Blue Ridge Folklife Festival Takes Over Ferrum College
by Megan Martin

The 39th annual Blue Ridge Folklife Festival was held on Saturday, October 27 on the Ferrum College campus. The cloud overcast definitely did not put a damper on the high energy level felt throughout the day. It was a beautiful day full of fall colors, smiling faces, music and laughter heard for miles. Folklife consists of traditional crafts, country cooking, traditional music, working dog events, moonshine stills, Jack Tale performances, mule games, horse pulling, vintage cars, tractors and farm machinery, children’s folk games, and many other events.

This year’s bands included performers from all over Virginia including the Carolina Blue Ridge. The Folklife Festival brings people from all around. While walking through the sea of parked cars attendees can see license plates from Michigan, West Virginia, and many other states. The festival has even been praised by the New York Times as “thoroughly authentic.” The Blue Ridge Folklife Festival is known as Virginia’s largest celebration of authentic regional traditions.

During the coon dog treing events the announcer asked for people to raise their hands. The excitement could be felt as one third of the crowd raised their hands. The first time at the festival and about a smaller crowd, even though the crowd was fuller than in past festivals it stated that “There seem to be a smaller crowd”, even though they could smell the many different traditions foods throughout the festival. The most common favorite is the traditional barbeque sandwiches and plates. However, the barbeque had a tough competition with the homemade stew sold next to the mule jumping events. Not only was food being cooked and sold, but preserves were being sold as well. Homemade pumpkin butter, pear butter, apple butter and others were sold out by three o’clock Saturday afternoon.

A goer stated that “The peach butter is my favorite. I like the pumpkin butter too, but the peach butter is by far my favorite. The pumpkin butter is like pumpkin pie in a jar, and that fire department always does a wonderful job with the butters. Also the barbeque sandwich I had at lunch was excellent.”

The festival was a huge hit like always amongst its goers. Each event held was packed with people, and even if the people in the back could not see, they stayed to hear the many different dogs bark or to hear the music. The Blue Ridge Folklife Festival is one of Ferrum’s most popular events and with the crowds it continuously attracts, it proves it!

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Beautiful fall weather brought the Jack Tale Players to the annual Ferrum Folklife Festival on Saturday, October 27. More than fifty alumni Jack Tale Players came out to reunite with the recently disbanded theatre troupe to give two performances to festival-goers at the annual Blue Ridge Folklife Festival. Rex Stephenson led the performers one more time to present stories collected by Richard Chase, and innovate by him and his band of actors.

Alumni member and 2010 Ferrum College graduate, Alexandra Baetke Melson said, “I performed in my first Jack Tale show in 2004 when I was 16 and throughout the years it has been pure magic putting smiles on the faces of people of all ages. My memories with the Jack Tales are among some of the best I have and I still sing the songs and read the stories to my son today”. Melson was also a performer in the reunion show.

With more than 500,000 miles under their heels, the Jack Tale Players show is the longest running children’s theatre group in the United States. The troupe has had over 3,000 shows in over 37 years of being together with many different members to portray the mishaps of everyone’s favorite character, Jack. This was their last scheduled show.

For more information on The Jack Tale Players or history of The Jack Tales, visit www2.ferrum.edu/jacktales.
The Power of the People's Vote
by Taylor Welch

Voting is a great honor that all Americans have, yet many take the right to vote for granted. Many are qualified, but still do not vote. Why? More people check their Facebook daily and watch the Super Bowl than exercise their right to vote. Why? Is it because Americans just do not care who wins the presidential election? Or is it because not all Americans know our history of voting?

Americans were given the chance to vote in 1776 after fighting for their right to vote. Women finally had the chance to vote in 1776 after fighting for their right to vote but were not allowed. After the civil war and slavery was abolished all men were given the right to vote but were not allowed. African Americans had to face many obstacles to exercise their right to vote. Poll tax and literacy test were put in place to keep them from voting. Women finally had the chance to fight for their right to vote and in 1920 they were able to participate in elections. Even after all of this you still had to be 21 to vote. After many young people were sent off to fight in Vietnam the voting age changed. They were responsible enough to die for America; they should be responsible enough to vote at age 18.

The young people of America make up a very large portion of the voting population in the United States. Those who vote have a very loud voice in the future of America. They have the chance to decide on the way our money is spent, whether or not the country goes to war, the right to choose, the right to legalise, and what resources power their lives. Voting is very important in deciding the future of the younger generations and what is to come for our country. All of these things were said by the young people of America.

One Ferrum student explained that her vote would not be cast because she did not feel she was Continued to page 4

From Psychology Club to English Club
by Juliet Stephenson

Ferrum College has a lot of students and usually the only ones we hear about are the athletes or the students who get into trouble all the time. There are plenty of other students who deserve recognition, but don’t get it. Jennie Church is one of those students.

“I’m usually a behind the scenes type of person and I don’t like to be the center of attention, but it’s nice to be recognized for all that I do.”

Jennie Church, a senior, has been in this club for more than five years. Now she’s the president of the Psychology Club and Psi Chi and is running for Alpha Chi Honor Society. Jennie is a psychology major and theatre minor. She has been in the club for two years and is planning for the club to take a trip to a psychology conference, but it won’t happen until next year.

Jennie works with Dr. St Peters on her research, treasurer and secretary of the Art Club, and secretary of the English Club. She is also a Resident Assistant and lives in Dyer Hall this year.

Church is the first person in two years to be president of the Psychology Club. There was a shortage of faculty before, so the club faded. Now Dr. Dahl and Dr. St Peters have brought the club back.

“With Psychology Club, I was originally not planning on being an officer. I went to the first meeting, and everyone introduced themselves and said if they wanted to be an officer, I introduced myself and said that I wanted to help. Later we all got together, and they were like, ‘You are going to be president, right?’” said Church.

Although it was a role that she fell into, she’s taken on the responsibilities fully. She’s been working on getting psychology majors involved in volunteer work. One of her goals is trying work with the elementary schools. Another of her goals for the Psychology Club will be to run a Locks of Love fundraiser here at Ferrum. She also is planning for the club to take a trip to a psychology conference, but it won’t happen until next year.

Church is not the president of one club, but two; she is also president of the Psi Chi club. Psi Chi is the psychology honor society, which requires students to have at least a 3.0 and five credit hours in order to be inducted. This club is more academically focused, but it also does volunteer work.

Church has been in this club the longest. She was inducted her sophomore year and her junior year, she was the secretary of the club. Now that she’s president, Continued to page 3

Chrysalis Wants YOU!
by Logan Bradt and Olga Glazkova

If you would like to see your writing or art published, please send it to Chrysalis, Ferrum’s literary and arts magazine. The magazine displays work by the student body’s best writers, artists, and photographers, as well as work from other mediums such as photographs of the theatre department’s plays.

Members of the Chrysalis Club and students in the Creative Arts practicums publish work in the magazine, but Chrysalis also strongly encourages other members of the Ferrum community to submit their work as well. Chrysalis experienced a number of changes this year. In the past, Dr. John Kitterman, associate professor of English, supervised all areas of the magazine, including content and layout of the magazine and the coffee houses held in the Panther’s Den periodically throughout the year.

But this year, Dr. Kitterman has turned the group over to three of his colleagues. Justin Muse, assistant director of Student Leadership and Engagement, is in charge of the coffee house events. Rachelle Bellard, adjunct instructor of art, is handling layout of the magazine in her Computer Graphics class. And Dr. Katharine Grimes, associate professor of English and coordinator of the English program, is teaching the Creative Arts Practicums and supervising content.

Senior art major and theatre minor Will Seate, editor of the magazine spring semester last year, continues as editor and club president this year. Another change is that the magazine has previously been published only in the spring, but this year plans are to publish both a fall and spring edition.

Students can submit just about anything to the magazine, be it a short story, a poem, a painting, or a painting. Short stories and essays should be no longer than six typed pages, and poems should be two pages long or shorter; overall a student can have up to twelve pages of writing. For photos or artwork, there is a ten image limit. The deadline for fall is Monday, October 15.

Chrysalis wants students and other Ferrum community members to submit any original work they would like to see in the magazine. For more information on submitting your work or helping out with Chrysalis, contact Will Seate at wseate@ferrum.edu, Katharine Grimes at kgrimes@ferrum.edu, or Rachelle Bellard at rbellard@ferrum.edu. For information on coffee houses, please contact Justin Muse at jmuse@ferrum.edu.

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Black Mask Improv Club Shows Off Their Talents

by Briana Johnson

Improvisation by definition is the practice of acting, dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, talking, creating artworks, problem solving, or reacting in the moment and in response to the stimulus of one’s immediate environment and inner feelings. It is best done when the acts are spontaneous in nature and is often known for being “off the cuff” “off the top of the dome (head)” or “on the spot”.

There are several Improvisation clubs, shows and tours going throughout the country. However they each have one set goal – to entertain the audience. Ferrum’s Improvisation Club performed in the Panthers Den Monday Night. For those of you who are unaware what the Improv Club is and what they specialize in, they are several students here at Ferrum who are comedians.

During their acts they play several games, similar to the once running MTV series ’Wild n Out’. Although several members are theatre majors (though not all) there is a wide-range of majors among the students.

The show had a relatively positive turnout, one of the largest in a while. Most of the seats were filled during the duration of the show and several onlookers often stopped to check out the hilarious action.

I have attended several Improv shows, as I was in Improv last semester; however neither show has been nearly as hilarious as the one given Monday night. They performed several games including freeze tag which includes the members performing several comedic acts and calling freeze whenever one of them wishes to change the scene. Another game performed called “Bed Time Stories” where one of the members, in this case Vice President of the club Kore Foster tells a story to her “child”, Rianne Rouse, about anything that comes to mind, while the other members of the club act out the scene. The show also featured cameos so to speak from several past members.

When asked how they thought the show went several of the members responded individually.

Kore Foster performing as part of the improv group.

President Chris Champagne stated “It was really good, we all thought it went good” While member Erin Mucha replied “I really had fun. I can’t wait for the next show!”

After the show’s ending audience member hi-fived most of the members commenting on how funny the show was, while other audience member Tederick Holland said “It was really funny”.

If you haven’t seen them perform as of yet, I really encourage you to do so. In addition to that encouragement I ask you to try out, it’s a fun experience that anyone could enjoy.

So in the words of the black masks “Laugh Now and Cry Later” I leave you to decide for yourself, will you join in the laughs or be left in the dark?

From Psychology

she’s taken on more organizational responsibilities.

She’s also working with Dr. St Peters on how Post Traumatic Stress Disorder affects attention. They’ve been using rodents to study these affects.

Church originally found out about Ferrum from her sister’s friend, who attended the college. He sent lots of pictures of the campus, and she thought it was pretty.

[“Ferrum College] seemed really, really beautiful. When it came time to apply to schools, I knew I wanted somewhere small with small classes. I wanted somewhere kind of in the mountains, because I’m from Chesapeake, and it’s flat and humid there. It just seemed like Ferrum was a good fit,” Church said.

At first, Church wanted to be in the teacher education program. After she took Psychology 201, with Dr. Reilly, she wanted to take more psychology classes and picked up the major. She still wanted to stay in the teacher education program, but it’s not possible for a psychology major.

She still hopes to attend graduate school with a possible focus on development psychology. Church is beginning the application process now.

“I’m thinking about development [psychology], because I’d love to work with adolescents. But the problem is that I’m interested in everything, so narrowing it in is really hard,” Church said.

Church is also active in the English Club and Art club. How did a psychology major become the secretary and treasurer of the Art Club, you ask? “Some crazy girl came up to me my sophomore year and in one breath exclaimed,’ OH MY GOD! YOUR WEARING A ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW T-SHIRT!’ I LOVE THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW! HEY HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ART CLUB?’” I said I wasn’t very artistic and she said;’That’s ok, you don’t have to be!’ so I joined,” she said. “The next thing I knew, that crazy girl became one of my best friends and when she asked me to help take the club over our junior year I said yes.”

Jennie does a lot, but her in free time she loves to read, do crafts, and take pictures. She doesn’t have a lot of time for these activities right now, but that’s ok.

“Sometimes I go to class,” she laughed. “No, I always go to class. I occasionally hang out with friends. No, again I’m kidding. Most of my friends are in these clubs, so we spend a lot of time together.”
Samsung Galaxy S3 vs. iPhone 5: A Review

by Kyle Downey

On September 12, 2012, Apple revealed the newest edition to the iPhone family, the iPhone 5, to the world. For the first time though the iPhone has legitimate competition for control of the smartphone market and that competition comes in the form of the Galaxy S3 from Samsung. With the reveal of the iPhone 5 we now have a chance to compare it with the S3 to see which of the smartphones has the advantage when it comes to specifications. Both phones are packed with the best technology that each company has to offer, but each offer different experiences based mainly on the differences between the operation system s of each phone. So which phone is best? It mainly depends on the customer’s personal tastes and preferences, but if it matters which one has the best specs and cooler features then pay attention and I’ll help make the decision easier with a specification comparison between the iPhone 5 and the Galaxy S3.

I’ll start with the Samsung Galaxy S3, which has been out for about 5 months now and sales for the Galaxy S3. On September 12, 2012, the iPhone 5 went on sale. An administrator would be the first one to have the phone. The S3 is made of Gorilla Glass 2, which is considered one of the best types of cover glass available; it is strong and scratch resistant. The S3 comes with a microSD card slot for extra storage space if needed and has 1 GB of internal RAM. The S3 comes in 16, 32, and 64 GB versions for internal memory storage depending on how much memory is needed. The S3 has an 8 megapixel camera on the back which can take video in 1080p at 30 frames per second. It also has a secondary camera on the front for video calls which has a 1.9 megapixel camera that takes video in 720p at 30fps. The cameras also have the ability to take pictures directly from a video without having to switch to the regular photo taking camera. A quad-core 1.4 GHz CPU is what the S3 is packing which is one of the fastest processors in a smartphone today.

One of the most important things is the battery, which is a Lithium Ion 2100 mAh battery with a talk-time life on a 3G network of about 11 hours, battery life does differ on how much the phone is used and if it is connected to 3G, 4G, or Wi-Fi. The S3 runs the Android 4.0.4 OS “Ice Cream Sandwich” but can be upgraded to Android 4.1 “Jelly Bean”.

The iPhone 5 is a very similar phone to the S3, which is probably why Apple has been trying to sue Samsung over the Galaxy S3 for copyright infringement. To start with, the networks that the iPhone 5 works on are 3G, 4G, and Wi-Fi, the iPhone does not have NFC capability like the S3 does. The iPhone weighs 112 grams and has a 4.0 inch display. The display is a Super AMOLED touchscreen with multitouch capability made of Gorilla Glass 2, which is considerably better than the S3’s display but to the average consumer there isn’t much difference. The screen on the iPhone is made of Gorilla Glass 2 just like the S3, so they both have the same strong, scratch resistant screen. Next is memory and storage, the iPhone does not have a card slot for microSD cards like the S3 does, but like the S3 the iPhone comes in 16,32, and 64 GB internal memory variants, and all of them have 1 GB of RAM. The iPhone has two cameras, one on the front and one on the back. The front camera is a 1.2 megapixel camera that shoots the same as the S3, the back camera is also the same as the S3, an 8 megapixel camera with 1080p video at 30fps. The CPU in the iPhone 5 is a Dual-core 1.2 GHz processor which makes it slightly slower than the S3. The battery on the iPhone is a Lithium Polymer 1440 mAh battery that lasts up to 8 hours talk-time on a 3G network, the S3 has the advantage over the iPhone in the battery category, although the same exceptions apply to the iPhone’s battery that battery life depends on how it is used. The iPhone 5 runs iOS 6, the newest operating system from Apple which is equally as easy to use as Android 4.1.

In the end I would give the iPhone 5 a 4.5 out of 5 and the Galaxy S3 a 5 out of 5 based on specifications alone. Although overall the two phones are very similar in specifications but the Galaxy S3 does have a bigger screen, longer battery life, and faster processors. The two phones being as similar as they are means that whether or not the consumer should buy one over the other depends on which OS he or she prefers. I suggest going to phone stores and playing around with each OS to see which one is better and would fit personal preferences better. In the end there really is no wrong choice, both phones are at the top of the smartphone category and either one would be a good phone to have.

The Power of a Vote

Many students felt that their vote honestly would not make a difference.

"politics" made them cringe and it was not worth it. They felt as though too many people take voting to a personal level and become pushy and rude. Many students felt as though neither candidate, Mitt Romney nor Barack Obama, is the right choice for the future of our country. Students also explained that no matter who was in office the change America needs would not happen overnight. It will take time and more than just one person to fix things.

Another issue that many students mentioned when asked why they are not voting in the election was absentee ballots. Many students on Ferrum’s campus are from different areas of Virginia as well as other states. One young woman explained that she filled her paperwork to get an absentee ballot and she still has not received it. Her fear is that she will become one of the people not voting, not by choice but default. Another young man, from New York will not be voting in the presidential election because he does not have his absentee ballot and does not have the time to go through the paperwork to get one.

This being said it is very frightening that many young people do not want to exercise their right to vote. Dr. Harl’s Rhetoric class has seen evidence of this issue along with other issues revolving around voting and have begun the Campus Election Project. This project is a non-partisan project that helps America’s colleges and universities get as many students as possible to register and vote. This has improved voter turnout in campaigns, educate themselves, and turn out at the polls. Focusing on administrators, faculty, and staff, and ways they can help engage their students. The students in Dr. Harl’s class are working very hard to get students registered, their absentee ballot paperwork sent to where it needs to go, and educating the campus on the issues of the candidates and the importance of voting. The purpose of this project is to welcome all students, regardless of political views, to the resources that able them to vote.