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## Massey Energy president is 2nd Exec. in Residence speaker

**Khoseraw Habibi**  
Staff Writer

Baxter, F. Phillips Jr., president of Massey Energy Company, a Fortune 1,000 company included in the S&P 500, will speak at Ferrum on Thurs., Nov. 12. Phillips is the second guest of the Executive in Residence program, which invites influential business executives to share their knowledge and experience with the campus.

Phillips is a member of the Massey Energy Company's board of directors. Phillips has been working with Massey Energy Company for the last 28 years. He has served as corporate treasurer on two occasions, manager of export sales, human resources officer, benefits officer, vice president of purchasing for operation, chief financial officer and chief administrative office.

Phillips is a Ferrum Junior College graduate. He graduated from Ferrum College in 1966. He completed his undergraduate degree in business management at Virginia Commonwealth University. He received his masters degree in business administration at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Prior to working with Massey Energy Company, Phillips was involved in the banking and investments field. After graduating from college he worked at the former United Virginia Bank as a cash management officer. Later on, he served as a group head in the Corporate Banking division of American Security Bank in Washington, DC. He served as a financial



**Baxter Phillips**  
courtesy of Massey Energy web site

consultant to the Smithsonian Institution, the National Symphony, a foreign government, as well as, many municipalities and corporations.

According to Thomas F. Cosgrove, director of corporate relations, Phillips will be arriving to Ferrum on Thurs., Nov. 12. There will be a small reception in his and his wife's honor on Thursday evening.

On Fri., Nov. 13, Phillips will attend classes and speak to students. Then, he will speak in Blue Ridge Mountain Room in Franklin Hall from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He will also join students at the cafeteria for lunch.

Cosgrove added that Phillips "represents the success of Ferrum program" Cosgrove continued: "[Baxter has a] wealth of experience in the state, national, and international arena. He has got global experience."

Phillips is married to Sharon Williams Lee who also graduated from Ferrum College. Phillips met his wife at Ferrum College when they were students. They are natives of the Richmond metropolitan area and presently live in Manakin Sabot, Virginia. The couple have a son, Baxter, F. Phillips, III, who is an executive in the biotech industry.

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## "Day of Remembrance and Promise" is Nov. 11

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November 11<sup>th</sup> is not only Veterans Day, but it is also the day in which Ferrum's students, faculty, and staff choose to honor the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust by holding the Holocaust Day of Remembrance and Promise.

This special day began with an idea from a student in 2005, and has continued since. The Holocaust day of remembrance and promise is held in order to reflect on the Holocaust and offer respect for the Jews who were brutally beaten, and had their homes and stores vandalized on the Night of Broken Glass. The Night of Broken Glass was a coordinated attack on the Jews on the night of Nov. 9, 1938. It continued into the next day.

Each year students enrolled in the Holocaust course replant the Holocaust garden, which is located between the bookstore and Roberts Hall. The garden was first planted in 2001 by a group of students enrolled in the Holocaust course. They offered the garden as a memorial and placed a

plaque in the garden engraved "They Lived It. We Teach It".

Dr. Susan Mead, assistant professor of sociology and coordinator of the program, a candle light ceremony will start at the Holocaust Garden at 6:30 p.m. and will continue to the Panther's Den. The program will include music, testimonies from veterans, and readings from books such as "Briar Rose" by Jane Yolen, and "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," which is a compilation of poetry and other pieces dedicated to the Holocaust.

According to Mead, this event is designed to help stop prejudice and violence. Following the sustainability theme for this year, this event is the sustaining of survival and loss. Everyone is encouraged to attend in order to show respect for those that were lost in such a tragic period in history.

Mead said, "the memories will only keep going if people are a part of the program and taking action toward peace."

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## Spring 2010 registration scheduled Nov. 5-10

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Registration for classes next spring has arrived. Beginning Nov. 5, juniors and seniors can register. Freshman and sophomores can register beginning Nov. 9 and 10.

The Registrar would like to remind any remaining juniors and seniors that they must fill out a degree plan before registering for classes. In order for any student to register, account balances must be satisfied.

A premade tentative schedule is highly recommended for anyone

registering in order to have a smooth registration.

There are several new classes being offered in the spring: CJU 408: Rural Criminal Justice Issues, REC 391: Cultural and Heritage Tourism, and ENG 211: Literature and the Environment.

Any student interested in an e-term course must register for the course during the spring registration process. E-term courses can be reviewed online at <http://www.ferrum.edu/academics/e-term/courses/>.

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## College switches to In10sity for web content management

**Amber Stoakley**  
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Ferrum College has recently switched over to a system called In10sity for management of its web site content. This system will enable more members of the faculty and staff to personally update and fix their online pages.

Public Relations Director Natalie Faunce said: "each department on

campus needs to keep their department fresh and up-to-date. Now they'll be able to do it easily." This new system has replaced the need for a college-based web designer.

In10sity is a company with locations in Tennessee, Georgia, New York, and Florida which manages web content for corporations mostly throughout the Southeastern United States. It has been used in many kinds of business settings

such as health care, finance, travel and tourism, manufacturing, and education. In10sity has also served clients such as Denny's, Macy's, Rack Room Shoes, and Shell Gas Station.

Faunce said that students should be unaffected by the transition. The look of the college's web site will stay the same.

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**New feature!**

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# BRDT's new Christmas musical promises to capture spirit of the season

## Press Release

*The Littlest Shepherd: A Musical Retelling of the Birth of Christ* opens at the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre at Ferrum College in early December. Written by R. Rex Stephenson with original music by Emily Rose Tucker, this amusing and, at the same time, joyous musical combines the Gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew as the Littlest Shepherd strives to find the Holy Family.

The familiar professional BRDT company including Jody D. Brown, Anna Holman, R. Rex Stephenson, Mike Trochim, Willette Thompson, and Emily Rose Tucker bring the musical with its timeless message of love and charity to life.

The play begins with four shepherds singing about a most unusual night. The Angel of the Lord interrupts them and sends them off to Bethlehem to visit the Christ child in the manger. However, as the three shepherds fulfill their mission, they leave the littlest shepherd home to tend the flock. When the Angel realizes that one shepherd is missing, she tries to fix the situation and therein begins the Littlest Shepherd's quest to bring his special gift to the baby Jesus.

The original music that Tucker has provided for this musical draws on familiar forms to create its merry balance to the story. With lyrics by Stephenson and Tucker, the new music will have the audience humming, inspired, and, sometimes, laughing out

loud. The upbeat music is accompanied by David Mitchell.

A delicious holiday meal including turkey with apple cranberry chutney, sweet potatoes with a walnut toffee topping, macaroni and cheese, salads, vegetables, rolls, and pumpkin cheese-cake precedes each performance. In addition to the festive nature of the menu, it features local produce whenever possible. Patrons may choose to join the Christmas festivities at the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre either for the meal and show or for the show only.

A preview performance without a meal is December 1 at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances of *The Littlest Shepherd* are December 2, 3, 9 and 11; a Saturday evening performance

is December 5. For this December performance, the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre is serving the evening meal at 6:15 and beginning the show at 7:30.

For more information about *The Littlest Shepherd: A Musical Retelling of the Birth of Christ*, or tickets, call 540-365-4335 or write [brdt@ferrum.edu](mailto:brdt@ferrum.edu).

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## If you missed The Billies' October concert, spring will offer a second chance

### Caleb Taylor Staff Writer

The Billies concert was held Wed., Oct., 28 in the Panther's Den. The event was coordinated by Justin Muse, Assistant Director of Student Leadership and Engagement and attended by many staff and students.

Craig Santoni, and soon-to-be Mrs. Santoni, Chrisie Smith, played the drums and acoustic guitar throughout the night. For twenty-three years,

they've been practicing and performing for various events and receiving awards.

Prior to 2003, Smith received the international award for Unisons and the John Lennon songwriting award. She and Santoni both participated in the Chez Republic concert and toured playing for AIDS and cancer patients.

Santoni says it was his father's love for percussions and inspiring artists like James Taylor and Jackson Brown that got him in the art of

harmony and sound. As for Smith, she states it was her compassion and appreciation for teaching children in the music program and accredits Paul, one of her assistant post-show violinists and guitarists, for inspiring her to continue with her dream to fill the world with music appreciation.

Both artists were pleased with "the positive, motivating, and lovable students of Ferrum." The Billies plan to visit as well as perform at Relay for Life this spring.

Santoni and Smith urge students, "(to)continue to express (themselves) and have the courage to follow their dreams and look towards the future."

For information, comments, questions about The Billies and their upcoming shows, please visit their webpage at [myspace.com/thebilliesmusic](http://myspace.com/thebilliesmusic) or email address [info@thebillies.com](mailto:info@thebillies.com).

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## H1N1 info overload: "Pig puns" spreading faster than Swine Flu on college campuses

### Press Release U-Wire

Although the American College Health Association reports that 91 percent of surveyed schools have cases of H1N1, it doesn't look like students are taking the illness too seriously.

At Emory University, where more than 200 cases of H1N1 were reported within the first two weeks of school, infected students were placed in a separate dorm while they recovered. But quarantine didn't stop them from having fun with their illness.

"They had all sorts of funny names for it," said Emory senior Desi Gonzalez of the 'self-isolation' building. "Quarantine, swine house, or the pig pen... And then we called the truck that goes around, we called that 'The Flying Pig.'"

The fun doesn't stop with comical names. Swine Flu mask parties are popping up across the country, and students at George Washington University and Penn State advertised Swine Flu-theme parties on Facebook.

"Come and celebrate the start of the new school year with Lambda Chi in your finest, doctor, nurse, or pig outfit," said the event listing posted by a fraternity member at George Washington. The event had 139 guests confirmed according to the invite on Facebook.

Sarah Burton, the creator of a "night of mayhem" party at Penn State wrote, "If you can't beat it, join it!"

Students aren't the only ones having a little fun with swine flu satire; administrators are taking part in the H1N1 jokes as well. In an effort to educate students in a creative way, the Communications and Public Affairs office at Johns Hopkins University published an online glossary that includes terms like "hog tied" and "boar war." "We were hitting people over the head with the messages and we wanted to do something in a light-hearted way," said Dennis O'Shea, director of communications and public affairs at Johns Hopkins.

O'Shea said the idea for the glossary came about when he sneezed into

his sleeve at work and gave birth to the term "sleeze." He and his colleagues brainstormed more Swine Flu terms, and the final list was e-mailed to students in one of the school's daily electronic announcements.

While the glossary takes a more upbeat approach to the serious threat of Swine Flu, its purpose is to reach and inform students so they can protect themselves from the virus.

"Sometimes the most effective way to reach someone is through laughter and not by hitting them over the head with a two-by-four," said O'Shea. "It's important to do whatever you can in a situation like this in as many different ways as you can to get people to pay attention."

In conjunction with the humorous methods, Johns Hopkins administrators plan to use serious posters and e-mailings to continue delivering H1N1 information to students.

Emory University hosts town hall meetings to educate their community on the illness and its risks, since they feel that Swine Flu is still a signifi-



photo courtesy of U-Wire

cant risk, particularly because of the upcoming cold weather.

"People do need to realize that the flu is a problem, especially during the winter months," said Emory EMT Ashley Lauria.

As of October 6, the Centers for Disease Control had recorded more than 21,000 cases of H1N1 on college campuses.

*UWIRE's Shelby Holliday contributes to this story.*

# Opinion/Editorial

## Through Double- Screened Doors

Glenn Thompson  
Special to the Iron Blade

I grew up in the southern half of Arkansas, living in very old rented houses without benefit of central heating or air conditioning, so I became habituated to open windows in every room and doorways guarded during warm days and sultry nights by a simple screen door.

When my wife and I moved into the basement of her mother's house, with its double door exit from the adjoining garden room and negative window count, I insisted on installing a set of double screened doors to permit keeping the hearty steel doors open when weather and security allow. These fine mesh guardians allow us to keep unwanted buzzing and chattering guests out but allow the breezes, scents, and sounds of nature into our lair. The vista beyond this frail barrier has the power to stop time, if only for a few moments...but what moments

they are.

I often sit in front of the doors in the mornings and evenings, enjoying the view of the swath of demesne leading up to the barbed wire fence, and the pastoral panorama beyond. More often than not, an assortment of cows litters the field, sometimes yearling, sometimes adult, adding "pinto-style" splashes of white and color to the verdigris vista.

The doorway faces west, and the vision of the sunset over trees and azure mountains is a breathtaking mélange of white, yellow, orange, and red hues swirled and blended together across the widescreen canvas of the sky.

My favorite time of day to attend the doors is twilight time between sunset and evenfall. That's when the fog, if all the scientific and meteorological spirits are pleased

and the portents are observed, arrives wrapped in a cloak of boiling cotton, on misty feet under vaporous wings.

Over the hillock to my right, halfway across the pasture, this misty visitor charges, advancing to the peak then tumbling down the side like snowy acrobats from some spectral circus in town for a one-night-only appearance.

The advancing hoary wave surges across the pasture, a smoky tide engulfing the trees one by one, until only their tops rise above the ersatz sea, emerald islands scattered about the temporary cove.

Stragglers from the herd, in no hurry to queue up at the barn, weave in and out of the cotton candied air, like slow moving dancers on a silent stage. The lows of their conversation drift foggily to me, and I wonder who

or what drives their discourse.

Yes...I do believe they talk to each other.

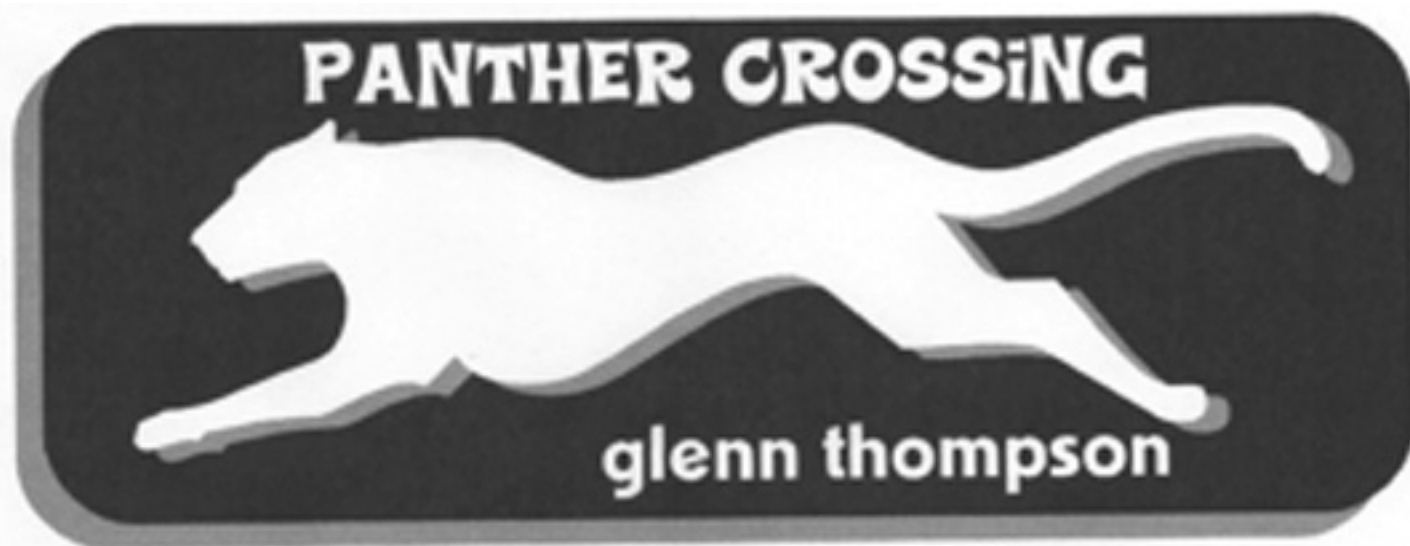
I grew up on the imagination-seeding tales of Brers Rabbit, Fox, and Bear, and such marvelous creatures. The results of all the reading I have done in my life have left my poor brain indelibly stained with the ink of imagination and the palette of creativity.

But, back to the screened doors...

The animality of its actions brings the fog to life for me.

It spreads itself out, like a giant many-limbed creature, stealing my vision by slowly swallowing the subjects of my gaze, leaving me facing a curtain of silently rolling clouds.

The thickening blanket shrouds my hearing as well as my sight. Then, the silence comes.



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# Ferrum Forum

compiled by Matt Bird

## Which do you prefer, calling or texting, and why?



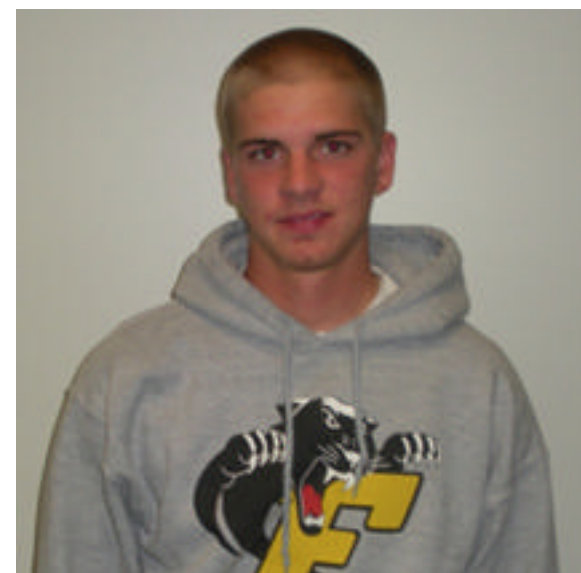
**Lindsey Hager**

Texting. I do not like talking on the phone.



**Allyson Stevens**

Texting. Do not like the awkward silence on the phone.



**Wade Ostrowski**

Texting. Do not like talking on the phone.



**Bart Burgwyn**

Texting. I do not like talking on the phone.



**Tyler Milstead**

Texting. It is much less evasive to your surrounding environment.



**Gabe Moncada**

Texting. You can only talk to one girl at a time on the phone.



**Dakota Lettieri**

Texting. I enjoy Texting!



**Kristen Keith**

Texting my friends but calling my boyfriend.



**Shelby Hall**

Texting. Most everyone prefers texting over calling.

# Features

## Ferrum Folks: Heather Hollandsworth



photo by Ashley Hale

### Ashley Hale Editor-in-Chief

My father, Jimmy Hale, and I walked into Mrs. Heather Hollandsworth's office feeling overwhelmed. I was a recent graduate of Bassett High School in the process of trying to apply and pay for college.

As we entered the office, Daddy was prepared to hear about all the loans he and Mama would be taking. I was prepared to see his face become more and more discouraged.

The financial burden of college did not even seem worth it. I wanted to be a teacher more than anything, but I was not willing to make my parents suffer by paying for my education. This first meeting with this financial aid counselor would be the deciding factor on whether I attended college or not.

Apparently the worried and upset faces were not visible to the cheery woman who met them. She happily shook Daddy's hand, then reached to greet me as well. I honestly felt horrible for this woman whose job was to listen to countless parents gripe and grumble about money.

She may have been cheery when we entered, but I knew that after a few redundant questions from Daddy, this very pleasant woman would become aggravated. I sat next to Daddy and stared blankly, waiting for the atmosphere of the office to become too tense for any of us to handle.

To my surprise, however, this did not happen.

Hollandsworth sat with us for an hour discussing financial aid options, scholarships, payment plans, and student loans. When we left that office, Daddy felt as though college

was now actually affordable. We both breathed a sigh of relief.

I went home and began to search through the Ferrum College catalog. I could now begin to plan my college career.

Heather Hollandsworth is no stranger to the financial burden college places upon countless families. She has worked with many families and students to make attending college a possibility.

Hollandsworth graduated from Ferrum in December 2000, majoring in liberal arts with a minor in psychology. Beginning in spring 1997, Hollandsworth had worked as a work-study employee in the financial aid office. She learned much about the workings of the office while under the supervision of Judy Talley.

Hollandsworth enjoyed the work, so she continued her employment throughout the remainder of her time at Ferrum. "I could've gotten a job anywhere on campus," Hollandsworth said, "but I enjoyed working in the office, and the people were so easy to get along with."

She was able to learn a lot about the procedures and processes of the Financial Aid Office. She was introduced to the various options, scholarships, payment plans, and student loans.

Along with learning the conduct and operation of the office, Hollandsworth was able to see the impact the financial aid counselors had on numerous families and students. She enjoyed being a small part of this process.

After graduating, Hollandsworth was offered a position as a financial aid counselor. Although she had planned on becoming an elementary

school teacher, after working four years in a daycare, she decided that teaching was not the right fit. "I accepted the position without any hesitations," Hollandsworth said. "It was nice to be able to enter into a job where I had previous experiences because of my prior work-study and summer positions." Hollandsworth began working as a financial aid counselor in January 2001.

While working in financial aid, Hollandsworth obtained her master of arts in liberal studies from Hollins University in May 2005.

As a college graduate herself, Hollandsworth is no stranger to the emotions associate with applying and paying for college. She recognizes the anxiety in the faces of parents entering her office.

"I want to be able to help the parents and students," Hollandsworth said. She attempts to make every family visit personal. She allows families to express their concerns, and then helps them in any way she can. For many students, meeting with Hollandsworth makes the difference in attending and not attending college.

Hollandsworth said: "I like talking to the students. I'm a people person."

Though Hollandsworth says she enjoys her job, as with any other profession, there are bad days. Parents can often become irate when additional funds cannot be given to their student.

Hollandsworth has had to speak to many parents who expressed their aggravation and worry inappropriately. She admits to receiving several calls from parents or guardians who explain their financial situation using a plethora of "colorful words." She says sometimes these conversations can alter her own mood and emotions, but that she has to consider their circumstances and point of view too.

"In my line of work I have to expect certain issues," Hollandsworth said, "but I also have to learn to deal with these problems and not to take them personally."

In September 2007, Hollandsworth was appointed director of Financial Aid. "Being a director is different in that you have to direct a staff of people as opposed to being just one of the team," she said.

Hollandsworth may be "boss," but she never allows her title, position, or power to make her inapproachable or impersonal.

"Heather Hollandsworth is not only an amazing individual but an amazing boss," Tara Tygrett said. Tygrett has been employed as a work-study assist in the financial aid office since fall 2008. She states that she

## Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Ashley Johnson  
Staff Writer

### Monday November 9, 2009

8:30 a.m.  
Art Exhibit: "The Whole Pin-hole Show, (Variations on the Theme of Sustainability)"  
Greer Gallery, Stanley Library through Dec. 18

6 p.m.  
Weekly Agriculture Club Meeting  
Garber 123  
7 p.m.  
3 on 3 Intramural Basketball begins  
Fitness Center  
The Church-Praise & Worship  
Vaughn Chapel  
Spring Semester Registration

### Tuesday November 10, 2009

8 a.m.-Insurance Form Collection  
Virginia Room  
Last Day to Drop w/WP or WF  
Spring Semester Registration

### Wednesday November 11, 2009

Veterans Day  
6:30 p.m.  
College Against Cancer/Relay for Life  
Meetings, Beckham 103  
8:30 p.m.-Improv Show, Panthers Den

### Thursday November 12, 2009

3 p.m.-Put It Where You Want It-Make your own T-Shirt, Panthers Den  
7 p.m.  
Poetry Reading, Garber 106  
Sustainability Film : "Garbage Warrior," Panthers Den  
8 p.m.-Recharging Thursday Night Bible Study  
Roberts Hall Conference Rm

### Friday November 13, 2009

11:15 a.m.  
Baxter F. Phillips, Jr. Executive in Residence  
Blue Ridge Mountain Room  
7 p.m.  
Ferrum Outdoors Mid-Semester Camping Retreat!  
Play: Franklin Country History  
Grousbeck 101, Sigmon Recital Hall

### Saturday November 14, 2009

8 a.m. - OPEN HOUSE  
1 p.m. - FOOTBALL away VS Maryville College at Maryville  
2 p.m. -Let Everything That Have Breath Praise the Lord Christian Concert -Vaughn Chapel  
2 p.m.  
Play: Franklin County History  
Grousbeck 101, Sigmon Recital Hall  
8 p.m.  
Card Extravaganza and Pie in the Face  
Panthers Den [Pie in the Face is outside Franklin]

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# Movie Reviews

## Introducing FC and Sustainability

Steve Slusher  
Special to the Iron Blade

For the remaining year the Ferrum College SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) Sustainability Team will be having a weekly article on sustainability here at Ferrum. This week is simply an introduction to let all the readers of the Iron Blade know what to be expecting.

We will be having a contest in which everyone and anyone who participates will have a chance to win prizes. Please follow this section in the following weeks to have a chance to win these prizes based on different sustainability issues around the campus. We will have directions in the following issue of the Iron Blade regarding eligibility to enter the contest and how to submit your answers.

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### Coming in the Nov. 16 Iron Blade:

Campus swine flu update

Preview of International Education Week

New campus Welcome Center and Police Station

The college's use of herbicides

Fall semester exam schedule

Ferrum Forum: What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition?

Fall sports season reviews.

And all the usual features.

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enjoys working with Hollandsworth because she is understanding, funny, and outgoing. Tygrett also states that she enjoys Hollandsworth's "tell it like it is" attitude. "I enjoy [it], most of the time," Tygrett said.

Tygrett says Hollandsworth's unique personality was revealed at last year's Christmas party. With the help of Julie Nix and Denna Austin, assistant directors of financial aid, and Stephanie Bailey, financial aid assistant, the office was decorated with small Christmas trees and snowflakes. Chips, cookies, candies, and drinks took up what was supposed to be "work space."

"She got each one of her work-study students a gift," Tygrett said.

Tygrett acted like an excited child on Christmas morning as she shook her gift vigorously, trying to predict its contents. Unable to quell her curiosity

any longer, Tygrett reach into the small gift bag and pulled out a skull bracelet.

"She had heard me talk about how I was a skull freak...I was in love," Tygrett said. "We took pictures of my face when I opened it, and I will always treasure that memory forever."

Hollandsworth says that she is not the only one responsible for the Christmas gifts "Julie normally is the culprit behind those things, because she has more creativity than I do," Hollandsworth says.

Tygrett cites the gift as just one example of how Hollandsworth truly gets to know her employees, down to the work-study students. "My experience here at Ferrum has been more positive one because of her," Tygrett said.

JonNique Crowder, another work-study student, recalls Hollandsworth

## "Michael Jackson's This Is It" reveals the perfection of an artist that fans will appreciate

Michael Rich  
Senior Staff Writer

"Michael Jackson's This Is It" was originally scheduled to be Michael Jackson's comeback tour after several years in self-imposed exile. The comeback tour was supposed to be limited to 10 dates. Then, it skyrocketed to 50 when announced that this was the final curtain call. Though in reality, Jackson got a gig in Vegas. Jackson pulled out all the stops for what was possibly going to be the best concert his fans all over the globe wanted.

Sadly, though, that tour wasn't to be. After Michael Jackson's death, Kenny Ortega (Director of the High School Musical franchise) announced that 80 hours of backstage and rehearsal footage would be put together for a film for the fans. A bidding war promptly ensued over the material. Columbia Pictures promptly paid a ballpark estimate of roughly 50 million dollars for the footage. NBC promptly paid 10 million dollars for a television special that never materialized.

Especially for Michael Jackson fans, this is probably your moment to see a genius at work. Jackson is all hands on. He wants to make sure that every detail is done absolutely right. Jackson does all his songs with great gusto, singing every song everybody knows by heart. New scenes are added to the song "Thriller." "Beat It" and "Billie Jean" get a jazzier update, but not much.

Everybody, especially me, is wondering why it feels as if this is just a rough draft of a much more interesting documentary. Just like the song "Man in the Mirror," we will



probably never guess what Jackson saw in that mirror. This man had been so tortured for the last decade that you would at least think Jackson would provide commentary on his life.

Whenever Jackson isn't singing in the film, it basically comes to a halt.

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in a similar manner. "She is one of a kind. She is always there to help you in a time of need, no matter who you are," Crowder said.

Crowder has also worked in the office since 2008. Like Tygrett, Crowder also notices the "tell it like it is" attitude. Crowder said: "She is always straightforward and never beats around the bush. It's always good to have someone in your life to tell you how they feel and actually mean it."

Though Hollandsworth is capable of ruffling feathers with her frank comments, she considers the feelings of her employees and attempts to make them feel better when they appear to be having a bad day.

"One day over the summer," Crowder recalls, "A co-worker and I were sitting in the office. I was not feeling the best that day, and it must

have been obvious to Heather."

"So, randomly, I said 'I would love to go to the zoo, I haven't been in years!' Heather popped out of the office and said 'To the zoo we shall go!'"

Crowder admits to feeling as eager as a six-year-old child as the three of them began to make plans. She says it meant a lot that Hollandsworth would take time off in the summer, the busiest time of year in financial aid, to go to the zoo with her work-study students, even though she was tired and behind on work.

"She absolutely made my day so much better, Crowder said. "She is always there to talk about any problem and to do fun things. I started to think for a while that she was my fairy godmother."

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## Sports

### Rodge's Hodge Podge

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**Volleyball** is ending the season playing well, losing close matches to Lynchburg College and CNU and upsetting N.C. Wesleyan. If the team hadn't given away a home match against Averett and had defeated Greensboro once it would be hosting in the first round of the conference tournament instead of playing at Methodist. **Jessica Flanagan** took the single season record for kill attempts and is closing in on second place for kills in a season but might fall just short. **Kayla Trippeer** was named Freshman of the Week a couple of weeks ago. ... I think I was a bad luck charm for **football**. I got there at halftime (late because of Open House) and we were tied at 14; we didn't score again. I liked how we were able to hold CNU's All-American RB Tunde Ogun to 3.3 ypc. **Brandon Jackson's** interception and excitement following that were great to see and really pumped up everyone there. Once again **Mike Vann** led the team in all-purpose yards. **Shawn Winfrey** and **Willie Taylor** have been playing well the past few games and racking up tackles, Winfrey even being named Defensive Rookie of the Week by the USA South. ... **Men's soccer** lost another close match, this time to CNU, and didn't qualify for the conference tournament as only the top six teams make it into the tournament (men's soccer season review will be next week). ... **Women's soccer** qualified for the conference tournament as the eighth team out of ten and get to play Meredith in the first round (women's soccer season review will be next week). ...

Basketball season is almost upon us. The men's basketball team will have played a game before the next issue of this paper is published.

A good football weekend for me turned sour. **Virginia Tech** got upset at Lane Stadium on a Thursday night for the first time since ... I can't remember and don't want to look it up. My high school team (**Chatham HS**) won its homecoming in double overtime. Saturday **Ferrum** lost to CNU, a school that shouldn't be in the USA South, and **UVA** followed that up with a loss to Duke at home. Duke is likely to go to a bowl for the first time in my lifetime this year. ... **Richmond** is still playing well and on track for another FCS Championship. ... Local high school, **Franklin County High School**, is 8-1 and undefeated in the Western Valley District in football. The team beat GW-Danville last Friday by scoring four special teams touchdowns. Beamerball anyone? ... In the NASCAR Sprint Cup **Jimmie Johnson** is coasting to another championship. ... The **New York Yankees** won game four and took a 3-1 lead; my pick is holding true. Anyone who didn't watch it should see the reply of **Johnny Damon's** double steal. The infield was shifted right for Mark Teixeira. Damon slid in at second on the steal then saw that no one covered third base so he got up and ran to third. It was something that many baseball aficionados had never seen before. ... The **Cleveland Cavaliers** lost their first two games. Maybe bringing Shaq in wasn't a great idea. (Those two losses were followed with a pair of wins against horrible teams.)

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Philadelphia's transit union has managed to avoid a strike during the middle of the World Series. Cole Hamels also had trouble throwing strikes.

Bud Selig has promised to look into baseball's use of instant replay, claiming he's "not afraid of change." Except for his haircut.

Bobby Knight has declined an invitation to attend his induction into the Indiana University Hall of Fame. He lost interest when he realized all seats for the event would be bolted down.

The Cavaliers are off to a disastrous 0-2 start. Things haven't been this bleak in Cleveland since, well, yesterday. The Cavaliers say they plan to save \$40,000 by switching from paper Christmas cards to electronic ones. It was either that or charge Shaquille O'Neal a nickel every time he missed a free throw.

The Washington Redskins have banned fans from bringing signs

into FedEx Field because they limit sightlines. At this point, limiting sightlines is the nicest thing the Redskins can do.

Brett Favre says he hasn't been thinking much about his return to Green Bay. Granted, he also said he was retiring. Fox will have a camera dedicated solely to Favre during Sunday's game. Which will be difficult, considering how often Favre changes direction.

Glenn Davis broke his thumb after wrestling with a childhood friend in the backseat of his car. We're amazed that Glenn Davis can fit in the backseat of a car.

Andre Agassi has admitted he used crystal meth regularly during the 1990s. Which explains most of his outfits.

Jimmy Rollins believes the Phillies will win the World Series in five games. He also believes the world is flat.

The Memphis Grizzlies have received permission to speak to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar about a position with the team: center.

## Panther Profile: Michael Barnes

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Maybe you have class with him, or have just seen him on the go. He is a great guy with a very fun and outgoing personality, not to mention good looks! He's from the Chesapeake-tidewater area of Virginia. His last name is Barnes and his first name rhymes with cycle. Yes you have guessed it; it is Ferrum College's own Michael Barnes.

Michael Barnes is a senior defender for the Ferrum College men's soccer team. This is Barnes's fourth year on the soccer team and he has the honor of being captain. Even though Michael loves the game he does not plan to pursue it after graduation. Barnes has been playing soccer since he was ten years old and has what you would call a passion for it. He "loves the game and has loved it sense (he) was little." When he is "stressed out it's sort of a release."

Barnes was drawn to Ferrum by "the small environment and the country." He "like(s) being one-on-one with teachers" and wanted a place to excel at and (Ferrum) was it." Many previous Panther Profiles have been drawn to Ferrum for similar reasons. One of his favorite classes is Economics with Dr. Basu who is "a very good teacher and a great guy. He always makes sure you understand it."

Michael Barnes is pursuing a degree in Agriculture with an emphasis in Agriculture Business. He does not currently have a minor but he stated, "If I had one it would be economics." He chose Agriculture because he grew up on a farm which drew him close to this major. Barnes chose Agriculture Business on order to be able to work with the business side



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of agricultural developments. Barnes does not have any plans to attend graduate school. Upon graduating he wants to work for the federal government as part of something such as the USDA.

Aside from school Michael is also involved in some extracurricular activities. He is a member of the Agriculture Honors Society as well as the aforementioned men's soccer team. He also loves to hang out with his friends. He "like(s) to hang out with the guys on the team" who have "been (his) brothers since (he's) been (at Ferrum)." They have "kind of stick together through rough seasons."

Barnes is a very bright and motivated young man and had a great senior season. He is a great representative of Ferrum College and someone that we can all be proud to have attended school with. With his future plans and personality, he is on the road for success.

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## Cross country finishes season

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The men's and women's cross country teams finished competing last Saturday, October 31 at the USA South Conference Championships. The men placed fifth of seven teams and were led by TJ Cleary's 16<sup>th</sup> place finish. The team was limited in its number of runners, but Coach Robert Fuller says he is "looking forward to next year." Fuller says first-year runner James Long "stood out" and senior Tiffany Garnett "put it all out there" in her last year running cross country at Ferrum College.

Fuller says he is "bringing in more runners" for next year to add to the eight returning runners so that hopefully he will have "two complete teams" and "be able to compete" against schools that have recruiting advantages, especially those with an outdoor track team. While the year did not end as well as Fuller and his male and female runners had hoped, there is optimism about next year: that with newcomers and improvement from returners, the team will surprise some people during the season.

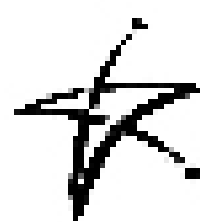
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