On October 5 in Loft Lounge there was a candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of Dominic Murray, FSC student who died last year. There was an incredible turnout, flocks of people came along with their candles to support his mother, Mrs. Murray, and to remember her son. "The candle light brought together friends who shared lasting memories with Dominic," said Mrs. Murray. "Laughter, life, and his last breath. They gathered on the night he passed to breathe life into his legacy. I carry Dom’s heart in my heart everyday, and I’m not alone because they love him too."

A year ago, student Dominic Murray collapsed on the basketball court of Nold Hall during open gym. Murray, 17, was rushed to the hospital later that night and was pronounced dead due to a sudden cardiac arrest, which is the leading cause of death in young athletes. Unfortunately, his fellow basketball teammates and a few of his classmates witnessed the devastating tragedy.

This past summer, Farmingdale State College hosted the official launch of the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation, Inc.’s “Season For Legacy and Hope” Foundation Launch and Fund-raising campaign in his honor. The College, along with St. Francis Medical Center, supports this foundation in full partnership.

President Keen shared some words along with guest speakers Dr. Sean Levchuck, board chairman at St. Francis hospital, Jeff Ruland, former All-American NBA player, and Assemblyman Jeffrion L. Aubry. A video was played; refreshments were served, and, later, the candle lighting ceremony was held. “We each expressed our love for Dom in our own way, and when we can come together to show him, that’s when it becomes more then words,” said close family friend and student Miata Iman.

“Let the Indoor Center be a place that will inspire students to come together. Let it be a place of love and support.”

Mrs. Murray, a widow, lost both her husband and son to heart problems and has been dedicated to keeping Dominic’s legacy alive.
GREEN THEN GREEN NOW

By Jessica Aime

In anticipation of building the new student center, fifteen maple trees growing outside of Horton Hall were transplanted behind Orchard Hall along side Melville Road.

“I’m very happy that President Keen chose to move the trees to another area on campus. We have a motto: green then green now,” said Kathy Coley, Director of Communications. “We started in 1912 as an agricultural college and we want to keep the sense on this campus.”

A huge, tulip shaped, machine by the name of Moby Dick, opened up and surrounded each tree, closing down on theirs roots and surfaced each tree to the top. Orchard Hall seemed very bare and open. These trees are expected to offer security and elegance to Farmingdale’s campus.

The trees were moved in order to allow the new construction for the upcoming student center. “It was unfortunate that we had to alter the landscape but we preserved as much as we could,” said President Keen, who was very eager about the new center.

A new 50,000 square foot Campus Center will be opening in 2012. This will be the first new building on campus since 1983 and will include a new dining facility, the campus bookstore and a multipurpose room for lectures and special events. This room will have a seating capacity for 400 people, and the dining room will have a capacity of 220.

Students will also be able to relax in the new student lounge. A major focal point of this building will be the rounded skylight which will create a bright and inviting atmosphere for students.

Parking Permit Issues Continue On Campus

By Mark Sheiman

Farmingdale State College has instituted a new policy for obtaining a parking permit that has left some students perplexed.

“Regardless of the ownership of the vehicle, all staff and students who drive on campus must register their vehicles with the campus business office. Official college identification decals will be issued for the current academic year or summer session upon payment of a fee approved by the chancellor or (his) designee,” according to Part 569.3, Registration of the Farmingdale State College Campus Guidelines. The guidelines are signed by students during orientation at Farmingdale State College.

This year, in the fall 2010 Semester, the way to go about registering your motor vehicle on campus has changed from past years. In the past students went to the campus police station and fill out a form to receive a registration sticker on the spot. Starting in the fall 2010 Semester, students must register their motor vehicle on the school Web site under the parking section for a fee of $30.

Student Fred Bauer said he had a difficult time acquiring a sticker online because it states on the Farmingdale Web site, “Sticker Still valid,” Thus making him unable to purchase a new one for the current term.

Bauer then went to the campus police station to inquire about his problem where he was told to print out the page that said he had a valid sticker and then he would be able to purchase a new sticker through the campus police.

“This process was just made so difficult now this year. I have to go so far out of my way just so I won’t get a ticket for parking at a school I pay to attend,” said Bauer.

A transfer student Faye Kudisch had a much better experience with the new process. “I haven’t even been to the campus yet and I received a sticker in the mail just by filling out my car’s information online and received the sticker in the mail within a week,” said Kudisch. This was surprisingly easy for her as a new incoming student to the college.

According to the billing department in the Registrars Office, located in Laffin Hall, students seemed to have multiple issues with obtaining parking stickers.

“The majority of problems were with returning students who tried to get their stickers before the first day of school,” said an employee.

Another issue was that new students weren’t aware that you cannot pay for the sticker with a credit card at the campus police station. However, the Billing Department said, “Since this was the first year to purchase parking stickers online it was expected to have some minor problems.”
Fill It In, We Need More Gym

By Tom Monaghan

The year 1972 was a year of rock music, freedom, hippies, and also the addition of a brand new pool at Farmingdale State College. Now, 38 years later, the pool is run down, needs repairs, and is going to be removed.

Over the years the pool has not had much activity. There was never an official swim team or official swim club established at the pool, and it seems as though the only full use of the pool has been through numerous private swim clubs or local high schools. As a result of this inactivity, the pool is scheduled to be taken out of commission sometime during late 2011.

The student body as a whole has been uninterested in the pool and would like something else to be done. This led to the decision that a new recreation center will be installed in its place. The new recreational gymnasium will offer new activities to be played at students' leisure, whenever and with whomever they want. Some activities that will be offered in the recreational gym are basketball and volleyball.

The construction will begin at the end of 2011 and will continue for 18 months. The outside parties that do make use of the campus pool are not too happy with the idea.

"Our primary mission is to serve the best interest of the students," said President Hubert Keen of Farmingdale State College. The students have indicated that they would like more room for intramural activities, which the complex will allow."

Unfortunately for schools like West Babylon that were dependent on Farmingdale State College for practice, there are no swimming alternatives on campus. But there are numerous pools in the area.

"The only thing the team would have to do is to locate another pool to practice," said Terri Rizzi, a student whose daughter uses the pool for her swim team. "I know Lindenhurst and Brentwood both have pools, so perhaps the team could practice there."

They have also considered Timberline pool, Dix Hills pool, and North Lindenhurst pool are available with membership.

Kathy Coley, Director of Communications at Farmingdale State, talked about what students who use the pool for physical activity will do when it is gone. "I apologize for the inconvenience and I want our students to be healthy."
New York Times Helps Open Up the Classroom

By Kelia Remsen

On October 12 The New York Times gave a presentation in the University Club. The club in Knapp Hall was filled with over 20 faculty including Dr. Deitsch, who helped put the event together. The room was buzzing as people shook hands, socialized, and waited for the event to start.

Praveen Chaudhry, professor of Political Science at the Fashion Institute of Technology came to Farmingdale State in order to give the faculty insight into how The New York Times has influenced his style of teaching and has helped his students in his political science classes. He praised using The New York Times in his classroom. He believes that using this paper benefits students and can benefit the school as a whole.

Print as well as online copies of the times are used in the classroom. “I am a traditional professor. I prefer hardcopy. I personally feel there is a strong connection between hardcopy and students,” said Dr. Chaudhry. Debates often start up and many different viewpoints are brought to the forefront of each class every day.

In his online class, he uses Angel to connect with students and send articles pertaining to the discussion for a particular class, as well as the message boards to discuss the most pressing stories that The new York Times has to offer. “Participation in forums is regarded as class participation.” Students must create thoughtful questions on topics that are being discussed. Mindless chatter in the forum is usually ignored in favor of more intelligent response. “Chat speak is usually ignored. If the forum answer has no base, then it goes unanswered,” said Dr. Chaudhry.

The New York Times is not the only newspaper that gets its share of the limelight. Students are often encouraged to bring in rival newspapers to challenge what The New York Times says and to offer up a differing opinions. “Students bring in rival newspapers a lot,” says Dr. Chaudhry. This helps to keep discussions fresh in the classroom and online. This also helps students stay up to date on what is happening all around the world.

Rounding off the end of the speech was Mr. Walter Barleycorn, educational manager of The New York Times. Although his speech was short, it was to the point. He talked about all the benefits that the current New York Times as well as the archives can provide students. Overall, the audience reacted positively to the presentation, but it is unknown whether this method of teaching will be regularly used in the classroom in the future.

Sex Awareness Week at FSC

By Nyasia Draper

October 4, 2010 was the day “Sex Awareness Week” began at Farmingdale State College. It was hosted by the Inter-Dormitory Council (IDC), an organization that manages the wants and needs of students who dorm on campus. The week featured events that informed students about sex through reliable sources and games that made the taboo topic easy to talk about.

“Sex Awareness Week” was valuable to students who attended the various events, which included Sex Jeopardy, Love Factor, Sex Signals, and a pajama party. “Sex is good, so awareness would be even better,” said Bobby Odugbesan, who hosted the Love Factor event; an open forum about relationships and how sexual relations affect the nature of relationships. Some students feel that a week just isn’t enough. “It should be increased to two or three times a week because it is very important. They should have a stand giving out condoms to commuters and dorm students and an information stand,” said Sarah Jackson, a freshman here at Farmingdale State College.

Statistics show that 56 percent of college students are sexually active. During “Sex Awareness Week,” students were informed about the statistics of college students like themselves who have been affected by their choice to become sexually active. Condoms were handed out after sexually transmitted diseases, infections, and emotional hardships were explained and examined. Senior Carlan Martin said “Sex Awareness Week was very informative and the message was very positive. They were handing out condoms which basically means to practice safe sex.”

Sex Awareness Week didn’t only inform students of the facts behind becoming sexually active, but it also informed them of the importance of protecting themselves. Sex is a very serious topic, but the Inter-Dormitory Council provided a calm, fun-filled informative environment, rewarding the success of the previous events with a pajama party for all students to enjoy.

“ I had maybe too much fun. I enjoyed myself,” said Martin smiling.
New Team, Same Philosophy

By Annie Greco

Many are speculating that because Farmingdale State lost its star player, Kim Blakney, the women’s basketball team will not be able to recover quickly enough in order to hold their title of Skyline Conference Champions. Blakney, along with three other senior starters, graduated from Farmingdale after carrying their team to the championship and finishing with a 22-1 record for the year.

The Rams made it to the Skyline Championships seven years in a row, each time losing to Mount St. Mary’s in the final game. Last year all that changed, and the Rams beat Mount St. Mary’s in the final game 67-58.

Janel Monah, the senior on the team this year is looking forward to a successful season. She said with Blakney gone, she will step up and help bring the girls to the championship. She remembers how awesome it felt after carrying their team to the Division III NCAA Championship.

Sophomore guard Wade Cress is ready to bring the Rams back to the Division III NCAA Championship.

Taking It to the Hoop

By Nicholas Berrios

After losing in the first round of the Skyline Tournament to Maritime College in the 2009-2010 Men’s Basketball season, Rams fans began to wonder what would be in store for the team during the 2010-2011 season.

In the 2009-2010 season, the Men’s Basketball Team finished with a 13-13 record. In addition, the Rams failed to advance to the Men’s Division III NCAA Tournament.

In the prior 2008-2009 season, the team lost to Saint Joseph’s College in the Skyline Conference Finals, but with the top record in the conference (26-4), they were still able to earn a spot in the tournament. Once there, the Rams advanced all the way to the Elite Eight. It was there that they were eliminated by Richard Stockton College by a score of 103-60.

The players have identified the cause for the disappointing season last year. Senior guard Luis Charles of Brooklyn said, “We could have worked a lot harder.” Teammate Sophomore guard Wade Cress of Staten Island agreed but added they need to work as a team. “There was a whole bunch of selfishness and a whole lot of finger-pointing, and because of that, a lot of people started to quit the team during the season,” said Cress.

With the lack of unity amongst the team, many players on the team began to quit mentally and literally. The sudden death of freshman Guard Dominic Murray also was a major factor.

Murray died at the age of 17 on the basketball court due to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), which has taken the lives of many young athletes in America. His death not only left players heartbroken, but also out of sync to start the season.

In regard to some improvements made this season, sophomore guard Ricco Oliver of Brooklyn said, “We have more big men to switch off on the forward and center positions. And not only that, we made it an effort to build the team around a more family environment.”

Last season, the Rams were predominantly a guard and forward orientated team. After having a great number of players depart during the season, the center position was covered by Shahee Martin, who is 6’5”. The lack of height also proved to hurt the team during games.

There are some improvements in the future including a new basketball court. Luis Charles said, “May 2012, is when the renovations for the new court and facility will begin.”

Replacing the rubber court with a hardwood floor will be nice but, the team knows what they have to do. “It’s not going to make a difference, a court is a court,” said Wade. “It just depends on how much work you put on the court that helps you win.”

With the new season less than two months away, the Rams not only look to rebuild from scratch, but they also look to regain their title as Skyline Champs and make their way back to the promised land: the NCAA Tournament.

The Rams open up their season on November 13 in an exhibition game against Hofstra, and their regular season opener is at the Hampden-Sydney Tip-off tournament on November 19.
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