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# Remembering Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda

By Christina Barnett

The Farmingdale campus mourns the loss of Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda, Dean of Arts and Sciences, who passed on 25 March. She was 67 years old. She joined Farmingdale in 1987 and held various administrative positions, including Associate Dean, and Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Fapohunda became the Acting Dean of Arts and Sciences in 2010.

Dr. Tony Giffone, long-term associate of Dr. Fapohunda, remembers her integrity as the Dean, and the warmth and wittiness she conveyed as a colleague.



“She had a good sense of humor when the doors were closed, and she kept the appearance of being the Dean,” said Dr. Giffone. “She fought for the faculty as well as the students and cared about making them happy. I feel as though she’s on vacation and I’m still waiting for her to come back.”

Janet Hume, secretary to Dr. Giffone, worked with Dr. Fapohunda for four years while she was the Associate Dean. Hume recalls how it was a joy to be able to work for Dr. Fapohunda and how much

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# Memorial Oak Stands The Test of Time

By Jason Carroll

With the recent celebrations commemorating Farmingdale’s 100 year anniversary, many special ceremonies have been seen around

the college. One of them tells a tale of a tree which has withstood almost 80 years of hot summers and cold winters. On February 12, 2012, the Memorial

Oak tree which stands outside of the entrance to Whitman Hall, was rededicated, bringing faculty, students,

and alumni together to hear the story of the special tree. Dr. W. Hubert Keen, President of Farmingdale State College, said, “It’s good to see how many people care.”

The Memorial Oak tree was planted on June 4, 1921, with soil that came to Farmingdale from 48 different states, and from 28 countries that were allied with the United States during

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# Whats in Store for Class of 2012

By Colin Norwood

There are many surprises for this year's graduation class many things to look forward to like the Centennial Yearbook. This will be a landmark yearbook to celebrate Farmingdale's history and its future "It's a historic look back at the early 90's, the 80's, and the 70's to capture Student Life and compare to it now," said Anthony Ermoese, the Yearbook's Editor in Chief. There will be letters from President Keen as well significant campus leaders addressing the graduation class.

Farmingdale graduates will be picking up their diplomas in Eco-Friendly Gowns this year. "Each gown is made from 23 recycled water bottles," said Kim Wighston a Farmingdale Alumni.

Students can order a cap and gown for graduation at the Book Store. There is sign up for the free raffle to win a free tassel picture frame.



FSC has many different ways to preserve the big day. There is a wide selection of frames for diplomas on sale especially for students receiving a Medical Degrees. Students can design their own class ring to commemorate their time at Farmingdale State College.

The commencement ceremony for graduation is May 12 Graduates need to be at Nold Hall before 8:15 a.m. The Graduation ceremony will begin at 10 a.m.

There is no assigned seating so sit with those who your comfortable with and leave any bag and backpacks at home cause you won't have any place to put them.

Congratulations and best of luck on your Graduation class of 2012. "Having a sense of accomplishment of finishing your degree is a relief," said Daniel Carpio

was also in charge of the Middle States Review for the College's re-accreditation. The school must be accredited by an agency that covers the Middle States every ten years.

Dr. Fapohunda oversaw and edited a valuable and useful report last year so that the school could receive re-accreditation. Dr. Fapohunda also worked to establish the 2010 Institutional Research Handbook with Provost Lucia Cepriano.

In addition to being a remarkable on-campus leader, Dr. Fapohunda was well known for her life-long humanitarian work and her dedication to the school, its students and its faculty. Dr. Fapohunda worked in Nigeria from 1973 to 1985 where she worked to promote women's economic development.

Two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren survive Dr. Fapohunda. The family has created the Dr. Eleanor Fapohunda Memorial Scholarship. Donations can be made sent to the Farmingdale Foundation.

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she will be missed.

"She was a wonderful person, and absolutely wonderful to work for," said Hume. "She was very kind, dedicated, honorable and had a great laugh. Her passing is a terrible loss for the school and for me."

Dr. Vicki Janik, Chair of Professional Communications, worked with Dr. Fapohunda for 25 years. Dr. Janik remembers how dedicated Dr. Fapohunda was to all of the departments of Arts and Sciences.

"Her strongest traits were her integrity and values, and how she was always in favor of helping students," said Dr. Janik. "She wanted to give the departments better facilities and for new equipment. She was an extraordinary person and we wish we could have someone around like that all the time. We miss her so much."

Along with her dedication to the students and faculty, Dr. Fapohunda

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The Farmingdale Rambler strives for the highest level of accuracy and fairness. In the issue of the Rambler a photo of a women's lacrosse game was incorrectly used. The women in the photo were not of Farmingdale State students. The photo was taken by Professor Jason Molinet.



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# CAR ACCIDENT

By Danielle Durkin



Rayono's car on the median after being hit by Donnelly's car



The front of Donnelly's car after the crash

On the afternoon of March 27 a car accident occurred on campus in front of the administration building, involving two students. There were no injuries.

Ludovic Rayono, a non-matriculated sophomore at FSC was driving on campus from Route 110. He was on his way to English class when he was hit on the right side by a car pulling out of the parking lot near the administration building.

Ryan Donnelly, a student sports communication student, was backing out of the parking lot, trying to get onto the road with many cars on the road driving by.

He thought the road was clear when he pulled out and accidentally hit Rayono's red 2002 Toyota Echo.

"I honked at him, but he didn't see me," said Rayono as he was waiting for his girlfriend to pick him up. The police could not comment on the incident.

Both students were uninjured and

there was minor damage to both cars, and both called in a claim to their insurer.

The accident might have been avoided if they had seen each other coming. Rayono said the new road's position's could have added to the accident.

A few months ago there was another accident in which a Jeep flipped over. Thankfully no one was hurt in that crash.

The new road may have contributed to the accident, and, there are plans for more new road to be completed in the summer.

According to the new Farmingdale website, "The construction of the new Campus Center is underway and is scheduled to be completed by late 2012/early 2013. Phase 1 of the road and parking lot renovation project is complete. Please be aware of new traffic and parking patterns."

# 100 Year Fun Facts

## 2012 MARKS THE COLLEGE'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

### DID YOU KNOW...

- The State Legislature funded the school in 1912. The school officially opened in 1916.
- The school was originally named New York State School of Agriculture on Long Island (NYSAA)
- In 1919, the College had its first class of graduates with fifteen students.
- A Memorial Oak was planted on June 4, 1921 to honor those who fought in World War I. Its roots rest in soil from all the allied nations. The tree is still standing outside Whitman Hall.
- The school's colors were originally green and white.
- During the 1920s, freshmen were not allowed to leave the campus after dark except Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Nights.
- There were three fraternities in 1932—Sigma Alpha Gamma, Phi Sigma Chi, and Theta Gamma.
- The College's sports teams were named "The Aggies" instead of "The Rams."
- In the 1970s, Roosevelt Hall was the place to hang out. Roosevelt Hall had a Candy Store, a Tavern, bowling, billiards, air hockey, and much more.

# ONCE MORE INTO THE MIDDLE EAST

By Steve Blake

The United States is no stranger to impending war with Middle Eastern countries, and it looks like the U.S. will be operating that way for as long as it's necessary. Just as we are starting to pull our ground forces out of Afghanistan, we may be on the verge of a new war with the Iran.

Iran has been waiting to get their hands on nuclear capabilities for years now, but in the last few months they have made strides to have their goal completed in the very near future. The Iranian government says that these capabilities are strictly for clean sources of energy, but their neighbor Israel does not want to take any chances, and applauds U.S. actions so far.

While these negotiations go on, the tension between the United States and Iran have been growing stronger and stronger by the day. All this came to a climax when the Iranian government threatened to cut off trade in the Strait of Hormuz. This would be a disaster for the United States and most of the western world one-third of the world's crude oil passes through the Strait of Hormuz every year.

If this would happen, we can count on fuel prices to skyrocket and a scarcity of oil. In retaliation to the threats, the U.S. military has sent war ships into the Strait of Hormuz to ensure the flow



Above are two American warships that were sent into the Strait of Hormuz

of trade in and out of the strait.

Jeff Matassa, 27, who served in Iraq, and currently attends Farmingdale said, "It's scary, we shouldn't be provoking a country that may very well have nuclear powers already. "From a military standpoint, my opinion is different now than it would have been when I was 20. At 20, I would have been gung-ho to go to war in order to protect our country. But now, after being in Iraq and becoming more mature, I immediately look toward a less non-confrontational method of dealing with the situation."

Daniel Carpio, a former member of the Navy, said, "Regardless of our intervention, Iran is on the verge of overthrowing their dictatorship just like the rest of the Middle East. I think that the Obama administration has taken that factor into account and will stay out if necessary." He said lives don't have to be lost. "We have already proved in Libya that we can get a lot done without a full fledged invasion of the country. Ground troops are not necessary in this day and age," said Carpio.

"I feel that Obama is more goal

oriented as opposed to using war as a means of political posturing," said Carpio. "He doesn't care how good he looks, he just wants the job done right. And if we had a Republican in office, they would most likely act according to his or her political stance on the issue and tend to be more blood thirsty than a Democrat."

One hopes the mentality of these two students will be in the forefront of the current administration, if the occasion does rise within the next few years.



# Metal Mouth

By Marissa Passatempo

A horror is developing in the mouths of young teens fascinated by getting their tongues pierced. The Farmingdale State College dental hygienic program is running a promotion to show the damage a tongue ring can do.

They are posting extremely vivid photographs of eroding mouths caused by unneeded metal. Most young teens get their tongue pierced without even thinking of the consequences.

"I have a tongue ring for three years. Now I don't believe those photos. That is the worst case scenario or someone with bad hygiene. I brush my teeth and nothing like that has ever come about," said Brandon Garcia, a sophomore at FSC.

The students in Dr. Capone's community Oral Health education class say otherwise. "Every person who has a tongue ring should be conscious of the risks it has on the mouth. They should take it out every once in the while and clean it daily; meaning take it out brush it then put it back in," said David Olivo a student in the Dental Hygiene program.

"I have a friend who had a tongue ring 10 years ago, and now he has crowns on most of his teeth due to the mobility and clanking of the tongue ring," said Keri Hand, dental hygiene student.

The tongue ring is mobile in the mouth so when people play with it they are constantly ruining the gum line and chipping teeth.

Some infections can also occur in the mouth due to poor hygiene.

"You can get a fungus called Candidiasis, which appears white in the mouth. By having poor hygiene in the mouth, the fungus has a better opportunity of growing with an open wound," said David Olivo.

Results of damage in the mouth can take years after the piercing is removed.

It does not necessarily have to appear right away which is why most people do not think any damage will happen to them.

Most damage is irreversible, and after the damage takes effect in the mouth, some may seek a periodontist to see if they can repair damaged parts of the mouth.

The problem with this solution is periodontists are extremely expensive and most of their work requires a long recovery time.

"If anyone is going to have an oral piercing plastic would be the way to go," said David Olivo says.

Most students over the ages of 19. are not even interested in getting tongue rings. By that time the phase seems to have faded. "I had my tongue pierced twice, and I don't know, I just kept getting it pierced because I was young and stupid. It's not even a nice piercing," said Taylor Burger a senior at FSC.

When asked if she would get it pierced again at age 22 she replied, "No way. It's the stupidest piercing, it's not attractive, and when I have kids I won't even let them get it done."

The piercing has many cons rather than pros. Not only is it unattractive, but professionals are showing horrifying mouth infections that could go deadly if not treated fast.

"Metal is not for your mouth unless you have braces. I think it is sort of trashy if you ask me," said by Danielle Alesi a sophomore at FSC.

A wide range of opinions are expressed when it comes to tongue rings.

The posters of the mouth horrors don't seem to sway the minds of young teens avoid piercings. It seems more like a phase and something a young person goes through or does not go through.

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World War I. The planting of the mighty oak commemorated the fallen soldiers of the war, showing FSC's pride and appreciation for its heroes.

Max Wahrenburg, a student at Farmingdale who attended the ceremony, said, "I felt the ceremony did justice to the memorial. Staff and



guest speakers got involved in giving a moving rededication. It was everything a soldier could ask for."

The Memorial Oak was not the only topic of discussion at the ceremony. In 1987, Farmingdale's faculty buried a time capsule, which was revealed at the event. On February 12, the time capsule was returned to the surface and opened, allowing all to see the items that were at Farmingdale 25 years before. On that day, another time capsule was buried with several new items, shirts, hats, a mouse, a keyboard, and two items from the previous time capsule; a SUNY milk carton, and a State University egg carton.

With the ceremony given on such a beautiful day, many faculty members, alumni, and students especially enjoy the stories and memories provided by others. Brian Thoms, a computer



programming and information systems professor, came to witness the rededication. Since he has only been with Farmingdale for two years, he was not there to witness the first submission of the time capsule.

"I think the event was particularly special for those who were here 25 years ago when the capsule was first buried, so I think it would be equally special for folks to be here when it is unearthed 25 years from today," said Thoms.

# COMMUTER LUNCH

By Mariam Omar



The Campus Activities Board (CAB), held a commuter outreach event on March 13,

2012, in Gleeson Hall. "A success," said Mandy Vecchio, describing CAB's commuter outreach event, she is a member of CAB and a student at Farmingdale State College. CAB is an organization that provides a cultural, social and recreational program for the campus community.

There are 11 students in CAB and also a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. CAB sponsors events such as films, lectures, comedy shows, concerts, and various novelty acts. Many students come to CAB's events, where they learn about new ideas and also have a great time with other students.

The goal of the program is student outreach. "Students know who we are," said Christina Demmitt, a member of CAB. All events are publicized to the entire student body in the activities calendar and events postings.

The event was a commuter outreach lunch. CAB served food and beverages, such as green bagels, soda, water, and other snacks for students. Many students were sat in Gleeson Hall socializing with friends, while eating food. "They meet new students," said Demmitt.

"It was good and free," said Krystin Shand, a student. "Students talk, communicate, and get to know each other," said Vecchio.

On the flip side, "not enough students come to the events, but students that do come to them, always enjoy," said Demmitt.

CAB advertises their upcoming events to help get students involved in Farmingdale State College. CAB's events are listed on Farmingdale State's College Web site: <http://calendar.farmingdale.edu/cal/main/showMain.rdo>. CAB also posts fliers in every building on their upcoming events to encourage students to come to their events.

# Today's Technology Comes to Farmingdale

By Jason Carroll

On Thursday, March 15, Farmingdale State College assembled a job fair geared towards the School of Engineering Technology held in Roosevelt Hall. The fair included some of Long Island's technology driven companies invited to invest in Farmingdale's best and brightest. Although this is one of FSC's smaller job fairs, many people attended to explore the careers that were being offered from companies like Cablevision and Chyron.

that Farmingdale State College holds annually. Two other job fairs are held throughout the year, during the spring and fall semesters, which cater to other programs of study.

David Lin, a computer engineer major, visited to the job fair to see not only which companies were going to be there, but to see who was hiring on Long Island. "It caters to a core group of technology majors."

Among the companies that



The Technology Job Fair allowed students to gain employment in jobs related to the programs they were studying. However, alumni as well as the general public were invited to take a look.

Michelle Miller, a faculty member from FSC's Career Services Department, was there to assist anyone who entered the door. "We look to gain employment for our students and alumni," said Miller.

This job fair is only one of three

attended the fair, one in particular was seeking new employees for software applications. Chyron, a company that creates the graphics for live broadcasts and news shows on television, was on the search for summer interns.

"It's our first Job Fair at Farmingdale. We are usually at Stony Brook's Job Fair, but we do get a lot of interns," said Linda Grasso, an employee working for Chyron.

## Justine Rothar: An in-depth look

By Kiersten Daly



Rothar in a Guyana hospital with her new friend

Chancellor's Award, Skyline Conference Player of the Year, and women's lacrosse record holder for years are just a few of the numerous titles Farmingdale's Justine Rothar has received.

Transferring into the nursing program in her sophomore year, Rothar is now finishing her practicum (of 360 hours) in the maternity ward at Winthrop Hospital and will graduate in May.

Between night shifts at the hospital and school, where she maintains a 3.7 GPA, Rothar has managed to add more to her plate.

She begins her first season as the Kellenberg High School girls' varsity lacrosse coach. Yet she still manages to make time for the people most important to her.

"Justine is one of the most passionate and dedicated people I have ever met," said Justine's boyfriend, Nick Benenati.

"It's unbelievable how she juggles so many commitments while keeping healthy relationships with both her family and friends." Rothar is also the oldest of four other siblings.

Rothar visited Guyana last year with other Farmingdale students, where she worked alongside doctors and nurses learning through hands-on experience.

She plans to return in January with her Red Cross lifeguard & CPR/AED certification to acknowledge those in

the area. As the oldest child in her family, Rothar said she has been taking care of people for as long as she can remember and has always known she wanted to work in health care.

Childhood friend Jessica Brenner said she is thankful to have a friend like Rothar to count on. "I have had the pleasure to grow up with Justine these past 18 years," said Brenner.

"I watched her blossom from the 7-year-old who helped someone when they scraped their knee, the 16-year-old who would talk a friend through a breakup, and now the 22-year-old soon to be nurse who will help save lives. I am blessed to have such a selfless person in my life."

Coming from such a big family, Rothar says surfing is what brings them all together. Her family participated in a "Paddle Out" at Long Beach this year in memory of those lost in the 9/11 attacks.

Each surfer wore an armband with the name of a victim, as they all paddled out in the water to join in a circle holding hands.

"The second I was out of diapers, I was helping change them," said Rothar. "I know that I can't save the world, but I want to and I know I can make a difference. I'm all about love, compassion, and kindness; and nursing is all those traits in one career. So it's perfect for me."

## AKA Possible Discrimination

By Danielle Durkin

An anonymous student at FSC wants to start a charter chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a historically black sorority, but it is not recognized by Student Activities.

Farmingdale's only Greek life is the new fraternity TKE. "I am trying to bring one here, and the sorority I am looking to try and bring is Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. It is a historically black sorority that accepts candidates of all races. I am not a member but am looking to charter a chapter at Farmingdale," said an anonymous student in an e-mail from the address on the flyer.

The flyers around campus ask if anyone is interested in a sorority coming to FSC. When prompted by e-mail, the anonymous student will generally ask if you are an African American woman.

According to the official Web site, Alpha Kappa Alpha Incorporated said one of the objectives of the sorority is to "establish African American college-trained women to trace history to tell a story of changing patterns of human relations in America."

The sorority does, however, accept members of other races, but the sisters of AKA are predominately African American.

"I don't care which race they favor in the sorority; it propagates racism," said senior Natasha Spisak of FSC.

"Sororities can bring people together with various economic, gender, religious, and cultural backgrounds, but race can make it worse." Spisak is also not a fan of the idea of a sorority coming to FSC. "It's like buying friends and having an excuse to be cliquy."

Eunice Ro, director of student activities, said the sorority was never approved by the Office of Student Activities. However, the flyers were approved for display in order to gain interest from students of FSC.



# Vacations On A College Student Budget

By Nyasia Draper

For a full-time in-state resident student at FSC, tuition and room board rack up a total of \$9,197 per semester. This does not include possible book fees or transportation. Going on vacation may seem far from reach considering a full-time job is not available. Here are a few vacation locations students may want to consider when thinking of vacationing on a college student budget.



### Fernwood Hotel & Resort, Bushkill, PA – 3.5 hour drive from NYC

Grab a group of friends, family, or your significant other to the fun filled Fernwood Hotel and Resort. Attractions like horseback riding, snow tubing, and NASCAR varies with season. Fernwood has plenty of package deals that college students enjoy. Get a two night stay in a two bedroom, two baths with Jacuzzi and full kitchen villa with up to \$100 gift certificate to Bushkills shopping outlets for just \$553. For more information, visit [www.fernwood.com](http://www.fernwood.com)

### Caesars Atlantic City, Atlantic City, NY – 2 hour Drive from NYC

No class on Wednesdays? Take a nice drive out to New Jersey and indulge in Atlantic City's casinos and the "Escape to Tempting Tuesdays" package which starts at \$85 a night including at \$25 meal voucher. For those who wish to start the weekend with Showboat Atlantic City, try the "Foundation Fridays package starting at \$189 per night. Keep in mind you have to be 21 years of age or older to gamble. There are always great deals throughout the week. For more information, visit [www.atlanticcitynj.com](http://www.atlanticcitynj.com)

### Ramada on the Beach, Virginia Beach – 7 hour Drive from NYC

Enjoy the clear beaches of Virginia while dining at their beautiful seafood restaurants for 3 days and 2 nights for only \$374.90. There are plenty of activities and venues for you to relax and reward yourself for having a great semester. For package deals and coming attractions, visit [www.visitvirginiabeach.com](http://www.visitvirginiabeach.com)

These are just a few locations that are affordable and enjoyable. As a full-time student you are dedicated to your studies and financial obligations. Take a moment to reward yourself and indulge in the wonders of nearby vacations.

## A Lady Ram's Dream

By Kenneth Johnson

Shooting guard Tanzanear McCarthur, 20, is a liberal arts sophomore. Her young life consisted of being in a game of foster home hopscotch with her siblings.

Their mother was unable to care for them because of her crack and alcohol addiction. Despite being divided from her four siblings several times, McCarthur made it her responsibility to taking care of them.

"I was forced to grow up mentally so I could handle the situation," said McCarthur. From living with an alcoholic aunt to a single parent foster mom, McCarthur experienced many difficult living situations as a child.

McCarthur and her siblings were finally able to settle in a stable living environment with her cousin in Brooklyn. McCarthur's cousin introduced her to sports and activities such as skating, football, and basketball.

She taught her how to play basketball

by shooting a ball through an old crate which sparked her love for the game.

McCarthur attended South Shore High School and played for the



school's basketball team. She decided

to attend Farmingdale College after financial troubles forced her to learn Manhattanville College.

Recommended by her high school basketball coach to FSC's woman's basketball coach, McCarthur continued to strive for excellence in basketball.

McCarthur said her family is what motivates her to be her best. "We walk away from our dreams, afraid that we may fail or worse yet, succeed," said McCarthur.

Although she has a love of basketball, her goal is to work with and help kids who have gone through similar situations she had as a child. Her focus is on keeping siblings together who go through different homes.

Kevin Johnson on the Farmingdale track team believes in McCarthur's dreams to help others. "Taz is an influential person because she is always telling me to think first and do the right thing."

## Mens Lacrosse

By Kiersten Daly

The men's lacrosse team came out on top with a win against Mount Saint Mary's ending their losing streak. The Rams started strong in the first quarter as junior mid-fielder Bobby Thomas scored the first goal just four minutes into the game.

"It was definitely a confidence booster getting the first goal of the game," said Thomas. "After that things just started going our way and our attack worked well together to get the job done."

Although Mount Saint Mary's Jake Robison was able to score eight minutes into the game, the Rams continued to fire off goal after goal without a problem, as it was the end of the third quarter before Mount Saint Mary's answered back with a goal from Matt O'Donnell. Senior mid-fielder Jason Opitz dominated the game with five goals and one assist for the Rams. He has high hopes for the rest of

the season.

"We worked hard today," said Opitz.



Jason Opitz & Donovan Devaney

"I think if we all play together like we did in this game than we're gonna win Skyline."

The Rams defense continued to hold off their opponents for the rest of the game, giving up only one other goal. Senior Joe Ciaravino explained this was the first game in which his end of the field actually had a chance.

"This was the first game in a while where our defense wasn't getting hammered all game," said Ciaravino. "We managed to only let up three goals and our attack guys just kept putting it in the net."

Coach Tim Tuttle is optimistic about how the season will end. "We have a bunch of great guys," said Tuttle. "We just haven't been gelling together all season like I thought we would. But if we can pull off these next three games, and I think we can, we have a shot."

The Rams finished the game with a 17-3 victory, improving their overall record to 3-7.