Remembering Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda

By Christina Barnett

The Farmingdale campus mourns the loss of Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda, Dean of Arts and Sciences, who passed on 25 March. She was 67 years old. She joined Farmingdale in 1987 and held various administrative positions, including Associate Dean, and Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Fapohunda became the Acting Dean of Arts and Sciences in 2010.

Dr. Tony Giffone, long-term associate of Dr. Fapohunda, remembers her integrity as the Dean, and the warmth and wittiness she conveyed as a colleague.

“She had a good sense of humor when the doors were closed, and she kept the appearance of being the Dean,” said Dr. Giffone. “She fought for the faculty as well as the students and cared about making them happy. I feel as though she’s on vacation and I’m still waiting for her to come back.”

Janet Hume, secretary to Dr. Giffone, worked with Dr. Fapohunda for four years while she was the Associate Dean. Hume recalls how it was a joy to be able to work for Dr. Fapohunda and how much

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Memorial Oak Stands The Test of Time

By Jason Carroll

With the recent celebrations commemorating Farmingdale’s 100 year anniversary, many special ceremonies have been seen around the college. One of them tells a tale of a tree which has withstood almost 80 years of hot summers and cold winters. On February 12, 2012, the Memorial Oak tree which stands outside of the entrance to Whitman Hall, was rededicated, bringing faculty, students, and alumni together to hear the story of the special tree. Dr. W. Hubert Keen, President of Farmingdale State College, said, “It’s good to see how many people care.”

The Memorial Oak tree was planted on June 4, 1921, with soil that came to Farmingdale from 48 different states, and from 28 countries that were allied with the United States during the war.

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Farmingdale students will be picking up their diplomas in Eco-Friendly Gowns this year. "Each gown is made from 23 recycled water bottles," said Kim Wightston a Farmingdale Alumini. Students can order a cap and gown for graduation at the Book Store. There is sign up for the free raffle to win a free tassel picture frame.

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FSC has many different ways to preserve the big day. There is a wide selection of frames for diplomas on sale especially for students receiving a Medical Degrees. Students can design their own class ring to commemorate their time at Farmingdale State College.

The commencement ceremony for graduation is May 12 Graduates need to be at Nold Hall before 8:15 a.m. The Graduation ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. There is no assigned seating so sit with those who your comfortable with and leave any bag and backpacks at home cause you won’t have any place to put them. Congratulations and best of luck on your Graduation class of 2012. “Having a sense of accomplishment of finishing your degree is a relief,” said Daniel Carpio.

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The Rampage Rambler strives for the highest level of accuracy and fairness. In the issue of the Rambler a photo of a women’s lacrosse game was incorrectly used. The women in the photo were not of Farmingdale State students. The photo was taken by Professor Jason Molinet.

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The Rampage was also in charge of the Middle States Review for the College’s re-accreditation. The school must be accredited by an agency that covers the Middle States every ten years. Dr. Fapohunda oversaw and edited a valuable and useful report last year so that the school could receive re-accreditation. Dr. Fapohunda also worked to establish the 2010 Institutional Research Handbook with Provost Lucia Cepriano.

In addition to being a remarkable on-campus leader, Dr. Fapohunda was well known for her life-long humanitarian work and her dedication to the school’s students and its faculty. Dr. Fapohunda worked in Nigeria from 1973 to 1985 where she worked to promote women’s economic development.

Two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive Dr. Fapohunda. The family has created the Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made sent to the Farmingdale Foundation.

On the afternoon of March 27 a car accident occurred on campus in front of the administration building, involving two students. There were no injuries.

Ludovic Rayono, a non-matriculated sophomore at FSC was driving on campus from Route 110. He was on his way to English class when he was hit on the right side by a car pulling out of the parking lot near the administration building.

Ryan Donnelly, a student sports communication student, was backing out of the parking lot, trying to get onto the road with many cars on the road driving by.

He thought the road was clear when he pulled out and accidentally hit Rayono’s red 2002 Toyota Echo.

“I honked at him, but he didn’t see me,” said Rayono as he was waiting for his girlfriend to pick him up. The police could not comment on the incident.

Both students were uninjured and there was minor damage to both cars, and both called in a claim to their insurer.

The accident might have been avoided if they had seen each other coming. However, Rayono’s new road’s position’s could have added to the accident.

A few months ago there was another accident in which a Jeep flipped over. Thankfully no one was hurt in that crash.

The new road may have contributed to the accident, and, there are plans for more new road to be completed in the summer.

According to the new Farmingdale website, “The construction of the new Campus Center is underway and is scheduled to be completed by late 2012/early 2013. Phase 1 of the road and parking lot renovation project is complete. Please be aware of new traffic and parking patterns.”

Rayono’s car on the median after being hit by Donnelly’s car

The front of Donnelly’s car after the crash

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ONCE MORE INTO THE MIDDLE EAST

The United States is no stranger to impending war with Middle Eastern countries, and it looks like the U.S. will be operating that way for as long as it’s necessary. Just as we are starting to pull our ground forces out of Afghanistan, we may be on the verge of a new war with the Iran.

Iran has been waiting to get their hands on nuclear capabilities for years now, but in the last few months they have made strides to have their goal completed in the very near future. The Iranian government says that these capabilities are strictly for clean sources of energy, but their neighbor Israel does not want to take any chances, and applauds U.S. actions so far.

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"Every person who has a tongue piercing should be conscious of the risks it has on the mouth. They should take it out every once in a while and clean it daily; otherwise, it's not attractive, and when I have kids I won't even let them get it pierced again at age 22," said Taylor Burger, a senior at FSC.

The piercing has many cons rather than pros. Not only is it unattractive, but professionals are showing horrifying infections that could go deadly fast. When asked if she would get it pierced again at age 22 she replied, "No way. It’s the stupidest piercing you can get." And when I have kids I won’t even let them get it done.

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"Metal is not for your mouth unless you have braces. I think it is sort of trashy if you ask me," said Daniella Alesi a sophomore at FSC.

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Today’s Technology Comes to Farmingdale

By Jason Carroll

On Thursday, March 15, Farmingdale State College assembled a job fair geared towards the School of Engineering Technology held in Roosevelt Hall. The fair included some of Long Island’s technology-driven companies invited to invest in Farmingdale’s best and brightest. Although this is one of FSC’s smaller job fairs, many people attended to explore the careers that were being offered from companies like Cablevision and Chyron.

The Technology Job Fair allowed students to gain employment in jobs related to the programs they were studying. However, alumni as well as the general public were invited to take a look. Michelle Miller, a faculty member from FSC’s Career Services Department, was there to assist anyone who entered the door. “We look to gain employment for our students and alumni,” said Miller.

This job fair is only one of three that Farmingdale State College holds annually. Two other job fairs are held throughout the year, during the spring and fall semesters, which cater to other programs of study.

Chancellor’s Award, Skyline Conference Player of the Year, and women’s lacrosse record holder for years are just a few of the numerous titles Farmingdale’s Justine Rothar has received. Transferring into the nursing program in her sophomore year, Rothar is now finishing her practicum (of 360 hours) in the maternity ward at Winthrop Hospital and will graduate in May.

Between night shifts at the hospital and school, where she maintains a 3.7 GPA, Rothar has managed to add more to her plate. She begins her first season as the Kellenberg High School girls’ varsity lacrosse coach. Yet she still manages to make time for the people most important to her.

“Justine is one of the most passionate and dedicated people I have ever met,” said Justine’s boyfriend, Nick Benenati. “It’s unbelievable how she juggles so many commitments while keeping healthy relationships with both her family and friends.” Rothar is also the eldest of four other siblings.

Rothar visited Guyana last year with her Red Cross lifeguard & CPR/AED certification to acknowledge those in the area. As the oldest child in her family, Rothar said she has been taking care of people for as long as she can remember and has always known she wanted to work in health care.

Childhood friend Jessica Brenner said she is thankful to have a friend like Rothar to count on. “I have had the pleasure to grow up with Justine these past 18 years,” said Brenner. “I watched her blossom from the 7-year-old who helped someone when they scraped their knee, the 16-year-old who would talk a friend through a breakup, and now the 22-year-old soon to be nurse who will help save lives. I am blessed to have such a selfless person in my life.”

Coming from such a big family, Rothar says surfing is what brings them all together. Her family participated in a “Paddle Out” at Long Beach this year in memory of those lost in the 9/11 attacks.

Each surfer wore an armband with the name of a victim, as they paddled out in the water to join in a circle holding hands.

“The second I was out of diapers, I was helping change them,” said Rothar. “I know that I can’t save the world, but I want to and I know I can make a difference. I’m all about love, compassion, and kindness; and nursing is all those traits in one career. So it’s perfect for me.”
Visions On A College Student Budget

By Nyasia Draper

For a full-time in-state resident student at FSC, tuition and room board rack up a total of $9,197 per semester. This does not include possible book fees or transportation. Going on vacation may seem far from reach considering a full-time job is not available. Here are a few vacation locations students may want to consider when thinking of vacationing on a college student budget.

Fernwood Hotel & Resort
Bushkill, PA – 3.5 hour drive from NYC

Grab a group of friends, family, or your significant other to the full-filled Fernwood Hotel and Resort. Attractions like horseback riding, snow tubing, and NASCAR vary with season. Fernwood has plenty of package deals that college students enjoy. Get a two night stay in a two bedroom, two baths with Jacuzzi and full kitchen villa with up to a $100 gift certificate to Bushkills shopping outlets for just $553. For more information, visit www.fernwood.com

Caesars Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NY – 2 hour Drive from NYC

No class on Wednesdays? Take a nice drive out to New Jersey and indulge in Atlantic City’s casinos and the “Escape o Tempting Tuesdays” package which starts at $85 a night including at $25 meal voucher. For those who wish to start the weekend with showboat Atlantic City, try the “Foundation Fridays package starting at $189 per night. Keep in mind you have to be 21 years of age or older to gamble. There are always great deals throughout the week. For more information, visit www.atlanticcitynj.com

Ramada on the Beach, Virginia Beach – 7 hour Drive from NYC

Enjoy the clear beaches of Virginia while dining at their beautiful seafood restaurants for 3 days and 2 nights for only $374.90. There are plenty of activities and venues for you to relax and reward yourself for having a great semester. For package deals and coming attractions, visit www.visitvirginiabeach.com

These are just a few locations that are affordable and enjoyable. As a full-time student you are dedicated to your studies and financial obligations. Take a moment to reward yourself and indulge in the wonders of nearby vacations.

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Women's Basketball

By Kiersten Daly

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The men’s lacrosse team came out on top with a win against Mount Saint Mary’s ending their losing streak. The Rams started strong in the first quarter as junior mid-fielder Bobby Thomas scored the first goal just four minutes into the game. “It was definitely a confidence booster getting the first goal of the game,” said Thomas. “After that things just started going our way and our attack worked well together to get the job done.”

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