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November 5 to be opening reception for Greer Gallery exhibit “The Whole Pin-hole Show (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability)”

Ashley Hale
Editor-in-Chief

The opening reception of the new art exhibit “The Whole Pin-hole Show (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability)” will be held Nov. 5 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Greer Gallery of Stanley Library. Though many of the gallery’s exhibits normally highlight the art of students and guests, this time Ferrum’s own faculty and staff’s work will be on display.

The exhibit is a collaborative idea of Jeff Dalton, assistant professor of art, and Matt LaRose, associate professor of art and program coordinator. The exhibit is coordinated, printed, and assembled by Dalton.

“The whole idea was for the faculty and staff to do something fun and expressive,” Dalton said.

After soliciting interest via e-mail, Dalton received responses from about 12 faculty and staff. Their home-made cameras will be on display along with the photos taken with the cameras.

The exhibit intertwines with the

campus theme of “Sustainability: Becoming the change you want to see in the world.” Many participants constructed their own pin-hole cameras using a variety of recycled materials such as oatmeal boxes or shoeboxes. Other cameras used were created by Dalton and some of his photography students.

Although these materials were convertible into functioning cameras, after trying to develop many of the photographs taken, Dalton quickly realized that there was too much light leaking through the oatmeal box and shoebox cameras. He decided to construct the cameras out of one gallon paint cans.

Dalton says the construction of a pin-hole camera is fairly simple. In order to make a pin-hole camera, one will need an empty, one gallon paint can, black and white photograph paper (which can be obtained from any photo supply house), and black electrician’s tape.

First, on the front side of the paint can, a small hole should be drilled. A small flap of electrician’s tape is then



“Stop now before it’s too late.”

photo by Wayne Bowman

placed over the hole to serve as the shutter. Then the photograph paper is placed in the back side of the paint can, opposite the drilled hole. After the lid is placed back over the paint can, photographs can then be taken.

Taking photographs with pin-hole cameras is not as simple as using a modern camera explains Dalton. “It’s

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“The Laramie Project” opens November 5

Olivia Walker
Staff Writer

“The Laramie Project” is this year’s choice for the annual fall play. The play opens Nov. 5 and runs through Nov. 8. Show times are Nov. 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Sale Theater.

“It’s a serious play about true events that happen in our daily lives” senior Jeff Williams said. Williams will play a judge in the play.

The play examines hate crimes centered on a gay college student in Laramie, Wisconsin. Hate crimes in general expose the best and worst of people when they are exposed in the play. The play is also about the aspect of hope. The citizens hope to live and work together equally and peacefully.

“It’s a play that gives a different outlook on all people, not just homosexuals,” freshman Darren Smith said. Smith will play the three roles of Matt Galloway, Andrew Gomez, and Rerucha.

Characters in the play tend to appear to be a certain way, but when

tragedy and confusion strike, people began to change and work together to help solve problems as a community.

Many of the actors have put in around 20 hours a week to prepare for the play in both class time and mental preparation.

“I’m so amazed by the quality of the play and the performers,” said Wayne Bowman, director of performing, visual arts operations, theatre arts coordinator, and play director. “They are literally stepping out of their zone and creating characters that are nothing like themselves. I am able to see the completely transformation, and it is quite astonishing.”

The play is expected to draw a crowd of strong thinking adults who are also interested in quality and justice.

“I will warn the crowd beforehand, the play contains very strong adult language and themes.” Bowman said, “but it will be a very strong production!”

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New Rotaract Club to kick off its services at Ferrum

Khoseraw Habibi
Staff Writer

Ferrum College students, in collaboration with the Rocky Mount Rotary Club, are forming a new club called Rotaract. According to the Rotaract information pamphlet distributed to interested students: “Rotaract is a Rotary sponsored organization whose purpose is to give service opportunities to young men and women attending different colleges and universities. Students who participate can make a real difference with the physical and social needs of their communities and world.”

Rotaract promotes better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. There are around 7,000 Rotaract clubs around the world working locally, regionally, and internationally.

President of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club, Walter Hughes, described Rotaract as a “service organization for college students who can and will make a difference at home and around the world.” Hughes believes that through Rotaract students will be

provided with insight to businesses. Students will also be provided with the opportunity to work with other Rotaract clubs regionally and internationally.

With Rocky Mount Rotary sponsorship, Rotaract will work on local projects such as helping to keep at risk kids in school and building playgrounds and parks. Rotaract will also work on international projects such as helping the Stop Hunger programs and providing clean water to help eliminate diseases in Ghana.

Initially, the Rocky Mount Rotary will help fund Rotaract, Hughes added. Rol Walters, director of career services and the advisor for Ferrum College’s Rotaract club, hopes that “students will have a serious look at the club called Rotaract because it will offer them an opportunity to serve their fellow man in ways that they may not be able to in other organizations.”

Rotaract club accepted written nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service

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a very simple camera,” he said. “[Photographers] can only take one shot at a time, and then they must reload.”

Dalton gives the following step-by-step instructions for using a pin-hole camera:

1. Point the camera in the direction of the subject.
2. Make sure the camera is on a stable surface.
3. Pull the tape “shutter” down (don’t move the camera!)
 - Sun drenched subject- count 10 seconds
 - In the shadows or when cloudy- count 15-20 seconds
4. Quickly close the tape “shutter.” You don’t want to over expose.
5. DO NOT OPEN THE CAN. There is photo sensitive paper inside!
6. The image is then ready to be processed.

When using a pin-hole camera one is left with the negative and must process the “ghostly,” blurred-appearing photo by a process called negative contact print. Dalton processed all negatives that will be on display. The gallery will exhibit both the positive and negative images taken by the participants.

“I think it’s been fun,” Dalton said. “I hope they’ve had fun with it.”

Though the teaching strategies of those participating in the exhibit are known, students are encouraged to attend the show to now learn about their professors’ photography skills.

Participants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Kay Adams, Reference assistant in Stanley Library
- Professor Wayne Bowman, professor of theatre arts, director of performing and visual arts programs, and theatre arts program coordinator
- Professor Jeff Dalton, assistant professor of art
- Dr. Katherine Grimes, associate professor of English and English program coordinator
- Dr. Allison Harl, assistant professor of English
- Gary Holden, sports information director and assistant athletic director
- Dr. John Kitterman, associate professor of English
- Professor Matt LaRose, associate professor of art and the art program coordinator
- Dr. Bob Pohlad, professor of biology and horticulture program coordinator
- Professor Ginny Seale, assistant professor of teacher education
- Dr. Glen Stevens, assistant professor of environmental science
- Dr. Lana Whited, professor of English and director of the Boone Honors program

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Folklife Festival a huge success

Caleigh Gibson
Staff writer

The Blue Ridge Folklife Festival has been a Ferrum College tradition since 1973. Since the very first one, festival-goers have enjoyed the charm of this small Appalachian heritage festival. People from all around the state and region came to enjoy handmade crafts, music, dancing, and a lot of good food.

Some new Ferrum students who had never been to the festival before were really surprised at the various attractions. “I thought it was really interesting,” said Abigail Lewis, a freshman from Falls Church, Va. “I’ve never seen a coon dog race before!”

Among the festivities, music and dancing were very popular. “I enjoyed flatfoot dancing,” said freshman Sarah Beth Meadows, of Berlin, Mary. “There was very good bluegrass music that kept everyone on their feet.” As for the dancing, there were mountain



“Amazing Grace” the mule, who once appeared in a movie with actor Robert Duvall, composes one of her distinctive paintings for Folklife festival onlookers. The mule holds the paintbrush in her mouth. See more festival photos on page 6.

photo by Vaughan Webb



(L-R) Tyler, Brandon, Berhan, and Hailu Grimes-Whited watch a weaving demonstration presented by Handweavers of the New River Valley.

photo by Lana Whited

dance workshop, clogging, flat foot-ing, and buck dancing.

Homemade crafts by 50 folk craftsmen were brought for sale. Many had their handmade items on display and told passersby about them.

From musical instruments to quilts to caned chairs, the festival had just about any type of authentic craft from the area. There was also horse pulling competitions, tractor and car shows, coon dog treeing and racing contests, authentic food, sheep herding demonstrations, and the Virginia State Championship Coon Mule Jumping Contest.

The festival was another success this year, and, once we’ve attended it, most of us can’t wait for next year!

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New Business Advisory Board source of help to students, professors, community

Press Release

In this tough economy, graduates entering the workforce will soon be faced with the daunting task of competing with hundreds of other applicants for a job after college. But now, Ferrum College business students are getting some much needed help thanks to the formation of the new Business Advisory Board. The Board, which is made up of presidents and CEOs from several area and international businesses, was formed to meet the demands of business while ensuring quality education for students.

Demetri Tsanacas, Professor of Business, says, “This newly formed Board will be a tremendous asset to not only our students but to our professors and community as well. We want to know from these business professionals what we should be teaching in our classrooms so that we can better prepare our students for the workplace.”

Board members will meet twice

a year at the College to talk to the students and professors about what they’re looking for when hiring employees. On October 9th, the Board met for the first time in the Founder’s Room in the Stanley Library. During that meeting, the Board discussed what they are looking for when hiring, the classes being offered at Ferrum, and even suggested changes to the curriculum that would benefit the students. “We are really looking for students who can problem solve,” says Mark Hudzik, Vice President of Member One Federal. “We need people who can think outside the box, and also have real life experience. There are so many opportunities for internships or work programs in our communities and we want these students to take advantage of that,” he explains.

The meeting was extremely beneficial to students like senior Business Administration major, Sam Catron. “I thought it was great to find out from the people who do the hiring themselves what qualities and skills they

are looking for,” says Catron. “I can make sure my resume reflects those qualities so I can be more competitive when looking for a job.”

“This is a win-win situation,” says Tsanacas. “By having a voice in the activities of the Ferrum College business department, businesses will benefit directly. Not only will our graduates come to them better prepared, but the College’s educational programs will continue to meet the workforce training needs of all employees.”

The Business Advisory Board members at Ferrum College are:

- Russ Johnson**, Franklin County Supervisor, Gills Creek
- Douglas Monk**, Board Chair, Former COO Tredegar Corp.
- Mark Hudzik**, V.P., Member One
- Ken Gassman**, Jewelry Research Institute
- Samuel Oakey III 82’**, Owner, Oakey Funeral Homes

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Opinion/Editorial

Out of uniform

Glenn Thompson
Special to the Iron Blade

The year was 1974.

Students were streaking across the college campuses of the world, and the string bikini was the fashion statement of the summer.

Solzhenitsyn was kicked out of Russia, and Baryshnikov escaped from his keepers to terpsichorean freedom.

A well-known young socialite was kidnapped by an erstwhile group of terrorist wannabees, and Hank Aaron toppled the "Babe" from his throne and became the new Home Run King.

The country was in shock as Richard Nixon resigned his office and a young Army lieutenant was convicted for his part in a wartime massacre.

We lost the humor of Jack Benny, the voice of Dizzy Dean, and the music of Duke Ellington.

On a brighter note, the Celtics, Steelers, and the Athletics were the sports heroes of the year.

I was serving in the Army in Europe and was selected to return to the States on a special assignment for six months in my small hometown in Arkansas.

After about four months of duty, I

took a few days leave and went to my bank the first morning to cash a check.

During the four-month period, I had always done my banking business while in uniform, often as not with a charming and talkative young teller named Diane. This bright day saw me outfitted in mufti, ready for the day's lakeside recreational activities.

After serving my time in line, I stepped to the counter and presented my signatory request for funds (yes...a check), and waited for my friend to acknowledge me. After a cursory smile (not the happy grin I had expected), she began to gather the necessary funds for me. After a few moments of this underplayed reaction, I inquired of her, "What's wrong Diane? Don't like me out of uniform?"

She raised her head from her calculating machine chores (yes, this was the Dark Ages), and looked

closely at my face and then down at my lake-so-casual attire. As her eyes met mine once again, her face brightened and her mouth opened, and she filled the cavernous reaches of that antebellum white marble bastion of southern gentility: "Oh, Glenn! I am so sorry! I didn't recognize you with clothes on!"

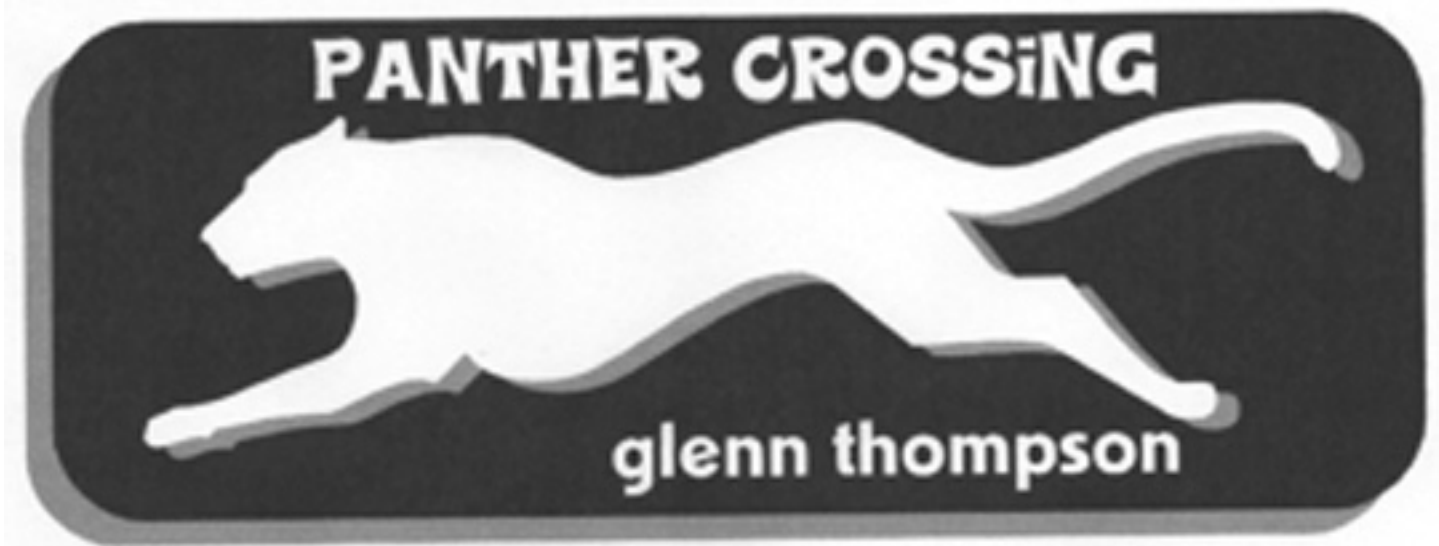
The last three words hung in echoes off the stone for what I know was at least a small eternity, because that is how long she and I, along with at least fifty employees and customers were frozen in time and space. This was one of those moments in life when the next thing you expect to hear is Rod Sterling's voiceover about an unexpected journey you are about to

take.

The degree of redness in Diane's face could only be measured against the depth of the silence in that stone behemoth of a room. I could literally feel the stares of a hundred or so eyes on my back. Diane, her sweet vermilion visage tucked into her breast, stammered softly, "I-I-I m-mean...out of uniform." The vast room echoed once more; this time with the release of dozens of collective breaths...mine included.

She was still my teller of choice on subsequent visits...I liked the way she smiled and blushed when I stepped up to her counter.

Hey...what can I say? I was twenty years old.



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Letter to the Editor

"New major" raises concern

To the editor:

I write this email full of emotion. I am a parent of two Ferrum College students and a daughter of an alcoholic. I am concerned about an article that appeared in the October 5 edition of the Iron Blade entitled "If you care to know...Ferrum announces new major." I was appalled that an article of this magnitude could be printed or even allowed to be printed in the school newspaper. Whether in jest or not, allowing this to go to print was done in poor taste and is an

abomination. With our youth battling alcoholism in our nation is nothing to joke about, and I believe your choice of such an article was totally unnecessary. I would hope greater thought and consideration would be placed in future issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ferrum Forum

compiled by Chris Brown

Whom are you planning to vote for in the Virginia gubernatorial election, and why?



Darren Agee

I don't know.



Eric Childress

Creigh Deeds, because I am a flaming liberal.



Bob Dill

I am not voting.



Olivia Hunt

I am not voting but if I did it would be Deeds because I see his signs everywhere.



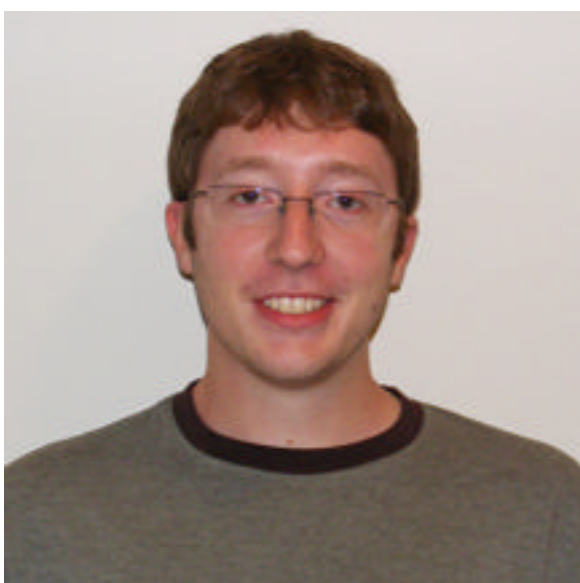
Katie Johnson

I'm not voting.



John Morris

McDonnell.



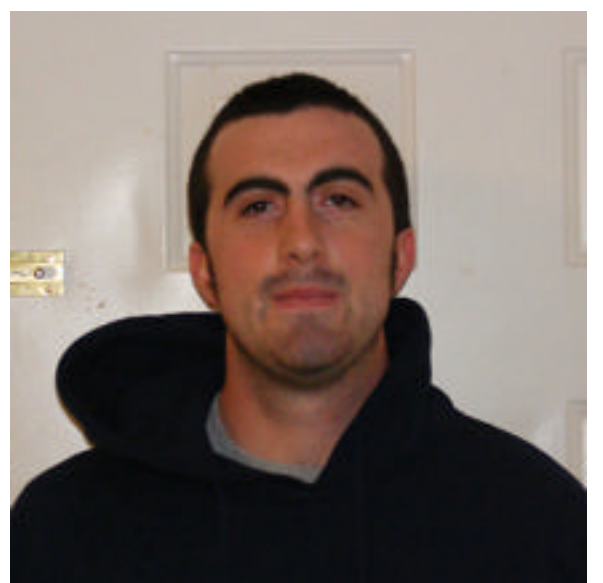
Gregg Servi

Sasha Saari, because no one's more qualified.



Katie Siewers

Neither.



Brian Walsh

Neither of them represent me or my views.

Features

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Jordan Edelin
Staff Writer

Monday November 2, 2009

8:30 a.m.
Art Exhibit: "Sustainability: Trash to Treasure"
Greer Gallery Stanley Library
6 p.m.
Weekly Agriculture Meeting
Garber 123
7 p.m.
The Church – Praise and Worship
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Tuesday November 3, 2009

8:30 a.m.
Art Exhibit: "Sustainability: Trash to Treasure"
Greer Gallery Stanley Library
6:15 p.m.
Ferrum Outdoors
Rocwood Indoor Climbing Gym
9 p.m.
BINGO – Panthers Den

Wednesday November 4, 2009

6:30 p.m.
College Against Cancer/ Relay for Life Meetings
Beckham 103
7 p.m.
"Making a first impression"
AV Auditorium, Stanley Library
7:30 p.m.
Fall Play: "The Laramie Project"
Sale Theate, Schoolfield Hall

Thursday November 5, 2009

11 a.m.
The Challenge Career Fair
The Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg Va
3:30 p.m.
Big Buddy, Little Buddy Middle School
Fitness Center
4 p.m.
Art Exhibition Opening Reception
"The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability.)"
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library
7 p.m.
Dr. Jeb Barrett, Sustainability Lecture Series
Blue Ridge Mountain Room
7:30 p.m.
Fall Play: "The Laramie Project"
Sale Theater, Schoolfield Hall

Thursday November 5, 2009 Cont'd

8 p.m.
Recharging Thursday Night Bible Study
Roberts Hall Conference Room

Friday November 6, 2009

8:30 a.m.
Art Exhibit: "The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability.)"
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library
5 p.m.
Movie Night - Eagle Cinema 5, Rocky Mount, via the Ferrum Express
7:30 p.m.
Fall Play: "The Laramie Project"
Sale Theater, Schoolfield Hall

Saturday November 7, 2009

8 a.m.
Ferrum Outdoors Rock Climbing Weekend
Ferrum Outdoors Office in Fitness Center
8:30 a.m.
Art Exhibit: "The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability.)"
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library
1 p.m.
FOOTBALL HOME VS. Averett University
Adams Stadium
7:30 p.m.
Fall Play: "The Laramie Project"
Sale Theater, Schoolfield Hall
10 p.m.
Class of 2010 "Senior Bash"
Fitness Center

Sunday November 8, 2009

8:30 a.m.
Art Exhibit: "The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability.)"
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library
2 p.m.
Fall Play: "The Laramie Project"
Sale Theate, Schoolfield Hall

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Ferrum Folks: Khoserau Habibi



photo by Tristan Ashley

Tristen Ashley
Senior Staff Writer

Khoserau Habibi sat waiting to be interviewed for his visa at the Embassy in Pakistan in spring 2006. He says that he did not want to come to the embassy because a friend of his had been denied his visa the week before. Habibi says that Sasha Sarri, director of International Programs at Ferrum College, urged him to come and try because his approval might depend on who is at the window that day.

Habibi had already taken the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) so his fate now rested in the hands of whoever sat at the window. He says that when he first arrived, a man with wide glasses sat in the window scowling. He had already refused the first man that went to the window.

To Habibi's surprise, the man left, and, about ten minutes later, a woman arrived in his place. Habibi's name was called, and, as he approached the window, he was greeted by a smiling face. Habibi was asked just four questions about his background before the woman asked if he could wait an hour for his visa to be processed.

"I thought they must be joking," he says. "They asked me to wait for one hour. Half an hour later, someone called my name and gave me my visa."

Even with the visa in his hand, Habibi still did not believe that it was real. "Now I thought 'I have to get out of here as soon as possible before they change their mind,'" he says.

Habibi says he had been interested in coming to the United States to go to college. He started talking to Mina Ayob ('06), Ferrum's first Afghani graduate, on the internet in late 2005 about applying to Ferrum College, and he had been in contact with Sasha Sarri. On August 24, 2006, Habibi flew out of Pakistan to come to the United States to study political science

at Ferrum College.

Habibi is a Muslim from Afghanistan, and he has had quite a different life from most American 27-year-olds. There has been war in his home country for over 30 years. Habibi's own family had to move around several times as refugees.

In 1998, Habibi says he and his family moved from Afghanistan to Pakistan because the Taliban was so brutal. It was around this time that Habibi started taking English courses. At the end of 2000, he was teaching some of the lower-level courses.

Habibi already spoke three languages; Farsi, Pashto and Hindi. He says that once you have learned more than one language, it gets easier to pick up others.

Habibi taught English from 2001-2003, eventually working his way up as an administrator and program coordinator. Habibi says that teaching was a fantastic experience for him. "Being a teacher, you have more responsibility to your students to have the answers," he says. "Students are like babies. You have to feed them always with information."

After the collapse of the Taliban in 2001, Habibi says he began getting more politically involved in his own country. He started working with American journalists as an interpreter and guide.

Among others, Habibi worked with Ivan Watson, correspondent for NPR and CNN, in the mountains of Torra Bora. Habibi says their primary goal was to look for Osama Bin Laden.

In 2003, he applied for a job as a language assistant to the United Nations. He worked with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and was promoted within six months to training officer. Habibi was responsible for training electoral

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Movie Reviews

Nightfall not required to witness “Paranormal Activity”

Michael Rich
Senior Staff Writer

Word of mouth usually helped films back in the 60’s and 70’s. Today, word of mouth is pretty much dead but with few exceptions. Recently, “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” is the best example of how word of mouth made plenty of money. Horror films that come along with word of mouth are exceedingly rare. The original “Halloween” was dumped in one Kansas City theatre and expected to die but it didn’t. The last great word of mouth horror film was “The Blair Witch Project.” Now comes “Paranormal Activity” which is in the same vein of “Blair Witch.”

The premise is basically straightforward. Kate (Katie Featherstone) and Micah (Micah

Sloat) are two twentysomethings living together in an apartment. They happen to be suffering from a haunting there. Katie has actually been haunted on and off her whole life, so it doesn’t really bother her. Micah, being the curious sort, decides to record the incidents.

During the course of the whole movie, the incidents at night become more real. During the day, Katie becomes more terrified and Micah becomes more energetic to the situation that’s occurring. One of the things they attempt is to consult a psychic who basically told them that they’re dealing with a demon and not a ghost.

“Paranormal Activity” was shot for 25 grand, and doesn’t use any over-the-top techniques. This movie proves that all you need to make a

good horror flick is to be in the dark and make some noise. Director Oren Pell makes the viewer care for the characters in this movie so we hope they all make it. The audience will probably realize that horror characters will make the same stupid mistakes. Though, in this film we want to see if those mistakes will have any real impact.

Paramount Pictures originally intended to show this film in theaters at midnight screenings. Considering the good word of mouth, they decided to gradually roll it out across the country. I saw this movie at the 1:10 p.m. showing. It was effective enough, even during the day, that I would think a midnight showing would not be warranted.



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More photos from the 2009 Blue Ridge Folklife Festival

(Left) Tom Van Nortwick, and automobile and motorcycle pinstriper from Franklin County, applies pinstriping to a car.

(Right) An artisan from Stone Age Masonry in Floyd demonstrates his craft.

photos by Vaughan Webb/Blue Ridge Institute

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workers for the first ever presidential election in Afghanistan.

Habibi applied for a job as a Regional Political Affairs Assistant in 2005. His job was to try to be a bridge between the government and the people. He says he was responsible for educating people about their rights to help to ensure political stability.

Habibi says that his work in political affairs in Afghanistan was “amazing but risky.” Habibi put his life in jeopardy by being involved in politics. “The Taliban and Al Qaeda don’t want a stable Afghanistan,” he says. “Whoever works for the government is a target.”

Habibi says that being involved in Afghan politics, he has seen many horrific things including bombings, shootings and seeing his own friends

get killed.

It affects him but unfortunately he is getting used to it. “I’ve seen all sorts of atrocities,” he says. “But I have to stop crying some time. This is how it is.”

Habibi is a senior this year and will graduate with his political science degree. He says that he has enjoyed his time at Ferrum. “The environment is very conducive for studying,” he says. “People in the community are very welcoming. I can’t complain.”

Habibi says that studying political science has helped him connect the world together. “Politics is everywhere. Family, for example, deals with politics and diplomatic relationships,” he explains. “I want to know more about other cultures, other traditions. If you know politics, you

will be able to understand it easier.”

Habibi has been very involved in the political science program. He has been involved in activities ranging from the Model UN to the presidential debate last October.

Habibi would like to go to graduate school after graduation in May. He says he is anxious to learn more about politics and international affairs.

Habibi says that though it has not always been easy, he appreciates his life experience. “I don’t want to forget my past. I want to keep it as a reminder,” he says. “In a way, it has helped me understand the value of life and the value of opportunities given to you.”

Habibi likes to share his knowledge with others. “I would like to share my experience with people so they realize

what they have,” he says. “Some people take for granted what they have.”

Habibi says he would like to eventually go back to Afghanistan and be involved in politics again. If that happens, he would like to have a place in the United States to come back to if he found that his life was threatened. “Politics is a risky game,” he says.

But Habibi says that the risk is worth it to him if he can help stop warfare. Coming from a war-torn country, Habibi has seen first-hand what war can do. “It destroys dreams. It destroys lives. It destroys families. It destroys nations,” he says. “People are so hungry for peace.”

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Sports

Rodge's Hodge Podge

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It was heartbreaking to see **volleyball** to lose at its senior night after going up 2-0. The team did a great job in rebounding to beat Peace and Meredith the following Saturday. ... **Jessica Flanagan** is the school's recording holder in career digs and depending upon how the rest of the season goes could take a single season record or two. ... **Football's** loss to Greensboro really hurt. Going up early to give a game away? Just like volleyball. It was good to get back on the winning side against Shenandoah but 19-13 over a team that only has one win on the year is a little too close for my comfort. Here's to hoping we finish the year strong with wins against CNU, Averett, and Maryville. ... **Men's soccer** continues to lose close games. The **women's soccer** team is doing the same thing still. Oh so close but just not there. As these teams improve look for marked improvement in the

win-loss department. ... The **men's** and **women's basketball** teams are practicing and I'm looking forward to seeing them play. Anyone else? ... We're almost into a dry time in regards to sports as most fall sports are ending and only the two basketball teams play during the winter.

The **NBA** season is underway. It'll be interesting to see how **Shaq** meshes with **LeBron**. ... **Jimmie Johnson** is about to win another **Sprint Cup** title. This is starting to get boring. ... I picked the **New York Yankees** to win the **World Series** and they're still heading that way. That first round matchup of former Cleveland Indians pitchers was interesting. ... In FCS (formerly D-1AA) the **University of Richmond** continues to win and looks like they'll be making another deep playoff run. ... **Virginia Tech** and the **University of Virginia** lost to Georgia Tech in consecutive weeks, taking both out of the Coastal Division race.

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Panther Profile: Chrissy Panuska

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A wanted change of scenery brought senior volleyball player Chrissy Panuska west from Hampton, Virginia. Panuska started playing volleyball in fifth grade and has played ever since, including at Hampton Christian High School and now as a defensive specialist here at Ferrum College. She played softball her freshman year but gave that up in order to focus more on her academics, especially her double major of Health Sciences and Biology and her Psychology minor.

Theta gamma omega (OGO) is her sorority and she loves different activities with them. Panuska joined Minds-in-Medicine this year and continues to participate in Colleges



Chrissy Panuska

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Stepdads win 3rd consecutive powder puff championship

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An anticlimactic tournament had a similar ending. The Stepdads, a team captained, coached, and comprised entirely of women's basketball players won their third consecutive powder puff football championship over 2Fresh, a team composed entirely of freshmen. The Stepdads, who thought up their name while watching the Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly movie "Stepbrothers" due to their opponents "hating them because they (Stepdads) beat you (opponents)," were never challenged in the tournament. Brittany Bullock was the team captain and senior Tiesha Terry coached. In the championship the Stepdads jumped out to a big lead but what Terry called a "missed coverage" allowed 2Fresh to score a touchdown and gain some momentum. It did not last as the Stepdads were able to go score again behind the arm of starting quarterback Ashley Norton and receiving of the



Stepdads win again.

Kenyetta Johnson, Tesla Akers, and Kelsey Frazier. The Stepdads were a

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"nice" team as well, one time Terry instructed her team by saying "No!

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Fastest game on two legs; Ferrum adds men's lacrosse

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"My biggest challenge in coaching a new team would have to be recruiting. Getting the students comfortable with the school, because often times recruits are nervous about joining a first-year team," says men's lacrosse coach Nat St. Laurent. You would not think so considering the great buzz and successful recruiting happening at Ferrum for men's

lacrosse. Out of all of the 14 sports offered at Ferrum College we have now added men's lacrosse for the 2010-2011 school year. Eight to ten current students have expressed interest to Coach St. Laurent about the team, and already a few incoming students have committed. Coach St. Laurent has recruited in places such as Texas, New York, Virginia, and California. St. Laurent has been

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Football goes 1-1

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The football team had a heartbreaking loss to Greensboro College Saturday, October 17, by the score of 24-27. A dominant 17-0 start turned sour as Greensboro was able to come back and take a 27-17 lead. Ferrum added a touchdown late to finish out the scoring but Greensboro was able to run out the clock to end the game. For the game Mike Vann led all players with 162 all-purpose yards, 118 yards rushing and 44 receiving.

Matt Dobson had three touchdown passes, two to Makya Jackson and one to Vann. Jackson's two touchdown passes tied the school recent for touchdown receptions in a game, most recently by Chris Silk. Maureik Goode once again led Ferrum in tackles, five solo and seven assists, with 1.5 tackles for loss and one pass broken up. Ferrum's record dropped to 3-3 overall, 1-2 USA South.

Ferrum was able to defeat Shenandoah Saturday night, October

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After losing to the Steelers, Brett Favre said he respects Pittsburgh fans. Though Pittsburgh fans wave towels, and Favre just throws them in. ESPN fired Steve Phillips. But he's already found a new job as a scout for David Letterman. Sam Bradford will look to the NFL with a bad shoulder. The NFL will look to Sam Bradford with a cold one. Wayne Gretzky believes that Las Vegas will have an NHL team within five

years. And his wife is willing to put 10 grand on it. Al Jefferson and Blake Griffin both doubt they'll be able to play in the NBA's season opener. Or the playoffs. Rain postponed Game 6 of the ALCS to Sunday night. Even though the umpires said it was sunny. The University of Cincinnati Bearcats are off to their best start since 1954. Meanwhile, the Cincinnati Bengals are off to their best start since last week. Teenage lefty phenom Yusei Kikuchi rejected a chance to play Major League Baseball and will stay in Japan. Where his mother will be safe

from Steve Phillips. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says Britain may be in the league's future. Because that's how far you'd have to travel to find someone willing to watch the Lions. Former coach Joe Gibbs said he has no plans to return to the Redskins. After all, he's retired, not desperate. The Philadelphia Phillies are going back to the World Series. The New York Mets are also repeating, making reservations at the same golf resort. The Cleveland Browns are battling a bad bout of flu. Whereas Cleveland Browns fans are battling a bad bout of depression. Meanwhile, the Tennessee

Titans are not battling the flu. They just suck. The SEC has suspended one of its football officiating crews. They were immediately hired by Major League Baseball. Foul-mouthed Ozzie Guillen will be an analyst on Fox during the World Series. Guillen is already looking forward to mispronouncing, "Fox." Donald Fehr is expected to get a compensation package worth over \$11 million. Fehr plans on using it to buy two Yankee tickets.

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recruiting for a month and is in contact with 30 more prospective players.

Conditioning will begin in the fall, starting Labor Day weekend and going three days a week. During the winter there will be strength conditioning, and the season will begin in the spring of 2010. Coach St Laurent's coaching style is disciplined, team oriented, and an up-tempo in play. Because it is the first year of the men's lacrosse team the coach's goals are that the men will be competitive. He wishes to compete in every game and give themselves a chance to win. The toughest game of the season will be Washington & Lee but they will still compete their best regardless of the

opponent. There are three teams in our conference who participate in men's lacrosse; they are CNU, Greensboro, and Shenandoah. Eventually we will join the USA South Conference if more teams join in the next few years. If you are interested in joining the team contact Coach St. Laurent by e-mail at ns Laurent@ferrum.edu or by going to his office in Schwartz Gymnasium, room 208. Coach St. Laurent's enthusiasm about the sport, the team and the upcoming season is so great that Ferrum College's first men's lacrosse season of the 2000s has no choice but to be a successful one.

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Against Cancer (CAC). A class in her major, Microbiology, is "kicking her butt" right now while she enjoyed the times with one of Ferrum's favorite professors, Dr. Reilly, in Sports Psychology.

Panuska has great memories of playing volleyball, especially last year in beating both Averett University and Greensboro College. Looking back over her time here Panuska knows she is really going to miss playing volleyball and hanging out with friends here, especially her boyfriend Michael Beagle. While volleyball has lots of great memories not all will be fond. Panuska has three fractures in the pinkie finger on her left hand and is expected to be out two weeks and

miss the end of her senior season. With volleyball winding down Panuska is looking forward to having some more free time and being able to hang out with friends who she has grown apart from.

Thinking forward to next year Panuska hopes to attend graduate school in a Physical Therapy program at either Old Dominion University or Elon University. Another thing she is looking forward to is "being able to attend Homecoming finally." As her advice to younger students on campus, "enjoy college and get involved in as much as possible."

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24. With the Blue Ridge Folklife Festival on campus the football team traveled up to Winchester and came back home with a winning record overall (4-3) and even in conference (2-2). After Mike Vann scored on Ferrum's first drive and Shenandoah answered back it seemed like it

would be a high-scoring game. Scott Puschell would kick a field goal but Shenandoah answered with a touchdown to take a 13-9 lead a few minutes before halftime. Early in the fourth quarter Quintel Banks plunged in from eight yards out to give Ferrum a lead it would not relinquish. Puschell

would add another field goal to complete the scoring at 19-13. Ferrum was only able to complete one pass during the game and even that 13-yard gain did not produce a first down. Steven Harris led the team in rushing with 125 yards on 11 carries, an average of 11.1 yards per carry. Banks

finished with 112 yards on 14 carries. Brandon Jackson finished with ten solo tackles along with a forced and recovered fumble. Defensive linemen Willie Taylor and Shawn Winfrey also had big games for Ferrum.

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Chair, College/Rotary Liaison and Publicity Chair by student participants during its club meeting on Wed., Oct. 21. Winners will be announced after

Oct. 28. Rotaract is planning to take part in the Stop Hunger program, at Franklin County High School on December

the 5th. Further information about the event will be disseminated through email to Ferrum students in the coming days. Students can contact

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