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Cheerleading squad prepares for conference competi-

Olivia Walker
Staff Writer

As the football season comes to a close, Ferrum's cheerleaders get ready for one of the most important events in their season: the Conference Championship.

The women will be competing against other squads in our conference. Teams include Averett, Christopher Newport University, Greensboro College, and others. The cheerleaders do a two-minute and 20-second routine judged numerous on areas such of tumbling, partner stunts, pyramids, jumps and dance.

"We've put in so much time, work and practice to make sure our routine is flawless. We really want to be Conference Champs!" said Dana Huffman, captain.

In order to raise money for the event, the cheerleaders have had

bake sales and sold beef tickets and are working on additional ideas.

"It's not really about raising money; it's more about getting the support from our peers, and so far we've gotten a ton," said Kristen Monroe, sophomore cheerleader.

The competition will be held Nov. 22, 2009, in Charlotte, N. C. at the Charlotte Civic Center. Competition times have yet to be announced.

The cheerleaders, pictured at right, are (back, L-R) Ashley Noyes, Paige Smith, Cecilee White, Phylicia Garner, Dana Huffman, Abbey Anderson; (middle, L-R) Kellie Slaughter, Olivia Walker, Ashley Miles, Kimberly Haranzo, Kristen Monroe; and (front, L-R) Jasmine Dixon, Marcee Amos, Maeghan Shelay. Megan Eckart and Runyqua Hariston are not pictured.

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The Ferrum College Cheerleading Squad will compete in the conference championship on Nov. 22 in Charlotte.

photo provided by Olivia Walker

The Great American Smoke-Out kicks off today

Khoseraw Habibi
Staff Writer

Ferrum College will have the "Great American Smoke Out" on campus on Nov. 16. The Great Smoke Out is a national campaign sponsored by the American Cancer Society to try to educate students and others about the hazards of smoking.

The campaign is co-sponsored by the Physical Education Majors (PEM)

Club, BACCHUS, and Ferrum College Intramurals.

It is a week-long campaign full of activities that will focus on awareness about smoking hazards. Chris Rill, the Coordinator of Intramurals Programming and Wellness and one of the co-sponsors of the program, said, "We are going to ask everyone to have Nov. 19 be a Ferrum College smoke-free day. The slogan of the campaign would be "the cigarette does the smoking; you

are just a sucker," added Rill.

The program will include fun activities like "smell the smoker," in which a participant finds a smoker out of a line of non-smokers based on smell. "Butt in the jar" is a game in which campaign conveners put cigarette butts in a jar and the person who can guess how many butts are in the jar or says the closest will win a gift card.

Rill said there will also be a per-

formance by the Improv Club: "We will have a short drama called 'Day of Dead' to get people's attention that smoking is hazardous."

On Thurs., Nov. 19, quit-smoking kits, brochures on how to quit smoking, as well as hand massages, will be provided to smokers in order to help them say good-bye to smoking.

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He'll be watching you: Sustainability speaker to return in January to help identify campus energy hogs

Dr. Glen Stevens and Rachel Troyer
Special to The Iron Blade

Stan Breakell, president of a Roanoke firm, will visit campus this week to talk with students about sustainable design and engineering. Breakall will be back on campus in January with his Breakell Inc. crew to install electricity meters on buildings, which will help us find the energy hogs among us. Don't worry - we are looking for energy-hogging buildings, not people.

Ferrum College recently received a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation to support the work on campus of Breakell, Inc. The company will virtually submeter 13 buildings for electricity use, including all 9 residence halls, Franklin Hall, Garber

Hall, John Wesley Hall, and Stratton House, the president's home. This submetering program will use wireless sensors and a dedicated computer network to collect electrical consumption data that can be displayed in real time and used to compare short- and long-term energy use on a building-by-building basis. Ferrum's newly constituted Energy Conservation Leadership Team will use the data to identify power "hogs" among our campus buildings and to promote energy conservation through a series of flat-panel displays around campus.

Students will be able to see how much energy their dorm is using and compare this to energy use in other dorms. Rachel Troyer, Ferrum's Sustainability Coordinator, says she is



Stan Breakell

"excited about a 'Biggest Loser' energy competition on campus. It will be interesting to see what students will do to reduce their energy use."

Energy use and green engineering will be the topic of conversation when Breakell visits campus on Nov. 19 as part of the Sustainability Speaker Series. Breakell's firm is involved in a wide range of sustainable design and engineering projects. In fact, Breakell will drive from his Roanoke office to campus in a Toyota Prius that he recently converted to a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV). In a recent note to Glen Stevens, he reported, "I am getting 20 miles on a full charge out of the PHEV, and mileage after [the first] 250 miles is 118 miles per gallon. When I charge from the solar panels at work, there are NO EMISSIONS." Weather permitting,

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International Education Week celebration begins today

Khoseraw Habibi
Staff Writer

International Education Week begins at Ferrum on Mon., Nov. 16. The week of programming is “an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide,” according to the U.S. department of Education, “It is an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.”

Professor Sasha Saari, director of International Programs and associate professor of Russian, said that “in honor of fall international Education week and of the college-wide theme, the Office of International Programs will show two powerful films.”

Dr. Fabian Balmori, assistant professor and program coordinator of Spanish, will serve as the commentator for the films.

On Tues., Nov., 17 the documentary film “Banana Split” will be shown at 7:00p.m. in Grousbeck Recital Hall. “Banana Split” is a Canadian

documentary about bananas from Honduras. The film, as described by the production company, “takes the viewer on a journey that begins with the hustle and bustle of a fruit market in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and ends up with an examination of the daily challenges of life in Honduras.”

On Wed., Nov., 18, the Office of International Programs will show “The Trees Have a Mother” at 7:00 p.m. in Grousbeck Recital Hall. “The Trees Have a Mother” is a documentary film that “illustrates the importance of indigenous narratives to those who

dwell near the city of Iquitos, Peru, and view their natural surroundings in mythical term,” according to the film’s producers. The film depicts a mother’s attempt to find her son who has recently gone missing.

On Thurs., Nov.19, the Office of International Programs will host a dinner for December Graduate Youpeng Fu from China, and departing Korean exchange students Jejin Kim and Yeonjoo Kim. All international students will be invited to attend the dinner.

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Ferrum College Exam Schedule – Fall Semester 2009

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Time of Class</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time of Exam</u>
Wed. Dec. 9	All English 101 Exams 18:45-21:45	MW	9:05-11:05 18:45-20:45
Thurs. Dec. 10	9:30-10:50 12:30-1:50 10:10-11:05 18:45-21:45	TR TR MWF TR	8:00-10:00 10:30-12:30 14:00-16:00 18:45-20:45
Fri. Dec. 11	9:05-10:00 11:00-12:20 14:00-15:20	MWF TR TR	8:00-10:00 10:30-12:30 14:00-16:00
Sat. Dec. 12	11:15-12:10 12:20-13:15 14:30-15:50	MWF MWF MW	8:00-10:00 10:30-12:30 14:00-16:00
Mon. Dec. 14	8:00-9:20 13:25-14:20 8:00-8:55	TR MWF MWF	8:00-10:00 10:30-12:30 14:00-16:00

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.

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students will be able to see the vehicle and its modifications first hand and talk with him about the technology.

This involvement with Breakell Inc. is part of an expanding energy awareness campaign at Ferrum College which will include special events, training sessions and energy-use pledges in addition to the “Biggest Loser” energy competition. Student, staff and faculty volunteers will be designated as Energy Coaches to encourage building occupants to become more aware and to make conserving energy a priority. “We are going to use an energy survey to gauge energy awareness on campus,” Troyer says.. The first survey will be open to students, staff and faculty later this month. A live link to the



Stan Breakell's Toyota Prius

online energy survey will be posted on Angel and sent via email to everyone on campus. Students who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 cash prize. Stay posted for more updates from the Energy Conservation Leadership Team.

Khoseraw Habibi
Staff Writer

The Pathway to Leadership Program will hold its monthly workshop on Wed., Nov. 18, in the Panther’s Den. The topic of the workshop is Event Planning.

The purpose of this workshop is to help students or anyone interested learn how to plan their daily activities at school or outside school. It is a skill-based workshop. It focuses on various topics which are important in helping students manage their activities well.

During the Fall semester, Pathway to Leadership (PLP) has covered various topics during its workshops, which take place the last Wednesday of every month in the Panther’s Den from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. Presenters are professionals who have a good understanding of the topics they present. The workshop is open to new ideas and suggestions from everyone.

In September, the topic of the Pathway workshop was recruitment. In October it was “managing your membership.” Kate E. Hersey, Coordinator of Student Development & Bonner Program Director, said, “Pathway is different from other programs. There is no enrollment requirement. Students can enroll at any time.”

Hersey said that the Pathway to Leadership Program is “a framework

– a guide to help you deliberately build upon your personal, professional, and leadership skills; learn leadership theory; deeply reflect upon your experiences; and document your achievements for posterity.” She added that Pathway to Leadership workshops “help students grow as leaders. They are designed so that participants can learn specific leadership skill or techniques.”

PLP leads various events such as an Annual Student Leadership Conference, Pathway workshops, leadership retreats, online courses, and other topics that could help students become good leaders.

The Leadership Retreats is a motivational event that takes place in January when students come back from winter break. A select number of students will be invited to attend the event. A keynote speaker will be invited to speak to students. The speaker will be a motivational one who could get students motivated.

An online course is a non-credit course that covers “Behavioral theory—servant, participative, and authoritarian styles of leadership.” Students can enroll at their leisure at anytime they want. The course will teach students different leadership theories and leadership styles.

Hersey concluded that “no matter how good you are, you can always learn ways to grow.”

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Use of pesticides involves care and precaution for all campus areas

Heather Bozarth
Staff Writer

Much like most colleges, Ferrum is not immune to weeds and the use of herbicides to limit the growth across the entire campus. However, this school is taking precautions at every step. Jay Prillaman, Manager

of Grounds, has stated that his department is very choosy when it comes to where they spray the products.

He said that the product used is the same one found in any store. The school uses a very diluted version of Round-Up Quick Pro, as well as a poison ivy spray to control the growth of the weeds. During the summer, Prilla-

man said, the school goes through four to five gallons of product every two weeks.

Prillaman explained that his work-study student, Ashley Thomas, is trained and very careful when spraying the products. Thomas is assigned to spray areas such as the sidewalks, land with mulch, and areas near the

farm and behind the fitness center.

However, Prillaman stressed that there would be no spraying done around any running water, including lakes and streams. He said that all application of the herbicides is done

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Opinion/Editorial

Where have all the writers gone?

Glenn Thompson
Staff Writer

A conversation with a writing instructor prompted my selection of this subject for a bit of reflective writing, with a slanted hope for enlightenment as a sidebar. As a "late life" student (which is synonymic for "Old Geezer Goes to College"), I have noticed severe deficits in the writing abilities of my younger classmates. Often, while reading their submissions to Online Discussions, I marvel at the number of errors in both grammar and spelling they make and sit in admiration of the instructors who must deal with them without numerous applications of whips or related corporal punishment devices.

Please don't think me curmudgeonly. These students had access to a high school education so much more advanced than mine, measurable in scores of years, rather than simply decades, but the evidence is not obvious...at least not in their writings. Their skills in mathematics I will grant you no doubt put mine to great shame, but I dare ask the question, "Where have all the writers gone?"

What is the value of being able to calculate the infinitesimal if you can't communicate the achievement to those who care?

Let me relate an applicable

anecdote from my first semester at a previous college. A young classmate was voicing her distress to me about having to write a paper for a class. Writing, it seemed, was not her forte, and she related the struggles she had experienced in high school when given such assignments. She admitted to limits in her vocabulary and difficulty with spelling.

My reaction, of course, was to suggest she keep her dictionary close at hand while writing. "Oh, yeah," she replied. "I'll bet we have one of those somewheres." I admit it: I cringed. I also mentioned she might find a Thesaurus extremely helpful. She peered at me with some consternation, and asked (yes...get ready for it), "A theosorus? What's that? Sounds like

some kind of dinosaur! Ha! Ha!" No, she wasn't joking. And yes, I did explain.

Quite frankly, I started to believe I was the dinosaur.

The instructor of one of my courses in years past, after reading a submitted paper, complimented me, calling me a "wordsmith." Please understand. To someone of my age and stage in life, this equivocates to the entire cheerleading squad calling a teenage boy a "stud muffin"--an ego boost beyond measure, as you can imagine. I take no small pride in my usage of the language and welcome all corrections of my many errors, while maintaining the hope that I do not repeat them once notified.

I have undertaken a lifelong goal to constantly improve my vocabulary and writing skills, and fail to understand the lack of language concern of today's youth. These students I spoke of had to graduate high school to enroll in college. What exactly are high schools teaching in English classes? How is it possible for these young people to complete their required courses and not gain some understanding of composition?

Have they stopped requiring the development of an ability to read and to understand what is being read? I am at a loss to even hazard a guess.

I can only endeavor to persevere. I will continue to work on my own language skills, and maybe, occasionally, I will have some small opportunity to help a few of the badly taught become the better learned.

To this end, in addition to a personal library of approximately 3000 books, I have eight foreign language dictionaries, three thesauruses and a synonym dictionary, two medical dictionaries, a geographical dictionary, and two standard dictionaries. The cream of the crop and my pride and joy, however, is my Webster's International Dictionary. It's a 20-pound, almost 3000-page, gotta-use-two-hands-to-handle-it-or-you-will-hurt-something fountain of knowledge and definitions.

Okay, maybe I am a little obsessive. But, at least I can spell "obsessive," define it, and use it properly in a sentence.

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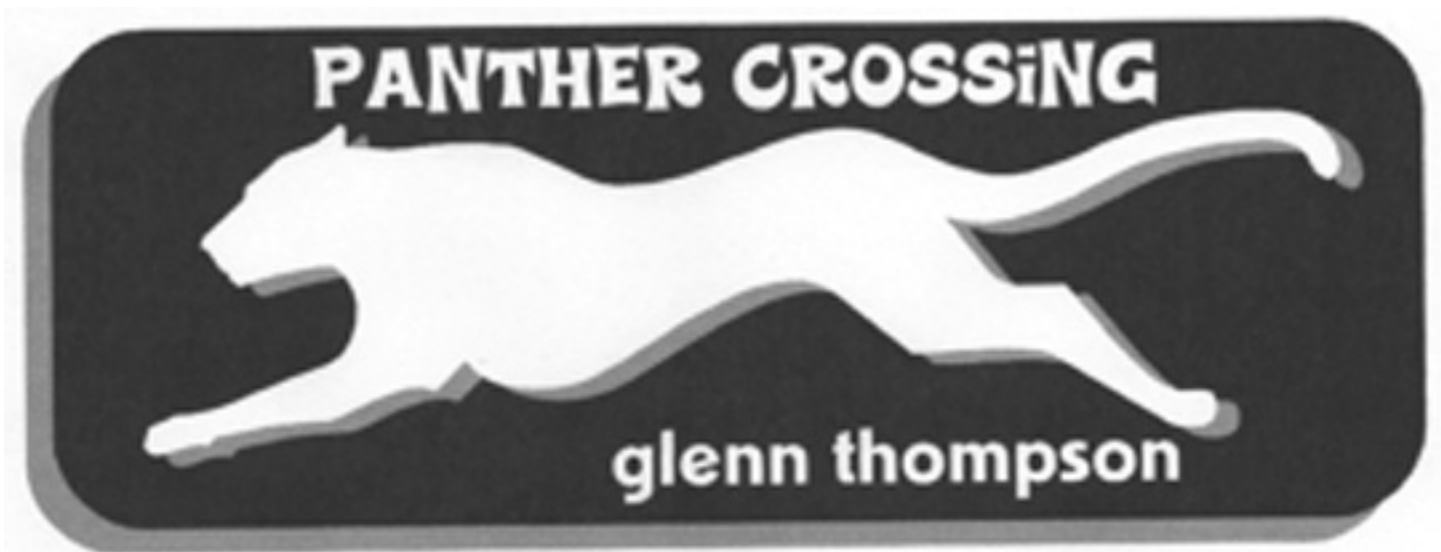
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Ferrum Forum

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What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?



Brittany Goins

I like when we go to Appomattox to my great grandma's house and we just eat!



Arnold "AK" Kim

I love eating turkey and holiday honey-glazed ham.



Cee-Cee Bartels

Seeing my family that lives out of town.



Tijon Porter

To go to my auntie's house and get traditional Jamaican food!



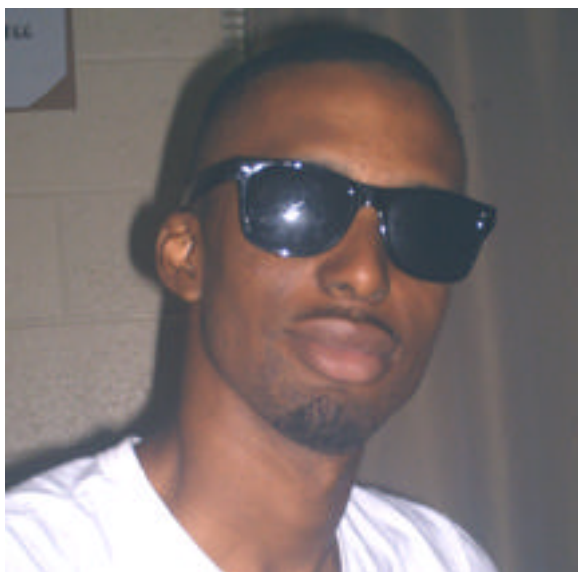
Ashley Banks

Banana Pudding! We get presents on Thanksgiving and I love sitting down with the family and eating dinner!



Mike Tinner

Being with fam and eating that big ol' turkey.



Jamere "J" Bailey

Going to Lepearl on Thanksgiving eve night with my mans to see Reaction!



Calvin Clatterbuck

Eating turkey! Spending time with family and watching the football game.



Kalabina Baka

The great one likes to chill and get his grub on, and if he's not feeling the crib, he bumps over to the friend's house and do whatever pops up!

Features

Ferrum Folks: Amber King



photo by Tristan Ashley

Tristen Ashley
Senior Staff Writer

Amber King admits that she becomes a different person when she is on stage. "I've been shy for years. It's a different thing when you get on stage," she says. "When I'm in a class I get nervous, but when I'm on stage I'm fine."

King is a theater major and will graduate in May. She says she has liked the idea of becoming an actor since she was a young girl. She remembers that the first play she was ever in was "The Little Red Hen." "I've had it in me since I was three or four," she says. "I would try and act

our scenes and imitate people on TV. I've always liked it, I just didn't know it was what I wanted to do."

King says she was 15 when she figured out that she wanted to be an actor. She knew her shyness would be a problem, and she admits to having panic attacks at first but she worked through it. "If I wanted to get into acting, that's how I had to start out," she says. "I had to rise about it eventually."

King loves everything about theater including singing and dancing. "You get to pretend to be something that you're not," she says. "If you're playing a character with a bad attitude, you can express your own

anger through that character."

King has a list of other actors that she admires including Cary Grant, Gilda Radner, and Steve Martin. At the top of her list is Kelsey Grammer. "Growing up, he had a hard life," she says. "He is very strong in how he portrays his characters."

King particularly enjoys comedic acting. "I've always wanted to make people laugh," she says. "I grew up watching funny sitcoms and movies. Why not try a career making people laugh?"

King has been involved in many plays at Ferrum College in her four years here including "The Long Christmas Dinner," "Dead Man Walking," and "Baby." Most recently, King performed in "The Laramie Project" playing a lesbian character uneasy about the recent events in her town.

King says finishing a show is a relief but sometimes it's bittersweet. "I'm glad it's over, but I always miss the fun times you have behind the stage," she says.

King will be showing off her writing, directing, and acting skills in her upcoming senior show. Each theater major picks a person that he or she admires and writes an original performance about that character. The student writes, directs and performs the entire play with minimal help from the theater professors.

King chose to write her play about Gilda Radner, one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live." King says she has admired Radner for several years. "Once I was told I looked like her when my hair was frizzy," she laughs. "I sort of relate to her. We have some things in

common."

King had to do research on Radner and found that the comedian had some trials in her life. Radner was overweight as a child and suffered from eating disorders in her adult life. She had two marriages, the first to G.E. Smith and her second marriage to Gene Wilder. Finally, Radner had ovarian cancer and it eventually took her life in 1989 at the age of 42.

King says that learning about Radner made her appreciate her more. "She was very down to earth as an actor and even as a person she was down to earth," she says. "Her comedy was very physical, innocent and child-like."

King learned a lot from reading Radner's own book "It's Always Something." She says one of her biggest problems has been trying to get her accent down. "Trying to imitate her has been hard," she laughs. "She's a Jewish woman from Detroit and I'm just a little Southern girl."

King will present her senior show for Ferrum College on Nov 30 and Dec 1. King tried her hand at directing for her senior show, and she says it was a challenge. "There are a lot of things you have to think about," she says.

King says the next step after graduation is to try to join an acting troupe. King would like to join a troop like the comedy troupe Second City. "I've been saving money since I was fifteen to go around and act," she says. "I'd like to go to Chicago or maybe even L.A."

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Student Activities Calendar

Heather Bozarth
Staff Writer

Monday November 16, 2009

8:30 a.m. - Art Exhibit: "The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability)"
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library through December 18
12 p.m. - Day of the Dead
Franklin and main quad
6 p.m. - Weekly Ag Club Mtg
Garber 123
7 p.m. - THE CHURCH
Vaughn Chapel
9 p.m. - PEM Club Meeting
Trophy Room, Swartz Gym

Tuesday November 17, 2009

3 p.m. - Stop Loss, Panther's Den
4 p.m. - Smell the Smoker,

Panther's Den
6:15 p.m. - Ferrum Outdoors
Rocwood Indoor Climbing Gymn
7 p.m. - Fall International
Education Week Programs
Grousbeck Recital Hall

Wednesday November 18, 2009

4:30 p.m. - Teacher Education
Program Candidate Interviews
Beckham 101, 103, 202,
203, 204, and 317
Beckham Conference Room
6:30 p.m. - Colleges Against Cancer/
Relay for Life Mtg, Beckham 103
6:30 p.m. - Pathways to Leadership
Workshop, Panther's Den
7 p.m. - Fall International
Education Week Programs
Grousbeck Recital Hall

Thursday November 19, 2009

3:30 p.m. - Big Buddy Little
Buddy Elementary Thanksgiving
Fitness Center
7 p.m. - Fall International
Education Week Programs
Grousbeck Recital Hall
7 p.m. - Mr. Stan Breakell,
Sustainable Design &
Engineering
Blue Ridge Mountain Room
8 p.m. - Recharging Thursday
Night Bible Study
Roberts Hall Conference Rm

Friday November 21, 2009

8:30 a.m. - Art Exhibit, Greer
Gallery, Stanley Library

Saturday November 21, 2009

Thanksgiving Break begins

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Movie Reviews

“The Fourth Kind” is second rate

Michael Rich
Senior Staff Writer

There are four different kinds of paranormal encounters. The first kind deals with sightings; the second kind deals with observations; and the third kind is actually meeting them. The fourth kind is alien abduction.

You would think a film called “The Fourth Kind” would actually be interesting. Sadly, it just develops into a second rate X-Files episode that goes absolutely nowhere fast.

Dr. Abigail Taylor (Milla Jovovich) is doing a sleep-deprivation study. The study was previously under the direction of her husband, who died in the middle of it.

Abigail soon comes to the conclusion that these patients of hers have been alien abductees. Abigail’s therapist (Elias Costas) is not exactly on board with the idea. When people in the study begin to get hurt, the local sheriff (Will Patton) thinks it’s due to

Abigail’s damaged mind.

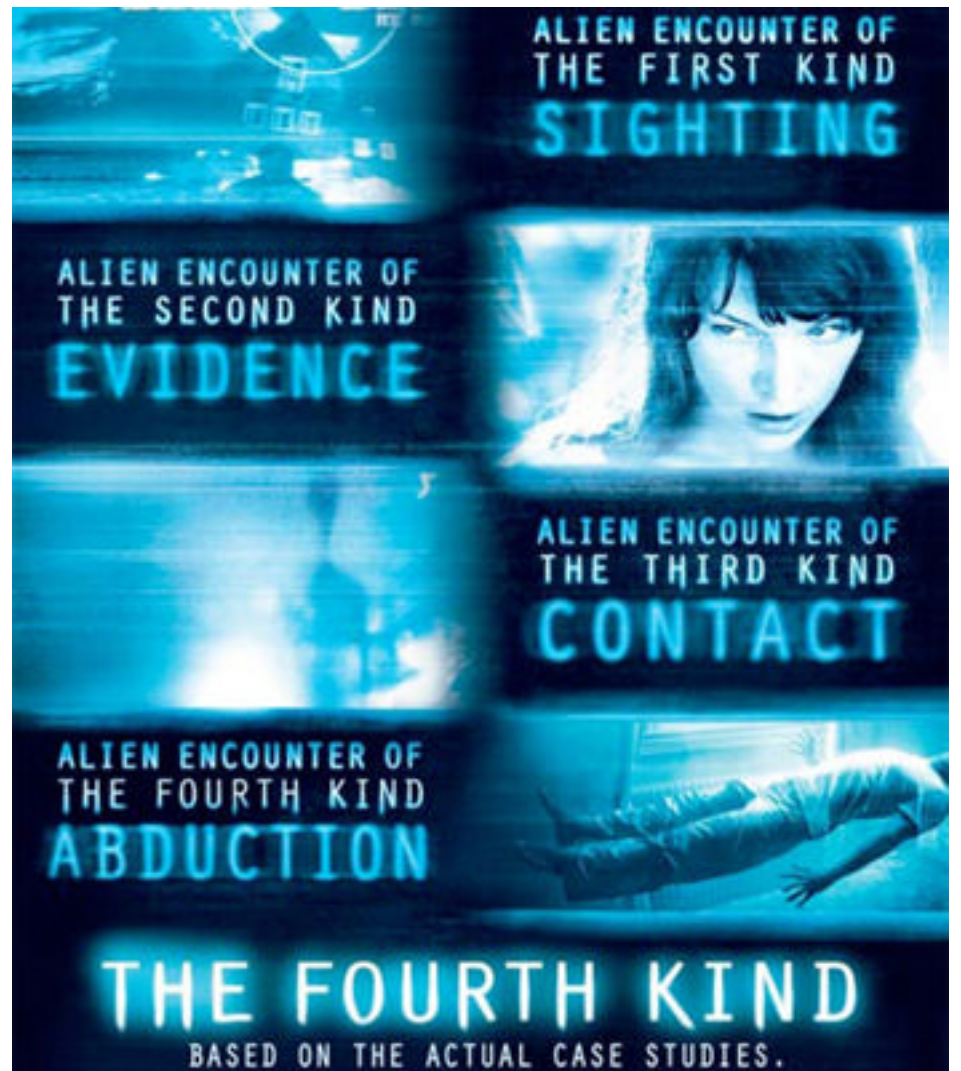
As with another spooky story (“Paranormal Activity”), this one claims to be based on actual case studies. While “Paranormal Activity” has fun with the absurdist notion, “The Fourth Kind” plays for a self-serious notion. “The Fourth Kind” shows you the “actual” footage alongside the film.

This whole film is really just an exercise by Olatunde Osunsanmi to test the nature of the audience.

If you haven’t seen the trailer to this film, it states that more people go missing in Nome, Alaska, than any other city in Alaska, and that the FBI has visited Nome more times than Anchorage.

Have you ever stopped to wonder whether, if Nome is out in the very corner of civilization, people might just die in the snow rather than being abducted by aliens?

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College Weight Watchers donate 250 lbs to local food bank

Natalie Faunce
Public Relations Director

Several Ferrum College faculty, staff and Community Health Center employees joined the fight against two global epidemics – hunger and obesity – by participating in the Lose For Good campaign. As local Weight Watchers members lose weight, they’ve also been collecting food to donate to the St. James Food Bank in Ferrum, Virginia to help their neighbors in need. Within seven weeks, the group lost 296.6 pounds, and collected 250 pounds of food.

“The Lose For Good campaign provides a chance for folks to adopt a healthier lifestyle, reduce their weight and help someone in need,” says JoAnna White, Weight Watchers Territory Manager. “Some members have brought in food donations equivalent to their weight loss so they can make sure their loss is someone else’s gain.”

Food banks across the nation

are reporting that the demand for assistance has increased as much as 40% this year, leaving many food banks unable to fill their shelves and help those in need. On a national level, for every million pounds Weight Watchers Members lost between August 31st and October 17th, Weight Watchers pledged to donate \$250,000 dollars – **UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS** – to two hunger fighting organizations – Share Our Strength and Action Against Hunger. Early estimates show that Weight Watchers has reached its donation goal by losing approximately four million pounds across the country. In addition, Weight Watchers staff and members participated in more than 3,300 voluntary food drives in meeting rooms throughout the country where they collected and donated an estimated two million pounds of food to local food banks.

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Campus Weight Watchers group lose 296.6 pounds while collecting 250 pounds of food for the St. James Food Bank.

photo courtesy of Public Relations

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time there is use of products, students, faculty, and animals are definitely kept in mind.

In a utopia, there would be no use of these products. Unfortunately, that is not the world we live in. Despite that, Prillaman said, if possible, the herbicides would not be used. However, it is usually not feasible to avoid

spraying. There is simply not enough manpower to pick all the weeds. Maybe one day, herbicides will be eliminated from the campus, but until then, the grounds crew is working its hardest to keep all those around this campus safe.

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FC and Sustainability

Stephen Slusher
Special to The Iron Blade

As we introduced in the Nov. 9 issue, the Ferrum College SIFE Sustainability Team will be providing a weekly opportunity for students to come up with ideas about sustainability and win prizes. This week and on Nov. 30, the prize will be a \$20 gift card to Wal-Mart. All faculty, staff, and students are eligible to enter this contest for a chance to win.

This week, we want every contestant to come up with three (3) ideas on how Ferrum College could become more sustainable. Each answer should stem from the idea of doing things on campus that will help the environment, as well as Ferrum’s ability to become more environmentally safe. Please submit all answers to: FC.Sustainability@gmail.com.

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Sports

Rodge's Hodge Podge

Roger L. Keaton, III
Sports Editor

I hated seeing us give up a punt return touchdown against **Averett**, especially because we usually have a great punt and great coverage, especially **Clayton Walvoort** coming down the field after snapping. On the play, punter **TJ Grzesikowski** gave a much better effort in stopping the returner than I expected. For the first time that I can remember, we lost the match between punters. ... Looking over the statistics for the **Averett football** game, we won in these statistical categories: first downs, rushing yards, average per rush, rushing attempts, average per passing attempt, average per passing completion, total offense, offensive plays, average gain per offensive play, time of possession (for the game and each quarter), red zone scoring, and FG's missed. But we also had more **turnovers**, which proved to be the difference in the game. ... At this time all fall sports but football have ended. The fall didn't end up the way I was hoping. Let's hope that **men's** and **women's basketball** can get Ferrum College back on the right path (previews for those sports are coming on Nov. 30).

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Volleyball loses numbers game

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Volleyball coach Nancy Howlett always will wonder what the season would have ended up like if all the players who committed to play had come out and played this year. To compound the lack of numbers to start the season, sophomore outside hitter Brittany Barlow was hurt before the season started and attempted to return during the season but aggravated the injury and had to sit out the rest of the season. Toward the end of the year, senior Chrissy Panuska injured her wrist and was unable to play after Senior Night. This left ten players available for games at the end of the season and made practice less challenging and game substitutions limited.

The volleyball team finished 16-19 for the season, 8-9 in the USA South Conference. The ninth loss was in the first round of the conference tournament at Methodist University. The team was a dominant 6-1 at home with the only loss being a heartbreaker to Averett University for Senior Night, a match where "Averett had a surge and we couldn't finish." Nowlett said that teams "with a lot of young people ... that killer instinct takes a long time to develop." The great record at home comes twofold. One, the team practices here and is more comfortable, but possibly more importantly, the student body and fans come out and support the team and give "extra motivation, push, incentive" to help the team win.

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Virginia Tech got back on path in beating ECU last Thursday night. **UVA** lost to Duke and should be searching for a new coach at this time. ... **Richmond** lost for the first time this season on a last-minute touchdown to a very talented Villanova team. **ODU** continues to win in its first season with a football team. ... **Jimmie Johnson** (NASCAR Sprint Cup) was involved in a wreck early in the race and may not have run away with the title as previously thought. ... The **New York Yankees** won the World Series in six games, with **Hedeki Matsui** winning the MVP and **Mariano Rivera** getting the final out for the fourth time, the most of anyone ever. ... The **New Orleans Saints** and **Indianapolis Colts** are undefeated, and the **Dallas Cowboys** are in first place in the NFC East, which reminds me, how is Dallas in the East? Looking at NFL divisions, St. Louis and Kansas City are in the West and Indianapolis is in the South. I thought I understood geography but obviously not as well as the **No Fun League**. If you missed it, **Chad OchoCinco's** offering a dollar to a referee to rule a reception a catch instead of an incompleteness was very amusing.

Intramural Flag Football closing in on final game



Intramural Flag Football has the longest season and most participation of all intramural sports at Ferrum College.

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Ferrum College Intramurals Flag Football is playing its final game on Thursday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. at Penn Roediger Field, home of Ferrum College soccer and lacrosse. Based on the mission statement of the Intramural Program, "the main focus of Ferrum College Intramurals is to provide a healthy and fun environment for students to participate in physical activity." Ferrum College Intramurals "encourage good sportsmanship and community involvement while promoting Health and Wellness through quality sports and recreation."

Flag football started on October 12. 174 students signed up for the season. 15 teams competed in the tournament. Each team is composed of 10-13 players. Chris

photo courtesy of Intramural Facebook Rill, the Coordinator of Intramurals Programming and Wellness, described Ferrum Intramurals flag football game as the "cornerstone of Ferrum College Intramurals." It is "the biggest and longest event of Intramurals at Ferrum College," added Rill. The winning team of Flag Football Intramurals will be awarded with "Champion" t-shirts which is the pride of being the champion of Ferrum College flag football tournament. Stacy Majors, one of the players from the flag football team "Ratchet," described the game as "more competitive than people think but fun to play."

The Final is expected to be a competitive one since the teams worked very hard to reach to the finals. Rill hopes that all students will "come out and support your team and have fun."

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The New Orleans Saints and the Indianapolis Colts are still undefeated. They join Florida and Alabama as the last professional unbeaten. Lionel Hollins has said he plans to continue bringing Allen Iverson off the bench. The end of the bench, so he can't hear all the complaining. Russia overcame the Czech Republic to win hockey's four-nation Karjala Cup. If you already knew this, get help for your gambling problem. 120 Major League Baseball players have now filed for free agency. The group includes 45 pitchers, 33 infielders and 27 of Alyssa Milano's ex-boyfriends. Sammy Sosa is undergoing a rejuvenation treatment that has made his skin lighter. Probably to convince GM's that he's someone else. The New York Giants are pretty sure they will not lose next week. But only because they're not playing. San Francisco Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum faces misdemeanor charges after a state trooper approached his

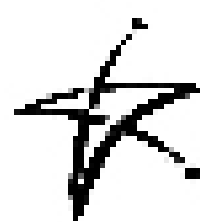
Mercedes and smelled marijuana. Lincecum was inside and high. Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman has become the first woman to coach in the NBA Development League. Which would be exciting, if it weren't the NBA Development League. The Yankees won their 27th World Series title. It couldn't have happened to a nicer bunch of free agents. Isiah Thomas lost his coaching debut at Florida International. So we don't have anything new to report. Raiders owner Al Davis finally confronted Tom Cable about his violent past. We're expecting Davis to recover any day now. Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder told reporters that the team is letting everybody down. Except, of course, Nationals fans. The 1-4 Sacramento Kings signed forward Ime Udoka. They should be 2-9 in no time. The PGA has suspended Doug Barron for testing positive for a banned substance: personality. Stephon Marbury believes the New York Knicks should fire Mike D'Antoni. Of course, he also believes someone should hire Stephon Marbury.

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