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The Breakfast Club Revamped for the Stage

By Kristen Chiofalo



The Cast of The Breakfast Club

Detention hits the stage this spring. Members of The Backstage Theatre Company at Farmingdale State College have been rehearsing four days a week, two and a half hours a night for their April spring drama, a live onstage production of the movie, "The Breakfast Club." Set in 1984, the movie focuses on five very different teenagers who are forced to spend an eight-hour Saturday detention together.

"We, being The Backstage Theatre Company, are very excited about putting on 'The Breakfast Club.' One of the hardest things about this production is transforming the movie script to stage, which the actors have been doing very successfully," said Nick Attanasio, the director of the production. There are

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So You Think You Can Dance

By Kristina Konrad



Farmingdale State College Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted their second annual So You Think You Can Dance competition in March. The Little Theater was packed with excitement as approximately 200 people waited to watch their peers showcase their dance talent.

RHA acts as a voice for the both the commuter and residents students of FSC. Each month RHA tries to host three to four events.

"We try to bridge the gap between residents and commuters," said Thomas Reynolds, RHA president.

After a fantastic turn out last year, RHA felt hosting a So You Think You Can Dance event again was absolutely necessary. There was supposed to be one held last semester, but due to Hurricane Sandy, plans fell through. The cancellation did not deter people from signing up for this Spring semester though.

There were 11 acts of various styles of dance, all aspiring to win the grand prize of \$500. From contemporary to Tango to hip hop styles, the crowd loved every minute of it. With a ton of audience participation and support, dancers were free to do what they love.

"My favorite part is the feeling I get after I'm all finished," said Jackie

Ruggro, a junior commuter who performed in both last year's show and this year's show.

In between numbers, DJ Fame and the host, Rick, kept the crowd's spirit alive by interactive games like name that tune or do that dance. People even jumped on stage to showcase their own talent, creating an almost party like atmosphere.

"I love that everyone was getting on stage and everybody was involved," said freshman audience member Valeria Mercado.

Dancers were scored by independent judges, who had no involvement with FSC, based on skill level, stage presence, rhythm, and entertainment value. After tallying up the scores, the third place prize of \$150 went to Jackie Ruggro. Second place, receiving a \$250 prize, went to Thomas Reynolds. Diamond Roach won the grand prize of \$500 and was named FSC's So You Think You Can Dance champion.

"At a mainly commuter school, this type of event is an opportunity to bring all students together, so that all talents can be seen and appreciated," said Reynolds.

RHA encourages students to check their weekly e-mails about events they are hosting.

Scher and Chwast Graphic Design Gallery Debut

By Jenna Rossi

On April 8, Farmingdale State College was fortunate enough to host an art exhibit honoring Illustrator Seymour Chwast and Graphic Designer Paula Scher. The exhibit, was set up on one side which honored Chwast's work, Paula's husband and the other side honoring Scher's work, Seymour's wife. His and Hers: The Poster Art of Seymour Chwast and Paula Scher, was held in Hale Hall.

Alison Prete, a senior at Farmingdale, was one of the many guests who came to admire Chwast and Scher's art work. "Being a Visual Communication major, I like the fact that Seymour works with his hands and doesn't rely only on graphic design," said Prete. Admitting that she was familiar with Scher's work but not Chwast's, Prete decided to attend the opening to view Chwast's work.

Francis Hals, a Visual Communication professor also attended the exhibit due to his passion for art. "I've been to several of Seymour's and Paula's exhibits, I know that Seymour is into pencils and not only graphics," said Hals. Standing next to Hals, was Pablo Parciso, a former Visual Communication professor. "I've been a longtime fan of this exhibit, I'm still in touch with the Department

of Visual Communications, so they let me know the exhibit was coming to Farmingdale," said Hals.



Seymour Chwast posing with his work titled "End Bad Breath"



Journalism students with Seymour Chwast

Switching over to the "her" side of the exhibit, was Cooper Union College alumni, Seymour Chwast. The Cofounder of Push Pin Studios, now director of the Push Pin Group, shared that his wife Paula Scher, partner of Pentagram in Manhattan was unable to attend the exhibit. "My wife and I are actually competitors. We have no art work together, we work for two different art studios," said Chwast.

Chwast's graphics typically revive traditional styles. However, when working on pieces of art for magazines, his traditional style is put aside. "My magazine works consist of eclectic style, depending on the message being portrayed," said Chwast.

Both Seymour Chwast and wife Paula Scher have individually inspired graphic designers all around the world. The art gallery honoring these two artists ends on Friday April 12 at 10 a.m.

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two different casts. each one performing in three shows out of the six, to give as many actors as possible the opportunity to perform.

"Because this is my second semester and secon performance, it is cool to watch people who have been here acting longer than I have," said sophomore, Christian Kalinowski.

One technique actors use is turning to their past life ezperiences and relating them to challenges their characters are faced with.

"I would say that digging into the character and finding out what makes her tick is my favorite experience," said Sionan Klees.

The tickets are free for Farmingdale students, \$5 for other students and \$10 for the general public. Shows are April 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and 21 at 3 p.m.

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It's Almost Time For Graduation!

The 94th Annual Spring Commencement has been scheduled for Sunday morning, May 19, 2013 at 10 a.m.

The Graduating Student Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the New Campus Center. Tickets will be distributed at this event.

The Graduating Student Fair is where you will be able to



- Check the spelling of your name for the Commencement Program.
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- Join the Alumni Association.

Contact the bookstore for the dates that you can begin to purchase your caps and gowns. Students must pick up caps and gowns prior to commencement.

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Archaeologist Discovers Ancient Mayan Painting

By Katelyn Hamilton

A presentation took place in the Little Theater of Roosevelt Hall by Dr. William Saturno, an American archaeologist and Assistant Professor of archaeology at Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences.

The 90 minute lecture entitled "Performing in Mythic Space, the Role of Kings in Ancient Mayan Society" displayed an excavation beginning in 2001 of ancient Mayan pre-classic paintings and murals of Xultun and San Bartolo which led to the discovery of a community of Mayan astronomers.

Saturno began his presentation by discussing his archeological findings in the Guatemalan jungle region of San Bartolo. A pyramid which had been uncovered only several feet below the earth's surface held four paintings that were more than a thousand years old of the ancient Mayan King Hona Hau, also known as "First Lord."

"The work of the murals are all done by stucco and the Mayans only used nine different colors of paint," said Saturno.

The painting depicted Hona Hau standing beneath a gigantic tree. The tree branches were weighed heavily down by a large macaw who was standing on top of the tree while in a war with the Mayan king. Ultimately,



Mayan Long Count Calendar

the Mayan king overthrows the wicked bird.

"As an art student, I've always been interested in the macaw bird from the painting with the king, so I found the lecture exciting," said Lorna Christian, a student.

"Due to the drastic age of the art, the murals were visually challenging to see," said Saturno. The presentation showed photos of what the original ancient paintings from the ancient time looked like and showed a picture of the way the paintings look today.

"The murals from the San Bartolo pyramid were fascinating to say the least. I appreciated how Mr. Saturno showed a slide of what he uncovered while he was completing his excavation process and then gave us clarity with the actual image," said, Nezar Zeidan, a student at

Farmingdale taking a Latin American cinema course.

In second portion of the presentation Saturno discussed his more recent discovery that took place in 2010, only eight kilometers away from San Bartolo in Xultun. Saturno, joined by Max Chamberlin, one his Boston University graduate students, excavated a vegetation covered structure which was probably a residential community.

After several days, Chamberlin found an unexpected well-preserved mural on a wall that only had a few visible

strokes of black and red color left.

Saturno began discussing the paintings he discovered and explained that one was found to be the Xultun's rulers sitting on a throne in a blue feathered headdress.

Saturno noted that residential communities did not generally have murals on the walls of the kings, so he began to look deeper into the mural as this was an unusual instance. A lunar calendar and hieroglyphics were uncovered on the walls as well.

Ultimately the mural that Saturno thought to be nothing "led to a profound discovery of a 20 to 40- year-old male astronomer who was supporting the kings," said Saturno.

Looking for New RA's

By John Oliveri



The Campus Center has given a new home to organizations and clubs to search for members, and the Residence Assistants have taken advantage of that. The table in the Campus Center was set up to give information, answer questions, and hand out applications for those interested in becoming an RA.

The only requirement for becoming an RA is two semesters at the college. Previous experience living on campus is not a requirement, making RA positions open to both residents and commuters.

"I would definitely love to cut my commute. It is annoying after a while," said Noelle Flores, a senior.

"RAs are leaders on campus. People look to you for answers," said Yousef Ricart, a 22-year-old RA. Ricart, whose favorite part about being an RA is the interaction and campus life, talked about the wide range of benefits that come with an RA position.

Many applicants are excited about putting RA on their resume and getting a free single room on campus. That is not the only perk to becoming an RA.

"What didn't I do as an RA?" said Ricart. His time as an RA has included relationship development with faculty, staff, and students. His time on campus has been spent creating a safe community to help first years, transfers,

and other students get acclimated to the college life.

Being a friendly, outgoing person is a common trait among RAs. The sign-up sheet at the table in the Campus Center has 15 applicants already expressing interest, and more continue to come in.

"I want to change the experience of resident students. I've had so much fun on campus, I would like to continue that for future students," said Kimberly Morello, 19-year-old sophomore at Farmingdale State College.

Information for becoming an RA can be obtained from any RA on campus, as well as the information sessions throughout the semester.

Master of Illusion and Magic Visits FSC

By Angelique Iannetta

The Utica, New York native Leon Etienne became interested in magic at the age of 12.

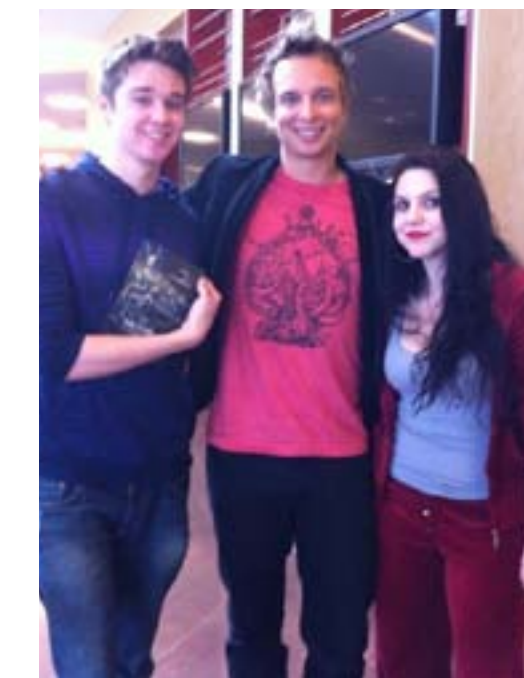
"I was 12 years old grounded by my mother and quickly became bored. I started to read a magic book and fell in love. I went to a local magic show and started practicing. As soon as I did the first trick I was amazed," said Etienne.

Since then he has become known as the Master of Illusion and Magic and has performed for audiences at many different venues. One of his favorite tricks in his illusion shows is snowstorm, where he makes it snow on stage.

"The audience really loves it," said Etienne. Etienne put on a show for the students at Farmingdale State College. He wore a black blazer with a pink graphic tee, dark skinny jeans, and sneakers. During the show, he did a bunny trick and a trick with a lighter.

"The lighter one and the bunny one was a favorite," said Katherine Quintanilla, a member in the audience.

The bunny trick comprised of three parts. When a new student came up to



Timothy Schmitt, Leon Etienne and Ashley Lemmon

the table, he would ask for her name. Then he would tell her she had a hair on her shoulder. As he said you have a hair your shoulder to the participant, he would go to grab the hair. When he would pull his hand back, there was a yellow sponge bunny in his hand. He

gave the bunny to a member of the campus activities board.

Etienne told her to open her hand. He placed the bunny inside her hand and told her to close it. Then when she opened her hand, there were two bunnies.

Etienne asked the audience if anyone smoked and took out a lighter. He told the audience that they were not allowed to take the warning label off the back of a lighter. He took the warning label off, crumpled it, and lit it on fire. But then he threw the label back onto the lighter, it went back to normal, and the fire was gone.

This event was brought to campus by the campus activities board and paid for by the students.

"All students have a mandatory fee in their tuition. That is how we get the money for it," said Ashley Lemmon a member on the Campus Activities Board.

Etienne put on a wonderful show and everyone who stopped by the table was so impressed at what he could do. The campus activities board would definitely like to bring him back.

Pride and Pinwheels

By Olivia Stephens



The sisters of Sigma Delta Tau Delta Lambda have quickly made a name for themselves on campus and in the local community. In early March the sisters participated in the Polar Plunge charity event for Camp Sunshine, a summer camp for ill children and their families. Recently they sponsored a flapjack fundraiser to help a local family and now are raising money to support their national philanthropy.

The sisters will be in the campus center raising money through a bake sale for their national philanthropic organization, Prevent Child Abuse in America. The symbol of this organization is the pinwheel, a favorite for children but also a representation of hope and change.

"I think the pinwheels are a great way for everyone to feel involved, not just sisters," said Ashley Pastore a member of the Alpha pledge class.

Any student or faculty member who purchases a treat from the bake sale will be given a pinwheel to display their support in this effort. "I like that being involved is not just restricted to sorority members. I can contribute to a good cause if I want, even if I'm not a member," said Iman Esmailzada, a junior at FSC.

The founding class and the new members of the Alpha class will work together in this charity event, and the new members love Greek life. "I like being a part of something bigger than myself, and that's what SDT does for me," said Kelly Gee a new member of SDT Delta Lambda.

Sigma Delta Tau Delta Lambda is not wasting any time, eagerly planning fundraising events for various causes with enthusiasm. If the opportunity arises to support these young women and their causes, you can grab a hot breakfast for the benefit of a local family or sign a pinwheel to prevent child abuse. No contribution is too small.

Join the Christian Fellowship Club

By Elizabeth Hallford



In Gleason 329, there is an inspirational, touching bond between students at Farmingdale. Students gather from different backgrounds to discuss God in their lives. The Christian Fellowship Club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The club symbolizes motivation, love, and hope towards its members. Students capture the strength of God's love through fellowship, worship, and Bible study.

There is a welcoming, heartwarming atmosphere. Every member exhibits strength, positivity, and a focus on serving others. Students present their testimonies as a way to live their lives with a purpose.

One day the topic was fear. Students explained each of their fears and elaborated on how they were suffering. The president, Sean Salfarlie, who is a senior at Farmingdale, explained that fears shouldn't be intimidating but rather an opportunity to achieve more faith in God.

Christian Fellowship has strengthened their knowledge of the Bible, their confidence in faith, and

their relationships with others. "This group is a major part of my college life. It's like an oasis. You can get together with cool, like-minded people," said Danielle Lawrence, a junior.

"It's good to meet other young Christians, we all go through the same issues as the body of Christ. We are all supporting each other emotionally and spiritually," said Salfarlie.

The Vice President said the club has made a positive difference in his life. "This club has strengthened my faith with God and has also made it come alive," said Darwin Lawrence, a sophomore. Their plans to prosper in their faith are definite.

The Christian Fellowship Club will be providing worship nights, club meetings, and outside gatherings. On April 25, at 7 p.m. there will be a worship night with speakers, praise dancing, and different talents to praise the Lord.

The club will be met in NYC to attend a Hillsong United worship night for which Christian artists rent a club space and provide worship with an intoxicating performance.

Free Dental Treatments



By Deanna Godfrey

The SUNY Farmingdale Dental Hygiene program offers treatment such as oral exams, x-rays, fluoride treatment, oral cancer screening, and nutritional counseling, and, for a small fee, teeth whitening is available.

The work is done by our very own students who aspire to pursue a career as dental hygienists. "The treatments do not require any insurance which is perfect for people like me who do not have any," said Nick Verdicchio. Since as not all students are covered under their parent's/guardian's insurance or cannot afford their own, this opportunity does not hold individuals back from obtaining the proper care for healthy and clean teeth.

In order to receive treatment, you must make an appointment. "Coming here for my cleaning is more convenient than going anywhere else because of the hours they are open. It helps for people who are at school or who work all day," said Jessica Molinari.

On Mondays and Tuesdays appointments are available until 9:30 p.m., and on Thursdays the clinic opens at 8:30 a.m., which makes it easier for individuals to fit dental treatments into their schedule.

Many of the students, faculty, and staff may have a fear of the dentist, which could be the reason they do not go. "I am terrified of the dentist and I had my teeth cleaned here for the first time last week and I felt more comfortable than at my other dentist," said Chris Korwan.

Clients of the Farmingdale Dental program may feel at ease when having treatment here because the students who are performing the procedures are supervised.

Apps You'll Love

By Nyasia Draper

Farmingdale State's campus is filled with students who love their phones. Whether they are walking to class or eating at the new campus center, students can be found buried in the screens of the latest technology. You may never know what app has captured their attention but here are a few that may capture yours:



Groupon: Groupon is the go-to app for those who want to end their boring weekends and

quit spending on expensive massages. Groupon is a free app that provides you with deals on nearby restaurants, outdoor activities, trends, yoga classes, and so much more. Reap the rewards of your town without breaking your wallet.

IMDb: IMDb is an app where you can watch the latest trailers on upcoming movies or movies in theaters. If you are unsure of which movie your favorite actor was in, you can search IMDb and it will tell you every film they've ever been in with fun facts about their personal lives.

Temple Run: OZ: For a measly \$0.99, you can run wild in the mystical wonders of the OZ. Players can gain coins to change characters and outfits. This game is addicting and students may want to stay away from it during finals week.

UrbanSpoon: This free app is for the 'foodies' looking for a new lunch venue or their town's weekend hot spot. With this



app, you can read reviews on restaurants, lounges, and nightclubs with the option to make a reservation. It provides photos revealing the venue's atmosphere and it re-directs users to the venue's Web site to review the menu. It's a tasty app and a great complement to Groupon.

Nike Training Club: Keep your body fit and focused with the free Nike Training Club app. There are more than 100 custom-built workouts where you can keep track of your fitness progress. It's a personal trainer in the palm of your hands.

Quizlet: Quizlet is an app designed to help and encourage you to study. It's a free, fun, and easy-to-use app that allows you to pick from 3-mobile-only study modes. It features over 21 million flashcard sets, allows you to sync your study guide with other devices, and much more.



Greenley Internal Update

By Olivia Stephens

On many college campuses the student library provides a place for students to study, use academic resources, and use staff expertise. Greenley Library is no exception, providing thousands of books and videos to assist in student research including access to some of the most expensive required textbooks. The library has also gone digital and made a large portion of its periodicals accessible to students off campus via the library's website.



window replacement and roof repair. "It is impossible to keep up to date with technology," said Lopresti, "But more students would use the facility if there were more computers." Junior, Iman Esmailzada agrees, "They need new chairs and more computers, everything looks like it's from the 70's and smells like it too."

Though the majority of Farmingdale students are commuters, many students still find the library to be an asset to their educations. "Greenley library is a great place to get work done in between your classes. I'm a commuter so when I have 3 hour breaks in between classes instead of driving home I go to the library," said Jenna Rossi, a senior. However Esmailzada, another commuter says, "People go there to hang out. College and University libraries are supposed to be silent where students actually study. Greenley is not a serious workspace."

The introduction of the Campus Center has changed campus life for many FSC students; the update of Greenley Library will surely change the way students study and use academic resources on campus.

The addition of the modern and new Campus Center has drastically changed campus life, students now have a place to congregate and have social interaction, a valuable part of the college experience. Greenley Library is scheduled to follow suit and modernize the library into the "Information Commons," which will have a writing center among other academic resources. FSC has allotted 1 million dollars for the updating and improvement of the Greenley Library.

There are also many librarians on staff to assist students in finding whatever materials they need and to improve research techniques. George Lopresti, who has been on staff at the library since 1979, says "Everything is different than when I first arrived here, there are computers, card catalogues, and bound periodical indexes." All of these aspects make the resources at the library easily accessible for students to find and navigate. "I enjoy the library at school, the staff is very helpful but it is outdated, if some renovations and technological improvements were done students would definitely use it more," said John Grillea, a senior.

The library was established in the 1970's and there have been few modernizations since that time. In fact the only updates to the library have been the addition of computers, the

Calling All Students to Help the Community

By Geena Pandolfi

There are so many ways for students to get involved with the community it is often hard to decide what organization is worth supporting or how to get involved.

One easy way to be involved and support a cause is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island's annual 5K 'Walk for Kids' Sake,' which will be held Saturday April 27.

Jackie LaScala, a student at FSC said, "I would like to volunteer with a local charity, but I don't really know how I can get involved. I also don't really have time during the week to get involved."

Getting involved and giving back doesn't have to be time consuming. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island (BBBSLI) is a mentoring program that pairs children facing adversity with a positive adult role model. Annually, Big Brothers Big

Sisters of Long Island host a 'Walk for Kids' Sake' to support their organization so they can continue to support their matches.



Jamessina Hille, the PR/Marketing Manager at BBBSLI said, "Our organization is nonprofit so we rely on the generosity of others to ensure that we can continue to support our children in the program, the walk helps us raise

awareness and much needed funding to further our mission."

This year the 'Walk for Kids' Sake' will take place at Eisenhower Park Field 5 in East Meadow; registration is \$25 per person and begins at 9 a.m., the walk is from about 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Students who participate will be offered community service hours for their time and all who register receive a T-shirt, bag and entrance into the picnic at the end of the walk.

Nick Wunder, a student at FSC said, "I think a walk is a great way to get involved with a charity that helps kids locally and who doesn't want a T-shirt?"

For more information visit www.bbbsli.org.

Sports Complex Renovation

By Pauline Wills

In 1972, an athletics facility was built on the Farmingdale campus named after George E. Nold to accommodate the fast growing student body. This building used its space for sporting activities as well as hosting several events on campus. Since 1973 Nold Hall has been the home of annual graduation commencement programs

"Nobody knows who this guy was, but now they will know," said Karen Gelles a librarian at Greenley Library.

George E. Nold was a retired assistant professor who taught physics and mathematics. He was honored by the college for his Naval and teaching career and for winning the gymnastic championship at Annapolis.

George Nold Hall is currently being renovated and is scheduled for completion by August 8, 2013. The red brick building, now fenced with scaffolding is having its north and west entrances renovated. The east side of

the building facing Broadhollow Road is now used as the main entrance to the gym, which is still open to students. The inside of the gym has sheet rock to block off access to that area.

"There are lots of new additions,"



will be constructed, the capacity of the restroom facilities will be increased and a new weight room will be added along with a fitness center with glass walls. New racquetball courts and a new auxiliary gym will be built for campus and community use.

New classrooms and training rooms will also be installed

"Only the brick walls will remain the same," said Robert J., supervisor of GII Construction.

The Nold Hall rehabilitation project will cost \$19,000,000. The architect of this project is Butler Rogers Baskett and the contractor is GII Construction.

"Significant changes will be done to the interior. They planned to add more lighting as well as different types of glass doors," said Robert J. GII Construction.

said John Principato, athletics facility coordinator.

The handball/racquet courts and ancillary areas will be updated. Equipment will be replaced in the Mechanical Equipment Room to support the renovations.

New and larger locker room facilities

Caring for the Campus New Children's Center to Open Late 2013

By Katelyn Hamilton



New Children's Center to open near the Route 110 entrance

Take a walk around the Farmingdale campus and you will quickly notice the countless construction projects that are taking place. One of these new projects is a brand new Children's Center that is expected to open in November 2013.

"The new building will feature an indoor gym and new playground, along with an extra toddler room, one extra baby room, and an extra pre-k room," said Linda Crispi, Children's Center Director.

"The new center will also start offering summer camp. Mommy and Me and Epic Explorers will be featured in the summer program which is a new addition to the Children's Center," said Crispi.

The center currently cares for 45 children each day, but they anticipate a higher volume of children once the new center opens.

"Generally the children who come to the center belong to faculty and

students who are on the campus during the week but it is open to anyone with children," said Laura Ward, teacher's assistant at the children's center.

"The children really enjoy being outside so the new playground is definitely going to be very exciting for the kids," said Ward.

The new children's center will cost approximately \$7.5 million dollars and will be 11,700 square feet. It is located near the Route 110 entrance of the Farmingdale campus.

Rams Eliminated From NCAA Division III Tournament

By Nyasia Draper



The Rams womens team huddled up

The Farmingdale State women's basketball team has proven they are a team of strength, agility, and determination as they won the Skyline Conference of the year and entered the NCAA Division III Tournament after they defeated Purchase, 40-39.

This marks the third time in school history that the team has made it to the tournament.

The game was close, but the Rams maintained their focus. The Rams had to bring the same energy for their next challenge against the accomplished Amherst team in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

It was an unlikely match up for the Rams to enter the tournament with a 12-12 record and to be up against Amherst in the first round.

Amherst is ranked #5 in the USA Today Coaches poll with a 27-1 record.

On March 1, the Jeffs lived up to their season statistics and defeated the Rams in the NCAA Division first round game, 67-39.

The defeat eliminated the Rams from the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Jeffs proved to be a team of scorers as they dominated with a six point lead within the first six minutes of the first quarter.

Farmingdale State's senior guard Nikita Green and Amherst's senior forward Bridget Crowley went head to head as they tried to keep their team in the NCAA tournament throughout the game. Amherst's Jasmine Hardy also made a statement on the court with game changing three-pointers and defensive rebounds.

FSC called a time-out, possibly to inspire a different approach, but came out of the time out with a missed lay up by Nicky Young and a missed jump shot by Lushanta Savadel.

The team seemed to be back in the game as FSC's Christina Merrill stole the ball and headed down the court in an attempt to end Amherst's dominating streak.

The Rams may have fallen short but should remain in good spirits as they have accomplished more than their opponents expected.

Guard Nikita Green walked off the court with team high of 16 points and 3 steals.

The Rams final record is 12-13. Green is a graduating senior but will be leaving behind a team with a strong core and potential to taking it all the way in the next basketball season.

Mandat Tares Up the Track

By Michael Stevens

Victoria Mandat is a track star and a brainiac. She has been competing in track and field since grade 10, with non-stop training, while juggling complex school courses. "My roomie forever. She is the sweetest lady. Fierce over the hurdles. ECAC qualifier from her freshman year to now," said Kathleen Clermont, teammate.

Coming in at 5'8 1/2 feet, Mandat is the real deal. "I believe I always do well," said Mandat. "During high school I was All-League, which means for that season I came in first for every dual meet against another team. College, I won a handful of first places, but now usually it's like top four."

"She's determined to do well and give it her all in her specific events," said Druscilla Dickson, teammate. "I also run the 200, 4x1 relay. I ran the 4x4 a few times but I hate it!" said Mandat humorously.

To find an athlete who is humble and relentless, and with a strong work ethic as a priority is rare. Mandat is studying in the arts and sciences. "My major is tech studies with a concentration of biology and a minor in sociology," said Mandat.

Mandat, like any New Yorker, enjoys cooking and eating, and in her free time likes hanging with friends, partying, and relaxing. Mandat's goal is to become a pediatrician.



A Confident Ball-Club

By John Grillea



Farmingdale State Ram's Mens Baseball Team

After a rocky beginning for the Farmingdale State Ram's men's baseball team, the squad is finally beginning to get it together at a rapid pace. Starting the season 0-4 was a shocker during the start of their 2013 spring season, but they have redeemed themselves and are now holding a 14-9 record along with an impressive 7-1 record in the conference.

Currently on a 5 game winning streak the Ram's look to add to this hot-streak. The players are feeling better than ever and are extremely confident as the season continues.

The start of the season was a shocker for this Ram's team with such high expectations, but they have made some serious progress as of recent. "We got off to a rough start, but of late we've been playing very well getting our record to 14-9. We got good young talent and strong leadership out of our seniors," said outfielder Michael Marino.

As the season progresses, so is the squads talent and bond between the team. "I feel that our guys are really starting to come along. We're finally starting to mesh like a family. We have each others backs out there and we're always there to protect our guys. I think that's important for a winning club it shows unity," said

outfielder Michael Scarlato.

Scarlato and relief pitcher Chris Dragone made it clear that there is always room for improvement on any team. "I can't say I'm satisfied with my performance because you should never be satisfied, there is always room for improvement. I don't care what level of ball you play at, from the big leagues down to tee ball, there is always room," said Scarlato. "We have a lot of freshman, so they definitely need to check in and dedicate themselves 100 percent," said relief pitcher Chris Dragone.

Yet, Scarlato is still not worried about his team and still has high expectations. "I can't say I'm worried much this season, I feel like everyone knows their role and they are ready when they are called upon," said Scarlato.

After a slow start it is clear that this Ram's team still has their eyes on a National Championship. "Anything short of a regionals championship will be a failure for this team, I expect us to roll right through conference play and into regionals with the ultimate goal of getting to the World Series and winning," said Marino.

A slow start for the team has turned right around and the Ram's baseball team is confident

in their play ball-play. Their family mentality is a huge asset to the growing success of the team that is only getting better as the season progresses.



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