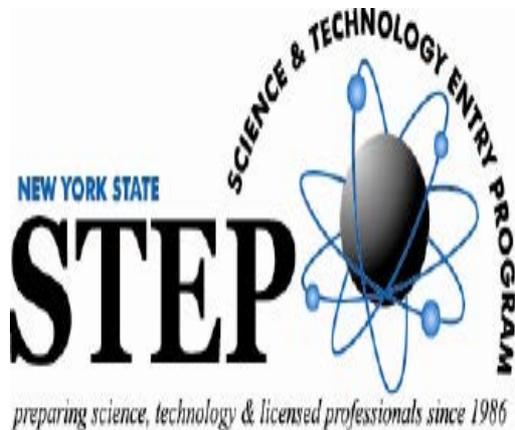


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Campus's Own Winter Wonderland

By Brittany Caiafa



This winter has been a rough one for Long Islanders. The amount of snow we've seen so far has been incredible and the temperatures have been bitterly cold.

It has snowed eight times since December, and winter isn't over yet. During the first week of February alone it snowed twice. Schools have been forced to cancel classes, many stores closed their doors to customers, and traffic has been a nightmare.

A lot of people are getting frustrated with the weather and were hoping that the ground hog was right about an early spring.

January 2 and 3 was the first major snowstorm of the year. Totals generally ranged from 6-12 inches across the area. Then we took another hit on January 21 with 9-14 inches of snow across the Island. The most recent snowfalls were on February 3 with approximately 3-9 inches and February 5 totaling around 1-5 inches of snow.

Farmingdale State College closed twice due to the weather conditions. Most students weren't upset about the missed days but are frustrated with the cold weather. "I hope we get more snow days," said Daniel Sheehan.

Some students will be happy to

see it melt. "I enjoyed the snow until now because it's making things very inconvenient," said Ashley Gambale.

The campus has done its best to plow the parking lots and make walkways clear for the students. "It's hard to find parking because of piled mounds of snow," said Rebecca Strickland. However, students still have to be extra cautious when walking around campus because it is very icy.

Professor's aren't too excited for classes to be canceled. It is going to make the workload pile up.

Training Kids One S.T.E.P At A Time

By Jessica Perez

STEP (Science Technology Entry Program) and C-STEP (College Student Technology Entry Program) are government funded programs geared to expose students to STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, Math), health sciences and licensed professionals fields. It is free to all students, and works through a government grant. "STEP helps remove barriers that prevent students from learning, giving them opportunities they would not necessarily have in their home districts," said Risa Stein, assistant director for the FSC program



Middle school student Zaire McQueen with instructor of renewable energy class

This New York State educational program is geared for

unrepresentative middle school, high school and college students. It provides young students with enriched activity and lab-based instruction. Established at Farmingdale in 1989-1990 the program runs today under the direction of Dr. Kamal Shahrabi at Lupton Hall. "The program is phenomenal, a hands-on experience with experiments for the kids," said Kiv Lee the project assistant, head coordinator for the Saturday STEP program. C-STEP students gather in the office for help with their studies, tutoring, mentoring, and academic support.

The program offers services to the middle and high school students and encourages them to pursue college or a STEM trade. Farmingdale STEP students chose to apply to the C-STEP program at Farmingdale, and as a result have the support of the program while pursuing their educational goals. Middle and high school students get exposure and hands on experience with labs and SAT prep courses. "I like exploring new things, meeting new people," said Alayana Appolon a seventh grade

student of Wyandanch who dissected turtles in a Saturday five week program that ran this past fall.

"I love doing the STEP program because it offers our students an opportunity to experience what it is like in a college environment," said David Milch, STEP coordinator for Wyandanch. Last year the STEP program had 305 students, and C-Step had 137 students enrolled in the program which has been substantially increasing every year.

To qualify, STEP students must be enrolled in grades 7-12, be of a historically underrepresented or economically disadvantage group and have a GPA of 75 or better. STEP offers Saturday academy workshops

(A five week program in the fall and spring), a regional summit conference, and two statewide conferences where students compete. C-STEP offers workshops, financial aid night, college mentor night to high school students, where the C-Step students share their college experiences; award ceremonies, scholarship opportunities, and more.

Students in the Saturday program, dissect turtles in the biology lab. The children learned with hands-on experience in eight different classes in biology, robotics, forensics, renewable energy, SAT preparation courses, and nursing and more. Middle and high school students from specific districts such as Wyandanch, Copiague, Farmingdale, Amityville, and Huntington, came on buses to attend the program.

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Student Concerns About Studying Abroad

By Scott Callahan

To many, the option to study abroad is a great opportunity. However, for many students at FSC the option to study abroad just simply isn't worth it. It also doesn't help that some students don't even know about the option.

According to postcards mailed home to some students, the summer 2014 program will be in Florence, Italy, at the Florence University of the Arts. The program takes place over three weeks in the summer and will earn students six credits.

The approximate cost for the program is about \$3,906. This price includes tuition, housing, partial meal plan, and international cell phone rental. It does not include round-trip

airfare, books, supplies, leisure, activity on the international cell phone, and the refundable housing deposit.

"I wouldn't go, it's just too expensive," said senior Jordan Ellis. "The airfare should really be included in that price." Students seem to agree with that too. To the average college student, struggling to get by as it is, the price is just too steep. There is a ray of hope here though, and that is students who receive financial aid may be eligible to apply the funding to the study abroad program.

"That's great!" said student Morgan Mark. "If was covered completely, I would go."

"If I was going to travel I would

use all of that money to actually travel Italy," said Ellis. For some it's just as much about the time spent as the money.

"If I was going to go to Italy, I'd want to go for fun rather than a study program," said Jon Lewis, a senior year PCM student.

For the students who do want to take this opportunity to visit another country this summer, and earn a few credits in the process, students can visit the office of international education and Programs in Laffin Hall 320. Call or Email them to make an appointment or RSVP for an info session at (631)-794-6250 or studyabroad@farmingdale.edu.

HvZ: How Would You Survive?

By Scott Callahan

Zombies, survivors, and Nerf guns, oh my! The Humans vs.. Zombies club offers an unusual and fun option for those looking to be active on campus, but don't want to join the usual sports teams or clubs. Humans vs. Zombies started at Goucher College in 2005, and spread across the nation and the world, coming to Farmingdale in 2011.

"Dorming students were bored. There was not much on campus besides sports. So what ended up happening was we wanted to do something active and be social," said Cassie Christian, president of the Humans vs. Zombies Club.

The very first Humans vs. Zombies event had over 150 students participating. "You really go all out for this," said Christian.

"It takes a potentially boring campus life and really spices it up." A handful of those students banded together into the HvZ club to plan and host the event every semester. However, the HvZ game isn't all they do.

"We did have other events, typical sign ups. We had a Halloween party, boot camps for training and even a



video game night," said Alessandro Oliverio, secretary of the HvZ club. They also held a Nerf night in the multipurpose room at Roosevelt Hall, which was a game of capture the flag with Nerf guns.

The fast-paced and frantic looking game played a lot like a game of dodge ball, except instead of having to evade a few large kickballs, you had to dodge dozens of Nerf darts and capture a flag at the same time; definitely a good workout.

The club members are a close group, fun loving and spontaneous. They are

always very welcoming to anyone who would like to attend an event, join the club, or even just sit down and chat. This is the kind of club where you never really have to worry about fitting in. "You tend to put differences aside in the middle of a zombie takeover," said Christian.

"My first semester I sat alone in the library. I never expected to fit in [with the club]," said Oliverio. "I went from having no friends on campus to 50 in two days."

90's Grunge Influence

By Caroline Forcino

The 1990's brought in a new wave of fashion called Grunge. With fitted clothes out, and sloppy, loose clothing in, Grunge became a crazed style that consisted of plaid, flannels, and jeans. It was a cheap, vernacular style that was associated with musicians like Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love.

Grunge was a fashion statement that derived from clothes worn by rock musicians and their fans. Unlike other fashion trends throughout the decade, it was mainly influenced by music. People saw it as hippies and punks merging their wardrobes together. Vogue described the style as if it was slept in, picked off the floor, swapped, and scrounged from the ragbag.

The music of the 90's consisted of part punk, part heavy metal, and all guitar. The popularity of this alternative rock music was able to bring the simple, unkempt grunge look mainstream.

In 1990, Kurt Cobain was performing live in a vintage floral-print dress, which little did he know at the time started a revolutionary movement. Cobain was the lead singer of Nirvana, which emerged in the Seattle area.

He struggled with heroin addiction, illness, and depression. He was also known for saying that, "being famous is the last thing I want." Yet, he became widely known as the king of grunge.

He wore mostly thrift store items, which at the time, seemed to be the whole purpose of grunge. It was putting together outfits that wouldn't cost more than a few dollars. Cobain had the ability to throw together chaotic elements that perfectly reflected the generation's distaste for all things conventional.

His aesthetic inspired a multitude of teenagers to wear their rebellion on their sleeves, on their chest, in their hair, or whatever felt right for them. Kurt Cobain was also known for his marriage to the queen of grunge, Courtney Love.

Courtney Love is a woman whose battles were widely publicized, yet it was her style that is remembered. With all controversy set aside, she was the epitome of grunge for women. Known for her controversial lyrics in

the band Hole, her personal life with Kurt Cobain, and her battle with drug addiction, she was still able to bring in a new wave of fashion. Love was often seen wearing ripped jeans or stockings, slip dresses, and fannel over-sized shirts. She characterized the Pacific Northwest punk scene with tattered baby doll dresses and tousled hair.

Love and Cobain were often known as the couple who "invented 90's grunge fashion." As the grunge fad expanded, we started to see many celebrities supporting it.



While we know that the grunge style derived from clothes worn by rock musicians and their fans, we quickly saw designers follow Cobain's and Love's trends.

New York City designers such as Marc Jacobs and Anna Sui, developed grunge collections. Marc Jacobs, the prime motivator of the grunge trend, described his infamous grunge collection, which eventually cost him his job at Perry Ellis. It was launched in 1992 and was full of Cobain's signature stylings such as plaid, flannels, thermals, and tons of layers.

The fashion industry marketed grunge fashion to consumers, charging premium prices for each item, which defeated the purpose of grunge. Jean Paul Gaultier told Vogue in 1993 that "Grunge is nothing more than the way we dress when we have no money," and that was exactly how Cobain and Love wanted it to be portrayed.

After Cobain committed suicide in 1994, his grunge legacy continued. Today, the grunge movement designers like Marc Jacobs revisited his favorite era for the fall 2013 collection, and we've seen conservative designer, Yves St. Laurent, come out with a grunge fall 2013 collection. His collection was based on the women of the 90's indie rock. He paired baby doll dresses, combat boots and knobby cardigans to create a look straight out of the Hole music video.

As we continue to be fascinated over the grunge era, and watch as it makes a comeback, we will always be able to look back and see the two outrageous people that started it all.

Residence Hall Gets a Facelift

By Russell Kuchlewski

It is becoming harder and harder to find a stable job with decent compensation every year. Because of this, more people are choosing to return to school for a higher education to give them an edge in our modern competitive business world. Some of these students need to live on campus to attend school, but every year students end up on the waiting list for housing at SUNY Farmingdale.

Farmingdale has been bonded \$15 million in order to renovate Lehman Hall, one of the campuses retired resident halls. Angela Jasur, the director of residence, said, "Students should not have to worry if they are going to have a place to live or not." The renovation of Lehman Hall will bring an extra 170 beds to the campus which is expected to open in the summer of 2015.

James Connally is a student at Farmingdale who plans to live on campus in his upcoming semesters. "It will be nice not to have to worry about the fuss of finding separate living arrangements," said Connally. This improvement will be mutually beneficial for school and student, as more beds will also mean more revenue.

Lehman Hall will bring in an added \$1.1 million per year in room revenue if fully housed. The building will eventually pay for itself but unfortunately is not expected to turn profit until the year 2032. Richard Hume, the controller at Farmingdale, said, "Once you have a building, you have expenses for opening that building." The renovation will be costly but beneficial as it brings in more students who need housing throughout the semester.

Lehman Hall was originally closed in 2004 due to a lack of demand, said Tom Corti, the vice president of student affairs. "Because we are growing at a rapid pace, we are able to use enrollment money on new projects." Lehman Hall is a clone of Dewey Hall, but will be different from Dewey when the renovation is finished. Students will be able to benefit from these improvements in the near future.

Ten Days With Terrorists

By Kathleen Scally

Farmingdale Chair of Science, Technology and Society Program, Dr. Robert Saunders was afforded the rare opportunity to spend time with convicted terrorists of Israel through a fellowship sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies.

The Foundation, which is going on its tenth year, is based in Washington, D.C. and searches for professors who teach courses on terrorism. A selected professor can only go on the trip once and after the experience can refer other professors to the foundation.

Dr. Saunders is an experienced traveler, having traveled to 25 countries in Europe alone, but this trip was very different from the others.

In Israel, Saunders met actual terrorists and spoke to them about their experiences, strategies, and what they think about their future. Some people might find the experience of speaking to terrorists frightening.

"Going into it I wasn't thinking that much about the danger," said Saunders. For Saunders this was an amazing learning experience, not a danger.

In June 2012, Saunders spent ten days in Israel, and traveled alongside 32 other professors, a translator, and Israel security personnel who carried machine guns and other weapons. When they arrived at the prison where they would meet the terrorists, Saunders was surprised at what he saw. The prison in which the terrorists were kept was divided into two sections, half Israeli convicts, convicted of crimes like robbery and murder, and half for those convicted of terror attacks.

"There is a reason they are in jail. If they have more freedom, there is more possibility to plan attacks with people on the outside," said Niki Saitta, a sophomore. This concept of holding terrorists, criminals who are extremely dangerous, with regular criminals is

something that is foreign to America. Terrorists in the United States are kept in maximum security prisons, while in Israel terrorists have much more freedom, even a visiting hour with their families, a luxury that terrorists held in U.S. custody do not have.

"Giving them more freedom is dumb because even after 9/11 we tried

to become more strict with terrorists and look what happened twelve years later - the Boston marathon bombing," said TomieRae Martin, a sophomore.

When Saunders spoke to the terrorists about their future, they were positive. Many times terrorists are traded to save Israelis who were taken captive. Terrorists jailed in Israel, unlike terrorists jailed in the United States, believe that they will eventually be free.

"I don't think it's a good idea. It's freeing dangerous psychopaths and putting more people in danger," said Kelli Kaletcher, a junior.

Saunders learned a lot about the counter-terrorism methods used by the Israeli military against terrorists. Right now Saunders tries to incorporate what he learned in Israel in his lesson plans. Saunders already teaches a course on terrorism in the modern world and plans to teach a class on the history of Israel in the future.

"I think it would be beneficial because of how common terrorism has become today. It's constantly talked about on the news and affects our lives so we should be informed about it," said Danielle Frantino, a freshman.



Dr. Robert Saunders, FSC Professor



RAVE

By Elisa Jorge

FSC has recently enabled a new emergency alert system called RAVE. This new system allows administrators to send immediate messages to students in the event of a crisis. In light of all of the unfortunate happenings at schools around the country, it is important to stay aware and prepared.

The text alert messages have already been tested and are up and running. If there is an upcoming cancellation of school due to snow or other events, students would all be notified by text messages. University police investigator, Daniel Daugherty, believes that this is the most convenient and effective way to safely alert the student body.

Thousands of students have already signed up for RAVE. To do so, log onto GetRave.com, and enter "Farmingdale State College."

Marvin J. Fischer, Chief of University Police, said, "The alerts will involve no sales pitches or spam, just important situations and class cancellations."



Aviation Soars

By Corrine Dodge



Not many can say that they soar over oceans, towns, and cities as their day job. Students have an opportunity to make this dream a reality. Flight training all takes place on the college's specially built airspace and uses the school's fleet.

Many of the school's instructors are graduates of the aviation program. FSC is the largest collegiate flight school in the northeast region and the only SUNY School to offer a four-year degree program in aeronautical science.

Technology is advancing and so is the department of aviation. The aviation center, located at Republic Airport across Route 110, is making some upgrades within their aircrafts. The 22,000 square foot aerospace facility was built in 1990 and is the primary hub for flight training. On average among the 100 students enrolled in the program, almost 250-300 flight lessons are conducted per week.

The primary training aircraft students use is the Piper PA-28-161 Warrior III. The cockpits are currently designed with an old instrument "6-Pack". Basically there are six instruments that tell you different fundamentals of flight. With three instruments across, followed by another three directly below in this order: air speed indicator, altitude indicator, altimeter, turn coordinator, directional gyro, and vertical speed indicator. Instruments surround those but the six pack is the main focus of the pilot.

These new Warriors feature the Garmin G500 glass cockpit instrumentation reflecting the type of

cockpit instrumentation they will see in today's regional and corporate jet aircraft. The glass will now show all of these instruments on one electrical LCD screen. Glass cockpits are the more dominant interface throughout aviation; FSC is keeping up with the most modern technology. Three out of the 22 airplanes located at the center have already been switched. Over time more of the airplanes will be upgraded.

Lawrence Lopez is the director of operations or at the aviation center. Lopez is passionate about the program, what the program does, and the function of the airplanes. "We have a great program. We're feeding the industry with pilots and its successful with



Junior, Aeronautical Science Professional, Michael Timpano

completing the pilot ratings. It's a good foundation for the future, and the state is giving us the opportunity to make it successful," said Lopez.

Flight instructor, Ray Castaldini, was once enrolled in the program. Now he works at the center. He has been flying for about six years, giving flight lessons, and some commercial flying.

"I enjoy my job, it's a great office. The glass is nicer, more reliable, and easier to maintain," said Castaldini.

Junior, aeronautical science professional, Michael Timpano, knew he wanted to be an airline pilot ever since he was young. Being involved with airplanes his whole life, Timpano welcomes the switch so he can experience the new technology hands on. "I'm excited because I'm a commercial pilot who will soon be flying with larger aircraft that will have glass cockpits. It's only going to get me more accustomed and prepared for what's next," said Timpano.

Junior, Michael Scarlato is enrolled in professional aviation. This is his second year flying. Having his family directly affected by the attacks of 9/11, Scarlato hopes to become a military pilot after graduating.

"Personally I welcome the switch, once I leave FSC all the aircraft I fly whether it be fighting overseas, or shuttling people from city to city here at home, those aircraft are all glass cockpits," said Scarlato.

Junior, aviation administration major, Chris Breyfogle is currently in Air Force ROTC. Although Breyfogle is not currently flying he is excited for his friends and peers to experience the new technology.

"Since I just switched out of the flying program I am looking forward to hearing about the new systems, and hopefully flying backseat to see how they operate," said Breyfogle.

What Do You Think of the New Timing Blocks For Classes?



Jackie Lascala, Senior

By changing the class time blocks, it makes it easier to attend college and work full time.

Dan Gray, Sophomore

It's a good option for people who work.



Jeanette Spillane, Junior

It doesn't really matter to me, I prefer day classes.

New Class Schedule Debuts with Mixed Reaction

By Anthony Torres

During a brief survey, students at FSC voiced polarizing opinions about the new class schedule grid that made its debut at the beginning of the 2013 fall semester. Implementing the new schedule resulted in a host of changes; it condensed the intermission between classes to 10 minutes from the previous 15 minute break, removed one of the activity hours, and moved the other activity hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The administration felt that a new grid needed to be created to improve the college.

"It was necessary to change the class grid in order to increase the number of time slots we have available in which to schedule classes," said Dr. Lucia Cepriano, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Farmingdale. "Many of our students have other important obligations, such as family and full-time or part-time jobs. They need class schedules that can accommodate these other obligations." The change had other projected benefits as well, such as reducing the average class size by adding more classes, which would also result in more choices for students when planning their schedule.

"I love it," said senior professional communications major Elizabeth

Weinstein, "I come in, go to class, and go home. I don't have to wait hours for that one required class that only meets at one time a semester." The new class grid had its desired effect of giving students more variability when choosing classes to meet their degree requirements, but some students are displeased with the change.

"The new system is awkward," said Scott Callahan, a senior professional communications major. "The reduced time between classes made the difference between being able to eat on campus, or having to wait until I get home." Callahan isn't the only student to voice his annoyance with the new format, many other full-time students who organized their classes back-to-back share his dilemma, although for different reasons.

"My classes are all over campus," said Tom Elgort, another senior professional communications major. "I'm late every day because there isn't enough time to get from Lupton [Hall] to Gleeson [Hall]." Lateness because of the tighter schedule is a problem that the administration anticipated, but they feel that the positives of the new grid outweigh the negatives. Likewise, the removed activity hour was a necessary

casualty in FSC's war to improve the academic conditions for its students. Still, many students don't see it that way.

"You wouldn't believe the difference that five minutes can make," said Mary Feminella, a senior professional communications major. "I've had to completely reorganize my work schedule because classes don't start or end when they used to." The plan was that the new grid would give students an easier time when balancing work and other commitments with their schooling, but for some it was not successful. Nonetheless, the administration at Farmingdale is receptive to criticism of the change, and urges the students who are inconvenienced to express their specific issues to them so they can devise appropriate solutions for the future.

Nold is New

By Vanessa Josma

For the past year the athletic population at FSC has had to improvise. Both staff and athletes have been preparing for games and matches inside small compact trailers.

Seasons have passed while staff and athletes patiently await the reveal of the new renovations at Nold Hall.

According to the staff, this was no small renovation, for there are two phases to the process. Phase I was unveiled in mid-October which included revamping the gym. The new gym has new floors and a seating area.

Phase II is yet to be determined; it will take place in the future based on the financial status of the school.

In addition, staff and students will be able to train in a new fully equipped weight-room, and athletic facilities. Athletes will be able to change in the many locker rooms and bathrooms that this building will hold.

The financial upkeep of the pool

was too much for the school; therefore it had to go. The old swimming pool area has been replaced by an auxiliary gym. Coach Timothy Tuttle said, the maintenance of the pool cost \$40,000 per year, with a revenue of \$12,000 per year in dues.

Athletic trainer Jessica Dautner is excited about the new training facilities filled with treatment tables, stimulation machines, and five whirlpools. This will allow for trainers to aid the athletes in a more conducive environment than in the trailers where they are currently working.

“We are all waiting for the day when we can run out of the trailers and into the new building,” said Dautner.

Everything old from the facilities will not be transferred into the revamped building.

Athletes like Timothy Kelly and Matthew Finn from the lacrosse team are very excited about the new

renovations.

“We didn’t have a weight room last year, so my teammates and I can benefit from a new one,” said Kelly.

To Kelly this addition to the building can help improve their game and better prepare them for the season. In the eyes of the athletic population, this building stands as a glimmer of hope. “Nothing can be worse than last year,” said Finn.

Now dorm students, along with commuters, will have a place to play racquetball, take part in intramural sports, and more.

This building sets out to unify the athletic community at FSC. “The renovations of Nold Hall will not only improve the outlook of the campus, but help our sports team reach their athletic goals and beyond,” said Coach Tuttle.

