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'In the Throes of the Budget Struggle' Swanger

By: Geoffrey Orokos
Staff Reporter

FM may lose \$200,000 in small school aid, and an additional \$50 per full time equivalent student as a result of Gov. Spitzer's present state budget proposal, which could result in a tuition increase.

FM President Dustin Swanger said the aid, which was originally not included in Gov. Pataki's 2007 state budget proposal but added by legisla-

tion, serves as a sizeable contribution for both the colleges current costs, as well as its ever increasing price of growth.

"[The state aid] was a great boost to our budget . . . We anticipated that it would be an annual [thing,] because that's how it was presented."

State aid is one of three revenue streams, with the other two being tuition and the spon-

sor aid of Fulton and Montgomery counties.

"To be fair to the counties, [they] are giving us \$800,000 this year in capital projects needed to fix the classroom buildings." Because of this, compensation for the loss of state aid in prevention of tuition increase from the counties will

not occur, as Swanger states "I certainly wouldn't take it away from the counties."

Because FM is "in the throes of the budget struggle this year," it is now up to FM students, parents and faculty to revive the legislation process.

Those electing to fight for this funding should make let-

ters, calls and appearances in person to three local legislators; State Sen. Hugh Farley, Assemblyman George Amedore, and Assemblyman Marc Butler. Websites with contact information are available for Butler and Amedore at www.assembly.state.ny.us, and Farley at www.senatorfarley.com.

CV alarm systems to be checked, stove decision pending

By: Geoffrey Orokos, Kamesha Brinson and Jason Hurd

A pending assessment of the Campus View Apartments fire alarm system could lead to the reconnecting of residential stoves.

A fire alarm expert was expected to evaluate the system on February 27 but did not make it to Campus View due to a snowstorm, according to Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Jane Kelley.

Being testing is the sensitivity of the detection systems after 41 cooking smoke-induced alarms were reported for the fall out of 52 total.

FM President Dustin Swanger, Kelley, the apartment owner and representatives of the Berkshire Volunteer Fire Department met about the situation late last semester. It was decided to disconnect the stoves at the end of Fall term.

Kelley said the college sent a letter to students and parents on January 2 that stated the stoves would be turned off, microwaves and refrigerators were in every apartment, and a student meal plan would be implemented.

Few parents voiced concerns about students not being able to cook in their rooms, Kelley said. Two stoves, a counter top and double sinks

were installed in the administrative building for student use. Kelley also said the meal plan was implemented but was discontinued after only one student took advantage of it.

A general meeting of apartment residents with Swanger and Kelley was held. It was described as an emotional meeting by Kelley. "I felt that it was very important to determine how the students were feeling about the removal of the stoves."

Tioni Mckay, Campus View resident, states, "The students should be reimbursed for the time spent without the stove."

Another resident said "When it snows, we the students have to go outside in the cold to the laundry room to cook food and walk back outside in the snow with our food.

After that meeting, a Student Council was formed of a representative from each floor and each building.

This group met with Swanger and Kelley but it was still emotional for the students. Since then, the council has met to discuss solutions. Kelley said, "It has truly become a group focused on finding solutions.



Late February storm raises fear that spring will not arrive.

Photo by Nate Synder

Women, Pop, Pornography Symposium highlights Women's History Month

By Erica Basco
Staff Reporter

Women's History Month is underway, and FM is celebrating by offering an interesting program, "Women, Pop Music, and Pornography," as well as hosting this year's Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium.

"Women, Pop Music, and Pornography" is a multimedia program presented by Meredith LeVande, a singer/songwriter and singer who has visited hundreds of colleges with this

presentation. According to her web site, the event's goal is to open the public's eyes about the portrayal of women in pop culture, and to explain how the glorification of pornography in accordance to pop stars has evolved.

Meredith LeVande uses different mediums to depict the cheap sexuality of female musicians that the media largely encourages, and FM students will hopefully enjoy this unique presentation.

"Women, Pop Music, and Pornography" will be held on Wednesday, March 12, in the auditorium at 12:00. The event will be free of charge.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium is a day-long event that includes workshops, lectures, and good food. Pre-registration is required in order to attend, as well as a payment of \$25, though scholarships are available.

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Krista Walker, new Freshman Senator

Women's Month program

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According to their brochure, this is the Symposium's second year, and its highlight is a keynote address by Evelyn Murphy, Ph.D, who authored *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid like Men-and What to Do About it*.

In addition to the keynote address, the day will also be filled with workshops with topics ranging from religion, nature, exercise, and history.

The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Women's Symposium will be held on Saturday, March 15th, from 8am to 4 p.m..

Jungsang Yoo from Seoul, majors in business

By Victoria Pavlova
Staff Reporter

Jungsang Yoo is an International student who recently arrived from the capital of Korea, Seoul.

It's his first time being in the U.S. He is 25 years old and he has an older brother in Korea, as well as his whole family.

Being in college is not a new experience for Jungsang, but being a college student in the U.S. is a new step in his life and educational career as a whole.

He had been enrolled in Korean College for three years before making the decision to continue his education in America.

At this point he is taking ESL classes taught by Mrs. Mason, but in the future he would like to major in business, which was his choice of major even back in Korea.

According to Jungsang, all students that are coming from different countries around the world need to know the English language because this is the language spoken all over the world.

He thinks that by knowing it well, every foreign student can more easily communicate with people on a global level.

Jungsang pointed out some major differences in the education in Korea and America.

He is surprised about the fact that in FM every student can feel free to ask their professor any type of question that they have even during class. In Korea he said that the relationship between student and professor is on a very high and formal level.

"It's hard to talk to your professor," said Junhsang.

He likes the fact that in FM he feels free to ask any question or discuss any issue with his professor almost anytime, without even setting an appointment.

Another difference is that entering a college in Korea is extremely hard, but on the other hand once a student has been accepted, it is not as hard to graduate. In America, Jungsang said that it is not as hard to enter a college but challenging to pursue a degree.

Club Activities are major and important part of Korean colleges. Yoo was part of a club in his college.

Students are involved in lots of activities but that does not allow them to have their own free time.



Jungsang Yoo Photo by Nate Snyder

Jungsang said that sometimes he felt that being a member of a club was like having a real job. It's tough to prepare a club activity and Yoo said that it used to take him a whole night in order to get it done.

"It's fun, but I need my own time," Jungsang said.

In Korea, Yoo spent most of the day in college, while at FM he gets done at 2 p.m. every day.

Back in Korea, Jungsang used to practice boxing. In FM he does not do any sports, but he is taking weight lifting class twice a week which helps him to keep his body in shape.

An interesting part of his life was joining the military. He served from November 2004 until November 2006. "It was terrible," he said.

Jungsang has not been apart from his family for too long, which is the reason he said he does not miss them as much yet. He enjoys living in America and being a resident of Campus View. The dormitories are close to the school which is very comfortable for him, but he also said that he faces an unpleasant situation with having no stove in his dorm apartment.

Yoo is looking forward to make some American as well as foreign friends. He shared that it's hard to make friends in college because this has been his first semester at FM, and he still has not had the opportunity to meet many new people. The only friends he has are his Korean roommates and ESL classmates.

After graduating, Jungsang is planning to attend a four year university, but he's still not sure where he would like to go. After pursuing his bachelor's degree, he Jungsang wants to go back to Korea.

Transfer Fair slated for March 12, college reps available

The spring 2008 transfer fair will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 11:00 to 1:00 in the classroom building lobby.

Here is a list of colleges that will be attending.

Buffalo State College, Cazenovia College, Charter Oaks, Clarkson University.

College of Saint Rose, Hartwick College, Hilbert College, Keuka College, LeMoyne College.

Paul Smith's College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Russell Sage.

Sage College of Albany, Saint Bonaventure University, Skidmore, SUNY Canton.

SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Institute of Technology.

SUNY Morrisville, SUNY New Platz, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Plattsburgh.

SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse University, University of Albany and Utica College.



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Actor Barry Scott pays tribute to MLK Jr. and speaks about racism

BY STEFANIE BEEKMAN
Staff Reporter

Actor Barry Scott spoke recently, in the theatre at FM, about personal racist experiences and racism in present-day America.

Scott also reenacted some of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speeches and jail letters in a tribute to King.

Scott first introduced himself and said that he is a professional actor (he appeared in every "Ernest" movie made), writer and director, but considers his most important role is as a father and son.

Scott then spoke about when he was 12 years old and his father brought home a projector with Martin Luther King's entire "I Have A Dream" speech. Scott joked about jumping on his bed in his underwear that night reciting the speech, and his embarrassing read of the speech at his childhood church in Nashville.

Although it was a pathetic reenactment of King's most famous speech, Scott said that the oldest member of the church told him it was nice to hear those words again, and encouraged him to never stop. Scott says that this is when his obsession for King evolved. He also said that King surprisingly got two C's in Leadership while in school.

An audience of about 40 silently listened as Scott then described a horrendous racial incident with a police officer when his car broke down at the age of 16. When he returned from laughing police officers at the Police Department where he tried to make a complaint, Scott says his hatred for the officer disappeared when his father had



Barry Scott

him listen to MLK's "I Have A Dream" speech three times in a row.

"You have to be afraid before you are brave," Scott said, and asked the audience to "imagine if the bullet that killed Martin Luther King Jr. was not fired...what would he say about his dream now?"

For the remainder of Scott's presentation, he left the past behind and asked each person to think about their own lives and what kind of person they would like to be in the future. He expressed his amazement that America has both a black and female candidate running for President. Scott didn't disclose who he would be voting for, but said he was "voting for hope."

Photo by Stefanie Beekman

Scott also pointed out that he believes diversity in America today isn't based on race or heritage, but instead "about ideas," and that he is proud of our generation for being able to look past the race of another.

Scott also reenacted one of MLK's letters that he sent from jail. Each person in the audience sat silently and listened to the reenactment with a high level of energy and emotion.

Many audience members approached Scott after the presentation to thank him for coming, say that they were glad they came and thought Scott did an excellent job of capturing the emotion and power of MLK himself.

Around Campus

New organization hosts art show

BY ERICA BASCO
Staff Reporter

A new program offers talented and charismatic students the opportunity to represent FM in several events open to the public this spring semester.

Student Ambassadors is an organization comprised of student volunteers recommended by faculty members to represent the college at various activities. Currently, there are 10 diverse students in the program.

"It's a great program," Shirl Doherty, Student Ambassadors advisor, says. The students involved in it are not paid; they become involved of their own interest. "It's not like we're paying them to say great things," Doherty adds.

Members of Student Ambassadors hosted an opening at the Perrella Gallery on Friday, February 8th, and several members were involved with the spring orientation in January.

The club will be participating in the March Open House on campus, giving their input about the opportunities that FM has for prospective students.

To get involved with Student Ambassadors, a student must get a form from the SAB office and have a faculty member recommend them.

Voter Registration forms available

Voter Registration Forms are available in the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building.

Logo, campus literary magazine, accepting submissions by April 1

The Logo, FM's lit magazine, is now accepting submissions through April 1 for its 2008 issue.

The FMCC Society for Artists and Writers (SAW) is awarding \$25 to the best submission in each genre (poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and artwork).

SAW meets Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in room C121.

The society is putting together this year's Logo, talk about art and literature, workshop poetry and prose, plan field trips and fund raisers. The guidelines are:

Poetry: Submit three to five poems at one time. Poems should be no more than 75 lines each. Both closed and open forms are welcome.

Fiction/Nonfiction: Prose should be no longer than five thousand words.

Up to two prose pieces per author are accepted.

Artwork: Up to five clear photographs or other reproductions of original artwork are accepted. Attachments accepted by request.

General Guidelines: Previously unpublished and unsolicited poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and artwork.

Simultaneous submissions as long as you identify them as such.

Although SAW is open to most forms and genres, it does accept erotica or pornography of any kind.

SAW does not accept submissions that espouse hate speech.

See Michael Youngs, C231K, or Lena Andersson, C207M, about how to submit works.

New program tackles roadblocks to quitting tobacco products

Betsy Reksc of the HFM Prevention Council, has made a program called "The Butt Stops Here" to help people stop smoking and using tobacco products.

The three roadblocks are physical addiction, habit and psychological dependency.

It will be held in the Conference Room, Cl 115B, at FM.

The Class teaches the three roadblocks to quitting.

The program is offered from 12-12:30 p.m. on Mondays, February 11 (not the 18th) until March 17.

For more information please contact Shirl Doherty at sdoherty@fmcc.suny.edu.

Comics offer humor and vulgarity during performance

MICHAEL NAZZARO
Staff Reporter

Stand up comic Steve Hofstetter along with two other comics Phil Mazo, and Denis Donahue performed recently in the FM theatre.

The first comic to take the stage was Mazo. Most of Mazo's comedy was sexually orientated, and vulgar, but funny at the same time.

Donahue was the second comic to take the stage. Donahue's comedy focused on sex, drugs and alcohol, especially in the college life. Donahue's comedy was also vulgar, and graphical like Mazo's.

The third and final man to take the stage was Hofstetter. Hofstetter's comedy was slightly less vulgar than Mazo's and Donahue's, but still focused on sex, drugs and alcohol in the college life.

All of the comics touched on race, but it was all in good humor. Hofstetter explained that he is Jewish and has an adopted black sister. "I love my sister because she taught me not to be racist, and that is a fantastic lesson to learn as a kid" he said.

An estimated 125 people attended the hour-long show that took place during common hour.

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Chicago Bears' Beekman to visit FM

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Josh Beekman of the Chicago Bears will speak at the Special Olympics competition on Saturday to be held in the FMCC Physical Education building.

Josh was originally approached by a family member to come and speak for the competition.

When asked to speak at our schools first Special Olympics competition Josh was overjoyed. As a student of Boston College Josh is encouraged to do community service and help out others.

This speech is a way to motivate the athletes of the Special Olympics and give back to the athletic community.

The NFL player highly supports the Special Olympics program. With an adopted handicapped sister he knows what it is like to have a family member

that was unable to compete with everyone else.

His sister looked up to him and her other brothers for their outstanding athletic abilities. The Special Olympics gave her a chance to compete." It is touching that there is an organization like the Special Olympics," Josh explains.

Josh plans on delivering a grade-A speech to motivate the athletes to get out there and do their best.

The speech, three days before the competition, is still in the planning stage." I never want to give the same speech twice," Beekman says. About 60 percent of his speech is planned, but the rest is yet to come to him.

Playing, staying healthy, earning credits

BY KAMESHA BRINSON
Staff Reporter

Ryan LaRoe, one of the newer faces in FM's athletic department, is now in charge of the Intramural sports. He states "intramural sports are fun and away to keep the students in shape."

Signing up for an intramural sport and attending at least once a season will gain students one credit. This option is only available to enrolled FM students, as LaRoe states "random persons are not allowed to participate in intramural[s]." He does however state one exception, with this being "students that have

graduated last year and want to attend or participate in no more than one season of either intramural sports."

The intramural sports offered at FM include Many Player Dodge Ball, Monday, 12-1p.m; Indoor Soccer, Tuesday, 12:30-2p.m; Basketball, Wednesday, 12-1p.m; and Volleyball, Thursday, 12:30-2p.m.

As of right now, the most popular to attend, according to LaRoe, are 3 on 3 basketball and Many Player dodgeball.

Opinion

Athletics helps grades, vice versa

BY GEOFFREY OROKOS
Staff reporter

This year, the FM Baseball team accomplished something extremely important. For some, it is just as important as making it to regionals at the end of the regular season, going undefeated and winning the NJCAA Baseball Tournament. This accomplishment is that not one player on the team, from the fall season to the spring, was lost to academic ineligibility, or, the having a grade point average below a 2.0.

See, winning is desirable in inter-collegiate athletics. Yet what is truly essential, is preparing a team in the fall and maintaining that team up until, and then throughout the spring.

I myself play for the team. As a player, I know of the time and effort

players, coaches and athletic staff members put forth in assuring student-athletes "make the grade." We have mandatory study hall sessions, grade checks to be signed and dated every week, for 15 weeks, and tutors on hand that take precedent over practice.

The fact is, is that being a student-athlete is not only beneficial athletically, but can be academically as well. It may be demanding physically, mentally and emotionally—but if the student-athlete, as done by this year's baseball team members, take advantage of the resources that are provided, both the overall performance of the team will be desirable, as well as the individual athlete intellectually and the grades on his or her transcript.

FM Baseball season underway

BY JOHN BORGOLINI
Sports Editor

The FM baseball team's season begins and expectations are high.

Sophomore second baseman, Jason Pena said, "We have all the tools, work ethic, and attitude to compete against every opponent this season."

Pena went on to say, "If we work hard, stay focused, and work as a team, we will win as a team."

The team returns after a disappointing 2007 season in which they finished just under .500. They are expecting a much better outcome to this season.

"The team's mentality as of now is to beat every opponent, make regionals,

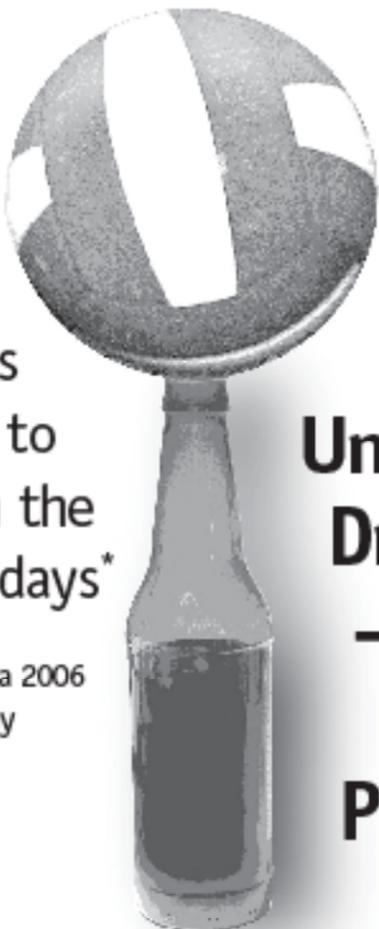
and head to Texas for the NJCAA national title. Anything less than that is not acceptable," said Pena. "We will show every opponent that FMCC baseball has reached the next level."

There are only seven returning players on a team that is made up mostly of freshmen. The team isn't too worried about that though as sophomore pitcher Geoff Orokos explains, "I feel confident because a lot of the freshmen have the talent of the second year players."

The team's season begins on March 22 when they face CCBC-Essex in a doubleheader.

More than half of FMCC's students refused to drink in the last 30 days*

*According to a 2006 student survey



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