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by Tristan Ashley

Ferrum College Remembers "Franki" Rutherford

Frances Patton Rutherford, a Ferrum College graduate, feminist, activist, motivator, mentor, mother, daughter, and inspiring friend died September 7, 2011. She had been fighting pancreatic cancer for several months. She was 62.

Known to everyone as "Franki," Rutherford entered Ferrum College as a transfer student in 2007. She majored in Political Science and graduated summa cum laude. Rutherford had just finished her first year of graduate school at George Mason when she discovered she was sick, but Rutherford's story does not end or begin there.

Rutherford was born on August 1, 1949. She was raised in McDowell County, West Virginia. The granddaughter of a union official, she was taught to stand up for others.

Rutherford graduated from high school in 1967 and left McDowell County to go to school in Florida. While there, she got home sick and decided to put off school and moved back to West Virginia.

In the late 1960s there were many influential social movements floating around the country. In a previous interview with the Iron Blade, Rutherford said that it was during this time that she started to become passionate about the change happening in her world. She decided to move to Washington, DC.



She witnessed the impact of the Vietnam War, a predominant issue being protested in the United States. "I had seen its effects on my friends and the damage it did to the people I knew," Rutherford said.

Rutherford worked for a law firm in D.C. for seven years; she began to recognize that there were things in the world that needed to be changed.

Feeling that she could do more in her own community, Rutherford once again moved back to McDowell County in 1977. "It (Washington, D.C) was not a first-class community because it did not take care of its people. We (McDowell County) don't have much but we take care of each other," Rutherford said.

Rutherford worked for the

Tug River Health Association for 25 years. She helped to form a program to promote the health of young mothers and their babies. During this time the employment rate in her community began to plummet. Again, Rutherford said that she felt that something needed to be done.

She joined several other community members to form the Big Creek People in Action in 1990. They turned an old school into a community center, which became a focus for the members of the community to come and help each other.

Eventually, Rutherford became the executive director of the center. The center also became host to college students from all over the nation who came to facilitate programs and projects.

When forming the Big Creek People in Action, Rutherford met her husband Carl Rutherford, an award winning song writer and musician. Rutherford said that she felt that she had met a man that had the same passion for others that she had.

It was also the Big Creek People in Action that introduced her to Ferrum College. Library Director, George Loveland tells of his first encounter with Rutherford

back in 1997. Loveland was at a conference at Emory and Henry College on service learning in which Rutherford was the keynote speaker.

"Franki gave a keynote address in which she threw down the gauntlet. 'Educate my children,' she said," recalls Loveland. "She was saying that our first obligation was to educate the children of Appalachia."

"I could see that this woman was sincere, capable and had a huge heart," Loveland says of Rutherford.

Loveland says that he was so moved by Rutherford and her words that when he got back to Ferrum he called Rutherford and asked how the college could help.

Loveland explains that service learning refers to many things from helping in a soup kitchen to helping a community help itself. "As a school, teaching and research is what we do best," says Loveland. "The problem we ran into was that it's (McDowell County's) students were blowing the ACTs. We started breaking it down and figuring out why. It came down to test taking skills."

Loveland, along with Education director of Ferrum College at the time, John Beach helped to develop a program with education students at Ferrum in which Ferrum College students would

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Honor Board Report May 2011

The college's Honor Board policy stipulates that "Records of all Honor Board decisions and sanctions from each semester will be published anonymously in the first Iron Blade of the subsequent semester. Honors Board activity will be summarized in log format; published information will include the offense and sanction, and, in the event that a student convicted is a repeat violator, the number of the offenses. In keeping with students' rights to privacy, the Honor Board will not make public the names of violators or of those accused of violations but found not to be culpable" (Section D 13).

The following is the record of Honors Board convictions for Spring 2011. The current chair of the Honor Board is Chris Aylesworth, assistant professor of biology and director of Professional Health Science.

Violation	Subject	Penalty	Date
Lying-Acad. Adv.	MTH	F in course	2/24/2011
Plagiarism & Lying -Acad. Adv.	SOC	0 on assignment	4/29/11
Cheating & Plagiarism	BUS	0 on assignment	4/27/11
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A Note to the freshmen:

Time for Re-invention, Re-involvement, and Re-evaluation

by Matt Hall

First of all, I would like to welcome back all the upperclassmen to the 2011-2012 year at Ferrum College! I hope that you are all as excited as I am about another year of Ferrum. But, I apologize to the upperclassmen, this editorial is NOT meant for you. This is for our freshmen.

Why I am writing today is for the Ferrum College Class of 2015. I want the freshmen to realize this. This is a new chapter in your life! This is a clean slate! I know nothing about you, which you don't first tell me. This is true for every person you meet in college today! They don't have to know about your fights in high school, baggage from exes, or other problems that you carried in high school. All people know when they get here is what you tell them.

Secondly, it's time to actually care about where you go to school! What does this mean? Get Involved! As a returning Ferrum Student, I know that people leave Ferrum after a year. Why? Here's what their phone calls home sound like: "MOM! I'm bored and I have no friends!" STUPID! I would like those freshmen live my life at Ferrum for a day, because they would not be bored. I am taking 18 credit hours, involved in 9 student organizations, a brother in a fraternity, and I work three jobs! This is because I like things to keep me busy! So, get out there and find

friends and make our little school in the mountains the best college in Virginia. (If you have trouble finding a group; go to club fair, or go by the Student Leadership office).

Lastly, it's time to re-evaluate. What do I mean by that? It's time to open your mind. It's time to think about what you have been taught, and to analyze it in new ways. What is your stance on a religion, a political issue, morals, rights, justice? Well this is what college is for. Do NOT be shocked if you go into class this week and your professor says something you think is off in left field. That's their job! The professors are here to challenge how you think! And, some of them do a great job! I can vividly remember being challenged by Dr. Angels Logic class, and American Government with Dr. Via. They wanted to challenge my thinking, so that my beliefs could be stronger.

So, Class of 2015, this is my challenge to you. Re-invent and Re-evaluate everything about yourself. As the great poem Invictus said: "I am the captain of my ship. I am the master of my own destiny." Take life by the reins, enjoy life, do things you would have never thought about. This is the BEST time of your life, so get out there and enjoy it. The time to change into the person you want to become, SO DO IT!

Best Wishes Class of 2015

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If you want to write, take pictures, design pages, or sell and design ads, the campus newspaper needs you!

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Student Activities

Pick a Club: Any Club

by Harley Patterson

On September 7, 2011, the annual club fair was held in Franklin Hall. Representatives from various clubs on campus had tables set up to display projects and inform students about all the things their respective clubs are all about. There was a great turnout to see all of the opportunities offered for students on campus that allow them to get involved in our community. From the Greek organizations on campus to Ferrum Outdoors to the English and Art clubs, there is something for all students if they just have the desire to get involved.

Some clubs gave out different things, such as cups or bumper stickers or wristbands. All of them also gave out information about their upcoming meetings and events. For instance, Rotoract is working with the local elementary school and helping with ending

world hunger. The English club is planning a murder mystery dinner coming up and will be reading to the children at the local elementary school. Residence Hall Association was advertising the upcoming hall meetings and the residence hall council. Ferrum Outdoors was advertising all of the upcoming events they are planning for this year.

Ferrum offers opportunity upon opportunity for students to get involved. Be it physical activities with peers through Ferrum Outdoors or the community service through Rotoract, everyone has the ability to go out and do something. Boredom is a choice at Ferrum College. For more information on the clubs, students can go to http://www.ferrum.edu/admissions/clubs_activities and find out what exactly they want to do this year.

Entertainment

Lil Wayne "Rebirth"

by Ryan Price

It's been 3 years since the music world has seen a solid full length Album from one its brightest and most interesting stars Lil' Wayne. With his last full length album being an odd rock album called "Rebirth" Wayne tried his hand in experimental rock which failed among critics and even die-hard fans.

In an effort to regain popularity while a prison stint at Rikers Island hung over Wayne's head for gun possession in New York City, he returned to rapping. He record a short EP to hold fans till his release entitled "I'm Not a Human Being" which showed that he still hadn't lost his ability to create music. It would be another year and a day before the world could anticipate Lil' Wayne's return to music as he would be released in November 2010. Rumors circulated, and formed that the "best rapper alive" was ready to create

the much anticipated "Carter 4." Now, as the Carter series continues, has Wayne lost his touch or has he regain his crown?

The "Intro" begins with Wayne's signature flicking lighter and laugh as he commands attention over 808 drums with lines like "knock me i will knock your face off/life's crazy Grace Jones/mind of a genius with a heart of stone/Mr. Carter's home." Wayne continues his witty lines and outstanding charisma on songs like "Blunt Blowin'," the video game influenced "Mega Man" which is eventually follow by the dated "6 ft. 7" featuring a stunning verse by Cory Gunz.

With the smooth "Nightmares of the Bottom" Wayne takes time to reflect on the past while stating that he will keep his drive for his music. Pop singles like the Drake assisted "She Will", the auto-tune acoustic "How to Love" and the sci-fi sounding John Lennon ode "John" featuring Rick Ross shows Mr. Carter's versatility among the album tracks.

But as great as Wayne seems at his highest, the witty

metaphors that once made Wayne a musical force start to dry with the reoccurring content. Songs like "Abortion" find Wayne almost bored with lines "yeah I brought a new attitude/the hate is music to my ears I got my dancing shoes." Others songs like "How to Hate," featuring T-pain, "It's Good," and "So Special" fall short with no feeling being provided.

Though Wayne falls short on most of "Carter IV" he recaptures a stunning moment with a poetic four line verse on the odd sampling "President Carter" - "they shoot missiles and nukes/ taking out such a pivotal group/ the body count is the physical proof/and they thought drugs were killing the youth." Lines like this show Dwayne Carter's brilliance. Though "Carter IV" is not a stellar masterpiece among music critics and hip hop it will please Wayne's diehard fans with its memorable metaphors and remarkable production crossing all genres.



Photo courtesy of EmmanuelJal.org

Emmanuel Jal Slated to Return to Ferrum in November

by Jordan Dear

Remember last year when the great Emmanuel Jal came to Ferrum and taught us how to bring peace? Well he is back and even better! On November 3rd, Emmanuel Jal will be have another concert and spread the word about his new campaign "Lose to Win." Recently, Jal finished his 661-day fast to promote the "Lose to Win" campaign. This campaign is to show everyone how easy it is to find money to help those in need. If a person would stop buying one item, they can take the money they would have used to get that item, then they would have enough to give to someone in need.

Last year, Jal brought information about peace to our campus. He sang songs that had to do with his message of peace and also told his story about him being a child soldier in southern Sudan. Jal was born in Sudan right when the Second Sudan Civil War broke out. His father joined the Liberation Army and government soldiers killed his mother. He then decided to run away with other children to Ethiopia. Little did they know they were not getting an education, they were being trained to fight. Jal then decided to run away to the city of Waat where he met Emma McCune. McCune adopted Jal and took him to a school in Kenya.

Movie Review

Don't be Afraid of "Don't be Afraid of the Dark"

by Meagan Hodges

As an avid fan of the horror genre, I was thrilled to see a preview for "Don't be Afraid of the Dark". I excitedly admitted to many of my friends that even the preview for the film terrified me, so certainly the movie would deliver. Imagine my dismay as I watched much of the movie hearing giggles from surrounding audience members, as I was trying to contain laments for having gotten my hopes up for a horror movie that could evoke no more than snickers from its audience.

"Don't be Afraid of the Dark" premiered in theaters on Friday, August 26 and is directed by Troy Nixey, in collaboration with screenplay writer Guillermo del Toro. The main characters are played by prominent actors Guy Pearce and Katie Holmes. Despite the stellar masterminds that worked on the production of this film, the results were horrific (and not in the way a horror movie should be). However, the acting was surprisingly believable given the nonsensical story line, but this was not good enough to salvage the film as a reputable horror icon. Even Sally (Bailee Madison) deliv-

ered an acceptable performance as a frightened young child.

The entire movie is set around a house which Alex (Guy Pearce) and his girlfriend Kim (Katie Holmes) are working on restoring. Alex's daughter, Sally, is sent by her mother to reluctantly live with Alex and Kim. From that point on, it is a typical story of a child who senses her house is haunted but no one else living there believes her because they feel she is a child with a remarkable imagination. While this has made for great horror movies in the past, the conflict of the movie is centered around hundreds of small evil monkey-like creatures that live in the newly discovered basement of the house, making the story child-like and amusing in the least. The ridiculousness of the antagonists undermined the credibility as a serious horror film. As for the scare factor, audience members are only somewhat likely to get a jolt when an evil monkey-like creature abruptly appears onscreen. Even in this case, the movie's predictability would allow an absorbed viewer to avoid the startle.

Even though "Don't be Afraid of the Dark" is director Troy Nixey's first feature length project, I would have expected that

he could have taken some pointers from Guillermo del Toro, the professional he worked with. Much like "Don't be Afraid of the Dark", del Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth" contains many fantasy elements, but the deliverance of those elements is what set "Pan's Labyrinth" in a category of its own and left Nixey's atrocity to be compared negatively to forerunners in the genre of fantasy horror. "Pan's Labyrinth" was constructed to always remind the viewer of the fantasy world lurking beyond, whereas in "Don't be Afraid of the Dark" the plot build up was so ordinary and bland that when elements of the supernatural did become known to viewer, the fantasy element seemed out of place.

The rising action plods along, and the obviously computer-generated evil creatures combine with this dragging pace to make for a mildly amusing child's film with an R rating slapped on it, rather than the horrifying cinematic experience that it was intended to be. If you are looking for a good laugh, then this movie may be a good choice. If you are looking for a genuinely scary horror film with a dramatic plot and believable story line, stay away from "Don't be Afraid of the Dark".



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Sports

Panther Profile: Ashley Clements

by Vanessa Torres
News Editor

To be an athlete at Ferrum College takes a lot of work, time, and dedication that not many students get to experience in their college careers. Senior, Ashley Clements has showed great dedication both on and off the court while playing on the Ferrum women's basketball team for the past three years.

Clements' athletic career started long before she became a Ferrum Panther. At the age of 13 Clements got into basketball while she was in seventh grade. She had tried out for the team and was cut, but she didn't stop there. Clements tried again during her eighth grade year, made the team, and has played ever since.

After graduating High School Clements was recruited to play basketball for Ferrum College and noticed that college basketball and high school basketball are different.

"Just like in high school, I'm apart of a team where others are counting on me to offer one

hundred percent in everything I do, but the expectations of the program are so much higher" Clements explained. "The competition is more intense and there is definitely a certain level of class that is required of us on and off the court in college ball." Although basketball has been a great part of Clements life, academics have always been very important. Clements is a double major in Accounting and Business Management.

Clements has been an active leader on campus by being a member of the Peer Assisted Learning program (PAL) for math and accounting courses. She is also a member of nationally recognized academic fraternities Lambda Sigma and Alpha Chi, and she has worked for with the office of Residence Life and Housing as a Resident Assistant since the fall semester of 2010.

Clements was recently selected as the women's basketball captain and was thrilled about what both she and the team have in store for this season,



Photo courtesy of Ferrum Athletics

"I think we have every tool we need to be successful this year and if everyone comes out ready to work hard and compete, we should have a great season."

Reaching her senior year has been a great accomplishment for Clement. "I want my friends and teammates to remember me for my fun personality and my hard work on and off the court." Upon graduation Clements plans to attend graduate school and work toward her CPA license or finding a job with the Federal Government.

Intramural Kickball

by Monica Samayoa
Sports Editor

The third annual Intermural Kickball Tournament got under way at Ferrum College on September 8. "This tradition started at Ferrum two years ago" said Chris Rill, Coordinator of Intramural Programming and Wellness. Kickball is one of many intramural programs that require significant preparation for both Rill's office and the student participants.

Preparation goes into planning any event; many different steps were taken to get ready for the kickball tournament.

"Items that go into preparing this event include field preparation, putting up flyers, getting the word out to the students at Ferrum." Rill notes, "The hardest part of preparation is letting everyone at Ferrum know that there is a Kickball tournament going on."

Students were given one week's notice to get teams together and to train the referees for the upcoming tournament. Referees for the kickball tournament are work study students. The reason this sport is put on is because it is one of the easier sports that anyone can get involved with. According to Rill, there are ten teams with thirteen players on each team all vying for the title, and for the t-shirts that the winners of the tournament will receive.

Many traditions can be found at Ferrum College, and there is hope that this tournament will continue. "I hope this tradition will continue at Ferrum. It is my favorite Intramural sport and I believe that this sport is a good example for the future" Rill stated. "This tournament is normally held for two weeks; but, because of the rain, the tournament will be cut down to one week."

Kickball is not the only intramural activity. The Intramural Powder Puff Football which began with the first game played on September 19. Upcoming Intramural events for this semester include the Ferrum Panther Scamper, to be held during Parent's Weekend on October 1, and the Intramural Flag Football tournament begins October 4.



Panther Kick Off

New Head Football Coach

by Jordan Dear

On December 9, 2010, Dave Harper was announced as the new head coach for the upcoming football season at Ferrum College. Harper started coaching football at Ferrum College in 1989. He left Ferrum for a year to coach football at Davidson College but later returned to the Ferrum Football program in 1991.

How did Coach Harper get started in coaching football? Former coach Hank Norton convinced Dave Harper to coach football after he finished his last season as a player. Harper did not know he would coach at Ferrum. "Initially I thought I had to be at a big program to justify who I was as a coach" said Harper. "I visited lots of schools in the Southwest but realized Division one did not interest me. I decided to coach at a lower level because I could have a bigger impact."

Harper doesn't just have all the credentials of being head coach, but he has years of experience in this sport. He has been on the coaching staff for all defensive positions and has coordinated every special team. Harper

has also coached all positions of offense.

What does "coordinated every special team" mean? Special teams are on the field during different situations.

There is the kickoff special team, kick return team, punting team, punt block and return team, field goal and extra point team, field goal blocking team, and a hands team. The hands team is for onside kicks, to stop the kicking team from getting the ball.

Coach Harper has made a plan for this program that includes five goals that will lead Ferrum to a successful year and build an environment for future success. "My five goals for the team this season [are]: be a good person and not think we are well on our way; graduate from Ferrum College – learning to be

a college student involves going to class and turning things in on time; have a good work ethic; give back to our community; and, be the ultimate competitor in life. Once we take



care of these five goals, the wins will come" says Harper.

What does the future hold for the Ferrum College Black Hats? "I want the Ferrum Football program to have 100 young people from ages eighteen to twenty two, all fighting for these five goals," explains Harper.

Harper also wants to thank the faculty and staff for their support and helping the football team over the past nine months.

The Panthers return to W.B. Adams Stadium on September 24, 2011 at 2pm for the Homecoming game against the Eagles of Bridgewater College.

The Panthers travel to Tennessee this coming weekend to play Maryville College. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

Sports

Women's Lacrosse Team Poised for Success

by Nicolas Barnes

The best way to describe the Women's Lacrosse team is "Hungry." These ladies want even more than the record-breaking season they had in the 2010. It's pretty easy to see that this will be another monumental season at Ferrum, with the addition of new assistant coach Mary Cuddihy.

"What attracted me to Ferrum was the location of the school. I always saw myself moving South and that it would be a nice change for me," Coach Cuddihy said. "The campus is gorgeous and on the smaller side, which I feel is nice from an athlete[']s perspective, there are less distractions and in the classroom you are a name and not a number which I feel is important.

"After talking with Coach Harvey, we have a similar outlook on the game and how we coach I felt would be a nice balance for the team. After Coach Harvey and I talked, I knew that this was the right job for me," said Coach Cuddihy.

The Hofstra University alum who was a goalkeeper in Long Island, New York, had a 10-6 record and 113 saves in her career. So with the coaching taken care of, the return of junior Brooke Hewartson should be more than enough to take this team to the big game. Hewartson played a very large role in last season's success by setting multiple records, including the eight school records for season goals and season points, not to mention the awards such as the 2010 USA South Rookie of the Year, USA South All-Conference First Team, and was an IWLCA All-Region & All-America nominee. It should only be a matter of time before they are playing in the D3 championship lacrosse game.



Photo courtesy of Ferrum Athletics
Assistant Coach Mary Cuddihy

So how did Coach Mary Cuddihy get her start in Women's Lacrosse? "I got started in playing lacrosse very young, I have two older sisters who played, and my home town has a huge lacrosse community and started a PAL youth league starting for 1st graders. So ever since the age of 5 I have been playing lacrosse.

MATH CENTER SCHEDULE

FALL 2011

MONDAY
10-11:15, 12:15-2:30

TUESDAY
11-12, 12:30-3:30

WEDNESDAY
10-11, 12:15-3:30

THURSDAY
9:30-10:30, 11-12, 12:30-3:30

CLOSED FRIDAY

Former NFL Standout Chris Warren on Ferrum College Coaching Staff

By Jordan Dear

Former Ferrum football player is back on campus? Yes you heard it right! Chris Warren, former Seattle Seahawks player, played at Ferrum College beginning in 1988.

Warren had started his college football career playing at the University of Virginia but then transferred to finish his last two years of eligibility at Ferrum. Warren played at Ferrum College on the same team with head coach, Dave Harper. In his first season he had 2,708 yards, and he scored a total of 32 touchdowns over two years.

Warren was selected by Seattle in the fourth round of the 1990 NFL Draft and later broke the Seahawks' rushing record. He saw the most action as a kick returner but in 1991 he rushed for 1,017 yards.

After that season, Chris had three more playing years with at least 1,000 yards rushing. He set a career-high in 1994 with 1,545 rushing yards. In 1995, Chris Warren had another career-best with 15 rushing touchdowns.

Warren also played for the Dallas Cowboys from 1998-2000, spending part of his last season with the Philadelphia Eagles. He was also named to the Ferrum sports hall of fame in 2006.

Before he came to Ferrum College, Warren helped coach at Edison High School in Alexandria, Virginia. This season, Warren will be a volunteer assistant coach at Ferrum College for the Fall 2011 Football season.

Writing Center Schedule

WHERE? Stanley Library, main floor

WHEN? Monday, 1:00 - 4:30
Tuesday, 1:00 - 8:00
Wednesday, 1:00 - 8:00
Thursday, 1:00 - 4:30
Friday, 1:15 - 2:15

WHO? Ferrum College's Writing Center welcomes all students at all levels of ability and in all disciplines.

WHY? We encourage students to stop in for assistance at any stage of the writing process; we can help with brainstorming, planning, researching, documenting, drafting, and revising.

HOW? Just drop by during the hours listed above and sign in.

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go and help high school students become comfortable with taking a formal test. After several sessions, Loveland says they were able to document considerable success.

"I think she thought that we stepped up," says Loveland of Rutherford. "She saw that commitment we had."

Loveland speaks of the impact that Rutherford had on him. "She was kind of like the epitome of a mother. She had standards and expectations and she would hold you to those," he says. "But she understood that they were high and she would pick you up when you needed it. She was always forgiving and never gave up."

Loveland tells of story in which Rutherford organized the people of her community to go to the West Virginia Board of Education. Rutherford, along with a Ferrum College student and several community members went and presented to the board. "If there was an injustice anywhere, she was uncompromising," says Loveland. "She was incredibly courageous, and she could stand up for what she believed in."

When Rutherford arrived on campus in 2007, Loveland said that she organized students just like she organized her own community. "She built community everywhere she went," he says. "It was inevitable. That was just Franki."

Loveland says that he will miss the companion he had in Rutherford. "Not having her physical presence is tragic," he says, quietly. "She left a warmth, a kindness, a support system, a community so strong, we'll never lose it. She will always be here with us."

Loveland laughs that sometimes his "claim to fame" on campus was introducing Rutherford to other member on campus. One such member is former Dean of the School of Social Services, Dr. Frederic Torimiro.

Torimiro taught many classes in which Rutherford was a student. Torimiro says that he first met Rutherford about twelve years ago at a conference at Ferrum. Loveland introduced them in what is now the ARC. "She impressed me, she was very warm," laughs Torimiro. "She refused to shake my hand, 'I give hugs,' she said. I warmed up to her because I could see that she was genuine."

Torimiro says that he was so inspired by Rutherford that he began to get involved in the activities happening in McDowell County. "She was much more interested in making her ideas a reality, always thinking of something beneficial," he says. "Because she was altruistic and passionate, she placed others first. She set her goals in

such a way that helping others was a priority."

Torimiro says that he and Rutherford developed a friendship. Torimiro says that he grew an appreciation for everything about Rutherford. "She was very inviting, such a multi-faceted human being," he says. "She had a tremendous tolerance for other's views. That doesn't mean that she would surrender her own position."



Photo courtesy of Facebook
From left to right: Devyn Bayes, Franki Rutherford, Frederic Torimiro and Steven Burgoyne

Having a personal friendship with Rutherford, Torimiro notes the impact she had on him; "The part of Franki that is most significant to me is what she made me become."

Torimiro recalls Rutherford being in many of his classes when she was a student. "Her college education was very purposeful. Education has to have real direction," he says, referring Rutherford's major. She entered college with the intention of studying law and policy so she could go about amending it. "She had other further plans. That's so sad, she wasn't finished."

Torimiro fondly remembers the backpack with wheels that Rutherford was so famous for carrying on campus. "You could hear those wheels. The wheels were very intentional," he laughed. "She wanted people to know she was coming."

Rutherford had a reputation for being active in classroom discussion and being liberal in her views. Torimiro referred to Rutherford cultivating a friendship with Stephen who was an open Republican. "She found a way to invite a student into her worlds so that (the student) begins to see her side of things," he said. "Even though there was an age gap, she encouraged them to participate."

One such student who felt inspired by Rutherford was Khosraw Habibi, who graduated in 2010 as a Political Science major. The two grew very close in their years on campus together.

Habibi laughs while rem-

calling his first encounter with Rutherford. In 2006 Habibi went with a service learning class to McDowell County. It was September and, as a Muslim, Habibi was fasting for Ramadan. Habibi recalls Rutherford offering him food before sunset. "I said 'No, I can't eat,'" he says, explaining that he was Muslim and must wait. "She came over again and asked and I said 'No it's not time.' She

just shook her head and said what she often 'Bless your heart.' When it was finally time she came over and brought me food. She was so hospitable, so wonderful, so caring that I felt as if I was home."

Habibi didn't see Rutherford again until the following year as he walking from the library. She recognized him and smilingly told him that she was a student at Ferrum. "When I realized she was a major in political science, it was a great feeling," he says. "And from there, the journey started. We've had so many classes together. I enjoyed it so much."

Having Rutherford in his life taught Habibi just as much as his classes did, he says. "We were both hungry to learn. Franki had this magic, this charisma that would encourage anyone to talk to her," he says. "She gave me a sense of community, no matter what race, religion, or skin color. There is no limit to learn from other cultures. This is what Franki taught me."

Over the years, Habibi grew to appreciate and admire her friendship. "She was somebody with whom I could share anything. She was the one who I shared a lot of things I never shared with anyone," he says. "It was all because there was trust and her ability to come up with a wonderful piece of advice that would help and would heal actually."

Habibi feels the world has lost a legend. "The world is missing a voice. A voice that believed in justice, equality, love, and diver-

sity," he says. "(She taught me that no matter what, you have to always fight for justice. Never be afraid to fight."

Habibi says he believes that it was Rutherford's openness to other ideas that made her fit in so well with others. "Coming to Ferrum College at that age is never easy," he says. "She made so many friends, even teenagers, like Devyn. She's a prime example."

Devyn Bayes was Rutherford's roommate while they were both at graduate school but they met in 2007 at Ferrum. Bayes entered Ferrum College when she was only 16 and graduated in 2010 with Rutherford. She says Rutherford asked her to move in with her in August of 2010. "I didn't have anywhere to live," recalls Bayes. "She told me 'there's a room that's open and it's yours if you want it.'"

Bayes remembers the first time she met Rutherford in a Human Rights class with Dr. Torimiro. "She just had so much to say. I thought 'who is this old lady in my classroom,'" she laughs. "I knew I was going to have to get on my game. She was a standard overachiever who didn't understand that you're not supposed to read every book in college."

Bayes remembers the friendship that she shared with three of her fellow classmates; Franki Rutherford, Khosraw Habibi, and Stephen Burgoyne. "We all became leaders in the discussion," she says, even continuing the discussion after class or in the lunchroom. "It was the differences we have that brought us together. There was so much we could learn from each other."

Bayes says that Rutherford took on the role of "pseudo mother figure" for her and many others. "She's the person I ran to when I had a fight with my roommate, when I didn't think I could do it, or when I needed someone to proof-read a paper," she says. "We had such a unique relationship. She was my peer, mom, best friend, the person who gave me strength."

Bayes recalls spending the last year with her friend just before Rutherford got sick. "I knew she was getting sick. She would have a stomach virus that wouldn't quite go away," she says. "We attributed it to stress. I knew she was losing weight but she was also trying to. We ate a lot of junk food as grad students. When I left for the summer, she assured me that she would be back to normal in no time."

In June of this year, Rutherford went to the doctor and discovered that she had cancer. Bayes remembers getting the news from Jessica Turner, Rutherford's daughter. "Jessi called me that morning

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Student Calendar

Sept 27

- How technology interacts with creativity 8am, Gallery
- Learning community meeting 8am, Magnolia Room
- Flag football sign ups 4pm, Franklin Atrium
- Trail run 4pm, Campus Trails
- Auditions for fall play - the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre at Schoolfield Hall
- Freshman skills workshops 6pm, Library Av room
- Journey to planet earth 7pm, Garber 106
- Panther idol 8pm, Panthers Den at Franklin Hall

Sept 28

- How technology interacts with creativity 8am, Gallery
- E term and study abroad fair 2:30pm, Panther's Den at Franklin Hall
- Flag football sign ups 4pm, Franklin Atrium
- Auditions for fall play - the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre at Schoolfield hall
- Freshman skills workshops 6pm, Library AV room
- Rha meeting 6pm, East Basset 27
- Men's soccer game 7pm, Ferrum College Soccer Field
- Volleyball game 7pm, Swartz gym
- Relay for life kick off 8pm, Panthers Den at Franklin Hall

Sept 29

- How technology interacts with creativity 8am, Gallery
- Flag football sign ups 4pm, Franklin Atrium
- Take back the night interest meeting 4:30pm, Beckham Hall 202
- Auditions for fall play- the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre at Schoolfield hall
- Disk golf 5:30pm, Disk Golf Course
- Volleyball game 7pm, Swartz Gym

Sept 30

- How technology interacts with creativity 8am, Gallery
- Woman's soccer game 4pm, Ferrum College Soccer field
- Auditions for fall play- the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre at Schoolfield hall
- Bowling night 6pm, Bowling Alley in Rocky Mount

Oct 1

- Mens soccer game 1pm, Ferrum college soccer field
- Football game 1:30pm, Maryville college
- Volleyball game 4pm, Greensboro, NC
- Women's soccer game 4pm, Ferrum college soccer field
- Auditions for fall play- the shadow box 5pm, sale theatre at Schoolfield
- Volleyball game 6pm, Greensboro college

Oct 2

- Ferrum improv club practice 1pm, flex theatre
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- Auditions for fall play - the shadow box 5pm, sale theatre - schoolfield hall

Oct 3

- Gen. Ed discussion meeting 4pm, Founders room, Stanley library
- Rotoract club meeting 4pm, Roberts hall conference room
- Rotoract club meetings 4pm LA 201
- Auditions for fall play The shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre- Schoolfield Hall
- Bouldering session 5pm, Bouldering wall
- Climbing tower 5:30pm, Climbing tower
- Volleyball game 5:30pm, Swartz gym
- Zumba 6p.m, Fitness center
- English club meeting 7:30pm, Grousbeck 201
- Volleyball game 7:30pm, Swartz Gym
- Ferrum Improv Club practice 9pm, Flex theater

Oct 4

- Blue Ridge Folklife festival police planning luncheon, Virginia room in Franklin hall
- Gen Ed discussion meeting 4pm, LA 201

- Gen Ed discussion meeting 4pm, founders room Stanley Library
- Mountain Bike Race 4pm, Campus trails
- Auditions for fall play-The shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre in Schoolfield hall
- Freshman Skills workshops 6pm, Library AV room
- Alpha Phi Omega social 8:30pm, Confetti's

Oct 5

- Gen Ed Discussion Meeting 4pm, Founders room in Stanley library
- Mens Soccer game 4pm, Greensboro college
- Mens tennis match 4pm, Ferrum
- Woman's tennis match 4pm, Ferrum college
- Auditions for fall play- the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre in schoolfield
- Freshman skills workshops 6pm, Library AV room
- Rha meeting 6pm, East Basset 27

Oct 6

- Ed Dolinger, "Rebus" mixed media paintings. 4pm, E. Taylor Greer gallery
- Gen Ed discussion meeting 4pm, Founders room in Stanley library
- Auditions for fall play - the shadow box 5pm, Sale theatre in schoolfield hall
- Disk golf 5:30pm, Disk course
- Ferrum Greek council 7:30pm, Dyer conference room

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Dyer Hall Was Dedicated on Monday, September 19



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Above, cutting the ribbon from left to right: Brian Childress, CeCe Bartels, Mr. Thomas G. Dyer, Sr., and Dr. Jennifer Braaten

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and said that it was cancer that she was going into surgery, and that she would be in there for five hours," she says. "I said that's great because it only takes me four and a half hours to get there. I needed to be there for Jessi and Franki. I went to see her as often as I could."

Bayes was in close contact with Turner when Rutherford was sick and remembers getting the call the morning that Rutherford had passed away. "I went for a run (after I found out) because that's how I deal with everything. It's a good thing I live in a three story house because by the time I got to the second floor, I was already crying," she says. "I knew it was coming. After the initial hurt and loss I was thankful for it, but that didn't change the hurt."

Bayes remembers what an inspiration Rutherford was to her. "She showed me how to stand up and fight for anything I believed in. She was one of those people that makes you want to continue the fight," she says. "I'm not sure how much drive I would have had without her."

Another aspect of Rutherford that friends say they will miss is her voice. "It is her actual, physical voice that I will miss the most. Both when she was here and since she has passed, it is her voice that speaks me," says Dr. Susan Mead, associate professor of Sociology. "She guides me through my thoughts with her wisdom."

Mead met Rutherford through Loveland while working on service learning projects for Ferrum. "She was often working and planning and scheming. That's what she will always be," says Mead. "That's what we've got to do to represent her on this earth."

Mead also had Rutherford in her classes and appreciated her presence there. "As a student, she had such a calming effect in the classroom," she says. "She could see very well and appreciate where they were coming from but she knew what I was trying to accomplish. She was a bridge. That's what she did for us. She was the best ever bridge between academia and community."

Mead, determined to keep Rutherford's legacy and memory alive, has been carrying around sunflowers. "The Saturday before she died, I was visiting her and there were flowers all around her room. I told her I thought the sunflowers were my favorite," she says. "I told her I'm going to use sunflowers to represent our friendship."

Bright yellow and orange sunflowers decorated the alter of Vaughn Chapel at Rutherford's memorial on Saturday September 17, 2011 as many gathered to remember the woman so dear to their hearts. It was significant to Rutherford that other cultures be represented. Because of her wishes, prayers were read from the Bible and from the Koran.

After prayer and reflection, Jessica Turner came to the podium to speak about the woman she called her mother. "Smile," she said as she

stood in front of the crowd. "I give you permission, my mother gives you permission."

"She was a self-proclaimed Marxist-Feminist," Turner started. "A crazy woman, on a mission." Turner continued to speak about her mother and the history of how her mother became the woman that so many people knew and loved. Turner was careful to note that she was not afraid of a challenge and so she had her opponents. Turner conveyed that the most important thing her mother did was to "empower people to fight for themselves."

Turner thought it important to highlight the work and research her mother was doing at George Mason. Rutherford was involved in Women's Studies in graduate school. Her focus was on how women today still do not make the same wage as men for the same work. While many feel that women have come so far, Rutherford was reminding them how much further they needed to go.

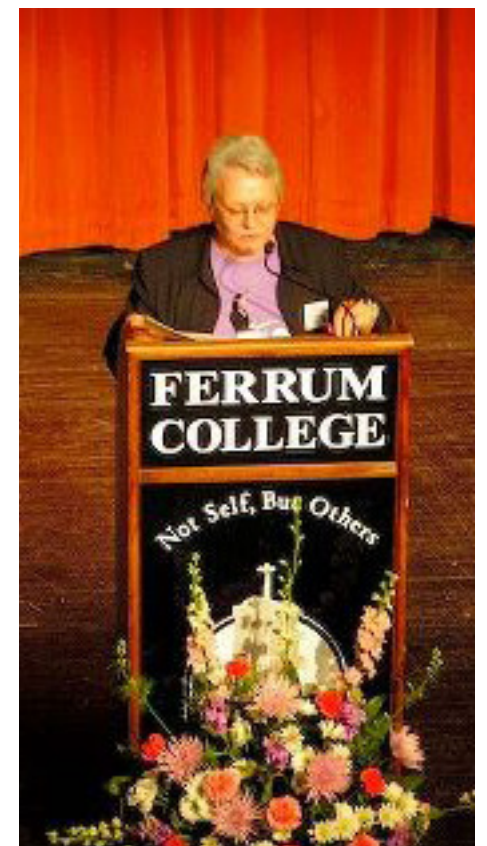
When she had finished, friends and family were encouraged to share their memories of Rutherford. Finally, reverend and longtime friend Tal Stanley spoke about the woman that brought so many people together.

Turner invited everyone for a reception after the memorial. Turner, most affected by her mother's death was eager to share thoughts about Rutherford. "I graduated Emory and Henry in 2007 and she was entering Ferrum in the same year," she says laughing. "She wanted so many to go

to school. This (completing her degree) was a way for her to complete something personally for her that she had fought for so hard for others."

Turner spoke of her mother's friendship with Habibi and how Rutherford saw it as a way of bringing two worlds together. "Joining the Muslim world and Christian world was a way to resolve a lot of differences by understanding and respecting the different cultures but celebrating the similarities," she says. "She was sad to leave this world in the middle of it."

Turner is asking for all donations and contributions to go to Ferrum College service projects. A fund is currently being set up.



Ferrum College Theme 2011-2012

Transformations of Human Identity in the 21st Century

Events

October 10

Speakers: Karen and John Godt, directors of H4HC
3-4 p.m. Blue Ridge Mountain Room

October 11

Movie: Frankenstein
7:30 p.m. Pather's Den

November 2

Speaker: Deabra C. Meade, Publisher of Roanoke Times
Blue Ridge Mountain Room, time TBA

November 3

Concert: Emanuel Jal
Time and location TBA

November 15

Film: Thirteen Months of Sunshine
AV Auditorium, time TBA

December 1

Freshen research conference, location TBA

Workshops

September 27 and October 18

Positive Stress Management
6-7 p.m.
AV Auditorium

September 28 and October 19

Study Tips and Strategies
6-7 p.m.
AV Auditorium

October 4 and October 20

Test Taking Strategies
6-7 p.m.
AV Auditorium

October 5 and October 17

Ferrum College On-line
6-7 p.m.
Hillsdale Computer Lab