College Grieves Over Beloved Professor Dr. Del Janik

By Colin Norwood

Farmingdale State College mourns the loss of Professional Communications Professor Dr. Del Janik, who passed away on June 22 after a brief illness.

Janik was born in Berwyn, Illinois near Chicago and was inspired to teach English by his 11th grade English teacher, Andrew Bossieux. Janik attended the prestigious Northwestern University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in English and was named to Phi Beta Kappa. He later attended the University of Michigan where he received his master’s degree in English. At the age of 26, Janik earned his PhD at Northwestern University.

Throughout his career Janik published several books and over two dozen articles for academic journals. He was considered an expert in modern British literature and co-authored, “Modern British Women Writers: An A-to-Z Guide” with his wife, Dr. Vicki K. Janik.

Janik’s career as an educator began at SUNY Cortland where he worked for 35 years. During his time at SUNY Cortland he served as chair of the English Department for 12 years.

“He had many fine students, one in particular created the Del I. Award for Excellence in Shakespeare Studies. He was inspired by Dr. Janik and is someone with whom would keep in touch,” said Vicki Janik.

Janik also served as the chair for the Study Abroad Committee for 15 years. In 1983, Janik took part in a professor exchange program in London.

In 2006, Janik became an adjunct professor at Farmingdale State College where he continued to teach English. He joined the Professional Communications family and attended many of the department’s events, such as student readings. Janik continued to be an advocate for teachers by serving on the Executive Board of United University Professions Farmingdale.

“Dr. Del Janik was a brilliant, kind, and friendly man who made writing both comfortable and enjoyable. His honesty and teaching strategies have helped me to become a better writer. It was a pleasure to attend his class and he is already missed,” said Rachel Holland, Professional Communications student.

At Farmingdale he worked to improve the Professional Communication Department. “He was a great professor,” said Danielle Durkin, Professional Communications student.

“Music was one thing he loved, he played the bassoon and played in the Cortland Community Orchestra,” said Vicki Janik. “We also had season tickets to Carnegie Hall.” He had a vast collection of CDs and old LP records and regularly attended concerts in different venues.

“Whenever I spoke with him, he always said the most wonderful things about Vicki. He was so proud of her,” said Dr. Anjana Mebane-Cruz, chair of the Undeclared Major Program.

A memorial service was held in Cortland in September. A scholarship has been created in his memory under the Del I. Janik Award for Excellence in Student Writing at Farmingdale State College.

Janik is survived by his wife, Vicki Janik; and children, Kathleen McKnight of Syracuse; David Janik of Los Angeles; Victor Robinson, Mary Robinson and Carolyn Robinson, all of Stony Brook; and Tyra DiDomenico of Medford. He also is survived by six grandchildren.

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Graduation Rate Declines: A Broken Formula
By John Oliveri

A combination of Long Island culture and a misleading Scoreboard has brought Farmingdale State College below the national average graduation rate. A drop in graduation rates for Farmingdale State College, as reported by Newsday, barely shocks matriculated students. Newsday reported that FSC has fallen below the national average, which presently sits at fifty-six percent for public colleges.

The national average graduation rate is at an all-time high, even though it is based on students enrolls at FSC affects the graduation rate. A drop in the graduation rate. “Being a transfer student, I felt as though I came into the campus at a disadvantage,” said Stephanie Esteves, an engineering honor student, whose education with the FSC campus.

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With the cost of living on Long Island so high, students are putting in more time at their jobs or juggling multiple jobs, to pay their bills and continue their education with the hope of a brighter future. This has been taking a toll on them and may hinder their ability to finish within the traditional four years. The time when a student enrolls at FSC affects the graduation rate. “Being a transfer student, I felt as though I came into the campus at a disadvantage,” said Stephanie Esteves, an engineering honor student.

Not all of my credits transferred and I lost work I had put in elsewhere,” said Loryn Boscia, graduating senior. Transfer students from all over have experienced difficulty in juggling full-time jobs, school, and personal lives. “As you know, many of our students work while they attend FSC, so it’s not a surprise that some students take more than eight semesters to finish a four-year degree,” said Kathy Coley, Director of Communications. Coley expressed concern over the amount of work students have taken on in addition to their school work. The cost of living and the culture of Long Island require this level of work in order to maintain a life. Adding school to this equation can sometimes become overwhelming. The SUNY system is looking to change the way graduation rates are calculated. The present system discounts transfer students who complete a program at FSC and categorizes them as failures, which does not accurately calculate a graduation rate.

“My plan was to get out in four years. It didn’t happen. But I’m going to finish no matter what,” said student, Jaime Torlincasi.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony occurred on Monday, September 9, unveiling the new Solar Charging Stations. Farmingdale State College can now be added to the list of colleges and universities that are going green and using solar panels. Solar panels are devices that are designed to absorb sun rays to generate electricity or heat. The construction of these panels first began in December 2012 and are now ready for use by students and staff. The solar panels include 20 charging stations that can charge electric cars. However, these panels are also used to generate electricity for the whole campus.

Professor Dr. Nazril Islam, who teaches Security Systems, is very enthusiastic about this project. “These panels are great because they help students who are into electrical engineering,” said Islam. “It is also pollutant free, while still saving money.”

These solar panels can also be considered a great accomplishment for FSC. Kamal Shahriari, Dean of the School of Engineering Technology, takes pride in the new solar panels.

“We’re the only campus that is using solar panels as far as I know,” said Shahriari. “The purpose of this was to promote alternative energy, and decrease our dependency on oil.”

In addition to solar panels, there are many other forms of energy that FSC will use. The Department of Energy is also going to invest in wind turbine and hydro turbine energy. “Later we are going to build a house on campus that is going to depend only on solar panels and hydrogen fuel cells. The regulations,” said Shahriari. Many argue whether or not the wind energy will be practical for FSC: “Some think that wind energy is not reliable. But it can work when it’s combined with solar energy,” said Zoghi. “The plan of the school is to use solar energy during the day, while still using wind energy. The excess energy can be used for storage.”

The solar panels at FSC are exciting students and raising many questions. Clint Lin, an engineering student playfully said, “It makes me wish that I had an electrical car so I could use them. Are they free?”

Although these new sources of energy are an accomplishment for FSC, some students are not affected. Kevin Estes, an engineering honor student, is indifferent concerning the new solar panels. “At the moment they are not influencing me because I don’t have an electrical car. Ninety-nine percent of people don’t,” said Estes. However, this does not stop him from being hopeful for the future. “Solar and wind energy is the route that we need to go, so I’m proud of FSC in that sense.”

Drinks All Around
By Angelique Iannetta

This fall, students could see a possible change in the alcohol policy which will allow students who are 21 and over to be able to drink in designated areas on campus and in the privacy of their dorms.

“We’re looking into a responsible and realistic approach to a future policy,” said Tom Corti, vice president for Student Affairs. Drinking wouldn’t be allowed in the lounges or hallways.

Sixty-two percent of SUNY Farmingdale’s enrollment is of drinking age. The idea came from a student who served in Afghanistan who lives on campus. “It was a concern that was brought by an older student who lives on campus. We have a large number of students who live on campus,” said Tom Corti.

The contracted food service Aramark will hold a liquor license. There will also be trained bartenders who are going to control the drinking by asking for ID. In order to change the alcohol policy on campus, the discussion must be with many different groups on campus.

“We have been discussing it with different groups on campus such as student activities, the cabinet, and all of the employees. The final decision must be made by the college council,” said Tom Corti.

Students are no longer children, so they won’t be treated like one. “Hoping that we treat students like adults they will act like adults,” said Angela Jasur.

“Residential Assistants would find it easier knowing who is 21 and over. It’s prohibited so everyone wants to do it, it becomes almost less of a problem when you are able to,” said Amanda Lundberg, an RA.

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Housing: Moving On Up

By Elizabeth Hallford

Due to a growing student population at Farmingdale, there has been an emphasis on increasing the number of residential halls and on the creation of a full college experience.

“We have 8,000 students and only 615 live on campus. I think we will always be a commuter school but I think more students will want to live on campus,” said Tom Corti, vice president of Student Affairs. “The college hopes to double the number of students who live on campus within five years from 615 to over 1,000-1,200.”

Clearly, the option to dorm is on a first-come first-served basis. Beginning at 6 a.m., students have to wait on long lines to acquire the best suites available. Additionally, students are placed on long waiting lists which suppress their chances of placement in the dorms. Resulting student reviews from outside analysis and student participation in forums on housing have taken an interest in increasing campus housing options.

Forty-six alumni rooms were taken in the manner of 11 minutes. Also, there are 75 returning students who are still on a waiting list. A recent study by Brailsford & Dunlevy has been made which shows the need for new campus housing. B&D is a well-recognized program management firm which evaluates the necessities of in-house capabilities. In their demand analysis, Farmingdale’s campus had a shortage of 357 beds. Also, the demand for apartments on campus has had a shortage of 357 beds.

Andra Turner.

The development of these ideas has generated attention to the renovation of old buildings. Administrators at the campus have thought about renovating or converting three buildings: Memorial Hall, Lehmen Hall, and Orchard Hall. Also, the option of brand new apartment housing has been investigated as well.

Corti has gained interest in the options for more campus housing. “Our purpose is to create a campus culture with students engaging in a learning environment whether it’s in the residence halls or on the intramural fields or other student events,” said Corti.

The apartment’s layouts would have two bedrooms and one private bathroom. There would be about 200 beds in each apartment complex. Outside family members such as spouses and children could live there as well. “It would be a better situation for the students that dorm and also would help make the campus grow since there are more students coming to campus,” said Kristina Martinez.

The chances for new student housing has aroused the interest of returning students who dorm. “I feel that the addition of campus housing would be beneficial to resident life,” said Eric Giardina, junior.

Even though there is a direct need for these apartments, students will not see a change in the upcoming semester. This project would cost around $8 to $10 million dollars. There would be a necessity for a debt service bond which requires students to pay to live there.

“I think it would be a good idea because there would be more of a college experience,” said Christina Doodnaught.

Students Speak Their Minds

With the college expanding every semester, it is clear that the campus is growing. The addition of the new Campus Center at Farmingdale brings a new atmosphere to the college.

As the campus becomes larger and new students arrive, the attendees at Farmingdale State expect more. Students’ opinions are important to the success of this college.

Immediately after the campus center opened, students felt something new at the school. The $25 million dollar, 50,000 square foot project is only the start of what is to come for the campus.

“The Campus Center brings an entirely different vibe to the campus now. It is the center of the campus where all the students now have a place to hang out,” said senior Michael Corrente.

The Campus Center was an excellent start for change, but students are wondering, what is next? More student activities seem to be a major request from the students.

“I wish our school promoted more activities for us. Especially coming from being an athlete in high school, I feel like we should have more intramural games all year around for the students who don’t get to play at the college level,” said senior Stephen DeAngelis.

Some ideas offered by students support ways for students to interact more. “I am a huge music fan, so if our school ever hosted a concert or something along those lines it would be great for our campus. Dormers and commuters would all become even more acquainted and have a fun time,” said Corrente.

With the Campus Center bringing new life, it is clear that this is only the start for better things to come. “In my four years here I’ve seen this campus come a long way. The college seems more of a community now and I look forward to seeing what else happens with this campus,” said senior Michael Buscemi.

Students are excited to see what is next to come, with very high hopes and expectations. With the Campus Center bringing a new feeling to the school, it seems to be a promising start for more events and activities to occur on campus.

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Aviation Students Soar in Reno

By Kevin Tasi

In May 2013, Farmingdale State’s own American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) went to Reno, Nevada to attend the 2013 AAAE Annual Conference.

The AAAE Annual Conference is a national conference that brings together airport management professionals to meet annually in select cities across the United States. It is a place to discuss issues relating to the airport industry, showcase aviation and airport technology in the exhibit hall, and build professional relationships with aviation professionals.

The Farmingdale State AAAE networked with dozens of aviation and airport professionals. The FSC chapter also networked with other aviation students from colleges and universities across the U.S., including big-name aviation schools like Embry-Riddle and the University of North Dakota.

The aviation students from FSC attended several presentations and seminars during the conference, including lectures especially for college students. Each student was assigned a mentor from the aviation industry during the conference, learning from them and their colleagues throughout the conference. Aviation and airport professionals were available for question and answer sessions at the end of the conference.

Going to the AAAE Annual Conference each year has a benefit for college students. It gives students a chance to meet and network with professionals who work in the aviation industry and airports.

Students in attendance also have the opportunity to meet students from other aviation colleges and universities. The Farmingdale State AAAE president got a chance to get back in touch with a person who he worked with at Morrisville Municipal Airport in New Jersey during the conference. Another benefit is that students learn a lot of new things related to airports and aviation from seminars and presentations held during the conference.

Each student also has the chance to be assigned a personal mentor who works in the aviation industry and in airports.

The AAAE student chapters also collaborate with other student chapters from other aviation colleges and universities to do activities together in the future.

Overall, Farmingdale State’s trip to the 2013 AAAE Annual Conference in Reno was a huge success. They hope it can become an annual trip and invite more FSC chapter members to the Conference each year so the aviation students at Farmingdale State can have the same experience. Their Facebook page is “AAA Farmingdale State College Student Chapter.”

Kevin Tasi is a student in the Aviation Department who attended the AAAE Conference in Reno, Nevada.

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Aviation Students
Soar in Reno

From left to right: Lacey Bellwese, Melissa Minopoli, Amanda (Mandy) Vecchino, Kevin Tasi, Calvin Christian. Photo Credit: Kevin Tasi

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Many students who dorm are of age; they already drink on campus. “I think the alcohol policy would be ineffective either way because people will always find ways around it,” said Erica Alter, a dorm student. “I believe it is a huge invasion of privacy that the RA’s and RD’s are allowed to just bust into your room when you’re not causing any trouble.”

If the policy is changed it wouldn’t have an effect on studies. “Not at all.

[1] don’t see it as getting in the way of my studies,” said Mario Arias, a dorm student.


**Are You Afraid of the Dark... Parking Lots**

By Olivia Stephens

Most students at Farmingdale have to take evening classes at some point in their student career. When students get out of these classes it is typically dark outside which forces them to walk from Lupton Hall, Gleeson Hall, Whitman Hall, or Hale Hall to either the residence halls or to the lot when they park. Because parking on campus is scarce, most times students are not able to park close to the building where they have classes.

When walking from my 6 p.m. class that ends at 8:45 p.m., I notice how creepy Farmingdale’s campus is at night. I see them [university police] patrolling more during the day giving out tickets than at night when we need them,” said Katelyn Hamilton, a junior.

Tiffany Jackson, a Farmingdale State College senior, takes evening classes so that she can maintain work while raising children. “I don’t have proper lighting and the emergency call boxes are poorly located and look broken.”

Though all of Jackson’s classes are in Gleeson Hall, it makes her comfortable to park her car by the residence halls because she feels there is more traffic which makes her feel safer when walking in the dark.

“I would feel more comfortable if the university police patrolled and made themselves visible during night hours,” Jackson said.

Students should try to make some friends in class so that they can walk together to the parking lot or any of the residence halls. The buddy system can work for college students too.

Students can also sign up for Officer Hauft’s self-defense course for the Fall 2013 semester for some professional pointers in how to personally defend themselves against an attacker.

University police are there for more than writing student’s tickets. University police are available to escort anyone wherever they’d would like to go on campus. You can reach them at 631-420-2111.

**Republic Raiders Raise Funds Competition**

By Kaitlyn Hamilton

The Rampage Student Newspaper

Farmingdale State College Republic Raiders

By Elizabeth David

For the annual NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying School) competition will be this month in Schnecktady, New York.

“NIFA is an annual flying event that competes with other area flying schools. It’s judged based on different types of landings, navigation, and discovery of flaws in rigged planes,” said David Gardiner, Farmingdale aviation faculty advisor.

Earlier this year, The Republic Raiders worked hard to raise money for this competition by hosting their first annual fundraising barbeque at the department of Aviation. The money they raised will help fund the lodging expenses as well as various other costs.

The barbeque was held on a warm, sunny day. There were approximately 100 people; parents, grandparents, students, and faculty members enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs. Lawrence Lopez, Director of the Department of Aviation was in charge of the grill and the club members worked hard to sell raffles to attendees. Frisbee and whiffle ball were being played on the lawn.

Admission to the event was $5 to help raise additional funds there were the raffles, which included a flat screen television set, restaurant gift cards, and even a plane tour of New York City.

“We walked into restaurants by the school and they were pretty generous with the gift cards,” said Dan Galgano, secretary of the Republic Raiders. The Republic Raiders had been put together by the aviation students just two weeks ago.

“There hasn’t ever been an Aviation club at Farmingdale before. I’m really proud of what we were able to pull off in such a short time. We are hoping to get in another fundraiser in the fall semester before NIFA,” said Vinny Belanger, president of the Republic Raiders.

**DiGamma Greek Gods and Goddesses**

By Elizabeth David

Among the new sororities and fraternities that have come to the Farmingdale campus within the last two years is a new sorority DiGamma Omega Xi. DiGamma has been on the Farmingdale campus for three years. They have hosted many events and are known for their annual “Cater to You” event that caters to the female students at Farmingdale every February.

“This event is to show appreciation to the ladies by giving hand and back massages, allowing them to relax from the stress of their classes,” said Tiffany Jackson, alumni.

DiGamma is known to the campus as a club because it is not run the way a typical fraternity or sorority is run. In fact, what makes DiGamma different from the average fraternity or sorority is that it is a brotherhood and sisterhood. This allows both male and female members to join. The club does not believe in hazing in members. Rather the initiation process is based on how dedicated you are to the club and your position in the club.

This is an active club on campus and the members believe firmly in taking action. DiGamma emphasizes community service work which includes a yearly Thanksgiving gala, clothing drives, and other entertainment events for the community.

“I loved being a part of the Thanksgiving gala, having the opportunity to help people in need,” said Keisha Miller, Farmingdale alumna who was a part of the club. They also have a youth program called the DiGamma Knights which offers high school students the opportunity to be a part of their purpose.

DiGamma Omega Xi is represented on a National Executive Board and is recognized under the State of New York as a non-profit organization.

“We are actively looking for members to be a part of our family,” said Daquan Grant, the club president. Contact Daquan Grant at dg102992@gmail.com for more information on being a member of DiGamma Omega Xi.
In their twelfth game of the season, the women of the Farmingdale Rams volleyball team served, volleyed, and spiked their way across the net and around the court. But while their hearts may have been in the game, it wasn’t enough to beat their tough opponent, Rutgers from Newark, NJ. The Rams started out strong, winning the first set in the game, and the match ultimately ending with a 3-1 win for Rutgers.

The first match began with a strong serve from junior outside Sarah Palladino, a key player from Lindenhurst, NY, who ended the game with 14 digs and nine kills, bringing in 11.5 points for the team by the end of the night.

The Rams women’s volleyball team this year is a younger team full of a lot of fresh, new faces. Athletic Director Mike Harrington has hopes that as the year progresses, so will the team’s skill and strength.

“I really expect the team to improve and make the playoffs by the end of the year,” said Harrington.

Sports Information Director Deana Ward also took note of other changes to the team this year. “They’ve played a lot of good teams; it’s a tougher schedule than usual,” said Ward.

Among the 40 people in the stands, Carmine Palladino, father of Sarah Palladino, was present to support his daughter, as well as the rest of the team.

“I’m her greatest fan,” said Carmine Palladino about daughter Sarah Palladino. “I always cheer them on whether they do good or bad.”

Player number 11, Nicky Young, felt that the team may not have played to the best of their ability.

“The first match we served the ball extremely well,” said Young. “But after that first win we got way too comfortable with ourselves, and made silly errors to the point where we had to play our A game.”

Though the team is disheartened by the loss, Coach Santiago looks ahead to the season with hope; crediting the changes to the team as one of their greatest strengths.

“This team is a special team. We have played a brutal early schedule and have lost a little more than we are used to, however we are working every day to achieve our goals which we feel are within reach,” said Santiago. “We are focusing on playing good volleyball for a prolonged period of time, rather than being great in spurts. It is a work in progress but we are getting there.”

The Rams will play a series of games in the Skyline Conference which will decide whether or not the team will make the playoffs.

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Rams Open at Home: Falls Short to Rutgers

By Jessica Kristoffersen

Renewed Focus Propels Men’s Soccer Over Brooklyn

By Anthony Torres

After a disappointing home-opening loss to William Paterson, the Farmingdale State men’s soccer team rebounded in a 1-0 win against Brooklyn College just four days later.

Through the first half there was no score despite the Bulldogs’ 9-3 advantage in shots and six corner kicks, due to Ram’s senior goalkeeper Angelo Viteritti’s four saves. He would make six more saves in the second half to preserve the tie that lasted until the 84th minute.

That’s when Farmingdale forward Orlandy Charleston sent a pass through the front of the penalty area to Victor Romero, who roofed the ball into the top-left corner for the winning goal.

“I didn’t even look at the net, I just looked at the ball. I hit it, it hit the post and went in,” said Romero about his second goal of the season, and the midfielder’s first game-winner.

With only 5:27 left to play, Farmingdale kept the Bulldogs without another shot on net to close out the clean-sheet road victory. The win marks goalkeeper Viteritti’s second shutout of the season and his second highest save total since his 11 save performance the previous game.

“[Viteritti’s] playing really well, against William Paterson he kept the game close,” said team coach Chuck Schimpf. “We just were not dangerous enough [offensively] and needed to put them under more pressure. We focused on being more dangerous against Brooklyn.”

Farmingdale improved to 2 - 4 and won the game.

“Individual stats, that’s nice, but I’m more about the wins,” said Viteritti about his recent save totals. “As a team, if we win and I get zero saves it doesn’t matter to me, I just want the win.”