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New York Jets Returning to Long Island for Summer Training Camp

By Hayden Santos

Jets fans rejoice! This past summer marked the end of the contract binding the New York Jets and SUNY Cortland for the team's annual summer training camp. The team has been searching for a new home for their practices, and Farmingdale State College is at the top of the list.

The camp has been held at SUNY Cortland since 2008. Hofstra University hosted the Jets summer offseason program for 40 years before their first move. Although there is nothing definite, everyone involved is confident that it is a sure thing.

On top of that, there have been multiple reports from Newsday, CBS and more saying that staff from the New York Jets has started visiting the campus for meetings and to see what would need to be done to make this a reality.

Even though there are a lot of questions surrounding the topic, Michael Harrington, Athletic Director at Farmingdale, is very confident that the Jets are coming back to Long Island. "The Jets are probably going to happen," said Harrington. "Within a month we'll know."

That is the most definite answer we've heard about the Jets homecoming. "They want us to build two fields which will cost about

\$1.9 million. This summer is when they plan to start. They will use the gym as a locker room and bring their own weights," said Harrington.

Patrick Calabria, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Farmingdale, always keeps any idea in mind to help the school. "Of course, this will be a great attraction for local fans—and for the campus—as long as it works out to the advantage of both the Jets and the college," said Calabria, in an e-mail.

"We want to better understand what would be required of the campus to provide room accommodations, fields, food service, exercise facilities, and many other elements. The timetable is in progress," Calabria said. "There is no imminent announcement on this, but the dialogue is ongoing."

This will probably lift the spirits of Long Island Jets fans. Their team is off to a miserable 1-5 start and sit at the bottom of the AFC East Division. The upcoming schedule includes games against the San Diego Chargers (3-1), division rival New England Patriots (2-2) and reigning AFC champion Denver Broncos (2-1). Of course we can't fail to mention the poor play of quarterback Geno Smith causing a controversy around the position and the depleted wide receiver core and secondary.

Car Free Day Long Island

By Nicholas Semelak



Suffolk County Executive, Steve Bellone, Farmingdale State College President, Dr. Hubert Keen

In support of the international event, Car Free Day, Farmingdale State College President Dr. Hubert Keen and Suffolk County Executive, Steve Bellone, gathered with transportation, civic, and environmental leaders for an Island-wide rally on Thursday, September 18, hosted by Farmingdale State College.

"On Monday, we are encouraging Long Islanders to pledge to be car free or car light, by using communal alternatives," said event co-chairwoman Rosemary Mascali, "There are 3 million of us on Long Island. And if we all drove just 1 mile less, that's 3 million miles."

Commuting by bus, train, bicycle, carpooling and telecommuting all reduce traffic, harmful emissions, and parking problems, while conserving energy and promoting fitness.

The first Car Free Day for Long Island took place in 2013, with over 2500 pledges. This year, Long Island currently has 2856 pledges and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone himself is one of them.

"We view this as essential to our ability to grow our economy in a sustainable way," said Bellone, "Car Free Day gives us a perfect opportunity to highlight where we are and what we need to do in the future." Bellone's chosen method of transportation was riding his bicycle and using a Suffolk bus from Babylon to Hauppauge.

"Green then, green now. That's our motto," said President Keen, from FSC's beginning as an agricultural college, to becoming the first, "Smart Grid Campus." FSC is a more than appropriate place to host Car Free Day's rally, serving as a model for other colleges to follow.

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Residence Hall Olympics Tug-of-War

By Thomas Bynre



Dorm students fight it out in front of Orchard Hall.

Outside Orchard Hall on a chilly night, a group of 50 students fought to see who would win this year's Tug of War championship. Students were excited, pacing up and down while the rope lay the ground to their right. This was the semi-final match of the Hall Olympics, and the winners would receive significant points toward their overall standing.

"I know the rope feels soft, but you can lose fingers!" said Angela Jasur, Residence Life director and creator of the Residence Hall Olympics. "I always vote for the underdog," she confided later with a smile.

There are four teams for the Residence Hall Olympics comprised of the Blue team, Orchard's first and second floors, against the Red team, Orchard's third and fourth floors. The Yellow team is Alumni, and the Green team was Dewey Hall. Each team lined up with seven to nine competitors on each side, they all wore bright blue safety gloves.

The first match was the Red team versus

the Alumni team. Samuel Soto gave a worried look at the lineup. "The real competition is the Blue team. Alumni doesn't have enough kids," said Soto.

Kendall Rondon, a sophomore playing for Alumni, looked collected. She smiled up at a large teammate. "He looks confident enough," said Rondon.

The first match was an error because of a false start. The shouting and excitement was enough to match Jasur's bullhorn. The second attempt showed how accurate Soto was in his prediction. A couple of athletes on the Red team started a timed call of "One, two, three pull!" This pulled the team together and they quickly overpowered Alumni.

The bottom match between Alumni and Dewey resulted in an Alumni win, securing them the third place spot and Dewey the fourth.

The top match between the Blue team and the Red team; Blue took the top spot.

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Campus Takes Steps Towards Safety

By Christine Calvacca



The rates of violent crimes have gone up drastically in school the last few years, including shootings and stabbings. Events such as Virginia Tech and Columbine High School used to be the crimes we would think of. But now the attacks are endless. These horrific events are not so rare anymore. There is no stereotypical reason anyone can offer the statistics of these crimes. The crimes are taking place in elementary, middle and high schools, colleges and universities.

It is important that all employees of educational institutions are aware and prepared for any situation and how to handle it. "I feel responsible for my students in my classrooms," said Orval Jewett, a part-time professor at Farmingdale State College. It's important for the school to have professors

"We offer SUNY alert's which are real time text messages, that we suggest everyone sign up for."

who understand the importance of the safety of students if they are going to stress protocol on campus.

"We are all trained for active shootings," said police officer Katie Johnson. The campus police take on each situation differently, which is expected. It is impossible to have one protocol for every situation when there are multiple buildings. School violence wears

many faces, which makes it difficult to indicate the causes of these attacks and makes it even harder to handle. The reasoning behind the violence is varied and usually more involved than the public is led to know.

A tragic event like this can affect a campus in many different ways. This can bring the students and staff together. If not, people do not trust anyone around them on campus and turn their backs. "The atmosphere would absolutely change. Most students would have their guard up and perhaps not feel safe," said Susan Napolitano.

She is a senior at Farmingdale and believes that prevention is key to a situation like this.

Will Zuk is a student who attends classes on campus four days a week. "I would follow my professor's instructions," said Zuk.

Unfortunately, all schools are not considered to have the same level of safety. Every school consists of different people, which causes different situations. Farmingdale State has taken drastic measures to ensure the safety of everyone on campus.

Campus police has sent a video to the staff called "Run, Hide, Fight" to guarantee that everyone knows how to handle an active shooting. "We offer SUNY alerts which are real time text messages. We suggest everyone sign up for," said Dan Daugherty, the Assistant Chief of Police.

These measures have not gone unnoticed and have helped keep the campus safe. Farmingdale State College is ranked the fifth safest college in the nation according to University Prime Time.

Fall Fashion Forward

By Avneet Kaur

September is a joyous time each and every year in New York City - it's Fashion Week. A fashion industry event, which allows fashion designers and brands to show their latest collections in runway shows so the world can see upcoming trends for the year.

Some fashion lovers at FSC were more than excited. "I love the creativity of the designers. As you get older, you appreciate fashion much more," said Mike Rigueur, a junior. Rigueur believes dressing nicely to school makes people feel better about themselves.

For men this fall, you will see a lot of down-filled quilted jackets, shearling jackets, flannel, big boxy bags, patterned knits, turtle-necks, and a lot of white and black.

Taylor Gerken, 21, a PCM major said, "After I saw the military jackets by Marc Jacobs, I had to get one for the winter. I usually find parking far from my classes. The jacket would keep me warm while I'm commuting," said Gerken. She dresses for comfort but loves fashion overall.

For women this fall are moto jackets; sheer, luscious knits, prints that pop, box tops, midi skirts and a lot of black and white as well.

Fashion Writing professor, Rory McDonough, said, "Fashion is a form of artistic expression." He adores fashion week and looks forward to seeing the trends in regular stores.

These top designers sell most of their merchandise to regular stores such as Top Shop, Zara, and Forever 21. They offer the same style at a more affordable price.

Farmingdale State has a fashion writing class that teaches students about fashion week all around the world. It is a practical class to learn not only about the fashion industry but also about fashion writing. This class makes students more aware of the many aspects of the cutthroat fashion industry. Let's see how this year's fashion week affects our students.



Student, Taylor Gerkin, dressed for scholastic success this fall semester.

Study Abroad: Florence, Italy

By Desirie Skeete

Landing in Florence, Italy, gave me a feeling of joy. The sky was a clear blue and the air was warm and inviting. I caught a cab to Florence University of Arts. It was then that it hit me that I was entering a brand new experience in my life, and I was overjoyed to navigate the city independently. The streets were narrow and filled with people with rebellious attitudes. The city of Florence is made up of proud people.

Prior to going to Italy, I launched a streetwear clothing line, Dollface Rebel. The rebellious attitude of the city inspired me creatively. The people of Florence view themselves with prestige because their city is home to some of the best architecture and artists in the world. The Italian Renaissance is a fundamental part of history around the world and has shaped the culture and livelihood of the natives.

I was able to network with people, some who didn't speak English; however, we found ways to communicate. They were extremely supportive of my brand, by following me on Instagram (@dollfacerebel), giving me positive feedback on my website (www.dollfacerebel.com), and even taking pictures with me around the city to promote the brand.

Joe Flores, also a study abroad student from Farmingdale, was studying photography through the program. We became great friends,



Desirie Skeete modeling Dollface Rebel in a Marilyn Monroe crop top in front of the Duomo Doors in Florence, Italy. Photo by Joe Flores.

and he too invested his energy and shared his creative skills in capturing the brand in Italy.

Charlotte Bush, Michelle Lent, and Myra Andrews were among my seven roommates. Together we explored the city of Florence and created lasting memories. Bush, a senior at Farmingdale, said, "Italy was such an amazing experience for me. During the week I took an art history class with Farmingdale professor Thomas Germano, and was able to see and learn about all the art and architecture that I wouldn't have known about if I had gone on my own."

Andrews said the trip changed her. "Being in another country without my family and my

boyfriend forced me to humble myself. These people who traveled the same great distance were the only people I had."

The learning experience was priceless, planning ahead can make for a smoother trip.

"You must know at least the basic of Spanish or Italian to get through the day for purchasing and asking for directions. Always make sure you bring cash and two credit cards, just in case a card gets stolen or eaten by an ATM machine because it happened to me. If you do go abroad, definitely take advantage of your trip and visit other places on the weekends. It will be worth your while," said sophomore Lent.

Differences Among the Dorms

By Palma Palacio

Freshmen resident students have expressed disappointment in the past because of the living conditions on campus. Regardless of the obvious structural differences among the three existing residence halls on campus, only freshmen are allowed to live in Dewey Hall, the oldest residence hall.

Across from Dewey Hall, there is Orchard Hall, the biggest residence hall, which was built in 2005. Finally, there is Alumni Hall, a building of all single rooms and the smallest of the three.

Liberal arts major, Adam Franco, has spent his freshman year in Orchard and is pleased with the ambience. "Although I would probably have more friends by now, I will settle for comfort," said Franco.

Like many other applicants, Franco was on a waiting list and was expecting to move into Dewey Hall, but once classes started, the building had no vacant rooms left. He said he is glad to live in a modern building with more privacy.



Juana Mercedes, Joan Reyes, Mercy Cleto and Wanger Cepeda, residents of Orchard Hall

Dewey Hall is a four-floor building with communal bathrooms and double rooms; The building has approximately 155 rooms, with a lounge on each floor and pool tables on the first floor.

Justina Geremia, the Residence Hall Director, said the freshman experience is far more fulfilling when living in a freshmen building such as Dewey Hall. "Freshmen are usually more open, compared to upperclassmen. That's why we have Dewey Hall as a core building, and we are hoping for the rehabilitation of Lehman Hall so that there are no freshmen in Orchard Hall," said Geremia.

"We are expecting \$15 million dollars for the renewal of Lehman Hall," said Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Tom Corti. Corti is aware of the issues with Dewey. "We are working on the upgrade of the electricity in Dewey, as well as the sprinklers."

Social Sprinkles

By Christopher Healy



The American Student Hygienists Association hands out free toothbrushes

Relevance and Application of E-Cigarette Legislation

By Joseph Greges

In April 2013, Farmingdale State added electronic-cigarettes to their smoking ban in an effort to create a smoke-free campus.

It isn't hard to find a smoker on campus, electronic-cigarette users however are a little

more inconspicuous with their habit. Andrew Kushner is a casual smoker and e-cig user. "I don't see it being a problem," said Kushner, "As long as you're not using them while in class."

Joe Fonteboa, a smoker, had the same idea. He is against the schools smoking policy, and said there was no reason for it. "Maybe not in class," said Fonteboa. "As long as it's not harmful."

A problem that the FDA faces is their lack of knowledge on e-cigs. But the main concern is whether electronic-cigarettes should be held to the same standard as cigarettes. "I'd like to say 'yes,' but I don't know enough," said Fonteboa.

Anthony Disalro, a non-smoker, said e-cigs should be held to the same standard. "The professionals can't even agree," said Disalro. "I would treat it with just as much caution."

There is not enough "official" information to be sure of the harm of electronic cigarettes. Even if e-cigs are the lesser of two evils, it would seem that they are a risk that Farmingdale is not willing to take.



Nicholas Semelok smoking an e-cig.

Farmingdale State College held its first ever Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, September 16 behind the Campus Center. The event, which showcased a variety of clubs including Golden Key International Honor Society, the Ski and Snowboard Club, Earth Matters Club, and many others.

They all showed up to raise awareness for their respective clubs. The event also included two fraternities, all of which are currently gaining members. Along with the clubs, Ram Radio was also present, giving the event a friendly ambience for students to mingle.

"The school has so many clubs and organizations. Knowing that I represent multiple ones makes me feel like I'm really taking advantage of the opportunities on campus," said Oluwaseyi Joseph, a third year Professional Communications major.

The American Student Hygienists Association was also present, offering an all-encompassing list of services open to the public as well as faculty and students. While these services are available to the public for a nominal fee, students and faculty receive many procedures free, including, but not limited to, check-ups, and panoramic x-rays. The Dental Hygiene Care Center is located in Gleeson Hall, room 208.

There was a large turnout, as the line to get ice cream always seemed to be mobbed. Social interaction is something that shouldn't be overlooked, especially in today's technologically savvy world.

The ability to "friend" someone on Facebook, is insignificant next to the ability to approach that same person in the real world, and spark up a conversation. That is, at its core, what these events aim to do: bring people together in such a way that removes the digital veil in which we have shrouded ourselves and raise awareness of our schools plethora of clubs and organizations.



Students line up to enjoy free ice cream.

FSC Greek Life Expands

By Eliana Artiaga

Farmingdale State College welcomes a new sorority on campus, Phi Sigma Sigma, the second to begin a chapter on this campus since Sigma Delta Tau in fall 2012. For a year Phi Sigma Sigma has been making beginning steps on campus. Now it's time to recruit members.

Founded in 1913 in New York City, Phi Sigma Sigma is internationally recognized as a progressive and successful organization. It was the first collegiate nonsectarian sorority to allow membership of women of all faiths and backgrounds.

Their phrase, "Aim High," means always to do your best and succeed in everything you do. Ashley Gangi, a 23-year-old Phi Sig Alumna, is the Phi Sig consultant for the school and has been meeting with women who are interested in joining.

"I'm really trying to instill the idea of Greek unity. This campus is primarily a commuter school and the current lifestyle is to go to class then immediately leave" said Gangi.

Any rumors about SDT (sigma Delta Tau) and Phi Sig having any competition aren't true at all, President and founding member of SDT Kayla Darienzo laughed at the thought of any competition between organizations.

"I feel expanding is great here in FSC, makes the school and students more of a reason to stay here and love their four years," said 21-year-old science technology and society major Kayla Darienzo. Many students heard about the upcoming sorority and were very pleased and excited.

"We have more of an option here, not one sorority or fraternity is right for everyone so it's nice to have options," said Wendy Reyes a 19-year-old sophomore studying Psychology. PSS will be starting their Rush week in early October 2014.



Artist Wendy Kempler with students at her gallery opening.

Sculptor Creates Ram for Campus

By Danyal Cheema

Wendy Klemperer is an artist and sculptor is adding artwork to campus.

She was chosen by the FSC graduating class of 2014 to create a sculpture of a ram, the school's mascot. It is expected to be completed and standing in front of the Campus Center

Before graduation of last year, the student government had to choose one of three artists to display artwork as a gift from the graduating class. "Wendy was chosen by the student government because her work is so unique," said Philip Simone, gallery director and professor of graphic arts.

"Unique" is a term that can best describe Klemperer's work. Although she graduated from Harvard University as a Biochemistry major, she decided to become a professional artist and has been producing various works of art through the use of mediums such as paints, bronze, recycled materials, wax and scrap-metals for over 30 years.

Klemperer attributes her abilities as an artist mainly to her work ethic and stresses the importance of hard work in order to be successful. "My advice for young artists is to work hard and to believe in yourself even in doubt—and to marry rich," she said with a smile.

Although the ram sculpture will not be completed until late October, Klemperer's sculptures of elk are standing in front of Hale Hall and have made a big impression.

On September 23, there was a gallery displaying Klemperer's work. "She uses mediums most people wouldn't even think of using," said Alicia Page, a graphics design major, while photographing Klemperer's work.

Klemperer has travelled to over 30 different states and to China to create sculptures. Her latest work of art will be on display in front of the Campus Center.

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Losing Loved Ones But Not the Laughter

By Adam J. Mancuso

People come and people go but never will both Robin Williams and Joan Rivers truly leave the hearts of Americans. The world lost the Mrs. Doubtfire star from a suicide in August and the lady who captained the "Fashion



Joan Rivers performing on stage in 2009.

Police" from a routine procedure gone wrong in September. Many people mourned the loss of these two talented individuals.

"The more I read his [Robin's] IMDB page, the more upset I got because I never realized that he starred in so many movies from my childhood," said Christopher Petty, Improv Plus Audience (I.P.A.), improv comedy performer, and dramaturgist.

This loss of childhood seems to have also affected more than just fellow performers. "Robin was a good actor and was in a lot of films I watched as a kid; Peter Pan [Hook] and Aladdin," said Kenny Velez, a sophomore.

Joan Rivers wasn't just a comedian, she was a standard bearer for all comedienne. When she stood in front of audiences, she was representing all the women behind the microphone. Her pioneering efforts are just one of the many reasons why she will be sorely missed. "She paved the way for a lot of female

comedians," said Kimberly Dijkstra, a senior.

Society, as a whole, seeks out comedy through all forms of media. "This exposure has made many people feel closer to celebrities,"



December 19, 2003. Robin Williams entertaining at a USO event. His shirt reads: "I (heart) New York" in Arabic.

said Dr. Angela Jones, assistant professor of sociology. Thanks to this digital connection, fans across the world can share a stronger bond with celebrities or comedians like Rivers and Williams. "Both were engaged in 'emotional labor' [they] were successful at making people laugh, and thus feel happy."

With such an investment in these two beloved individuals, America was forced to say goodbye to the people who made "Nan-nanu" and "Can we talk?" so famous. Though there was a brief hush over the crowd after their final curtain call, there will always be riotous laughter whenever reruns of their stand-up specials air on television.

Cheers for Change

By Steve Gerdick

The recent decision of taking the title of "dry campus" away from Farmingdale has students jumping for joy. Now students at least 21 years old are permitted to drink on campus.

The college also has bigger things in its plans. Along with all the improvements around campus, Farmingdale may put a bar in the student center. While this may improve the social life of a generally commuting student body, some concerns have been raised.

Since most students commute to campus, drinking and driving has the potential to be a big problem. "Most students on campus are commuters so it would increase the chance of accidents from drunk driving," said Matt Biancamano, a 19-year-old sophomore.

Some students don't believe it will be a concern if they are responsible in regard to their drinking habits. "People can use younger friends as designated drivers, call taxis, and maybe it would attract people to dorm more," said Taylor Tedeschi, a professional communications major.

Additionally, many believe it will be great for the social life of the campus. "A bar can unite the student body because it creates a place for students to socialize and have fun together," said Colin Davis, a 21-year-old senior at Farmingdale. "I would absolutely take advantage of having a bar on campus. I think it's a great idea and both students and faculty could benefit from it."

Farmingdale State College had a bar on campus called the Ram's Den until the early 80's, but when the drinking age changed to 21, so did the campus rules. Now, students may be in for a blast from the past.

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Par for the Course

By Vincent Valela

The golf team is looking to add another conference championship to the banners

Head coach Tom Azzura is no stranger to winning the Skyline Conference as the team has won the past six years. He is assisted by two great coaches; Ryan Williams, who is also the sports information assistant, and Mike Montagnino, who is a PGA professional. These three coaches make it a great time for the golfers.

Their wins do stack up, however, that is just one of their teams goal. "I want the guys to come here and continue to get better, enjoy playing on the team and do well academically," said Tom Azzura.

This is an elite program in which students carry themselves well on and off the course. "I want my players to grow as people and do well in the classroom, winning is a bonus to us," said Azzura.

Three players to watch this year are junior Scott Sessions, senior Matt Pollock, and sophomore Andrew Goldman.

Sessions is a very good player who is improving this year. This will be his third year playing in nationals, and he is definitely prepared along with this team. "We will absolutely be better this year," said Sessions.

Pollock is a superb golfer as well as a student. He has been nominated as the Skyline Conference Scholar Athlete two years in a row. "I take a lot of night classes, and am always prepared with my work and studying, while practicing at least two hours a day," said Pollock.

Andrew Goldman will be returning to nationals this year as well for the second straight year. "I'm excited to go back and try to win, while having another year of experience on the same course will be a plus," said Goldman.



Golfer Scott Sessions takes a swing.

The Work of Student Athletes

By Thomas Hatzinger



Ram's womens soccer team is fit and doing great this season, #24 Brianne Borthwick and #6 Samantha Kender.

Collegiate athletes are often judged on their performances in their respected sports. What people don't realize is all the work and time management that athletes must put in when they're not playing their games.

Athletes are working on their sport year round, committing most of their time to the sport that they love to play. They sacrifice a lot of time, as most begin training at least two months before their season starts. In addition to their sport, these athletes have jobs and schoolwork.

Some athletes prefer cross-training. "My favorite activity to stay in shape with is boxing. By far the hardest workout I've done," said Cecere.

Even though the basketball season doesn't start until November, workouts start early in September. "Each one of us is in the weight room either before or after class working to prepare our body for the season," said Greg Cecere, a freshman on the basketball team. Starting with workouts in September, and playing through the winter until February or March, the basketball team is active for almost the year.

Tennis follows the opposite schedule. Tennis plays in the fall and in the spring. Their only time off is November to January. With two seasons within one year players need to stay in shape. "I give them a conditioning program to follow," said tennis coach Adam Waterhouse.

The offseason isn't time off for these athletes, since they are consistently working to get better.

"In January and February, we are in the gym at 5 a.m. every morning, lifting, running, practicing, making sure no opponent is stronger, and faster than us," said senior pitcher Chris Dragone of the baseball team.

After the season athletes still need to find ways to become better. "In the off season, you must run every day with a weight lifting program, and make sure you diet and stay healthy," said Dragone.

With workouts and practice throughout the year, it can be difficult to have free time to do other activities. School is often overlooked in an athlete's schedule. Many athletes do have jobs, but it is tough to work in season. "Most of our players have jobs, but many players cut back their work hours during the season," said Waterhouse.

"I work full-time up until about February and we start preseason," said Taylor Webb, a junior on the softball team. Webb works full-time through the entire fall of player-organized workouts, which prepares for the upcoming season.

With their training, practices, jobs, and schoolwork, the collegiate athlete has a full schedule. There is much more to being an athlete than only their performance in the games. Time management seems to be the important factor in being an athlete at Farmingdale State College.