This year has been filled with drastic weather changes. Whether it was Hurricane Sandy, the nor’easter that followed it, or Blizzard Nemo, the East Coast has been rocked by many devastating and intense storms.

This past week, Nemo covered the East Coast with snow. It was reported that Suffolk County, the hardest hit area on Long Island, received more than 30 inches of snow in some towns. Nassau County had a reported snowfall of 18 inches or more in some areas.

As to how Nemo stacked up against other snow storms in the past, it did not reach record wind speeds but it is the greatest amount of snowfall to hit Suffolk County. With so many of these storms occurring on the island so close to each other, the damage has been piling up.

“The streets in my area are still not plowed,” said junior, Olivia Stephens. “There’s still a lot that needs to be done, and it’s a hazard.”

With damage from Sandy still being cleaned up, storms like Nemo are causing increased delays in the process. Although students like snow days, these storms have been disruptive and damaging to people’s lives.
Sandy’s Effect On Students

By Jaime Torlincasi

Though it has been nearly three months since the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, Long Islanders are still rebuilding. Along with New York City and New Jersey, Long Island was affected more than anyone could have imagined. Sandy affected everyone in some way on Long Island. More than 8,100,000 homes lost power across 17 states, thousands were flooded, and an estimated $25 billion was lost in business activity. Many Long Islanders have devastating stories of their own. Returning to school last semester was a difficult task for many Farmingdale students and faculty members. Homes needed to be repaired, electricity needed to be restored, and finding gas was nearly impossible. “My dad siphoned it out of my car for the generator since we had no power. With the gas shortage, it was almost impossible to get gas and the lines were just ridiculous,” said Loryn Boscia, 22, of Amityville Harbor. “School was extremely difficult just because of the amount of damage; I had to help my family clean up and also the little gas that was available was a problem.”

As for Professor Campana, who lives in Deer Park, she had to cancel one day of her classes. “Not because I had water in my house or loss of electricity, but because a tree fell on my house and pancaked my car,” said Campana. The overwhelming damage and stress Sandy created has many Farmingdale students changing their perspective on their belongings, electric, gas and life in general. Many also realized how dependent they were on electricity. Boscia said, “I knew electricity was important, but, holy cow, I need heat.”

During Sandy, Farmingdale State College, served as a Red Cross Relief Center. “To connect the generosity of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to those still in need,” said the Farmingdale school website.

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on campus brought the New York Cares Coat Drive to the campus. Newman, an active member of the campus’s new sorority Sigma Delta Tau, said, “The sorority had hosted a bake sale to raise money for a relief foundation.” Recently, however, Long Islanders are finally receiving some significant relief. As of January 28, the Senate passed the remaining $5.1 billion dollars from the $60 billion federal relief package. The total funds were delayed delivery, due to the House of Representatives failure to pass the bill in lieu of the fiscal cliff dispute four weeks ago. This can signify the beginning of true recovery for those who have been devastated by the infamous superstorm.
Tattoos seem to be the most popular taboo lately, especially in regards to starting a new job. There are many professions as well as regular part-time jobs that have restrictions about tattoos. Many employers have rules and restrictions that employees abide by while other companies have a more relaxed approach.

“Easy to hide areas on the body such as the foot and the back of the neck are very popular for women if they do not want them to be constantly visible,” said Alyssa Sudbrink, college student at Farmingdale State College.

“I think the lower back was definitely a fad, but now girls still get them. Most people like to show their art work and tell people what it means to them,” said Jamie Torlincasi, an FSC student.

“Tattoos are a form of art and personal expression that in today’s professional world can affect a person’s career opportunities. “I honestly don’t know if it will affect my future career goals, but I am not able to discriminate against an individual for any reason. If a company chooses not to hire me based on my tattoos, it is their loss because I am a great worker. One of my tattoos is a memorial to my grandmother. If a memorial to a loved one is wrong in the eyes of an individual without tattoos, then we simply need to reconsider who the negative person is in the situation,” said Elenowit.

According to CBS News statistics, 23 percent of college students have one to three tattoos and 36 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds have at least one tattoo. We hope the negative view of people with tattoos will change and all types of discrimination will end.

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The Fashion Committee’s First Fashion Show

By Karla Rosa-Romero

The lingerie collection provoked a cheerful reaction from the audience.

Clad in angel wings and lingerie reminiscent of Victoria’s Secret, the models of the Fashion Committee (FC) walked the Roosevelt Hall catwalk for a crowd of 400 people.

“Wilma Wonka and the Fashion” was the theme for the FC’s first show. The seats were adorned with candy and attendees received golden tickets to participate in a gift card raffle. Two volunteers danced to compete for a Kindle Fire. The audience cheered to choose the winner.

Six collections were modeled. They included club, professional, and beach attire.

Rebecca Francois, president of the FC, organized the event. She had previous experience as she organized the Inter-Dormitory Council (IDC) show last year. “Everyone enjoyed the show, so I’m happy,” she said.

Francois and most of the people involved are pursuing a career in fashion after graduating. The first collection was co-designed by Marshall Davis, an architecture student. After joining the FC, he wanted to pursue a fashion career. “Architecture is about codes, regulations and rules,” he said. “But with fashion you can be free to do what you want.”

Naanki Jasuja, 15, and her family attended the show to support her brother Desphyar Jasuja, who modeled for two collections. Her brother, a business student, wishes to pursue acting and modeling.

“My brother said there would be some R-rated moments,” said Naanki Jasuja. “It would be awkward to watch [with parents].”

She was referring to the lingerie collection in which models danced seductively for three male models.

Some attendees stood and cheered for their performance. Designers for the show were found through social websites like Model Mayhem, while models auditioned to join the show.

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Madd Candlelight Vigil

By Ariel Costakis

The Beach Collection by Anu Belle

This winter marks Long Island’s 30th Annual Candlelight Vigil for the victims of drunk driving accidents. Over 200 people gathered to pay respect in memory of friends and family members.

“People that are today,” said Gina Marie. “I think of my brothers, sisters, and friends. It’s not easy to lose a loved one.”

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30th Annual MADD Candlelight Vigil

By Ariel Costakis

A friend of a student at FSC. She lost her best friend during a drunk driving accident three years ago.

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Back Into the Swing of Things  
By John Grillea

Thanks to the Division III “Top 25” voting panel, Farmingdale State remains one of the best kept secrets in men’s basketball. It’s anyone’s guess how the Rams have stayed under the radar entering this season, but they ought to be excited. This is the time of year when every college kid outside of the Skyline Conference sneers, “Who is Farmingdale?” and four quarters later they’re sorry they asked.

Throughout head coach Erik Smiles’ tenure, the Rams have become a legitimate contender to both conference and non-conference opponents. In those eight seasons, the Rams have qualified for three NCAA tournaments, and have never once suffered a losing record. In those eight seasons, the Rams have qualified for three NCAA tournaments, and have never once suffered a losing record.

One Farmingdale student, Herman Reyes, indicated that Farmingdale’s dominance for nearly a decade is testing the composure of rival fans. “Last year some people in the stands got a little crazy when Old Westbury lost. They wanted to fight us,” Reyes recalled. Coach Smiles and his staff have been fundamental in bringing this winning culture to Farmingdale State College. Each year they have assembled a roster of highly talented, disciplined athletes from top to bottom.

This season continues that pattern, and leading the way is AJ Matthews. The 7’1 senior forward, whose school records can be counted on two hands, has stunned his opponents with an unbelievable combination of size and athleticism. Matthews’ ability to excel in all facets of the game has made him a match-up nightmare for opposing coaches.

“This year, the biggest challenge for me will be handling double and triple-teams,” said Matthews. “I have to help my teammates get the ball without turning it over as much as I did last year.” While the fans love to see him throw down an alley-oop, or stuff an opponent’s shot, he still plays fundamentally sound basketball. Don’t be surprised when you see Matthews making his free throws and sinking shots outside the paint.

Still, Matthews’ talents should not overshadow the contributions of his teammates. He is surrounded by a carefully selected supporting cast whose abilities complement each other. According to Coach Smiles, a key component of this roster is sophomore guard Ryan Davis.

“Davis is a major piece of our offense,” said Smiles. “He is a tremendous play maker, potentially the best in the region.” Davis led the Rams in assists last season while impressing his coaches with his ability to handle and distribute the ball. This year, he’ll have a new weapon in his arsenal, sophomore guard Justin Bailey.

With the departure of seniors Josh Smith and Dymeason Fourtoua, Bailey inherited the responsibility of scoring from long range. Coach Smiles voiced his confidence in Bailey, explaining what sets him apart from his predecessors. “It’s his job now,” affirmed Coach Smiles. “Justin’s a pure shooter, one of the best three-point shooters the program has ever had.”

It is clear that Coach Smiles knows how good this team is, but he stressed the importance of staying focused.

“What’s important is just to get better in each part of the game, one day at a time. No team is great right away,” said Coach Smiles.

This may be true, but with a career record of 162-64, and eight Coach of the Year titles under his belt, perhaps greatness is not far out of reach. With 16 wins and 5 losses in the season thus far the team is demonstrating its strength.

After a heroic 2012 season for the Farmingdale State Rams Men’s baseball team, it is clear that they are playing with a little extra fire-power for this upcoming spring because of the way things ended just a season ago.

With a comeback victory in the ninth inning that sent the team to the regional finals, followed by a heart breaking finals loss in the ninth, the men of the Rams baseball team are destined to be victorious this season. After capturing a fifth consecutive Skyline Championship, the Rams look to make it a sixth, along with a trip to the World Series for the season to come.

Since last season, the Rams have proved to be more ready than before. An emotional loss in the finals has given them a greater desire to win.

“We never gave up and fought because we had heart every single year, we were so close and just missed making it to the College World Series. We wake up and leave to practice at 5 a.m. everyday and work so had to achieve our goals, we are not just a team. We’re a family,” said relief pitcher Chris Dragoone.

“Only 25 guys in the nation are happy because of the way it ended last season, and those are the champions,” said outfielder Michael Scarlato. Dragoone and Scarlato both made it clear that the Rams want this more than ever this year.

The team’s confidence and will to win is at another level. “I’m not worried about too much. I know my role on the club and if everyone does his part, we’ll be a fine-tuned machine and are going to do some serious damage,” said Michael Scarlato. The Rams have their eyes on a national title and will give it their all to achieve their goal.

Former big slugger catcher and older brother of Scarlato, Frank Scarlato graduated last season and has a lot of confidence in his former team. “I think that the team still has a great chance of winning the conference even though they lost Phelan, McAllister, and myself. I wish them all the best of luck and believe that they will keep their winning ways.”

After the way things ended a season ago, this 2013 Rams team is fired up and ready to give all they’ve got this upcoming season.