanova in the Final Four weren't great picks. ... **NASCAR Sprint Cup** is underway again and what a surprise, Jimmie Johnson and the rest of **Hendrick Motorsports** is dominating again. ... **Tiger Woods** will be returning to play professional golf at the **Masters**, a place where the crowds can be controlled and **TMZ** can't get in. ... If you're a fan of D-I **college baseball** the top team in the country is located in the Commonwealth over in **Charlottesville, Virginia**. Maybe you like D-I **men's lacrosse** or maybe **men's tennis**; well the top teams in those respective sports also call the Hook home. If you want to know what the "Hook" means just ask me and I'll politely explain.

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PEM club announces the first annual

### "Streetball" Basketball Tournament!

**April 16 (during Spring Fling) @ 3 p.m .**  
**outdoor basketball courts near Riddick and Clarke**

This is a 3v3 tournament, ALSO with individual skills contests!  
Sign-ups will start next week.  
You **MUST** have a set team of 3 and know which individual tournaments you want to compete in.

**\$6 per team of 3 and \$1 for each individual contest**  
**BRING MONEY AT TIME OF SIGN-UP!!!**  
**YOU CAN SIGN-UP until day of tournament!!!**

Individual competitions:  
Three-point Shooting, HORSE, Slam Dunk Contest,  
Hot Shots Contest, Skills Challenge

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Murphy's schedule will begin with sitting in on business classes in the morning, then delivering his lecture in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room in Franklin Hall at 11:15 a.m.

He will then dine in the cafeteria, with a group of students, in an effort to increase student interaction when these executives are on campus.

After lunch, Murphy will take a short campus tour, then participate with Dr. Chris Aylesworth's cadaver lab, in which a urinary tract dissection will be done.

During the afternoon, Murphy will meet with the Minds-N-Medicine club and have dinner with select faculty

and top Ferrum College students.

Cosgrove hopes to show participants in the Executive in Residence program the "positive side of Ferrum College and would like them to impart to us their insights on success and forecast future related events."

Cosgrove says he looks forward to the growth of this program and expects to have another star-studded group of executives next year. Executives are preliminarily expected to come during September, November, January, and March.

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