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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. CHARLES W. LAFFIN, JR.

As the college moves into the Spring Semester, it is a time to look back over the academic year so far--and ahead to the months ahead.

This academic year has been characterized by an unforeseen quietitude on the national scene of college and university campuses. Yet, here at Farmingdale, it has been a time of more than usual student activity.

The Afro-American and Puerto Rican students presented demands for changes in the college's attitude and operation. The resident students have requested change of visitation policy. Both dramatized their positions by confrontation, followed by negotiation, followed by efforts at resolution of problems. These evidences of student concern to be involved are matters that must be and are being taken seriously by the administration and Advisory Council of the College.

Ahead are plans for financing, staffing and developing programs under the Governor's urging to provide more places on the SUNY campuses across the state for students in an "Open Door" effort. The State University has a variety of approaches to this effort, six or seven specific programs to increase intake of "full opportunity program" students.

As the state budget unfolds, the effect of the forces to provide greater service and those of keeping the impact on higher taxes lower appear like the proverbial "irresistible force meeting an immovable object."

All areas and individuals of the college involved and interested in fiscal development are being kept informed as soon as information is available. It is believed that the college will receive its proportionate share of funding equitable to its work-load in carrying out the policies and programs developed in our SUNY Central Administration and on the Chief Executive of the State level.

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The following faculty have been appointed to fill vacancies on Presidential Committees:

✓ COMMENCEMENT: Bernard R. Malara, three-year term expiring in 1973. (Replaces Gordon R. Boglioli)

✓ LIBRARY: Elsie Bryand and John W. Hyde, three-year terms expiring in 1973. (Replacing John W. Holt and Robert W. Leopold.)

✓ COLLEGE UNION BOARD: George Roukis, three-year term expiring in 1973. (Replaces Bernice Sherman.)

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