Dear Parents,

Once again, we are pleased to bring you our Parents Newsletter, designed to keep you informed and to help you guide your sons and daughters through a successful academic experience at Fairleigh Dickinson University. In this issue, we provide some basic answers to some very common questions, as well as address our Career Development Office and the new Fairleigh 1Card.

With the new academic year upon us, I want to thank all parents who have generously supported the Fund for FDU with a gift to the University. Unrestricted gifts to the Fund provide the University with ability to meet the most pressing needs of the day, whatever that may be. Last year, resources from the Fund for FDU provided scholarships, new labs, library acquisitions, equipment, student programming and faculty development. Donations to the Fund enable the University to create a margin of excellence throughout the University.

Fund raising is a driving force at Fairleigh Dickinson. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005, gifts to the University totaled $4.7 million. It was the University's most successful fund-raising year since 1992 and included $1.2 million in donations to the Fund for FDU from parents, alumni, University employees and friends.

I encourage you to become involved with the University, not only through your generosity but through our very active Parents Council. If you would like more information about the Parents Council, please contact Karen Lewis, assistant vice president for alumni relations, at 201-692-7017.

Thank you for your support and have a great year.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Reiss
Senior Vice President
University Advancement

Basic Questions & Answers

Providing your student with a college education is often a complex and confusing undertaking. Finding answers to your questions can be difficult. In order to help you, we have compiled a short list of basic questions common to most parents of an FDU student.

Participating in the Parents Council will afford you a network of your peers to address issues, brainstorm solutions and share experiences. For more information on the Parents Council at Fairleigh Dickinson University, call 201-692-7017 or e-mail parentscouncil@fdu.edu.

If my student lives on campus, does he/she have to sign up for a meal plan?

All residential students must have a meal plan. Several options are available — with differing numbers of meals for use in the main dining halls and Flex Dollars, a declining balance, for use in on-campus convenience stores and eateries. The most appropriate option should be selected based on your student’s class schedule, eating habits and preferences.

Are freshmen allowed to have cars on campus?

On the Metropolitan Campus, freshmen are allowed to have cars on campus. Due to parking restrictions, students at the College at Florham are not allowed to have a car on campus during their freshman year. All students must register their cars with the Office of Public Safety before they can be parked on either campus.

Where can parents park if they would like to visit their student on campus?

Parents, relatives or friends who wish to visit an FDU student on campus should first register their cars with the Office of Public Safety, at which point, a visitors pass will be issued. Overnight guests of students must also be registered with the Office of Public Safety.

Are there eateries on campus where my student can get a snack between meals or late at night?

Each campus offers dining options outside of the main cafeteria. The Grill at the College at Florham and Jeepers on the Metropolitan Campus offer hot and cold menus during cafeteria off-hours and late into the evening. You may also deposit funds into your student’s Fairleigh 1Card for use at restaurants in their respective communities.

Does the University provide health insurance for students?

All students are required by state law to maintain basic hospitalization insurance. FDU provides access to insurance if your student does not have private coverage. Unless waived with proof of existing coverage, every full- and part-time matriculat-
Last year, the University initiated a significant upgrade to the ID card, giving it extensive new capabilities, acceptance and support resources.

The Fairleigh 1Card is now truly a “campus one card” providing students, parents, faculty and staff with convenient access to a myriad of facilities and services on and around campus. With the new Fairleigh 1Card, students can open residence hall doors, check out library books, go to the fitness center, eat at campus dining locations, buy textbooks and other items from the bookstore, buy drinks or snacks between classes, buy food and necessities off campus — even order pizza for delivery to campus. Don’t you wish you had a card like that when you were a student?

An exciting new feature of the program is 1Card Cash, a prepaid, flexible-spending account that students and staff can use for cashless transactions on campus and at popular local businesses around both campuses. 1Card Cash is designed to give parents and students enhanced convenience, control and security. It can be a great budgeting and financial management tool, as well as a convenience. The account can be used at on-campus locations that accept the card and at University-approved off-campus businesses, so you and your student will know where 1Card Cash is being spent.

Spending cannot exceed the prepaid balance in the account, and there are limits on daily transaction amounts and on daily “self-service” transactions (such as vending) to provide added security.

Balances carry over semester to semester for as long as the student is enrolled at Fairleigh Dickinson but otherwise cannot be converted into cash. There are no fees associated with the card or account, no credit balances or interest payments to accumulate and no late or overdraft fees. 1Card Cash is also secure; students can suspend accounts immediately if the card is lost or stolen.

A Web site dedicated to the card program — www.fairleigh1card.com — has extensive information about all facets of the card program, as well as a secure “Cardholder Account Center” where students and “guests” can add value to 1Card Cash by credit card, manage account information, view transaction history and more. There’s an “allowance” feature that lets students and parents predesignate a regular weekly or monthly value transfer by credit card. Fairleigh 1Card is also supported by a professional customer service center and help desk where students and parents can talk with experienced professionals to learn about or get help with the program. Checks can be mailed to the service center or credit card numbers called in for those who prefer to add value “off-line.”

Popular businesses around both campuses accept the card for payment. In Madison, businesses include the Atlanta Bread Company, Domino’s Pizza, Elite Nail & Spa, Madison Pharmacy, Madison Shell, Nautilus Diner and more. At the Metropolitan Campus, businesses include Subway, 7-11, Coach House Diner, CVS and the Cedar Lane Grill. Many of these businesses offered students’ discounts and special offers when they used 1Card Cash last year, and we’re looking forward to providing students valuable savings again this year!

A mailing will be sent to parents in August providing additional information about the Fairleigh 1Card program. Members of the Parents Council met this past May with a representative to review the Fairleigh 1Card and its services and were very pleased after its debut on campus. Lisa Gorka, a parent at the College at Florham, said, “my daughter has used it both on and off campus and what I like most is that I can see how much she’s spending and where.”

Visit www.fairleigh1card.com or call 1-800-343-3320, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., to learn more.

Fairleigh 1Card — Much More Than An ID!

Graduate student and alumnus Paul Lavella, right, BA’05, College at Florham, who works in the bookstore at the College at Florham, accepts the Fairleigh 1Card in payment for a purchase by alumnus Ed Barrett, BA’04, MAT’05, College at Florham.

“It’s great. My dad transfers the money through the Web site, and I can use it at off-campus restaurants, on-campus vending and so much more.”

— Jared Sharpe, sophomore, College at Florham
Take the Time to Achieve Success!
The Career Development Office is a valuable resource that offers students a variety of services to enhance their learning experiences.

It provides students with the necessary tools to keep them on track in developing career goals.

The Career Development Office provides opportunities that promote student self-awareness, exploration, experience and choice.

Student career preparation should begin during the freshman year. Following a specific plan throughout college enhances a student’s career development. If your student has not taken advantage of the services provided in Career Development, please encourage them to do so now!

Assessment Testing
Is your son or daughter not sure if they are pursuing the right career path? Are they not sure where their academic major may take them? The professional staff at Career Development is trained to administer a variety of assessment tests that can help your son or daughter find a focus.

Career Exploration
Career counselors and advisers can help students with career exploration and other important aspects of career planning.

Career Fairs
Throughout the year, the Career Development Office sponsors Career Fairs for students interested in full-time, part-time and summer employment as well as internships. This is a great opportunity for students to network with prospective employers on campus as well as gain valuable exposure to career opportunities in various fields.

Career Resource Room
Students can stop by the Career Development Office to research academic majors and potential careers in reference books, periodicals and career Web sites.

Co-op and Internship Opportunities
Students can explore their career interests through co-ops and internships, which are experiential learning opportunities that provide work experience and the potential to earn academic credits. This is a wonderful option for students interested in applying classroom learning to practical work experiences.

Forums
Does your student need help in choosing a course of study? Are they interested in discussing career paths? Encourage your student to speak with the professional staff at Career Development so they can further explore opportunities and learn about some of the exciting programs and forums. Faculty, professional staff, alumni and employers are on hand to discuss options and help them make educated decisions about their future.

Online Job Search
Increasingly, employers are using the Internet to post career opportunities and recruit new employees. In keeping with current trends, the Career Development Office has partnered with eCampusRecruiter to provide students with a fast, efficient and user-friendly job-search Web site which can be accessed at www.ecampusrecruiter.com/fdu. Parents can also help provide career opportunities for Fairleigh Dickinson University students by having their companies post positions on the site.

Résumé Critiquing
Does your student need help preparing or critiquing their résumé? Students can meet with a career counselor or adviser to help them learn the basics in creating and improving résumés.

Workshops
Each semester Career Development offers a variety of workshops on résumé writing, interviewing, co-ops/internships and overall career preparation.

Office Information

College at Florham
Located on the First Floor of the Student Center
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Evening hours by appointment
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Web site www.fdu.edu/careers

Alumnus Brian Podest, left, MBA’97, Metropolitan Campus, vice president of database administrative production at Citigroup, met with sophomore Salvatore Zito at the Metropolitan Campus during the On-campus Recruitment Program, sponsored by the Career Development Office. Zito, an electrical engineering major, was interviewed for a summer internship position. Podest also interviewed students for full-time positions, eventually hiring two students, one for full-time employment and one for a summer internship.
Parents Thank You Brunch

University President J. Michael Adams and the Parents Council hosted a Thank You Brunch this past April for parents that contributed to the Fund for FDU. The brunch was held at the Parsippany Sheraton, and the guests were thanked for their unyielding support and commitment to Fairleigh Dickinson University. Pictured are, from left, Co-Presidents of the Parents Council Angela and Jamie Carbone and Karen Lewis, assistant vice president for alumni relations.

Questions & Answers

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What does my child do if he/she gets sick?
All students, regardless of their health insurance carrier, have access to student health services for a variety of preventative, testing and illness-management care. Medical staff can diagnose, provide over-the-counter medication and prescribe treatments.

Are there services on campus to assist my student if he/she is worried about a grade in a class?
Students who need help with their course work can visit the Academic Resource Center on both campuses for tutoring and special sessions designed to teach study skills and time management.

How can my student learn about clubs and organizations on campus?
Student clubs and organizations are moderated through each campus’s Office of Student Life. An array of academic, multicultural, social, faith-based and Greek letter clubs and organizations are open for student involvement. Meetings and events are publicized on campus and on the Web. Students are encouraged to actively attend club- and organization-sponsored functions to become involved. They may inquire in the Office of Student Life. Also, the Office of Student Life on each campus runs a Club Fair, held in September of each academic year.

How does my son or daughter report an incident on campus?
Students should call the Office of Public Safety if they need to report an incident. An officer will be dispatched to the student’s location to take a report. At that point, the officer will determine if local police should be involved. Once a report is filed, public safety will follow-up on the incident.

Are there fees associated with the fitness center on campus?
Membership fees for the fitness centers on both campuses are built into the cost of tuition. A student’s guest may use the fitness centers at a cost of $4 per visit. One guest is permitted per student at the Metropolitan Campus facilities, and up to three at the College at Florham. Each guest must present valid identification, accompany the student at all times and leave the facility together.

What can my commuter student do in between classes?
Commuter students at Fairleigh Dickinson University have organizations on both campuses dedicated to offering programming and support specific to the needs of commuter students. The College at Florham offers the Commuter Student Association, while the Metropolitan Campus offers the Commuter Council. The Metropolitan Campus maintains a lounge for commuter students in the Fitness Center, and in the Stadler-Zenner Academic Building at the College at Florham.

Do students need personal computers or laptops?
A student does not need his/her own personal computer or laptop. Computer labs are conveniently located on each campus and open as early as 8 a.m. and as late as 11 p.m. A vast array of software applications needed for certain classes or majors are available on the lab’s computers. For students who have a personal computer or a laptop, a local area network port is located in each room in the residence halls, and a secure wireless network is available in certain campus locations, such as the libraries and some classroom buildings, for students, faculty and staff. General PC support is available through the Office of Computing Services.

Are students allowed to have pets?
On-campus pets are not permitted. Students living on campus may have a pet on the condition that it remains indoors and does not disrupt the daily living environment. The Office of Student Life must approve pets.

What’s the difference between a faculty adviser and academic advising?
A faculty adviser is a member of the University’s faculty who provides guidance and advice to students about their major courses and intended career path within that major. All full-time faculty members are expected to advise students. The Academic Advising Center is a central location on both campuses designed to provide more general advice to students regarding their core curriculum, major course requirements, class schedules and changes in majors.

What activities are available to my student on weekends?
The Offices of Student Life sponsor on-campus activities, as well as off-campus ex-
cursions, for all full-time undergraduate students on the weekends. Additionally, student organizations plan, publicize and run their own events, rounding out a full and varied calendar of activities for students during the weekends.

**How is information communicated to my student?**

Every student has access to the FDU network and can register for a Webmail account. Through their FDU e-mail address and by visiting the FDU Web site, students receive periodic updates from University administration regarding issues relevant to the entire community. Also, a wide variety of news and information is published on a weekly basis in the student newspapers. Finally, important updates, such as policy changes, housing deadlines and campus events, may be distributed through the on-campus mail distribution system. Encourage your students to use these methods of communication.

**How is my student informed of closings and class cancellations due to inclement weather or emergencies?**

In the event that the University closes or class schedules are affected due to inclement weather or emergency situations, FDU’s voicemail system and switchboard will make information available to the entire FDU community. Also, closings are disseminated through local media outlets: News 12 New Jersey and WNBC-TV (check your local listings for the correct channels), WFDU (89.1 FM), NJ 101.5 FM, 1010 WINS (1010 AM) and WCBS News Radio 88 (880 AM). All students can look for updates on the FDU Web site at any time.

**Who do I contact with questions regarding tuition charges?**

Questions regarding your student’s tuition charges should be addressed to the Offices of Enrollment Services. The College at Florham office can be reached at 973-443-8600, and the Metropolitan Campus office can be reached at 201-692-2214. Financial aid awarded to students will affect the overall tuition charges owed to the University. If your question relates to your student’s financial aid award, contact the Offices of Financial Aid at 973-443-8700 for College at Florham students and 201-692-2363 for Metropolitan Campus students.

**How does my student report a maintenance problem on campus?**

If your student notices a maintenance issue on campus, he/she should contact the facilities department immediately. The University will dispatch someone to address the situation or bring in qualified individuals for appropriate repairs.

**What is the appropriate forum for my student to address concerns and issues?**

Issues regarding University policy should be brought to the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA is a body of students elected by their peers to address student issues with the University administration. Resident students with concerns about their living situation should direct their issues to their resident assistant (RA) and the residence life staff. Commuter students have organizations on each campus to address needs specific to them.

**How can I gain access to my student’s information if he/she is a legal adult?**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits the disclosure of a student’s records with the University unless written consent is given by the student. Consent Forms are made available to all students through the Office of the Dean of Students.

**As a parent, how can I get more involved in my student’s experience at FDU?**

The Parents Council at Fairleigh Dickinson University was created in 2004 to give parents a way to become more involved in their student’s college experience. The group hears from University administrators and faculty members about issues pertinent to parents, enhances and supports University events and raises money for scholarships, campus improvements and programming. For more information about the Parents Council, contact the University Advancement Office at 201-692-7017.

**What resources are in place for international students?**

The Office of International Student Services serves as a resource and advocate for international students and hosts a variety of cross-cultural programs to engage the entire Fairleigh Dickinson University community. Domestic students interested in meeting international students and helping them are encouraged to learn more about the “Global Conversation Partners” program, in which students from all countries meet to discuss hot topics and practice conversational English. The Office of International Student Services can be contacted at 201-692-2743, and its main office is located on the Metropolitan Campus.

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"Hair," the American tribal love-rock musical, was presented in a main-stage performance by the department of visual and performing arts, in Dreyfuss Theater, College at Florham, in April.
Knights Reach NCAA Basketball Tournament

Students, alumni, parents and friends cheered on Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Knights men’s basketball team (Division I—Metropolitan Campus), as they reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament for the fourth time in program history by defeating Wagner College to capture the 2005 Northeast (NEC) Championship and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. Pictured are the FDU Knights as they took on the top-seeded Fighting Illini (University of Illinois) at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.

October 1, 2005
Family Weekend And Homecoming

Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to join their Fairleigh Dickinson students at the University Family Weekend and Homecoming activities to be held Saturday, October 1. Come out to the College at Florham and enjoy the carnival festivities and much more — cheer on the Devils football team as they take on Lycoming! Greet and meet other parents, alumni and friends of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Last year, more than 3,000 people attended the event, and we hope you plan on attending this year.

Families can join their students at the event or are invited to meet at the tailgate breakfast at the Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck, N.J., where shuttle service to the College at Florham, Madison, N.J., will be provided for students and their guests. Watch for your invitation in the mail! For further information, contact Sarah Azavedo, director of student life at the College at Florham, at 973-443-8570, or Craig Mourton, director of student life at the Metropolitan Campus, at 201-692-2231.