Senior Awarded With Four SUNY Undergraduate Scholarships

By Olivia Stephens

Sarina Turbendian, a senior in the Professional Communications Department, was recently one of four students in the SUNY system to receive an undergraduate scholarship given out by UUP, United University Professional. Turbendian is the first student from Farmingdale State College to receive this scholarship in almost 11 years.

The scholarship, called the Eugene P. Link award, recognizes undergraduate students for both academic excellence and social or community service. In addition to an impeccable academic resume, Turbendian has been an active member of Golden Key International Honor Society, winning one of their chapter scholarships at the 2013 New Member Induction, she is currently serving as co-president for her senior year. She has also been an active member of the Armenian Youth Federation since the age of 14. She currently serves as secretary and a member of their Executive Board, and has set up fundraisers, participated in rallies, and given speeches at commemorations of the Armenian Genocide.

The award was given at a ceremony October 4 in Saratoga Springs. “I am very honored to have received the Eugene P. Link undergraduate scholarship and it is a privilege to have won this award for Farmingdale State College,” Turbendian said. The ceremony took place during a UUP conference where the faculty and staff of the SUNY system were represented.

“Hair” is a musical about young men in the 1960’s who are passionate in their pursuit of freedom, love, and peace during the Vietnam War. The Back Stage Theater Company at FSC is proud to announce that the production of one of Broadway’s most iconic musicals, Hair, will be performed this November. This is the first theater production that consists of only FSC students.

Executive producer Kim Morello is in charge of everything from rehearsals and final production to the smallest details including lighting, props and costumes. “We will always be proud of Sarina’s accomplishments and her fine work at Farmingdale State College. We are also very pleased that UUP has given her so important an honor that she clearly deserves,” said Professor Dr. Vicki Janik, Turbendian’s academic advisor.

Turbendian has anticipated graduation date in May of 2014 and

The Backstage Theatre Company Let Down Their Hair

By Corrine Dodge

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The story loosely follows characters such as Berger, the leader of the “tribe”; Claude, who is about to be drafted; and Shelia, Berger’s war protesting girlfriend. The story illustrates the “bohemian” lifestyle in New York City while these hippies fight the conformity of their generation and conservative America.

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goal is to fill the whole theater,” said Morello.

Under the guidance of director Nick Attanasio, filling the theater should not be a hard task to accomplish. Attanasio has flawlessly established a bond between these actors that is clearly evident. “This is darker than most of the shows we are used to doing,” said Attanasio. With the striking themes of sex, drugs, freedom and some brief nudity, Attanasio is certain that this performance will be a hit especially among college students.

Both Josh Bieling and Jackie Ruggero agree that this show is for mature audiences. Ruggero who plays the role of Sheila, wanted that role when she first heard they would be performing Hair. “This show has needed a lot of dedication but the cast is filled with amazing people,” said Ruggero.

Bieling has been acting ever since he was 10 years old and will be playing the role of tribe leader Claude. “This cast is amazing and everyone works really well together,” said Bieling.

Hair will be performed at FSC in the Little Theater of Roosevelt Hall. It will open on November 15th, and 16th at 8:00 p.m., as well as the 17th at 3:00 p.m. Ticket prices for general public will be $10, for senior citizens tickets will be $5, and free for all FSC students.

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hopes to continue her studies with a master’s degree in literature. “This scholarship has been an incredible validation of all the work I have put into my education. It is also a reflection of this college, and all the amazing professors who have helped guide me throughout my studies,” said Turbendian.

She recently applied for a Fulbright Scholarship in the United Kingdom and hopes to pursue a master’s degree at Royal Holloway University of London in Surrey, England.

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness month, employees from the School of Engineering Technology sported matching pink t-shirts. This was done to offer support to Denise Botiglione, an employee at FSC for 9 years and a recent breast cancer survivor.

Botiglione was the secretary for the Electrical Engineering Technology Department for about 9 years, until her recent promotion to the Dean’s Office in Arts & Sciences. Last year, she was diagnosed with breast cancer but recently overcame the disease after a yearlong battle.

Anthony Botiglione, president of the local business Anthony’s Roofing Company, decided to show his support for Breast Cancer Awareness by selling t-shirts. The front of the shirt shows the Anthony’s roofing logo in pink, and the back of the shirt reads “Anthony’s Roofing Climbing the ladder for the cause”.

Botiglione gave 100 percent of the proceeds from the t-shirts to support local breast cancer coalitions caring for women currently battling breast cancer.

FSC and the Farmingdale community showed their support for Denise Botiglione and other women battling breast cancer by purchasing the shirts and wearing them throughout the month of October.
Opinions of the College Campus Center

By Scott Callahan

The lack of a campus center was quite obvious before, and it really kept the students from feeling attached to the campus, everyone felt its absence, it was something that really nagged at us all. The Campus Center accounts for 25 million of a total planned 185 million dollar renovation and it is the first non-residential building built on campus since 1983. Anthony Torres, a senior, said, “I like that it’s a central hub. It creates a gathering place, it gives this place a soul.” Many of FSC’s students are commuters. So the routine for many was to show up to class, go home on any long breaks, come back to class, then go straight home when the day was done. Now with the addition of the Center, Torres said, “It’s definitely a big plus [I] dreaded the long breaks, but now I’m glad I had it.”

The Campus Center isn’t just for the students either, Kathy Coley, Director of Communications at FSC said, “I am very partial to the Campus Center, having worked here since 1979. I love that the faculty, students and staff can see each other every day in a social setting.”

Though the reviews of the Campus Center were mostly positive, there are always things to be approved. Senior Jon Lewis said, “The [Campus] Center was much needed [but] there’s so much unused potential.”

There actually are plans for that unused potential. Douglas Dargis, Campus Architect, said, “A large theater [is] listed as one of the future improvements for the college. Although we currently do not have a time frame for this project it is proposed to be an addition to the Campus Center.”

The Campus Center market is always looking for feedback on its food choices as well and you can submit your thoughts and ideas to the Campus Dish website, linked under ‘Current Students’ as ‘Dinning Services’.

Passion For Fashion

By Joanna Polanco

Farmingdale state college fashion committee once again hosting a fashion show which any student can audition for. This would be Rebecca Francois (president of the fashion committee) second year at it. “Bring your heels” as said on the flyer on the bulletin board in Farmingdale state college.

As the auditions took place you saw people practicing their walk outside the room. Everyone claimed that they were nervous. Janine Bassi, 42 a senior in Farmingdale state college in the medical laboratory science program. This wasn’t new to her. She was a model in last year’s fashion show. She talked about her experiences and how she overcame her fears. “I almost did not do it because I was so nervous” said Janine Bass. “I sat in my car and called my husband and I said I just don’t know about this he told me if I don’t do this you’ll regret It.” said Janine Bass. From day one she explained that the fashion committee was professional, warm, loving and she was happy to be a part of it. As for Ana Tavarez it was her first time trying out. “I’m nervous” said Ana Tavarez. She was explaining how she had to use her sister’s heels because she didn’t owe any. At the audition the music was playing loud the vice president was calling individual people to go in the room and show them what they got.

“We base our auditions on four different things; their walk being the main thing, confident, how well they take direction and how well they do their poses.” said Rebecca Francois, the President of the Fashion Committee. She explained how much work goes into a fashion show. Months of planning and lots of practice. The models practice 3x a week in their heels. Around 50 people audition and around 30 were picked to participate. As for the fashion show ideas are not discussed with the public you’ll have to just attend November 23 Friday 2013 to see what’s hot, new and trendy.

WRAM Making A Comeback

By Rida Naser

Russell Patterson is a student activities associate and Farmingdale State alumni who has dreams of opening up the radio station again. On September 10, 2013, Patterson held a student interest meeting where about 50+ students showed up. He said that the radio station has not been running for three years and that they are determined to get it back up and running.

“I want to start fresh, I don’t even want to use the same name. New room, new name, new staff, new equipment, everything,” said Patterson. The station will have online broadcasting rather than FM radio as it used to be so that permission from the FCC isn’t required. Since they have to start fresh, they must go through the advertising process all over again.

Heading over to CBS Radio, Ty Bentli, the host of the morning show for 92.3 NOW was very supportive of Farmingdale’s radio station re-opening. He has been hosting on major radio stations for as long as he can remember and thought that it was a great.

Bentli was reassuring when he said to let him know when the station is streaming so he can throw in some tips since it will be a new station. “I hate when people say that they have a voice for radio. It’s about having a personality for radio,” said Bentli.

Kim Asdahl, a junior, who commutes to the school said that she would definitely be a listener. “I think it would be awesome to hear familiar voices on the radio, even though it’s online, I would definitely stream it on my phone or something!”

Student are interested and said they would listen if the radio station went back on. Asdahl is busy with track practices, her job, and school, so she is not able to attend many activities that go on around campus, but now the radio station will keep her in the loop about things that she misses.
Most news is consumed while sitting in front of television screens or while sipping cups of coffee and pouring over the latest headlines. Few individuals, however, have braved the battlefield in an effort to bring real world news to light.

Among them is award-winning American journalist Marie Colvin, who was killed in February 2012 while covering the Syria conflict. To honor her life and legacy, the Marie Colvin Center for International Reporting was established at the Stony Brook University (SBU) School of Journalism.

CBS Chief Foreign Correspondent Clarissa Ward is one reporter who works to fill the void that Colvin left behind. Ward spent most of the past year in the Middle East reporting on the war in Syria and she shared her experiences with SBU students at a recent event hosted by the Marie Colvin Distinguished Lecture Series.

Ward, a literature major from Yale, was the first correspondent to report on rebel territory in Syria. At the SBU lecture, Ward discussed the risks her work involves.

Having witnessed death, horror, and destruction, Ward’s job is not meant to be glamorous, but rather to engage with the world and try to experience events through the eyes of those who live with the daily horror. By conversing with civilians, Ward hears their cries and grieves along with them, a process that she said has taught her how to listen.

Too often, news viewers are not listening enough and hearing only what they want to hear. Because of this, Ward strives for the truth to be heard and to discover stories that will make an impact.

Although the work may be dangerous, for Ward, the job is certainly rewarding.

“In its more profound moments,” said Ward. “I feel I am given the privilege to see history in the making.”

Homecoming was unusual, with no football team, the carnival-like atmosphere was a great way to promote FSC pride as the college ended its Spirit Week. FSC’s Homecoming was held on Saturday, September 28. This free fun filled day brought excitement and unity to all who attended.

“Our homecoming event is different. We have no football team, but it’s a way to get to know each student and what organizations are going on, a way to get closer to peers,” said Jennifer Rallo a Sigma Delta Tau club representative. The event was open to all students, faculty, alumni, family, and friends.

There were games, children bouncy stations, one dollar dunk tank, an old-fashioned soda pop machine, barbecue food, cotton candy, popcorn, face painting, crafts prizes, vendors, and more. Student clubs set up tables promoting the various clubs and answering questions students might have. The campus bookstore was present selling various items like FSC mugs and t-shirts. The event was “Well organized and a good atmosphere,” said Cancy DeJean who worked the mechanical bull station. Hired by FSC, Coco Events provided carnival amusement to the guests. Everyone who attended enjoyed the great atmosphere and sunny day on last weekend in September.

The atmosphere was great and the people were excited to celebrate FSC pride. There were lots of children, laughter, and fun. For a homecoming it was surprisingly fun, said Will De Jesus, who came to support his fiancé’s school and initially came prepared to watch a homecoming football game. All were excited and enjoyed themselves. It was a beautiful warm sunny day, and many looked forward to next year’s homecoming event!
Super Storm Sandy was the most deadly and destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic Hurricane Season and is the largest hurricane on record (1,100 miles). Beginning on October 22, 2012, it finally dissipated on October 31, 2012. Affecting over 24 states, New Jersey and New York were hit the hardest. With winds up to 115 mph, this Category 3 hurricane left over $65 billion dollars in damage and devastated Long Island.

Thousands of people were affected by Sandy, including Katie Newman. Newman, a junior at FSC, Newman, whose home is located south of Montauk Highway in Amityville, shares how terrifying things were.

“The water level rose to 5 feet and the whole block was immediately evacuated. My whole first floor was ruined and we were without power for about a week and a half,” said Newman. She ended up missing close to two weeks of school, but said that her professors were more than understanding. “It was horrible. It was like an apocalypse hit.”

Super Storm Sandy left over 6 million people without power, including 1,933,147 New Yorkers. LIPA enlisted the help of workers all over the United States who came to help clean up the mess and FEMA had over 1,500 workers on the job.

Recent FSC graduate Tommy Messina is a volunteer fireman in Copiague. He said that a day prior to Sandy, trucks went south of Montauk Highway reminding residents over the speakers that it was a mandatory evacuation and if residents didn’t evacuate, the fire department would not be answering any calls for help.

Regardless of these warnings, many people decided to take their chances. Freshman, Alissa Tarzia and her family did not heed the fire department’s warning and chose to stay home.

“The water began to rise and we knew that we had to leave, but at this point there was no way out.” Luckily, Tarzia and her family were brought to safety by a neighbor with a boat. “When it was finally safe to go back, we didn’t know what to expect. I had no idea what my house was going to look like, or if I still even had a place to call home.”

Messina said, “I started working the morning of Sandy and didn’t stop until the following night.” Messina goes on to say that he was running into homes to guide people to safety. “It was controlled chaos by the many organizations that were responding.

Sandy left 48 deaths in New York alone in her wake, not to mention the 100,000 homes she damaged, of which more than 2,000 were condemned. It has been over a year later, and victims of Sandy are still displaced and are still waiting to get back into their homes.

Help is still being provided; the American Red Cross has given a grant in the sum of $350,000 to United Way of Long Island (call toll-free 888-774-7633).

The Development Corporation of Long Island who was granted $2 million dollars by the American Red Cross is offering free mold remediation to victims on the South Shore. Call 631-471-1215, email dhirts@cdcli.org, or visit cdcli.org for more information on obtaining an application.

Opinion: The Forgotten Key to Success

By Daniel Rivette

If you have decided on your major, you are one step closer to reaching your dream life. The key to arriving there quickly rather than eventually may be hinged on a simple concept. This ancient key to success is the idea of mentoring.

A mentor is an experienced and preferably proven expert in the discipline that they are teaching in. However, mentoring is far greater and deeper than the student-teacher dynamic.

Regardless of who they are teaching, a mentor can help guide the mentee toward their career goals. They can help guide you through the professional minefield that you have set your sights on with minimal damage, and if you do step on one, they are the best at showing you how to clean up the mess and maybe even turn it in your favor.
Let’s face it, most of us are still attending Thanksgiving dinner rather than hosting. That’s all the more reason to consider these cute crafts and dessert dishes as a way to show your thanks and appreciation this year! These ideas are simple, inexpensive and will leave a lasting impression.

Braided Pie Crust
On every Thanksgiving dessert table pie is a staple. This year make your simple pumpkin or apple pie more special by braiding the crust. Store bought pie crust cuts the work in half, simply unfold the sheet of dough and cut into even inch wide slices. Then take three of the strips and braid, lining the rim of your pie tin and brush with butter or egg wash. Different fillings are sold ready to bake at your local grocery store, don’t be afraid to try bringing something to the table!

No Bake Pumpkin Cheesecake
(Serves 6)
This recipe is easy and delicious, start by finely crushing 6 graham cracker cookies in a bowl and combining with 2 tablespoons of melted butter. Press into the bottom of six small cups, this will serve as the crust. Then in a mixing bowl, using an electric hand mixer, whip 1 cup heavy cream until stiff peaks form. In a separate mixing bowl, whip 8 ounces of cream cheese with two tablespoons of caramel sauce until smooth, then blend in six tablespoons brown sugar, ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract, ½ teaspoon of cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon of nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon of ground ginger. Whip until sugar has dissolved and mixture is fluffy. Fold in 1 cup of canned pumpkin puree, then fold in whipped cream. Place a dollop of whipped cream on top with cinnamon to to finish.

Copper Leaf Thanksgiving Vase
A beautiful vase of flowers is appropriate as any table centerpiece, with a little extra effort it can be made into a keepsake. Inexpensive, untextured glass vases are available at your local Michaels or dollar store. Pick a metallic spray paint of choice, for Thanksgiving gold or copper work best, and a leaf stencil or stickers. Spray paint the outside of the vase and fill with flowers of the season or place a candle in the bottom for a warming effect.

Cinnamon Candles
These are easy to make and are perfect centerpieces! Purchase a soy or unscented candle at your local home goods store, then purchase plenty of cinnamon sticks. With a hot glue gun, paste the individual cinnamon sticks on the outside of the candle, wrap with ribbon or twine as a finishing touch.

Walk For Epilepsy
By Eric Foltrauer
Hundreds of advocates for epilepsy awareness gathered at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow on October 26 to raise money for their cause, led by FSC student Grand Marshall Zoey Wade. The walk was sponsored by Winthrop University Hospital and raised a record-high of donations for its third annual charity event.

Wade led the walk as a Grand Marshal along with her sister Dana, both of whom appeared elated to be leading the community in this noble effort.

Jeffery Kramer, a parent who participated in the walk, expressed delight in seeing the two grand marshals happy to be doing their part. “It’s great that they’ve been selected for this honor. Getting younger people to participate is important for this. Making younger people aware makes it possible for more people to get treated earlier, to catch it earlier, and to make people notice early symptoms,” said Kramer.

Extraordinary People in Care (EPIC), the organization that organizes the walks, began their efforts in 1953 as a small group of parents whose mission it was to help children with epilepsy. Today, they run two clinics, dozens of programs, and have served more than 11,000 individuals.

Supporters of research into epilepsy’s cause walked throughout the park to the music of the Freeport High School marching band. Half of those inflicted with the brain disorder do not have an identifiable cause to blame. But the walks are not conducted to raise money just for research.

“Today, we look toward a bright future as we broaden our mission to offer more social and health services across Long Island,” said Delores Frederick, EPIC LI spokesperson.

Margaret Mohr of Seaford, whose daughter is stricken with epilepsy, helped pioneer the annual event with her passionate, local advertising campaigns. “Every year more and more people participate and it warms my heart. Soon doctors will have more treatment options for these patients and I know that is due, in part, to these people here today,” said Mohr.

According to those who were at the park the walk was an all-around success and most of the walkers cannot wait to participate in it again next year.
The winds have changed on campus; the college is demonstrating its involvement with renewable energy. Throughout the past few months, it has implemented the use of greener strategies that benefit not just the school but most important, our environment.

The campus is becoming more green and energy efficient. Three 70-feet-tall scale wind turbines were installed in June and activated in late July. These turbines are part of the Smart Grid project that was granted by the US Department of Energy. FSC, the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), and Stony Brook University are actively working together on this project.

“It is really exciting to see the transforming of Farmingdale to a smart energy campus. Farmingdale was green and now is greener!” said Dr. Bahar Zoghi, the leader of Small Scale Wind Team at FSC. The environment is her passion. The three small wind turbines are expected to contribute about 7.2 to the campus’s electric grid. Their height contributes greatly to the amount of energy collected which can sometimes be restricted by zoning jurisdictional requirements and community opposition because of the appearance of the apparatus and the noise that it can produce.

Farmingdale is the first SUNY school to be a Smart Energy Campus and is also believed to be the first on Long Island. The Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center (RESC) at FSC offers a variety of workshops and trainings to educate all those interested in learning more about small scale wind and other projects implemented at the school. “We have a LIPA Smart Meter which allows frequent monitoring of the electricity generated,” said Kathy Coley. This allows the RESC to measure and collect data to evaluate the progress of this project. Since activation until September 6, the turbines had produced 25k hours of energy.

“I heard about an Energy Smart House and have seen the solar carport and the wind mills,” said Janine Mortimer, senior student. She explains that she is concerned for our environment and our future and feels very proud that our school is making a difference.

From the seats in Roosevelt Hall’s Little Theater, the songs of famed Italian opera composer Giuseppe Verdi captivated the ears of audience members who came to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his music at FSC’s fifth annual Italian heritage month. The event, attended by 130 people, was organized by Dr. Beverly Kahn and Dr. Matilde Fava. Dr. Barry Capella opened the presentation with a history of Verdi’s musical influence in Italian history.

“The choice of Verdi is appropriate for reasons far beyond the bi-centenary of his birthday,” said Capella. “Verdi’s music underscores the urgency and the poignancy of his libretti’s themes of oppression and freedom, and Italian audiences revered him for his musical and political courage.”

After introductions, Kelli Butler, coloratura soprano and student of renowned Metropolitan Opera mezzo soprano Shirley Love, took the stage accompanied by pianist Gene McCoy. Together they presented the audience with a selection of songs of Verdi that echoed music from other well-known operas. While the language and words may have been foreign to some ears, all people had to do was listen to the sound of Butler’s voice in order to lose themselves in the beauty of the performance.

“I’ve always loved the music,” said Butler. “I think the performance went well, and it was nice to see people enjoy it.”

Butler not only captured the audience with her voice, but engaged the crowd with her humor and enthusiasm as she acted out each song’s story line, demonstrating her devotion to music.

Among the audience members was Linda Lupario, a student taking an opera appreciation course in FSC’s Learning in Retirement (LIR) program.

“She is such a professional lady,” said Lupario about Butler. “It was phenomenal to listen to this beautiful, beautiful voice.”

The presentation concluded with a standing ovation, issuing the Italian stamp of approval: “Bravissima!”
FARMINGDALE RAMS SPORTS

Hockey Is in Season

By Paula Yip

Farmingdale State Hockey Club’s players, #11 Danato Carbone, #1 Austin Liddycoat, and #23 Justin Von Wieding

FSC and SUNY Maritime players whooshed by as they shed ice and slammed the hockey puck against the barrier during their tight game while trying to score for the win at the October 19 game in the Freeport Recreation Center. The fans and supporters of the FSC players were easy to distinguish in the crowd surrounding the ice rink of more than 50 fans as they proudly wore the school colors and apparel.

The speed and skill is apparent as soon as the game starts. The team hopes this will be yet another conference championship for the Rams who are undefeated with an 8-0 streak. They have 14 points in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Men’s Division III – Atlantic Region since the beginning of the season. Practices take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday late at night in their home ice rink in Freeport.

“I love the aggressiveness and every aspect of hitting,” said Michael Gonzalez, #25, who plays forward, while standing on the sidelines watching his team play after he sustained an injury to his shoulder in his last game.

For his first year on the team, Gonzalez hopes that he is able to join his team for next week’s home game. He is optimistic that the Rams can make it to nationals and win again this year.

The first game of the season was away against the New York Jr. Aviators on the last weekend in September. Starting in November through January, the team will be traveling more frequently to various cities and states. The last three games will be at home and the final is scheduled for February 23.

“This is truly a very aggressive sport. At first I didn’t like it, but now, I love it. It’s so fast, it is so exciting,” said Debbie Jacobsen. She mentioned that commitment is a must from every player on the team. Not only do they need to practice late during the weekdays, they must travel and, most importantly, keep their grades up. Her son, #32, Greg Jacobsen is one of two goalies on the team.

There were approximately eight players not on the bench during this game for various non-serious injuries. Falling down and sliding during a game is unavoidable. Even the referees fall down as they try to keep the game clean, following the players and ensuring that they are abiding by the rules. And sometimes, they fall while trying to breakup unavoidable fights as well.

Due to the likelihood of players and even refs sustaining injuries during these games, prevention measures are in place. “There is always a negative connotation related to hockey, but this team is different,” said Trish Hagarty, EMT for the team.

Hagarty is an EMT brought on to serve as a first responder during games. She has become a great admirer of the team, describing them as “a tough bunch of very respectful gentlemen.” The typical injuries sustained are bruised arms and ankles. The worst so far was a player’s hand hit by the puck.

Hockey appears to be an adrenaline rush for everyone at the game, not just the players, but the spectators as well as they witness powerplays, hooking, elbowing, icing, slashing, and roughing among others. The team will continue to work hard, practice hard, and play hard to achieve their championship title again. Stats, schedules, and information for the FSC Rams are available at http://pointstreaksites.com/view/farmingdalestate/home-page.

Conference Winners

By Russel Kuchlewski

The women’s tennis team won their first ever Skyline Conference title. Coach Adam Waterhouse is training the girls hard for their upcoming match. Waterhouse is the first and only coach for the team. Waterhouse said, “I started the program seven years ago from nothing. It was a club for one year and then became a team.”

The team must prepare for three doubles matches and five singles matches. The current number one and two players are Priscella Signore and Jessica Sickles.

Jessica Sickles is the number one player for the team. She is a junior and has been playing tennis since the second grade. She is studying sports management on top of her training for her sport. She is playing alongside Priscella Signore in doubles in the hope of getting to nationals. To do so they must win over the team that defeated them last year in the nationals, Mount St. Mary.

Jessica Sickles was on the team last year when they placed second in nationals. “It’s not going to happen again this year. We are going to beat them.” Jessica is prepared for her upcoming match,” said Sickles.

Priscella Signore, the doubles partner of Jessica Sickles, is a freshman and wants to major in dental hygiene. She has played tennis since she was 5 years old and was taught by her mother.

Priscella is excited for the upcoming match as a win means they go to nationals. “Jessica is an awesome partner and we have good chemistry,” said Priscella. Priscella is the number two player for Farmingdale with a few more years in college to improve herself.
For the past year the athletic population at FSC has had to improvise. Both staff and athletes have spent the last year 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 will be unveiled in mid-October. Phase I will focus on revamping the gym. When completed, the gym will have new floors and seating area.

Phase II is yet to be determined, which will take place down the road 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, but with a revenue of $12,000 per year in dues. The removal of the pool will in turn become beneficial to the student community as a whole.

Athletic Trainer Jessica Dautner is anxiously awaiting 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 compared to treatment 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. These two athletes believe that the new renovations will help the athletes in various ways.

“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. For Finn, “nothing can be worse than last year.”

The promises and expectations are high. Nold Hall is expected to be a great attraction. 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 Farmingdale. “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.