Mets GM Lectures at Farmingdale

By Alex Ilch

New York Mets General Manager Sandy Alderson took students on a tour of his baseball experiences, as part of a lecture Tuesday at Farmingdale State College.

While General Manager of Athletics, Alderson’s first action was to fire legendary firebrand Billy Martin in 1983. Little did he know the whole organization followed Martin; it was up to Alderson to re-establish and reform the A’s. He accomplished this with a cast that included Bash Brothers, Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco as the A’s won AL pennants from 1988-90. More than two decades later, Alderson is still working his magic, this time in Flushing.

“Alderson’s mantras in New York is: “Make Mets fans the happiest in the world.”

The lecture was a story but also a learning experience, showing Alderson’s history through the sports world and providing insight for students.

Alderson ended his lecture by passing on some of his valuable wisdom to students, “Differentiate yourself from other candidates.”

Bomb Scare Still Under Investigation

By Olivia Stephens

The bomb scare from April 25 is still under investigation. Students and staff were notified of another threat to the campus; a bomb, in the high traffic academic building, Gleeson Hall.

Suffolk County Police and University Police scoured Gleeson Hall in search of any threatening object and advised senior staff of the college not to close or evacuate the building. Details of the threat were not disclosed to staff or students.

“I was made aware of the situation by a call from our vice president, telling me to be on alert and to get word out to the campus,” said Kathy Coley, director of communications. However students were given minimal information regarding the situation, and the news spread like wildfire across campus.

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The U.S. Department of Education recently released a new College Scorecard illustrating that two SUNY schools, Farmingdale and the College at Old Westbury, have graduation rates below the national average for public colleges at a disappointing 56 percent. The College Scorecard, which can be found on the U.S. Department of Education Web site, made its debut in February and lists graduation rates for full-time undergraduates over a six year span.

According to the government’s new College Scorecard, graduation rates at seven of Long Island’s four-year colleges are below the national average. The College Scorecard also pointed out that Dowling College, Hofstra University, LIU Post, Molloy College and New York Institute of Technology have graduation rates below the national rate of 65 percent for private, nonprofit institutions.

“I went to Farmingdale right after high school, even though it wasn’t my first choice in colleges. But I didn’t want to waste my mom’s money since I didn’t know what I wanted to do. I’m glad I didn’t transfer. Farmingdale is reasonably priced and I didn’t want to transfer and potentially lose some credits. I managed to get everything done within the four years and maintained a high GPA,” said Alexa Sugrue, a senior in PCM who is graduating this May.

According to the College Scorecard Web site, “Graduation rate data are based on undergraduate students who enrolled full-time and have never enrolled in college before.” As such, transfer student and part-time student graduation rates are not a part of the data. Some students feel that the scorecard is an incomplete measure of student success, as it leaves out the vast majority of Farmingdale students.

This provides an incomplete information to prospective students and their families who are looking into colleges. Kathy Coley from the Office for Institutional Advancement for Farmingdale said, “Graduation rates as calculated by the federal scoreboard measure are more subjective and, for colleges like FSC, can be misleading.” Nyasia Draper, a senior said, “I think that finances also play a role in this. Obviously college is expensive.”

Statistics on average costs, loan default rates, and loan repayment for four-year and two-year colleges across the country also are supplied on the College Scorecard. Colleges on Long Island that were above the national average include Adelphi, Stony Brook, St. Joseph’s College, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
The memorial held on April 16 for Raymond Bigliani was filled with family, friends, and colleagues, all there to honor and remember the beloved physics professor. Many of them talked and laughed with each other with fond remembrance, some of them with tears in their eyes.

Bigliani, who passed on January 21 from acute myeloid leukemia at the age of 70, taught at Farmingdale for 42 years from 1970 to 2012. Before that, Bigliani had worked on the Apollo Lunar Module for Grumman Aerospace Corporation. While working at Grumman, he met Dr. Peter Nolan; Both of them went on to become professors at Farmingdale, teaching in the physics department and co-writing physics lab manuals together.

“I knew Ray Bigliani longer than the [42] years he taught at Farmingdale. Ray and I, we go back about 50 years. We first met working on the Grumman Lunar Module,” said Dr. Peter Nolan, physics professor at Farmingdale. “He was a great professor of physics and he had a big sense of humor. He was always trying to make people laugh,” said Dr. Nolan.

Bigliani was not only known for his sense of humor, but he was loved by his students. Many students would request to take a class taught by him, or they would wait until he taught a course to take it with him. His students loved and respected him.

“Ray had an excellent reputation with his students. I knew him as a very congenial member of the faculty, and I will certainly miss him,” said Dr. Charles Adair, Acting Associate Dean and professor at the college.

Raymond Bigliani is not the only member of his family who has ties to Farmingdale State College; His wife, Patricia Bigliani, is a former mathematics professor. His daughter, Patti Bigliani, works at the Health and Wellness Center. Bigliani’s daughter Kristi Chase, who followed in her parents’ footsteps and became a teacher, fondly remembers the time she spent here as a child with her parents and siblings.

“We remember having sack races with mom and dad. It was funny see dad in a sack. He loved showing us off. He loved what he did, it was not just a job for him; it was a passion,” said Kristi Chase.

Patti Bigliani spoke about how difficult the loss has been on their family but how she has been keeping the memory of her father alive. “When my dad passed away, I tried to make everyone laugh, because that was my dad,” said Patti Bigliani, who held back tears as she read a poem to honor her father.

Many professors from the physics department went to the podium. Some talked about the kindness of professor Bigliani and his dedication to his students. Some told funny stories about him, like the time he flooded his wife’s car by driving it into a pool of water that had formed on the campus parking lot. All of them spoke about how much they missed him.

“Ray Bigliani was my friend and colleague. [His] legacy lives on in the colleagues he had, the students he taught, and the family he loved so much,” said Professor Mort Seitelman of the physics department.

Physics meant so much to professor Bigliani, and it made sense to discuss physics while talking about him. Professor Seitelman discussed the Law of Conservation of Energy, and how energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only be converted to exist in another form.

“Ray’s energy always existed and will always exist,” said Professor Seitelman. “Maybe we can find comfort in knowing that. I think my friend Ray would agree.”
The Sisters from Sigma Delta Tau spent April 7 waitressing at Applebee’s in Airport Plaza to benefit EllieAnna Barters, a 2-year-old child with post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease and daughter to one of the founder’s best friends. PTLD patients may develop infectious mononucleuses like lesions.

When EllieAnna was born, the colors on her liver were off. Later they discovered it was a disease called biliary atresia. All last year, they battled to get her a necessary transplant. They realized her mother, 22-year-old JenniLynne Barters would be able to give a part of her own liver to EllieAnna and still survive. After undergoing this surgery, EllieAnna was put on steroids and both mother and daughter were improving.

This past month, EllieAnna was rushed to the hospital after passing out in her home in Farmingdale. That’s when her family learned EllieAnna had PTLD, and some of her B-cells may undergo mutations, which will cause them to become malignant, giving rise the chance of lymphoma. She would need to undergo expensive chemotherapy treatments.

For $13 a ticket, Applebee’s held “Flapjack for a Cause” on a Saturday morning. The ticket included a full plate of pancakes, eggs, and sausage as well as a beverage.

The Sigma Delta Tau sisters were waitresses and bussed tables. Many of them were without prior experience which was quite a challenge. With smiles from ear to ear, they were each given a section of Applebee’s to waitress and serve.

Running in and out of the kitchen to serve the enormous hungry turnout, many sisters were running into each other, sharing high fives and blisters from the burning hot plates they were juggling serving families of four or more.

Each sister patiently waited in the kitchen for her plates to be ready to serve, or got the beverages ready and brought them out. “I was expecting this to be harder, but when working with your friends and supporting a great cause, it turns work into fun. I think Applebee’s would want to hire me after this,” said Ashley Pastore, a sophomore and member of Sigma Delta Tau as she spilled coffee on the floor by accident and said “You only live once.”

EllieAnna Barters was the star of the show as she wore a colorful sundress showing off her bubbly princess personality. “She is absolutely precious! How could you not love her?” said Jessica LoGuirato, a freshman and member of Sigma Delta Tau.

The room filled with admiration for the little fighter, and everyone left with food in their bellies and love in their hearts.

From selling raffle tickets alone, Sigma Delta Tau raised close to $1,000. With $3 from every ticket going to Applebee’s and $10 to the fundraiser, the total amount raised was $4,987.

“I was walking to the building and it was taped off with police tape. There was a crowd around the building, and I heard people saying there was a possible bomb threat,” said sophomore Lisa Barbieri.

Other students who were inside the building had a different take on the situation.

“I couldn’t help but feel I was being put in danger. If there are cops outside searching for a bomb why are we sitting in a classroom like nothing is wrong?” said senior John Grillea.

Students who were scheduled for classes in the building during the time of the search were hesitant to enter the building.

“I attended my first class, knowing about the scare, but I decided to be cautious and not attend my second class, which was being held in Gleeson,” said Jenna Rossi, a senior.

“We are responsible for evaluating levels of threat,” said Farmingdale Police Assistant Chief Dan Daugherty.

“If every threat resulted in evacuation, it would facilitate false threats, none of our students were ever in any real danger.”

Police have come to the consensus that the calls to Suffolk, Nassau and Farmingdale Police came from the same caller.

There were multiple calls made to the different police stations threatening various buildings on campus. The police were called to investigate and the only threat that was suspicious was the one on Gleeson Hall. Investigating officers found a garbage receptacle that looked as if it had been tampered with and as a result the police called in the bomb squad. After investigation no threat was located.

Suffolk and Nassau County Police are building a case against a suspect and according to Assistant Chief Daugherty, an arrest will be made.
Students Presented With Honorary Chancellor’s Award

By Victoria Pagan

Chancellor of the State University of New York Nancy L. Zimpher recently honored three Farmingdale State College students and awarded them the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

The students, Christie Deeks, Tara Polla, and Jessica Micallef, received the awards recently at a reception in Albany.

The Chancellor’s Award recognizes students who have best demonstrated and been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement.

Christie Deeks, Tara Polla, and Jessica Micallef, all seniors, were part of a group of 243 students from SUNY campuses throughout New York State who received the award.

Only 40 Farmingdale students have received the award since it was created in 1997. FSC President W. Hubert Keen will be acknowledging the accomplishments of the three seniors at this month’s graduation ceremony.

“I look forward to formally recognizing these outstanding students at our 94 commencement,” said Keen.

Dental Hygiene major Christie Deeks is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is a recipient of the Betsy Smith Cronin Scholarship. She is also treasurer of the Student Members of the American Dental Hygiene Association and has been on both the Dean’s and the President’s Lists. Active in her local community, Deeks has raised money for foundations including the Make-A-Wish Foundation and for Autism Speaks.

Professional Communications major Jessica Micallef is a member of the Golden Key Club, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and has been named on the President’s List. A former student at Suffolk Community College, Micallef was Assistant Editor for Lilith Feminist Magazine. She was also a member of the Suffolk County Select Choir, the “Suffolk Singers.”

Micallef received the John T. Mather Memorial Hospital Junior Volunteer Award for having completed more than 300 hours of community service with demonstrated excellence.

“I am honored to receive the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. Throughout my time at Farmingdale State College I not only had the pleasure of learning from dynamic, accomplished professors, but learning about myself through experiences on and off campus,” said Micallef.

Tara Polla, a FSC Nursing major, has been named on the President’s List and is a member of the International Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau. As a board member of Sigma Theta Tau, Polla has attended global health and nursing strategy lectures at the United Nations.

She’s also a member of the Student Nurse Association and has participated in conferences on Quality and Safety Education for Nurses. Polla has volunteered at senior citizens Flu Clinics, assisted health care workers in a disaster drill at Queens Hospital and has volunteered in Breezy Point, where she helped residents recover from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

All recipients of the Chancellor’s Award have an overall Grade Point Average of 3.70 or higher and records of significant contributions to their campuses and communities. Each recipient received a framed certificate and medallion to be worn at the upcoming commencement.

FSC junior Alison Cullen is proud that fellow classmates received this honor, “These girls are great examples to other students. They are definitely people to look up to because they are such devoted students who still find time to volunteer and do so much for their communities,” said Cullen.
R.A.D. Teaches Women to get Tougher

By Freedasia Motley

Walking towards the Loft Lounge in Roosevelt Hall you can hear repetitive echoes of “Defense! No! Snap Kick! No!” The room is filled with approximately 20 women and two instructors all in fighting stances, engaged in the R.A.D (Rape Aggression Defense) program. The R.A.D program is a basic physical defense class for women.

“Every college student should take the R.A.D program,” said Instructor Kerry Hauff, New York State University Police Officer. “It is a good stage in life to learn.”

The R.A.D program has been offered to communities since 1989, and was eventually approved by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administration (IACLEA) to initiate the program at Farmingdale State College in 2006. The program is geared towards women on campus, but is open to college commuters and women in the community.

“It’s not only necessary for residents, but anyone can be placed in an aggressive situation, for instance a boyfriend, stranger, or co-worker,” said Thalia Pankey, a residential advisor and sophomore.

The R.A.D. program is a free three day event and is offered once every semester. The class lasts for a duration of three hours and mixes some martial arts with simple street fighting techniques.

The instructors provide various violent scenarios and the techniques used in fighting off the attacker.

“Being in any college where people are more prone to drinking, I think it is necessary to protect myself from drunk people or any others that are under the influence of drugs,” said Diandra Turner, freshman and campus resident.

While learning awareness to avoid aggressive situations and developing a defensive mind-set, the program also provides a fun and sociable atmosphere.

“The program is based on community building and gives you something to enjoy,” said Pankey.

In efforts to reach out and recruit reluctant or busy women who might not get the information they need to protect themselves, flyers are posted around campus and local communities as well as posted on the college Web site.

The program has been getting good feedback and has become very popular over the past semesters. Very often females from the past classes re-enter.

“Proactive instead of reactive,” said Kerry Hauff.

Internet Speed Is a Drag

By Elizabeth Hallford

SUNY Farmingdale is known for its excellence in education, however students have revealed that there is a lack of technological performance. Specifically, some classes have a slow connection to the internet which make it difficult for professors to retrieve required information.

There are several computer labs in Hale and Whitman halls. Although, in specific times of the day; there are not enough computers to assist all the students that need them. Also, students of Farmingdale have noticed a lack in computer performance in the Student Success Center. Some students say it takes five minutes to open up a page on some computers on campus.

The computer network can be slow at times but it depends on the time of day it is. “The department should find ways to make the computer network faster,” said Angelique Iannetta, a sophomore in the PCM program.

Even though, there are several computer labs, some computers can be very slow when loading. Some students even bring their own laptops to access Wi-Fi. “It is hard to find a computer lab available to use and print everything out,” said Ianetta.

“Internet sucks. It’s really slow for wireless. Wired is fine,” said Tim Obrock, a junior.

Overall, students would like to see an improvement in the technology on campus. “I think being able to connect to the Wi-Fi on campus is great, but half the time it’s too slow or doesn’t work. I think if computer access can be improved, it’s definitely something worth looking into,” said Georgia Kalamidas, a freshman.

On the contrary, the computer labs have a vast majority of options for students. Such as free access to library databases, Microsoft Office, and free printing. The information commons, which is scheduled to be completed by November 2013 should give the campus the technological boost it needs.
Much controversy has risen over whether college orientation programs are worth it or not. Some feel the information gained during the orientation process is unnecessary. Others feel that it does not help incoming Farmingdale students become accustomed to facilities and become familiar with policies.

“I really think that orientation is a good step up to connect with SUNY Farmingdale,” said Rommel Enriquez, a junior at Farmingdale State College. Orientation is required for all Farmingdale students to ensure that students review and understand school policies. If a student does not attend the orientation program, a hold is placed on his or her record.

“The Farmingdale orientation was not worth going two days for. The orientation let me see where specific buildings are and what not, but two days for a commuter student and having to be there so early in the morning on a hot day wasn’t very fun in my opinion,” said Deanna Glynn.

Some students argue that orientation should only be one day just like a job orientation usually is. Also, the paying money for orientation is out of the ordinary when students already have to pay so much for tuition, books, taxes, and school fees.

Orientation helped me meet some friends but it also really made me dislike the school just a bit,” said DeAnna Glynn, a freshman at SUNY Farmingdale.

The $110 fee that each student must pay to attend the orientation is for “administrative expenses,” and covers the cost of refreshments. Many students believe that this fee is unreasonable, especially when orientation covers most of what can be learned from the student handbook.

“I feel that many of the fees that students are required to give, including the orientation fee, are unfair. A majority of the student body has a hard time paying fees since they have limited funds,” said Kyle Brown, a sophomore transfer student at Farmingdale.

Another complaint from many students is about the Fire Safety Video, which everyone must watch at orientation. At a school where the majority of the students are commuters, many feel that it is not necessary for everyone to watch a presentation on safety, fire hazards, and regulations relating to the dorms and life living on-campus. Perhaps down the road the Farmingdale orientation program will be adjusted to make each student enjoy it to the fullest.

Farmingdale is constructing a new academic building for the School of Business. The scheduled completion date for this costly building is October 2014. The overall project will cost $26,700,000. The building will have three floors and feature central stairs for seating, seven lounges, 36 offices including the dean’s office, 11 various sized classrooms, and one computer lab.

“That’s a lot of money for a building. I hope the computer room will have Macs, I hate the slow computers here,” said student, Danielle Berger.

Last April, President Keen talked about his top 10 goals for Farmingdale for the next 10 years. One of those goals is to begin offering master’s degrees in fields tightly tied to the future of Long Island’s economy. As the oldest public college on Long Island, Farmingdale has made multiple improvements and changes to provide its students with an outstanding education at a bargain tuition price.

“I found out about the master’s program last semester. Since FSC is one of the oldest colleges on Long Island, I think it’s important that we’re finally moving up from college to a university,” said student, Sarina Turbendian.

If Farmingdale notified students about the upcoming master’s program it would make them eager to find out more information. They still don’t know when the program will launch, but it’s important to keep students involved since FSC is a commuter school.

“Farmingdale definitely is a good education for a school that’s not going to make me have to pay back thousands of dollars in student loans. But when it comes to my master’s and a higher education, I want to go to a really well accredited school. Not some school that will be testing out the program,” said student, Matt Nicholas.
In a Message from the President, students, faculty, and staff were informed of the recent changes regarding the No Smoking Policy on campus. In the emailed message, President Hubert Keen announced that after consulting with the college’s Environmental Health and Safety Committee, two new amendments were made.

The first policy change requires that along with tobacco cigarettes, electronic cigarettes will be banned from buildings and that smoking will be prohibited within 25 feet of the perimeter of the buildings. The second amendment bans all tobacco products, in the effort to make Farmingdale State College a tobacco-free campus.

The reason for the amendments is health concerns. Smoking can be damaging to the health of smokers and non-smokers. President Keen also stated in the email the effects of tobacco use as a burden on the health care system and insurance. Although it is valid that tobacco use can have adverse effects on health, its being a burden on health care and insurance is unclear and unexplained in the email.

Although the policy changes would be welcome by some on campus, it is unrealistic to achieve a tobacco-free campus when there are students, faculty, and staff that smoke, especially, since many of them do not follow the current policy on smoking.

“I would welcome a smoke-free campus, but I have no idea how [the policy] would be enforced,” said Dr. Marcia Littenberg, a professor of the English Department.

Although the policy changes would be welcome by some on campus, they can be easily violated. If the policy changes are enforced they could help clean up the campus, which is littered with cigarette buds. However, to clean up the campus a new policy should be made against all littering, not just of cigarettes.

“I find it highly unlikely that any action will be taken to ensure that this new policy is upheld. Even if campus police start walking around with tape measures and riot shields forcing people back to an imaginary border, I doubt it will produce anything but confrontation,” said Justin Berding, a smoker at the college. “I think that banning electronic cigarettes is counterproductive to the motives of this policy, as many use this as a method of quitting or a healthy alternative, not to mention that electronic cigarettes were designed for use in situations where cigarettes are prohibited.”

Farmingdale Moves Towards Becoming a Tobacco-Free Campus

By Sarina Turbendian

Polar Plunge

By Bianca Stradone

On Saturday, March 2, 2013 Sigma Delta Tau, the Delta Lambda chapter participated in an annual ‘polar plunge’ with Camp Sunshine.

Camp Sunshine is a retreat located in Maine for children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses; they and their families attend the camp.

The polar bear plunge is dedicated to raising money for Camp Sunshine that can help the children, but also their families. There were around 70 people who participated in the plunge, raising $15,000.

Sam Sabatella, who is part of the sorority at FSC said, “I think it’s a great cause. My 9-year-old cousin had cancer as a baby and my aunt, uncle, and cousins always go to Camp Sunshine. I was glad to participate.”

Sarah Johnson who is also a part of Sigma Delta Tau said, “I was so glad I could participate and help donate to Camp Sunshine.”

The students were very honored to be a part of this year’s polar plunge. The event is whole-heartedly dedicated to benefitting children battling life threatening illnesses, making the cold dip a little warmer.
Mathematicians Unite!
FSC to Host Math Association Competition

By Nyasia Draper

On May 4, Farmingdale State College hosted the annual Mathematical Association of America (MAA) conference from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Roosevelt Hall.

The MAA celebrates the history and evolution of mathematics as well as how mathematics functions in today’s society. It was coordinated by FSC professor Dr. Loucas Chrysafi.

“This is a big event and it gives FSC the opportunity to showcase not only the department of mathematics but the entire college as well,” said Chrysafi.

The conference explored the world of mathematics through various speeches and presentations by renowned mathematicians.

Amongst the guest speakers was Dr. Alan Tucker of Stony Brook University. Dr. Tucker is a well-known mathematician in the region and serves as the MAA as a Vice President, Chair of the Publications Committee and founding the Chair of the Education Council.

Dr. Tucker opened the conference with “The History of the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics in the United States” speech, followed by a presentation provided by the Design Team of the National Museum of Mathematics and David F. Gleich’s “How Does Google Google.”

Gleich is a professor at Purdue University. His presentation got into the mathematics behind granting Google users the best results.

Students and faculty attended the conference and indulged in expanding their mathematical perspectives, they also enjoyed light refreshments.

“It’s beneficial because math itself is universal and can be applied to many different career opportunities. From medical careers to engineering and even being an astronaut. They require a level of math for success,” said Christopher Chin, a senior biology major at FSC.

Math is not popular with students and the conference taught professors how to properly engage their students and help them learn rather than memorize mathematical material.

“Most people, especially students, hate doing math but I think it’s a wonderful opportunity to have a conference here at FSC because it allows students to come see a different side of mathematics,” Sarina Turbendian, professional communications major.

Besides explaining the history of mathematics, the nine hour conference will extend tips to those who teach the subject.

“It’s too long to sit there and do math all day. If they shortened it, it would have a better turn out,” said senior, John Grilea.

Attendees are to register at Sections. MAA.ord/MetroNY/Meetings.html.

Farmingdale Preparing Students for their Future

By Blanca C. Ramos

Along with the many free student services provided at Farmingdale State College, there is also a service for students to get help in choosing their career.

At the Career Development Center they use specific assessment tools when helping a student choose a career so that the options being given are based on tests. They use MBTI, SDS, AND SIGI online system tools to help narrow career choices.

Often many students are undecided about careers. Students end up switching majors a few times. This seems to happen so often because students have a hard time deciding what they like best and where they can see themselves in five years.

“I thought I wanted to go to school for nursing and I did it, but after a few classes I decided it wasn’t for me. I was undecided of what I wanted to do. I switched to Professional Communications on my own and so far I like it a lot. I like the journalism aspect,” said Alison Cullen about her change of major.

Many are unaware that the school provides a service for students to get help in choosing a career. The Career Development Center at Farmingdale provides students with probably the most important tool in order to get a job, resume and cover letter preparation. A resume is the key to getting a good job. A minor grammatical error can easily disqualify a candidate from a position.

“They are really good at what they do. They try to help you to apply to open positions that you like. With the help of the center I was able to get a writing internship position at The David Letterman Show for the summer” said Leeman Basley, a Professional Communications major.

The Career Development Center also supports students with their networking skills and interviewing skills which are important in landing that great job. The center often posts upcoming job fairs where you get the opportunity to meet company representatives. There is an up-to-date list of open positions and also positions available in organizations that wish to hire Farmingdale students and its graduates.

When asked if the Career Development Center does really help students, Marie Mazzerella who works at the center said, “Oh indeed, it is very resourceful and students should come as soon as they decide their major. It’s important to start a portfolio right away.”

The services at the Career Center are free to Farmingdale students and its alumni. It is suggested that students make an appointment by either calling the Career Development Center at (631) 420-2296 or emailing them at careercenter@farmingdale.edu. They are located on the first floor of Greenley Hall, within the Student Success Center.
Farmingdale Springs Into Construction

Bunche Plaza

Gleeson Hall
A Confident Ball-Club

By John Grillea

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 the team members 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 Rams 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 Rams team with such high expectations, but they have made some serious progress recently. “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 squad’s talent and bond among 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 other’s 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. “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 freshmen, 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 Rams team still has its 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 Rams baseball team is confident in their 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.
Serious Softball with Taylor Tedeschi

By Amanda Drebsky

The heavy clouds and strong winds might have given a disheartening tone as the Rams entered the field with the opposing team, the Brooklyn College Bulldogs from Brooklyn, New York. They split a non-conference doubleheader with Brooklyn College.

The energy radiating from the Rams Farmingdale softball team was anything but disheartening. The Rams fell 5-4 in the first game and rebounded with an 11-0 victory in game two.

Remarkable pitcher, Taylor Tedeschi was pitching at speeds over 80 mph. Pitchers are given a lot of responsibility in the game, and it is safe to say the ball is in their hands.

Looking fearless, Tedechi shows up to the interview in a soft pink tank top and a pair of blue jeans.

Farmingdale wasn’t her first choice but she is glad she chose it after all. After e-mailing Coach Mooney, she realized it would be a perfect fit.

“I love Coach Mooney! He is great and always looking out for his players,” said Tedeschi.

“Mooney in one word "BOSS" haha it’s a joke with the team. He calls himself ‘the kid’.

Her cleats dig only half as deep as her roots in the game of softball. Playing t-ball and baseball since she was three years old, she played softball from elementary school to the present.

“I never missed a single game or practice. I loved the idea of becoming a pitcher, and I started lessons when I was eight. I’ve been pitching for years,” said Tedeschi.

“Softball is basically my life.”

She makes that apparent reminiscing about stories of playing travel ball since she was ten. She would spend her weekends playing with her team.

With such a busy schedule, making time for friends and family isn’t too hard because all of her best and close friends were made from softball, and her family is very involved as well.

Taylor and her sister played travel and high school together, and her sister will be playing at SUNY Farmingdale next year as a freshman.

Hoping to take the team far this season, Taaylor says “Winning skyline championship! So far we are 5-3 in the conference, and we are missing classes tomorrow and heading to Purchase for a conference game and playing both Mt. St. Mary’s and Mt. St. Vincent’s on Saturday and Sunday. We need to play well so we have a chance for playoffs!”

Four teams out of the whole conference make playoffs, which keeps the team motivated.

Although there area many good teams this year, last year Farmingdale won Skyline and made it to the regionals, where they went to Virginia and played many southern schools.