Apple visionary Steve Jobs passed away on October 5, 2011, due to complications from a relapse of his previously treated pancreatic cancer. Jobs will be remembered for many things, from the products he created to the enormous advance in technology he made. From developing Apple to founding Pixar, we remember Steve Jobs’s biggest contributions to the industries we love.

“He somehow had the power to look into the future and give consumers products that they liked even before they knew it,” said Farmingdale student Danny Mamee. Jobs took the industry by storm and brought our thinking to new and higher levels.

Jobs founded Apple in 1976 along with Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. From the Macintosh computer that was released in 1984, to the iPhone 4s that came out just after he passed away, he changed the way we communicate, listen to music, and watch movies, and brought us limitless access to information. Under his direction, Apple developed stylish computers and powerful operating systems.

“Apple products have changed our generation and left a huge impact,” said Christine Mathewson, a student at Farmingdale. “We wouldn’t have the social networks and connections we have today without our iPhone, iPods, and Macbook’s.”

In 2001, Apple started a digital revolution with the iPod. As one of the most popular products that Apple ever put out, the iPod allows us to carry thousands of songs on a small device. The iPod wasn’t the first media player, it wasn’t the smallest, it didn’t have the largest hard drive, but it did have an iconic style and was simple to use and led us away from CDs.

“When the iPod came out everyone wanted it; it was the one piece of technology that seemed to become a necessity for everyone,” said sophomore Ashley Noble.

Jobs revolutionized the way we listen to music. The iPod has come a long way since its launch over a decade ago, along with the iTunes software that instantly brought us music, movies, and music videos with the click of a mouse. It eventually led to the iPhone and iPad, and to Apple becoming the most valuable tech company in the world.

With the launch of the iPhone in 2007, Jobs revolutionized smart phones as well. No one had ever seen a wireless phone with the capabilities of the iPhone. As competitors tried to catch up, Jobs was always one step ahead, looking for ways to make his product better.

“Look at how we all live today, technology is at our fingertips, and you can say that what Steve Jobs did at Apple changed our lives forever,” said student Samantha Cesario. “He didn’t just change technology, he basically created a lifestyle.”

Steve Jobs’s legacy will live on with every Apple product bought and used, not just in the United States, but also around the globe. The former Apple CEO was a visionary in the computing world and is largely responsible for how computers have played a role in our everyday lives.

“He has put technology at our fingertips and has made it an important part of our daily lives,” said student Rosemarie Callanan.
Women, men and children will march across the Brooklyn Bridge on International Women’s Day, Thursday, March 8, 2012 to raise awareness about the sexual brutality inflicted upon the people of Rwanda and the Congo.

“What BETTER Looks Like,” formed by FSC’s Health and Wellness Counselor Kathleen Casserly and six other women, will host the event “Join me on the Bridge.” People from all over will gather to march across the Bridge for women’s equality worldwide. Hundreds of women are expected to gather at the same time on the Rwanda/Congo border where the bridge event originated.

Kathy Coley, director of communications for FSC, who donated money at Christmas time to the organization in the names of family and friends said, “This is a very important event and it takes tremendous courage and participation.”

Casserly is not certain how many people will attend, but wants to spread the word. She spoke with several professors who are thinking about excusing students from class.

FSC’s Sociology Professor Jim Jailer spoke with his students about the march. “Unfortunately, I can’t require them to go. I can only encourage them to,” said Jailer.

During their first trip to Rwanda, the group visited hospitals and met with different activists who are frustrated with people visiting and saying this is horrible and then never come back. “We want them to know that we are remembering, we hear you,” said Casserly. The group has put four students through college and has a liaison that monitors the programs put in place by them.

Over 1100 women are raped daily in Rwanda. “People and the land are being raped for the mineral. This is happening for greed and profit. It all boils down to conflict mineral (3T’s) titanium, tantalum and tungsten (three major components of cell phone and computers),” said Casserly. Not only are they raped, impregnated, and infected with HIV, they are ostracized by their families.

“What BETTER Looks Like” is returning to Rwanda in August. “We want to expand and respond to the requests of the people,” said Casserly.

“The Rwandan people have a greater appreciation for life than we have and their feeling for life is authentic. They have a lot to teach us,” said Casserly.

To register for the event go to www.joinmeonthebridge.org or For more information go to www.whatbetterlookslike.org
Overturned Vehicle Raises Questions

By Thomas Klos

On the cool, drizzling evening of January 26 in a poorly lit area of the campus parking lot, two vehicles collided, overturning one while doing little apparent damage to the second. Both drivers were travelling at a low speed perpendicular to one another at the time of impact.

Salma Khowaja, a criminal justice student, was walking to her car and was only yards away when the accident occurred. “It was just like in the movies,” said Khowaja. “I heard tires screeching, then the impact. It was surreal, and took a moment to sink in.”

Within minutes, the accident scene was teeming with police and emergency vehicles.

“The driver [of the overturned SUV] appeared disoriented, as though he had a concussion,” said Khowaja. “He was visibly shaken, and was taken away by ambulance.”

The second driver did not seek medical attention and appeared uninjured. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Some students believe that the new layout and congested parking arrangements have contributed to an increase in accidents at the campus.

“I live on campus, and have noticed more accidents since the new layout was implemented last semester,” said Francesco Tehrani, a senior. “It has a nice appearance, but I think it is a recipe for disaster.”

Campus police were unwilling to comment on specifics while the matter was being investigated. The website for the campus police was devoid of details or statistics regarding accidents on campus.
HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES: THE INTERNATIONAL PHENOMENON RETURNS TO FARMINGDALE

By Christina Barnett

Humans vs. Zombies (HvZ) is back on campus by popular demand. Since its debut on the Goucher College campus in 2005, HvZ has become a hit at military bases, schools, and conventions all over the world.

HvZ is a game of moderated tag in which human players must defend themselves with assorted “weapons” such as nerf guns, socks, and marshmallows against a growing horde of zombie players.

The zombie players wear orange bandanas around their heads and the human players wear the same bandanas around their arms in order to tell each other apart.

This game has received prominent press coverage from The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, the Associated Press and Stephen Colbert. Thanks to sophomore Scott Harris, Farmingdale State College has become part of the growing number of schools that support the HvZ community.

Harris, president of the Farmingdale campus chapter, discovered the game while attending SUNY Geneseo before transferring to here in fall 2011. He enjoyed HvZ so much that he wanted to bring the experience to his new school.

The game was approved by the Student Activities Office and had a successful trial run in fall 2011. Harris explains that despite strict time constraints, he managed to get a group of people together who wanted to play. “This time around is going to be a lot better,” said Harris in an interview on Wednesday. “You’re supposed to have three months to plan it, and we had three weeks so a lot of people didn’t know about it. Now that we have more time, we have a lot more people active.”

In order to keep people aware of events and activities, HvZ Historian Quang Vo documents everything, including taking and posting photos to keep an up-to-date history of the club.

Visit Farmingdale HvZ on Facebook to see the latest. Vo is also an avid player of HvZ and enjoys it because it gives kids on campus something to do in between and after classes.

“HvZ is meant for people to have fun,” said Vo. “Everyone on campus is always complaining that there is never anything to do. As long as everyone plays by the rules, everyone has a good time.”

Tagging human players and shooting nerf bullets at zombie players brings the club members closer together. HvZ member Chris Sim enjoys being able to have something new to do while developing new friendships. “People on campus need to stop complaining that there’s nothing to do and join HvZ,” said Sim.

“This is free and anyone can join. It’s fun, and you get to make a lot of new friends.”

HvZ has proven to be a popular activity all over the world and on our very own campus.
Volunteer Fair a Driving Force for Inspiration

By Thomas Klos

A Volunteer Fair held last semester is being touted as a rousing success by organizers and participants alike.

The fair was comprised of over 65 volunteer organizations and led by a half dozen community leaders who advocated volunteerism throughout the 3 hour event.

Natalie Hale, a student nurse and co-president of the Student Nursing Association of Farmingdale State College, found inspiration through a volunteer position she held in the Nutritional Services Department of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital.

“They distributed menus and assisting patients with making menu choices, I observed the registered nurses interacting with the patients at the patients most vulnerable moments,” said Hale.

“The compassion and the expertise that the nurses displayed at Brookhaven inspired me to continue to pursue a nursing career.” Hale had initially sought a degree in business before tentatively changing to a nursing degree.

“Volunteerism awarded me with finding my life’s passion,” said Hale. “So to give back, I continue to donate my time with volunteering opportunities.”

Standing in for President Hubert Keen was his Executive Assistant Veronica Henry.

“Will you join us in celebrating volunteerism and give back to your community?” said Henry. “That’s what it’s all about, while making a difference in someone’s life.”

“I am a proud Rotarian, a member of over 1.2 million Rotarians, where we are in 200 countries and 3,400 clubs,” said Henry. “It is my belief that service rises above itself, and that is the motto of Rotary International.”

Other guest speakers shared their stories with attendees.

Throughout my life, my parents really drove into me the importance of volunteerism,” said Jessica Pinckney, Miss Long Island 2012 and guest speaker.

Not everyone has had that influence,” which Pinckney explains, is why she chose volunteerism among youth as her platform “Growing Up, Giving Back” for the Miss Long Island pageant.

“It’s all about going out into schools and teaching children the importance of volunteerism and showing them things that they can do at home with their families to give back,” said Pinckney.

“Show them the importance of community service, then lead by example.”

“If you want an extremely rewarding high school and college experience, I wholeheartedly encourage you all to get involved,” said Hale. “Anyone can get involved and everyone will benefit from it.”

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On November 18, a group of non-violent student protestors were pepper-sprayed in the face at the campus quad at University of California Davis. Students had been staging their own “Occupy UC Davis,” a part of the Occupy movement. They had decided to protest campus budget cuts and tuition increases.

The students were originally given permission to protest in the quad but not to set up tents or stay over night. UC Davis Chancellor, Linda P.B. Katehi, gave the order to the Campus Police to have the protestors remove their tents but had not given an approval to use pepper-spray.

While non-violent demonstration is allowed by law, the students had ignored the campus decision to set up tents, and stayed the weekend. Campus claimed that this caused a problem for mobility around the campus, and disrupted the campus school day. Therefore Katehi gave the order to have the tents removed.

“The images from the UC Davis pepper-spraying incident are disturbing,” said Kathy Coley, Director of Communications at FSC, “It’s hard to imagine a situation in which that action would be necessary.”

“If it was some of my students I would be very upset, especially if they were non-violent,” said Professor Denise Bonomi.

From the viral video the Campus Police were not ordered to pepper spray the non-violent student occupiers. The sprayed protestors remained sitting on the pathway, arms linked, as they were barraged spray after spray.

“In general, the law permits --in fact, assures--the open expression of speech, which can of course include non-violent and non-disruptive demonstrations,” said Hubert Keen, President of FSC, “While it is a responsibility of the administration to assure the orderly conduct of our normal operations, the campus has over the years experienced numerous demonstrations.”

“We would take considerable measures to avoid confrontation between campus police and demonstrations, and to enable them to express their views through non-violent actions and non-disruptive actions,” said Keen.

“I believe the cops brought the situation to an unnecessary level,” said Katie Mergl, a Professional Communications major.

After the students had been removed from the quad walkway many of the students chanted “Shame on you!” while the sprayed students sat crying. The campus police force took a few steps backward in retreat as the onslaught of chants continued.

“I believe that because of the amount of protestors the cops felt cornered and their initial response was to lash out, this time in the form of pepper-spray and shoving,” said Zach Dillon, a student at Farmingdale.

Later, Chancellor Katehi sent home the two campus policemen who had pepper-sprayed the students, for the weekend with pay. Campus Police Chief Annette Spicuzza was sent on administrative leave.

“I think it’s disgusting,” said Christina Santora, a freshman at Farmingdale. “Things like this make me lose respect for cops.”
As we shift into warmer weather, we see the emergence of college spring sports, particularly women’s lacrosse. With eight new additions to their roster and an average of six practices a week, the team is feeling strong and ready for a good season. Lacrosse coach, Katie Mallot, seems optimistic as she leads the Rams into what will be her third season as head coach.

“The dynamics of the team are much different than last year,” said Katie Mallot. “Hopefully the new talent and new personalities will work to our advantage, with the girls continuing to see eye to eye and work well together. We are excited to see what the competition brings and look forward to a successful season.”

Last year, the Rams averaged 12 goals a game for a total of 198 goals for the season. Overall they picked up 318 ground balls, caused 163 turnovers, and were able to control 191 of the draws, the essential faceoff that leads to the team’s control of the ball.

With 14 games ahead of them, the girls are faced with a tough season and expect to come out on top. Liz White, one of the team’s new additions from Nassau Community College, is transitioning well at the new school and has high hopes for the team. “This is my first year at a Division III school and it’s definitely different from what I’m used to at Nasasu,” said Liz White. “I’m excited to see what the other teams have in store for us and I think we’re all ready to get the season started.”

This year the women’s lacrosse team has high hopes in not only making it far in the semi-finals, but also in defeating their toughest competition, Montclair State and Ramapo -- something that they didn’t succeed in last year. The Rams kick off their season on March 7 at 4 p.m., going up against Manhattanville College.

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**Womens Lacrosse Season Returns**

*By Kiersten Daly*

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**Batter Up**

*By Renne Ventaloro*

Farmingdale State College’s baseball team, The Rams, have been practicing for over a month now. This spring sport goes beyond the season of spring time. “We have to be at the school at 5:15 a.m., so for me I wake up at 4 a.m. every morning,” said Matt DeRamo a sophomore.

“We throw everyday to get our arms stronger, and we do a lot of running to get in shape. We practice usually five days a week and sometimes six,” said DeRamo.

This may seem early to begin training for the Rams season, which begins in early March, but the team has a series of tournaments and pre-season games before then. The Rams leave for six pre-season games in Florida on February 23. “Everyone is just trying to stay healthy and not get hurt, but we take our drills very seriously so we are ready for the games,” said DeRamo.

The games are something the players look forward to, but nothing is worth getting injured over, especially right before the second tournament that begins when back on the Farmingdale diamond. “Right after we return from Florida we have a tournament beginning on March 2,” said Tim Pappas, a freshman pitcher. These tournaments count, but the main focus is to try new strategies and plays. The Ram’s wants to see what works best for their return for the official season.