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Blowing Smoke on Campus

By Thomas Klos

Sophomore Christine Merrill, with the most assists of any player on the Farmingdale Women’s Soccer Team, was named Player of the Year at the Skyline Conference. “Christine Merrill is such a great player because of her dedication and extreme work ethic. She is one of the hardest working kids I have ever seen,” said Chris Roche, coach of the Women’s Soccer Team.

Merrill started playing soccer when she was 5 years old and hasn’t stopped yet. “The hardest part of soccer is all the running that is required,” said Merrill. Her hard work is paying off. Merrill led the team in points with 29 and 13 assists in a single game. She is ranked 11th in the nation in assists and 23rd in Division III.

“Christine Merrill is one of the fittest players and goes above and beyond in every game,” said Coach Roche. “I see her being the most challenging player and being Player of the Year at least one or two more times.”

Carly Schneider, sophomore and forward for the team, is proud of this being the fourth year in a row that the Farmingdale Soccer Team has won the Skyline Conference and attended the NCAA Soccer Championships.

“Christina is an awesome player and the fastest on the team,” said Schneider. She makes amazing shots during our games.”

Both Merrill and Schneider agree that Johns Hopkins is one of the most difficult teams to beat but staying focused helped Farmingdale beat this tough team. The team looks forward to the next season and hope to win the NCAA Championship in 2011.

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Bowl-O-Rama

By Mark Lanz

On Friday, November 19, Farmingdale State College’s Campus Activities Board held a bowling night at the 300 Lanes in Melville. For two hours, from 7 to 9 p.m., students enjoyed reduced price shoe rentals as well as reduced price games.

Although the turnout wasn’t exactly large, the 20 plus students who did attend enjoyed an amazing atmosphere that featured black light and glow-in-the-dark bowling lanes. A 15-foot wide high definition television along with loud DJ music also set the scene for the evening.

Students from all walks of life attended CAB’s bowling night. Senior LeRon Jackson brought his two young kids, ages 2 and 4, to enjoy the night with him. Jackson said, “I’ve been bowling since I was a kid; it’s only right if I introduce the kids to it.” Jackson’s children seemed to enjoy the night more than he was. “It’s mostly for them tonight. But if the bumpers were down, I’d show my skills.”

It just goes to show that bowling is an enjoyable game for singles and also a wonderful family activity. Other students were more serious about the game itself.

Farmingdale junior Mike Livote came with his game face on, prepared for a good night of bowling. He bowled a 141 and then a 182 in his fourth game, which is an all-time high score for him. “I bowled a horrible first two games. I can’t believe how good I was after that. I think I’m going to stay and bowl a few more games because I’m on a roll right now,” said Livote.

Freshman Anthony Gonzalez had a bit rougher night. He didn’t want to give his score out, but appropriately, said, “It’s the fun that counts, not the score. I guess bowling is just not my thing.” Gonzalez was adamant that next time, he’ll bowl better. “I’m kind of looking for a hobby, so hopefully I bowl better next time.”

As the night ended, some students stayed later after the campus activities ended. Everyone had a good time who attended Campus Bowling Night. With bowling’s popularity on the rise, it can be up anyone’s alley.

Farmingdale Goes Online

By Steven O’Brien

With Facebook and texting fast becoming the dominant form of modern communication, Farmingdale State College is wholeheartedly embracing these methods as a means of communicating with its students.

The SUNY Alert System is a free SUNY-wide system that allows the school to text students’ valuable information about what is happening on campus that day. Patrick Calabria, the Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Farmingdale, said, “Students can register for the SUNY alert system, and it’s a very effective way to communicate with students via text message about things like weather advisories, emergencies on campus, delays, and class cancellations.”

Calabria said, “If texting is what the students are using to communicate with each other, than that is what you should use.”

Besides the SUNY alert system and the now commonplace student email systems, Farmingdale also uses one of the most widely used social networking tools available today, Facebook.

The Farmingdale State College Facebook page is a virtually uncensored free-flowing student community that student can use to communicate with each other. “Rather than as a billboard for the school, we use it to create a dialogue between students and prospective students. Students can and have posted things like “looking for chemistry 101 book” or “starting this semester, looking for roommate,” said Calabria.

Unlike other school social networking pages, the Farmingdale page is as close to unmediated as you can get. “Whatever students will say students will say, and we don’t censor it,” said Calabria.

Amy Michelin, Communications and Event Associate, is spearheading the Farmingdale Facebook page. “We would only delete messages if they are found to be offensive to a lot of people and so far have had to. We also only delete posts that are spam or viruses,” she said.

Ironically, most students are completely unaware of the schools Facebook page. Bob Coe, a freshman, said, “I didn’t even know the school had a Facebook page.” While Tina Alonso, a senior, said, “I didn’t even know it existed.”

With this open-minded attitude towards student-to-student and school-to-student communication, Michelin said, “It is for our students to create a community. It gives them the opportunity to have a voice and interact.”

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New Vice President of Student Affairs

By Brian Hamid

FSC’s new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas Corti, has hit the ground running since his arrival in August of this year. Most notably, he has been busy coordinating the construction of the new student center, as most have noticed the hazard signs and caution tape around campus.

Another endeavor may include the construction of new apartments on campus, pending state funding. Campus housing is just one of the tasks that falls under the umbrella of Corti’s responsibilities. Corti is in charge of campus housing, student activities, student government, the office of the Dean of Students, the Career and Disability Centers, the Health/Wellness Center, the Tutoring Center, the Counseling Center, and new Veteran Affairs.

Although this collection of duties may seem daunting, Corti takes a very practical approach to his job. He contends that his main focus is to “show people the value and purpose of student affairs.”

Of his toughest responsibility, he said, “On a day to day basis it’s situational. I am familiar with this format, my most important focus is to educate people.”

“I have always felt a deep commitment to service,” said Corti. Both Corti’s father and grandfather served in the military so it’s only natural that he would feel the need to be of service, not only to his country but in other avenues of life.

Corti served three years active duty and six years in the reserve. During his time in the military he worked as a political analyst. This was back during the Reagan Administration when Saddam Hussein was an ally of the United States. Specifically, he worked intercepting messages sent to Saddam’s regime from Iran.

Corti cited his most memorable moment during his time as an analyst was “at a listening station interrupting signals from all over the world, tapping into a transmission between a NASA space shuttle and ground control,” he said. Then going outside shortly after and seeing the space shuttle streak across the sky.

President Keen boasts that “His greatest asset is bringing extensive experience to a position that has long needed a seasoned student affairs and student personnel administrator.”

Corti has made quite an impression on his colleagues. “Dr. Corti is very outgoing and personable, like a wide open book. You almost feel like you’ve known him for years,” said Corti’s assistant, Christine Dose. Prior to accepting his current position at FSC, Corti has had an extensive career in education from his first job as a residence hall receptionist to his most recent position as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Development at the University of North Carolina, Pembroke.

As far as Corti’s career prospects as an administrator at FSC, he seems very content, in his position. Looking forward to the future, he plans to retire from administration and teach; perhaps, an upper level history or political science course. Having earned his PhD in diplomatic history, Corti said he would like to create a course named “Failure of Intelligence in American History,” and possibly teach it.

Corti also joked that as a potential professor he would harass the administration about holes in the school system.
Hale Hall to Be Reopened for Operation in Summer 2011

By Matt Mergl

Nathan Hale Hall, the historic home of the Bioscience Department, has been undergoing a complete reconstruction that includes a new roof and renovation of interior spaces and mechanical systems. The finished product will make for a more modern looking building, inside and out, and provide more laboratory facilities.

Hale Hall was built in 1967 and was in need of an overhaul. The renovation started in 2005 and will be ready slightly ahead of schedule in the spring with the Bioscience Department moving back, along with the Visual Communications Department in the summer.

“Classroom space is at a premium, so the decision to reconfigure this building for more classroom space and labs is a pretty easy one,” said Kathy Coley, Director of Communications at Farmingdale State College.

Daniel Arcieri, of the Department of Bioscience, who worked in Hale Hall from 1979 to 2005, said, “We moved out of Hale almost 5 years ago for the renovation. It has been difficult being separated and making the most of the temporary labs we inherited. Moving back into new, state-of-the-art laboratories will definitely be more beneficial to the students, and having the faculty and staff in one building will be very helpful.”

“We are spread out amongst five different buildings on campus,” said Bioscience professor Dr. Matthew Bahamonde. “Our offices are in Ward and Memorial, our labs are in Whitman, Gleeson, and Thompson. Being back in Hale Hall will mean having all of this back under one roof.”

Hale Hall will also have labs for conducting research, which will allow students to have internships performing biological research.

“The new labs in Hale are designed for biology and will benefit our students in that they are designed with biological experiments in mind and will have the correct equipment built into them,” said Arcieri.

Bioscience will become a lot more interesting at Farmingdale State College in the upcoming year. Students should be excited to take advantage of this new renovation of Hale Hall.

If You Build It, They Will Come

By Tom Monaghan

Farmingdale State College has made many great improvements in the past few years in their sports department. Much of the work done to the College was completed after the school was transformed from a two year to a four year college in 2000. This change also allowed the school to enter the NCAA as a Division III college.

Over the last four years, the bulk of the construction has been done. “We have put in a new track and turf field complex,” said Tom Azzara, Associate Athletic Director at Farmingdale State. The complex is intended for soccer, track and field, as well as the lacrosse team for practice.

“The new turf field is really nice, but the grass fields still need some work,” said Matt Kirby, a freshman soccer player at Farmingdale this semester.

Along with the work of the turf field, the school has also put in a new baseball stadium, along with lights for games that carry on into the night. As well as the work being completed outside the campus buildings, the college is also doing work on the inside complex of Nold Hall as well.

The pool in Farmingdale’s athletics building, Nold Hall, will be removed sometime in late 2011. “The space where the pool is will be an auxiliary gym for students,” said Deana Ward, Assistant Athletic Director at FSC. The new gym space will give students the opportunity to play intramural games such as basketball and volleyball.

Farmingdale State College still has a few more projects to complete in order to bring the athletic facilities of the school up to date. One of these projects includes new bleachers for the track, soccer, and lacrosse turf field, which will allow for 750 spectators to watch one game at a time.
Saluting Our Veterans

By Mark Sheiman

On a runway at Republic Airport outside the American Air Power Museum on a warm Veterans Day, a 66-year-old iconic symbol of World War II drives down the runway. The only World War II Sherman tank on Long Island comes to a halt in the front of a standing room only crowd. Soon to be put on display at the American Air Power museum, the tank receives a standing ovation and roar of applause from the crowd. “I swear, this tank looks bigger today than it did 66 years ago,” said Hy Horowitz, a driver/gunner of Sherman tanks in the 7th Armored Division in World War II. Horowitz then explains how the Sherman tank was under-gunned, under-armedored, cold in the winter, hot in the summer, and no match for the better equipped German Panzer tanks of the era. However, Horowitz said, “But we had lots of ‘em.”

Guenther Bier, of Hicksville, was a German citizen in Germany when the infamous Sherman tank drove down his street on April 18, 1945, liberating his mother and him from the Nazis. “The last time I saw a Sherman tank this close, it meant peace,” said Bier. Gunter tells a story about a Sherman tank parked just in front of his house. As the first American soldier he has seen hops down from the tank, he asks Gunter if he has any water to spare. He brings the American soldier to the water spiget so he can fill up his canteen, and the soldier thanks Gunter for the water. In attendance were many distinguished officials including New York State Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and Babylon Town Supervisor Steve Bellone.

Senator Fuschillo spoke briefly as a supporter of the American Air Power Museum. “The Sherman tank standing behind us is a reminder of how we fought for democracy,” said Fuschillo. He added that the day was monumental because this brings the first Sherman tank to Long Island in over 20 years.

Lawrence Kadish, is the owner of the tank. He acquired it from overseas to bring it to the United States, in order to put it on display at The Kadish Museum of American Armor. However, the tank will be on display at the American Air Power Museum until further notice.

Habitat for Humanity Club: Collegiate Challenge

By Terri Rizzi

Rather than just partying for Spring Break, the Habitat for Humanity Club will join the Collegiate Challenge and participate for one week in improving the condition of substandard housing in the United States.

“The best part of participating in Habitat with college students is the enormous amount of opportunity and skill that can be learned through giving back to the community,” said Professor Lisa Scholz.

The club is now discussing where the members would like to go for this trip. Suggestions were Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, West Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The majority of Habitat members voted to go to an area in Florida; however, more research is needed before the final destination is chosen.

Professor Lisa Scholz and Dr. Virginia Peterson-Graziose started the club in the fall of 2009. This is the first club for both professors. “I had volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in the past and was surprised to see there was no club on campus,” said Dr. Peterson-Graziose.

All funding for the Habitat for Humanity Club is currently gained through fundraising efforts like cookie sales and Chinese auctions. “Previously, the club asked the Farmingdale Foundation and Student Government to assist with our efforts, but we were denied. But we plan to ask again this year,” said Peterson-Graziose.

If the club cannot raise enough money to go away for the build, it was agreed that they would help support Habitat for Humanity in Suffolk County instead. The consensus was that Saturday is the best day for most members. Professor Scholz will contact the local chapter for available dates for the Spring 2011 semester.

In the spring of 2009, the 15 club members flew to New Orleans to help in the rebuilding of three different homes.

Participants at the build are asked to perform all types of tasks, from sheetrocking and painting to planting trees.

Peterson-Graziose said, “Roofing can be intimidating.” Of course, if roofing isn’t a volunteer’s specialty, Habitat members are assigned tasks that are more within their level of skill. Subject matter experts are always on site, teaching how to get a job done correctly and safely. “We came to the build site with the common goal of building those houses and we truly helped each other along the way,” said Professor Scholz.

“The Habitat for Humanity Club is a great way to get involved and to volunteer within the local community,” said Habitat Club President, Kristy Engelmann.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays in Gleeson Hall at 11 a.m.
With almost half of the venue filled, blank faces stared at the basketball court in Nold Hall on November 9 as Farmingdale State College’s Division III Men’s Basketball Team played a scrimmage against each other in the “Green and White” Game. The home team was represented in white and the guest team was represented by green.

The voices of the players were all that was heard despite the DJ’s effort to get the crowd involved. With a six point lead in the first quarter, the Green team dominates the court with their great sense of communication and strong yet firm coaching from Erik Smiles.

With smooth passes by Shahee Martin, a senior guard standing 6’5”, it was clear that the players’ hard practices may have been paying off. “In today’s game, it’s clear that old players have gotten better. With the right coaching, they’ll get where they need to be,” said Heather Russel, a sophomore at Farmingdale State College who has been attending the Men’s Basketball games regularly for a year.

There has been some new talent on the Men’s Basketball team here at Farmingdale. Talent that students feel may be beneficial to the team as a whole.

Dominick Fils-Aimé said, “I expect the team to do better this year because of the size of the new players and the talent. We have a lot of bigger bodies which means better guards and more rebounds.”

The year’s team has had the pleasure of welcoming forwards Davon Henry (6’9”) and Ahmad McClure (6’7”), among others. Although size seems to matter, according to Fils-Aime, a relatively small player, 6’2” guard Clarence Alonzo, has great handling of the ball as he makes cross-overs, assisting the six point lead at the end of first quarter (38-32). “That guy has skills. Did you see that?” said senior Jefferey Brignol as Alonzo made his mark on the court.

In the end, the home team made a turn around as the crowd remained emotionless. With an ending score of 87-75, the Green team greeted their opponents with respect as they said “good job” and returned to the locker rooms.

“Really don’t have expectations of the team because we have a ton of new people,” said Adetola Osnuga who chose not to go to the game because he felt watching the players have a game amongst themselves was not as exciting as a game

On the other hand, Heather Russel said, “It gives the campus a chance to see their team and see what they are made of beforehand.”

The Farmingdale Women’s Volleyball team hosted a home double header match up against Mount Saint Vincent and Mount Saint Mary. The Rams split their matches.

In their first match up, Farmingdale went head to head against undefeated Mount Saint Vincent (7-0). The Lady Rams took the first two sets (19-25, and 24-26). What appeared to be a sure victory quickly turned into frustration and disappointment. Mount Saint Vincent picked up the intensity with furious spikes and a cunning block defense, and took the next two sets (25-16, 25-17).

After being forced into sudden death, Mount Saint Vincent won the final set (15-8) to remain undefeated. “They came with a sense of urgency and they fed off of it. Their team play and intensity picked up,” said Opposite Hitter (MH) Eboni Harding, after losing the last three straight sets.

In the second match against Mount Saint Mary, the Rams dropped the first set (20-25). “We couldn’t lose back to back games on our home court. We let the first game slip by us. We were hungry for the win,” said Harding. As a result, the Rams were able to regain their focus and won the next three sets (25-20, 25-12, and 25-23) and the match.
Stop and Go Landings

By Carl Oberle

Farmingdale State College offers an array of aviation programs, including professional pilot, aviation administration, airport management, and air cargo management. The one thing that professors emphasize is safety. Ramon Gonzalez, an assistant professor at Farmingdale Aviation for seven years, said, “All accidents are avoidable, safety is no accident and accidents happen.”

On October 17, 2010, there was a thunder in the sky as a small private plane with four best friends fell from the sky shortly after taking off. The single engine 1969 Machete airplane took off from runway 32 at the nearby Republic Airport at approximately 9 a.m. and was airborne for only a few minutes before losing engine power and falling back to the ground.

Controlling the plane with great skill, the pilot, Gus Haluvas, set the plane down as easily as possible onto a local neighborhood street, East Carmans Road, in East Farmingdale. Local firefighters arrived on the scene within minutes because the local Farmingdale Fire Department was only a few blocks away from the crash. The passengers were pulled out of the plane immediately by bystanders because of the fear that the fuel might ignite. They were all rushed to local hospitals to be treated for critical conditions including face lacerations and back injuries.

Passengers William Mancuis and pilot Gus Haluvas were brought to Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow where their conditions are stable. Passenger Charles Bianculli was brought to Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip where he was listed in critical condition. Ed Ceverizzo was rushed to St. Josephs Hospital in Massapequa where he was pronounced dead.

The pilot was known to be practicing stop and go landings the past few times he was flying. Stop and go landings occur when the pilot takes the plane down to the runway as if it were going to land. Just as the wheels meet with the pavement, and it pulls back up, taking the plane back off the runway into the air.

The weight between the cargo, fuel, and passengers can change the way the plane reacts during flight. Flight Instructor Ken Carter said, “You should never do touch and go landings with four people in such a small plane like that.”

Stop and go landings don’t require a lot of altitude. The plane was flying at around 800 to 1000 feet in the air when the engines cut. Paul Mastromano, a student in the Farmingdale School of Aviation, said, “You have to go against your natural instincts of pulling the throttle up because at that altitude and speed, the plane would have just fallen backwards out of the sky.” Pulling up on the throttle would have caused a lot more damage because the plane would have fallen out of the sky backwards onto the tail end of the plane, causing critical damage.

Maurice Elbaz, the Director of Operations at Republic Airport in Farmingdale said, “All pilots should be aware of three things: Aviate, navigate, and communicate.”

This means pilots need to be aware of what is going on with their plane, inside and out at all times, always know where they are and what to do in case of an emergency in the air, and always stay in some kind of contact with the tower.

Flight instructor Dale Mitchell from Farmingdale said, “The pilot did not have enough time to try and restart the engine with an override or turn the plane back to the runway. The altitude was too low; he was committed to use what he had in front of him.”

There is Goose Poop Everywhere!!

By Carl Oberle

There have been numerous complaints from faculty and students about the ubiquitous goose droppings on campus. There is a large population of geese that is leaving its remains on walkways.

“I always have to watch where I’m stepping when I walk across campus to my car. It’s disgusting,” said Mike Martinez, junior at Farmingdale.

Farmingdale State College has taken a new approach to the problem and strategically placed four cutout figures of dogs called silhouettes around campus and near the police station to scare away the geese.

The silhouettes are over two feet tall and three feet wide and resemble a German Shepherd. They are anchored to the lawn with a stake and the force of the wind spins the figures. The exact price of the cutout dogs was not given, Police Chief Marvin Fischer purchased them about three years ago and does not recall the price.

Despite Farmingdale’s solution to the problem, goose droppings continue to appear. The geese seem be unaffected by the dog silhouettes and just walk right next to them.

“I feel the dogs are an ineffective solution to the problem,” said Dr. Tom Corti, Vice President of Student Affairs.

The problem is worse on the far side of campus near the police station. Many students have reported seeing large groups of geese feeding on the grass and leaving behind their excrement for victims to step in. Since the original four cutouts were placed by the police station the college has not added any new ones. The college wants to see how they work before they spend money to place them elsewhere.

“They were placed about three years ago,” said Fischer. “They deter a lot of the geese but not all of them. Nothing is perfect.”

“If you watch the geese, you can see they just walk around the cut-outs like their not even there. The campus should come up with another solution,” said Nicole DiGennaro.

Many students have said the campus should put real dogs on campus to deter the geese. However, the campus has not yet taken any additional action for another solution.
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