Dust off your school spirit for this year's Homecoming on October 13. Last year over 400 people turned out for Homecoming celebrating both our school and its Centennial anniversary.

“It’s really fun to get together with other students and celebrate Farmingdale,” said Geena Pandofi, a junior in PCM. This year’s homecoming looks to be one for the records.

“Dancing and food! I’m very excited to paint my face our school colors green and white,” said Himmler Joachim, a senior resident student.

During Spirit Week, there will be a number of events offered on campus. There will be theme days and a place to meet our nominees for Homecoming King and Queen.

As Farmingdale State College turns 100 years old it is looking toward the future by initiating the first ever master’s program. The program is set to be available in the Fall 2013 semester pending the approval by the New York State Board of Regents.

It would provide its first graduate degree in Engineering Technology Management. Dr. Adam Filios, Director of the Solar Energy Center and Dr. Hazem Tawfik, Distinguished Service Professor in Mechanical Engineering Technology, are members of the Engineering Technology Proposal Committee.

“The program will teach you how to learn,” said Dr. Filios, implementing how the degree will help students with decision-making skills in management aspects of engineering technology. Also the master’s degree program is set to provide students with opportunities to command higher salaries after graduating, while cost is in a range similar to any SUNY campus.

Not only are the school administrators on board with the program, but many students are also intrigued about its positive potential.
Ditch the Ditches

By Alexa Sugrue

The ditches between the parking lot and the sidewalk have caused an inconvenience for many students on the Farmingdale campus. It prevents students who park in the lots from walking across the grass to cross the street to get to class.

“I can’t even tell you how many times I am late to class looking for a spot then having to walk all the way to get to the cross walk because if I walk down those things I won’t get back up,” said Jenn Heenan, senior student.

As part of an overall plan, the drainage system was put in to prevent flooding. The ditches are very deep, which makes it very difficult to walk down and up without falling if you have to cut across them. The ditches vary from 18” to over four feet.

“The ‘ditches,’ as students refer to them, are drainage swales. The purpose of the drainage swales is to allow the rainwater from the roads and parking lots to drain properly back into the soil,” said Douglas A. Dargis, Campus Architect/Physical Plant. “Anytime you can remove standing puddles from pavement surfaces it is better for the lifespan of the pavement.”

“It reinforces what President Keen always says when speaking about our tradition of environmental conscientiousness: Green Then, Green Now,” said Kathy Coley.

The drainage swales provide benefits to the plant materials around the parking lot. They were installed in May 2011 and were completed in August.

“The total price for the new roads, parking lots, drainage swales, and street lighting was approximately $6,400,00,” said Dargis.

Most of the students at Farmingdale State College agree that it would be more convenient if the ditches were never put in. Those few feet can make all the difference if students are running late to class or it’s raining.
The cherry blossoms that used to be planted at the college courtyard have been cut down. The trees, which had existed for over two decades, have been recognized as a landmark for students and staff alike. The stunning circle of foliage and blossoms has been admired for its beauty by everyone, and enjoyed as a peaceful retreat.

They have been removed, however, to be replaced with a new and improved plaza, and students have strong opinions on whether or not the decision to bring down the trees was worth it.

“I do not think it had to be that way,” said Biology Club president Francesco Tehrani. “These trees were our connection to nature. It is a pity they were taken away.”

Whereas many don’t approve of the idea of chopping down trees to create a supposed improved space, others see some good in the idea.

“I think it could have been done better,” said Kelia Remsen. “I wish they had taken the time to work around the trees, but I don’t think building a better place is a bad thing. If it comes out looking better than before, then I guess it was worth it.”

The new and improved courtyard will include a plaza, and will be completed within one year.

By Alex Moreno

Chopping Old Trees for New Ones

Dominican Students Find A Second Home In Farmingdale

By Himmler Joachim

Every year Farmingdale State College receives students from at least 12 countries, the Dominican Republic being one of them.

Lorraine Greenwald, Dean of International Education and Programs, is in charge of accepting international students. She and fellow faculty visit the Dominican Republic yearly, interviewing every candidate individually.

“They are full of life, like to take care of each other, and are very hard working. Many of them take 18 credits. It’s so wonderful to see how excited they are,” said Greenwald.

One of those excited students is 21-year-old Caesar Perez Fernandez, who hails from the town of Santo Domingo Este. He is not a freshman like many of the other students, but is a transfer student from his first college he attended in the Dominican Republic.

It is his fourth time in North America, but his first time staying for an extended period of time aside from vacations. He enjoys Farmingdale’s unique scenery. “I love Farmingdale” said Fernandez. “It’s a great school- beautiful and clean. Long Island is beautiful.”

The one school resource Fernandez has taken advantage of the most is the internet access.

“After school here, I download Windows 7 in 20 minutes.”

The 80 Dominican Republic students have different majors and life goals. Jamie Bou, 19, is an Applied Economics major who wants to continue his dad’s construction business. The tall, easy-going student has high flying dreams that go beyond his education goals.

“I want to start a music club where we DJ every event, make beats, and even make concerts,” said Bou. “I want to make a talent show.”

Bou is also considering applying for Residence Hall Advisor as well as joining the Humans vs. Zombies club.

Fernandez and Bou have both been to America many times before studying at Farmingdale State College, but this is the first visit for 23-year-old Greysi Leiry Regalado, whose previous major was Touristic Administration before she decided to enroll as a Tech Studies major.

“Classes are interesting and I think it’s going to be fun,” said Regalado, the Santo Domingo Resident who has left behind a boyfriend the Dominican Republic. He is one of Regalado’s greatest motivations for returning to her home country for a visit “definitely next year!”

By Himmler Joachim
President Keen announced his 10 goals for Farmingdale in the next 10 years; including new buildings, more students, and increased tuition.

The face of Farmingdale State College will undergo a multitude of changes in the coming years. As SUNY’s largest school of applied science and technology, Farmingdale plans on growing larger by establishing master’s degree programs in such areas as engineering technology management, construction management, biotechnology, and information technology.

“We are dedicated to the service and education of our students,” said Keen.

The campus will also be home to many new faces, including 70 new faculty members and 1,000 additional students enrolling within the 10 year span.

Besides the increased head count, President Keen plans to complete the Campus Center in 2012 and renovate the athletics complex in 2013. Keen is also initiating the construction of a new School of Business building in 2014 and two more academic buildings between 2015 and 2018.

“Where the pool is located will be converted into an auxiliary gym, with tartan flooring, similar to the main gymnasiurn flooring. This space will help accommodate our winter and spring sports teams during inclement weather in the winter for indoor practices, as well as give our resident students another gym to use,” said Assistant Athletic Director Deana Ward.

There are also plans for a new roadway and landscaping initiative as part of a $185 million dollar campus construction project.

The majority of this large budget will not be coming from the state, though. The money will be gathered through increased fund-raising, and a five year capital plan, along with a gradual modest increase in student tuition. The increase which has recently been approved by SUNY, does not however fund building and ground constructions. An estimated maximum tuition has not been divulged.

“I came to FSC because the tuition was low. Once my son goes to school, I have to pay for his as well, and can no longer afford my own,” said Margaret Rivera-Simpson, junior, Professional Communications major. “Putting up all these buildings is in the interest of the school.

FSC will also be instituting more programs on green technology and sustain ability to enhance the school’s notoriety of being a green campus.

“I like that our school is setting a great example for Long Island and other SUNY schools by going green. I want prospective students, current students, and alums to see what a great school Farmingdale has turned into,” said Wendy Velasquez, current transfer student.

The plans for Farmingdale’s upcoming transitions were revealed as the school celebrated its 100 year anniversary, showing that a glimpse of the past helps to reveal a vision of its future.

As quoted on the Farmingdale State College website, Senator Charles J. Fuschillo Jr. said, “There’s a lot to be proud of, but it’s also important to keep moving forward so that the College can continue to develop. Building on these successes will create additional opportunities for Long Islanders and help Farmingdale State continue to thrive in the years to come.”
STUDENTS AND STAFF STRUGGLE WITH ANGEL LEARNING

By Raquel Sousa

Angel Learning is Farmingdale State College’s online learning method. Angel allows professors to post assignments and class work at anytime for students to access immediately. The students can then post their homework which the professor can receive instantly. So why aren’t all professors and students using this online learning technique?

As a student, using Angel is a great way to be able to show that you have actually submitted an assignment on a specific date and time. However, students seem to have some difficulty with certain aspects of Angel. “Angel is a great way to get in contact with a professor and stay up to date with a class; however, the scheduled maintenance is frustrating because it usually occurs when I am actually up doing my homework,” said Vanessa Cuffie a Farmingdale student.

Professor Howard Gold always uses Angel for all his classes. It organizes his classes and helps him and all of his students stay up to date with all assignments. “I don’t like that Angel isn’t yet Mac friendly. I have a lot of issues with students that have Macs and have issues submitting their work,” said Gold. “Angel is also not as PDA friendly as I hoped; I can’t use it on my iphone which is one of the most popular phones right now,” said Gold.

Farmingdale student Helder Santiago said, “I only used Angel for two classes and I don’t love it. I took a class where we had engineering files posted to download and the professor himself couldn’t upload the files, it either wouldn’t allow us to download the file or the file was ruined and wouldn’t work.”

Maria Bonnell added, “I think it’s confusing to navigate. I like how the classes are separated and organized but when it comes to the simple thing of sending an email I find it hard to figure out. Overall it’s okay.”

Farmingdale has upgraded Angel to 8.0 which looks like now it has instant messaging. However, it is not clear on how to use it because it doesn’t show any online users. Students should have available training sessions on Angel to be able to ask questions that they are not sure of.

“I want to use Angel but I have to attend a training class which I have not had time for. I’m looking forward to using it because it seems like a great system,” said Professor John Hall. If professors have accessible training classes it should also be offered to students to answer any questions. This will allow the students to address the issues that they are having for a possible solution.

MORE THAN JUST GETTING COFFEE

By Colin Norwood

Internships grant students valuable experience that they can take with them into their career. They allow students to learn hands on, and practice working in a real working environment.

“To be honest, the nurses don’t really want to be bothered with me, and think of me as being in the way, and I get the feeling they’d prefer I wasn’t there. But I also intern in the women’s health center which is more like a doctor’s office where they do mammograms and other things for women. I love that they teach me so much and they really appreciate the help. They even showed me all the radiology equipment and how to use it and the database,” said Jessica Christman, a nursing student.

Interning can give students an insider’s view of their field. Students can learn from these experiences of what they like or don’t like as well as what parts of their fields they prefer. Internships also teach tricks of the trade, lingo, and other bits of information that can’t be taught in a classroom.

There are many problems facing college students once they graduate, mainly earning a living. Many companies are raising their standards for employment, especially those who require existing experiences.

“It definitely made me a better candidate for future positions. To even get considered for jobs you need internship experience,” said Gellena Lukats.

Students who had an internship while they were in college show that they can handle both their schoolwork as well as their duties in the internship. It shows a level of maturity and time management skill which can prove very valuable in the real workplace. Having an internship on a resume can help you stand out and give you an edge over other applicants.

Internships allow students to network and learn programs, filing, and more skills in the field. “[Internships are a] great hands-on experience that allows you to move past what you find in the classroom,” said Cassidy Scott.

What students learn from internships they can take with them to any job. Potential employers look for them and it can be the deciding factor in hiring. Students can leave internships with letters of recommendation, networking, and valuable experience.
The Farmingdale State College Visual Communications Department put a gallery together for students and faculty to enjoy. The gallery has free admission and includes works from the staff of the department and is located in Nathan Hale Hall Memorial Gallery.

Alexa Catiana, a student at Farmingdale said, “I think the faculty gallery was a good idea because it allows the professors to show the students the skills that they have.” Professors are teaching students what they are trained in, and it is a rare and exciting opportunity to have the professors show off their skills in a creative way.

The gallery contains many different works such as sculptures, photographs, and paintings from the staff. Kate Bisceglia, a senior at Farmingdale said, “It’s cool to see how creative the staff is, and it is interesting to see their ideas come to life.”

In the future more professors will participate in shows and exhibits around campus to give a visual aspect of the material that students learn in class. Kevin Pickering, a student at Farmingdale said, “I think more professors should show their students some of their own work to remind us that they actually know what they are doing.”

Award winning artist, Robert Armetta, has recently exhibited his artwork at the Hale Hall Memorial Gallery. The classical realist presented nude portraits and well as other beautiful, life-like depictions.

Armetta is an alumnus of the New York Academy of Art and the Florence Academy of Art, among many other artistic institutions. He has won numerous awards for his work including the Distinguished Service in Art Education Award and has been showcased in several publications such as the Artist’s Magazine and the book Portrait Painting Atelier.

Armetta currently teaches at the New York Academy of Art and the Long Island Academy of Fine Art. He has his own studio in Brooklyn, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

**Dates To Remember**

- **Friday 10/5 (All Day)**
  Governance Meeting
  Classes in Session

- **Thursday 10/11**
  Gleeson Hall Rm. 325
  11am-12:30pm
  Humans vs. Zombies club

- **Saturday 10/13**
  12:00pm-3:00pm
  Homecoming! Let’s go Rams!

- **Monday 10/15**
  Roosevelt Hall Rm. 109D
  7:00-8:15pm
  Yoga class

- **Sunday 10/21**
  Jones Beach
  8:00am-11:00am
  Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach with the Golden Key International Honor Society

- **Wednesday 10/31**
  **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**
Long before Party Rock Anthem became popular, Suneet Jain was learning how to breakdance with a dance crew in India. When he moved to New York in 2010, he wanted to continue dancing but he did not find any breakdancing clubs at FSC. Jain, a Mechanical Engineering student, decided to start a breakdancing club last spring. He called it the Street Shuffle. “I thought of the name four years ago,” he said.

Jain found that not many people knew how to breakdance on campus. He sought the help of Benjamin Vasallo, who is now vice-president of the club, to recruit members. They realized that students are interested but they don’t think they can dance.

Irakli Isakadze, a Computer Science student, said, “I think [breakdancing] is a cool thing. It’s an expression of beauty and creativity through body movement. I like it and I can’t do that.”

Maria Colello, a Professional Communications senior, shares a similar opinion. She would watch the club perform but she would not join. “I would only be embarrassing myself and my fellow club members,” she said.

If students have never breakdanced, they should not let that discourage them. Jain teaches men and women different skill levels of breakdancing during club hour. Fifteen members practice to Jain’s playlist which includes hip hop and electronic music.

The club is an opportunity to meet new people but there are other reasons to breakdance. Students can squeeze a full-body workout during club hour. “If you breakdance, you can get a toned, chiseled body [because] a lot of calories get burned,” said Jain. After an hour of practice, Vasallo and Jain’s T-shirts were soaked in sweat.

There is a misconception that only slim people can breakdance, but Jain encourages all students to try. “Breakdancing is not about weight. It’s being able to control your body. You feel fit and increase your stamina, flexibility and balance.”

Breakdancing is also good for your mind. “You can release your energy into the art of movement, much like how you want to punch something when you’re angry or hurt,” said Vasallo.

A performance is in the club’s future plans. The Street Shuffle meets at Loft Lounge in Roosevelt Hall. To learn more about the club, you can join their Facebook page.
Construction is nearly completed. Take a moment to look at Farmingdale's first Student Center. Leading the way as part of a $185 million project to renovate and build a new academic building for Farmingdale's campus, the Student Center will consist of a ballroom, bookstore, and a new stationed-styled cafeteria. "The reason for its location is that students come from the parking lot and residents can mix," said Patrick Calabria, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. “This will help in the next step of creating student life for all who attend Farmingdale." The First Stop Cafe will be taken down and an open space will be provided for students," said Calabria.

This will provide outside space as well for students. The new Student Campus Center will also provide some new innovations such as the oculus that provide natural lighting, and LED lighting to make the building more energy efficient. It also has a roof made from energy efficient materials. Knapp Hall's cafeteria will be replaced with the Student Center’s new food stations offering a wide selection for students to choose from" I can't wait to try all the new food they are going to offer," said Loryn Boscia senior.

In addition, later there will be a Snack Stand in the new School of Business Building. Many older buildings will be renovated. Conklin Hall will be the home of the Student government and Campus clubs “The construction is exciting. I’m looking forward for it being done,” said Jessica Christman, a nursing student. Nold Hall is currently under renovation and will feature new rooms and state-of-the-art workout equipment.

Course Name Not Found

By LeeMann A. Bassey

The course search is something every student must undergo, but finding an interesting elective to fulfill a liberal arts requirement may not be a walk in the park for every student.

This is especially true for Jennifer Leib, a bioscience major from Port Jefferson, who said, “I would like Farmingdale to add theoretical psychology classes but I know Farmingdale can’t because this is an applied science college. My first degree is in cognitive psychology, so that’s why theoretical psychology interests me.”

But of course science is not the only course of interest to Farmingdale students. Angel Dostino, a business major from Lindenhurst said, “I would like for Farmingdale to have some fashion classes because I am a business major, but I’m specifically interested in fashion merchandising. Now I have to transfer because Farmingdale doesn’t offer fashion merchandising classes.”

There is hope for those who are looking for new and interesting course electives. There is a process that a course idea must go through before it is instituted. First a course is usually proposed by a faculty member who fills out a form which states the course’s purpose and a brief description. It then is sent to a school dean who, if he or she likes it, sends it to all the department chairs who make suggestions.

Depending on the reception, the dean may approve or disapprove the course. If approved, the dean then sends it to the provost, who makes the final decision. If approved by the provost, the course will run during the following year. Dr. Magery Brown said, “A course can run at least once without approval.”

Dr. Katleen Jacquette, Associate Chair of the English and Humanities Department, brought even better news for students.

Leib and Dostino had trouble finding electives that both spark their interest and fulfill their liberal arts requirements. “Students are more than welcome to suggest courses to department chairs or a member of faculty,” Jacquette said.
50 Shades Hotter

By Loryn Boscia

Mix together one of today’s hottest male actors and one of the hottest erotica summer novels to ever hit bookshelves and you have a major Hollywood hit! With the summer cooling down, America is anxiously awaiting the hyped up casting news regarding E.L. James’ erotic trilogy, “50 Shades of Grey.” 50 Shades was picked up by Universal in order to make a well anticipated movie.

“At its core, Fifty Shades of Grey is a complex love story, requiring a delicate and sophisticated hand to bring it to the big screen,” said Universal co-chairman Donna Langley in a statement to the Hollywood Reporter.

Rumors have been flying about the infamous, Ryan Gosling to star, but the latest news is Matt Bomer, star of “White Collar” as the leading man for the role of Christian Grey.

“Matt Bomer is a god-like figure. Any movie he’s in I for sure will be seeing!” said FSC senior Katie Newman. It was also rumored that Alexis Bledel; former "Gilmore Girls" star will be casted as the beautiful, innocent, Anastasia Steele. Critics and fans have been going back and forth putting in their two cents as to who they think their ideal actors would be for each part such as Pretty Little Liars star, Lucy Hale and Henry Cavil, star of the new Superman movie.

FSC Senior Jamie Torlincasi said, “I haven’t read the books. I’m not so sure if I will, but I will be definitely be seeing the movie.” For those of you who are yet to jump on the 50 Shades bandwagon, let’s fill in with some basics. Literature student Anastasia Steele goes to interview, in lieu of her friend, young entrepreneur Christian Grey. She encounters a man who is beyond handsome, extremely brilliant, and intimidates her like no other. The sheltered, innocent Ana is startled to realize she wants this man and finds she is desperate to get close to him. Unable to resist Ana’s quiet beauty, wit, and independent spirit, Grey admits he wants her too, but on his own terms.

“Shocked yet thrilled by Grey’s erotic fantasies, Ana hesitates. For a man being disgustingly successful, with his international businesses, his wealth and his loving family, Grey is a man tormented by demons and consumed by the need to control everything around him.

When the couple embark on a daring, passionately physical affair, Ana discovers Grey’s secrets and explores her own dark desires. FSC Senior Colin Norwood said, “I think It’s fascinating that this book is letting women openly express their sexual desires and fantasies. My girlfriend should read this book.”

“The book is erotic, amusing, and deeply moving. The Fifty Shades Trilogy is a tale that will obsess you, possess you, and stay with you forever,” said E.L. James. The movie is set to debut in the summer of 2013, just in time for things to get heated back up!

New Class: Social Research and Justice

By Alex Moreno

There has been a new course added to the Sociology Department at FSC. Social Research and Justice is a class focusing on students doing research on social injustice, and how to apply their skills to make a difference in their focused issue.

“It’s a unique class, in that students learn from a hands-on perspective in social injustice. Students are required to choose an issue they’re passionate about, before selecting a non-profit organization they will join. As a member they will learn about the issues fought in order to contribute their efforts.

“It was a unique opportunity in a non-traditional setting, which allowed me, and everyone in class a chance to explore a section in society you don’t normally seek,” said Michael Arrick, a student who took the class last spring.

It seems as if many students who have taken the class agree that it is a one-of-a-kind experience. “It was amazing. It was great to meet great people who help the homeless,” said Margaret Okon. “It’s definitely something I recommend that everyone take. There’s so much you can learn and so much you can do for the world, and it’s something I learned in this class.”

Dr. Deitsch; head of the Sociology Department, and professor of the course had a goal in mind when she created it. “Charity is growth facilitating. People who do service are intellectually superior; they make better spouses; better parents; have more dimension, are better educated, and better problem solvers. When people use their passion to fight for something they believe in, they can reach that state, and at the same time contribute to making this world a better place.”

This fall will mark the second time the course has been offered. For more information, visit the Sociology and Anthropology Office at Thompson Hall.
The Student Activities Office (SAO) hosted a Las Vegas-themed event that turned Roosevelt’s multi-purpose room into a casino.

Alicia Femoyer, a faculty member, organized the event. “No one had ever done [a casino night] before, and if they did it was very small and limited,” she said. The SAO chose Big Eastern Casino to provide the games and dealers. Students were also able to take a fun picture with Las Vegas as a background.

About 100 attendees were given funny money. They received two $500 bills that could be traded for chips to play. Students earned one raffle ticket per every $500 worth of chips. “[The raffle] is a Chinese auction so everyone can have a fair shot at winning,” said Femoyer. A Chinese auction allows players to put as many raffle tickets as they want towards one specific prize. This increases the chances of winning. Prizes included a Nook Color, a $150 Hess gift card, a Target gift card, and a digital camera. The most desired prize was the latest Ipad which had the most raffle tickets in its basket.

The games available included slot machines, two types of poker, black jack, and a roulette table. The latter was perfect for the attendees who had never gambled before because of its simple rules.

Vianna Reyes, a Dominican business student, had never played roulette but she managed win enough chips to trade for raffle tickets. “I was lucky,” she said. “It’s nice how these games are offered to [students].”

Despite the SAO’s promotion of the event, some students didn’t know about it. Ramon Jones, a commuter, decided to grab dinner at KFC after his last class when he noticed the casino. “[I didn’t even know there was a casino night],” said Jones while holding a long strip of tickets. He put all of them into the Ipad basket.

Vianna Reyes, left, and Paola Dominguez, right, smile after a roulette game

For some students, the night wasn’t only about winning. “[I’m upset I didn’t win],” said Paola Dominguez, a business student. “It was still fun. My favorite game is poker and I know every game.”

The event was funded by the mandatory student activities fee. To learn more about events hosted by the SAO, visit FSC’s event calendar on the web site.

Don’t forget to register to vote! Remember to be eligible to register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age by December 31st of the year and you must file a form. Additionally, you must be at least 18 years old by the date of the election when you want to vote.

You must have lived at your current address for at least 30 days before the election when you want to vote.

Residents of either Nassau County or Suffolk County may register in person at the Nassau County or the Suffolk County Board of Elections. The Nassau County Board of Elections is located at 240 Old Country Road, 5th floor, Mineola, NY. The phone number is (516) 571-2411.

The Suffolk County Board of Elections is located at Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY. The phone number is (631) 852-4500.
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“They will work with the student body for the betterment of students,” said John Dzinanka.

“I think it’s good for the college it makes it more attractive,” said Courtney Bryan, a junior criminal justice major. Farmingdale will distinguish itself from other SUNY’s schools with this program, as the only college to implement a hands-on master’s program.

“It’s pretty neat, especially helping to limit those who are forced to transfer,” said Waquas Rana, a sophomore electrical engineering major. “I would definitely be very interested in the master’s program. It will provide a lot more opportunities,” said Waquas Rana.

“I don’t know if I’d come back for a master’s,” said Lionel Deslume, a Mechanical Engineering major. “Maybe if they offered internships for credits, to help get hands-on work experience.”

Farmingdale is also looking forward to the expansion of its enrollment, as the master’s program will be another marketable tool to be used. Dr. Filios believes that this is essential for the growth of the college as they look to make Farmingdale more prestigious.

The estimated enrollment for the master’s program in its first year of operation is about 25-30 students. The college isn’t expecting to bring on any new professors as they have plenty of well-qualified individuals already on board. Although the master’s program is relatively new to many people, it has actually been in the works for several years.

It was initially discussed by President Keen and has taken substantial leaps forward. He credits various committee members who have been working hard to help lift programs off the ground.

Timing seems to be a constant theme among its committee members. There has been an increase in demand from industry and prospective students. “It is the right time and right place with the onset of the changing economy for this master’s program to excel,” said Tawfik.

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Farmingdale Master’s New Heights

$6 Million on Summer Spending

By Justine Levee

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“The future sidewalk and parking lot is yet to be determined, pending release of the next capital budget funding allocation this summer,” said John Dzinanka.

“I think it would be great if we added more sidewalks. It would be great for the students and would create a safer environment,” said Frank Esposito who is in his third year at Farmingdale.

Since many students drive to school, the construction is a concern for them. “As students are always on campus, construction must be done at some time. Major projects are scheduled at a time that will have the least impact on the campus,” said the Farmingdale police.

“I am concerned about the traffic but there is nothing that we can do about it, people will just have to leave their houses earlier,” said Doug Simpsons who is a senior at Farmingdale.

“I am really looking forward to seeing how the construction project comes out and I know when the project is done it is going to look great. What’s better then more parking spots?” said Samantha Cuccia, a student at Farmingdale.

The project was completed this summer for approximately $6,300,000.
Creeping on the internet is an epidemic amongst this technologically savvy generation, but don’t give creepers a bad reputation. Everybody is a creeper, whether they have come to terms with it or not. These proclaimed creeps are merely using their resources to research public information.

Know the interests, pet peeves, and whereabouts of friends, enemies, and strangers alike, but choose your stalking method carefully. There is a plethora of ways to go about seeking this information: Facebook, Twitter, people finding websites like Spokeo and PeekYou, or smart phone apps. All will suffice, depending on the information the creep is trying to attain.

The typical prudent man, or woman, may be a bit bothered by this creeping concept, but rest assured; these ordinary internet stalkers are not unlocking security codes or hacking into private accounts; it’s quite the contrary. The typical internet creeper may be a friend, foe, ex, coworker, classmate, potential employer…the possibilities are endless.

Frequent status updates via Facebook and Twitter in combination with people and search engines make it possible to gain information about nearly anyone you come into contact with. A simple Google search will be enough to find a hefty number of a prospect’s personal information.

“A customer came into the store and the next thing I know, he found my phone number and would call my personal cell phone and the store phone every day and ask me to dinner,” said student Alex Dacey. “I never gave him any of my personal information. I don’t know how he found that stuff out.”

The answer is simple. This customer pieced together Alex’s information like a puzzle. He knew her place of work, her name, and general age, which was more than enough information to open an infinite number of cyber-doors, all paths leading to Alex Dacey central, a one stop shop for everything about her.

“Facebook does give out way too much personal information, especially the photos,” said Colin Norwood. However, Facebook users willingly provide creeps with this information.

Relationships can both benefit and suffer from the multitude of ways to creep. Potential interests can plan a script on what topics to discuss. Conversation starters including likes, dislikes, and common ground can be established to create a seemingly intimate bond.

“If your girlfriend asks you to make your profile picture a picture of the two of you, you do it. Also, you can’t lie about your whereabouts…if you’re tagged in pictures, she’ll know,” said John Tancredi.

With the advances in technology, it is nearly impossible to maintain anonymity. Be mindful of what you willingly post on the internet, and most of all, stalk, and ye shall find.
Athletes have much to look forward to in the upcoming years here at SUNY Farmingdale State College. Nold Hall, under construction, will gain more space and new weight lifting equipment. This reconstruction is not only for team athletes. This addition will also provide a performance gymnasium for intramural sports. Intramurals are currently under served by limited access to the gym but will be enhanced by adding a second gym.

The additional gym will permit more flexible use of the field house for team practice and community rentals, which provides significant financial support for athletic programs.

Nold Hall has begun to clear the main lobby of all its awards and representations. The trophy windows have been cleared to assure their safety. Clearing out the awards is the first phase before they continue to the heavy work.

Associate athletic trainer Shawn McNamara is looking forward to the changes for the years to come. “There will be a new, bigger training room,” said McNamara. “It’ll take two years and fifteen million dollars but worth it for the athletes,” said McNamara.

Nold Hall has plans to become a top of the line facility for student athletes. With a new gym there will be twice as much room for teams to share and most important, a new state of the art weight lifting facility. It’s important that student athletes are rewarded with these improvements to keep them healthy throughout the season and prevent injury.

Once the spring season has concluded and the athletes do not use, Nold Hall, the reconstruction will begin. “There’s a lot of time and money going into this job. We will begin in the summer when the spring sports finish up,” said Doug Dargin, Campus Architect/Physical Plant.

Athletes around campus are buzzing about all the new work and are truly excited for the years to come. “I can’t wait. The gym really needs to have some work done to it,” said sophomore baseball player Joe Tahan. A fun and exciting place to work out goes a long way for athletes. “I’m a gym rat so the new gym will be awesome,” said sophomore baseball player Mike Marino.

Not only are athletes excited about the innovations, the trainers and directors who work in the building are happy to be waiting on a new working environment. “It will make recruiting much easier. Student athletes spend the majority of their time in the Nold Hall facilities, so the improvements will be positive,” said Eric Smiles the head coach for men’s basketball at FSC.

Farmingdale College athletics will surely respond to the change in a positive way. Look out, the Skyline Athletic Conference has a juggernaut in the making here at SUNY Farmingdale!