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## Alpha Chi honor society inducts new members

The Ferrum College Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted new members on March 15. The new members and Alpha Chi advisor are (Front row, L-R) Brittney Greene, Frances Patton Rutherford, Corey Brooks, Devyn Bayes, AnnMichelle Bolt, Stephanie Lynn Perdue, Teri-Lynn Surface, Courtney Wilson, Rachel Lynn Lewis, (Back row, L-R) Dr. Katherine Grimes (advisor), Michael Mills, Nicole Young, Matthew Eggleston, Jessica A. Lively, Emily Seat, Whitney Scott, Morgan E. Dillon, Tiesha Terry. Not pictured: Steven Burgoyne and Michah Gordon.



photo by Elaine Ly

## New president hopes to make Environmental Action Coalition a renewable resource

Caleb Taylor  
Staff Writer

The late conservation writer Nancy Wynne Newhall once said “conservation is humanity caring for the future.” This can be said for the Environmental Action Coalition (EAC), one of Ferrum’s student organizations.

The EAC was formed on Ferrum’s campus in the 1990s and is affiliated with the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC), a national organization. SEAC is a grassroots coalition formed in spring 1988 after UNC Chapel Hill students placed an announcement in Greenpeace Magazine seeking other student environmentalists.

Since the Greenpeace announcement, the organization has grown to include thousands of middle school, high school, college, and community groups throughout the United States and Canada, Ferrum being one.

EAC founding members George Loveland, associate professor of library science and public services librarian, stated “EAC supports science in order to work alongside public policy.” A goal of EAC is to teach and the organization seeks to bestow upon students the skills of social activism.

“Students should be able to work within and outside of the systems which are used in order to promote change,” Loveland

said. “Creating these changes in a socially positive way requires hard work and also controversial and influential methods.”

Loveland and EAC founding members Bob Pohlad, professor of biology and horticulture program coordinator, and Carolyn Thomas, professor of environmental science and biology and biology program coordinator, helped to organize the EAC’s white paper recycling program.

Ferrum’s EAC was until recently inactive, but new president Brittany Shifflet, and new vice president Jenny Lucas hope to revive the campus group. Other members include Andrew Hiller, Glen Stevens, assistant profes-

sor of environmental science, and Todd Fredricksen, associate professor of forestry and wildlife and environmental science program coordinator.

In future, the EAC hopes to take student ideas and transform them into environmental programs and inventions.

If you are interested in learning more about the EAC, please contact Brittany Shifflet at [bshifflet@ferrum.edu](mailto:bshifflet@ferrum.edu). More information about SEAC can be found at <http://seac.org/about>.

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## ONE Game Expo proceeds marked for charity

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Staff Writer

Ferrum’s chapter of ONE.org will be holding a Game Expo in the Panther’s Den on Friday, March 27.

There will be TV’s and projectors with X Box’s, Wii’s, and

PS2-3’s setup around the Panther’s Den. Those attending will be able to play recently released games like “Halo,” and “Rock Band 2”, along with old school games like “Pac Man” and “Mario Bros.”, plus many more.

Admission to this extravaganza is \$5, but those who donate games,

food, non-perishable food items, TVs, game consoles (Ex: PS3, Xbox, Wii) will receive a discount.

Proceeds will be divided among ONE.org’s many charities. All canned, non-perishable food items will be donated to the St. James Food Center.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun,”

according to Ferrum’s ONE President Milan Jimenez.

“This is for a very good cause,” Jimenez said, “so invite your friends and whoever you think would enjoy food, games, and a good time. It is going to be a blast, so don’t miss it.”

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## Musical "Baby" to be delivered April 2-5

**Ashley Hale**  
News Editor

For anyone who has been a parent or had a parent, Ferrum's performance of "Baby" is a must see.

Written by Sybille Pearson, "Baby" opened on Broadway in 1983. It tells a story of three couples who are contemplating conceiving a child. The characters vary in age and profession.

Danny and Lizzie, played by Jeff Williams and Jonna Hufton, are upper-classmen, music majors that have recently moved in together. Nick and Pam, played by Kenny Barron and Aleks Battek, are college track coaches. Alan and Arlene, played by Samuel Scholfield and Mallory Parker, are college professors. The Ensemble represents a variety of students, faculty, and townsfolk.

Director Helen Prien, assistant professor of theatre arts, is excited about the performance and describes the play as "an experience that is both uplifting and enthusiastic."

The musical will be performed on April 2, 3, 4, and 5. The two-act, two-hour show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 2, 3, and 4, and at 2 p.m. on April 5. Other members of the cast and ensemble

are Jade Jones, Maggie Allison, Samantha Stewart, Desiree Gibbs, Chaz Pando, Joshua Kaplonski, and Stacy Register.

Prien states that although it was difficult to select a play that relates to this year's campus theme, "Legacies of the Past and Challenges for the Present: Gender Roles in a Shrinking World," "Baby" does seem to make a connection. "Baby," Prien says, "is a celebration of hope and treats males and females equally, revealing both positive and negative aspects."

"Baby" contains elements of comedy, drama, and emotion; however, "some scenes may be rated PG-13," states Prien. "It is the same humor you would find in the movie 'Look Whose Talking Now.'" This play may not be appropriate for younger children.

Emily Rose Tucker, instructor of music and music director for "Baby," will be using compositions written by David Shire with lyrics by Richard Maltby. Tucker is a "phenomenal music director," Prien states. Prien continues, "I am very pleased with the cast. There is a lot of raw talent that I expect will continue to grow."

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## Affrilachian Poets performed for Ferrum audience



One of Ferrum's favorite poets, Frank X. Walker (above), and other members of The Affrilachian Poets spring tour made a stop on March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room. Walker was joined by Ricardo Nazario-Colon and Bernard Clay, both of whom have read to enthusiastic Ferrum crowds in years past, and up-and-coming poets Bianca Spriggs-Floyd and Keith Wilson.

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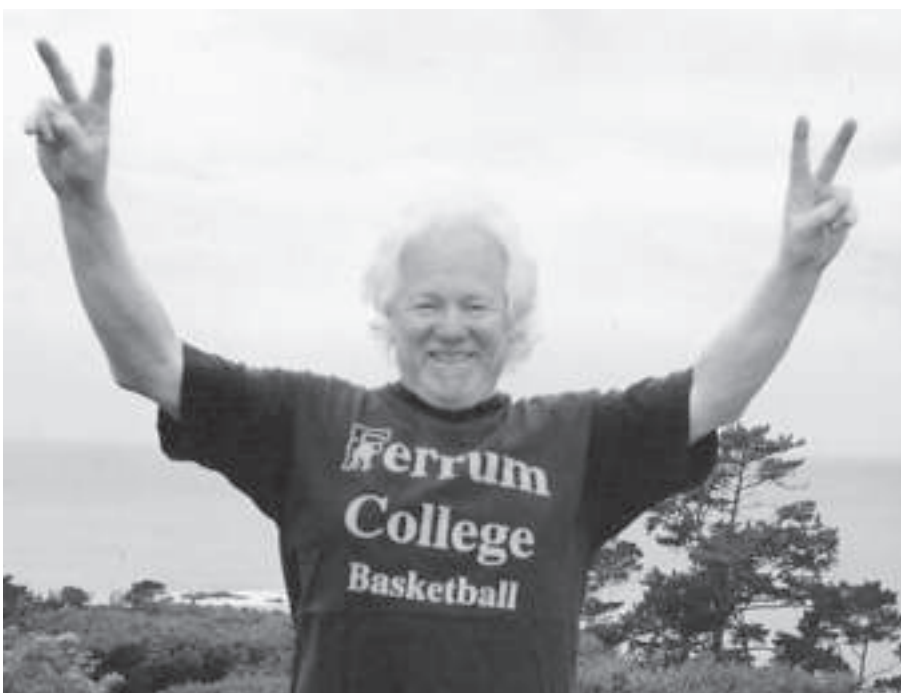
### 2009 Women's Leadership Conference Legacies of the Past and Challenges for the Present: Gender Roles in a Shrinking World

**March 24, 2009**  
**Preliminary Schedule**

8:30 a.m.	Registration opens (Franklin Hall Atrium)
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Continental Breakfast (Franklin Hall Atrium)
9:30-10:45 a.m.	<b>Women's Voices, Women's Woes: Folk Ballads as Female Space</b> <b>Speaker/ Performer: Dr. Katie Hoffman (Panther's Den)</b>
11:00-12:00 a.m.	ALUMNA SPEAKER: Dr. Amy Hayes Holmes '00 <b>The Least of These: The Forgotten Women of the Developing World</b> (see profile, page 5) (Panther's Den)
12:30-1:30 p.m.	CONFERENCE LUNCHEON with entertainment by cast members from the Spring Musical, <i>Baby</i> . (Blue Ridge Mountain Room)
1:30-4:30 p.m.	Haircuts by licensed local stylists to benefit Deborah Rodriguez's charity organization, Oasis Rescue (McCreeley Photo Gallery, lower level of Franklin Hall). \$10 minimum donation is suggested.
2:00-3:15 p.m.	<b>Unseen Beauty: Cultural Influences on Self-Esteem</b> Dr. Shannon Hardwicke & students (Panther's Den)
4:30-5:30 p.m.	STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEA (by invitation) Cosponsored by the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter of American Association of University Women (Franklin Hall - Virginia Room)
7:00-8:00 p.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: <b>Deborah Rodriguez, author of <i>Kabul Beauty School</i></b> (Blue Ridge Mountain Room)
8:00 p.m.	RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING (Franklin Hall Atrium)

For more information, go to <http://www.ferrum.edu/wlc>

## "Panther" spirit lifts Providence College Friars over #1 Pittsburgh



**Bobby Fried**

photo courtesy of Jim Bier

**Jim Bier**  
Contributor

According to Bobby Fried, Providence College class of 1967, the PC Friars (17-10) seemed to need an extra boost in their February 24 match-up with #1 conference rival Pitt (25-3). So Fried, of Carmel, Calif., went to his dresser and took out the Ferrum College

Basketball t-shirt I gave him on a visit five years ago, and put it on as he tuned in the game. Bobby is a superfan - his Yahoo! email address is "mrfriar." The outcome, after wildly aerobic Panther-empowered support from Bobby, was an 81-73 trouncing, with the Friars in the lead the entire game and all

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# Opinion/Editorial

## Memories and loss revisited during Relay for Life

**Mike Gresham**  
Staff writer

### Remembrance

My mother is a poem  
I'll never be able to write,  
though everything I write  
is a poem to my mother.  
~Sharon Doubiago

Relay for Life is fast approaching, and with that in mind, I'd like to share with you how my own life was affected by cancer. I lost my mother to cancer when I was two years old. However, my memory for such things is a gestalt; unable to render her specifics—I can only piece together the fragments...  
...I am very young. My world is

encompassed at this point only by imagination and a limited grasp of the surrounding environment, but I can see my father is seated on the sofa, staring absently into space. I'm tugging on his pant-leg, saying his name over and over, but he can't hear me. His eyes are scabbed over, diamonds in a crumbled mountainside, he can't hear me calling...

...I am a snot-nosed kid standing before my mother's gravestone. The wind mourns a leaf into pale descent under overcast skies, and I am unable to retain composure. I can feel her arms around me; I can *feel* them, and it is too much, I have no solid memory to lean on, and so I free-fall...

...my father is having her remains cremated. He tells me that when he dies, he wants his ashes scattered with hers. I tell him not to think in such ways, that she would want him to move on after all this time, and he tells me that I can't understand, that he is still too much in love with her, and that one day I'll know what it is to lose myself in another...

... I ask my father why he doesn't have any pictures of mom around the house, and his face breaks slightly. He takes me into his room and opens a drawer, showing me a collection of pictures. "They are here whenever you and I need them," he tells me. He puts a hand on my shoulder, and my heart

yearns to take away his pain; such pain should not exist, and yet every single one of us—lost in these moments and these hours and these years spinning by in hourglass symphonies—is able only to hold the ephemeral, knowing we must one day say goodbye, and yet we give completely of ourselves anyway, because such is the way of love. It is a willingness to sacrifice, knowing love can overcome absolutely anything, even death itself...

Dedicated to anyone who has ever lost a star in their sky, and to Janet Lynne Gresham, my beloved mother. I miss you.

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**Ashley Hale**  
News Editor

### Why do I Relay?

I relay for those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
I relay for those who have died from skin cancer or ovarian cancer.  
I relay for those who are currently

fighting for their lives in hospitals worldwide.

I relay for the chemotherapy and radiation patients.

I relay for the families and friends of cancer survivors or victims.

I relay for the hope of one day finding a cure for cancer.

I Relay for Life.

## Why do I Relay?

Lea Ann Marie Mayes was my life. I spent 362 days out of the year at my grandmother's house. I went home for my birthday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day.

She was strong. She was loveable. She was always there. Being a Holocaust survivor made her invincible, or so I thought.

When my grandmother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, I was not fazed. Her strong will and determination never faltered, despite any obstacle she faced. I was certain that cancer would pass just like any other sickness. I was a naïve 9-year-old.

Though my grandmother was the feistiest woman I had ever

met, the cancer slowly took her spirit. Her pride was taken with each strand of hair that fell on the pillowcase. I never once saw my grandmother cry out of pity for herself, but the concern she felt for the family was evident.

As the months passed she became sicker and sicker. With each doctor's appointment, I lost hope. I did not understand why my grandmother was sick, and I hated the doctor who did not diagnose her sooner. Despite my loss of spirit, my grandmother fought to remain optimistic.

I wanted to help in some way. I

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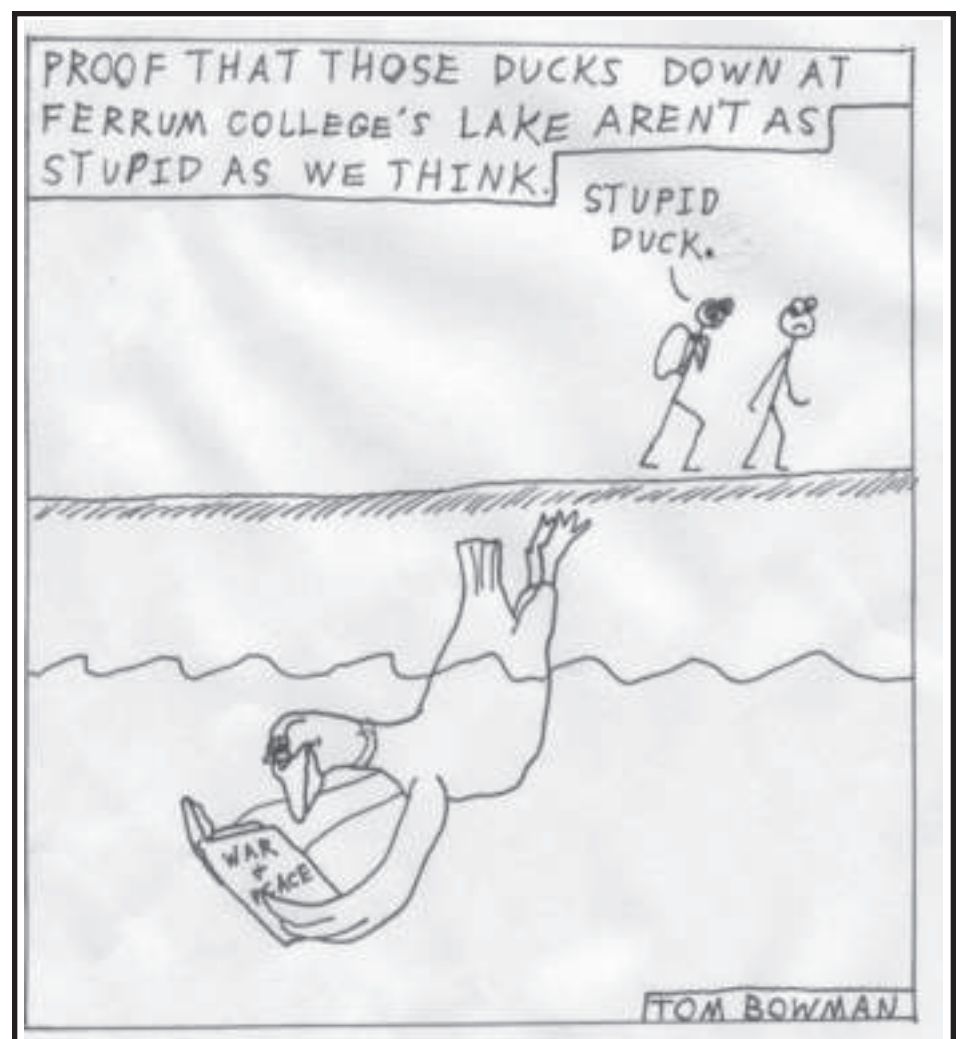
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# Ferrum Forum

compiled by Matt Bird

## What is your favorite thing to do on campus and why?



**Sam Catron**

I like playing intramurals, for the competition.



**Amber Ball**

Work out in the fitness center because it gets me in shape.



**Dennis Cauley**

I like going to the fitness center to "Do Work" on the ping-pong tables because I enjoy the competition.



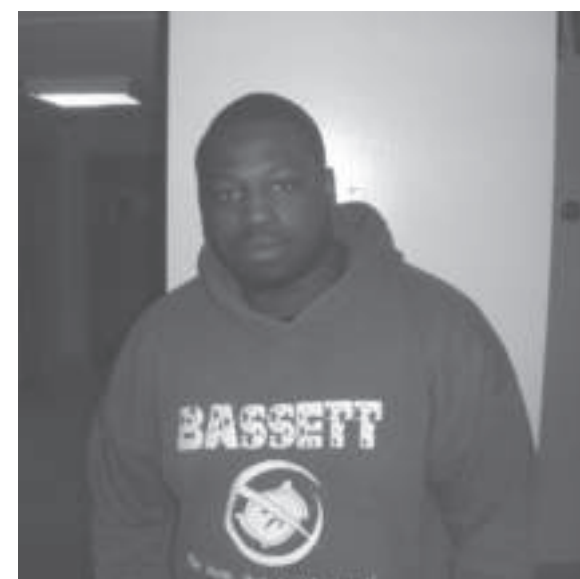
**Patrick Crooks**

Wait in my window for the beautiful Ferrum sunset.



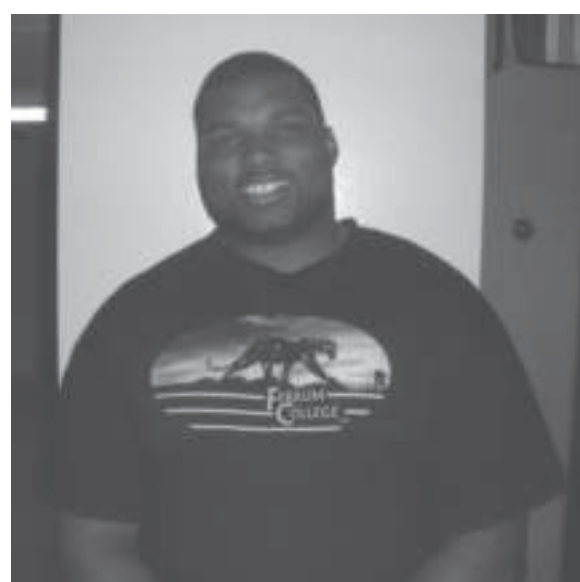
**Jessica Flanagan**

Playing bingo on bingo night because there is always a chance to win a prize.



**Nic King**

I like to go to the weight room because it is relaxing.



**J. Gibbs**

Chill on my dorm hall because I keep it wavy.



**Cameron Kolinsk**

I like to play tennis because I am on the tennis team.



**Patrick Shrader**

My favorite thing to do is run through campus because the scenery is so beautiful.

# Features

## Student Activities Calendar

compiled by  
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Staff Writer

### Monday through Thursday

Art Gallery: Helaine Maja Wasser,  
"ed i nomi che io porto"

### Monday, March 23, 2009

5 p.m. Agriculture Club Meetings  
Garber 123  
7 p.m. The Church- Monday Night  
Praise, Vaughn Chapel  
7:45 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Pledge  
Meetings, LA 201  
8:30 p.m. Colleges Against Cancer  
Weekly Meeting, Beckham 103

### Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Woman's Leadership Conference  
4:30 p.m. Ferrum ONE Meeting  
Roberts Lobby  
5 p.m. Karate Club  
Dance Studio/Gym  
7 p.m. VITA tax preparation  
Beckham 202  
8 p.m. Senate Meetings  
Grousbeck Auditorium

### Wednesday March 25, 2009

12:20 p.m. Psych Club Meeting  
Grousbeck 201  
3 p.m. Movie Makers  
Panther's Den  
4 p.m. Sobriety Day Meeting  
Library 201  
4:30 p.m. Teacher Education  
Career Path Planning Interviews  
Beckham 101, 103, 201, 202,  
204, and Beckham Conference  
Room

### Thursday, March 26, 2009

3:30 p.m. Big Buddy/Little Buddy  
Middle School Event  
Fitness Center Gym  
4:30 p.m. AASA Meeting  
Beckham 103

### Thursday, March 26 Continued

5 p.m. Art Club Meeting  
Clay Studio/Pottery House  
Ferrum College Democrat Club  
Meeting, Beckham 101  
Karate Club, Dance Studio/Gym  
7 p.m. VITA tax preparation  
Beckham 202  
8:30 p.m. Thirsty Thursday Bible  
Study, Roberts Hall Conference  
Room

### Friday, March 27, 2009

6 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Game Expo  
Panther's Den

## Ferrum Folks: Amy Hayes Holmes '00

Tristan Ashley  
Staff Writer

Amy Hayes Holmes likes to shower often; however, in her line of work, sometimes that's not an option.

Holmes is a medical missionary. She travels to small, sometimes disaster-ridden, countries where running water is not readily available.

Holmes sees medical conditions that range from malnutrition and parasites to Malaria and HIV/AIDS. She takes any chance she can to go to developing countries and connect with the people there.

Holmes has been to many different countries. Just to name a few, she has been to Ladakh, India, with the Himalayan Health Exchange, Nias Island, Indonesia, for Disaster Relief, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

One of the trips that made the biggest impact on Holmes was when she went to Nias Island, Indonesia for disaster relief in April 2005 after a tsunami had destroyed most of the country. She never saw the amenities of home, like a bathtub, but she says she was able to work with the people of the country, and that made it worth it.

### Saturday, March 28, 2009

8:30 p.m. SVEA Conference  
Sessions, Beckham 101, 103,  
201, and 203  
6 p.m. Ferrum College Football  
Banquet, Blue Ridge Room  
8 p.m. Casino Night, Panther's Den

### Sunday, March 29, 2009

4 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
Vaughn Chapel, Wesley Remix,  
Vaughn Chapel

### Monday, March 30, 2009

5 p.m. Agriculture Club Meetings  
Garber 123  
7 p.m. Easter Celebration  
Vaughn Chapel  
The Church- Monday Night Praise  
Vaughn Chapel  
7:45 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega  
Pledge Meetings, LA 201  
8:30 p.m. Paul Baker Hernandez  
Panther Den  
Colleges Against Cancer Weekly  
Meetings, Beckham 103

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Amy Hayes Holmes (back; second from right) in Ethiopia in 2008.

photo courtesy of Amy Hayes Holmes

Many people may not understand why she does it, but Holmes says that it is her faith that guides her.

"It is the main factor in shaping what I do," she says. "I didn't become a doctor to become rich. I did it to be obedient to God."

Holmes started her college career here at Ferrum College. She graduated in May of 2000 with high hopes of becoming a doctor and helping people that cannot afford the medical help that they need.

Holmes, a native of Rocky Mount, started at Ferrum in 1996. She started her medical missions in June of 1998 when she traveled to Mexico City to work in garbage dumps.

She went the following summer again to Mexico City and helped to facilitate the American medical teams. Holmes says that this experience helped to solidify her goals for becoming a medical missionary.

Holmes says that the small classes at Ferrum helped her to get the hands on experience she needed. "You get more time with the professors so you get a better education."

After four years of college at Ferrum, she was ready to go to George Mason University for Medical School. She got a scholarship through the National Health Services Corp. Holmes became a family doctor and works with most any age group.

In exchange for her education, Holmes made a commitment through the National Health Services Corp to work in an underserved area. She founded a small clinic in rural county called the Medford Medical Center. She is the only doctor there, which

keeps her pretty busy.

Holmes is not done with her mission trips, though. "Our (Holmes and her husband) goal is to someday move to the international mission field full time," she says. "We're looking at Ethiopia more full-time, working in a hospital there."

On March 24, Holmes will be coming back to her Franklin County roots as alumna speaker for the Women's Leadership Conference this year. The title of her presentation is "The Least of These: The Forgotten Women of the Developing World."

Dr. Carolyn Thomas will be introducing Holmes. Thomas remembers Holmes as a student and has kept in touch with her.

"She has a quiet determination," says Thomas. "She works very hard. She's NOT a slacker."

One of Holmes' favorite things to do on her trips is to visit the small villages of these countries. She says she loves to connect with the people of these villages.

"I like to make them feel loved, especially the women," she says. "A lot of these women have been abused emotionally, spiritually, and physically, and they are just hungering for acceptance."

Holmes says she will continue to travel and reach others. She hopes to spread her values to others.

"If people could value others as much as they value themselves we wouldn't abuse each other," she says. "It's kind of the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'"

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# Movie Reviews

## “The Wrestler” is NOT down for the count

**Michael Rich**  
Staff Writer

In the 1980's, Randy “The Ram” Robinson (Mickey Rourke) was on top of the wrestling world. The highlight match of his career was at Madison Square Garden against his rival the Ayatollah (Ernst Miller).

Twenty years later, Randy is older and in declining health, but he still wrestles. Only this time, Randy does small venues at legion halls. He also works at a supermarket, where his boss constantly belittles him about his weekend activities. After one

particularly brutal match that involves a staple gun, Randy has a heart attack. After recovering, he is told by the doctor to give up wrestling or risk death.

Randy then starts to reassess his life. He picks up extra work at the supermarket by working the deli counter. He tries to reconnect with his estranged daughter Stephanie (Evan Rachel Wood). Stephanie wants to give her dad another chance, but the wounds of the past run too deep. Randy also tries to start a relationship with an aging stripper named Cassidy (Marisa Tomei). Cassidy is also on borrowed time, considering that

she, herself, is 20 years older than the rest of the dancers.

One of the most interesting aspects of this film is behind the scenes of the wrestling matches. The violence that you see in the ring may be choreographed, but it's very real. Politics, if there is any, decides the winner of the matches. Plus, there is constant drug use.

As with most sports movies, the sport is generally used a metaphor for life. Nicholas Cage was considered for the part of Randy, but Director Darren Aronofsky fought hard for Mickey Rourke. Mickey Rourke gives us a brilliant performance of a man who is down

for the count; however, Randy might not be able to get up again. Also, Cassidy, the stripper, realizes that it's time to get out and start fresh somewhere.

Anyone entering the world of wrestling needs to understand that most people will never get to the WWE, TNA, Big Japan, or Mexican Leagues. Most of the action takes places in the regional and state level. The movie “The Wrestler” shows that it is possible to have a great 20-year career before your body begins to break down because of injuries.

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## “Fantastic Plastic Machine” is *shibuya-kei*

**Min Chae**  
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I was worried about how to introduce the artist “Fantastic Plastic Machine.” The genre of this music is known as shibuya-kei. This genre originated in Japan, so I have decided to simply start with a definition of shibuya-kei.

Shibuya-kei is a sub-genre of Japanese pop music that originated in the Shibuya district of Tokyo. It is best described as a mix between jazz, pop, and electro-pop.

Tomoyuki Tanaka, the man behind the “Fantastic Plastic Machine,” has crafted some of

the happiest tunes without being incredibly pretentious or annoying. You know how dance music can be-- just a bunch of random melodies strung together in an effort to make you feel happy with little real meaning.

However, this album takes the “fun” out of the music and then amplifies it beyond belief, so that it is impossible for one not to be mesmerized by the infectious beat. This album is just so fun to listen to. I am sure if you have never encountered this genre before, you will take to it instantly. If you are a party animal, you will certainly indulge in this mischievous music.

Highly regarded internationally, Tanaka plays many roles as a creator of original music, producer, composer, arranger, re-mixer and club DJ.

A German label known as Bungalow Records released the album in Europe. A label in L.A. called Emperor Norton handled the release in the US and Canada in 1998. These two albums were highly praised throughout the world, and he successfully toured Europe, US, and Canada. The track “Bachelor Pad,” contained in his first album, was used in the Austin Powers movie, and his song “There Must Be An Angel,” remixed by



Nellee Hooper, was used in the film “The Big Tease.”

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## If you care to know. . . Pizza Hut and Game Day are must-trys

**Clara Harlowe**  
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One thing that really grinds my gears is when I go to a restaurant and receive terrible service. It is always nice to go to a restaurant and have phenomenal service.

I would like to share with you two wonderful experiences that I have recently had at two new restaurants in Rocky Mount—

Pizza Hut and Game Day.

Since Wednesday, March 11, Pizza Hut has been a pretty happening spot. At around dinner time, a person can expect a wait of around one hour or more. The trick is to go later at night or earlier in the day, at least until “the newness” of Pizza Hut goes away.

Four days after the grand opening, I had a serious craving for pizza, so I decided to give the new

Pizza Hut a shot. I honestly did not expect the greatest experience considering that all the staff was brand new. To my surprise, my experience was absolutely wonderful.

I went at around 8 p.m., so the dinner crowd had begun to die down a bit. I got a table immediately without waiting. I had a great waitress who checked on us constantly. I didn't have to

ask for one refill; the waitress was always there to fill my drink.

I probably waited no more than 10 minutes for my food. Not only did I not have to wait a long time, but the food tasted magnificent.

The Pizza Hut in Rocky Mount is not like other Pizza Huts. It is known as Wing Street. If you like

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## Why I Relay from page 3

better, but I was helpless. There is nothing a 9-year-old can do to cure cancer.

August 25, 1997, was the day my life changed. As I awoke that morning, I pranced to the living room. I found my father sitting on the couch and jumped into his arms.

His face was somber, which was not at all common for my father. He told me my grandmother had died during the night. He held me close, but I did not feel his arms or

hear his voice. I felt nothing. I was numb.

He later told my mother that he could feel my heart break, but I have to admit that it was not my heart breaking he sensed; it was my world crashing. I tried to imagine a life without my grandmother, but that thought seemed so empty, so vague, so unreal.

I gathered everything my grandmother had ever given to me into a pile in the middle of my bedroom floor. As I clutched tightly

to my 4-foot stuffed Easter bunny, I faced my closet hoping my grandmother would emerge from the linens and shout “Gotcha!” Though this would have been the cruelest joke, it would have been the answer to my prayer.

Needless to say, my grandmother never reappeared through my mother's church dresses. To this day, I have never felt a deeper hurt than when my father told me the news. My Granny Mayes, however, is the

reason why I Relay for Life each year.

Due to cancer, too many lives are being lost! Too many men, women, and children are dying each day.

I may not have had any power as a 9-year-old, but now, in hope that one day a cure will be found, I relay.

Granny Mayes, I relay for you!

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# Sports

## Men's basketball already looking forward to next year

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Similar to the women's basketball team, the men's season ended earlier than it would have liked. The team entered the season with high goals, including making the NCAA tournament by winning the USA South conference tournament. The team finished the season with a 14-12 record for the second year in a row but only 7-5 in conference, a game behind last year's 8-4 mark. The past two years were the first time since 1993-94 that the team had consecutive winning seasons.

Looking back on the season, Head Coach Bill Tharp mentioned a few players' contributions. Sophomore post Derek Mitchell and junior guard Keith Crump were both named First Team All-USA South Conference. The team's lone senior, Cameron Piper, only played two years at Ferrum after transferring from Louisburg Junior College. Piper provided "great leadership, understood his role, and came [to Ferrum at a time] when upperclassmen were [sorely] needed," Tharp said.

Marcus Mayo was a top player for Ferrum most of the year after adjusting to basketball season. Mayo is the only athlete this year playing both football and basketball. He missed the first month of practice and a pair of scrimmages and games. His first game action came after getting only one practice. Tharp said he is "a special athlete."

When asked about players improving during the season, Tharp

,specifically mentioned Justin Henderson and Garry Brandt. He said Henderson really stepped up late and made some important perimeter shots, none bigger than a late game-tying shot in the season ending game against Methodist. As Garry Brandt's playing time increased, his impact on the court directly correlated, Tharp said.

Looking to next year, Tharp is excited that 13 of the 14 members of the team could feasibly return, barring casualties via transferring, academic ineligibility, injuries, etc. There is a "great core returning [that has a lot of] positive momentum," Tharp said. Leadership next year will come from the team's three senior guards: Keith Crump, Justin Reynolds, and Jerrell Wade. Tharp is also looking for an improved comfort level from three sophomores-to-be Nick English, Daryl Hart, and Alton Whitby, who, with greater confidence, should contribute much more than this past season, he said.

The team is looking forward to starting practicing next October. Until then, the team has open gyms and lifts together. The offseason is a time for the true character and work ethic of players to show through, as coaches cannot be involved in these activities. Next year, the men's basketball team plans to have the best season in school history, Tharp said, accumulating 20 or more wins, winning the conference regular season and postseason championships, and making the NCAA tournament once again.

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## Baseball playing well early

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The Ferrum College baseball team is off to a 9-5 (1-1 USA South) start. Six of the team's 14 games have been decided by a single run with Ferrum having a 4-2 record in those games. To date, the team has had five games scheduled against five different opponents postponed due to weather, sometimes multiple times.

Through email correspondence, Coach Darren Hodges said the team has "played fairly well so far." The team has cut down on strikeouts and leaving runners on base. Pitching is improving at this

early point in the season. The team has been led by two freshmen and a senior. Paul Jaglowski, a second baseman, "has had a tremendous year so far" and pitcher Michael Baskeyfield "has been really good." The senior leading the team is shortstop Jesse Fuller.

The team has home games coming up against Emory and Henry College on March 25 at 5:30 p.m., North Carolina Wesleyan on March 28 at 1 p.m., and again against N.C. Wesleyan the next day, Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

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## Softball gets rolling

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As of March 15 the women's softball team was 8-4. The team is missing four games because the Ferrum Invitational, which was supposed to be held in Salem Va., was cancelled.

Leading hitters for the Panthers are Lauren Rizzo (.488), Brittany Barlow (.426), and Meagan Farrell (.349). The trio is also leading in many other categories such as RBIs, hits, home runs, and slugging percentage. Hannah Schumaker, Nicole Hendrick, and Jasmine Parker, who also has a triple on the year and was a few steps away from an in-the-park homerun, all have more than one stolen base on the year.

Pitching-wise for the Panthers, Brittaney Shifflett, Allyson

Stevens, and Hannah Schumaker have done the majority of the work on the mound. Shifflett has a perfect record (3-0) thus far with a 2.29 ERA. Stevens has a team-leading 20 strikeouts, 8 appearances, and a save in the circle. Hannah Schumaker also has a save, struck out 6 batters looking, and the most games in relief.

So far the freshmen for the Panthers have really come through, batting a combined average of .283. All four pitchers doing varsity work are freshman.

Upcoming home games for the Panthers are all double headers, March 25 vs. Shenandoah at 5:30 p.m, March 28 vs. Methodist at 2:30 pm, and March 29 vs. UVA-Wise at 1 p.m.

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five starting seniors contributing double-figure scoring.

Mr. Fried, my Providence classmate and grad school housemate, was also matchmaker in connecting me with his grad

school classmate, Jerryanne, my wife of 40+ years. Bobby is a marketing wizard, sports nut, author of "Marketing Plan for Life," and motivational speaker who conducts seminars around

the world. He hopes to have an opportunity to experience the Ferrum Panther spirit, to which he is gratefully indebted, on a full-day campus visit sharing with students and faculty interested in

management, marketing and sports.

-- Jim Bier, 'PC '67, MIT '71, retired, but not retiring, Professor of Chemistry, Ferrum College (1977 - 2007)

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wings, you will be happy to know that the Pizza Hut in Rocky Mount carries eight delicious flavors. They carry both boneless and traditional wings.

Speaking of wings, Game Day is the other restaurant I urge people to try. While Pizza Hut is a more family-oriented restaurant, Game Day is more of a sports bar scene. The atmosphere kind of reminds me of Buffalo Wild Wings. There are also pool tables to play on with

friends.

One Friday evening, I decided to give Game Day a shot, and I would not regret it. I started out with an order of wings. I thoroughly enjoyed them, I must say. If you like wings, you should give them a try.

Their menu is rather simple and prices are very reasonable. The menu ranges in items from mozzarella sticks and wings to burgers and sandwiches. I chose to

get the Philly cheese steak, and I was not disappointed.

My waitress was very kind, and I have no complaints about the service I received at Game Day.

Game Day is a great place to be on a Friday or Saturday night, so check it out. I do need to point out that you must be 21 years of age to get into Game Day after 8 p.m.

Everyone has different experiences at different places. You might catch a waitress on a

bad day. Just because I had great experiences at these two places does not mean I am promising that you will have a great experience as well.

The purpose of me sharing this with you is to let you know that the new Pizza Hut in Rocky Mount and Game Day are definitely worth trying based on the experience that I had.

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