A Fundraiser of Awareness for Dominic Murray

By Michelle Kelly

A fundraiser was held by the mother of the freshman Dominic Murray who collapsed and died on the Farmingdale State College basketball court back in October 2009, during a pickup game at age 17. Murray suffered from sudden cardiac arrest, a disease his father also died from four years prior to Dominic’s collapse.

Murray has been remembered by his friends and family through a fundraiser basketball game at least once a year at FSC ever since. Melinda Murray, Dominic’s mother, and the founder of the DOM HEART 21 Foundation said through the fundraiser her son will live on.

“With every person we get certified for CPR and AED, that gives my son’s heart another beat,” said Murray. The foundation raises money for a scholarship in remembrance of her son, for AED’s to be accessible throughout college campuses, and for AED and CPR certification classes to be readily available through St. Francis Hospital. Her goal is to certify 2,100 people, which symbolizes his sports number since childhood.

Murray’s family and teammates believe that it is important for all players on any sports team to be tested for heart disease or malfunctions through both EKGs and stress tests every year. Terrence Howard, a 22-year-old FSC graduate who was also Murray’s cousin, said, “So many people pass away from this and no one even realizes it. We have to be fair and give everyone a chance to get tested.” Howard also suffered some heart problems and it was threatened that he could not play in his last senior game. He passed his EKG, however, and was allowed to play in memory of his cousin.

“I just miss him so much,” said Howard. “Wherever I was, Dom was.”

During Sudden Cardiac Arrest, the first 3-5 minutes is crucial in saving the victim’s life. FSC has taken the step of placing AED signs around campus to indicate where the AED devices are located.

Some FSC basketball players have also been AED and CPR certified through the DOM HEART 21 Foundation.

Christian Nunez, a 19-year-old sophomore who was a close friend of Murray’s, stressed the importance of the certification.

“We need to prevent this from happening again,” said Nunez. “It is too easy to prevent.” The Farmingdale Rams defeated the Old Westbury Panthers 87-70 in this year’s fundraiser game on Tuesday, February 8. “We just play hard for him and we won. That’s all we can do,” said Nunez.

The AED and CPR classes are given about once a month by the DOM HEART 21 Foundation. Classes, other fundraisers, and SCA awareness can be found at the web site www.DomHeart21.org.

FSC basketball players and Dominic Murray’s mother. From left to right: Ricco Oliver, Melinda Murray, Christian Nunez, and Louis Charles.
Institute for Research Technology and Transfer

By Matt Holder

The Institute for Research Technology and Transfer, also known as the IRTT, is located in Lupton Hall and was established in 1996. Its director is Dr. Hazem Tawfik.

“The main mission is to support the region's economic growth and enrich the educational experience of the students with modern technologies,” said Tawfik.

The Institute provides local industries with a powerful blend of modern, cost-effective manufacturing systems and faculty at the cutting edge of technology. Small and medium size companies stand to gain a number of benefits and receive professional services offered by the IRTT.

The Institute develops technology through industries that results in economic prosperity in the region. The institute uses a variety of technology systems such as numerical computer control manufacturing systems with high precision. Other machines that are used are laser cutting machines, rapid prototyping systems, thermal spray coating technology, and computer-aided design and engineering systems.

“These systems are used for training students on operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting these systems,” said Tawfik.

Two main research and development projects are currently undergoing development that is geared towards solving the national energy problem and reducing dependency on foreign oil.

The first project is to develop, design, and manufacture hydrogen and methanol fuel cell systems. Fuel cells are environmentally friendly and reliable. They also have excellent potential for highly efficient performance and economic liability.

A fuel cell is an electrochemical cell that converts a source fuel into an electric current. It generates electricity inside a cell through reactions between a fuel and an oxidant, triggered in the presence of an electrolyte. The reactants flow into the cell, and the reaction products flow out of it, while the electrolyte remains within it.

Fuel cells can operate continuously as long as the necessary reactant and oxidant flows are maintained. The second project is to complement this activity. It is the production of combined heat and power from biomass. Biomass can be developed farm waste, debris, and green plants.

When students at Farmingdale State College graduate, their senior projects are performed at the IRTT. “This will enrich your educational experience with modern technology and prepare them [students] for design and development work,” said Tawfik.

Many of the jobs students get out of college are in nationally-recognized laboratories, such as Brookhaven National Laboratory. Other jobs may be at engineering, manufacturing, or pharmaceutical companies.

Tim Holden is a senior and working on creating fuel cells used to create energy for basic electronics. “With a fuel cell, chemicals constantly flow into the cell so it never goes dead,” said Holden. “As long as there is a flow of chemicals into the cell, the electricity flows out of the cell. The fuel cells release methanol that turn into carbon dioxide and water.”

The Institute for Research Technology and Transfer operates as a catalyst, bringing together industrial and government personnel to collaborate with faculty and students at Farmingdale. Together they develop new and innovative technology to enhance the economic prosperity of the region and to help the environment.

Reading for Rent

By Eric Dobin

The Farmingdale Bookstore is now allowing students to rent textbooks. Textbook rentals can save students up to 50 percent compared to the cost of a regular printed textbook.

Payments for rentals require a credit card to be kept on file in case the textbook is returned after the due date, or if the book is damaged.

Keep a bookworm’s eye out for the “Rent Me” stickers located in the campus bookstore.

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Heart for the Homeless

By Justin Taibi

The Heart for the Homeless Candlelight Vigil was held on campus on February 10 in Roosevelt Hall. It had a spectacular turnout of approximately 1,500 people, and half of them were homeless.

They have this event every year, but this year was more successful than any year so far. There are approximately 3,000 homeless people who live on Long Island.

There was a large number of staff at this event keeping everything in order and assisting the homeless people. "This event occurs during the coldest time of year, so that people will remember the homeless living outside," said staff member, Laurie Pezzollo.

The purpose of this event is to raise the public's awareness of the homeless. "If you're in need, take it," said Greta Guarion and Julee King, who organized this event.

This event had everybody dancing, talking, and having a great time. The donations were very generous this year, a large portion of which came from many companies and agencies, including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. "This event was open to everybody, legislators, representatives, and service agencies, anybody who is willing to help out," said King. King said very few of the donations came from private donors.

The homeless people who attended the event were given clothing, food, baby items, and formula. "We gave about 350 brand new coats, 40 cases of formula, diapers, hundreds of new sweatshirts, winter hats, coats, gloves, cleaning supplies, household items, tons of food, and toiletries," said Guarion.

The staff members on the team for this vigil also go to different meetings and conferences throughout the year to help the homeless. "This event is to raise awareness. When we all leave tonight, at least they won't be without food," Guarion said.

The candle being lit symbolizes hope for the homeless people, and Guarion wants to make sure that the homeless get some what they need out of this event.

FSC is proud to welcome Nancy Stahl, a renowned and prodigious illustrator, for her first career solo exhibition. On February 10, Memorial Gallery in Sinclair Hall held an opening reception for Stahl’s exhibition, "Reinvention."

Students and professors came in crowds to see Stahl’s exhibition. “Her work is really amazing,” said sophomore Visual Communications major Daniel Ziermann. “It's hard to tell that it’s digital. You feel a sense of confidence in her work.”

Another Visual Communications student, James Thorn, said, “I love the natural feeling of her work.”

Visual Communications Professor George Fernandez invited Stahl to hold this exhibition because of her importance as an illustrator. She is featured in Walt Reed's "Illustrator in America 1860-2000", a book that recognizes the greatest American illustrators.

"Her influence in digital art is remarkable," said Fernandez. "She laid down the groundwork in digital art. My students are essentially following in her footsteps.” He hopes his students can learn from Stahl. "I want them to get good traditional training and a foundation to be developed. You can't just sit behind a computer and make art.”

Stahl began her illustrating career with acrylics, pencil, color wash, and then with gouache. "I switched again from gouache to the computer because I was bored to death. I’d learned everything I was going to learn about using gouache. For me, a lot of the interest I have in my work is making advances in some way.”

Fernandez noted, about her switch, “As you can see in the work, her transition is seamless.”

Viewers may notice the use of “dots” in her artwork. She explained, "The dots are a way of keeping my palette limited and still having tone in the drawing. I wanted to do them before I went digital and I finally can. I never figured out how to when I was using gouache.”

Stahl’s versatility is also on display. "Flying Hats" is a digital recreation of a gouache painting. Some of her U.S Postal Stamp designs look as if they were genuinely hand knitted.

Stahl’s ingenuity and skill may even hide some of the client’s input. “Time [Magazine] gave me very strict requirements,” said Stahl. “They had a very specific image in mind and it was my job to match their idea. Travel and Leisure on the other hand gave me almost complete freedom.”

Debuting in the gallery is her "Turntable: How-To Series", an oil on canvas. With regard to possible future "How-To" paintings, she said, “I have more sketches in the work. They will all be things that a child born today would never use and so the how-to drawing of a lost era.”

Invincible Scott

By Terri Rizzi

Everyone has heard of Scott Andreala, also known as “Wheelchair Scott.” Andreala was born with cerebral palsy. He is a well-known figure on campus who is always out and about.

Andreala, 32-years-old, thinks nothing of motoring down a dangerous roads like Melville Road to go to Target. Major roads such as Route 110 and Hempstead Turnpike are not wheelchair friendly. Not all areas have sidewalks and Andreala is forced to ride on the shoulder of these roads. Andreala got stuck on the grass on Route 110 because the sidewalk ended, and he had to wait for someone to help him off the grass.

Andreala chooses to ride his wheelchair instead of depending on public transportation because it gives him the freedom to come and go without having to make arrangements. Andreala can use Able-Ride but he would need to schedule a week in advance. For $3 he can go anywhere in Suffolk County as long as the company has his schedule ahead of time.

Farmingdale College State Police are very familiar with Andreala. “While Andreala should not be riding on major roads in his wheelchair, no one is going to give him a ticket,” said Investigator Daniel Daugherty.

Andreala has had many instances when the local Campus Police helped him onto campus. He got stuck in the elevator and had to have both his wheelchair and himself carried down the stairs. “We do whatever we can to help him,” said Daugherty.

Andreala has been attending Farmingdale College for six years and will graduate in May 2011, with a BS in Technology Studies. Raised in Valley Stream, he transferred from Hofstra University to Farmingdale State College.

Andreala dorms on campus during the school year. He works as an Orientation Assistant for Theresa Esnes-Johnson, the Dean of Students. Andreala’s job is to show new students around campus as part of the orientation process.

During the holidays when Farmingdale State College closes, Andreala stays at the Hilton Hotel. “We give him a good price with free internet,” said Yvette Sawyer, manager of the Hilton. “Scott is very independent and definitely someone to look up to. He never feels sorry for himself,” said Sawyer.

Andreala is very proficient on the computer and with texting. “It’s easier for me to text because people can understand me,” said Andreala.

Andreala’s mother passed away many years ago and his father and sister took off, leaving Andreala to fend for himself.

“I took him home for Easter with me last year,” said Anthony Abbene, friend of Andreala and a junior at Farmingdale College. Abbene is a Criminal Justice student who plans on becoming a cop once he graduates. “He is a unique person and what happened to Scott could have happened to any one of us,” Abbene said.

Andreala hopes to get a full-time job at Farmingdale College once he graduates. “Maybe this story will give them a hint. I really want to stay at Farmingdale as everyone knows me here,” said Andreala.

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to get the antenna up and running again, but more importantly, we would like to also upgrade our antenna so it could reach a wider area,” said Elvis Ramos, station manager.

“First things first. Let’s just try and see if we can get on the actual radio again sometime within the next decade,” said Nicholas Rinaldi, a former co-host.

According to the Farmingdale Student Government 2010-2011 budget packet, WRAM is given $40,000 from the mandatory student activity fee to be allocated to different areas of the club including engineering, equipment, music, publicity, and promotion. Some members and students are wondering how the money is being spent.

There are some issues concerning how to go about rectifying the current situation. Some of the WRAM members as well as school’s faculty are unsure of who to contact. “We should have a functioning radio station. At the present time, I don’t know how much it will cost to fix or who to hire,” said Corti. Corti was only informed of these matters in late January.

The school’s physical plant workers were contacted by both Corti and President Keen and attempted fixing the antenna problem in early February to no avail. “As of right now, all you can hear is a loud buzzing noise, it still isn’t working,” said student, Heather Marsh.

“We will be moving the radio station to Conklin Hall by 2012, which by then should have a new antenna sure to enable WRAM to broadcast on 89.3FM,” said Corti.

That does little to satisfy current members due to graduate. “The new student activity facility sounds great, but what does that do for the current members and all the time we put into preparing shows for a very small audience?” asked Joe Galletta, host of “T-MAS.”

Members of WRAM would like the club to expand by getting back on the radio offering on air advertising for local businesses, and generating listeners.

A member of the Farmingdale State Government (FSG), who oversees the funding of WRAM, would only speak about these matters off the record. The FSG Director of Business Affairs and Student Programs, Nick Gordon, did not return any e-mails or phone calls.

Students and faculty can tune in to them Monday through Thursday via the internet @tinyurl.com/wram893.
In February the Rams Ice Hockey team set out on the ice at the Freeport Recreational Center, donning their pink jerseys, supporting the fight against breast cancer in their final home game of the season.

The Rams pulled off a 4 to 1 victory against the University of Albany’s Great Danes, in a game that was part of the Empire Collegiate Hockey Conference (ECHC) efforts to raise money for Empire Fights Against Breast Cancer charity.

The game opened with two very special events. The first was to honor the Farmingdale Rams seniors and their moms. Seniors Michael Rotola, Robert Thomas, Robert Grogan, Patrick Mione, Dale Ianuzzi, Frank Florio, Tristen Heidenrich, and Joseph Mazzie, skated across the ice and presented each of their mothers with a single pink rose in honor of all of their support over the years.

“The hockey family is a unique breed,” said Team President Ernest Defalco. “They come to practices that are at 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., organize fund raisers, dinners, and it’s all so unique to watch. For the seniors’ parents, all the years of their hard work have led up to this, and now it’s over. It was so sad to see their faces.”

The second event was to honor the team’s special guests. President, W. Hubert Keen, new Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Tom Corti, and the Team’s Diamond Sponsor, Christopher Copek, were all in attendance by invitation from the team. Copek was honored with a signed jersey from all team members. At the beginning of the game, all three were invited to drop the first puck on the ice. President Keen, whose son was a hockey player, had nothing but praise for the Rams. “They are all very highly motivated young men and I admire them for all of the sacrifices they have to make in order for this team to work,” said Keen.

Once the game began, the Rams were on fire as the fans and the teams were on the edge of their seats. Farmingdale’s Kyle Pistani managed to score a goal just 6 minutes into the game, with an assist by Michael Rotola.

In the second period, at 10:57, Albany’s Michael Manna scored the only goal for the Great Danes. With just 2:37 left in the period, Farmingdale’s Matthew Ginsburg scored a goal for the Rams. The third period saw tempers flaring and found Farmingdale on the defense. Just 1:55 into the period, Farmingdale’s Michael Rotola scored another goal (with an assist by Robert Thomas) for the Rams, and just three minutes later, Farmingdale’s Matthew Ginsburg (with an assist by Joseph Mione) scored the final goal for the Rams.

At the end of the night, the Rams managed to raise over $1400 which will be added to the entire ECHC’s, Empire Fights Against Breast Cancer charity total of $6000. All proceeds will be donated to Hockey Mom’s Against Breast Cancer. This is an Ontario, Canada, based organization whose mission is “To assist amateur hockey organizations in raising money to offset game costs, and at the same time, raise money for breast cancer research and programs.”

Rams Head Coach, John LaRochester, said, “We were, at first, criticized for not choosing an organization closer to home, but when we researched the organization, we found out that they send money to families all over the place, including the United States. They are a great organization that distributes the proceeds to the families that need it most.”

The coaches and Defalco want the players to not only be good students, but to also give back to the community, and participate in worthwhile charities.
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