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College energy use competition to begin

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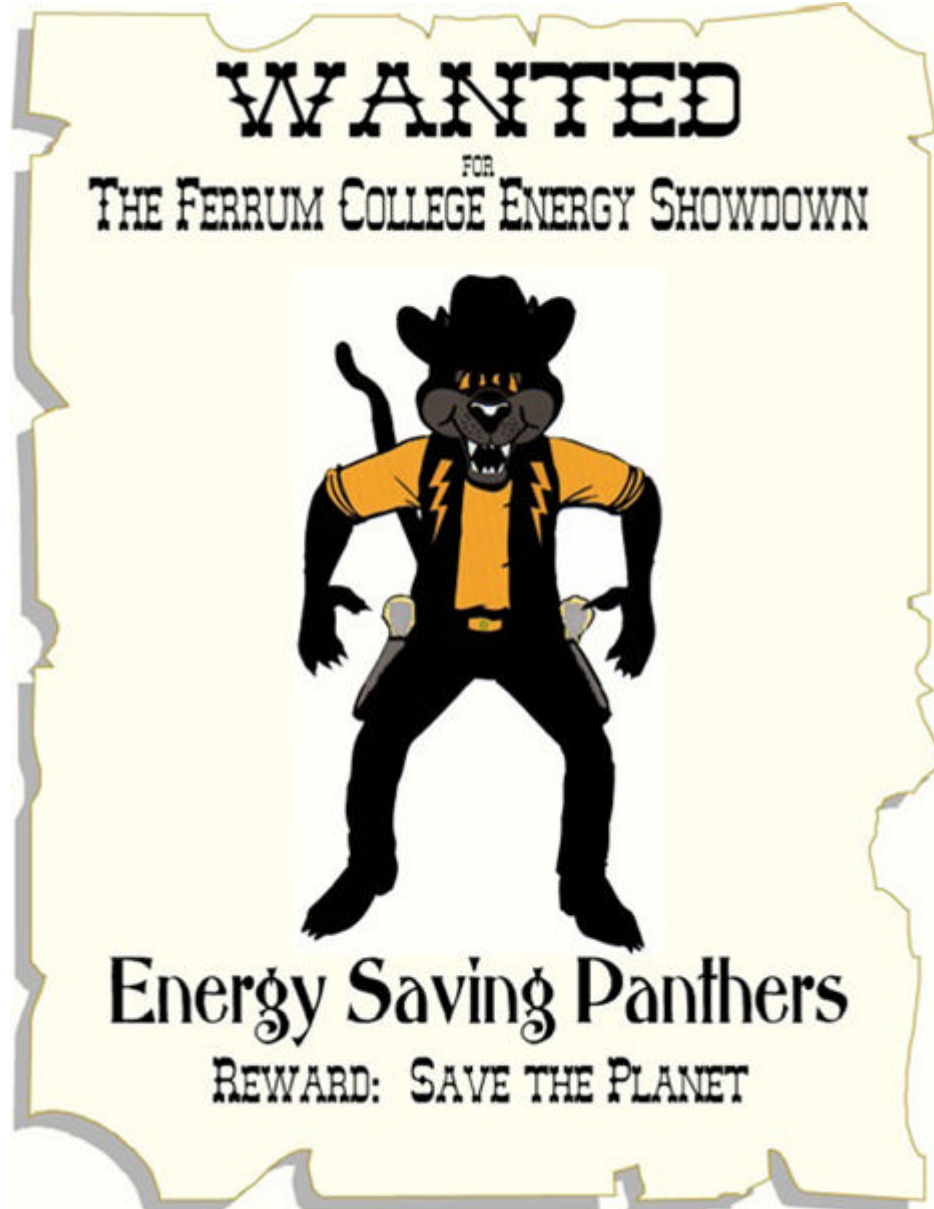
Gather 'round Buckaroos! We are having a showdown on Ferrum Campus!

We are having an energy use competition between the residence halls, and it is up to each and every one of you to make it work! The judge is extremely objective...it is a web site set up to monitor energy usage in the buildings. You can access the ongoing information for yourself at <http://energy.ferrum.edu/>. As you do your part to conserve Ferrum's use of electrical power, you can track the success of your efforts each day.

The web site has been designed by Dr. Glen Stevens, Environmental Science program coordinator, and will monitor usage in Bassett East, Roberts, Beckham, Garber, Arthur, Moore, Clark, Bassett North, Riddick, and Franklin Halls. It will include figures for the day, the week, the month, and the year.

This first week will be the "baseline" for the initial competition, with each subsequent week to be compared to it. The competition will actually begin next week, with exact prizes yet to be determined; a clue—Chef Bo will be involved—that means major yummy!

The level of detail in the monitoring is extraordinary. The idea, of



course, is a measurement of the carbon footprint of the individual student within a building. The monitoring will scrutinize the individual kilowatt hour utilized for each square foot of a building, each student, and each building. This will enable those managing the project to calculate the carbon usage per square foot, per student, and of course, for each building.

Now, you may ask yourself, what good is this? Monitoring of energy usage can often show problem areas where utilization is not under control. A reduction in the amount of electricity used by Ferrum is not only good for the planet; it's good for everyone's pocketbooks. Also, if the college saves money on energy, that money can be spent in improvements elsewhere. You know—cool stuff!

Ferrum College has long been at the forefront of ecological efforts on behalf of our planet, and this project is no exception. This is an unparalleled opportunity for each and every one of us to do our own part for saving the Earth from our over usage.

If you have ideas about how to save energy at Ferrum, let Dr. Stevens know about it. You could make a major contribution to conservation while you are still a student—and that can feel mighty good, pardner.

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It's time to place your absentee vote

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The time is approaching when each person needs to make his or her voice heard; of course I'm talking about voting. Although many of us won't be able to make it home to cast a physical ballot, there is another option to vote, and that option is absentee voting. Absentee voting lets qualified voters participate in upcoming elections even though that person cannot physically be at the polls.

A question that pops up in everyone's head is "who may vote by absentee ballot?" In order to be eligible to cast an absentee vote, the person must be a person who is in the regular course of business, profession, occupation, or while on personal business or vacation, any person who is a member of the uniformed service of the United States, and any student attending a school or institution.

Applying for an absentee ballot is easy. First, Virginia voters can download an application at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Documents or you can contact your local voter registration office to ask for an absentee ballot application.

After receiving your application, make sure to fill it out and return the ballot either by mail, fax, or to your local voter registration office by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time this Thursday, Oct. 28.

We all need to remember that voting is our right and we should not complain about what the government is doing if we did not help select the

government. Remember, even though you are a student at school, your voice can still be heard.

Voting is the only way the government hears our voice, so cast your vote. If you need more information about absentee voting or if you just have a question contact Virginia State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745 or go to http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/Index.html

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Trick o' Treat: Going Out, Bringing In

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It's that time of year again! That's right; it's time for the TTCG, Trick-or-Treat for Canned Goods! This year, Ferrum College is teaming with the Lions Club and the Smith Mountain Lake community.

All the clubs and organizations here at Ferrum College work with out-reaching communities (Ferrum, Rocky Mount, and Smith Mountain Lake) to gather food, which will help stock the food pantries in Franklin County.

The clubs and organizations that sign up are responsible for distributing flyers to an assigned neighborhood so the neighborhoods will know what day and time goods will be picked up.

The Lions Club, Smith Mountain Lake, and Ferrum College will assist by giving a designated club member of a participating club/organization a map and instructions at the TTGC Kickoff.

At the TTCG Kickoff, neighborhood leaders from the Lions Club met with the designated person in charge of coordinating participation of each

group.

Each group is responsible for choosing two nights; one night to meet with a Lions neighborhood leader to distribute flyers and another to go pick up the goods.

There are a few reminders that have been out there for participating groups. No one is to wear costumes as this is an event where we are going into the community representing our school and we want to give a good impression when we do this. It would be very appreciative if each participating group wears Ferrum gear to show

school pride.

Groups are responsible for their own transportation. Flyers must be distributed on designated dates in the assigned neighborhoods. All groups must be represented at the TTCG Kickoff to meet neighborhood leader and receive instructions.

For more information or to get involved soon, please contact Student Leadership and Engagement.

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Ferrum Forum

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Who is your Congressional Representative and who is he or she running against?



Alexis Hurdle

Virginia Beach: Glenn Nye (D) and Scott Rigell (R). I agree with Nye on his stance on the health care referendum. I will not be ignored!!



Star Smith

Danville, VA : Robert Hurt (R) and Tom Perriello (D). I'm still undecided.



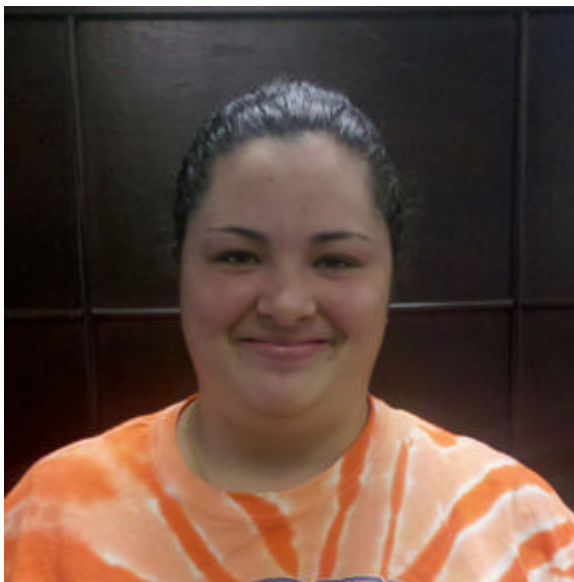
Ashley Hardy

Farmville, VA: Hurt; I don't know him.



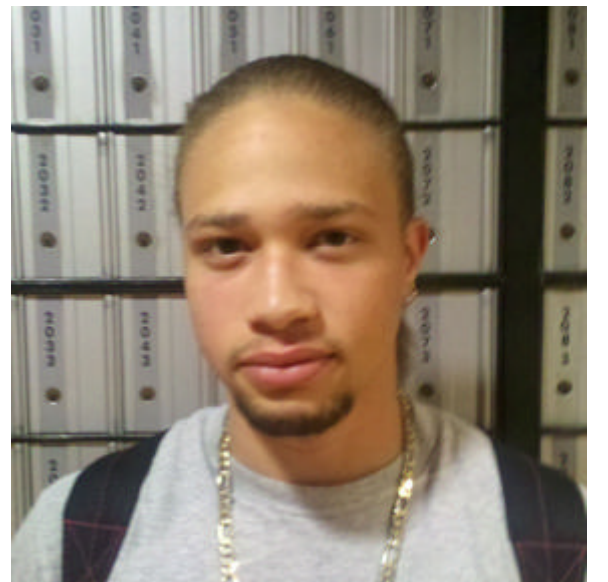
Ben Onserio

Kenya: I don't vote in the USA, but change is needed.



Michelle Dunstan

Virginia Beach: I could care less.



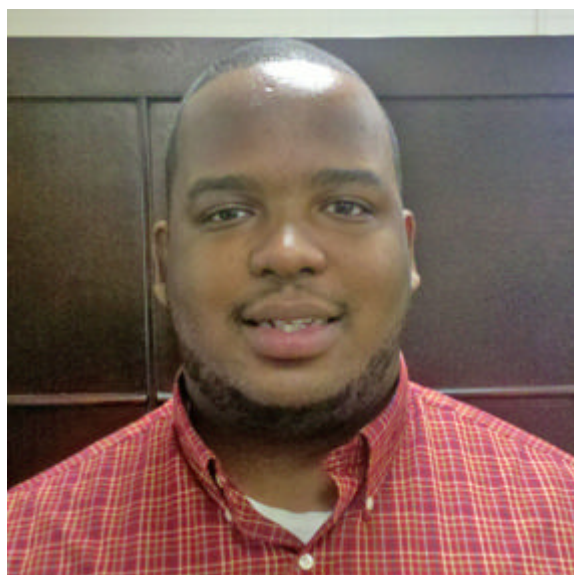
Brad Gill

Martinsville, VA: I don't know much about politics but I wish I knew more.



Brad Donahue

Bedford, VA: I could care less. Go Jesus!



Demond Hairston

Winston-Salem, NC: Tom Periello and Kobe Bryant; Kobe will make a huge difference!



Zac Clark

Richmond, VA: I don't know!

Opinion/Editorial

If you don't vote, you shouldn't complain afterwards

Bethany Lackey
Editor-in-Chief

I know you've all heard of the "Get out the Vote" or "Rock the Vote" campaigns, especially after the 2008 Presidential elections. Everyone was incredibly amped up about their candidates. Whether you were excited about the hope and change of Barack Obama, glad to see a strong political woman in Sarah Palin, or happy to see another candidate run, the intensity of the election season was high two years ago.

Record numbers of people came out to vote and record numbers were campaigning across the country. It was great to see so many people excited about making a difference.

In just a couple of weeks, Virginia has an election. You have all seen the yard signs, but statistics say that in our age group, very (very, very) few people will vote in this election. You know their names (I hope), but did you know that this is a congressional election? Do you know what they stand for and against?

I'm sure you are all wondering why it's so important to vote in smaller elections such as the one coming up. I'm here to tell you that it may be even MORE important for you to vote in

this election. In the 2008 presidential election, you wanted your voice to be heard, right? So you voted along with well over 100 million people so your vote would count.

But consider this: In 2008, Congressman Tom Perillo (the incumbent for the area) beat his opponent by only 727 votes. This college's population is about double that number. President Obama won the position as Commander-in-Chief by millions of votes. The impact of only a few votes matter tremendously in these congressional elections!

If you feel strongly one way or the other, but do not vote in this election, then you shouldn't complain about the outcome if it's not favorable. Do what you can, while you can. Ferrum has a College Democrats Club and a College Republicans Club to get involved in as well.

Look up information on all the candidates online (try to find a unbiased site, if at all possible). If you won't be in your district on November 2, see the article about absentee voting! You can print the application form, fill it out, and fax it in, all in one day. Just one vote can make a huge difference. That one vote could be yours.

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A title-ing we will go

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It is amazing how important titles are to our lives. By titles, I mean the ones we chose for ourselves or place on each other—willingly or not. As any of you who have chosen to plow your way through my missives know, I am going to become a Grandfather next month. I discovered recently that I possessed an as yet unsettled title I knew nothing about.

I am the proud Godfather to a lovely young lady who resides in Texas. Her mother, a longtime friend of my mother, cursed the poor child not only with the burden of an unworthy constantly absent guardian—but also with a feminine adaptation of my name—she is Glenna. She was an exquisitely beautiful child and has grown—at least according to the pictures, into a strong and beautiful woman—who recently finished college—and, with the love of her partner and a donation from a male friend, presented little Trinity to the world. Don't bother trying to interpret—yes, like my oldest son, she too is a Gay Citizen.

I have had little contact with my extended family since my mother's murder in 2005. It was not really a choosing—just too many busy people letting opportunities pass us by. Well, thanks to Facebook and all—we are together again—only now there are more of us!

But I digress—this writing is about titles. I will soon be able to put the

letters "B.S" after my name—should I choose. Not that I plan to, mind you—I am holding out for the three letter title; Ph.D.! Don't try and imagine it...you'll just get scared.

In times past, I have possessed so many title initials after my name that, at one point, if I had used them all at once, they were longer than my name. Seriously. There was NREMT-B—National Register Emergency Medical Technician-B; then came CHMM and CHMT. They were a mouthful; Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (Super Fund Sites) and Certified Hazardous Material Transporter. I wouldn't want to leave out CFRT and CST; Certified First Responder Trainer and Certified Safety Technician, as I spent most of my time in these positions teaching—as you know I love to do. Finally comes the one combo group, CDR, HMERT; Commander, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team. I swear I believe there is a group of GS-12s somewhere in the government who get paid too much to come up with names and titles for every branch and sub-branch.

This brings me to my new title—or at least the deciding of it.

What will I be to Trinity—besides an irritating old goat? Am I a Grand Godfather—or a God Grandfather? Well...I guess it really doesn't matter...either way, I put G.G. after my name.

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Cancer doesn't stop; awareness shouldn't either



Movie Reviews

“Jackass” now in 3-D

Owen Love
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“Jackass” is probably a movie or show you have either heard of or seen in the last few years. “Jackass 3-D” is the most recent release from a dynamic group of men that thrive on exciting and dangerous stunts.

“Jackass” was originally about a bunch of friends that do crazy and out of control stunts and tricks on each other. “Jackass 3-D” is just the same as the other movies and shows except with a 3-D twist, which was the big thing this year. Many of the number one movies this year were in 3-D, which is why it made perfect sense for this popular movie to do the same.

Some of the stars in this movie are Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius, and Ryan Dunn. These men, with the help of a few other people, do crazy stunts and tricks throughout the entire movie



which is sure to keep the audience laughing.

If you are a fan of the “Jackass” series, then you will enjoy this movie. If you are a first time viewer, then be prepared to see things that you wouldn’t even imagine a person doing in his or her lifetime.

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Friday fright night iz vaiting vor you

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Staff Writer

Halloween is in just a few short days, and everyone is getting ready for it. The costumes are picked out and the events and parties are planned. Before that day comes, everybody should come out this Friday to get frightened!

RAs, student volunteers, and a few others will be out behind Chapman for the Haunted Forest. In the woods behind Chapman Hall will be a trail of fear and excitement for you and your friends to walk through.



Laugh as your friends get scared, and try not to get too frightened yourself! The event is run by the RAs and starts at 9 p.m. this Friday! See you there!

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Sometimes “Life as We Know It” gets in the way

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“Life as We Know It” is a romantic comedy that is sure to please its audience. From its visual effects to its comical script, this movie is sure to fill you with many different emotions.

The movie stars Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel, and Josh Lucas. Heigl plays Holly Berenson, who is a caterer with plans on expanding her business. Holly’s best friend marries the best friend of Eric Messer, played by Duhamel. Messer is a sports director who believes that his life is perfect. He can do whatever he wants whenever he wants to do it, and makes a living watching basketball.

Their friends set Holly and Messer up on a blind date, which ends in disaster. With their complete dislike for one another, their mutual friendship and the arrival of their god-daughter, Sophie, keeps them close.

With the sudden death of their best friends, the two are stuck raising Sophie themselves, under the same roof. With a baby to raise, career



ambitions, and social lives to balance, the two are forced to work together and find some kind of common ground. However, when a possible love interest comes back into the picture, their worlds end up twisting again.

In one of her best roles of her career, Heigl makes her audience laugh and cry as they relate to her and the things she goes through. With an amazing cast to stand beside her, it is hard not to love each of the characters in the movie.

With an ending that keeps you guessing, “Life as We Know It” will be a movie that will touch hearts and teach lessons throughout time.

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Student Activities Calendar

compiled by Susan M. King
Features’ Editor

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

4:30 p.m. – Bowling and Wallyball Sign-ups, Franklin Hall Atrium
7 p.m. – Take Back the Night, Vaughn Chapel
7 p.m. – Women’s Soccer vs. Salem College (Senior Night)
7 p.m. – Volleyball vs. Mary Baldwin College
8 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
9:30 p.m. – Bible Study, Lighthouse

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

7 p.m. – Men’s Soccer vs. Averett University
8 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
9:30 p.m. – Bible Study, Lighthouse

Thursday, October 28, 2010

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Academic Majors Fair, Panthers’ Den
8 p.m. – Coffeehouse, Panthers’ Den
8 p.m. – Keeping the Pace Bible Study, Grousbeck 201

8 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
Friday, October 29, 2010
5 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
7:30 p.m. – Haunted Forest, Chapman Woods (scary movie to follow)

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Trick-or-treat for canned goods
11 a.m. – Mountain Bike Race
1 p.m. – Volleyball vs. North Carolina Wesleyan College
1 p.m. – Men’s Soccer vs. Methodist University
5 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
TBA – Halloween Spook-tacular Dance

Sunday, October 31, 2010

1 p.m. – Disc Golf
5 p.m. – Confetti’s Lounge open
6 p.m. – Anomaly, Grousbeck 201

Monday, November 1, 2010

7 p.m. – Monday Night Praise, Vaughn Chapel

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Disk Golf Tournament



Sunday, October 31st

Entrance Fee

\$3 or 3 cans of food for St. James Methodist food drive

Registration

Tournament Day from 12-12:45

or

pre-register in the Ferrum Outdoors office (365-4324)

Tee Off

1 p.m. RAIN or SHINE