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To war or not to war? That was the question!

by Sarah Henry

A packed room erupts into applause as a member of the community remembered the fears of a German invasion during World War II in response to the American-Iraqi Relations panelist discussion held recently in the college theater.

Students, as well as community members, gathered to hear the various opinions of a five-panel team. The panel consisted of Dr. Jake Holden of English, Dr. Stephen Barry of history, Dr. Andrew DiNitto of political science, Rev. Dorothy Okray and student Allison Morse.

The panelists offered their views on a delicate issue concerning whether or not the United States should go to war.

The panel was very balanced as each member was either anti-war, pro-war or at the conclusion said that adequate information about the US-Iraqi conflict was not yet available.

"We are not told the whole truth," said Holden, as he offered his view that the information available to the American people cannot always be trusted. He believes the American people simply want an adequate justification for war and are not getting that through the "propaganda" of the media.

"Nations have the right to defend themselves," pro-war Barry said. Barry brought to the discussion that war is being declared on terrorism, which is a concept, and that war cannot be declared on concepts but rather on nation-states.

DiNitto, backing his approval of the actions of the Bush administration, asked who decides the American interests, in reference to the U. N. Security Council, as well as what should be the purpose of American power. "The United States seeks stability around the world," said DiNitto.

Conveying a message of "Where has our morality gone?" anti-war Rev. Okray delivered a passionate view of religious duties in America. Rev. Okray also said the United States should "take a step back" and see if Iraq is really a threat. She believes the United States should take care of its people before going to war.

Representing the younger generation, Morse, after much internal debate, stated she is anti-war for the time being. Asking her friends, as well as strangers' opinions, she concluded that the overall feeling was one of fear; a fear that war on Iraq might turn into a "second Vietnam."

Morse feels that she, as well as other students who were not old enough to remember the Persian Gulf War and never experienced such, are dealing with an "internal conflict" regarding such a crucial time in American history.

After the panelists gave their views, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions or voice their opinions. One student wanted to know if the United States is pushing other countries around or if it is a legal action to help a desperate people.

Another audience member stated that the United States should give diplomacy another try. Questions of U.S. intentions concerning oil were raised as one student stated that saving a few pennies on gas is not worth human lives.

photo by Sue Messak

The winners of the Research Paper Contest were recently honored at the professional staff meeting. The contest rewards well written, well researched papers. From left is William Easterly, foundation executive; Brian Baumler, honorable mention; Allison Morse, honorable mention; Bethany Nitsky, third place; Jessica Murphy, first place; Mary Andolina, reference librarian and contest coordinator; and Dr. Barry Weinberg, FMCC president.

Research paper winners honored by Foundation

by Kara Mycek

Awards for the Research Paper Contest were recently announced.

First place went to Jessica Murphy for her paper, "Vonnegut's Mother Night: Proof that a Life without Loyalties is Not a Life Worth Living," written for Jake Holden's Modern Novel Class.

Second place went to Kenneth Blanchard for his paper, "The Innocence of Socrates," written for Stephen Barry's World Civilization I class.

Third place went to Bethany Nitsky for, "Legalized Abortion after Nearly Thirty Years: A Right in Jeopardy," written for Steve Astmann's English 103 class.

Due to the number of great papers that were submitted, the judges added the "Honorable Mention" category this year. Honorees include Allison Morse, Brian Baumler, and Jeremy Sherman.

This was the third year of the contest and around 26 students participated by submitting research papers from subjects such as science, child development, English, Western Civilization I, and Spanish.

Mary Andolina, instruction/reference librarian said the winning papers were, "extraordinary in depth of research, organization and use of sources, which stood out."

Financial expert Gary Belsky to speak at Barto Series

Gary Belsky, one of the country's leading experts on the psychology of financial decision-making, will be a guest lecturer on Tuesday, April 8, in the Theatre.

Belsky will be the Spring speaker for the Barto Lecture Series.

In his new book, *Why Smart People Make Big Mistakes and How To Correct Them*, Belsky offers dozens of tips that will help people and organizations overcome the blind spots that cloud their financial judgment allowing them to enjoy greater financial freedom, it was stated.

In 1990, as a reporter for Crain's New York Business, Belsky was awarded the Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism. He has also written for Money Magazine, was a weekly commentator on CNN's Your Money personal finance show, and has been a frequent contributor to ABC's Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, and Oprah.

Belsky is currently a senior editor at ESPN: *The Magazine*.

Student Government nominations due April 1

Students interested running for one of the following Student Government offices have until Tuesday, April 1, to file for a ballot spot.

Brenda Darling, business manager for SGA, is registering the names of students who want to run for student trustee, president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and Sophomore senator.

Elections will be held Wednesday, April 16 in the Student Union.

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Henry resigns as sophomore senator, Pasqualino to fill position, Borst elected co-advisor for SGA

by Maxwell Spritzer

The SGA once again accepted a letter of resignation from its Sophomore Senator, Jessica L. Henry, at its March meeting held in the Student Union.

Henry had filled the position since last month after Jamaal K. Johnson resigned

Karen Pasqualino was elected to the position by the SGA representatives.

The SGA also welcomed John Borst as co-advisor. He is with the SITC program.

Student Trustee Chris Vallieu once again talked about the blue safety lights that will be installed on campus once the snow disappears. Some representatives questioned about why the lights will be active 24 hours a day when no one will be on campus during certain hours. They feel the college could save money by not having them on overnight.

Vallieu also told of a new X-Ray Technician program that is currently in the planning stages. "There is a big, big call for the X-Ray program in this area," stated Vallieu. According to Vallieu, Herkimer Community College is the closest school with this program.

There was also an update on the memorial that was talked about at last month's meeting. Vallieu talked of a possible fund-raising campaign to raise money for the memorial that will be in honor of the civil servants of Fulton and Montgomery counties.

SAB President Kimberly Davey talked about upcoming events on campus. On April 15, vocalist and guitarist Mieka Pauly will be on campus from 12:30-2.

The Language Club was also reactivated by the SGA. The club advisor is Robert Jones.

Announcements of club name changes were made by the Literary Guild and the Natural Resource Club. The new names are "Creative Writing and Literary Guild" and "Outing Club.

Graduating in May? FM offers Job preparation classes

by James Bump

Educational and career planning specialist Joanna Pritchard and assistant Sue Sammons host the Career Lab's Job Preparation Workshops during common hours on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Students will be able to gain assistance with their career or further education through this workshop.

The workshops offer career services which include resume writing, cover letters and finding jobs after college. First time students will learn the do's and don'ts of a resume and what should be included in the rough draft along with many other suggestions, Pritchard said. Because of a difficult job market and a struggling economy this service is especially important by providing students with good resume building techniques, it was noted. Building a strong resume makes a good first impression on employers which can be the deciding factor in such a competitive job market.

For students planning to further their education, the workshop provides help with transfer applications and finding the right college using searches and catalogues. Internships can also be planned through the workshop.

The focus for the fall semester mainly deals with student transfers. Those interested in a career search should attend in the spring. In order to plan your internship, Ms. Pritchard suggests that students come in as soon as possible so they will have a resume already prepared for the fall. The Career Lab is located in the student development center, N107. Appointments can be made at any time.

PTK runs away with awards at region meeting

The Phi Theta Kappa NY Region Convention presented the FMCC chapter with a number of awards. The local chapter competed against 57 chapters statewide.

The awards were: tied for most distinguished chapter; five-star chapter (highest level), Leadership Hallmark Award, Fellowship Hallmark Award.

Emily Marino (the 2002-2003 New York Region president) - Most Distinguished Regional Officer; she will be the New York region flag bearer at the international convention in Anaheim, Calif., in April.

Stacy Kimball - Most Distinguished Chapter President; she was elected 2003-2004 New York Region Northern District Vice President.

Visual Arts: Illustrated book award - Stacy Kimball; Visual Arts: Painting award - Crystal Ellis; Literary Award: Poetry - Elisabeth Minich.

The chapter collected the most hats, caps, scarves, and bandanas for children with cancer. Out of approximately 2000 hats collected state-wide, the FM chapter collected just under 500. They will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany

Crystal Ellis, Elisabeth Minich and Emily Marino were inducted into Zeta Alumni Association of Phi Theta Kappa

Edit admit is for high school seniors

by Maggie McGuire

Early Admission Liaison Elaine Harris calls her program "a nice anecdote to senioritis" and evidently a lot of high school seniors are interested in her cure.

The amount of early admit students enrolled in Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FMCC) for the spring semester has risen approximately 19 percent in the last year. Harris is happy with these results and attributes them to the many opportunities FMCC offers for high schoolers.

She visits area high schools regularly, listing the advantages of the early admit program. Harris is quick to reassure students that this is not the right choice for everyone, but she says for those who are ready to move on FMCC has much to offer.

The program provides students with the chance to escape high school early and show schools that they can handle college-level course work.

Elaine Harris has high hopes for the future. Next year, she looks to set up an orientation for the parents of new students. Harris is confident that the numbers will continue to rise as more students learn of the possibilities that await them as early admit students at FMCC.

Phi Theta Kappa held health seminars

by Kris Kowalski

Phi Theta Kappa held a health series seminar on campus.

This series was part of the national PTK honor studies topic: *Directions in Health; Choices in the Maze*. PTK needs to have a college project to attain its five star status, according to Laurie Freeman, co-advisor for PTK.

Other topics included Environmental Health by John Kohn and *Ordinary Tools, Extraordinary Results; Building the Spirit* by Laurie Freeman.

Also a fourth seminar, Women's History Panel, is scheduled for the end of March but is not part of the health series.

Sheryl Seppa, assistant professor of humanities, wanted to spread her message "Get a Life" and tell everyone he or she needs to get a positive attitude and maintain that attitude throughout life.

"Twenty-one years ago I was given the opportunity to choose life or death. I chose life," said Seppa.

Stacy Kimball, president of PTK, planned the event and introduced Seppa, giving a brief biography and history of this breast cancer survivor.

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Architects planning changes to Evans Library

by Megan Morrison

The Evans Library will be looking toward Joy, McCoola and Zilch, Architects, to plan expected renovations for the coming years.

Mary Donohue, library director, asked the firm to make a long range plan for the library, concentrating on several problem areas including the structural integrity of the second floor, lighting at the circulation desk and improvements to the information literacy classroom.

The firm is also surveying how the library is used and what improvements can be made to enhance it. The goal is to make the Evans Library suit the needs of all the students and faculty of the college, she indicated.

The architects started their evaluation of the library's current condition in January and are expected to present their results and the plan for the project in April.

This phase of the renovation planning process is being paid for by the Evans grant. Donohue said that other funding will be necessary to complete the project in addition to the grant. She intends to look for more grants and is not going to be depend on financial support from the college due to looming state aid reductions to the campus.

Library adds more electronic books

by Peter Kempsey

Technology is definitely on the rise, so much so that students can access books online.

FMCC campus along with other SUNY campuses is part of a program called SUNYConnect and NetLibrary. SUNYConnect and NetLibrary give students an extra resource for full text, full image and multimedia digital publications.

FM's Evans Library has an original collection of 715 online books, including 529 medical and health related, 125 business titles, 3,823 public domain titles, plus the library just added 1,369 new books to there collection.

In addition, SUNY has just added 39 new books to the NetLibrary collection. SUNYConnect hopes that this program will help recruitment to SUNY colleges, help keep up with similar out of state programs, and add resources for students to make research easier.

Foundation luncheon to honor scholarship winners

by Luann Rose

The Foundation of FMCC will hold a luncheon Thursday, March 13 at noon in the Mohawk Room of the Student Union, to recognize donors and recipients of 2002/2003 scholarships

Foundation Board President, Del Salmon, will speak to the approximately 55 persons expected to attend, including academic staff, Trustees, and Board members.

The luncheon will be catered by the FMCC Hospitality students under the direction of Alexandra Henderson.

The Foundation of FMCC seeks and secures funds to supplement the traditional revenue sources for FMCC. The Foundation supports scholarships, special projects, equipment purchases, faculty/staff development, and capital projects.

Faculty union offers student scholarships, deadline nears

FACE scholarship applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, The Student Development Center and from the following committee members:

Joel Chapin N-119A, Ellie Fosmire L-203A, MaryAnn Johnson C-207L, Bill Lomanto L-203D, Sally James C-231C.

The application deadline is Friday, March 21.

Snow Ball set for Friday, March 21

The Student Activities Board's spring semi-formal "Snow Ball" is set for Friday, March 21 from 8-12PM in the Student Union.

The band "Cleen Street" will be playing rock and roll dance music. Their website is www.cleenstreet.com. They have a playlist with audio clips.

Dinner will be a hot buffet that includes lasagna and chicken. The cost is $10 singles, $15 per couple. Reservations will be taken until Monday, March 17 at the Student Activities Office in the Student Union.

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Shirl Doherty is student activities interim coordinator

by David Julca

Shirl Doherty, teacher of English as a second language for the past nine years, has replaced Kim Dutton as coordinator of student activities. Dutton had resigned her post.

Doherty is filling the position at an interim status, but enjoys the responsibilities, saying there is "a lot of opportunity to bring a variety of interesting events" to the campus.

One of those events include the elections that are coming up. "The decisions that the student government makes really directly affect all FMCC students, " she said

Elections are Wednesday, April 16. Any student interested in running for an SGA office should see Doherty in the Student Union building.

Other upcoming events include the FMCC Spring Semi-Formal, Cultural Awareness Day, and an Irish music band. The semi-formal, known as the Snow Ball, will be held on March 31, in the Student Union building between 8 p.m. and midnight.

All students who want to attend must make reservations in the Student Activities Office or during common hour in the Union lobby before March 17. The cost is $10 for individual students or $15 for couples.

Cultural Awareness Day will be in April, featuring a Latin dance demonstration and instruction.

Shirl Doherty, interim coordinator of student activities

The Irish music band, "The Reel Thing," will be playing in the cafeteria this month.

Doherty will be here for the rest of the semester and will be organizing the next fall orientation. Beyond that, she says, she will be holding the position of interim Coordinator of Student Activities for as long as she is needed.

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Spring is here and baseball season is underway, young Raiders team is taking the diamond

by Aaron Kelly

The FMCC baseball team will once again be the talk around campus as it enters the 2003 season.

Head coach Mike Mulligan will attempt to lead his squad to regionals, but it won't be as easy as said.

"This year our team is very young, and we only have three returning players" Mulligan said, who will enter his thirteenth year at the helm. "I expect them to be our leaders on the field."

Those players are number one pitcher Eric Pooler, catcher Alex Kersman and center fielder Mike Malpass.

Malpass will be in charge of outfield duties this spring. He is a transfer from Schenectady County Community College. "Mike has a lot of experience," said Mulligan. He reached nationals with his Schenectady team last year and was also able to take part in a game activity trip to Florida last March.

With his team being young, Mulligan expects his players to have strong arms. "We have deep pitching this year and three catchers as well, so that helps us physically."

The pitching rotation consists of Pooler, Joel Duran, Paul Ramirez, Efran Morales, and Tim Dado, who will also see time at third base. The final pitching spot in the rotation is up for grabs. Right handers Kevin Grampp and Darryl Mosely will be fighting for the job along with Malpass, who also pitches. The infield and outfield players will be lead by Dado and Morales on the dirt and Malpass and Will Rada in the outfield.

Mulligan is excited in what he is seeing. After a tough finish to last years season (11-19, 10-11 in region), he hopes to rebound with success.

Raiders' seasons end at regionals

by Michael Carrasquillo

The FMCC Men's and Women basketball teams have had a very successful 2002-2003 season. The Lady Raiders went undefeated and the Raiders had a 30-3 overall record. This can be attributed to hard work, team effort, and determination.

Kevin Jones who is the athletic director, also coaches the Lady Raiders. Efrain Morales, one of the players on the men's basketball team, shared his thoughts about the team's success.

Morales, a second semester freshman was interviewed about the team's success. He comments on the success of this year with a 24-8 record. It had been a big turnaround compared to last years' disappointing 9-19 record. He reveals the ingredients of this success as determination, will to win, and unity as a team.

Concerning regional play, he said, " We played SUNY Cobleskill and were victorious by the score of 83-80. Unfortunately, our success was cut short in the second round of the regionals against Mohawk Valley Community College."

Morales stated there are four departing sophomores and eight returning freshman. Efrain will be one of the returning players.

Jones said that he is very happy with the overall season for both men's and women's basketball. He had hoped they would reach the nationals, but they fell a bit short. After last years' disappointing season, he was encouraged with this years talent and unity on the men's team.

The women's team has made the regionals four years in a row, but this year's team is the most talented team he has coached yet. Coach Jones expects with such improvement, that next year's teams will be even better.

"Coach (Tony) Orapello has done a great job with the men's team and I am comfortable with the women's team. Both teams have done so well, I would not change a thing," Jones said.

The women's team will be undergoing some changes next season due to the loss of five sophomores, but there are more returning freshman. He sees a lot of success for next season and hopes to fill these positions with talent identical to, or better than this year's talent.

The men are hoping to fill post-positions. He expects large success for the men's team as well. Already, there is a pool of talent on campus. He sees new additions, including myself as a possible future asset for next year's team.

The basketball program at FMCC is an important part of campus life, he said. It is a strong tradition here, promoting a positive attitude that comes with success. The basketball program develops solid student-athletes, the athletic director said.

Coach Jones is positive that this success will continue. The prosperity of the program has helped build the kind of positive school spirit that exists here at FMCC, he said.

Softball season begins with road trip

by Aaron Kelly

The FMCC Lady Raiders' softball team will begin its season with a trip to New Jersey at the end on this month, depending on weather.

Coach Pete Radik will be bringing in a squad of athletic freshmen to join his five returning players. Angela Congdon and Amanda Meyers will be two of the leaders on the field this year.

The returning players include Hope Marshall, Kim Perry, and Melissa Tomlinson. Marshall, Meyers, and Tomlinson will all be a factor in the outfield and batting order, while Congdon and Perry will lead the infield crew.

Regionals will be on the minds of all the girls as the 2003 season begins. Last year's below .500 record is behind them.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL — SPRING 2003

MARCH				
28	Friday	Salem C.C.	3:00p.m.	Away
29	Saturday	Cumberland Cty. College	12:00p.m.	Away
30	Sunday	Burlington C.C.	12:00p.m.	Away
APRIL				
2	Wednesday	Hudson Valley C.C.	3:00p.m.	Home
6	Sunday	Delhi A&T	2:00p.m.	Home
8	Tuesday	Herkimer C.C.	3:00p.m.	Home
10	Thursday	Columbia-Greene C.C.	3:00p.m.	Away
12	Saturday	TC-3	1:00p.m.	Away
14	Monday	Adirondack C.C.	3:00p.m.	Away
17	Thursday	Morrisville A&T	3:00p.m.	Home
22	Tuesday	Mohawk Valley C.C.	3:00p.m.	Away
24	Thursday	Cobleskill A&T	3:00p.m.	Away
26	Saturday	Genesee C.C.	1:00p.m.	Away
30	Wednesday	Clinton C.C.	3:00p.m.	Away

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MEN'S BASEBALL — SPRING 2003

MARCH				
21	Friday	Delaware Cty. C.C.	2:00 p.m.	Away
22	Saturday	Montgomery Cty. C.C.	Noon	Away
29	Saturday	Orange Cty. C.C.	Noon	Away
30	Sunday	Ulster Cty. C.C.	Noon	Away
APRIL				
5	Saturday	Morrisville A&T	1:00 p.m.	Away
6	Sunday	Broome C.C.	1:00 p.m.	Away
8	Tuesday	St. Rose (JV)	4:00 p.m. (s)	Home
12	Saturday	Columbia-Greene C.C.	1:00 p.m.	Home
13	Sunday	RPI	1:00 p.m.	Home
15	Tuesday	Cobleskill A&T	2:00 p.m.	Home
18	Friday	Finger Lakes C.C.	1:00 p.m.	Home
19	Saturday	Mohawk Valley C.C.	Noon	Away
22	Tuesday	Herkimer C.C.	2:00 p.m.	Home
24	Thursday	Schenectady C.C.	2:00 p.m.	Home
26	Saturday	Jefferson C.C.	1:00 p.m.	Home
27	Sunday	Orange Cty. C.C.	1:00 p.m.	Home
29	Tuesday	St. Rose (JV)	4:00 p.m. (s)	Home

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