On Tuesday, September 13, President Keen officially presented the newly renovated Hale Hall of Farmingdale State College to the students, staff, and administration with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hale Hall was renovated in order to accommodate the ever growing number of students enrolled at Farmingdale each year.

Keen stood in front of a small crowd and spoke about the new building, as well as the 100th anniversary of the college and some future projects being completed. “The renovated Hale Hall is probably the most beautiful complete rehabilitation of a building that I have seen,” said Keen.

After the ribbon cutting, students led a tour of the new building and its new classrooms, labs, and art studios. The main lobby of the building is surrounded by glass walls and is both vibrant and relaxing. There are also couches and tables that are inviting to the students and faculty.

Many students are excited about the changes in Hale, including senior Bob Wulff. “Being an art major, I’m glad that the school is taking the initiative to help out the visual communications department with these new additions. The building looks great and I’m excited to work in it,” said Wulff.

Two departments will work in Hale Hall. The Visual Communications and the Bioscience Departments have been given access to state-of-the-art studios and technology.

Keen is excited about the biology labs also. “I like the new research laboratories for faculty in the biology department, perhaps because that is my field and I would love to work with students on research projects in high quality space such as this.”

The Visual Communications Department will have access to a new photo studio and art gallery which is currently featuring a Milton Glaser exhibit which is titled “To Inform and...”
Ten years later, Americans remember the tragedy of September 11, 2001. On
the anniversary, there was a ceremony on Horton Hall’s front lawn where
dozens of people gathered to share memories and respect for those killed
and otherwise affected by 9/11. That blue morning resembled the one that
held the airliner bombs in 2001. FSC staff, students, and faculty mingled
with clergy, a bagpiper, and members of the U.S. military to remember what
happened that day.

“I always struggle with the words to use for things like this,” said President,
Dr. W. Hubert Keen. To describe his feelings, he read a poem by Mark
Strand, a contemporary American poet. “And how we had wasted time as though
there was nothing to do.” The crowd’s silence shouted its understanding of his
words.

Eric Farina, who organized the memorial, is Officer of Veterans’
Affairs, and started the Veterans Club
at FSC this spring. Already, roughly 25
members attend its regular meetings.
The club’s president is John Liang.
One morning last year, Liang said to
Farina, “Let’s get this thing going.”

One of the speakers Farina enlisted for the memorial was Staff Sergeant
Louie Herschtein. “I have grown-up believing a foreign
attack on the U.S. would never
happen; because it has happened,
his said the entire mission of the
U.S. military has changed, as he has
witnessed. He quoted the last stanza
of the Coast Guardsmen creed, “With
God’s help, I shall endeavor to be one
of His noblest works.”

Father Papazafiropoulos, a Greek
Orthodox priest, paid a surprise visit
from West Babylon to address the
Farmingdale crowd. On September
11, 2001, he had been working as an
engineer at 2 Broadway. The towers
tumbled as he watched, on site. “I
witnessed the falling of the buildings,”
he said. “This is a day of remembering
what hatred brings.”

The event ended as it had started,
with the sweet, somber moan of
bagpipes.

Delight.”
Senior Alex Dacey said, “It’s a
cool, new place to meet up after class
and relax on break, and it has a very
relaxing vibe.”

The renovation of Hale Hall began
in 2009 and cost $31 million. The
construction of Hale Hall is part of a
$185 million campus renovation project
that will span a few years.
The project includes a separate
building for the School of Business,
renovations of academic buildings, a
planned 50,000 square foot Campus
Center, the expansion of the athletic
facilities, and the reconfiguration of the
roadways and parking lots, which is not
yet complete.

This is all part of a project to help
beautify and enhance the campus and
to celebrate the centennial anniversary.
“The growth of our academic
programs and enrollment has enabled
us to make an excellent case for a
renewal of the college’s facilities to
provide an excellent environment for
our students,” said Keen.

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Higher education is a huge asset for American workers. Although it is possible to work without a degree, your chances of finding a well-paying job are slim.

Farmingdale State College offers various bachelor’s degree programs that can lead to a successful career. Statistics show that more schooling will lead to a job with a higher starting salary for seven out of ten people. “My Farmingdale College experience was pretty tough, and long, but I did get a job that followed my degree,” said Nicole Gatto, a FSC graduate.

Even though it is tough to find a job, considering the current economy, it is a fact that schooling will help you obtain a career.

“I never realized how hard it was to find work now that I’m 22, unemployed, and need a school to enroll in,” said Scott Everheart, who hasn’t attended college yet. Instead of wasting time trying to find a dead-end job, he is looking to obtain a degree in a specific field in the long run.

“I received my associate’s degree from Farmingdale. It went by really quick. I’m currently attending C.W. Post to finish my bachelor’s, then I’ll be on my way to med school,” said Ryan Slane, who graduated two years ago.

Students at FSC desire to obtain a better education in order to achieve their career goals. During students’ time in college, they may decide to change majors. “I was a few credits shy of my first degree. Then I changed it, and I can see myself earning this degree and a great job afterwards,” said John Dybus, a current FSC student.

Many students transfer from Nassau Community and Suffolk Community to FSC. “Nassau was all right if you want to take a few classes and get your associate’s. I transferred from there a year ago and I feel like I’m finally on the right path,” said Joe Mays, a current FSC student.

FSC offers multiple options to Long Island students who wish to study while staying close to home. Both Mays and Dybus say that they are happy here. As for the transfer students, satisfaction is the common emotion. “I am glad I put in my time at Farmingdale,” said Gatto.

On campus, thoughts of 9/11 resurfaced with the news surrounding the death of Osama bin Laden at the hands of the Navy’s SEAL Team Six in May.

“I feel like there’s at least some kind of closure,” said Cristian Anghel, a Hauppauge resident who had been visiting the FSC campus.

In September, beside the search and rescue dog statue FSC held a ceremony to commemorate the ten year anniversary of 9/11.

“I know people who died in the towers,” said Martin Zalewski, a walker who attended the FSC Mark J. Ellis 5K walk last semester. “We will never forget what happened, but we learn to live on.”
Meteorology A
Growing Field

By Alyssa Gallicchio

Prof. Richard Hoffman giving the forecast

It is more obvious now than ever that the weather seems to be unpredictable. Record rainfalls and extreme weather changes have left some meteorologists out in left field.

“It doesn’t surprise me that it’s becoming a more popular job, especially since the weather has been unpredictable lately,” said Brianna Sorresso.

Richard Hoffman, News Channel 12’s meteorologist and Farmingdale professor, has been working in the industry for 16 years. “Private meteorology is growing as more information, i.e., weather data, becomes available on the internet,” said Hoffman.

Even casual photographers are taking an interest in meteorology. “Today many people find themselves in a position to photograph the wacky weather at the time it occurs,” said Professor George Caviris, who also teaches meteorology on campus. During Hurricane Irene, pictures and videos were uploaded almost instantly.

“Meteorologists don’t just work on weather forecasting since meteorology is the study of the atmosphere,” said Caviris.

Meteorology requires at least a four-year degree. “I was surprised at how intricate the weather really is; it’s not as easy to grasp as one would think,” said student Deanna Gallicchio.

Hoffman teaches about temperature, precipitation, synoptic, and weather charts, and requires his students to analyze data.

“I love my job. Some days it’s the best job in the world; other days the worst. There is nothing better than getting the forecast perfect and being able to save lives. It’s the worst job in the world sometimes because even when we forecast bad weather we can’t change it and lives will be lost,” said Hoffman.

Farmingdale State College is known for its easy commute, fair tuition, and excellent academic programs. However, the college has had a hidden gem for quite some time now; its horticulture department.

"I had no idea we even had gardens here," said Joe Santonastaso, a 21-year-old Business major. "I'll have to go check out what that's all about now."

The opening of the new addition to the department, the Sustainable Gardens, has caused the department to catch some positive buzz.

The Sustainable Gardens is based on the upcoming trend of organic and green lifestyles. It has mini gardens, such as the rain garden and a drought tolerant garden, that make up the whole sustainability idea. Not only is it green and sometimes self-sufficient, but it will also produce foods like rye and pumpkins once the preliminary stages are finished.

Walking along through gardens, the wood chip paths will guide visitors through the different gardens and allow for a full experience without missing anything.

"I can't believe I've been walking past this all of these years here," said Dan Renda, a 21-year-old biology student. There are also picnic tables located throughout the area that makes for a perfect study getaway for FSC students.

"You can look forward to watching these areas develop until the entire Sustainable Garden is a complete, cohesive unit," said Mark Bannon, a TA in the horticulture department.

He explains how natural nutrients will be put in the soil to continue the green theme. Bannon also reminds the community not to overlook the department’s Greenhouse, which is adjacent to the Sustainable Gardens.

"While this building provides shade and a place for nursery and potting tasks, its main purpose is to give students and visitors a first hand example of the green roof systems that are being installed throughout the country, and the world, for that matter," said Bannon. The gardens are located just behind Hicks Hall.
Farmingdale State College has had an Automotive Department for more than 40 years. Just like the industry, the department here at FSC has developed greatly.

“When I was a student here in the 80’s the school viewed us as the grease-monkeys on campus,” said Teresa Noto, currently a professor in the Automotive Department at FSC. “Now we are more respected on campus.”

FSC offers a two year automotive technology degree and a four year automotive business management degree. Years ago this department focused only on the hands on automotive aspect, but now it has expanded to include the business management aspect of the automotive industry.

“This is better than a vocational school where you only learn how to put parts together and pull them apart. Here we can learn the science behind everything,” said George Klueg, a freshman student.

Even though the department has come a long way, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to keep up with the new developments in the industry. “There are new technologies such as hybrid, electric cars, and alternative fuels that we need to learn,” said Carl Vogel, a professor at FSC.

It’s important that the department try its best to stay current or ahead of new developments in the industry so that students can excel in the work force. “Some of the stuff we use in the classroom is 30 years old or out of date, but the teachers and students try to use it to the best of their abilities and sometimes bring in their own materials to help out in class,” said Gerardo Gomez, a student who will graduate from the Automotive Business Management program this year.

“When this program started back in the 1970’s, the graduates were the best paid from this campus, but we got some of the least funding,” said James Woodhull, the Chairman of the department.

The Automotive Department uses a few wings in Lupton Hall. Their wings are due for renovations. Other departments have been getting updates, but it hasn’t gotten to this department yet. “Upstairs the architectural wing all got new air conditioners last year, but we haven’t got any down here,” said John Venech.

The Automotive Department tries its best to work with what they have. “I’ve been an advocate of the Automotive Department working with the Mechanical Engineering Department since some of the equipment they use can help our students and vice versa. Now the departments are slowly starting to work together, but they are still separate,” said Venech.

Lack of funding will not stop these professors from doing the best they can to provide their students with a quality education. “To help stay ahead of the curve we have added classes to the curriculum such as electric and hybrid courses,” said Woodhull. These new courses are about the latest technologies that are being developed and explored in the auto industry.

Since these technologies are new, they require new materials to be current. “Some of the new classes are not scheduled at convenient times like other classes because they only work around the teacher’s schedule,” said Gomez.

As the department gets more funding and attention, they will be able to give more priority to these new courses and make them more available to students.

Money is the key that will help the Automotive Department at FSC keep up with the rapid developments in the auto world. This will help students to remain ahead of the competition upon graduation from such a great automotive
The FSC Muslim Students Association (MSA) Club, hosted an Islam awareness week last semester. Their purpose was to inform and educate people about the religion of Islam and its culture.

In the past few months the Muslim community has had to deal with increasing prejudices and contempt. "Many law-abiding Muslim Americans face discrimination and charges that they're not real Americans simply because of their religion," said Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), the U.S. Senate Majority Whip, during a Congressional hearing on growing Muslim discrimination in U.S. communities, workplaces, and schools.

Fortunately, the situation on the FSC campus is different. "Overall, this school is really tolerant and the faculty is good with handling all people of all religions, all nationalities, everyone," said MSA member Zahra Mushtaq.

"I haven't seen any evidence of hate signs on campus. I've been at other schools where it's obvious," said Political Science Professor Beverly Kahn.

As part of the MSA's effort, an information booth was set up in Gleeson Hall last semester, with poster boards displaying information on Islam. Under the heading of "Misconceptions of Islam" were such statements as "A Muslim girl cannot be forced to marry against her will," and "A woman, single or married, is an individual in her own right."

"A lot of people are ignorant about religion," said Kahn. "We, the students that is, especially ought to know about religious issues in political campaigns." Kahn pointed out the absence of "Religious Studies"-type classes in FSC's course catalog.

"Religious rhetoric in politics can create a scapegoat to deflect the blame while at the same time unifying those making the accusations," said Professor David Greene during a lecture. "Such rhetoric deflects embarrassing criticisms, and changes the argument from a policy debate to a religious one."

"It seems to me that religion is used divisively when there is a political edge," said Tony Giffone, professor of English. Giffone was taking classes in Manhattan when the plan to construct a Mosque near Ground-Zero took on political zeal. "Fellow students saw the mosque as a bridging of cultures," he said. That sentiment did not resonate well with those opposed to the idea.

France began to enforce a law that bans any garments that cover the face, including religious items such as burqas and niqabs. A few Muslim women were arrested which has sparked controversy over the law's suggestive discrimination.

"It's wrong what they're doing in France," said MSA member Benish Ahmed. "Every woman has a right to wear what she wants. It's part of their identity. People think I'm forced to wear a hijab [head scarf], but it's my choice. And for me, when I wear the hijab I feel a sense of confidence."

MSA's actions come during a vital time. "Especially now with what you see in the media, people need to be more tolerant and educated," said Mushtaq. "You hear all these bad things about Islam in the media, but those who are saying those things need to actually learn the religion first."

Bob Anahory, 56, is a year round bicycle commuter. He rides daily from his home in West Babylon to his RV business in Farmingdale, a round trip of approximately 20 miles. "The trip takes about half hour each way, and sometimes I even beat my wife and her car home," said Anahory, whose wife works alongside him.

Last year he put around 8,300 miles on his five bicycles, while only driving his 2003 Infinity 1,900 miles. "Gas is a ridiculous concept. I laugh and wave at gas stations as I go by," said Anahory.

Long Island roads are not equipped with bicycle only lanes, making the commute a possibly dangerous one. "My biggest concern is texting while driving," said Anahory. "People are just not looking at the road." As far as nighttime biking, "I'm lit up like a UFO," said Anahory.

Anahory does not label himself a tree hugger, and while the gas savings are a nice perk, Anahory says the healthy benefits of riding for the last five years are what keep him going in a positive direction.

"Road bicycles are becoming more popular," said Arty, owner of Lindenhurst Bike Works. "Going green, saving gas money, an alternative to the gym—everyone has a reason."
Women’s Tennis Team, Better Than Ever  
*By Danielle Cox*

During the women’s tennis practice, the team camaraderie already showed. They came up with nicknames for each other such as: Goose, Mercedes, Ice, Grandma-ma, Cloe, and so on.

This year there are nine women on the team compared to last year with a mere six. There are a few freshmen in the lineup, including Jessica Sickles as first singles and Alex Bentz as second singles, Only the top six players get to play matches.

So far this season they have played UMass, Staten Island, Yeshiva, Baruch, and Brooklyn. “We’re already better than last year. We’ve won four out of five, like never before,” said Coach Adam Waterhouse.

Waterhouse joined in on the game and wanted to make the team run. “If I win, we’re all running,” said Waterhouse.

The men and women are automatically in the Skyline Conference that consists of eight schools. The top two teams get a by and the other teams play it out to see who will win the Skyline Conference.

If FSC wins the Skyline Conference among the eight teams in the playoffs then they will go to Nationals upstate in the spring.

Waterhouse has been a coach for 24 years, with the last four years at FSC for the men’s and women’s tennis teams.

“I hope we’re good. I think we’ll be good, but I don’t want to jinx it,” said freshman Alex Bentz, as she gently knocked on wood.

The number of wins the women gain during the season determines how they will be seeded at the Skyline Conference and Nationals,” said Alex Besserabov, a member of the Men’s FSC tennis team.

The Women’s biggest competitor this year is Mount Saint Mary.

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Golfing Their Way to Victory  
*By Brittany Donaldson*

On September 13, 2011, the FSC Men’s Golf Team played in an invitational in Saratoga Springs, New York, and placed fourth. The invitational is known as the Tim Brown Invitational and consists of nine schools in a 36-hole tournament.

The Rams shot a total of 306 in the first 18 holes and a total of 326 in the second 18. Two of the Rams players placed in the top 20 with their scores. Sophomore Rich Kelly in a tie finished in 10th place individually shooting an overall score of 152. Senior Chris Arnold finished in 16th place shooting an overall of 154.

“It was a good way to start the season, but I felt I could have done much better,” said Kelly.

The FSC Men’s Golf Team is run by Coach Tom Azzara, Assistant Coach Michael Montagino, and Assistant Coach Ryan Williams.

Teammate Adam Larkin said, “We have the greatest coaches who make the experience even better and more enjoyable.”

The Ram’s started the season placing fourth in the Tim Brown Invitational, but they are looking forward to going to Nationals this year in South Carolina. “We are working hard to go to National’s again this year, hoping to win our conference championship,” said Larkin.
Last year the Men’s Farmingdale Soccer Team had a record of 9 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie. This year they look to improve on that record and perhaps win it all.

“This year we feel like we can win the Skyline Conference and then go to the NCAA tournament,” said Tyler Rollman, sophomore transfer and left midfielder.

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Some key remaining conference games for the Rams are against St. Joseph’s on October 12, and Old Westbury on October 25. The Rams must win both games if they look to be at the top of their conference.

“Us three teams are always the best in our conference, so we’re just always big games,” said Rollman.

There are many new faces on the men’s soccer team from last year so they’ll be many different opportunities for some new players to help the Rams get some wins.

“This year as a player I look to become better than I was my senior year in high school. I want to play the role of helping my team win games and make it to playoffs,” said Michael Valverde, freshman Goal Keeper.

“I’d like to receive first team all-conference again, as a team to win the Skyline Conference,” said Michael Curotolo, senior defense men.

The team has some high hopes and will continue to try to make them come true.

The athletic programs at Farmingdale have been slowly upgrading their appearance. The new turf field and bleachers may help attract more prospects.

“It will definitely attract more athletes because no one wants to play on a bad field or have a beaten down athletic center. When you first arrive to check out the campus the first thing you look at is the appearance of it, which is the part that gets the athlete interested in the college,” said Valverde.

“It’s nice to play in a quality stadium and with fans,” said Rollman.

This year is a new season, and the team still has plenty of games left to achieve their goals.

Alumni Bridget Erlikh cycled 300 miles from New York to Washington DC as part of the Brita Climate Ride NYC-DC 2011. The ride is expected to draw nearly two hundred riders of varying degrees of expertise.

Erlikh and the group, rode close to 70 miles a day, and camped for two of the four nights on the road.

Erlikh had been training and fundraising to raise the $2400 in donations required to participate in the ride. She joined a local cycling association for practice runs.

A Facebook post from an old high school friend unleashed her resolve to participate. “It’s my time to do something and time to take care of things I believe in,” said Erlikh. “I’m motivated by a number of issues. Take the oil spill in the gulf, and how it affected the eco-system and fishermen’s lives. These are things we will all be dealing with for decades.”

In addition to learning the basics of long distance riding, it turned out that Erlikh’s old bike, with the knobby tires, wasn’t ideal for this type of ride and she had to purchase a new bike.

Fundraising and the logistical issue of how Erlikh and her bike will get back from DC were unexpected challenges. Undeterred, she is committed to the cause. “This is an opportunity to showcase alternative means of transportation,” said Erlikh.

“It’s the mental and physical challenge she will be up against,” said friend Tom Sullivan. “I’m helping her fundraise, supporting her the best I can.”

“As an avid cyclist, I’m glad that Bridget chose an arduous cycling event to support climate awareness,” said FSC professor Dr. Greene.