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FSC Library Gets a Makeover

By Joel Kramer

After eight long months, and approximately \$2.3 million later, the FSC library renovations have finally come to a close. According to Erika Wachter, the Facilities Contracts & Procurement Manger at FSC, the breakdown of the project costs was: construction at \$1.65 million, design was \$200k and the equipment was \$450K.

“It is basically finished, I would call it finished,” said Librarian Karen Gelles. Other than a few minor bells and whistles, the library overhaul is complete. It is perhaps, better than ever, and certainly makes for a whole new experience when getting in those work and study hours.

The days of hearing drilling and hammering, is finally over. The demolition started in June. The work was prolonged however, due to some issues with the budget. “The state budget situation put a hold on everything,” said Gelles.

“We now have 36 computers on the main floor. Last year we went from 12 to 24, and now we have 36. We now have two scanners and used to have one,” said Gelles.

Students are impressed with the renovations. “I think the library looks amazing and I actually use it more than I ever did in the past. I think it was a smart decision to spend funds on renovating the library,” said PCM senior, Shaylyn Brown-Hurley.

Students also now have access to several designated group-oriented work areas and group study rooms, where they are able to plug in electronic devices for group-study purposes.

“There are two group study rooms and 14 total work areas with screens and HDMI’s,” said



Students work in a group study room.

Gelles. These features allow students to be able to use plug-ins to project images from electronic devices such as computers, onto a large screen, visible for peers. “We supply adapters for most devices, including Mac,” said Gelles.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Technology is a room with eight computers that will be used primarily for training faculty to better serve students in technological facets, but also offers more convenient and quiet space for students when vacant.

“It’s reserved mostly for faculty and staff development workshops but when the room is not in use for workshops it’s open for silent study and there’s additional PCs in there,” said Gelles. With the training facility at hand, faculty will be able to better understand and use databases and programs such as Angel, to FSC students.

“I think overall, it was a great choice to renovate the library and I enjoy going there to get my work done,” said Brown-Hurley.

Chip Kidd Inspires Creativity

By Noor Ul Huda

The award winning graphic designer Chip Kidd was invited to FSC to give a lecture about his book cover designs, which were later featured in Memorial Gallery on campus.

“If you get into a dead end, then just set it aside for a few days. Go work on other things then come back to it,” said Kidd. Addressing the students realistically, he said to never let any struggle hold you down. With designing over 70 book covers a year, his creativity seems to never run out. Kidd talked about a variety of book covers that he has designed and the story each design holds.

“If you’re going to school here and you get to meet Chip Kidd, and he gets a little excitement into your life about the choices you’ve made, the school you’re in, the field you chose – then that’s great, then we’re doing our job,” said Professor Phil Simone. Simone said eight students from the Visual Communications department willingly volunteered to set up the art exhibition. The students successfully built one of Kidd’s books in life size that he himself has written, called *The Learners*. On the backside of this huge book the students built a collage of various book covers that Kidd has designed.

A student who has helped greatly in putting Chip Kidd’s art exhibition together is Geraldine Rivera. Chip Kidd’s presence was truly an inspiration for Rivera, giving her personal experiences into what she would want to pursue later on in her life. Rivera emphasizes how Kidd has drastically changed what it means to design a book cover. “People say don’t judge a book by its cover, but when it comes to Chip Kidd we can and we do.” Rivera said.



Geraldine Rivera stands in front of Kidd’s collage.

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Campus Success! Tips to Jumpstart Any Career

By Crystal Costello

The Student Success Center, located in Greenley Library, helps students find their passion through internship advisement and employment opportunities.

Everyone's college experience should be more than partying and studying. It is also about meeting new people and gaining insight into a career field that might be of interest.

Greenley's center allows students to work on their own or with a counselor to become more familiar with career exploration and the fundamentals of networking.

Cheryl Stragtigos, a career counselor and workshop leader, said, "All students are encouraged to use this center at any point in their employment search." Many people on campus are not aware of the services the Career Center has to offer, so by launching a new networking opportunity called CareerConnect, all students

Social media is made public and available to those searching even if certain items are restricted.

can upload their resume for employers to see. Students should be aware that employers can check social media to gain information on their applicants.

Elton Shakes, a senior Criminal Justice major said, "I use my social media constantly to advertise events going on at campus, I know what I put on it, and I make sure to network with the right people. If a job were to ask to look at my Facebook page they can see how active I am on campus and with my Campus Activity Board club."

"Any student should clean up and make sure all digital foot prints are kept clear. Make sure you know what you put out on the Internet

before you hit save, employers can use anything to find information about you, even if you think you have it deleted," said Stragtigos.

Putting something on the internet is public and permanent. When looking for a job, make sure to have an updated resume and references. It is always good to have someone check your work.

Chris Pierre, a junior in Science Technology and Society said, "I rarely use my social media, I know what I post before I post it. When it comes to searching for jobs, I make sure my posted resume is updated."

The Career Center also offers Leadership Development Programs held by Cheryl Stragtigos and Maruerite Fagella-D'Aloisio, director of the Student Success Center in Roosevelt Hall.

These programs will not only help students with their job search but also teach the leadership and organizational skills needed for future employment.

William Jimenez, an Instructional Support associate of the Student Success Center and Farmingdale State College alumni, said, "Jobs can look up anything, make sure you monitor what you post, and always network, especially by using LinkedIn. This can help gain an opportunity you might be looking for and lead you in the right direction for your career."

Rachel Allen, a freshman in Applied Psychology said, "The Career Center is a great place not to only update your resume but build it. I am frequently using the computers to learn what to put on a resume and what to leave off."

The Student Success Center is open from 9 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students can also come in to meet with a counselor by appointments or join www.farmingdale.edu/career_center for more information on CareerConnect.

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Bring Dice and Poker Face

By Matthew Dieck

Explore a haunted house with danger around every corner. Or perhaps trek through a dungeon with your friends, as a party of adventurers. Then compete in a high stakes, winner-take-all poker tournament. There exists a club on campus for the express purpose of hanging out, playing games, and having fun. They're called the Card and Board Game Club, and they're issuing an open invitation for all who want to take part in the fun!

The kind of games they play varies by day. The club meets every Monday and Thursday, and meetings start at 7 p.m. "I go there every week. We have a lot of fun and play awesome music!" said Alesandro Oliverio, a frequent attendee of the Card and Board Game Club.

The day of the week decides whether they'll be chasing werewolves, exploring a haunted mansion in Betrayal at the House on the Hill, competing to be the king of the big city in Monsters of Tokyo, pulling down the visor and stacking their chips at friendly poker games. Of course, trekking through a perilous dungeon as brave adventurers in Munchkin, or experimenting with whatever game the community feels like bringing in is great. There is never any real gambling; it's all for fun.

"Monday nights it's poker, Thursday nights people can bring in games for everyone to play, as long as it's within reason," said Brian McCormack, the president of the Card and Board Game Club.

They are looking to expand, play more types of games, and perhaps getting a bigger, better room. Membership is required to increase to make that happen.

"It's a great place to go if you're looking for something to do on Monday or Thursday nights," said Tyler Giuffrida. "You meet people, make friends, and play games."

Of course, there are some guidelines. "No drinking, no smoking. No Stripping, definitely no stripping, and no cheating," said McCormack.



Though the Card and Board Game Club plays cards, there is no actual gambling.

"So You Think You Can Dance?"

By Brittany Byrne

The annual "So You Think You Can Dance?" contest kicked off on with stiff competition. Students gathered in Roosevelt Hall as they anxiously waited to see performances given by their fellow classmates. The crowd got the opportunity to watch different types of dancing from different groups while enjoying some up-beat music by the DJ in-between performances. The music even got the audience up and moving.

A female/male duo that go by the name of "Mod Tings," left the crowd going wild after killing the dance floor with their talented moves.

The competition was tough, since four-time veteran "Ms. Diamondroach" competed after them, leaving the crowd in awe while

she performed a solo consisting of flawless pirouettes.

Another memorable performance was the two women from the group "Sasha Fierce" who led an eye catching performance that had the audience singing along to their Beyonce themed routine.

After everyone had performed, it was time for the judges to make their decisions on the lucky winners. Coming in third place, "Ms. Diamondroach" took home a \$100 prize. Soloist "Desiree" came in second place, taking home a \$200 prize and the first place winners were "Mod Tings" taking home a whopping \$500 prize. No matter who won what, all the routines were extremely well performed.



Farmingdale students showing off their best dance moves at "So You Think You Can Dance?"

#MascotMadness

By Amanda Drebsky



Rambo reflecting on goals to win next year's SUNY March Madness

Rambo made it to the Final Four! This competition is a chance for students, alumni, and fans to decide who is SUNY's favorite campus mascot. This is the third annual competition with a total of 40 mascots from across New York State in the running to win the coveted title. Each mascot has been randomly placed into four SUNY regions and ranked by the number of athletic teams each mascot represents, which will determine which mascots are competing against each other in each round.

SUNY has more than 85 NCAA Division I, 290 NCAA Division III, and 385 NJCAA athletics teams, as well as hundreds of non-competitive athletics clubs.

Last year's competition brought out thousands of voters in support of their favorite mascot. In addition to voting, there were over 16,000 tweets with @SUNY #MascotMadness, and 19,000 "likes" on Facebook. Over 100,000 voters cast their ballot to edge a win for SUNY New Paltz's "Hugo" over Stony Brook University's "Wolfie Seawolf" in the championship round.

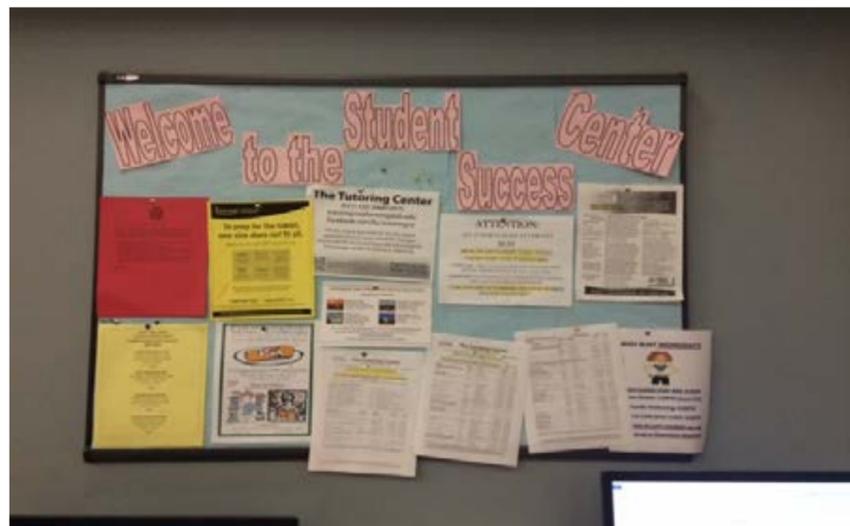
Each mascot had to fill out a mock interview with questions about where they are from, what they do in their spare time, and what place they would like to travel to.

Playing along the word Ram, Rambo is from Ramapo, NY, listens to Ram Nation radio in his spare time and would like to travel to Ramsey, NJ.

"I was laughing so hard when I read that Rambo's favorite snack was Ramen Noodles and his rival school was SUNY Buffalo," said Sam Soto, an STS major. "It's like he is a college student, just like us, and we should support him." These surveys help voters get to know each of the mascots before voting.

In round one, Ram-bo went against Hudson Valley Community College's Viking and won with 52 percent of votes, compared to the Viking's 47 percent. In round two, against SUNY Oswego's Sheldon, Farmingdale came out on top 10 percent higher. In round three, against SUNY Brockport's Ellsworth Eagle, but Rambo won by over 10 percent. Unfortunately FSC did not make it to the final round after losing to Oneonta's Red Dragon.

"I am upset that Rambo did not win. I voted over 30 times" said Danielle Garguilo, a bioscience major.



Board of activities and services available at the Student Success Center.

The Atheist Who Believes in God

By Shannon Carlin



The Christian Fellowship Club with best selling author Frank Schaeffer

Frank Schaeffer, *New York Times* bestselling author, made Farmingdale State a stop on his book tour to promote “Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God.”

Schaeffer’s passionate lecture touched on the topics which inspired the writing in his latest book.

“I thought his lecture was very captivating and moving. I was hooked on what he was saying from the beginning mainly because of the way he spoke and what he was depicting,” said Jonathan Rodriguez, a Construction Engineer Management major.

Schaeffer’s hour-long lecture captivated both faculty and students as he spoke about religion and politics, topics which are addressed in his book.

Students Jessica Jensen and Jenna Pezzotti who work in the Campus Bookstore were selling copies of the new book as well as older ones, “And God Said, Billy!” and “Crazy for God.”

Schaeffer described the theme of his book as anti-labeling. “None of us is only our label, we’re complicated,” said Schaeffer when discussing how people are often “labeled” by their religion

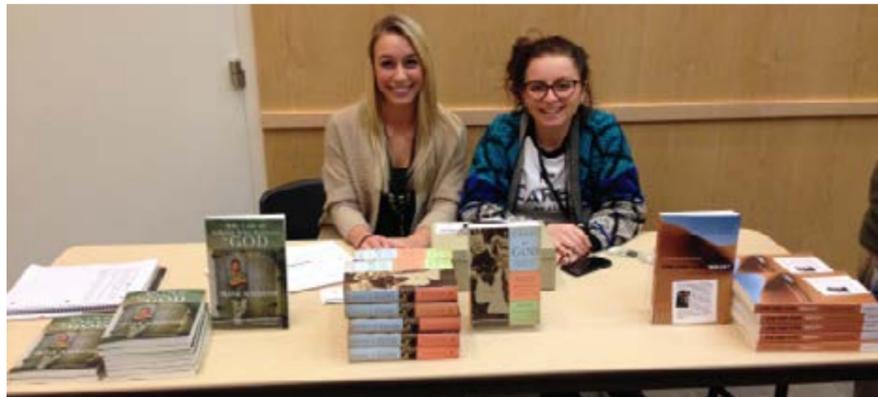
and political viewpoints.

The Christian Fellowship Club on campus played a large role in bringing Schaeffer to Farmingdale. A post-lecture dinner was held at the University Club in Knapp Hall. The club defrayed the expenses for Schaeffer to visit even though he identifies himself as an atheist.

“Preparing for Frank Schaeffer was interesting because I was compelled to hear how he would explain himself and why he identifies as an atheist who believes in God. I don’t necessarily agree with him but it was thought-provoking,” said Terrence Forbes, a Business Management student.

Schaeffer has been popularized and featured on many television specials such as MSNBC, Oprah, BBC News, and the Today Show. In addition to being a NY Times Best-seller, he is an artist, film director, and screenwriter.

Schaeffer said he is constantly working on new books and always has projects in the works. He is currently working on an art education book for children, which he hopes to wrap up in a few weeks.



Jessica Jensen and Jenna Pezzotti selling Frank Schaeffer’s books at his lecture in the campus ballroom



Club President Noah Ruch is prepared for battle.

Zombie Infection Spreads

By Rachael Funk

Twice a year, America’s zombie problem overtakes campuses across the country. Each time, the brave heroes of Farmingdale’s Humans vs. Zombies (HvZ) Club wage war against intruders, using socks and dart blasters to keep the aggressors at bay.

The object of the game is to avoid getting tagged by a zombie and remain a human for as long as possible. Participants in this epic game of tag wears a bright orange bandana which indicates whether they are a human or a zombie. Rules for the game include staying at least 15 feet away from building entrances and exits, not interrupting a student’s conversation with a faculty member to tag someone, and considering indoors an armistice area.

James Giffen, a business major, has been a club participant for two years. “People should join if they want to get real-life experience with survival tactics and team building,” said Giffen. “Plus, it’s a free workout.”

Club president of the Farmingdale chapter and AVN major, Noah Ruch, said, “It’s a friendly way for a group of people to run around and interact in a non-video terminal. We try to get you out of your room, run around, and breathe a little bit.”

In addition to offering a great way to blow off steam, HvZ helps students connect with each other.

Joshua Tischler, club treasurer and Liberal Arts major, said, “I’m meeting new people. They’re really good people. It’s very friendly. The club makes everything fun, and the people make the environment better.”

Though this semester’s game has already passed, HvZ is still holding events and recruiting club members. On April 18, they will host a LAN party in Roosevelt’s multipurpose room which will be open to all FSC students. Club meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Gleeson Hall.

New shows Blast on Air

By Joshua Stallings



Ram Nation Radio has been making improvements with new programs and sports shows. There is a diverse array of shows about sports, music, and talk with diverse opinions.

Kimberly Adragna is a junior at Farmingdale State College, and she has been with the station since it began in 2013. She is the station’s business manager, “I am primarily responsible for managing the financial risks of the station,” said Adragna.

As well as being the station business manager she is a co-host to the morning radio show, “The Morning Heard.” She describes the show as “Everything in one, I talk about news, movies, the latest trends, and funny stories I’ve heard or seen.” The morning show airs on Tuesday at 9 to 10 and Thursday from 10 to 11.

Freshman Michael Lamer is the station social media director who hosts the “Zero Psycho Carnival” show also on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. He describes his show as “A music talk show playing alternative and metal.” In his short time at the school he has already noticed some improvements, “The rules became more enforced and strict. That made everything more organized.”

Student Jonathan Guzman a radio personality who hosts a show on Wednesdays has also seen improvements since joining at the beginning of last year. “There have been a lot of organization and improvement in funding. We also added more members.” While he is still deciding a name for his show he describes it as “Energetic hip-hop, R&B, and Spanish music,” said Guzman. As time goes on he hopes the station can be a bigger presence on campus, “I want more growth and exposure and bigger events on campus,” said Guzman.



Ram Nation Radio show in progress.

Gotcha Covered Restaurant Favorites in Farmingdale

By Danielle LoPinto

The Village of Farmingdale has great restaurants, like The Library Café, The Melting Pot, and CaraCara Mexican Grill for anyone looking for a great meal near FSC. Each place is sure to make your stomach growl and mouth drool with every bite of food you take.

“They have easy access because many are all on Route 110,” said Tori Tedeschi, a Professional Communications major. “There is a lot of variety.”

The Library Café, located on 274 Main Street, is a fun place to eat and enjoy a meal with friends or loved ones. The setting and décor will catch your eye with its old time library feel. American classics like burgers and waffle fries hit the spot. Yet, why not try a spicy twist like Thai calamari or the Buffalo chicken empanadas?

“The food is excellent. The atmosphere is really nice. You feel like you’re in a library drinking,” said Alexandra Buffalo, a Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Technologies major.

The Melting Pot is the perfect spot for any sweet tooth. Located across the street from FSC at 2377 Broad Hollow Road, Farmingdale, The Melting Pot will not disappoint. From cheesy

fondue to different chocolate sauces with a variety of desserts to dip in, it’s perfect for any chocoholic.

The experience is warm and welcoming with a lot of interaction among guests. This restaurant is great for a birthday, anniversary, or maybe even a first date. One great thing about The Melting Pot is that they offer a student special for only \$20 per person for students with ID on hand.

“The fondue is right in front of you, which is a help-yourself attitude. It’s casual, but it can also be fancy,” said Melissa Mathison, a Professional Communications major.

For lunch options, CaraCara Mexican Grill located on 354 Main Street, will surely do the trick. Everything from table side guacamole to skillet tacos and enchiladas, this restaurant sure has a taste for authentic Mexican food. With comfortable bar booths, it is like sitting in the comfort of your own home. Owner Tony Kathreptis rumored that another restaurant, Mojo Taco, will be opening up across the street of FSC.



Reporter Danielle LoPinto and owner of CaraCara Mexican Grill, Tony Kathreptis

April Fools’ Day On Campus

By Kaitlyn Patras

Students focus on studying while professor takes advantage of April Fools’ Day.

April Fools’ Day is regarded as a day to play practical jokes on friends, family, and strangers. This year, April 1 came and went without any notable pranks played by students on campus.

“April Fools’ is dead; it’s just April 1 now,” said Taurean Miller, a Bioscience major.

It seems that most students are focusing on getting the most of their education rather than fooling their friends and classmates.

Kathryn Vasquez, a senior STS major, forgot about April Fools’ Day altogether. Though her fellow students didn’t plan any pranks, she was playfully reminded of the unofficial holiday when her professor pranked her class.

Jinny Ferro, a Psychology professor, gave

a simple assignment to her PSY 238 class to make up for those cancelled because of bad weather. But the assignment, a brief critique of a video, had to be approved by the Psychology Department. On April 1 Professor Ferro told her class that the department did not approve the assignment and that they had to write a 10 page essay instead.

“Of course everyone was very upset. Some people in class protested saying the new assignment wasn’t fair,” said Vasquez. “Professor Ferro waited a couple of minutes before telling us it was a joke. We were definitely fooled, we did not expect a prank from a professor!”

As the students of PSY 238 now know, even if you don’t plan any pranks, always be wary of the seemingly innocentprankster professor.

Students Battle to Compete in National Math Finals

By Kaitlyn Patras

FSC's Math Department begins narrowing down the qualifying student to compete in this year's Mathematical Association of America's (MAA) 18th annual U.S. National Collegiate Mathematics Competition. The problem solving competition is held every year during MAA's MathFest, a multi-day program where the competition, and many other math-oriented events are held. This year it's being held in Washington D.C. from August 5-8.

A single student from each college can attend the competition. Dr. Irina Neymotin, math professor and FSC's coordinator for the competition presents two questions a month for students to answer which began in February.

The problems cover all topics from number theory to combinatorics. Every student who correctly solves a problem receives a certificate. The student who solves the most problems qualifies to be sent to MathFest. The competition's coordinator has the discretion to choose who will attend the final event.

If there is a tie, the Math Department holds a problem solving play-off to determine the overall winner. The number of competing students depends on how many colleges sponsor their students' trip to MathFest.

"Students who enjoy mathematics and want to grow as mathematicians participate in this competition," said Dr. Neymotin.

FSC students have placed in the top 10 in four of the last five competitions. In 2013, FSC student Javier Garcia won first place in the final event held in Portland, Oregon. He finished in 20 minutes; 15 minutes faster than other competitors. He placed fourth in last

year's competition.

"There are no set methods. You have to invent the solution," said Dr. Marques, chairman of the math department. "You have to think very deep about the question and figure out a way to solve it."

Some problems don't require any background in mathematics, but that doesn't diminish their difficulty.

"This is hard! I wouldn't even know where to start!" said Kathryn Vasquez, a senior STS major, after viewing a logic problem presented in the last _____ competition.

"FSC student, Javier Gacia, won first place in the final event _____"

Students attending MathFest have the benefit of competing for the pride of their school. They also have the opportunity to network with the mathematical community.

All competitors receive participation medallions and t-shirts. Participants also have the opportunity to win prizes such as TV's, digital cameras, TI89 calculators, and stereo systems. Plaques are also given to students who finish sixth place or higher. Students must complete all problems and are ranked in the speed in which they finished.

All students are encouraged to try and solve the problems, which will be posted on the bulletin board outside of room 180 in the Math Department in Whitman Hall for the rest of the semester.

Student Scholars

By Emily Shields



Emily Shields, a recipient of a scholarship.

This year's scholarship winners were honored during a ceremony in the Campus Center Ballroom. On March 10, the Farmingdale College Foundation held its 15th annual scholarship reception.

The Foundation honors and contributes to the education of students who set an example both in their academic achievement and in their community. "I'm working at a hospital," said Kristin Bonura, recipient of the Carol's Cause Award, "I'm hoping to get my nurse practitioners license."

"...to see students succeed and do great things brings me joy."

Forty-five scholarships were presented at the reception to over 130 students. "To give students the opportunity and to see students succeed and do great things brings me joy," said Laura Joseph, donor, faculty, administrator, and alumni. For both donors and recipients, the reception was a welcome opportunity to meet the people behind the applications.

The Farmingdale Foundation itself is a not-for-profit corporation that provides many of the scholarships. The foundation also receives many donations from individuals and other organizations that have a more specific purpose and history.

The Farmingdale Foundation enables students to focus on their studies more and worry less about how to finance their education. "I get the help when I really need it," said Mario Arias, recipient of the Empire State Diversity Scholarship.



Josue Sencion De La Cruz with President Keen



Andrea Desvignes drives towards the basket.

Women's Basketball Round-up

By Isaiah Rowe-Ukey

The Farmingdale State women's basketball team had an excellent season as they went undefeated in regular season conference play and finished with an overall record of 18-9. Everyone is impressed and amazed with their season; everyone but them. The lady Rams did accomplish a lot of great achievements, but fell short of their ultimate goal; winning the Skyline Conference Championship.

Junior forward Amanda Masson was dissatisfied with the Rams turnout. "The season was nothing more than mediocre to our standard," said Masson. "We hung our jerseys up a little too early for me."

The Lady Rams took a heartbreaking loss in the championship game to the Dolphins of Mount Saint Vincent College by an agonizing 26 points. The previous two games against the Dolphins were two wins with a total margin of 9 points.

The first time these two teams matched up the Rams clawed out a scrappy 6 point victory on the Dolphins' home floor. The next time they met it came down to the last second.

The game was tied and junior guard and Skyline conference player of the year Andrea Desvignes won the game on an isolation play. She pulled up for a three point shot right in the face of the Dolphins defender. These two games proved that the Dolphins' were more than just an easy win, but a worthy opponent.

"They came in our house and played as if they were already the champions of the Skyline Conference," said Loren Smith, sophomore guard who was sidelined 12 games prior due to a fractured ankle. "We didn't come out focused and ready to play," said Smith.

The team will continue to work hard this offseason with a sour taste in their mouths and will continue to strive for their ultimate goal, to be the Skyline champs.

The Comeback Kid

By Dominick Morelli

There is nothing better than proving everybody wrong on a baseball field. Kevin Martinez has had an up and down career on the baseball team. His freshman year he was a very important part of the pitching staff here at Farmingdale when he posted a 4.29 earned run average and appeared in twelve games. His sophomore year held some up and down games when he only appeared in 8 games and posted a 10.03 earned run average. Martinez was cut from the regional roster his sophomore year and now he is back to try and regain his spot in the rotation and prove to everybody that he will be an important part of the team his junior year.

"I feel matured and ready to start my junior year," said Martinez. "I broke down each of my pitching performances from last season and took notes on key mistakes and utilized my summer ball season to perfect my mechanics as well as new pitches."

Pitching coach Kevin Salmon really believes in Martinez. "Martinez has been one of the hardest workers since he's appeared on campus," said Salmon. "He has some of

the best natural stuff on our pitching staff. He needs to have more confidence and redeem the woes of the past."

"Martinez is working on his control and confidence every single day," said sophomore pitcher Daniel Tierney. "He will never be content with being second best."



Kevin Martinez, showing dominance on the mound

Men's Golf Off to Fast Start

By Delia Krasa

The Farmingdale State College men's golf team, led by coaches Tom Azzara and Ryan Williams, tied at fourth place out of 13 in the 11th Annual Dowling College Memorial Tournament at Tallgrass Country Club on April 3 and 4.

The light rain and forty mile per hour winds didn't stop the Rams from posting a two day total of 623, landing them in the number four spot with Franklin Pierce University. The third place spot went to Hamilton College, second place to Chestnut Hill College, and the first place winner was LeMoyne College.

"I think the team played well in our fourth place finish," said Coach Williams. "There were 13 teams, mostly Division II and one Division I school, so there was very good competition at the event. The spring season is just beginning and all of the tournaments we will be playing are good preparation for the upcoming NCAA Tournament."

Senior Rocco Costa finished in third place individually and shot 71 in round one, which was his best career round at FSC. "After having a very successful fall season where we won our seventh straight conference championship, I'm pleased with how this tournament played out and I'm looking forward to the Rams taking the number one spot in the next one," said Costa.

Senior Matt Pollock posted rounds of 72 and 81, totaling in at 153, along with a T7 finish. Junior Scott Sessions, as well as freshman Jesse Kovacs, each shot an 82 in the final round for the FSC men's golf team.

Golf fan and sophomore at Farmingdale State

College, Katelyn Smith said, "It was a great match. All the schools played very well these past two days, and I am proud that we Rams placed in the top five."

The next stop for the Farmingdale State men's golf team plans on having another strong season.



Scott Sessions tees off at the 7th hole.

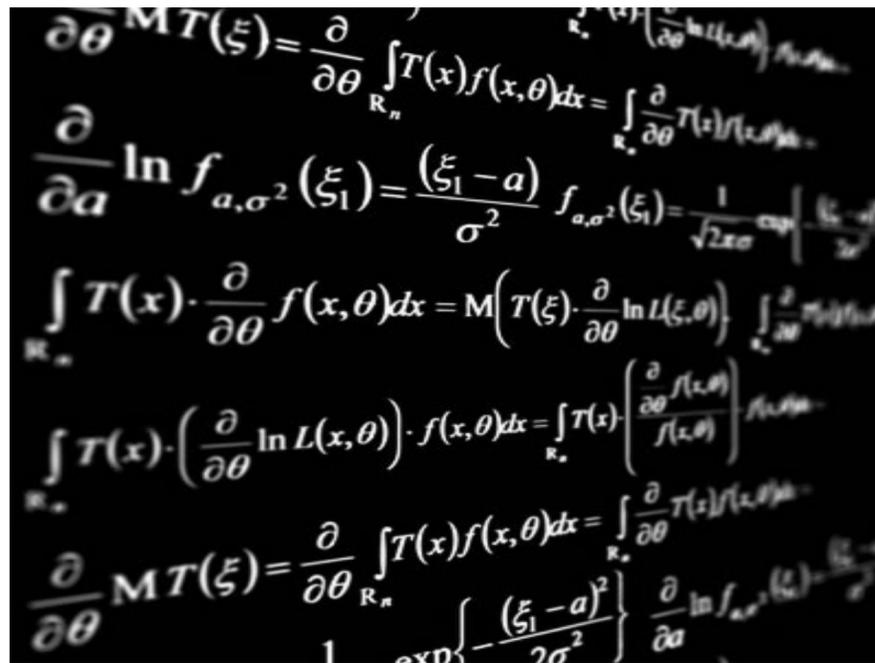


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Rams Hockey Brings Home the Hardware

By Mike Viglietta

The Men's ice hockey team won another Empire Conference championship after Matt O'Shaughnessy sent the Rams into celebration mode with his overtime winner against Fairfield in the championship game.

The Rams, led by head coach Joseph Mazzie, a former captain of the team, enjoyed a great season in which the team had a 15-7-3-1 record on the year. Although they missed out on an appearance at the Nationals Tournament this year after an overtime loss in the final round of the Regionals Tournament, they were able to bring home the hardware in the conference playoffs.

After the loss in the Regionals Tournament, the Rams played Maritime in the first round of the conference playoffs. The loss in regionals sent a message for the team to step up their game. "Without a doubt. Usually it's a close game against Maritime. We smoked them 9-1 after that regional loss," said forward, Mike Tardino. The team was also motivated because Fairfield won the conference championship last year, and the team wanted to win it for departing seniors EJ Grunwald and Scott Brennan.

Led by goal-scorers Mike Tardino and Albert Markopolous, the team had no shortage of offense this year. Tardino led the squad in points with 25 goals and 45 assists in 25 games. Markopolous

was the leading goal-scorer with 29 goals in 25 games. The team also relied on a solid defensive corps with each defenseman boasting a positive plus/minus rating on the season.

"We would have chalked the season up as a waste of time if we didn't win our conference. We are the best team in it, so to not get the trophy would have been a failure," said defenseman Nick Walker. The season turned out to be a success

despite missing out on qualifying for Nationals.

Although the Rams are losing Grunwald and Brennan, the team still has a strong core that is primed to make a run next year in Nationals.



The Rams, Empire Conference champions, pose with the trophy after the overtime win.

Women's Lacrosse Plays First Ever Night Game

By Dominick Morelli

The women's lacrosse team took on Western Connecticut in the first ever night game at Farmingdale. The team is coming off a big year last year when they won the Skyline Conference Championship and are looking to do the same this year. Christy Thoden, Nicole Marzocca, and Sara Rivadeneyra, who are the three captains, lead the team.

"They will be a very strong team this year and should take the conference championship again this year," said Tim Kelly, a member of the men's lacrosse team. "The snow definitely messed up our schedule and we are going to have to reschedule a bunch of games because of

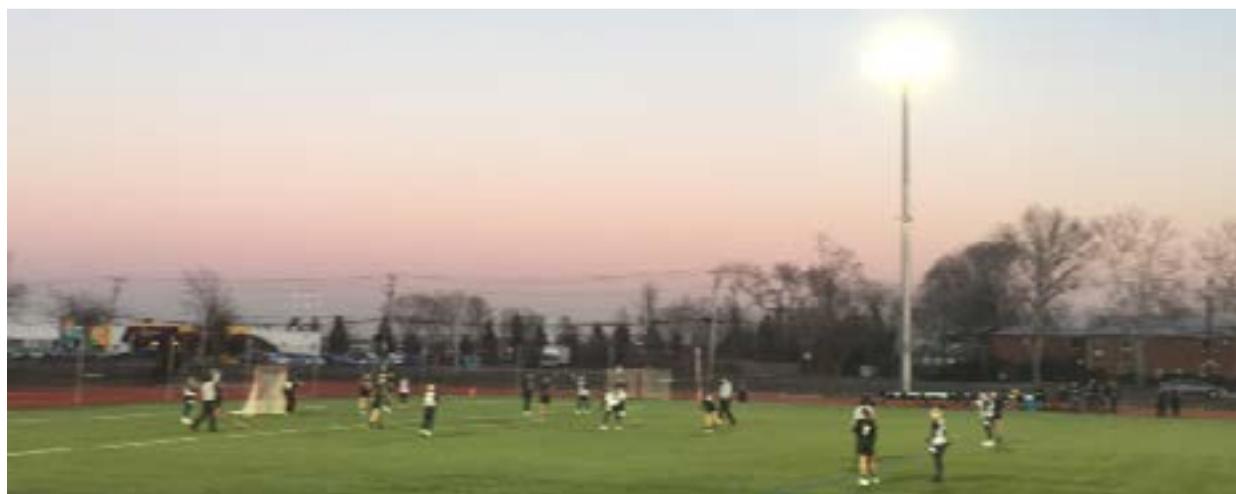
it, but both the boys and girls are ready to go."

Some alumni attended the game and they wanted nothing more than to get back on the field and play. "I feel old and it makes me want to go out there and get in the gym and get on the field," said Carly Schneider, a member of the women's lacrosse team for four years.

The Lady Rams controlled the tempo of the game in both halves. Kelly Geheran, Nicole Marzocca, Brittany Rosino, and Christy Thoden all netted three goals and Sara Rivadeneyra played stand-up defense to help the Lady Rams beat Western Connecticut 19-8 for their second overall win of the season. FSC will play in two upcoming Skyline Conference games.



Rams #15 Alyssa Handel battling a defender in a game against Randolph-Macon earlier this season.



Women's Lacrosse team playing their first night game under new field lights. Courtesy of Lisa Ferreras