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Wale headlines entertainment for Big Concert

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Features editor

There has been buzz all around campus about this year's Big Concert. The artists gracing the stage will be FatTrell, Black Cobain, and Wale. The ballot initially included J. Cole, Wale, Wiz Khalifa, Kevin Hart, and Travie McCoy from the music group Gym Class Heroe.

The previous year, only about 150

students participated in the vote for the entertainment, but this year we doubled that number, with a whopping 300 total submissions for the concert. Ferrum did things differently this year. Instead of voting for genres, all artists in the budget were put on the ballot at once, three weeks in advance. The time frame allowed the word to spread around much quicker and longer, gathering the successful publicity that it did. Hopefully, the number of voters

can continue to increase each year.

The majority of the votes originally went for Kevin Hart, but due to a change in the comedian's price range, Wale, the second place nominee, was selected by default. Wale's only request was to have his own opening acts, which is how Black Cobain and FatTrell became part of the concert. Students

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Left: Hip Hop artist Wale. photo courtesy of Wale PR

SIFE's "Fasting for the Hungry" continues

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Did you know that one out of four kids in America often goes to bed hungry? For the sake of helping hungry children, Ferrum College SIFE team has started the "Fasting for the Hungry" project to collect food for them. Now you can join them in helping the hungry by donating food or signing up to skip dinner on April 8.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, currently

there are 17 million children in the U.S. living in food-insecure homes. There is an increasing number of people who cannot make ends meet. Many parents who are holding full-time jobs cannot afford to feed their families anymore, as a result of inadequate wages, medical expenses and the unexpected challenges of life.

To address this increasing problem, SIFE began the "Fasting for the Hungry" project in January by collecting food to feed hungry children. They go to offices and dorms on campus asking

staff and students to donate food. At the same time, they ask people to sign up to skip meals for the hungry.

Then they work with Michael Martin, the director of food services, to change the meal plan into money which would be used to deliver the food to hungry children. The meal-skip-day will be April 8. More than 200 students have signed up for this project.

We cannot bear to see good food plowed under or hauled to the town dump when hungry children and

struggling families desperately need it! As citizens, what we can do to help these hungry children is take part in this activity. Donate some non-perishable food items, and, if you are a student, sign to skip dinner on April 8 for the kids. The food will be distributed free of charge to hungry children and families in the U.S.

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Psychology honor society to hold induction ceremony

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Psi Chi is a part of the International Honors Society for psychology. There are chapters all over the world, including one that has been started here at Ferrum College.

In 2010, the first ceremony celebrating the Psi Chi organization was

celebrated, and April 10 will mark the second ceremony since its induction. The Psi Chi organization is also associated with the psychology club.

According to Dr. Sharon Stein, who is associate professor of psychology, and the faculty advisor of the Psi Chi organization, "This program primarily

applies to students who are psychology majors or minors, and have excellent G.P.A's," says Stein.

Each semester, members of the Psychology Club and Psi Chi participate in several activities together. "The organization has been very active this year as a community service fundraiser to help raise money for

Rocky Mount Elementary," says Stein. There was a Book Fair at a Barnes and Noble bookstore to help raise money for the students. Students from Ferrum College did crafts and other activities with students from Rocky Mount Elementary to raise money for

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Ferrum wins SIFE USA Regional Competition

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The Ferrum College SIFE team participated in the SIFE USA Regional Competition on March 21, 2011, Charlotte, N.C., and came back victorious again!

SIFE is short for "Students in Free Enterprise." According to the SIFE website, it is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. There were 33 teams that took part in the Competition this year, including University of North Carolina at Charlotte, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Winston-Salem State University, Barton College, Blue Ridge Community College and more.

Pictured left are members of this year's Ferrum College SIFE team.

Although faced with fierce competition, Ferrum's SIFE team won in the end.

The Ferrum College SIFE team has been at Ferrum 22 years, since the SIFE Advisor Dr. Demetri Tsanacas started it in 1988. This year, the team is comprised of 40 students from 10 different majors and four countries. They are working on projects such as Can Hunger, The Next Step, The Reality Store, Environmental Sustainability, Financial Literacy, Expanding Your Customer Base, Protocol Dinner, Cultural Passport Presentation, CEO of STEP, and several other projects to be completed in the near future.

Having completed over 25 projects, they log in hundreds of miles and hours in the process. They have built on the core programs, while diversifying, expanding and creating new avenues to promote free enterprise.

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Do you participate in Relay? Why or why not?



Daisy Wilhelm

Yes! I will be deejaying with Ferrum Radio for part of the Relay for Life night. It will be a great night.



Anna Wheeler

Not at school, but at home. I do for my nanny.



Tabrielle Daniels

Yes, when Relay comes around, I come and support it.



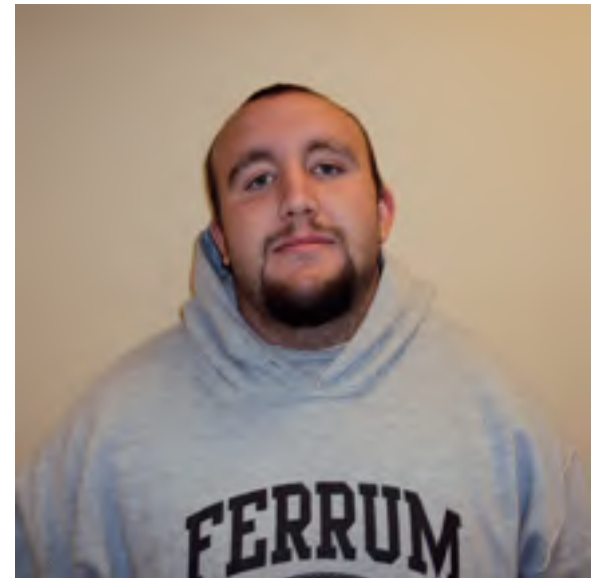
Jesus Diaz

Yes, because it's important to help in a great cause like this.



Tyler Bowyer

Yes, I'm helping with the football team.



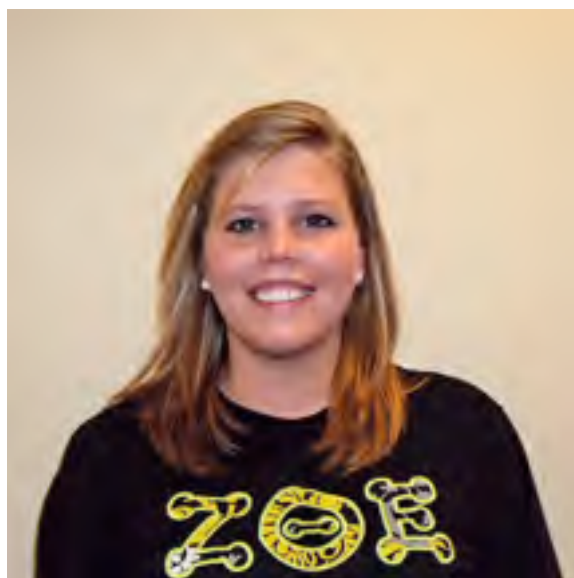
Zach Shupe

Yes, I do. I help with the football team.



Phylicia Garner

Yes, I have an aunt that died of cancer and an aunt going through chemotherapy.



Clare Mathews

Yeah, I help with ZOE.



Nichole George

Yes, I do for Nicki Ozbourne's dad.

Opinion/Editorial

Bone marrow donation: pros far outweigh cons

Ragini Annesha Basu
Special to the Iron Blade

Nine-year-old Laura Mosley has been battling leukemia for most of her short life. The chemotherapy she underwent destroyed her bone marrow's ability to produce blood cells, so she had to have a bone marrow transplant. Her family members and friends got tested to see if they might be a match for her, but none of them were. Desperate, her parents began a state-wide campaign to find a donor for Laura. Their efforts were rewarded when several months later, they found a match: a 21-year-old college student named Emma. Her healthy, blood-forming cells were harvested and injected directly into Laura's bloodstream. Laura responded well, and her blood cell counts steadily rose. She is now back in school and quickly making friends, thanks to Emma's kindness and courage.

Thousands of patients with leukemia, lymphoma, and other life-threatening diseases depend on marrow donors to find a match to save their life. For a patient's body to accept the transplant, the patient needs a donor who is a close genetic match. Even with a donor registry of millions, many patients cannot find a match. Only 4 out of 10 patients who need a transplant will receive one. Most patients do not have a donor in their family and depend on the national registry to find an unrelated bone marrow donor.

Unfortunately, many people never consider becoming a donor because they have heard that the donation process is extremely painful and

involves a long recovery. This is not the case. General or regional anesthesia is always used for the procedure. In fact, surgery is usually not required. If the nonsurgical method is used, the donor's blood is filtered using a machine. The cells are separated from the liquid portion of the blood, and this liquid is returned to the donor. The donor's body replaces the cells within a few weeks. Alternatively, marrow may be extracted from the back of the pelvis using a needle. Regardless of the method used, the side effects are minor and include headaches, bone or muscle aches, fatigue, and light headedness. Both procedures are outpatient (meaning that the donor leaves the hospital the same day he/she comes in). As you can see, marrow donation is a significant commitment, but the pros far outweigh the cons. Remember, you would be saving a life, which is one of the most rewarding experiences anyone can have!

The first step to becoming a bone marrow donor is to register with DKMS, an international organization that recruits bone marrow donors. Donors are placed on a registry operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, searched by doctors around the world to find a match for their patients. If a doctor finds that you are a match for a patient, you may be asked to donate. Patients need donors between the ages of 18 and 55 who meet the medical eligibility guidelines and will donate to any patient in need. You can register as a donor online at

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“Oh say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave?”



The Hart International Plaza construction crew repositions the flag pole on Monday morning, March 28. photo by Brandon Grimes-Whited

Letter to the editor

To the editor,

I would like to start off by reiterating what Bethany said about Ferrum, I really like it here. We have great teachers who are easy to talk to and care about the students. Most people that I have talked to on campus have the same answer as to why they came to Ferrum: it is a small school with small class sizes. But it seems that with the “small” class sizes growing, the classrooms are staying the same size, which is causing students to cram into rooms.

Many projects are going on at Ferrum now, which is great. The future of Ferrum is looking fantastic! But it seems like the

future is more important than helping out students now. President Braaten stated, “while we do not have a ‘classroom problem’ at 8 and 9 a.m., nor after 3 p.m., we do know that there is strain during the ‘prime time’ of 10 -2, when most people like to schedule/take classes.” It seems to me that “prime time of 10-2” should be a prime focus for classroom space.

Is it possible that some of the money being put into the construction of new buildings, mainly the new dorms, could have helped expand current classroom problem?

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Applications are now available for 2010-11

The Communications Board is accepting applications for the following positions:

Iron Blade editor-in-chief
FerrumRadio.com station manager
Chrysalis editor

If you are interested, contact Mrs. Elaine Carter in Room 212, Britt Hall or Mr. Jeff Dalton, Communications Board chair, at jeffdalton@ferrum.edu

Deadline for applications: Friday, April 15, at noon.

For more information about a position, see Dr. Lana Whited (The Iron Blade), Dr. John Kitterman (Chrysalis), or Mr. Demond Hairston (FerrumRadio.com)

Features

Movie Review

Star power limited to DeNiro, Cooper; works well for "Limitless"



Dean Kohler
Staff Writer

Just imagine a pill that can access every part of your brain and unlock intelligence beyond your wildest dreams. This is the basis of "Limitless," the newest blockbuster to hit theaters. I wasn't exactly sure what to expect from this film, but knowing Bradley Cooper ("The

Hangover," "The A-Team") and Robert DeNiro were in it, couldn't hurt its chances.

Eddie Morra (Cooper) is a struggling book writer, a recovering addict, and a recent victim of being dumped by his longtime girlfriend (Abbie Cornish). Eddie's life changes after being introduced to a pill called NZT that opens the unused 80% portion of the human brain. This newfound power gives Eddie everything he could think of--literally. Money became no problem, he got his girlfriend back, and became an associate to a Wall Street mogul Carl Van Loon (DeNiro). Just when Eddie thinks he is invincible, he learns that a price must be paid for the power he gains.

I have high expectations for any movie Robert DeNiro is in, and can almost bet that it will be a fantastic performance (Rocky and Bullwinkle is the only exception with him). Bradley Cooper was terrific in his role and is definitely emerging as an actor with a knack for being in really good movies. There weren't any big actors

in supporting roles, primarily because Cooper and DeNiro hog the screen, which worked out pretty well.

My biggest plus for this movie was when I learned that Cooper's character was originally scripted for Shia LeBeouf. This was big for me because I would've hated to see LeBeouf butcher this film since his only good acting was in "Transformers" (so hopefully they continue those for the next 20 years). But, all in all, the performances were excellent, the plot was solid, and it was very entertaining to think of "what would I do with a pill like that?"

Overall, I give this movie an 8 out of 10. It has a variety of aspects relatable to this "over the top" idea of a super pill. It reminded me a lot of the film "Jumper," but had better acting and was semi-realistic. Not an Oscar winner, but if you're looking for an entertaining film that will keep you guessing what's next, make sure to check out "Limitless."

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Students of Ferrum are hardly disappointed with these results.

Last year's premier artist was Chrisette Michelle, who serenaded the audience with her soulful voice.

It is anticipated that because the artists are from the local area and the make-up of the student body seems to favor hip hop, the concert will draw a bigger crowd than before. Those that

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Mount Elementary to raise money for them.

There will also be opportunities for students to attend various workshops during conferences to help students get into graduate school, find internships, and jobs. "Just being a member of Psi Chi means that you are considered to be at the top of your

live off-campus or visitors who would like to join us for the Big Concert can do so by purchasing tickets for \$20 online in advance, or at the door the day of the concert. Purchasing online is highly recommended. Ferrum students can pick up their tickets for free at the Student Leadership & Engagement Center.

On April 5, the doors to the fitness

Center will open by 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7 p.m.

Be there or miss out on the hottest performance of the season here at Ferrum College. Contact Justin Muse in the Office of Student Leadership and Engagement for more information or e-mail jmuse@ferrum.edu.

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class in Psychology," says Stein.

"Being a member of Psi Chi helps the students in many ways, such as, being connected to other members around the country, and outside of the country," says Stein. There is also an international organization that provides opportunities for grants to conduct research and attend

conferences.

At the end of each semester, there is a party for psychology majors, Psi Chi members, and psychology club members to celebrate the graduating seniors.

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<https://www.dkmsamericas.org/bone-marrow-donors/become-marrow-donor>. Or come to the blood drive on April 12, the Spring Fling, or Relay for Life and look for the Bone Marrow Donation table.

FAQ from the DKMS website

Q: What is my commitment if I join?

A: When you register as a bone marrow donor with DKMS, you make a commitment to:

- Be listed on the Be The Match Registry until your 61st birthday,

unless you ask to be removed

- Donate to any searching patient who matches you
 - Keep us updated if your address changes, you have significant health changes or you change your mind about being a donor
 - Respond quickly if you are contacted as a potential match for a patient
- You have the right to change your mind about being a donor at any time. Donating is always voluntary. If you decide you do not want to donate, let us know right away. That way we can continue the search for another donor without dangerous delays for the

patient.

Q: Does race or ethnicity affect matching?

A: Racial and ethnic heritage are very important factors. Patients are most likely to match someone of their own race or ethnicity. Today, there simply aren't enough registry members of diverse racial and ethnic heritage. Adding more diverse members increases the likelihood that all patients will find a life-saving match. Some racial or ethnic backgrounds are especially needed, including Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, and Hispanic.

Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Tia Lavon Butler
Features editor

Tuesday, April 5th

- Men's Golf- All Day - Glens Health Invitational/Ford's Colony Golf Club, Marsh Hawk Course
- 10 a.m. - SIFE Reality Store Panthers Den
- 11 a.m. Spring Fever 5K Recruitment, Franklin Hall Atrium (Every day this week)
- 3 p.m. - Softball Game, Averett Univ.
- 4 p.m. - Dance Team Try Outs Dance Studio in Swartz Gym (Everyday this week)
- Teacher Education Program Candidate Interviews, Beckham 101, 103, 201, 202, 203, 204, and 317 Conf. Rm
- 6 p.m. - Penny Drive, All Dorms (Everyday this week)
- 6:30 p.m. - PAC Yoga Class Aerobics Room, Swartz Gym
- 7 p.m. - Big Concert, Fitness Center (Doors Open at 6 p.m.)
- 7:30 p.m. - Faithful Few Rehearsals Vaughn Chapel
- 9 p.m. - Improv Show, Panthers Den

Wednesday, April 6th

- 4 p.m. - Men's Tennis Match Woman's Lacrosse Game Women's Tennis Match
- 5:30 p.m. - CIS Computer Club, LA 201
- 7 p.m. - Varsity Baseball Games @Emory & Henry College

Thursday, April 7th

- 9 a.m. - Residence Life Head Resident Meeting, Magnolia Room
- 3:30 p.m. - BBLB Event, Fitness Ctr
- 4 p.m. - Varsity Baseball Game @Bridge water College
- 6 p.m. - VITA Tax Preparation, BEC 204
- 8 p.m. - Keep Pace Bible Study, Grousbeck 201

Friday, April 8th

- Relay for life weekend
- 4 p.m. - Softball Game, NC Wesleyan

Saturday, April 9th

- Men's Golf Tournament-All Day Roanoke Invitational Hanging Rock Golf Club
- 8 a.m. - Rock Climbing, Pilot Mtn, NC
- 9:30 a.m. - USTA Campus Kids Day, Burrows-Skeens Tennis Complex
- 12 p.m. - Women's Tennis Match
- 1 p.m. - Men's Lacrosse, Norfolk Varsity Baseball Game
- 2 p.m. - Softball Game

Sunday, April 10th

- 2 p.m. - Bible Study, Grousbeck 201 Varsity Baseball
- 6 p.m. - Anomaly: New Movement/ New Generation, Grousbeck 201

Monday, April 11th

- Men's Golf Tournament- All Day- Roanoke Invitational Hanging Rock Golf Club
- 11 a.m. - Health Maze Panthers Den & Atrium
- 11:30 a.m. SOAR, Magnolia Room
- 4 p.m. - Men's Tennis Match SWK Club, Beckham Conf Room 317 Women's Tennis Match
- 6 p.m. - VITA Tax Preparation, BEC 204
- 7 p.m. - Monday Night Praise Vaughn Chapel

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