Homecoming was a huge success this year, “We estimate that over 600 people attended the event, outpacing last year by approximately 200 people! We are definitely establishing this as an annual tradition,” said Eileen Hasson Director of Alumni Affairs.

The festivities kicked off with Samuel Soto and Hirrah Sajjad who were voted King and Queen of Homecoming leading a parade of Farmingdale’s clubs, sports teams, and TKE on to the field.

There entertainment consisted of a DJ and the band Bill Wilkinson, an alumnus from 1956 with the LI Sound who played live music. Homecoming also had a dunk tank, different types of inflatables for all ages, and a mechanical bull.

“I liked all the rides they had, they were a lot of fun,” said Lauren Neuwrith, a junior, in Technology Studies.

Homecoming also had a demonstration by the Step Team as well as a pie eating contest. At noon the Farmingdale Rams men’s soccer team kicked off an intense match against NYU POLY. The Rams fell against NYU Poly 2-1 in an at home Skyline Conference match.

Over the last year Farmingdale State College has experienced a dramatic change in the operation of its campus life. Along with the reconstruction of a new student government, Dr. Corti, also was responsible for implementing a new foundation to help lift the spirits and life of our resident students. Amanda Cataldo, Assistant Director of Resident Life spoke about the change, its progress, and its positive effect she believes it has had on the campus as a whole.

The change from Inter Dormitory Council (IDC) to the now Resident Hall Activity (RHA) was a structural change that was deemed necessary for the growth of campus life. It was a transition orchestrated by Dr. Corti as it provided more monitoring to help achieve goals for the college and students. This model is a national model used at colleges all throughout the country, where students enjoying their campus experiences.

“This is true,” said Cataldo. “This is the first time in 12 years we have a waiting list,” she said she believes the birth of RHA assisted in the increase enrollment of resident hall students.

Christina Cilbiyikoglu, current president of RHA, spoke about the behind-the-scenes process of discovering what students want, and translating it from good ideas to memorable events. Christina spoke of asking students

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CONSTRUCTION EVERYWHERE

By William Filosa

Farmingdale State College has been making major improvements all over campus. All of this construction has led to temporary eyesore construction sites everywhere.

The renovations include the new Campus Center scheduled to be completed in late 2012 early 2013. Also, Nold Hall is to be improved, as well as construction on Bunche Plaza, which is underway. Several other construction projects around campus are also to be done this year. All the construction is great, but it has meant detours had to be put in place in order to help students navigate the campus.

The construction has also made some facilities look as if they are closed. The outdoor basketball courts on campus appear to be unusable; they are covered in orange signs that say “Danger Construction” and “Keep Out.” These orange signs are in places that lead us to believe the court could be closed, while actually it is the real estate behind the sign that is off limits.

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Tom Corti said the outdoor courts are staying, “Yes, they are open, and no, they are not being removed.”

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FROM CLASSROOM TO CLINICALS

By Jason Carroll

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There are a plethora of clubs and activities to join or participate in here on campus. However, there may not be a club or group activity that matches exactly what you had in mind to be a part of in the first place. For instance, some of our fellow classmates may have wanted to join a competitive dance club so that they could perform at games and at campus events. In order to be a part of something that is not offered, a student could be for her or she to learn how to create a club or campus organization.

“What a student needs to do, in order to create a club, is to first find ten students, including herself, all of whom are interested in being a part of the same club trying to be created,” said Ennie Ro, Director of Student Activities and the Campus Center. However, that’s not all. “Those ten students then must explain their mission to the head of a department, create a constitution, and await the department’s decision of whether their club’s mission supports a mission similar as the college’s.”

“With such tasks assigned to students trying to form a club, many students who probably wouldn’t create a club. In their minds, most of them believed the tasks assigned were too time-consuming,” she said. “I definitely think a dance club or any club would bring up the hype in students and get them more excited,” said Loryn Bosco, 22. “I just personally don’t have enough patience and time to create one because of my workload with school and everything else.”

Although, there are some individuals who would enjoy attending a game where a dance club performance takes place, some students found the idea of creating such a club pointless. “I mean...normally I would go get a drink or some food at the half time of a game rather than sit and watch a dance performance,” said Sal Barcia, 24. “But if I saw hot girls doing a performance in tight costumes, it probably wouldn’t be a total waste of my time.” Commonly, the majority of students on campus receive a good amount of school work can see cars driving slowly up and down the parking lots desperately trying to find a spot, and when they finally do create a traffic jam because they wait for the other student to get in their car and pull out.

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ZOMBIES STRIKE COLLEGE CAMPUSES WORLDWIDE

By Imran Esmailzada

We are all connected by our common race: humanity. Since 2005, students have been defending themselves against a dangerous enemy, an enemy to all humans. Armed, stocked up on food, and prepared to fight, students stay vigilant even during school hours and between classes; in passing- one can never be too careful. This enemy lurks mainly on college campuses, and there have been organized efforts by students to take them down. There are two ways to be rid of this creature: throwing a sock at it, and tagging it with a Nerf gun. Those are the only two ways known to man to be a zombie’s weakness. Yes, this plague against humanity takes the form of a zombie invasion.

Human vs. Zombies is a game played mainly on college campuses as a modified version of the simple childhood game of tag. It has become so popular that it is actually played all over the world and is a recognized club sport. Through organized Facebook pages the game was popularized and advertised through the cyber world. Times and days were posted and could be seen as a public event online for each college, making it a group that could grow independent of traditional structured meetings. This game is seen as an exhilarating outlet of energy, teamwork, survival skills, and innocent fun. “I don’t always shoot zombies, but when I do, it’s with a Nerf gun,” said Zach Pensa.

The players really get their heads into the game and it promotes a sense of life, adrenaline and excitement throughout the whole day because the game never necessarily must end. I’ve been hearing about this game, and I honestly thought it was a video game for all these years. Upon doing some research I realized it’s a physical game played with teams outside on campus. Farmingdale had a Humans vs. Zombies meeting Thursday, September 13 at 11 o’clock in Gleeson Hall room 325. I attended to investigate and interview the humans, the zombies, and other students watching the game take place in passing. I wondered what team I’d be placed in. Am I human or a zombie? Will I survive? My Nerf gun skills are definitely rusty; I hope I don’t let anyone down.

I interviewed a fellow student about her knowledge of this sport. Olivia Stephens, a 19 year old PCM major said, “It’s kind of like everything you wish you could still do as a 9 year old was put together into a great big fantasy game for you to play ten years later and is still relatively socially acceptable.”

The gatherings every Tuesday and Thursday are informational board meetings for organizing events and bouncing new ideas off of the group. Upon arriving at the meeting, I was greeted with smiles and welcomed. We went around the room and introduced ourselves, saying what we wanted out of the group. The main focus of this group is making new friends and having fun. The players go to Applebee’s after, see movies, and play video games. It’s a club beyond Farmingdale; it’s a group of fun people having healthy fun and exercise. “It’s pretty cool to have people who think differently and are from different backgrounds and who come together to make something awesome. This is a game with unique characters and so much creativity,” said Christopher Jackson, President of Farmingdale’s Human vs. Zombies club.

To get involved, join the Facebook page “Farmingdale HVZ” for updates on games and meetings. There was a bake sale in Gleeson on October 18 hosted by HVZ. If you’ve ever spotted a Nerf gun fight or a sock flying overhead for no particular reason on campus- now you know-you’ve just witnessed the transformation of a human into a zombie! Let the games begin!

This is Imran Esmailzada reporting to you from Farmingdale University. Let’s hope I make it out alive!

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Folding for A Cure

By Thomas Klos

Every so often, something fun also serves to improve our standard of living. Foldit is a free 3D video game which has been likened to “3D Tetris”. The purpose of the game is to fold virtual proteins into more stable shapes, with the game displaying the protein’s stability as a score. A sense of competition is created by posting the scores of all players online in order of their success.

Players are offered a detailed and well-paced tutorial, allowing even the least game savvy players to play and follow along. Graduate from the tutorial, and you will be presented with actual proteins which play key roles in diseases and substances that affect our everyday lives. This also includes proteins which are involved in the propagation of HIV, those which act as an antifreeze within cells, and those associated with the deadly effects of anthrax. Playing the game assists research projects that were previously limited to highly trained professionals using expensive computers and machines.

“Foldit is a very clever way to introduce fundamental concepts of protein structure and stability,” said Victor W. Huang, Ph.D. and Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Farmingdale State College. “The puzzles serve as bite-sized concepts and they’re spaced out appropriately so as not to overwhelm novices.”

Francisco Tehrani, a biology student, finds Foldit easy to play “I breezed through the tutorial in 20 minutes,” said Tehrani. “I have spent hours at a time moving and folding proteins, and sharing my progress with other players. It’s a lot of fun and educational at the same time.”

“I was also impressed with the way the designers start from basic concepts and gradually work their way up to more sophisticated topics like biomathematics and protein/protein interactions and p r o t e i n / D N A interactions” said Dr. Huang. “These are problems that researchers are working on in both academic and industrial settings, so it’s pretty neat that something like Foldit can introduce these concepts in the form of a game.”

“To be able to cure diseases with a game would be phenomenal,” said Dan Sheehan, a Farmingdale student. “It is amazing how far technology has come, that we can possibly cure diseases using computer games.”

“For educational purposes, this is a great tool,” said Salma Khawaja, a Security Systems student at Farmingdale. “I am curious as to who funds Foldit, but as a learning tool, I think it’s awesome.”

Foldit is available for Windows, Linux and Mac operating systems. Links to the game software are found at the top right of the Foldit website, available for anyone to download at http://www.fold.it
to give their opinions through survey’s, personal conversation, or social networking, which is the most popular option. They also set up office hours inside the resident halls where students are encouraged to stop by to give feedback as well as options. There is also a committee established to help provide a checks and balances structure when deciding on what events to put together. Not all the time there are agreed upon events are not what we want. It is what the students want,” said Cilibiokoglu.

There are myriad events scheduled to take place in the semester, everything from an 80’s theme party, talent shows, and movie nights to off-campus trips which are no expense for students.

RHA looks to create reoccurring successful programs that give students something to look forward to yearly such as hall Olympics, talent shows, and fashion shows, which receive positives feedback as well as great turnouts.

Although RHA is a program initially for resident students, it has branched out to other groups on campus such as Club BBA’s and TKI; a newly forming fraternity to help generate ideas as well as combine similar events to create a more dynamic experience.

A year after its creation RHA is becoming one of the more popular groups on the campus. They are learning everyday through experiences working hard and diligently, to make the campus a more enjoyable place.

Jerman Reyes a junior, who was there during the old resident hall program, now embraces the new one. “It’s totally different than just one group, or one clique, but everyone as a whole,” said Jerman Reyes.

Not only are students embracing it as well as faculty, Caldado said they work hard. “[They] try to keep their energy up.”

RHA students manage their academics while devoting time to campus development. “They are the leaders to stop and create an environment everyone will enjoy,” said Caldado.

From their increasing popularity, memorable events, and willingness to appeal to students RHA has brought new life to Farmingdale’s campus.
Welcome to Writers Block

By LeeAnn A. Bassey

The Visiting Writers program kicked off its first meeting. The first group of speakers included English professors Richard Caputo, Hope Terris, and Dylan Ferrara. The event was attended by over 50 people. English professor Kempton Boone Van Hoff was the host for the event. He handed out the microphones to Dr. Caputo, who started the presentations with a partial reading of his original story “New Portrait.” This story is based on the Newport Tower located in Newport, Rhode Island. Following the conclusion of this reading was professor Terris. She read a slew of original poems, which included “Rumors,” “Blueberries,” and “A Visit from Mary” (which was a poem inspired by her experience helping a woman from Iran with her English). Professor Ferrara ended the event with a reading of a section of a novel in his original series, “The Fangs of the Redwoods,” entitled “White Burning.” In addition, professor Terris added a more personal reason why Farmingdale is a wingless campus. A woman from Iran with her English.

Fast, Fabulous, Fall Recipes

Effortless Apple Dumpling Cake

Ingredients
- Makes 1 – 9x13” cake
- 3 Pounds apples
- peeled, cored, and sliced
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Place sliced apples in baking dish. Mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Stir in apples and oil, pack on top of apples. Sprinkle with cinnamon.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 40 to 45 minutes, or until toppings is smooth and golden brown.
Prep 20 mins.
Cook 45 mins.
Ready In 1 hour 5 mins.
http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Apple-Dumpling-Cake/Detail.aspx

Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies

Ingredients
- 18 milk chocolate candy kisses, unwrapped
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups sifted confectioners’ sugar

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2-3. Combine sugar, peanut butter, and egg
3. Shape into 1” balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. NOTE: If dough is too sticky, refrigerate for 1/2 hour or until easy to handle.
4. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove cookies from oven. Press a chocolate kiss into the center of each warm cookie.
Prep 10 mins.
Cook 15 mins.
Ready In 25 mins.
Men’s Soccer Blows Out Purchase

By LeeMann A. Bassey

Homecoming weekend kicked off with SUNY Farmingdale men’s soccer team playing a match against Purchase College. Despite neither team scoring in the first half, SUNY Farmingdale racked up a slew of penalties, but Purchase was not able to translate. The SUNY Farmingdale men’s soccer coach, Chuck Schimpf, commented on the first half and said, “we had too many, what I like to call, unforced errors.”

The second half was much more successful for SUNY Farmingdale. With number 16 J.T Fannularo picking up two goals for the team, number 8 Orlandy Charleston scoring one goal, and number 15 Brian Anderson scoring one goal during a penalty shot. Also, number 0 Angelo Viteriti, the goalie, deflected every goal attempted by Purchase.

The final score for the game was 4-0 in favor of SUNY Farmingdale. Farmingdale soccer player, Pete Tsiosmas, summed up the game and said, “We played really well offensively and really well defensively.”

Another Farmingdale soccer team member, Orlandy Charleston, looked into the future for the teams next soccer match and said “I think our next match against Polytechnic will be harder because they are a better team.”

The SUNY Farmingdale men’s soccer team played their next game against NYU Polytechnic on October 13, 2012. The team suffered a 2-1 loss in this match. Overall the Suny Farmingdale’s mens soccer team ended their season on October 27, 2012 with a record of 8-9-2.

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TIS IS THE SEASON TO SPIKE

By Gina Fiorillo

The Women’s Volleyball team played a very crucial game against their rival, the Old Westbury Panthers. This last home game was the deciding game for the Skyline Conference and would decide whether or not they will move up in their ranking. Ranking in third place in the Skyline Conference with nine wins and seven losses, they had a very good chance of making it to the playoffs.

Headed into such an important conference match, the FSC team was well prepared and motivated to win the game. Deana Ward, assistant athletics director said, “We’re bitter rivals. We’re going to win!”

Angela Kranz, freshman outside hitter for FSC, smashed her right wrist during the last game that was away in New Jersey against Rutgers University. Being out for such an important game, Kranz was upset that she could not be a part of the match but was definitely cheering on the sidelines and hoping she would recover in time for the playoffs.

“The fact that we’re a family is what holds us together on and off the court,” said Kranz. She believes that it was an advantage that the team is younger because they had the opportunity to grow together, and having an older senior, Holly Sahner, on the team forces them to be mature as a group. Even after a loss, the team regrouped and went out together to do something fun to help bring their spirits back up and to relieve the stress from the lost game. Kranz has been playing volleyball for about twelve years and has the dream of playing one day playing for the Queens College volleyball team in the future.

Aside from being such a big Skyline Conference game, it was also senior night. Not only was that the last home game for the conference, but it was also the last home game for Holly Sahner. Sahner is an outside hitter and has made a total of 639 kills, 480 digs, 126 service aces, and 53 blocks to date. “She is courageous, determined, and a big goal setter,” said Kranz. Sahner will be graduating and a Business Management degree and a 3.0 GPA. She is going to be extremely missed by her teammates because she has been a part of the team since her freshman year. Her courage, determination, and maturity have rubbed off on the team, and they will continue to be a strong family team even after she is gone.

Both teams were wearing bright pink socks to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. Coaches were also wearing pink clothing for the cause. However, the best dressed for the cause was Carmine Palladino, father of FSC Volleyball Captain Sarah Palladino. He was wearing not only a very pink shirt to support the cause but he dyed his hair pink as well. “Sarah asked me to do it and I would do anything for the team,” said Palladino. He has been to every game during the season except two due to work. “I would take off from work to come to a game to support the team,” said Palladino. Palladino liked that the coach was able to put together such a compatible and strong team. Sarah Palladino, sophomore at FSC, has been playing volleyball since high school. She is an outside hitter and setter for the team, with a great serve and a lot of power behind her hit.

There were roughly a 100 people who attended the game. Students and parents from both teams as well as other FSC sport team members came to cheer on their team. It was a tense game; they’re a strong team. They had a rough start losing the first match. The score was neck and neck but FSC came through in the end with the win and final score of 3-1.

The volleyball team finished their season 12-12. The last game was on Friday, November 2nd at St. Joseph’s. Great season girls!