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Dr. Raymond C. Bowen, President of LaGuardia.

LaGuardia Honors Some Of Its Finest

by Joseph N. Smith

On June 17th LaGuardia Student Government sponsored a award ceremony that was held in room M169. The event was held to give recognition to some of LaGuardia's most outstanding students. In a very relaxed atmosphere the students in attendance listened to President Bowen extend his wishes to them

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'US AND THEM' ON AMERICAN CAMPUSES

ADL GIVES WAYS TO COMBAT INCREASING BIGOTRY AND SEPARATISM

New York, NY, June 18... One of the great debates in American education right now is how to deal with the "recoloring" of American schools — and the growing insensitivity and separatism of various groups — as questions of curriculum, speakers, books housing, clubs and other issues are addressed. Ways to confront these potentially divisive issues were presented at the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) 80th Anniversary National Commission Meeting Washington, DC recently by those directly involved in the daily decisions on campuses.

"When a phrase like 'water buffalo' becomes a free speech issue at the University of Pennsylvania, and a well-documented anti-Semitic and racist like Dr. Leonard Jeffries wins a case against the university that dismissed him as department chair, and a venomous book like the Nation of Islam's The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews (Vol. I) gains

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and tell them "because of hard working students like you, LaGuardia is now ranked number three among the country's community colleges". The President also said that because of LaGuardia's academic success countries like Russia and Korea, have recently opened Colleges based on LaGuardia's successful formula.

The "Learning Lamp" award was given to the newly-elected Student Government members and certificate of merits were given to the outgoing student governors. Leonardo Alves received a certificate of achievement from our Dean of Students, Ruby Hobbs, for winning an essay contest held in Washington D.C.. The Dominican Student Club was awarded a certificate for their strong commitment and contribution to the community. The Haitian Student Club was presented a certificate of recognition for work done on and off campus. Other speakers in attendance who had high praise for these students, were Dean Hobbs, Beverly Brown, Vincent Banrey, and Luis Merehant. Beverly Browne spoke of the importance of unity among students at LaGuardia College and Vincent Banrey and Luis Merehant praised the students who take part in student activities. Music was provided by the Robert Banks Jazz Band and Mildred "CeCi" Starks sang a beautiful rendition of George Benson's song "Greatest Love of All" as a tribute to the out-going President of Student Government, Beverly Brown.

Many thanks to the president and vice-president of The Haitian Student Club, Darlie M. Faustin and Carlos Zephir and their dancers for sharing their culture with us at LaGuardia. Thanks to Meshia, Anabelle and the African dancers for their many entertaining performances.

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credibility as a history text, we need to examine what we're teaching our younger generation about living together in a democratic society that respects individual rights, academic standards and social justice," said Melvin Salberg, ADL national chairman.

Dinesh D'Souza of the American Enterprise Institute and author of *Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus* told ADL that "in fighting the prejudices of the past, we should not embrace new prejudices." He said that a "weird cultural Olympics" now exists wherein groups are competing to have their "ideas and books and knowledge" represented.

That, he cautioned, creates a "bogus multiculturalism." He urged an "authentic multiculturalism" that reflects the very best in both Western and non-Western civilization, and does not confuse "the content of ideas with the origins of the creator," especially if those origins have "nothing to do with the content."

How to confront bigotry in academic institutions was the subject of a lively panel discussion that brought together a group of experienced professionals who work on actual cases of bias incidents on campuses as members of the Washington Regional Task Force on Campus Prejudice, which the ADL co-founded.

Panelists on *Confronting Bigotry on Campus: A Partnership That Works* were: Raymond Archer, dean of the Office of Student Life and Activities at Howard University; Gladys Brown, director of the Office of Human Relations Programs in the Office of the President, University of Maryland at College Park; Kenneth E. Bumgarner, associate vice president and dean for Student Services at George Mason University; Teri Gross, associate director of the ADL Washington, DC Regional Office, and Kojo Nnamdi, moderator of Howard University WHMN-TV's daily public affairs show "Evening Exchange," who acted as moderator for the session.

Brown and Gross are co-chairs of the Washington Task Force, which "develops

coordinated, wideranging, effective responses to intergroup conflict," according to Gross. Lesley Israel, chair of the ADL Washington, DC Regional Board, introduced the program. The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting antisemitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.



Elizabeth Castro of Puerto Rican Club

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KAPPNER ASSUMES TOP POSITION

Augusta Souza Kappner, former acting president of the City College of New York, was sworn in today as assistant secretary for adult and vocational education. She was nominated by President Clinton on March 9 and confirmed by the Senate on June 23.

"Dr. Kappner brings to the position a breadth of experience in developing adult education and other collaborative programs with business, industry, government, and community groups." said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "Her knowledge and commitment to high-quality adult and vocational education will be a great asset to the department as we move ahead with school to work transition legislation and other initiatives that will enable our workforce to compete in a global economy."

As assistant secretary, Kappner will manage the department's vocational, literacy and adult education programs and a staff of 103, which administers nearly \$1.5 billion annually.

Kappner joined the City University of New York (CUNY) in 1974, and became acting president of its City College of New York in September 1992. For six years prior, she was president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, the largest two-year institution in the CUNY system.

From 1984 to 1986, Kappner served as university dean for academic affairs in charge of adult and continuing education. During her tenure, the school's GED program expanded to serve nine campuses and 6000 students a year. An 11-campus adult literacy program was developed, and a program to provide basic skills and college preparatory courses to city youth was created.

Kappner first joined the CUNY system as a professor and chairperson of the human services department at LaGuardia College and later became the dean of adult and continuing education, with responsibility for programs serving more than 10,000 students. She has also served as director of admissions and student services at the State University of New York as Stony Brook School of Social Welfare and held both teaching and administrative positions at Columbia University School of Social Work, New York City Community College and Hunter College.

Kappner has served on dozens of boards

and commissions relating to education and other community programs, including the American Association of Community Colleges, the College Board, the New York State Child Care Commission, and the New York City Advisory Council on Occupational Education. She has received numerous honors and community service awards.

A 1966 graduate of Barnard College, she earned a master's degree in social work from Hunter College in 1968 and a doctorate of social work from Columbia University in 1984, with a specialty in social policy and planning.



Mouhamadou Niang with Prof. Ngemi after lecture on African culture.

GREECE BULLETIN

Press & Information Office Permanent Mission of
Greece To the United Nations

Prime Minister Mitsotakis attends EC Summit in Copenhagen—Discussions Include Balkan Problems And Admission Of Cyprus

The current recession involving Europe as a whole was one of the main focuses of the

European Community summit held in Copenhagen, June 21-22, resulting—in the words of Prime Minister Mitsotakis—in a “message of confidence and resolution to proceed with the implementation of the Maastricht Treaty”.

Reporting on the summit after his return to Athens, Mr. Mitsotakis said that work on the implementation of the Maastricht Treaty would continue during the next presidency of Belgium and then, under the presidency of Greece, in the first half of 1994. The seeds of Europe's economic recovery into the next millennium, said Mr. Mitsotakis, were sown at the Copenhagen summit which gave Mr. Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, six months to report on the causes and cure of Europe's currently high rate of unemployment. Greece was successful at the summit in securing agreement on the ratification of regulations concerning the EC Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund, thus facilitating the realization of Greece's aim to receive the largest possible amount from its associations from those funds and to begin using them this year.

The Balkan crisis—Greece Asks for Study of Effects Within EC

Reporting on the discussions of the Balkan crisis by the EC leaders, Prime Minister Mitsotakis noted that the proposal to lift the arms embargo on the Bosnian Moslems was rejected, whereas there was agreement on President Mitterrand's proposal to secure safe areas in Bosnia with troops and funds provided through the United Nations.

In this connection, Mr. Mitsotakis reaffirmed Greece's refusal to participate in any form of military intervention—a policy, he said, which should be followed by any Balkan countries. He expressed the view that the apparent rapprochement between Serbia and Croatia was a hopeful development and that, while the establishment of a 10-nation state as envisaged by the Vance-Owen plan was no longer realistic, a confederation of three cantons and one nationality was now at the end of the road. Mr. Mitsotakis expressed his confidence that the attempted settlement did not aim at the aggrandizement of any country. The inviolability of borders—particularly the borders of Bosnia-Herzegovina—are not in question. Any settlement, he added, must assure fair treatment for the Moslems.

The Greek Prime Minister expressed his particular concern for the avoidance of the spread of the conflict to Kosovo, and he reiterated Greece's readiness to act as mediator in efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the Balkan crisis.

Meanwhile, Mr Mitsotakis succeeded in securing a decision asking EC Foreign Ministers to study measures to deal with effects within the Community (e.g transport and communication difficulties) of abnormal developments in third compensation for losses incurred by Greece as a result of the embargo on Serbia- Montenegro.

Stronger Greek Economy Favors Expanding Relations With E. Europe

As the only member-country of the European Community in the Balkan region, Greece is uniquely placed to engage in a

mutually profitable expansion of business and economic relations with the countries of that area and of eastern Europe.

An overview of this prospect was given by Prime Minister Mitsotakis in a speech on June 23 to a conference of the Panhellenic Federation of Exporters when he referred to the impressive" progress of Greek businesses in the Balkan and east European region.

Outlining the strong improvement of the Greek economy, Mr. Mitsotakis said that the halving of Greece's deficit in the period 1990-92 represented the biggest fiscal improvement to occur in any European country; and EC has forecast that Greece will be its only member country to reduce its fiscal deficit in 1993.

With the help of some fundamental structural changes (e.g. improved marketing and banking systems; liberalized foreign exchange laws; VAT exemptions etc.), Greek exports have more than doubled the rate of increase of the previous decade and, if government targets are reached, will increase by 15 percent in each of the next seven years.

Similarly, dynamic Greek business activity is rapidly spreading in the countries of east Europe and the Balkans where a total of 1,256 Greek-owned or jointly-owned enterprises are already in operation. Greek exports to that area (with the exception of the embargoed regions of the former Yugoslavia) increased in 1992 by an average 42 percent over the 1991 level.

With an array of legislative and treaty arrangements designed to promote the mutual protection of investment, credit facilities, double taxation avoidance etc., Greece's economic activity in the region is destined to achieve steady and mutually profitable expansion.

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LaGuardia's June Bride

by Harcourt Fuller

Reiko Lisa Owens One of LaGuardia's employees of the Student Activities Department and a student, recently converted her status from single to married. The former Ms Owens, now Mrs Frye, tied the knot with her beloved, Michael E. Frye in June. The two, who have been going together since November of last year, decided to get married when Michael, as Reiko revealed, "glided on one knee on the floor, like the guy in "Home Alone", busted down the door and said [in a smooth tone], "Reiko Owens, will you marry me?" Her response? "Get off your knees before you break something." In normal terms, she meant "YES!"

She admitted that it was in her mind to marry Michael, and that she didn't have to think about her answer: "If you have to think about it, then you have second thoughts," she said. Being a significant day in her life, naturally Reiko recalled that Michael proposed to her on "February 9th, a few days before Valentines. **Total Chaos!**

In preparation for the wedding, there were a lot of chaos in finding the right dress for herself and the perfect fitting suite for Michael, and in the organization process. But it was fun. Reiko got two dresses in the same store, one for the wedding and one for the reception...He [Michael got his tuxedo suit from an Italian men's store.

The cake, which had three layers was decorated with "lavender and purple roses and white icing."

Pre-Wedding Extravaganza

The day before the wedding, Reiko and her friend Sonia circumvented the traditional "women's night" by going out on the town, shopping and partying all night, while her soon-to-be husband had his own "bachelor party with her brother and another friend.

The day of the wedding proved to be very rigorous. There was a lot of cleaning up to do at the couple's house, and Sonia helped out



and did other necessary preparations. Consequently, the 6 PM scheduled ceremony was not initiated until about 7:30 PM.

Beyond The Ordinary

There were a few non-traditional aspects of my friend's wedding ceremony, as the couple—still maintaining most of the norms of the traditional weddings—wanted something more invigorating and exciting. First, the traditional "Here Comes The Bride" tune was sacrificed for the jazzy, "One In a million," a little part of which Reiko hummed to me. In addition, as Reiko stressed, "the reverend was a female." Of course, she made this point, not that it is strange to have a female reverend, but because it was not always tradition. Another point that Mrs Frye stressed and double stressed was that "THERE WERE NO OBEYS" in the ceremony.

A funny thing happened before the reverend officially joined the two lovebirds in holy matrimony: Michael's mother, overcome with joy, ran to the alter embracing her son. The congregation had to urge her to retreat, because "he has to kiss the bride first!" The reverend also intervened immediately by declaring, "Wait, wait, I'm not finished yet!" After the ceremony came to an end, there were the usual kissing and crying associated with weddings. And the bride threw out the bouquet, which a woman rushed to catch. Her friend Sonia avoided the throwing of the bouquet, and retreated to the back of the crowd because, as she confessed, "I am not ready to marry as yet." Mr. and Mrs Frye spent their honeymoon at their apartment.

HarlemII

by Todd "one" Williams

First there was Harlem written by Langston
 Hughes now I bring you Harlem II
 I may not live there but I know people who do
 once a place of joy and love
 now it is infested with drugs, povery, murder,
 and violence
 everyday runs through Harlem like a plauge
 wakling through the streets at night
 not knowing if you'll make it home dead or
 alive
 people struggle just to get by
 instead of going to school kids hang in the street
 drinking and getting high
 what has happened to this once beautiful com-
 munity
 If it doesn't get better
 It'll be in Hell for an eternity.

Suicide

by Todd "one" Williams

Why would you wanna end you life?
 for some to live they have to fight
 so by some chance they might
 have a chance at life
 and not give up or quit no matter what
 tough obsticals are ahead
 there is nothing worse than being dead.

Clubing

by Todd "one" Williams

Meeting people
 dancing all night
 bouncers all around to prevent fights

music pumping
 bodies moving
 numbers exchanged
 couples made herb in the air
 everyone does it no one cares
 bodies on the dance floor
 when the music stops
 everyone's out the door

My Life

by Todd "one" Williams

Poetry's my life
 with every emotion I write
 expressing myself with pen and paper
 lets people know who I am
 some show joy with laughter
 others show anger with their fist
 I am not a clown
 nor am I violent
 I am a poet
 what ever I feel I write
 so when I die I'll still be around
 inspiration is what people will learn then if not
 now.



POEMS

FLUTELESS TUTOR TO IRA LEVINE

by Lynn Tinkel

He always got by with
A little help from his friends
Classmates, Fordham Reference Librarian
Sister Bell-Twister

Just as his world seemed to be
Crashing down around him
LONELINESS, ACHES AND PAINS
But
Now that uncle SAM his friend was
He would try to help others!
He would try to adjust this karma!
Ah, Tutor Mexican, Vietnamese and African
Exchange students
Yes, he could teach them
Effective oral communication
Then he'd be part of the
Soul-u-tion
Not part of the problem.

LADY LOCKJAW

by Lynn Tinkel

Late afternoon at college commons
I your number find
I am tormented by the possibility
of our wreckage

Soon you'll sail
Aboard the Saigon midnight express
While I'll hide behind
My veil of indifference
My veil of indifference
Avoiding
MY PRINCE OF SHORT

Upstairs go I
To open windows
But not those of love.

Signed Lady Lockjaw

POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL

by Lynn Tinkel

Tina Shearson is a "poor little rich girl" who grew up in the shadow of a greedy and debased mother. Her parents gave her all the material things but they forget to give her love. She is very much opposed to authority and used to take all kinds of hallucinatory drugs from age 16 (1969) to (1985) when she wound up in a mental institution called ARMS OF PEACE. Her mellow boyfriend is a dentist by profession who she used to insult mercilessly...until she fell in love with him. She found out at the ripe old age of thirty eight that a man can be successful and loving unlike daddy. However, Marty still needs a lesson in ethics, she believes. Tina is very aware of abuses by the medical industry which are running up the United States deficit. More power to her!

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OPINIONS



Who's the real problem?

by Todd "one" Williams

David Dinkins is one of the best and the first Black mayor New York City has ever had. The fact that he is Black is the reason why many Jews hate him, and some others because of the Crown Heights riots. When Ed Koch was mayor this city was in Hell. Few Jews complained then. Now that a Black man is in office every little thing that happens it's, "get that 'Nigger' out of City Hall."

Dinkins has done alot for this city. From improving the subways and the schools with the assistance of Joseph Fernandez, to putting more cops on the streets, not to mention taking the task head on of fixing a deficit Koch 'messed up' in the first place. Again a Black man was put to the test and did better than the rest but is being scorned regardless. If Dinkins was Jewish his face would not be all over the papers, and those Hasidics would not be "dissing" him. Jews don't own the the United States but yet some act as if they do. Jews immigrated here after over 4.5 million were killed in Hitler's concentration camps. If it wasn't for the presence of an all Black army unit many more Jews would have died. Now when someone kills a Jew it's down with Dinkins. Who do these people think they are. Their race was almost extinct. Now they are trying to "extinct" Blacks out of everything including existence. They will not succeed where others have failed.

Instead of "bitching," moaning, crying, and blaming the Black man in office for their problems they should stop to take responsibility for their own actions and take care of their own problems and thank God that they didn't die in Hitler's Death Camps. Talk about ungrateful, the Jews gave nothing back to the Black man and the Black man gave so much to the Jews. When no one else welcomed them we did, and this is how they show their gratitude. A wise man once said, "Never chop off the hand that feeds you." Now that the Jews got their power

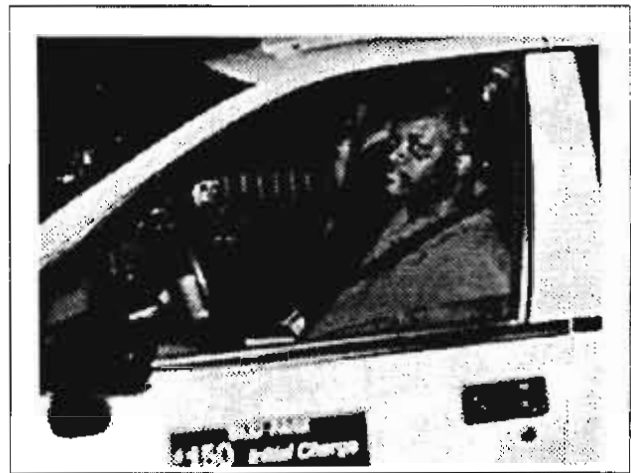
it's forget about the Black man. Professor Jeffries at CCNY was fired from his job for preaching the truth. He explained how the Jews brought slaves over and how they are the racist ones not Blacks. When he made this statement Jews were in an uproar, they were enraged and wanted the Black Professor in fact dead .

When a Jewish professor, Professor Michael Levin, a week or two earlier made statements that blacks have small brains and are stupid and whites are smarter than blacks the Jews not only did nothing, some backed him up 100% and that professor merely got a slap on the wrist, hardly even a love tap.

Ask yourself this question, before Jesus Christ was crucified he was wiped, tortured, scolded, cut, punched, kicked, spat on, stripped, humiliated, degraded, and just down right treated like an animal after he helped those same people, those people were Jewish. Coincidence, I think not.

African Americans

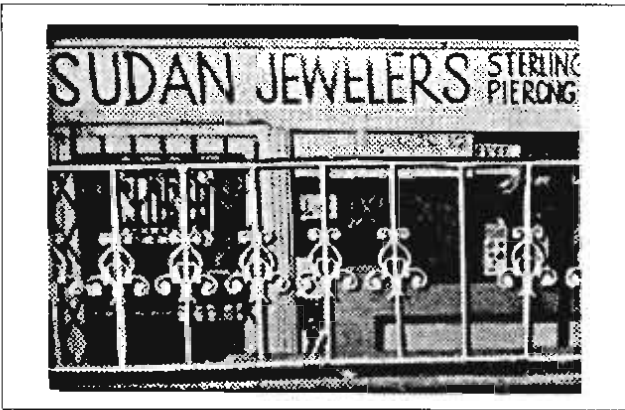
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New York City cab driver

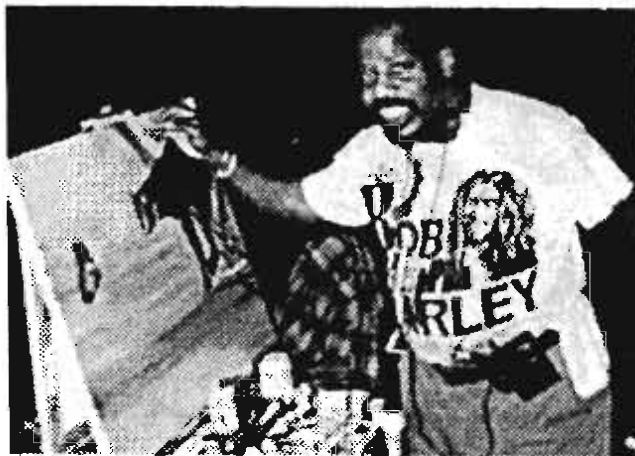
African Americans are basically known for stealing, robbing, killing rapping, sports, and other negative things. These negativities were obviously created by the White man. Today, Blacks are doctors, lawyers, judges, and

policemen. For some African Americans, who weren't as lucky as others to go to college and further their education finding work is hard but some still manage. Most take jobs as waiters, cooks, dishwashers, janitors, and even cab drivers. Besides sports, blacks also have other hobbies. Such hobbies include bike riding, swimming, rock climbing, needle point, collecting sport cards, stamps and comic books, and even painting. Blacks make up a large part of the population of the United States and still get treated like second class citizens.



African Jewelry Store

One dream for many African Americans is to one day, own their own businesses. For some that is still a dream, but for others that is a reality.



New York City artist

Blacks have gone into business for themselves from selling clothes, jewelry, and food, to teaching Martial arts and dance. One day the white man will know the importance of the Black man and give him the respect and dignity so gratefully deserved.

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Penn Relays

Jamaican sprinter finally gets gold

by Joseph N. Smith

For thirteen years, Marilyn Ottey of Jamaica worked hard and did everything an athlete must do to become the best in the world, but she always came up short. She had won bronze and silver medals in Olympics and world championship games, and was crowned by international sports writers as the "bronze queen" of track and field. At the world games in Germany, she finally put it all together. Ottey got a silver medal in the 100 meters after a photo finish and the judges decided that Olympic champion Gail Deavers had won the race. The capacity crowd and Marilyn Ottey felt that she had won the race, and at the medal ceremony the crowd gave her a thundering ovation. Instead of feeling despair by the result of the 100 meters, the Jamaican seemed more determined to prove that she was the best. In the 200 meters final, she ran the best race of her long career. She got a good start and ran the first half of the race at top speed which kept her ahead of the pack coming out of the turn, then on the final stretch, all she did was keep her arms pumping in good form and defeated American Gwen Torrence, the Olympic gold medalist, and Russia's Irina Privalova to win the gold medal.

TENNIS: 1993 U.S. OPEN

by Joseph N. Smith

For the diehard tennis fans this years the U.S Open at Louis Armstrong Tennis Stadium was a treat. There was the human side to this great sport that has become so commercialized with its million dollar teenage players telling us poor tennis fans how difficult it is to be a teenage millionaire, and vintage greats like Martina Navratilova bombarding tennis fans with her personal life, and her support of the law requiring same sex marriage and gay pride. However, some tennis players put aside their egos and selfishness that is rightfully associated with tennis pros, and showed up for The Arthur Ashe Foundation. The foundation raises money to fight against the deadly disease' Aids.

Monica Seles made her first appearance since being attacked and stabbed in Germany. She sat next to Arthur's wife and daughter. She said "Arthur meant a lot to me." She recalled, after her 1992 semifinals win over Jennefer Capriati criticism coming from everywhere about her shriek when she hit the ball. Arthur made his way down to the court side and told her not to worry, that he understood what she was enduring and that he had been there before, a memory she said she will always cherish.

On opening day two popular Americans Andre Agassi and Jennifer Capriati, were upset and eliminated. The upset of top seed players lasted throughout the tournament except for the finals that went to Pete Sampras (mens) and Steffi Graf (womens).

Undoubtedly, the tournament's high point belong to players like Helena Sukova of the Check Republic who finished with the women doubles championship, and the mixed doubles championship but lost to Steffi Graf in the single finals. On the men's side it was the match between Pete Sampras and Michael Chang; Cedric Pioline of France making it to the finals, and 30 year Aussi, Wally Masur come back from 1-5 deficit to win a match against a younger opponent.

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works -
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to record it
some*

I am proud to announce that "The Bridge" is officially back. The elections were held on November 18th, 1998. I feel blessed to be working with the following Editorial Staff:

Photo Editor	-Gary Wheelock
News Editor	-Rudy Burgos
Managing Editor	-Carolina Correa
Assistant Editor-in-Chief	-Patricia Toebe

The Bridge Forming Committee has dissolved and "The Bridge" is now reinstated and fully operational. We are also happy to have professor Terry Cole from the English Department serving as our temporary Faculty Advisor. Our first issue should be out by February 1999. We would like to thank Dr. Noma Krasney, Irene Sosa, Gregory Faulkner, Maddie Yamraj and Vincent Cousin for their guidance and support.

We would also like to thank LaGuardia Library Archivist Ken Riccardi for his help with our Web site materials and the wonderful display in the atrium. "The Bridge" can be located @ www.geocities.com/athens/crete/8908/main.html

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