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Ferrum College Looks Pretty in Pink

By Harley Patterson

"Jordan Dear's breast cancer awareness program was a big hit."

This year's Breast Cancer Awareness Month wrapped up nicely filled with fundraisers from many different clubs, organizations, and people. Jordan Dear planned her event as a pampering evening for the women on campus that raised money for the cause.

Pretty in Pink was held Tuesday, October 25 in the Panther's Den. There were 79 people who attended and signed in at the door, ready to enjoy the manicures, cupcake decorating, makeovers, massages, and music from DJ Cliff Smircina.

This was Dear's program of the month and took her a month and a half to plan. "It was fun but stressful," said Dear. "All the hard work of calling the different organizations and business paid off in the end."

Freshman Avery Ardis and Sophomore Paige Redifer stated, "We should do this every year." while Sara el Saied had other thoughts.

"We should do this every week," el Saied said with a laugh. "It's nice to relax, and there aren't many opportunities for girls to pamper themselves."

Dear collected donations and sold raffle tickets for two dollars a piece. There were four winners of the raffles, and each got to choose her prize. Holly Me-gonigal, Rachel Waddell, Sophie Doherty, and Kirsten Bone were the lucky winners. The four girls got to choose between an Estee Lauder perfume, a Mary Kay Satin Hands kit, a Walmart gift card, and a free massage.

Dear and Shae Miller gave out manicures to the girls with pink nail polish Dear had picked out to represent the cause.

Cupcake decorating was the first event to wrap up early in

the evening as girls came in and iced their own, some complete with little icing ribbons on top. Jill Adams recommended Patti Hall, the Estee Lauder counter manager at Peebles in Rocky Mount, for makeovers for the girls to enjoy. These makeovers were a hit with the young women at the event, but not as large of one as the masseuse.

Certified Massage Therapist Phil Wright from Healing Hands 2U was recommended to Dear by Chris Rill. Throughout the evening, the line for this massage experience stayed steadily long.

Sophomore Katie Mireles said she enjoyed the program, especially the cupcake decorating, even if she "wasn't very good at it". The girls in attendance seemed to unanimously agree that the evening was a huge success. As our Think Pink t-shirts say: "Bleed gold, think pink."

Black Hats Are At It Again

By Jordan Dear

Ferrum Football is now 5-0 in the conference and 6-2 overall.

The Panther's won their sixth straight game by beating the Shenandoah Hornets 41-28 in a game that was postponed from Saturday October 29 until Sunday October 30, because of snow.

The Panthers have been fighting for the title of being the best, and so far that is what they deserve. They have worked and practiced hard for what they want and what they want is to win the USA South Conference title.

"The team is different this year because it feels more like we all the same common goal. Also this year's team is focused on doing things right, not only on the field but off of it as well, which has allowed us to stay focused," Senior Jack McDowell stated.

Our mindset is to take one day at a time. We know that we cannot think that far ahead or something we don't want to happen will. We're going to live in the moment and were going to try to win every day. But we understand we still have two of the best teams in the conference left and cannot afford to let a day go by where we don't get better and still expect to win those games." McDowell said.

The Black Hats still have two more games left.

The next home game is November 5 against the Captains of Christopher Newport University. The Captains are ranked first in the conference with a 6-2 overall record, identical to Ferrum's. This year the event is expected to rally even more funds with the help and hard work of students, faculty, and local potters. Several very skilled members of the Blue Ridge Potters Guild have donated 20 to 25 pieces of their original art for the silent auction. Over 300 bowls have already been made in preparation for the crowd that is expected to attend Sunday afternoon. The Empty Bowls event has made a big difference in the lives of so many of the children aided through Panther Packs and there are hopes it will continue to be an annual event for many years to come.

Empty Bowls

"Feed Your Hunger for the Hungry"

By Heather Flippen

On Sunday November 13, Ferrum College will hold the second annual Empty Bowls event in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room in Franklin Hall from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. A \$10 donation will provide those in attendance with a delicious meal of soup and bread served in a beautiful, hand crafted bowl.

The food will be prepared by Ferrum's dining services and made with fresh, locally grown ingredients. Once guests are done eating they get to take their one-of-a-kind, handmade bowl home with them. The profits from Empty Bowls will benefit the Panther Packs program, which provides take home meals for the children of Ferrum Elementary who are in need of food to eat over the weekend. The donation money will take care of the cost of nutritious, easy to prepare meals that will be discreetly sent home in a backpack with the children who are not sufficiently fed outside of school.

Empty Bowls was co-created by Professor Jeff Dalton,

assistant professor of the arts, and Dr. Glen Stevens, assistant professor of biology and environmental science. Last year, both instructors

taught freshman gateway classes and used the program as a learning opportunity for their students.

'Feed your hunger for the hungry' is the motto that a student came up with for last year's event," says Jeff Dalton, "it really sums up what Empty Bowls is all about."

Dr. Steven's current gateway class, Professor Dalton's ceramics class, the art club, Ferrum's dining services and other students and faculty have donated their time and efforts to prepare for this

year's event by making the bowls, preparing the meals, and spreading the word to others on campus and in the community. "There are



Photo Courtesy of Professor Jeff Dalton

a lot of lessons embedded [in this event] for students from the production of the bowls to community service to the advertising," Dalton says. Nell Fredericksen, a local potter associated with the Blue Ridge Potters Guild, has also made several appreciated contributions to Empty Bowls. She has coordinated a silent auction that will be held at the event and has also donated her time by making bowls.

The first event held last fall raised almost \$2,500 and all 190 bowls had been claimed before the

Sheriff Candidates' Forum Held at Ferrum College

By Jordan Dear

A candidate's forum for this November's Franklin County Sheriff election was held October 28 in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room. There are three candidates running for the position and it looks like it is going to be a tight race.

Bill Overton, Rick Arrington, and Ewell Hunt want the title. This year's election is different and in some cases important due to a controversial situation that happened this past summer, while Hunt was Sheriff.

A Franklin County Police Officer allegedly drove to Roanoke and fatally shot his wife. The officer was later on a high-speed chase with Franklin County Police trying to stop him.

Ewell Hunt has been the Sheriff for the past four years and has been a deputy for 36 years. He feels like he is the only candidate that has the most experience and has worked in different jobs throughout the force. The other two candidates hope to become Sheriff and bring change to the Sherriff's Office.

Rick Arrington is the only candidate that has been endorsed by media and the only one with military background. He has not done many fundraisers because he says they are not necessary. Arrington has used his own and his

mony to fund his campaign.

The last candidate, Bill Overton is active as a leader and has a strong campaign. "Franklin County Sheriff Office needs a leader not a manager. It needs a sheriff who has a clear vision, cares about people, do what he says what he is asked to do, one who influences others, is confident but will show humility and compassion in his actions" says Overton.

The debate was intense and heated because all three are trying to show that they were the best candidate for the community. Arrington seemed the most dominant only because he would attack the questions with a rude attitude. He made a comment after one question answered by Overton saying that Overton was copying his plan. Overton came right back with the comment "I have not looked at your plan." Arrington then said "But your staff has and they wrote it down." This argument got the largest reaction out of the crowd. It showed Overton as classy but not going to be pushed over.

Junior Erin Mucha was at the debate and felt that Hunt is not as strong as the others. "All three are reasonable candidates but Overton and Arrington stand above Hunt in many ways." The election takes place November 8th.

Take Back the Night, A Night to Remember

Tia'Lavon Butler

"What is Take Back the Night?" I asked my friends curiously. "You should come tonight and see for yourself." They replied. All around campus I had seen flyers and opened dozens of emails titled Take Back the Night but I'm ashamed to say, even though I am a junior now, I still had no clue what this event was actually about.

It wasn't until I sat in the back row of the Vaughn Chapel and relived the pain that three women so courageously shared with a crowd that totaled about 139. The program was informational, uplifting, and entertaining. Sitting in that back row, I learned exactly what Take Back the Night was all about.

Sexual violence and abuse is something that is rarely the topic

of discussion, but it is very real. Dating violence is hard for the victim to talk about, and for a loved one to listen to, but that doesn't mean if we ignore it that it'll just go away. It's important that we have people who are forcing some light on the topic, so that maybe someone can detect the signs and prevent this from happening to someone else.

Justice can't be found if nobody wants to talk about it. Take Back the Night really inspired me, so I was pleased to hear that Ferrum is involved in the Red Flag Campaign. The Red Flag Campaign is a campaign that promotes the public awareness and prevention of dating violence.

Remember, someone right now, is in a situation that they don't see a way out of, maybe you can be that way out.

Honors class haunts Henry Fork Haunted House

Jesse Shively

On Thursday, October 27, students in Dr. Hally's Honors 100 class participated in a community service project at the Henry Fork Service Center in Rocky Mount. However, unlike typical incarnations of community service projects, no trash was collected from the side of the road, no orange jumpsuits were spotted, and those involved were all there of their own free will. Students in the class were assisted by Whitney Carter (whom was responsible for setting up the event) and several other volunteers were tasked with operating a haunted house for children in Henry Fork's afterschool program.

Instead of simply setting up the haunted house, its operators were tasked with something much more difficult: being the ones to scare the children as they walked through. While this is seemingly a pretty easy job, things can get complicated when one is tasked with potentially making a first-grader cry. As a result, scariness was dialed back a bit for the earlier groups, which consisted of kindergarten through second-grade aged kids. Nevertheless, there were plenty of screams and tears from the younger bunch, regardless of the fact that the ghouls and ghosts were only operating at half capacity. As the ages of the children passing through increased, scare tactics were ramped up to concentrate. By the time fourth and fifth-grade students were passing through, the rules had changed. What once were simple "boo"

scares had evolved into a zombified Dr. Hally dragging himself across the floor toward the frightened kids, a witch rushing from a concealed position, and more zombies falling out of windows and inching toward the tykes. Surprisingly enough, the haunted house was convincing enough to get a few good scares out of the middle-schoolers, although many of them were the same size as their terrorizers.

The Henry Fork Service Center was established in 1967, with a mission of providing children an escape from the problems of poverty, abuse, neglect, alcoholism, and illegitimacy, which were prevalent in the area at the time. Since then, Henry Fork has continued to provide children and youths with a strong positive presence in their lives, a place to explore their creativity, and counseling for their troubles. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Henry Fork's director, Elizabeth Nichols, at henryforkcenter@cs.com, or by filling out a form on the center's website.



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Sports

Panther Profile: Corey Smith

by Myesha Bolling

Football is not only about the game on the field, it is about the life lessons that it teaches. Senior Running Back, Corey Smith allows his determination, strength, bravery, heart, courage, character and perseverance to guide him both on and off the field. A graduate from West Potomac High School in Alexandria, Virginia Corey has been blessed with a healthy body and mind, and football has given him the opportunity to improve those gifts.

Smith's athletic career started years before he became a Ferrum College athlete. At the age of nine Smith began playing baseball and football. In high school he played football, basketball, and ran track. He began to focus on football and track primarily chasing after records his older brother had set. Although, falling short in track & field he surpassed his brother's record marks in football. Selfish tendencies have faded as maturity has increased; "Personal statistics don't matter to me if we

do not win. I give thanks to God, everyone and everyplace that has helped me get to where I'm at now, and I thankful to be able to play football with all the guys on my team and to be receiving a Ferrum education," said Smith.

Following high school Corey had some really good looks from big schools at about every NCAA Division level. Talks with some coaches landed this skilled athlete at Ferrum College. A starter in his sophomore year at Ferrum, he later transferred to Bowie State before deciding to come back and graduate from Ferrum for academic purposes.

Pressure also weighs heavily on Corey to be the first person of his immediate family to graduate from College and the first Male from either side of his family to graduate from college. His parents have always been very supportive of his goals and aspirations, while he followed his brother's footsteps in sports

With the determination to raise himself above the accomplishments of those in his family,

Corey is in the process of finishing his senior year of undergraduate studies.

Corey has many goals for both athletic and academic endeavors. Smith would love to play in the NFL as his brother came very close to doing (with try-outs with the Dallas Cowboys). While this would be a great accomplishment for this student athlete, he aspires to be much more than an athlete, such as an entrepreneur, philanthropist, volunteer, motivational speaker, coach and family man. In addition to his commitment to his family and team he has the biggest heart for those who are homeless and/or needy. He plans to spend a good portion of his time giving back to the community, and to places that also helped to shape and mold his character.

"FERRUM FOOTBALL... I just love being a part of this brotherhood that we have, suiting up on Saturdays and playing the role given to me to help achieve a team goal which is to win," said Smith. "I am most pleased when I know I have done all I could to

help my brothers and my football family be victorious that day. Win The Day, as we say, a phrase coined from Coach Harper."



"Football has taught me to strive to be at the top of whatever I do. No one will ever see me quit, because I simply won't. If I start something, I will finish it and do it well."

Intramural Bowling

by Jordan Dear

Intramural Bowling is back again so everyone get ready for some fun! Want to play? All you need is to find a team and sign up! Bowling is fun for anyone and anyone can play.

"It is a good way to get off campus with your friends and enjoy yourselves in some good, clean, fun," said Intramural Director Chris Rill. "Bowling is another popular intramural so we are hoping for a great turnout this year. And who does not love bowling?"

"A lot of students love to bowl so I think there will be a big turnout," said sophomore Chris Peltier. "We are not good bowlers but we love to bowl. We have a good group of boys and girls for my team so I think we have a good chance. Even if you do not know how, it is so easy to learn. My team and I did not get to bowl last year but we are excited to this year so maybe we will win!"

Junior Erin Mucha plans to be on a team also. "I think bowling is fun and everyone should do it! It's getting cold already so this is a great game to stay warm and inside. As long as you are having fun with your friends then it will be a fun time. I know my team will have fun but I hope we get first!"

If you have a team and want to play, look for sign ups and get your friends to schedule a team!

Football Update

by Corey Gates

The Ferrum College football team started off with a stroke of bad luck, losing their first two games. As the season progressed, so did the team, winning their first game against Bridgewater College during our homecoming, the final score was 37 to 6. This game was the start of our winning streak. The next game was against Maryville College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Ferrum won the game, destroying our opponents 27 to 3. With elevated confidence, the football team went against their next opponents, the Methodist University Monarchs. Ferrum crushed the Monarchs, 37 to 17. The Ferrum Panthers didn't show remorse as they faced Greensboro College during the 38th annual Blue Ridge Folk life Festival. Once again Ferrum dominated the field, ending the game at 66 to 23. With confidence from the five game winning streak, the Ferrum Panthers faced the Shenandoah University Hornets on Sunday, Oct. 30 after a postponed Saturday game and an overnight stay due to poor weather. Once again the Panthers prevailed 41-28. Good Luck Panthers, continue winning, and showing your panther pride.

Men's Basketball Looks for Another Strong Season

by Jordan Dear

Last season, Men's Basketball finished second in the USA South Conference after playing in the final round of the tournament against the Bishops of North Carolina Wesleyan. They had a great season ending 23-5 overall and 10-2 in the USA South.

This year, Ferrum was picked to finish third in The USA South Preseason Men's Basketball Poll. Senior Nick English is looking forward to this season. "I feel like we give last year's team a run. We have become a better shooting team than last year. We also have freshmen that have been good for this season. They have showed a lot of potential for a great year" English said.

"Our best accomplishment from last year was we got first in the regular season for the conference and we got to go to the NCAA. I feel like we can change what happened last year if we come out and play hard, we can come out in the same situation as last year but win of course" English stated. One of the best games from last year is when they played Christopher Newport University, in the semi-finals for the USA South title. The score was close to being two

points between each team during the whole game. Marcus Mayo, Derek Mitchell, Keith Crump, Darryl Hart, Nick English, and Lamont King all put points on the board right after each other.

It was one of the most intense and best games many people have seen. Christopher Newport played a great game but they did not have what Ferrum had in them during this game. The winner of that game would go the final round and play against North Carolina Wesleyan. The Panthers beat the Captains in a 87-81 game.

The Panther's later traveled to play for the title against North Carolina Wesleyan. It was also a very close game, but the USA South title went to the Bishops.

This season there will be three starters returning for Ferrum and expectations are high that they might repeat their winning season. The first game for the Men's Basketball season is November 15 with a 7p.m. tip-off against the Lynchburg College Hornets.

The team will later play in the Roanoke Tip-Off Tournament against Emory University and Roanoke College. Their first home game will be against the Wasps of Emory and Henry College at 7pm on November 22 in Schwartz Gym.

2 on 2 Basketball Returns to Ferrum

By Harley Patterson

Ferrum College Intramurals welcomes back the 2-on-2 student basketball tournament for its fifth year. This year's multi-day tournament will be held on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 in the Fitness Center. Play starts at 8 p.m., teams are asked to arrive by 7:30 p.m. to sign up.

Over the past four years, the sport has seen an average of 15 teams, but Coordinator Chris Rill hopes to see around 20 this year. "The sport is co-ed and open to all of Ferrum College, and will hopefully draw quite a crowd," Rill stated. "This will also be a great way for students to get acquainted and give them a better idea of their five on five

teams for spring semester."

The tournament, which starts on Monday and will be finished on Tuesday, has set guidelines to meet. The games are played to eleven points with a win by two points required, or to the duration of fifteen minutes. The tournament is double elimination, best two out of three, and one's and two's.

The 2-on-2 tournament is expected to be a success yet again and is a great way for students to get out and get active. Those who can't get involved this time should be on the lookout for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at the end of November.

Academic Fair

By Jordan Dear

Every year Ferrum College has an Academic Majors Fair that offers different plans and majors for students who have not decided what they want to do yet. This year the Academic Majors Fair was held on October 26th 2011.

Most students come to college with either a plan or an idea of what they want to do as a career, but there are students who don't. That is what makes this Academic Major Fair important for students to attend so they can see all the great opportunities that Ferrum has to offer.

Leslie Holden runs the program and explains the great things about the program. "All the academic programs offered at Ferrum College will be represented at the Academic Majors Fair. Some of the academic programs will also invite upper class students to participate so they can give a student's perspective about the major."

The Academic Majors Fair ends as a success every year because

many students do not realize their talents and what they can do with them for a future career. "This is a great program for students who are undecided on a major, those who are considering changing majors or adding a minor," Holden states. "It is also an opportunity for new students with a major to meet potential major advisors because they have to choose a new one at the end of their first year anyways."

The fair also lets new and returning students know what new majors the college has to offer and how the professors are willing to help their students. Dr. Edmond Hally was promoting one of the new majors at Ferrum College. "I love the Academic Fair. I think it is a great opportunity for students, and it shows all the new majors at Ferrum, such as DJCE. Democracy, Justice, and Civic Engagement is one of the new majors that no one really knows about. This fair helps all the underclassmen figure out what their future will hold".

Student Calendar

Nov 5

- 8am Rock Climbing, Pilot Mountain
- 9:30am Rotaract Relay for Life Fundraiser #1, Student Leadership Office, Wall Above Panther's Den
- 7pm After Jack Concert, Panther's Den
- 7pm Grad School Prep, Blue Ridge Mountain Room

Nov 6

- 9:30am Rotaract Relay for Life Fundraiser #1, Student Leadership Office, Wall Above Panther's Den
- 1pm Ferrum Improv Club practice, Flex Theater
- 7pm Grad School Prep, Blue Ridge Mountain Room
- 7:30pm Ferrum Greek Council, Founder's Room

Nov 7

- 9:30am Rotaract Relay for Life Fundraiser #1, Student Leadership Office, Wall Above Panther's Den
- 4pm 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament, Bassett Field
- 4pm Rotaract Club Meeting, Roberts Hall Conference Room
- 4pm Rotaract Club Meetings, LA 201
- 5pm Adventure Expo, Franklin Atrium
- 6pm Senate Meeting, Grousbeck 101
- 6pm Talent Show Interest Meeting, Panther's Den
- 6pm ZUMBA, Fitness Center
- 7pm Grad School Prep, Blue Ridge Mountain Room
- 8pm Relay for Life Meeting, Virginia Room
- 9pm Ferrum Improv Club practice, Flex theater

Nov 8

- 9:30am Rotaract Relay for Life Fundraiser #1, Student Leadership Office, Wall Above Panther's Den
- 4pm 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament, Bassett Field
- 5pm Adventure Expo, Franklin Atrium
- 6pm Talent Show Interest Meeting, Panther's Den
- 7pm Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Meetings, Garber 106
- 7pm Grad School Prep, Blue Ridge Mountain Room
- 7pm Journey to Planet Earth

Nov 9

- 6am Adventure Expo, Panther's Den
- 9:30am Rotaract Relay for Life Fundraiser #1, Student Leadership Office, Wall Above Panther's Den
- 12:30pm Adventure Expo Marketing, Franklin Atrium
- 4pm 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament, Bassett Field
- 4pm Cornhole Tournament, Fitness Center
- 6pm RHA Meeting, East Bassett 27
- 6pm Talent Show Auditions, Panther's Den
- 6:30pm English Club Weekly Meeting, Grousbeck 202
- 7pm Grad School Prep - Phase 3 Session, Beckham 201
- 8pm Wii Dance Party Night, Panther's Den, Franklin Hall

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