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# Letter from the Editors



Dear Readers,

WE ARE BACK! But can we really say that we are back being that we weren't here when *The Bridge* was last published, over two years ago? Well, *The Bridge* newspaper is back, but this time, for good, with a new staff and a new attitude. The process of rebuilding our *Bridge* was not an easy task—but like our adviser warned us, the final stages of newspaper production run on a S&G policy (scratching your head there? Figure it out!)

When our small staff first gathered on a rainy April day, we had no idea what was in store for us. First, we had to deal with the old perception people had of *The Bridge*. When we would mention *The Bridge* to someone, an idea of CUNY-Cutie of the month, or the “infamous lawsuit,” came to mind. Then, we had to recruit people, which we are still trying to do. (Hey, we are nice! So stop by our office! M159).

We also learned how to deal with college policies and procedures, from which we have learned that almost every process in this school takes about two to three weeks to get done. Patience is a virtue... considering that two months have passed by and we are still tripping over the old furniture and non-working equipment that is piled up in our office.

Looking on the bright side, thanks to our involvement with *The Bridge*, we've gotten to know the college better, and build relationships with faculty and staff members. We finally feel we are contributing to this community college, and getting as much out of our time here as we can.

Not only did we build relationships with faculty and staff members, but we also became friends during the process of rebuilding *The Bridge*. We've learned to appreciate each other's contributions since we all bring different things to the table.

Yet we wouldn't have been able to produce this issue were it not for the support and input of other members of this college's community. Thanks to Kevin Lerner, for teaching us the ropes of journalism. Thanks to Lola and Toby for always being there keeping us company. And special thanks to our adviser Edward Hollins, who patiently guided us along the way, and without whom we wouldn't have been able to successfully complete our mission.

So, this is it, it's been a long road but we are proud to bring to you our labor of love. We hope you enjoy it. Comments are always welcome.

Sincerely,

# Meet The Key Players of SGA

by Lesley Obando



Student Government President and Vice President, Mohamad Nur-e-Aziz and Khalid Boudhan, respectively.

Some familiar faces are currently running this year's Student Government Association (SGA). Members of the Urban Student Alliance (USA), who were in office during the previous academic year, are holding the top two positions. Mohamad Nur-e-Aziz, former governor for programs and events now holds the title of President. While Khalid Boudhan, former Treasurer, has taken on the role of Vice President.

"It wasn't [my] intention to take this position," says Nur-e-Aziz of his newly appointed title. Nur-e-Aziz said just being a "regular student governor" would have satisfied him. Yet, with the encouragement of his fellow USA members, during the internal election that took place last June, Nur-e-Aziz agreed to take on the title and the responsibilities that go along with it.

Nur-e-Aziz, who speaks highly of the USA members, is confident that with their continued support he will be able to smoothly adjust into his newly appointed leadership role.

Nur-e-Aziz and Boudhan have recommitted themselves to another term in office in hopes of reaching some of their goals that had not been attainable within the prior term due to time restrictions. In spite of that, some of their earlier SGA accomplishments include the addition of the Dell computers in the library and the

new study hall that will be located in the Student Media Center next to the SGA offices, which is set to open by the end of this summer.

Because of their earlier experience, they bring to the current members of SGA a realistic perspective on what student government is capable of and the amount of time needed to implement their objectives.

At one point Boudhan was skeptical of the role SGA played on campus, therefore, he is well aware of the perception that students may have of SGA. "At first I thought that student government didn't do anything but when I went in and got involved in stuff I saw that it just takes a lot of time," says Boudhan.

This mind set will continue to be applied with this year's target issues, which include, increasing the amount of library hours and improving the quality of the library copy machines, while somehow reducing the price for copies.

In addition, Boudhan feels that student involvement is crucial to the amount of success that SGA obtains. He would like students to feel free to approach SGA with any of their concerns. Boudhan says, "It's not about our goals, it's about what students want... we are here for the students." Therefore, Boudhan feels that in order to get

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# Is There a Doctor in The House? Nope.

by Dayana Palacio

This past April, LaGuardia Community College lost its on-campus doctor, who served students on alternate Mondays.

According to Elizabeth Carde, College Health Center Nurse, the services were discontinued in March.

The doctor was assigned to the campus through an agreement with the Community Health Care Network. The services of the doctor were free of charge to the students and the institution, according to Renée Butler, Senior Administrator for Student Development,

The portion of the student fees, which was to be used to help fund an on-campus doctor, was not enough to pay for an independent physician.

According to Renée Butler, "the additional fee was done to provide additional support for health services. This included additional medical support through the provision of EMTs and a full time nurse as well as assisting personnel support."

The PEER Health Educators program was expanded, along with additional screenings for cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure.

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# Internet Technology: Out With The Old...

by Lesley Obando

LaGuardia Community College students have some new Internet technology to look forward to. The most immediate of improvements will take place this upcoming fall semester, when LaGuardia students will bid farewell to the current unreliable e-mail system, as it is swapped for a new e-mail system, called Net Mail.

The current e-mail system, Microsoft Exchange 5.5, was purchased in 1998 and runs on an Alpha chip which, according to Ted Dec, director of Network Administration for LaGuardia Community College, "At the time, [that] was one of the better chips to have."

However, the e-mail system began to give students problems in 1999 when "Microsoft said they would no longer make operating systems for any other programs [and] at that point we [were] stuck with something that was obsolete," says Dec.

Since that point, the majority of the student body have not used the Microsoft Exchange e-mail system because of its unreliability, lack of storage space and constant server problems.

According to Henry Saltiel, Vice President of Information Technology, steps were taken to replace the e-mail system after LaGuardia's 2002 Student Government Association made a request. "That was the group that decided that the student e-mail was not good enough anymore, and we needed to change it to something better," says Saltiel.

## Ask and you shall receive.

The Net Mail E-mail system version 3.1e. was purchased in 2002 and is currently under development. Although the current usernames for the e-mail accounts will be transferred to the Net Mail system, there will be some new user-friendly additions.

The Net Mail system will have features that were not possible with Microsoft

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President Gail O. Mellow (center) receiving a check for \$10,000 from LaGuardia Foundation member, and active Flushing businessman, Peter Koo (2nd from right). Executive Assistant to the President, Jose Orengo (left), along with members of the Flushing Chinese Business Association, looking on.

## Foundation Scholarships

On July 1, 2003, LaGuardia Community College received a \$10,000 donation from Peter Koo, founding board member of The LaGuardia Community College Foundation. Half of the donation will be spent on scholarships.

The goal of The LaGuardia Community College Foundation is to raise money in order to support students that pay for their education.

"Many students, particularly immigrant students, cannot get the kind of financial aid that native foreign students can have," said Dr. Gail O. Mellow, President of the college.

Dr. Mellow received the check from Koo in a ceremony that took place in the Flushing Chinese Business Association (FCBA) headquarters, in which Koo is an active member.

Present at the ceremony were Peter Jordan, the college's vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Development, Jose Orengo, Executive Assistant for External College Relations and Advancement, Jack Chun, Advisor for Small Business Development Center, members of the FCBA, June Orchanian, Principal of John Bowne High School, and members of the press.

Peter Koo, a half-Chinese pharmacist and owner of three pharmacies in the

Flushing area, is an active member of many community associations. Koo dedicates time to The Central Flushing Lions Club, Community Board 7, Destination Flushing, Inc., Queens General Hospital Community Advisory Board, Flushing Rotary Club and The American Cancer Society Chinese Unit.

The scholarships, which were made possible by Koo's donation, will be named after Koo's father, Wan Ng Koo. The scholarships will be available for all students who meet the requirements. However, the requirements have yet to be decided upon.

"I am very happy to make a small contribution, and especially under my father's name," said Koo, "I always remember my father encouraged me to get an education and to study."

According to Dr. Mellow, the money for the scholarships may be available by the fall semester, but the manner of how to divide it has not yet been decided.

"This is really exciting," said Dr. Mellow, "It's exciting to make a strong connection with the Chinese community. Besides, it's exciting to see a leader like Peter Koo who has been an immigrant himself, [who] has had financial success and wants to share that."

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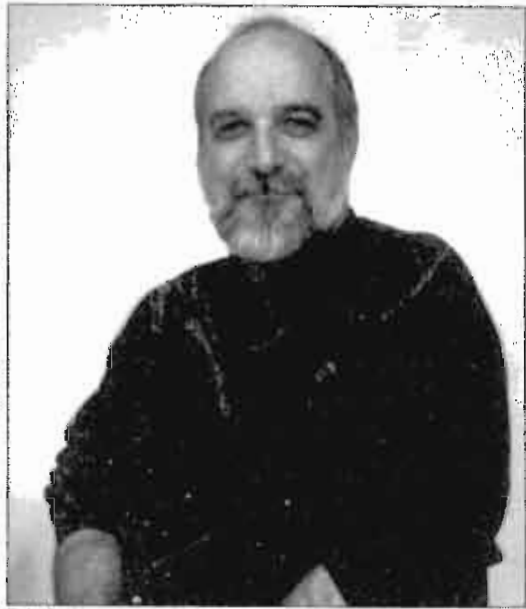
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This contest is open to all LaGuardia Community College students. Artwork must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Computer-generated submissions must also include a diskette with artwork. The winning design will be chosen by *The Bridge* Editorial Board. All submissions become property of *The Bridge* Student Newspaper of LaGuardia Community College.

# Faculty Spotlight

## Gustavo Moretto

by Amy Pichardo



Fader-Smith

Growing up in Argentina's male dominated environment, Gustavo Moretto, saw his mother struggle as she pursued a music career only known to men. His mother's efforts inspired him to unleash his love for music.

"Sometimes I saw her not treated very well by musicians because she is a woman," says Moretto of his mother.

He initiated his music career as a trumpet player, but feels he would have been better at it if he would have learned to play it at an earlier age.

"I love my parents and they're very supportive, but [the] one thing I hold a grudge against them [for] is, I wanted to have a trumpet since I was eight-years old and they bought it when I was fourteen."

Between the ages of eighteen and twenty, he began to play the piano. Moretto

says he played the piano for about three years and then spent nearly six years without playing it professionally. During those six years, he used the piano for composing.

Even though he feels he could be a better pianist, he is appreciative that his fingers are able to create music at all. A great artist, in any form of art, is known not to set any limits on learning. Likewise, Moretto now has plans to take piano lessons because he feels he hasn't quite captured the true essence of the piano. According to Moretto, one of the strangest things about him is that he has a "spotty education on the piano."

It was when he began to play the piano that he formed a group called *Alas*. He took part in composing all the material and playing electronic keyboards. Moretto traveled a lot to Argentina and Chile, while *Alas* recorded six LPs for RCA and EMI Records.

*Alas* became well respected by Spanish-rock lovers. He continued to tour with the band around the world until he left the group in 1979.

Following Moretto's departure *Alas'* second album recorded for EMI received limited promotion and exposure. Very few people were aware that an album had been released.

In the 90's, an Argentinian record company re-released recordings of several popular Spanish-rock artists from the 70's. *Alas'* CD was among those.

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## A Modest Proposal: \$500,000 for The College Foundation

*"The time has come, ... [my little friends] 'to talk of many things:  
Of shoes and ships--and sealing wax--Of cabbages--and kings--  
And why the sea is boiling hot-- And whether pigs have wings."  
Lewis Carroll*

Ok, maybe not.

Hi friends;

That's what a speech I gave to the CUNY Board of Trustees was about.

NO, not cabbages.

It was about being friends and continuing to work together. I have taken upon the task of raising \$500,000.00 for the LaGuardia Community College Foundation. Working together as we have we can - will accomplish great things; improving on the past, we will make better educational choices for future generations of college students.

The proposed tuition increase will be daunting for many of us. Financial contributions to the Foundation would enable the school to create more scholarships for underprivileged and foreign students, i.e. those who would be most adversely affected.

Contributions to the LaGuardia Community College Foundation are completely tax deductible as the Foundation has been set up as a 501c3. Many of you who are employed work for companies that have matching funds for charities. I know things are tight for everyone, but I also know we all know people who are making do with even less than we are. Give to the place that gives so much to you. Our future depends on it.

Bring me your suggestions and inspired ideas.

Your Student Governor for Programs and Events and Senator Elect,

Vhanessa Victoria

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# THE WORD

**How is the tuition increase going to affect your ability to take classes?**



*"The tuition hike is going to be devastating for me, especially [as] a foreign student because it's hard to be eligible for a job on campus and it's hard to maintain paying for my tuition bill."*

**Kiesha Thomas**



*"The more tuition goes up, the more students are going to have to pay...So it's pretty much the same amount of money we are earning but we have to pay more for education."*

**Patric Lyseight**



*"I was going to transfer to another CUNY [school], but I have to give up the dream. I'm going to finish this college and I have to go back to my country."*

**Ayami Lmimi**



*"Actually, it's not that much of an effect. I believe it brings some detriment to the financial situation...but what are we going to do?"*

**Johan Valverde**



# ON CAMPUS



*"Actually, the tuition increase is not going to affect my payment of my tuition, [since] I'm working for UPS right now and the company is paying for my tuition."*

**Kimani Edwards**



*"I think it's going to affect me a lot because I work part time and go to school full time, it's really hard. Sometimes we have to drop a class just because of the tuition or skip school just so we can work."*

**Dikra Algutani**



*"It's going to be very difficult because I am going to have to take a lot of classes - a lot of Biology and Chemistry - and those are the most expensive classes, and they have the most expensive books. It's going to be kind of hard to get through the next semester."*

**James Rivera**



*"It's going to be more hard for me to take more classes because I'm going to have to pay more because of [higher] tuition. And it will be hard for the International students."*

**Sonia Rai**



*"It's incredible...it's crazy. [LaGuardia] is not a private school... city government has to support lower tuition."*

**Han Jeoi**

# Students Flock to New Dells

by Jason Majewski



LaGuardia students clicking away

They sit there, cold and silent in a deep sleep, waiting to come back to life. Their sleek black heads and bodies sit on their thrones, waiting for their subjects. At their feet lie the devices which allow each one to speak with its user. All-powerful and having the ability to instantly display anything their partner needs, these great kings really look out for their subjects.

Except when they suffer from the occasional system failure, that is.

For as long as many LaGuardia Community College (LaGCC) students can remember, the library in the E building has always been a place to get a few last minute things done.

Whether it is homework or merely a quiet study session, the students at LaGCC have come to rely on one thing to help them the most: computers.

And recently the school has answered this reliance by bringing in seventy-five brand new Dell computers.

"This was something that had been in process for the past nine months," said Scott White, Coordinator of Access Services at LaGCC.

"The old computers here in the library were good for getting on the web, but that

was about it. These new ones will have many more options available to the students, giving them the ability to do the work they need," White said.

With increased memory and disk space, the new computers have already become an instant hit with the students.

"It's about time they got new ones," says Gail, a second year student, "You wouldn't believe how slow those old ones were."

And truth to be told they were old, sometimes even barely loading web pages.

"There are more of them than usual," said Rachel, another student at LaGCC, "And that's a good thing seeing as how everyone goes nuts trying to get on the computers each day."

Though having new computers does help the students out, the lines for the computers have increased as well. Lately, it seems almost everyone is trying to get on them.

"So what if the line is bigger? They are moving pretty fast and elegant, so no one ever waits that long," said White. "Besides this is a library, if they can't get on a computer at the time, they can do the next best thing, read a book."

# Registration Made E-Z

by Jasmine Castillo

Waiting in line. Being sent from one office to the next speaking to counselors. Headaches. Just a typical day of registration. According to Paola Ruiz, a former LaGuardia Community College student, registration day was a day of turmoil and frustration.

"My card for registration would say to be there by two in the afternoon, instead I would be there by eight in the morning," Ruiz said, "and I wouldn't be the only one!"

The previous registration system required students to first speak to an advisor, go from one area to another checking the availability of classes, then sign up for the classes and go to another room to receive the tuition bill. This was the system in most colleges of The City University of New York. The average registration time took anywhere from four to six hours, sometimes longer.

In 2001 LaGuardia established an innovative system allowing students to register over the phone and on-line at the school's website. Now students can register at anytime and any place. "Students can register at the comfort of their own home," says Al Fingerhut, LaGuardia's Bursar. With more options, students can register as early as four months before the start of the semester. The new system cuts the time of registration by hours, according to the Bursar.

Payments can be made by phone, on the web, at the Bursar window or by mail. Students have the option of paying by cash, money order, check or credit card. If students cannot make full payment by the due date, then they can use the Academic Management Services (AMS) payment plan.

AMS representatives are on campus at the beginning of each semester. Students can pay their tuition interest-free on a monthly basis for a \$30 fee. Depending on the date of signup, students pay from 30 to 60 percent of the tuition bill once enrolling in the payment plan and then continue paying monthly.

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# Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editors:**

I'm really glad to hear that *The Bridge* is coming back. Having a newspaper of our own is really important, being that we are a community who need to be informed about what happens around us.

As a student of this community college, I believe the service you are giving to this college is important. Thanks for bringing *The Bridge* back and I wish you good luck in this challenge.

Sincerely,  
Anonymous.

**Dear Editors:**

I'm an alumnus who always enjoyed reading "*The Bridge*." It has been gone for a while and the last edition sent it away. I am looking forward to "*The Bridge*" being raised again and I hope this next edition builds it back up.

Good Luck on this and future editions.

Signed  
In need of a sturdy Bridge.

**Dear Editors:**

Student activities are an important part of college life. They immerse students into the social milieu of higher erudition, enabling them to meet and familiarize themselves with their peers in an entertaining setting.

The college is able to finance this mission by taking a miniscule portion of your tuition which has been designated your Student Activity Fees. The aforementioned fees partially subsidize "free" food at parties, DJ services at Student Government Association sponsored events, printing of propaganda and the like. These allotments are an integral part of campus student life. Your Student Activity Fees are also used to pay the salaries of some employees associated with the Student Government Association, as well as a few staff members from the office of Student Life and Development; another portion of this budget is used to pay the Student Government Association's stipends.

On occasion a portion of the fees are allocated for leadership retreats like the one

that is scheduled for the new Student Government Association's training in the middle of August. The "Leadership Conference" will be a weekend getaway attended by most of the members of the Student Government Association, some of the executive board members of SAC and assorted staff members. At least that is what the original plan was.

At a recent Student Government Association meeting one of the newly re-elected governors brought up the fact that there were certain student senators who felt excluded from the leadership process. This particular governor felt that some but not all of the senators needed to be invited. When vociferous objections were raised (I, as you know can be rather vocal...) about all senators needing to be invited, not just one or two it appeared that the matter would be abandoned. I am steadfastly adamant that if we are going vis-a-vis our senatorial capacity we should at least invite the senate chair. It is a mockery of democracy to deign to secretly bring along some individuals and not invite others.

F.Y.I. the particular governor in question just wants to bring his girlfriend along. She just so happens to be a newly elected (by you!) senator, and incidentally has yet to attend any of the senate meetings she has been invited to.

An added caveat, the last Student Government Association, at the end of its term did something most student governments do—it recognized the hard work of its members and duly awarded them in various ways; certificates, plaques, etc. Some governors were newly appointed near the end of the term, and while their contribution was valuable they had not invested as much time as the governors who had been elected a year before, so instead of getting a plaque, they got a certificate. Seems fair – no? Well oddly enough they didn't think so. Since the past government wouldn't acknowledge them as they saw fit and they were newly re-elected and in a position of power they went ahead and after much protest (there I was being vociferous again) they proceeded to vote themselves plaques on this year's budget. This was deplorably our first matter of official business. Thankfully the people in the Business Office are more fiscally

responsible and it is my understanding that the request for the money for that particular purpose has been denied.

So, just thought I'd let you know where part of your hard earned money goes...

Your Senator Elect and Governor  
for Programs and Events,  
Vhanessa Victoria

P.S. The Student Government Association meets every Wednesday at 4:30. Meetings are open to all students and I earnestly encourage them to attend so that they are able to see in person what their elected officials do.

**Dear Editors:**

Back?

I didn't even know this college had a newspaper to begin with. I sincerely hope you cover stories fairly and honestly and don't become a puppet for the faculty, administration, or just as bad, the Student Government and clubs. I'll give you the benefit of the doubt for now, but I will be watching.

Signed  
A concerned student

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# On-Campus Services

## THE EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES CENTER

By: Dayana Palacio

Looking for a job and don't know where to go? The Employment and Career Services Center at LaGuardia Community College will be more than glad to help you get started and direct your journey. And the best thing of all: it's free!

Students who visit the center seeking help in finding a job only need a valid LaGuardia ID, a resume draft, and an idea of what kind of labor they would be willing to perform. After two or three visits, which are held in order to make resume revisions, the center sends the resume to places of employment that have previously contacted the office to notify them of open positions.

"I tend to break the ice," said Patrick James, former Director of the Employment and Career Services Center, "Then I ask students questions like 'what do you want to do with this degree?' or 'where are you planning to transfer?'"

### **New Software**

The students' entire information is stored in "Place Pro," a new software program that is replacing the tedious card system. The resume is stored in this program as well. Soon, the information will be available so students can access it through the Internet.

"By having a more student-friendly system, students are going to be able to check new positions and send resumes online," said James, commenting on the new system.

However, even though the new system is reliable, students still fill out one of the cards, which are saved as a backup in case the system goes down.

"Technology is an asset, a tool," said James.

### **Restrictions**

All students can find a job through this office, as long as they have work authorization. However, some of the positions posted are restricted for international students and F1 status students. Since, the terrorist attacks of

September 11, more international students have visited the office, but they can't be helped if they don't have work authorization.

"It's something that has become a major issue. This last semester I have seen more F1 students than ever before," says James. "It hurts because I know they really want to work... I come from an immigrant family myself and I know what it is like to be on your own."

In the last academic year, 2002, an average of 1700 to 1900 students visited the office. Of those students, about 800 notified the office that they had been hired in the positions they applied for.

### **Other Services**

The Employment and Career Services Center also organizes job fairs on campus. The fairs are held twice annually, with one during the fall semester, and the other one during the spring semester. Companies such as UPS, FedEx, The New York Police Department (NYPD), and Victoria's Secret among others, do what is called "on-campus recruitment," showing students the opportunities within the companies and inviting them to apply for positions.

In addition to the job fairs, the center also provides in-class career planning workshops. "We have done it for a variety of classes," said James, who explained that these workshops are not related to the internship gateway courses, and they can be done for any class with the professor's permission.

Some of the departments on campus notify the Employment and Career Services Center of the positions available in their offices. These positions, as well as those off campus, are listed on bulletin boards all over the college. The main list is posted outside the Employment and Career Services Center (C102). Other lists can be found in front of the Student Government Office (M160), and in the Library.

These lists are frequently updated. The list in the library and the Career Services

Center is changed daily, while the one posted in front of the student government office is changed every two weeks.

Some of the departments do not notify the Employment and Career Services Center of their open positions. Instead, they advertise them in their own areas.

Yet, only a few places on campus offer positions frequently, and these positions usually last until the classes are over.

Despite the restrictions and set backs the Employment and Career Services Center continues to help many students and alumni of LaGuardia find employment. "It's a really important service," said James commenting on the service the office provides to students, "and not only in terms of placements, but also in understanding what the job market is like."

**For more information contact  
the Employment  
and Career Services Center  
located in Room  
C-102, or call  
(718) 482-5235**

### **Registration, from page 10**

Payment by credit card has become more common with students. In the fall of 2001 a total of \$1.3 million was received and by spring 2002 it rose to \$2 million, an increase of 54%.

Also, in the fall of 2001, 30% paid via web, 13% paid by phone, with the remainder making payments directly at the Bursar window. In Spring 2002, web payments increased to 46%, window payments decreased to 41%.

By giving students more options, many are able to attend school without having to agonize over making tuition payments and finding available courses, or standing in long lines.



# Bravo!

## Latino Recognition Day at LaGuardia



Members of the Mambo-Salsa Club performed a Salsa dance, exposing the rhythm of the Latino culture.



President Gail O. Mellow (left) and Queens Borough President Helen Marshall display the recognition award the college received on May 27th, 2003.

“LaGuardia has been named number one in New York City and number five in the whole country in terms of the number of [Latino] graduates that we produce.”

Dr. Gail O. Mellow



Student Governor Vhanessa Victoria, first independent Latina elected to Student Government



President Gail O. Mellow being interviewed by reporters from The Bridge.

Members of the Colombian Club and its president, Andres Escobar, giving a speech and showing a little bit of the Colombian culture.

“Even though we experience difficult times in this country, we learn to appreciate the American culture as [if] it were ours. We learn the language and believe gratefully in the American dream.”

Andres Escobar, President of the Colombian Club.





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However, many students were upset upon hearing the news of the loss of the doctor.

"Not having a doctor on campus sucks [because] there are people who don't have health insurance," said Jessica De Olmo, who is just one of the hundreds of students that will be deeply affected by the loss. De Olmo used to visit the Center for checkups and vaccinations and says, "now I don't have a person to go to."

The college is currently in the process of finding a new doctor to be on campus in order to provide services, which for some students are crucial.

"I'm a nurse in New York City, in a community college, and college is a transition for students," said Carde, "they now have to take care of themselves, and we want to be able to provide all kinds of help."

Yet, replacing the doctor has not been an easy task. "We are being adversely affected by factors that are getting out of our control," said Carde, "but we are trying to find out if there are other ways to help students."

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The band recently reunited, and although at first Moretto was not up for the idea, they still took the risk. According to Moretto, he felt frightened because the experience with *Alas* had been so good that he feared the audience, which once loved and admired them, might not like their music anymore.

The reunion took place in the Little Theater at La Guardia Community College, where he is a music professor in charge of the instrumental program. This concert brought *Alas*' music, which is a fusion of tango, rock and Jazz, back to life. Moretto had been extremely nervous, yet excited about their comeback.

"It was indescribable, I don't think I can explain to you how that felt. I told people that it felt like I was in the twilight zone."

Struck from the reaction of the audience, Moretto can't seem to grasp that people still hold a high level of admiration for them.

"To my total surprise, and this is truly something I didn't expect, the reaction of the audience today was the same as twenty-six years ago."

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things changed, it is the student's responsibility to let SGA know about their concerns.

"I hope students become more concerned about school [related problems, that way] we can change a lot [of] things," says Boudhan. Yet despite the current lack of student involvement, Nur-e-Aziz and Boudhan will continue to work with the other members of SGA on addressing the concerns of students for the remainder of their time as governors.

## Wayne Barrett Visits LaGuardia



On May 22nd, 2003 the noted journalist Wayne Barrett visited LaGuardia's campus for a conference organized by the Social Science Department.

Dr. Joanne Reitano, professor in the Social Science Department, organized the event, which was called "New York City at Crossroads."

According to Reitano, the purpose of Barrett's visit was to enable students to think about the current dilemmas New York City is facing.

"He's a very prominent, independent journalist," said Reitano, "Our students are the future of the city and he's a good model for our students."

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Exchange 5.5 such as, a spam guard, additional storage options and an e-mail forwarding feature.

The e-mail forwarding feature will give students the option of setting up their LaGuardia e-mail account to forward all the e-mail it receives in its inbox to the e-mail account of their choice. With this new feature, Saltiel says "We hope to be able to communicate with the students better by sending information to the mail [account] we know and it will go off to who cares where, but it will get to you."

The Net Mail system will one day be tied to the E-portfolio, which will give students additional storage space. The E-portfolio, in its simplest terms, will be much like an actual portfolio that artists often use, except it will be on display over the internet, so students will be able to show others their work. According to Saltiel, the E-portfolio is growing in popularity, "In a couple of years every

student will be involved in a portfolio."

The usage of the E-Portfolio will rise because courses will soon require a considerable amount of work to be submitted onto the E-portfolio, such as final projects and resumes.

Saltiel believes that the usage of E-portfolios will have great benefits for students because, "This will allow you to put together your own website, so that you can give that website [address] to a potential employer and let them look at it. You can also use that website address to give to a potential school admissions counselor, to show them the work that you've done."

The student activity fee and other resources are funding these new Internet technology upgrades. Pleased by the upcoming system upgrades, LaGuardia student Stephanie Vaca, says "I'm glad that fee is being spent on something that I can actually put to good use."

# Fashion

## IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WEAR ...



**Bill Beyrer wearing a tropical shirt and showing his New York attitude.**

*Attitude goes a long way.*



**Edison Caprilte giving his best rock star pose.**

Own a pair of denim that makes a bold statement, t-shirts in strong colors such as yellow, white, orange, and green, fishnet stockings with Nike sneakers, big handbags with micro minis; it all goes according to the way you feel when you wake up in the morning. How does one define their style? Does it match with your schedule? Do you have time to trot over to Dolce and Gabbana or have a few minutes to spare at V.I.M?

Looking your best for the day ahead shouldn't be that much of a task. If you know you have a busy day ahead of you and you have to leave early, it is a plausible idea to choose the clothes you want to wear the night before. Making sure they are well ironed is the best way to begin.

Then, set them in a place where they are at arms' reach. Be sure to choose your colors according to the weather, for fall pick out colors that are muted tones such as brown, blue, cream, gray etc... summer and spring give you many options, but opt for pastels that brighten you up a little, winter runs along the route of taupe, russet, wine, and medium blue.

Your style should go according to your mood. Feeling tired and gloomy? Rock a pair of sweats with your boyfriend's t-shirt and pair of sneakers. For all divas, stilettos and eyeliner along with your favorite peachy lip-gloss are your best bets. If you're hustling and bustling, wear comfortable casual clothes. Going out on the town or simply heading out to work? Dress yourself up as professional as you can.

The best solutions to looking your best are following your instincts and being yourself because there's no better feeling than that. Besides, no one knows your inner beauty better than yourself.

*Tamika Hulls*



**Silvia Briguete looking sporty and fun while relaxing in the M building lounge.**



**Younjoo Kim looking stylish in the courtyard.**

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