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## “I Can’t Breathe”

By Tameka M. Boyajian

Weeks after the verdict, people are still outraged. Many are participating in “die-in” protests. On August 9, Michael Brown was shot and killed by Officer Wilson while holding his hands up, in the surrendering position. On November 24, Ferguson, Missouri, received a verdict from the grand jury not to indict police Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of unarmed teen Michael Brown.

Some people were shocked by the verdict, others were not. “The verdict wasn’t really a surprise to me because cops have been getting off for years killing people by justifying self-defense,” said Ander Durio, an African American, Science, Technology and Society senior. “The real shock and what made me feel disgusted was the acceptance by a large amount of people that Darren Wilson was in the right because Michael Brown was a criminal even though he was unarmed,” said Durio whose father is a retired from NYPD.

President Barack Obama talked about police officers wearing body cameras to record police and civilian activity. He proposed a \$263 million dollar spending budget to increase the use of body-worn cameras in hopes of preventing other incidents like involving Michael Brown.

On December 3, only one week later, a New York grand jury gave another verdict not to indict police Officer Daniel Pantaleo, 28 in the death of Eric Garner, 43 of Staten Island. In July, the fatal encounter of Eric Garner, being put in an illegal chokehold by police Officer Pantaleo, was captured on video.

People around the world saw the video of Garner who repeated the words, “I can’t breathe.” However, this was not enough evidence for the grand jury to charge officer Pantaleo in the death of Eric Garner.

“Each police brutality case is different from the rest, and cannot be viewed the same way. I do feel that the Eric Garner case was a murder or manslaughter committed by that specific officer,” said Reilly an Irish American, Professional Communications junior. I don’t think these incidents were racially driven. I think some groups want us to think they were racially motivated,” said Reilly whose parents are both NYPD. His father has been retired for nine years and his mother is still active.

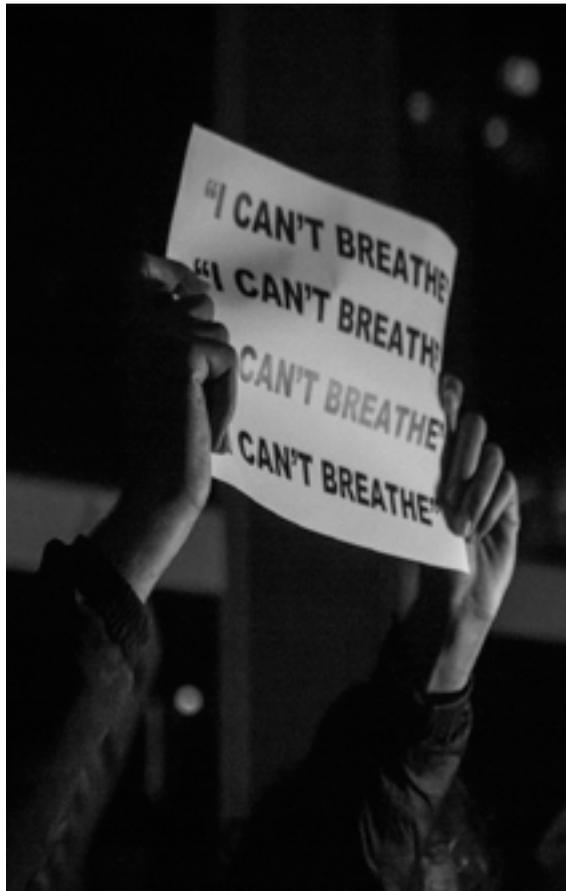
The decision not to indict caused many Americans all over the world to become aggravated beyond belief. “The thing that hurt me the most is when my 25-year-old brother,

who is a mechanical engineer, told our mother he’s not going to have children because he rather not have them deal with issues such as this,” said Megan Massey, an African American Science, Technology and Society senior.

Some students on campus wonder what difference body cameras will have after the Eric Garner decision. “I find it weird that these public servants who our tax dollars go to in order to protect and serve us basically have a license to kill,” said Durio.

More than 400 protestors marched in Amityville up Route 110 to Sunrise Highway where they stopped traffic to “die-in” by lying down in the street for 4½ minutes to represent the 4½ hours that Brown’s body laid in a Ferguson street after being shot. Participants chanted ‘I can’t breathe’ 11 times which was the same number of times Eric Garner repeated to police on the day of his fatal encounter.

These verdicts affect every American citizen. Regardless of race, every person’s life matters.



Protester with a sign that reads; “I can’t breathe! I can’t breathe!” Photo by Dave Bledsoe.

## The Artist Behind the Ram

By Alysia Cheeks



Wendy Klemper welding her Ram sculpture into place in front of the Campus Center.

The class of 2014 gave the campus a generous gift that was recently installed in front of the Campus Center. The Ram sculptor on top of boulders was made of recycled rebar from scrap from a bridge in Maine.

Klemper has a love of using scrap metal when creating her pieces. “Scrap metal has wonderful curves and bends from the demolition process,” said Klemper. Rebar comes in many sizes and textures, and gets wildly bent up when pulled from the concrete. I find beautiful twists and turns in my pile of metal, and cut them out with the torch. It’s like having a pile of ready-made scramble of lines to draw with. Other elements, like car parts, farm and logging equipment offer interesting forms to dissect and reinvent.”

Students were surprised to find out that she Klemper does not bend the metal she uses them in their existing state when she finds them. “I never knew this was created from scrap metal until a teacher told me,” said Melissa Specht, a student. “I was blown away by the impressive work that is displayed,”

Klemper was on campus in October where she had a gallery exhibit of her artwork. She briefly explained her love for animals to students who attended her exhibit.

“The thing I could really sink my teeth into has always been the animal sculptures. I focus in a different way as I’m building them, and as they take shape they feel like actual creatures to me. They also seem to have a special resonance for viewers, they really seem to communicate something that people react to in a visceral way.

I don’t even remember when I first became fascinated by animals - it seemed to happen at

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WWI Centenary Art Gallery exhibit in Hale Hall

## Selling World War I

By Elijah Fitzgerald

This month Farmingdale State College commemorates the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of World War I (WWI). WWI was known as “the war to end all wars.” Subsequently, most of the wars that followed WWI were either directly or indirectly related to the first World War.

As the commencement of the centennial, many who walk past the Hale Art Gallery will notice that it is filled with WWI posters and propaganda depicting images of camaraderie, chivalry, and patriotism. Professor George Fernandez and Professor Thomas Germano spoke to students visiting the gallery. One of the most famous pieces in the gallery is the Gibson Girl by Charles Dana Gibson. It depicts a girl dressed in a navy uniform wishing she could join the U.S. Navy. Pictures like these inspired many brave young men to enlist to serve their country.

War propaganda during WWI was created



Students left to right: Adi Halevi, Alysia Cheeks, Stephen Gerdik.

by artists who were supporters of the war. “War propaganda was an effort to give a voice to the patriotic,” said Professor George Fernandez. Artists like Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks used patriotic posters in a war effort to raise money. Most of the American propaganda posters in the exhibit were designed to gain three things: war bond purchases, food, and enlistment.



Cheema Danyal enjoys the art.

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## Social Media Meets Politics

By Katherine Polanco

There's rules and regulations on all social media sites, but there are no limits when it comes to posting, giving all account holders no boundaries. So when a friend or follower is constantly venting about a global issue or something extremely personal, that should be kept private.

Posting endless meaningless photos can become mentally exhausting, and later cause unconscious ignorance. Social media management is not only needed for many personal accounts but accounts for politicians too.

Politicians and campaign groups must learn to use discretion in posting and advertising, limiting the unnecessary and keeping things to a minimum. According to chief legislative aide and campaign manager, Ali Nazir, in social media, less is always more.

On November 18, 2014, Nazir came to FSC to give advice to students and future business owners on how to handle social media accounts. Professional Communications Professor, Howard Gold, held the “Social Media and Politics” event in the University Club in Knapp Hall with a great number of students and instructors, including fellow professor, Dr. Vicki Janik.

Nazir manages Legislator John M. Kennedy, Jr.'s campaign group, the same group that led Kennedy to his victorious win this year's election for Suffolk County comptroller.

The seminar remained vibrant and interactive with a long session of Q&A's. The event was filled with questions and concerns about politics, campaigning, society, do's and don'ts, and most importantly, Facebook.

Nazir advised that there has to be an intermediate balance with posting. “If you posted two or three things already, maybe you should not post till tomorrow,” suggested Nazir. He warned that people can become annoyed seeing the same things and will eventually start ignoring them.



Ali Nazir, Chief Legislative Aide and Campaign Manager for Suffolk County Legislator John Kennedy Jr.

To kick things off, Nazir was asked, “How do you manage to engage people into politics? What is your strategy?” Many agreed that society has its moments when all interest in politics is gone.

“Facebook has a special feature where the computer learns about your likes, habits, and browsing history. It picks up these things and advertises them,” said Nazir. He applies the same technique in his political advertising by posting about top topics such as gun laws, gay rights and immigration laws. He then attracts the younger crowd with relatable postings on such topics like, student loans, money issues and gas prices.

“Make it an issue based on things, not age,” said Nazir. He tries to show the “people side” of politics through social media, tries to downplay some of the seriousness behind it.

Negative campaigning was also a hot topic of discussion, the pros and cons and sometimes benefits of bad press. “Everyone knew who we were, we were recognized,” said Nazir after a community member recognize Legislator Kennedy's name from all the negative campaign mail he was receiving. But still, politicians try their best to distances themselves from all negative press.

“When it comes to negative campaigning it's really just an attack and I know less about who and what you stand for and how you can help me. I just know they can't help and describe terrible things,” said one student in attendance.

Dr. Janik spoke about the effects of negative campaigning and how it can work. “Negative campaigning is effective in suppressing the vote because, first, it is says something bad about one side and second the person saying it becomes unattractive, a person who badmouths everybody and praises himself. Voters then decide it is just not worth voting,” explained Janik. Nazir agreed, stating that negative campaigning has a strategy of its own.



Post-its on the mirrors in Whitman bathroom that say “You are beautiful!”

## Operation BeaYOUtiful

By Avneet Kaur

Beauty comes in all colors, shapes, and sizes. No one can say someone is not beautiful.

A few weeks ago in Whitman Hall there were anonymous post-it notes all over the mirrors saying positive quotes to other women. These notes said things like, “You're beautiful. It is society that is ugly,” and five others with similar messages. At the end of these notes was a blog website which led to a woman in North Carolina who wants to spread her message that every woman is beautiful.

The blog website is [www.Operationbeautiful.com](http://www.Operationbeautiful.com). It was created by a 30-year-old named Caitlin Boyle. “The goal of the Operation Beautiful website is to end negative self-talk or “fat talk.” If this little blog only does one productive thing, I hope it helps readers realize how truly toxic negative self-talk is — it hurts you emotionally, spiritually, and physically,” said Boyle.

Spreading a positive message is a great thing. Girls helping other girls is better than back talking one another. The other purpose is to help other girls participate.

“Write a motivating note on a post-it and put it up in a public place — such as on a bathroom mirror, in the gym locker room, or even on a random car's windshield,” said Boyle. “If you want, you can write the web address on the bottom so other women can find the site.”

FSC Sociology professor Orval Jewett said, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder' is one of my favorite quotes. I don't know the specific reasons for this young lady's message, but I love it!”

This is one step closer to helping other women realize that they are more than their physical appearance.

Adam Mancuso, junior at FSC said, “I think it is a positive message. It is different because it is against the grain of traditional graffiti.”

# FSC Takes First Overall at NIFA Regionals

By Christopher Healy

FSC Flight program has cemented itself as a formidable team of traveling aeronauts, taking home 27 awards, 15 trophies, and 12 medals at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Regionals. FSC beat out prestigious schools such as West Point for top honors including first place for the ground events, and first place overall in the competition against six of the best aviation schools. This spring the team flexes its abilities at the NIFA Nationals, led by Director of Aviation Operations Lawrence Lopez and Coach Dave Gardinier.

Junior Cody Rodriguez took home the top pilot accolade at the NIFA Regionals. The competition featured six events that tested the pilots' abilities for a cumulative score. "I really feel like I contributed to us getting first place," said Rodriguez.

The team is heading to the NIFA Nationals this May for the second time, with hopes of taking home top honors. "Last year was our first time at the Nationals, so now we definitely know what to expect. We're going to prepare a lot better this time," said Cody Roriguez.

The Aviation Center at Farmingdale State College is currently the largest student aviation program in the northeast region, and FSC is the only SUNY school that offers a four year degree in Aeronautical Science. The Aerospace facility was constructed in 1990, averaging 5,800 flight hours a year in solo and duel flight instruction.



Cessna 152 at Republic airport.



Piper Warrior's brand new Garmin G500

"We have a great aviation program. I am currently working on my commercial license. We have about 23 planes and about 200 students in the flight program," said senior James Bimko. "The school's flight team, The Flying Rams, finished in first place at the regional competition at Brookhaven Airport, which means they are going to compete in the NIFA competition at Ohio State University, which is really exciting."

Prefacing these employment opportunities, students of the program can participate in the newly formed Intercollegiate Flying Team, which recently took first place in the regional competitions of the NIFA.

The 22,000 square foot facility located two miles away from the main campus, offers employment opportunities equally vast. Graduates of the program can look forward to a variety of ways to showcase their unique abilities in aviation. The program offers career paths for such positions as a certified flight instructor, airline pilot, charter pilot, corporate pilot and banner tow plane pilot. Aspiring pilots can also gain employment in the Armed Forces, as an FAA safety inspector, traffic watch pilot, or an air ambulance pilot.

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birth, or first consciousness. I've studied them all my life, ridden horses always. As a child I wanted to be an animal. I'm intrigued with animals' body language, how they express themselves through motion and form," said Klemper.

The new addition is welcome on campus. "When I saw the rocks I wondered what the purpose of that was. Then the picture was placed around the fence and I thought it was cool. Now seeing it up I think her work is amazing. The

detail on the ram is so intricate and beautiful. I think it makes a great addition to the school," said Alyssa Lucksavage.

# Hugs Makes the World Go Round

By Danielle LoPinto

On February 27, 2015, Hugs Across America will help those in need as they volunteer at a soup kitchen in Hempstead. The purpose is to help people in our community, giving out teddy bears to children who have been sick, who have family members in the military or who have been abused. This will be the second time that Hugs will participate since spring 2014, helping out for a great cause.

"Sometimes we need to take time and remember that there are people who need our help, and if we never help them, they will be forgotten," said Alexa Toyas, the president/founder of Hugs Across America. "Sometimes all people need is a smile."

On average, 10-20 volunteers participate in events like having bake sales, or attending Survivorship in Brothers and Sisters Place (SIBS) where volunteers distribute teddy bears to kids with parents or siblings who have cancer. In working at the soup kitchen, volunteers help by serving food to families. They are separated in groups where they set up boutiques of donated clothes, or organize a food pantry so that individuals can shop for needed items.

Last semester the club volunteered at soup kitchen. "We all woke up early and met on campus, and drove to Hempstead," said Marissa Sarro, the vice president. "They had us sign in and explained everything before we served the first meal."

Both Toyas and Sarro brainstorm together to create an event, contact the agency, and organize a date to do so. This club was built on hard work and determination given that they must fundraise money all themselves.

"I've always loved helping people," said Jazmin Henriquez, a member. "I volunteered at the soup kitchen with the president, vice president of the club as well as other members. It was an amazing and eye-opening experience."

Hugs Across America's meetings are held every other week in Gleeson Hall room 129 at 3:30 p.m. They also have a Facebook page HugsAcrossAmerica FSC where students can find out about upcoming events and meetings.



Left to right: Members of Hugs Across America Marissa Sarro, Jazmin Henriquez, and President Alexa Toyas



Talk show hosts of Ram-Dom Sebastian Pierre and Melisa Wright.

# Ram Nation VIP

By Crystal Costello

Located in and broadcasting from Roosevelt Hall, Ram Nation Radio airs live between Mondays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ram Nation Radio currently broadcasts a variety of content, such as talk shows and music in over 55 hours a week to its listeners.

Sebastian Pierre, a criminal justice major and a Ram Nation co-host for Ram-Dom said, "I love the idea of expressing myself on air. I can be myself and engage with my other host for all the listeners. It is a great feeling when you are in control of your own show." Pierre's partner and host, Melisa Wright, are on air every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

To listen to Ram Nation download the Tune-In Radio app or log onto the website through www.ramnationradio.com. For contests and discounts Ram Nation Radio is also offering a free VIP card to all students.

The Ram Nation Radio VIP Card is your ticket to all the great things that Ram Nation Radio has to offer. You can use this VIP card at local shops throughout Farmingdale where a Ram Nation logo is present. The VIP Card is a special membership card which will give its cardholders special offers, discounts, and entry to the hottest concerts. To obtain a free VIP card, visit the Office of Student Activities or Radio Station in Roosevelt Hall or visit Ramnationradio.com.

Oluwaseyi Joseph, a Professional Communications major and on-air personality, said, "I get to play music I think listeners want to hear and introduce new artists on air. I always had the love and appreciation for music. It's my passion." Joseph can be heard on air every Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Starting next semester we are going to be looking for students, faculty, and staff to host their own shows on air. This is the first time we are accepting staff and faculty and we are really excited to see the outcome," said Rida Naser, station manager of Ram Nation Radio.

# Maggots Found in Cafeteria Soup

By Marvin Amparo Santana

Be aware, there may be maggots in the soup. Two students allegedly found maggots in their FSC cafeteria food this semester. The first student who found them cried as she said, "There's a maggot on my soup."

After the maggot incident, some students said they were afraid of eating soup at the cafeteria. The panic went viral. Comments like, "Be aware, there may be maggots on your soup," were written on Facebook by students.

"Very disgusting, I think it is very disgusting," said Kevin Smith, a sophomore. "Due to this maggot incident, they should give us a discount on the \$25,000 we pay in tuition."

As the days passed, various students continued complaining about the incident. Aramark cafeteria Chef, Justin Poly, explained the actions taken by the Aramark cafeteria after the incident.

"As soon as we heard about the incident, we removed the entire soup jar. We also conducted an investigation to figure out where this might have come from," said Poly. "We made sure there was no other occurrence by double checking everything. This has never happened before."

Student, Ayush Gupta, senior, said, "It's freaking gross. I don't want to find anything unhealthy in my food. It is just so gross that this happened."

Other students just said that the Aramark cafeteria food is overpriced and they should not have to worry about finding maggots in their food. They have tests and quizzes to worry about.

"This cafeteria food is already too pricey. So they should offer the best food quality ever. We should definitely not have to worry about something like getting maggots in our soup," said Raju Ashwin, a senior.



Maggot floating in soup.

# Let's Get Social

By Crystal Costello



Students socializing in person at Campus Center.

Farmingdale State College wants to encourage students to visit the updated FSC social media pages. Using these pages allows students to get more involved with all campus activities and constantly stay in the know. Many students who commute are not aware of all the fun activities Farmingdale has to offer because they are uninformed, unlike the resident students.

Kelly Condron, a freshman in Visual Communications said, "It puts commuters at a disadvantage, I don't know about all the social media sites because I only come to class and go home. If I knew about them I would follow. I think it is a great idea to know what is going on at school every day."

Farmingdale State College wants those who are not signed up already to join the celebrations. It is simple - just "Get Social" using Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Taylor Tedeschi, a senior in Professional Communications, said, "I follow Farmingdale on Facebook and Twitter. It made it easier for me to contact someone directly about cancelled classes with a quick tweet. For example, I used it when Farmingdale had the power outage. After that I knew these social media sites were very useful, I just wish they updated it more."

The challenge currently running is a #FSCPhotoADay contest which allows any students to post photos of each category onto any Twitter or Instagram page. Using the specific tag allows students to win prizes and search all photos. Students can score cool rewards like books, t-shirts, gift cards, and food coupons. Daily prizes are given out to each winner of the topic of the day for the next 40 days.

Katy Greene, Digital Media Manager, works specifically to bring more social media pages to Farmingdale. "We are trying to engage students from the moment we set up our recruitment tables at their high schools until the moment they are on our campus. We hope to continue their Farmingdale pride even after graduation," said Greene. Using and following these sites will allow students to know what is going on around them, even after they leave Farmingdale.

## Chickenpox Outbreak in Dorms

By Thomas Bynre

In early October a case of chickenpox was reported in the student dorms at Farmingdale State College.

The Center for Disease Control's website describes chickenpox as: "a very contagious disease caused by the varicella-zoster virus (VZV). It causes a blister-like rash, itching, tiredness, and fever."

Nine out of 10 children contract the disease, but some can go uninfected and contract it when they are older. Adults who become infected are at a higher risk for complications such as breathing problems, dehydration, bleeding problems, inflammation of the brain, and pneumonia.

Chickenpox cases usually last 4 to 7 days, and those who contract it can be infectious from 1-2 days before the rash occurs and until the blisters have crusted over and no more appear. It is spread through contact, coughing, and sneezing. If infected, common home remedies are oatmeal baths and aspirin for comfort. Scratching the blisters can lead to infection and spread of the disease.

Helenge Beato, an international student who resides at the Farmingdale campus, is glad her bout with the virus is over. "At one point I had to stand an hour in the shower – cold water, because it was just too much!" said Beato.

Beato, an architecture major, was never exposed to the chickenpox virus and was infected by another international student who had an active case of shingles. Beato initially went to the dermatologist and was eventually diagnosed with chickenpox by the Health and Wellness Center on October 7.

The school quarantined Beato to her room for a total of two weeks and instructed her roommate, who was immune to the virus, to bring her food and any necessities.

"I just played it safe and stayed with my boyfriend. I didn't set foot in the dorms," said Palma Palacios, who is a suitemate with Beato.

Audrey Krapf, Director of the Health and Wellness Center at Farmingdale, said, the school took all the necessary precautions with the incident. "What we did was very standard. We consulted the Suffolk County Department of Health and they assured us as well that we were doing more than enough."

Titers or blood tests were offered free to any students who thought they might be at risk to the virus. Only four students were found to be at risk and needed the chickenpox vaccine.

## Cozy, Crowded, or Cluttered

By Sebastian Smith

In the past year Farmingdale State College has seen an increase in the number of students enrolled. Last fall there were 8,180 students and this year a total of 8,463 are enrolled. With the creation of new and improved buildings, book stores, campus center, sororities, and much more, it's no surprise. A lot of people want to get their degree with hopes of landing a job right after graduating without having tremendous student debt.

According to Danielle Dimuro the assistant to the director of admissions, Farmingdale State College is at its near capacity. They plan on expanding even more through different avenues such as online courses and extension sites. "Farmingdale offers good quality education at an affordable price," said Dimuro.

With the increase in enrollment, the student body has seen some changes around the campus that can become an issue. Jacob Kashani, a liberal

arts sophomore who runs track at the school, was discussing the problems with parking. "I have to park even further from my classes making me late to class. Teachers are getting stricter about being late and don't want to hear excuses about it," said Kashani.

He isn't the only one who had a comment about the parking lot issue. "Parking is a big issue, I feel as though a lot of the parking spots I used to use are no longer available," said senior Tu Nyguen.

With more students on campus, it isn't a surprise that students are claiming that some of the classrooms have issues. "A lot of my classes have gotten bigger and some of the rooms don't have windows. I want to hear birds chirping and the wind blowing. I don't like being closed off," said Kashani.

"I feel stuffy in my classes. We need more air conditioners," said Nyguen.

## Parking Permits Only Good for a Year

By Alysia Cheeks

Each year students are mandated to purchase a parking permit that costs \$30. If students choose not to purchase this pass, they run the risk of getting a parking ticket which will cost them roughly \$35.

Chief assistant Daniel Daugherty said, "You only need one parking sticker for each vehicle. This sticker is good for the entire year. Some students do not return the following year and it is important to keep as accurate a database as possible of registered vehicles on campus."

"I do not think that it is fair that students have to purchase a parking pass each school year. I feel like students already have a lot on their plates especially paying for school," said Yaryl Gonzalez.

Some students disagree. "I feel that it is fair because every year there are new students and everyone should have to register for a new

parking permit," said Tito Galan.

There were mixed reviews between both students. "I think every student should have a parking pass in the beginning of the school year," said Gonzalez. "But I don't think they should be charged for it. I'm honestly not sure why the parking pass is a separate cost from the tuition. I'm highly against the fact that students are even charged for a pass."

There is confusion from students as to where the money is going and why it is not included in tuition cost. "Not every student uses a vehicle to come to campus. Many use mass transit or are dropped off. Parking lot maintenance is part of the utilization of those funds, as is line striping and other important components of commuter parking," said Daugherty.



Required parking permits for students

## “Show Up, Shut Up and Play”



FSC's #28 Nick Walker on defense and #77 Joseph Petrizzo

By Tyler Von Wieding

"Show up shut up and play" this was a motto set by FSC's former Ice Hockey Coach Gary Dymski who was let go due to a change in the schools coaching program after coaching for a year and a half.

After a rough initial start to the season the team 2-2-1-1 under coach Dymski, wasn't sufficient. On top of the not so hot record, the freshman players on the team didn't get along with his coaching style.

In Dymski's place, the assistant coach Joe Mazzie had to step up to fulfill the open position. "In my opinion the coaching change was the right move. The promotion of all time program leading scorer Joe Mazzie from assistant coach to head coach helped the team bring back the Farmingdale style of hockey identity that teams around the country fear," said Matt Kelerichian, Assistant Director of Hockey Operations and Team President.

However defenseman Nick Walker and forward Justin Von Wieding both agreed, "They are impartial about the coaching change Dymski was a good coach, but they are there to play hockey not to argue politics," said Von Wieding.

Joe Mazzie has lead the team to better the record which is now 7-4-1-1. With this turn around the team has showed so far, they have sights set on making it to Nationals for the second year in a row. "I do see us going to nationals again there's plenty of guys on the team that will do whatever it takes to get there so when you have that kind of attitude not much can keep you from succeeding," said Walker.

"Adversity" is how Von Wieding would described the team in one word due to all the up's and down's encountered in the season thus far. With a mind set on Nationals, Walker said, "There have been some growing pains but that was expected with the 14 new faces we have on the roster, as the season goes on and everyone begins to work together more efficiently, that should straighten everything out."

Despite the rough beginning the team as a whole has turned around their efforts into becoming a better more recognizable team, and are focused on winning at Nationals in the years to come.

## Women's Volleyball Makes it to Playoffs

By Nicole Schellderfer

The Women's volleyball team came out strong this season. Players agreed that the team is in much better shape then it was last year.

"That's really any team's goal, whether it's reachable or not. The team had some helpful additions this year so we are all very excited," said Christina Hickey, #7.

"I think we are a much better group all together and have the potential for doing big things even though we've had a rough start to our season," said Francesca Calderson, #10. The women's volleyball team has its strengths and weaknesses. A major strength they carry with them is their love for the sport.

"We all share the same passion which is the love for volleyball and that's what brings it all together at the end," said Barbra Wright, #12.

Of course, there's always room for improvement. It is still early in the season for the team to pick up on what they might be lacking.

"I think we need to learn how to play with each other better and also to have faith, not only in our teammates but also in ourselves," said Calderson.

Volleyball is not a sport in which one person

can carry the team. It's a group effort. If one person messes up, it messes up the whole team.

"At first we get frustrated but the only way to move forward is to drop negative feelings like that and not dwell on them," said Hickey.

"I think we get along pretty well this year, which is surprising to us since we have 13 girls," said Wright.

It would seem that the team has what it takes to do well this season, especially with the help from their coach, Patric Santiago, who has been coaching women's volleyball at FSC since 2009.

"I expect the team to endeavor upon a journey of effort, fueled by hard work in practice and disciplined execution of our game plans in matches. This group has all the pieces they need to achieve success," said Santiago.

The Rams finished their season with a loss in the first round of the Skyline Conference playoffs to Mount Saint Vincent.



2014 Women's Volleyball team

## Women's Soccer Goes Undefeated Winning Eighth Championship



FSC's 2014 Women's Soccer Team

By Alysia Cheeks

The women's soccer team became the 2014 Skyline Conference Champions, after Mount Saint Mary's 2-1 defeat, at the Fall Festival in Purchase, NY. The team not only became the top seed, but won the championship for the eight time in a row.

"Our team this year has a lot of talent and has a lot of potential to get us far," said Captain Melissa Lijo, "As one of the captains, I am proud of my team."

"My teammates push me to be the best player I can be every day," said Captain Jazlyn Scott. "We push each other in practice, and every day. That's what makes us so good. Without my teammates, we wouldn't be where we are today. Whether you're talking about the players on the bench or the players on the field, everyone contributes and we can't win without everyone."

"Being such a large team, there is difficulty keeping each player positive throughout the season, said Scott. "We like to keep loose before the game. We all know what we have to do, but we still need to have fun. Everyone plays better when we're loose and having fun. I think it's important to have fun together on and off the field. It keeps us connected and all on the same page. We win as a team and lose as a team. As a captain, I just keep reminding everyone of our goal and what it takes to get there. We all have one goal in mind and that's what keeps us on track."

The Rams advanced to the NCAA Division Three Tournament and ended with a loss to the Blue Jays. The Rams 2014 season ended with 14 wins, six ties and three loses

## Men's Soccer Fights Through the Season



J.T. Famularo on the field

By Briana Panetta

The Men's soccer team's season is 7-11-1 overall. Despite their current record, "We have high hopes for this season since we made it to the finals last year against Mount Saint Mary," said sophomore Andrew Ingargiola, fullback. Since the finals last year, they played against Mount Saint Mary in a close game but experienced an unfortunate loss 3-2 on September 20, although

they have had a few wins since then as well.

The Rams finished their season on October 28 at Yeshiva, ending in a 6-1 win for the team tallying a .395 win percentage overall. During their 2014 run in the Skyline Conference, the team finished at .500

"Believe you can and you're half way there," said Curley, who is a Division I transfer from Marist and currently starting forward at FSC. Curley has had 12 points through the entirety of the season (4 goals, 4 assists).

"Although I've never been to a game before, I would be interested in going to one in the future," said Gabby Shtanko, sophomore. The team not only has a support system on the field but off the field as well, as family members, friends, and peers gather to watch game after game.

## New York Jets 2015 Preseason at FSC (Maybe)

By Shannon Kennedy

The New York Jets (NYJ) in the past have held their preseason at SUNY Cortland and also Hofstra University. SUNY Farmingdale may be the new home for the NYJ's preseason this upcoming summer. "It is very prestigious for colleges to house pro teams. Cortland is very upset that they might lose the Jets," said Mike Harrington, athletic director at FSC.

This project will take about three months to complete. "We would have to build two football fields to their codes. We would have to make accommodations to our dorms such as higher showerheads, new large beds, etc.," said Harrington. The chance of the Jets coming to FSC is about 80 percent. As of now, the Jets have not put up any money for this project due to the absence of a decision.

Over the summer at SUNY Farmingdale many tournaments and games take place. "I am for it, as long as I get reimbursed for the money I would lose from campus and lacrosse venues," said Harrington.

As the talk gets around the school and community, many people are worried how this will affect the community around FSC. There was much dispute over getting lights for our soccer and lacrosse field. "I think the businesses will love it, but the community around will hate all the traffic," said Harrington.

"When I was a young girl, my father and I went to Hofstra to watch the Jets play. It would be much more convenient if it was held here at Farmingdale," said Sara Rivadeneyra, a student athlete.

Most of Long Island is divided between Jets and Giants fans. "I am a Giants fan, so I wouldn't go to their camp," said Kelly Geheran, a student athlete.



Students Connor and Patrick Leonard show off some Jets pride on campus.