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## Ram Nation Radio Blasts On Air

By Rida Naser

Farmingdale's very own radio station is finally making way, again. But this time, it is going to be new and improved. Run by Russell Patterson, and about 50 students, the radio station will soon to open back up. In 2011, WRAM was aired last on an FM satellite and then due to unfortunate events from leaks and damages, it was shut down.

"Everything will be brand new - new equipment, new name, new format, and a new staff," said Patterson. He started off with getting approved for the budget, getting software, and contacting the FCC. With just that start, the dream of opening up a new station became reality. This time, it is called Ram Nation Radio.

Lisa Millstein, the Senator of Arts and Sciences at FSC and CEO of Ram Nation Radio is ecstatic about it opening up. With experience in radio and leadership, she thinks that the radio station is on the right track. The equipment has been approved; the senior staff is set. All they need is a place to work in.

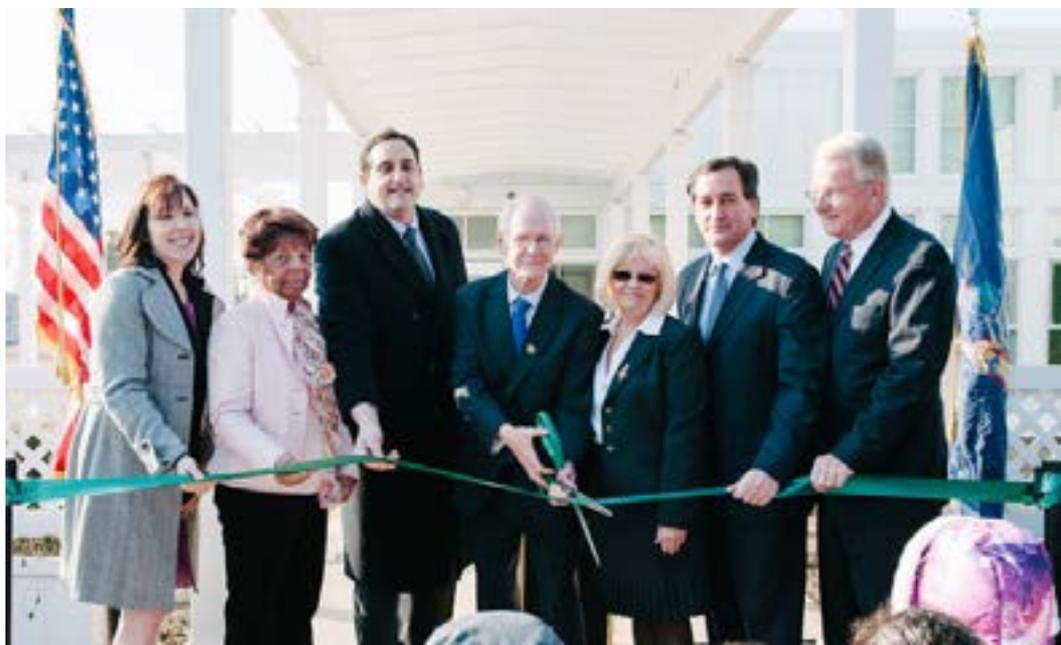
"We are working on a big surprise for the launch of the radio station for the spring; Ram Nation Radio is definitely going to be a big hit," said Millstein.

Patterson has been holding meetings

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## Children's Center Ribbon Cutting

By Olivia Stephens



*Ribbon cutting took place on December 4, 2013*

The long awaited opening of the new Farmingdale State Childrens Center took place with a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 4.

In this building of nearly 12,000 square feet, every inch was made with a dynamic teaching environment in mind. The building is one story, with member safety and handicap accessibility in mind. The building is also equipped with radiant heat in the floors and sensor activated lights to be as energy friendly as possible.

"This center provides a safe and nurturing environment for the children of our students, faculty and staff. Especially for our students, the availability of quality child care can

determine whether or not they are able to complete their education," said FSC President Hubert Keen in a press release.

The center accepts children from 8 weeks old to pre-K. A summer camp is also available for older children ages 5 through 12. Classrooms and outdoor play areas were made with specific age groups in mind, to provide an environment most conducive of learning. There is also an additional room that will be used during school vacations for older children.

Through the opening of this dynamic and modern care center, FSC is now proudly facilitating the growth and education of children as well as adults.

# The Ties of Brotherhood

By Joanna Polanco



Founded in 1869, Kappa Sigma is represented on more than 300 college campuses throughout the U.S. and Canada. Kappa Sigma is an unusual fraternity because it provides an environment that will encourage you to strive for academic excellence while at the same time discovering new social horizons.

There are only two fraternities to choose from at FSC; Kappa Sigma encourages students to join their fraternity.

"It's the largest international fraternity," said Kyle Devivo Northeast Area Recruitment Manager. "I loved the frat experience," said Devivo. It's good for networking and meeting new people.

"What we're trying to do is make campus like better," said Chris Morhardt, 20, sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering. He currently an active member in Kappa Sigma. A lot of students don't get involved. They just come to class and go home explains Morhardt. He wants the community and campus to be involved and help raise money for different organizations.

Kappa Sigma is not just an ordinary

fraternity that involves liquor and house parties. They want to install greatness and want students to strive for academic excellence.

As an international student, Lyndon Cabrera, 26, senior, majoring in mechanical engineering has transferred to three schools and through the years he wanted to meet new people. Morhardt approached Cabrera about starting Kappa Sigma at FSC and he jumped on the chance.

"It creates an opportunity for me to meet new people, helps me network, and just widens my scope," said Cabrera.

"Everyone has welcomed us with open arms. A lot of people have been talking about our frat," said Morhardt.

Kappa Sigma is new to campus and has already had a strong turn out. Their goal is to have at least 50 students. Kappa Sigma host at least one event every week such as a having pizza on campus or going out to Hooters. So far it has been a success.

For more information on Kappa Sigma, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/KappaSigmaFSC>.

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every other week, and the group just seems to be growing. The more people there are, the better it is.

"It's everybody's radio station, it's not only ours. We want everyone at Farmingdale State College to be a part of it," said Gabriel Lopez, Advertising and Marketing leader. He will also hold a competition open to the students for a

new logo.

The staff is excited and open to ideas and options. It will be launched in spring 2014, and from what it seems, the launch will be a big one.

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# Trip to the Barclays Center for Sports Club

By Jenna Gaylarido

The Sport Management Club prepares students for widening experiences and career opportunities in the sport management industries.

The club provides students with fundamental and motivated tools to come together and make things happen as a group. The club had the opportunity to take a trip to the Barclays Center to see the Nets vs. Blazers. There was not an empty seat in the house or a voice that did not echo with hype in the urbanized arena of the Brooklyn Nets.

When the Sports Management Club arrived at the Barclays Center, they took a tour learning about upcoming games, arena information, Brooklynettes, the NBA code of conduct, and the Brooklyn Nets assisting

After taking a tour to the suite levels where fans pay big dollars the club met with the Controller of Finance Affairs, Paul Koehler and Senior Manager of Marketing, Erin Cauthen.

"I had a mentor help me achieve success before I even got to this level in the business. You need to have somebody you look up to, they help you achieve higher goals for yourself," she said.

"Working in this sports business, you might believe a day at work can

be calm and then automatically the chaos is what you have to embrace. Here at the Barclays Center we love the chaos," said Paul Koehler.

The club also learned about the Nets Lifestyle Shop that is a product assortment which consists of Adidas



## A Guiding One Stop Info Center

By Jessica Perez

The Academic Advisement and Information Center (A.A.I.C.), is an academic go-to center for students. Through a grant, this program is evolving as a place for students to go for basic advisement, counseling, and general questions and information.

Advisors run workshops, freshman orientation and counseling for students in all areas. Located in the lower level of the library, the center is clean and spacious, and the staff is friendly.

"It is good for students to have a place to go if they have a problem, question, or just need to talk," said Cathy Kollar, an instructional specialist at FSC.

The staff director, Beverly Khan, works with four academic counselor, Olympia Aivaliotis, Tanya Maurer, Margaret Pettit, Elizabeth Salnave; and an Administrative Assistant, Denise Letterel. "I like the interaction with the students, it's a learning experience for

both the students and me," said Salnave. Salnave enjoys working for the program and teaches academic workshops for the AAIC on time management, Oasis, and academic options.

"I love working here," said Jimoya Mullings, a work study student, sitting at the front desk. The program has information for students and a counseling center for those who need to talk to a counselor about a problem.

The center offers academic advising but is limited in who they can see. They are not allowed to advise students in PCM, upper classmen in Bioscience, as well as business, liberal arts, non-matriculated students, and psychology students. These departments request to advice their own students, because each program has its own specific requirements.

"Working in this program, I have learned a lot about the FSC campus," said Mullings.

# Dancing Stars

By Daniel Rivette



If you think, like most Americans, November is synonymous with large roasted birds and frustrating holiday shopping, it's really no surprise that few professors and even fewer students were aware of an impending cosmic performance. Whether it was busy schedules or eyes stuck in the down-at-phone position, not many Long Islanders even noticed that a grand three act celestial ballet was taking place overhead for weeks.

Anyone who likes wishing on a star would have had a field day as the annual Leonids meteor shower peaked on November 17. The evening was overcast but the diligent were rewarded with a spectacular streaking light show that began after midnight and lasted until a little before dawn's early light.

It was estimated that there were 2,200 shooting stars an hour. That's a lot of wishes. NASA enjoyed the show so much that they joined the act and launched a rocket that was visible over Long Island on November 19.

The high point, however, was a pas a deux between comets ISON and Encke that began right before Halloween. Encke appears on the sky stage every three years, but the real showstopper was supposed to be ISON's debut.

NASA claims that ISON is "A time capsule from the solar system's birth."

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory senior research scientist Carey Lisse said "It's a dinosaur bone of solar system formation. You need comets in order to build the planets. This comet has been in a deep freeze half way to the next star for the last four and a half billion years. It's just been coming in over the last few millions years and possibly even started around the dawn of man."

There also would be no repeat performance since it was estimated that ISON would break apart in our sun for a grand finale while we sat down to our turkey dinner. What a diva.

# Path to Graduate

By Jenna Gaylaro

After four long years of working towards receiving a bachelors degree, the satisfaction of that moment can not be put in to words. The inevitable next step would be to work towards an even higher degree and there is guidance provided to help prepare for post-graduate programs.

Tom Flescher from Kaplan test prep spoke in a seminar in Whitman Hall about how to prepare for a masters or PhD. Flescher explained why it is important nowadays to go to graduate school. "There is something about having a master's degree that just sounds good," said Flescher. Flescher said that having a master's degree can increase your employment stability and earning potential in the working field. He touched on important topics to prepare students.

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Margaret Pettit is an academic advisor on campus and assisted at the seminar. Pettit said that the seminar was very informative and, despite not being a student at Farmingdale, she learned new things at the seminar.

"It will be helpful to help students decide what they want to do during advisement," said Pettit. Pettit said Flescher was clear and detailed about the information and provided new points of view about working towards a graduate degree.

"There were about 20 students who attended the seminar, said James Connally, a nursing student. Connally needs to take the GRE test and learned a few things that he did not know before the seminar.

"I found it interesting that a few points can put you in either the 90th percentile or the 50th percentile," Connally said. He now realizes that he has a lot of work to get ready for the tests. Connally plans to get his graduate degree and now understands how to better prepare himself for his career.

# Operation: Give A Vet A Smile

By Elisa Jorge

On Friday, November 8, the students and faculty of the Department of Dental Hygiene and the SADHA (Student American Dental Hygienists' Association) club at FSC helped support veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. Operation: Give a Vet a Smile took place in the Dental Hygiene Care Center in Gleeson Hall. Students and faculty came together to prepare dental care packages for veterans.

"Farmingdale State College Dental Hygiene Students and Faculty successfully assembled over 200 kits for our veterans, complete with a certificate for free oral hygiene care at our Care Center, along with oral hygiene and wash-up supplies. It was a great day and the participants were enthusiastic and happy to help our local veterans," said Prof. Janet Gruber.

The students created dental hygiene packages that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, liquid soap, a razor, a personalized note for a veteran, and a certificate for free dental

treatment at Farmingdale. These dental hygiene packages were then taken by Sergeant Abdi Akgun to homeless shelters to help those Veterans in need.

Abdi is a Sergeant in the US Marine Corps and was on active duty from 2000-2004. Sergeant Abdi said, "It is important to show appreciation [to the Veterans] through the support of manpower."

This event could not have been possible if not for the many students involved as well as the sponsors: Colgate, Dignity Memorial, and the Suffolk County Veteran's Association. The SADHA club helps

out every year to honor the active military, but this year they are helping out those that have fallen on hard times and are in homeless shelters.

SADHA will be having another upcoming event called Give Kids a Smile taking place on February 7, at the Dental Hygiene Care Center in Gleeson Hall from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Sergeant Abdi Akgun and FSC Prof. Janet Gruber



FSC student, faculty, SADHA club, and Sergeant Abdi Akgun prepare dental hygiene kits for veterans

# Sport Management Club Welcomes Inspiring Guest Speaker

By Kristina Konrad

On October 29, FSC's Sport Management Club welcomed Darren Meenan, founder of The7Line, to campus. The7Line is a clothing company that operates at The7Line.com, strictly dedicated to New York Mets paraphernalia. The company is completely separate from the Mets, but with the same blue and orange colors, you can immediately recognize the team loyalty.

Darren Meenan, a born Mets fan, first got into designing T-shirts his senior year of high school.

He took an art class and his teacher showed him the technique to making up screens for designs on shirts. He took a liking to this rather quickly and started making shirts to sell at motocross and BMX races; he called this line Manmade.

Meenan was successful with his Manmade line but it's nothing compared to the success of The7Line. It all started at the end of the 2009 season. The Mets were not making it into the playoffs again, and as a dedicated fan, Meenan still wanted to show support for the team, just in his own way. Ergo his "I survived" shirt. He had just made the shirt for pure entertainment and some good natured fun, but it sparked the business idea. Soon after debuting that shirt people were asking him to design other shirts, or where they could get their own. Meenan took this and ran with it.

Opening Day of the 2010 baseball season marked the official launch of The7Line. Meenan would sell shirts from his truck in the stadium parking lot or across the street at the local bars. He was getting his name out there and utilizing all forms of social media to their full potential. The initial cost of his business was simply \$10 for the domain name for the Web site. For someone who has never taken any business, advertising, or marketing classes, he sure knew exactly how to promote his product.

The following season Meenan created The7Line Army. He purchases Mets



Darren Meenan in his warehouse

tickets in bulk and sells them with a The7Line shirt. Then at that game, everyone sits together wearing the same shirt cheering for their team as one big unit. The7Line Army caught attention from the media and has allowed Meenan's company to flourish. The7Line Army also worked as a way to get Meenan to FSC.

"I saw them in the papers after the 2012 season and I was like 'Oh, that's the T-shirt guy.' Then when I went to opening day in 2013 with my family, I saw all 860 of them in center field and it was so cool



Sport Management Club President, P.J. Waszkiewicz giving an FSC sweatshirt to founder of The7Line, Darren Meenan.

to look at. I've been a fan since that day," said P.J. Waszkiewicz, president of the

Sport Management Club, and member of The7Line Army.

Since the first 7Line Army game, Meenan has gotten approval from certain players to design shirts involving them, as long as there is a kickback to their personal foundations and charities. Players are aware of his existence and merchandise and can even be spotted wearing them. Mets pitcher, Johan Santana would wear the Gary Carter memorial shirt (the number eight with a tear drop off the bottom), under his uniform every time he pitched.

Despite such glory, Meenan has managed to stay humble.

He knows that business success

does not always come so easy, so quickly; and it's a rare bonus when you truly enjoy what you do.

"I work my tail off and apply myself," said Meenan. "It doesn't feel like a job. When it does, I'll have to find another one because I don't ever want it to be one."

Having a guest speaker like Darren Meenan was such an inspiration to the Sport Management Club.

"He just proves that to make something happen you have to believe it will happen," said Jenna Gaylaro, a member of the Sport Management Club.

Waszkiewicz encourages people to still join the club which tries to meet at least twice a month on Tuesdays. For any information you can e-mail him at waszpj@farmingdale.edu.

"I've never met such motivating people before. When you're going through a bad time, even if you don't know everyone there's a sense of togetherness," said Gaylaro. "If you want to be a part of something great, this club has the type of people to make an impact."

## Dean of Yale Give Mayan Art History Lecture

Lisa Diamond

Normally when the ancient Mayan civilization is mentioned, images of the moss-covered ruins and circular calendar are invoked; in the case of Dean Mary Miller, however, those images are of the transcendent Bonampak paintings that have withstood the test of time.

On October 9, Miller of Yale University gave a lecture concerning her studies of pre-Columbian artistic achievements.

She introduced the lecture with a discussion of Giles Healey, an American photographer who discovered the murals of Bonampak deep within the forests of Mexico.

Previously unseen by the public eye, the Bonampak murals survived the wrath of an evolving landscape due to the Mayans' experimental system of vaulting, a roofing technique in which natural sunlight was able to leak into the ruins, illuminating the paintings inside.

Water from Mexico's tremendous rainfall seeped through the roof, building up layers of calcium carbonate that worked as a protective sheath, preserving the paintings underneath.

As word spread throughout the United States about the aesthetically-pleasing murals, copyists from prestigious institutes such as the Carnegie Institute and the Institute of Anthropology were sent to Bonampak to replicate the Mayan paintings.

Miller's lecture transitioned from the reflection on one of art history's greatest discoveries to a deep, analytical study of the paintings' hidden meanings. From the first room of Bonampak to the third, all of the Mayan murals reminisced on almost ethereal past times.

Miller spoke to a darkened auditorium with her passionate voice as she transported the audience back

in time to ancient Mexico, detailing meticulously the Mayans' rich history while also showing the beauty of art in its most natural form.



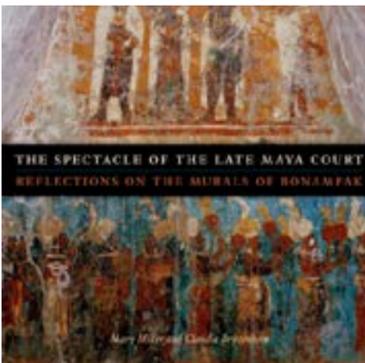
Mary Miller, Dean of Yale College

Room one showcased the cultural beauty and self-consciousness of Mayan civilization with portraits of the people dancing to music in ceremonies of the Mayan court. Room two descended deeper into the Mayans' war-torn world as it showed gruesome battles between the Mayan

people, presenting to the audience a "third wall" as Dean Miller called it, in which we as the art's spectators become one with the painting and, thus, one with the Mayans' mysterious history.

Finally, room three illustrated life after the war with images of royal women whose husbands had died, piercing their own tongues and wearing white clothing.

As Miller carefully explained, the Mayan murals are symbols of war, loss, and abandonment that characterized Mayan culture between 790 and 791



Dean Mary Miller's book, 'The Spectacle of the Late Maya Court: Reflections on the Murals of Bonampak'

A.D. To transcribe their experiences for others to see, artists splashed paint upon the stucco walls of temples, not realizing how significant their inscriptions would become in hundreds of years later.

Miller described the Bonampak artists, "Trying to show time elapsing on the walls," as each room engulfed whoever entered

into a revolving culture of celebrations, war, mourning, spirituality, and music.

Through a deep analysis of the Bonampak murals, Miller brought to her audience a sense of cultural relativism, artistic appreciation, and—most important—renewed knowledge of an ancient world that is seldom understood.

Miller's new book is entitled *The*

## New Campus Recreation Program at Farmingdale

By Jessica Perez

A new fitness program has been added to the student activity calendar. Students can now play the sports they love, relieve some stress, or join fitness classes while meeting new friends.

"The focus of this program is to get the average student involved in recreational activities," said Eli Olken-Dann, the coordinator of campus recreation and intramural sports.

There are seasonal intramural sports in flag football, soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, softball, and Frisbee in men's and women's co-ed leagues with various competitions levels. Students must register and create an account online to join. "I think this a great program," said Laurie Kruse, a full-time student.

All intramural sports take place in the president's field located across the street from the campus center. Times will vary depending on team level and registration. This program offers one day tournaments and sponsored trips to various athletic events.

The program offers fitness classes in yoga, zumba, and pole fitness. The fitness classes are located in the Loft Lounge in Roosevelt Hall room 119. Student must sign up for each class they want to attend.

Aristides Romero, a campus work-study student working at the campus information booth, has seen a lot of advertising the first week of school.

"I would love to join if I was not so busy," said Romero. Even though campus recreation is in its beginning stages, Olken-Dann is certain it will continue to grow as time passes.

## New Gallery Exhibit "Elegantissima" by Topographer Louise Fili

By Katie Newman



On November 14 in the Hale Hall Memorial Gallery on campus, FSC presented a display of designs and typography, entitled "Elegantissima" by creator, Louise Fili.

Fili is a world-renowned graphic designer who is known for her expertise and has created over 2,000 book covers, as well as numerous logos and packaging.

She has gained acknowledgement for her expertise and has received many awards and nominations for her work.

Some of the awards she has won consists of Gold and Silver medals from *The Society of Illustrators and New York Art Directors Club*, the *Premio Grafico* from the Bologna Book Fair, as well as three award nominations from James Beard.



The designer, Louise Fili (sitting to the right) posing with some students who attended her "Elegantissima" Exhibit



## FSC Aggies: The Forgotten Titans of Farmingdale's Grid Iron

By Andrew Rubenau



The Farmingdale Aggies Football team

The highlight of many colleges for the fall semester every year is the school homecoming. It's a time when most students come together to celebrate their school's history and cheer own their school's main sports attraction. While most colleges have their homecoming planned around a football team, FSC's main event is the soccer team.

This wasn't always the case however. In fact before 1964 the main event was the football team, the FSC Aggies. Named for the campus's agricultural program, the Aggie football program actual started 5 years before the school opened in 1916 under the name of the New York Aggies.

"I don't know if I necessarily like the name 'Aggies' but I like that it shows where the school came from," said student Nicolle Muir.

The men of the Aggies played such two year schools of the time as C.W. Post, Hofstra, and Rutgers, as well as several local military schools. Competition was tough but so were the times they played in. The football season was cancelled for two years in 1943 through 1945 while WWII

was being fought, and again in 1948 because of the Polio epidemic.

Gone and forgotten now, the Aggies were the main attraction every fall semester for homecoming. "Homecoming is always better when football is involved," said Corey Krimmer, an aeronautical science major.

In their 53 years of existence the proud Aggies of FSC played tough and ended with a record of 93 wins, 172 losses, and 22 ties.

"One of their players went on and played for the Jets who were the New York Titans first. His name is Jim Mckinstry," said Athletic Director, Mike Harrington. Jim Mckinstry played with "Broadway Joe," Namath, and even coached at Namath's football camp.

The football program on campus ended in 1964 because many of the two years school in their division switched to four year programs leaving Farmingdale with no schools to play. While the football program is gone on campus, their legacy will forever be in the roots that make up the history of the campus.

## Make a Run For It

By Rida Naser



Cross Country's season has ended, and the team seems upset about it. With a rough start in the month of September, FSC Cross Country stepped up and showed the school what the team is really made of. Although this season the team has not ranked first in any of their meets between the men's and women's teams, seem to be improving.

Lauren Neuwirth, senior has been running on the Cross Country team since her freshman year. Neuwirth ran her last race with her team in Bristol, Rhode Island. They came 33rd out of 47, But she is still proud to be a part of this team.

"Since freshman year all the team is doing is improving, this was the last time I ran with them, but I look forward to seeing them get better and better until they get to the top," said Neuwirth. After a long four years of being a science technology major, Neuwirth is proud to say that she devoted her years in both school and cross-country.

Justin Ramos, mechanical engineering student has been running cross-country for two years.

"We have some great people on the team, we do average but I feel that if we trained more, we can be a lot more consistent," said Ramos. After coming 40th team is ready to improve and do better for next year.

Although the men and women run separate races, Coach Daniela Georgieva coaches all of them. She has been the head cross-country coach since 2011, and then later became the associate head coach of track as well. She seems to be very proud of her teams' improvements.

With 24 people on the team, 10 men and 14 women, the results seem to be better on the women's sides.

"They are a great team, great friends, and even better, they are like a family,"