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Here at home, Clinton must look at the problems facing the very people who elected him president. If President Bill Clinton wants to be remembered as one of the best presidents of this great republic, he must listen to the people and implement economic programs that will benefit every one and lift this country out of its dismay. He must not forget his promises to the Democratic Party, especially the Afro-American voters. The President must be the President of all, but more importantly, he must not forget his strongest supporters many of them minorities and women. President Clinton must reach out to these supporters and make sure that they benefit significantly from his presidency, and not worry about what others think about such a gesture.

After twelve years of Republican rule, a closer look at the domestic problem revealed that President Clinton, after the economic summit held in Little Rock Arkansas on December 14th 1992, would need to raise billions of dollars to solve these problems. The money can come from raising taxes on an already over-taxed American work force or find other innovative ways of financing, such as reducing our military spending and using the money saved to finance the rebuilding of America's infrastructure. Although many will argue against cutting back too much for fear of weakening our defenses, I believe that these cuts can come from our military bases and personnel abroad and around our country that is no longer necessary to our defense. For example do we still need troops in Germany, Japan and a military base in Guanamano Bay Cuba?

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The 7th Annual Leadership Conference

By Gracecen Lacon

The 7th Annual LaGuardia Community College Conference took place at the Friar Tuck Inn and Conference Center in the Catskills, New York, December 11th-13th 1992. The conference was conducted by members of Student Activities and Student Government as a way to bring together potential leaders of the future. About 60 students participated. They spent two days getting to know themselves and one another in hopes of learning more about the world which they will inherit, and the divergent groups which occupy it. There were workshops, different activities for the students, and a dinner in honor of Dean William Hamilton's retirement.

Several workshops were offered to inform students on current issues which affect them. One of the workshops titled "Self Identity/ Self Concept and Its Impact on Leadership" was presented by Vincent Banrey. LaGuardia students talked about themselves, where they came from, and about their roles at La Guardia. One conversation was about respecting other cultures and racial and ethnic diversities. Discrimination was discussed on many different levels as well as the causes behind it, such as ignorance.

Students participated a great deal; many provided a different prospective on subjects discussed. On the subject of racism, most students felt, "Older people should be educated in order to raise their children to be open-minded individuals." The rest of the students felt, both children and adults should be educated. "They must respect and appreciate people of diverse color, culture, and nationality," added Erock Charlton, student who participated in conference. Another aspect of the conference focused on the treatment of women. One student mentioned, "some guys should respect women, because some guys have no respect for women." Another person mentioned, "He noticed that some guys call young ladies, whore, bitch, and boo." He went on to say, "...that young men should not call women these names, because they would not like anyone to call their mother, sister or aunt these names." Another person stated, "Women have to realize that, they have to be better because they would not like anyone to call them the same way..." He went on to say, "...that young guys should respect women, because they can have babies, and be mother to someone."

However, there were some students who felt that women should not be a determining factor as to whether a person should take on the pursuit of obtaining a college education. Consequently, society should be for any person who wants to contribute to their own development, as well as that of their country's.
research on limited missile defense systems to protect the U.S. against new long range missile threats, while pulling our troops out of these locations. Should the Clinton administration implement the latter, it would be able to accept higher taxes if it would pay for several things at the same time. First, there will be a lot of work for the many talented unemployed military personnel. From this group, we will have many people who are trained in the field of engineering, and also at the same time, ease the high unemployment rate among our inner city population.

As far as raising taxes, the Clinton administration should be very cautious about doing so. Although many Americans have favored raising taxes if they felt it would benefit them directly, many others feel that they are already taxed severely and would rather not pay more taxes. Keeping this in mind I believe that many Americans will gladly accept higher taxes if it would pay for a national health care system benefiting us all and financing college payments by a government voucher that would make going to college affordable to everyone. The country right now needs a national health care system because the spiraling cost of medical treatment and medicine is creating havoc on this nation’s elderly and the chronically ill, such as people with the AIDS virus. The voucher system for college suggested by President Clinton during his campaign is a very good idea and would make going to college affordable to everyone. The country right now needs a national health care system because the spiraling cost of medical treatment and medicine is creating havoc on this nation’s elderly and the chronically ill, such as people with the AIDS virus. The voucher system for college suggested by President Clinton during his campaign is a very good idea and should be acted upon by the Congress. This could be a deciding factor in how well we are able to compete economically with Germany and Japan in the 20th century. With college affordable to every American, we will develop a well educated work force that can compete with anyone. This, with other changes in our welfare system, will make many inner city mothers get off welfare and become more productive citizens and tax payers rather than being a constant burden to our society.

On foreign affairs President Clinton has limited experience and would have to depend heavily on his Secretary of State, National Security advisor, and Secretary of Defense. As commander-in-chief, he comes into office with our armed forces in Somalia leading a United Nation’s peace keeping force sent there by his predecessor, George Bush. What President Clinton must bear in mind is that the American public most recently has treated Democratic presidents differently when our forces are killed in battle and we lose more men and planes and the System captured Lt. Goodman, who eventually was released after a visit by the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Then there were Grenada, El Salvador, Panama and Iraq, all foreign ventures of the last two Republican Presidents, and many Americans feel the Republican Presidents made us look strong to the rest of the world.

Since the breaking up of the Soviet Union, America does not face any major threat of the spreading of Communism. If in the days of the Cold-war era. But in areas such as Angola, Cambodia and South Africa, old enemies are still solving their problems through the barrel of a gun, although great effort has been made by the United Nations, the United States and Russia to negotiate a peaceful ending to the various disputes. However in Angola the ruling party MPLA clearly won elections but the opposition and the U.S. supported UNITA rejected the results plunging the country into a bitter civil war. Then there is China, Vietnam and East Timor in Asia, Yugoslavia in Europe, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Republics. As President, Bill Clinton will have to tread carefully when it comes to dealing with these hot spots all over the world, and should let the United Nations and other regional powers assume their full share of responsibility, both military and financial.

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spect themselves in order for them to get respect in return ... If a woman was sleeping around with Tom, Dick, and Harry, it is assumed that she is a whores and you can not compare her to someone’s mother or sister, because they are completely different people.”

The second workshop was “Aids, Safe Sex and You” presented by Geoffrey Moore. Mr. Moore had Dianne Henry lead the beginning of this workshop. She first let everyone introduce themselves and get to know each other on a first name basis. Mr. Moore had brought with him a big have-a-sack bag three quarters filled with condoms. He had Dianne Henry empty the bag of condoms onto the floor and the students rushed to pick them up. After students had picked up the condoms, Mr. Moore asked this question, “For those who rushed to pick up the condoms, what are you going to do with them.” One student said he was going to use them and give some to his friends. Another student mentioned, “I want to practice safe sex.” Mr. Moore then asked another question, “Is there anyone in this room who still has a reason or reasons why they should not use condoms.” One person said, “You have to stop to put on the condom and by the time you do put it on, the girl don’t (sic) want to have sex any more.” Mr. Moore replied, “Well, if that girl doesn’t want to have sex anymore you didn’t have it from the beginning.” He then went on to give students several reasons why they should use condoms in order to protect themselves from different diseases, the different kinds of diseases that can be transmitted through oral sex and other sexual activities. This workshop was great, and by the looks on the faces of students it seemed that they would practice safe sex. They left the room with no excuse for not using condoms.

On Saturday evening the students had a dinner in honor of William L. Hamilton’s retirement. At the dinner, the students put on a fashion and talent show in his honor. This event was remarkable. There were speeches of appreciation by Vincent Banrey, Director of Student Activities, Beverly Browne (Malaika) Vice-President of Student Government, and Edwin Pena, Students Activities Committee, representative of the Dominican Club for Dean Hamilton’s hard work. They told of what a good man Dean Hamilton was to students of LaGuardia, how he would help them with any problems that they may have. If there was anything he could do to help, he will do it.

Miss Browne mentions, “that something be named in our college in remembrance of Dean Hamilton. The old library area should be named ‘Dean Hamilton Student Center.” Browne gave a plaque to Dean Hamilton on behalf of Student Activities, Student Government, and the Students of LaGuardia Community College. The words on the plaque read, “Award of excellence presented to William L. Hamilton. For outstanding service and dedication as Dean of Students Services - LaGuardia Community College, December 12th 1992. 7th Annual Leadership Conference. From the Student Activities Department and Student Government.” Cecilia Pendergast, from the women’s Advocacy Center stated that, “We should make a motion for Dean Hamilton’s speech tonight to be placed on the wall outside the old library, so that other students may get to know him. This is to show the students of LaGuardia Community College who Dean Hamilton was, and whom we are talking about.”

After all the presentations, Dean Hamilton had a spoke to the students. “Over the years at LaGuardia, I’ve come to be prepared for LaGuardia students. His speech was based on what he had learned from the students of LaGuardia, what leadership is, how it is created, and what Leadership requires?”

Dean Hamilton was looking forward to this dinner. I must say that he and his wife danced and had a great time with the students. The students showed them how to do today’s dances and the rest, and for lepers, they did pretty well.

Dean Hamilton had began at LaGuardia Community College twenty-one years ago. He first worked in the Social Science Department for five years, before becoming the Dean of Students. He worked sixteen years as Dean and the students came to love and respect him. He was a role model to many students and especially to Vincent Banrey.
A MESSAGE FROM THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

By Dr. Ruby L. Hobbs

I am delighted to join the staff and administration at LaGuardia Community College. Assuming the role of Acting Dean of Students, I intend to be a loyal advocate in support of all students at this college.

Having worked in many educational positions, serving diverse cultures, I believe that I am qualified and sensitized to address the needs and cultural differences which are prominent at LaGuardia Community College.

My professional experience and background include more than twenty years of service in the field of education. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science from Mississippi Valley State University in 1973; a Masters in Guidance and Counseling from Delta State University in 1979; and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Mississippi in 1984. I began my education career in 1973, teaching social science in the Louisville, Kentucky public high school system. Later, I spent two years teaching at the Elementary and Secondary levels in the Delta area of Mississippi.

In 1975, I joined the United States Army. My experience in the military has paralleled and been related to education and training for over an eighteen year span. Currently, I am a member of the 119th USARP School, in Ft. Bragg, New York, teaching Command and General Staff College.

In 1977, I worked for Oxford Community College, currently named as Miami Dade Community College in Clearwater, Mississippi. Later in 1980, I joined the faculty and staff at the University of Mississippi, in Oxford, Mississippi as a counselor and instructor. I was later promoted to Director and Assistant Professor of Higher Education and Administration in the graduate school of education. I served in this position for three years. In 1986, I made a career change and accepted employment at Shelby State Community College in Memphis, Tennessee, as Director of the Remedial and Developmental Studies Program. I served in this position for three years until 1989. I was subsequently promoted to Assistant Dean of Academic and Developmental Sciences and served in this position for three years prior to joining LaGuardia in 1992.

Because students are very important to me, as Acting Dean of Students, I plan to be in direct communication on a regular basis with the various student government organizations. Efforts to connect and communicate with students will be widespread and frequent via the Dean of Students Office.

The 1992-93 academic year holds much promise for students and student life at LaGuardia Community College. It is my fervent hope and expectation that this year will be a very special year for students at LaGuardia. I can assure you that the Office of the Dean of Students will be open and supportive of student interests and needs at all times. I look forward to getting to know each student and the various student organizations.

A SPECIAL
SHOUT-OUT

by Deniseo Prat

It has been my good fortune to come to LaGuardia Community College and meet some really beautiful people. So far, the teachers I've had have been an inspiration to me and I want to give thanks. A very good friend of mine who is also a great teacher once said to me that, "Not one person who is successful did so without the encouragement and support of someone in their life." This is true of all my years of academic endeavors.

I give sincerest thanks and my overwhelming appreciation to:

Ms. Lois Kusser of the Humanities Department who saw something in me and nominated me for the Vassar Summer E.T. Program.

Mr. Franz Huggins of the Mathematical Department who maintained that I could do the work.

Prof. Bette Cohen of the N.A.S. Department whose love for science transferred to me and who continues to counsel me even though I'm no longer her student.

Dr. Mary Lee Ackerman of the N.A.S. Department who never let me feel insecure in lab and wrote me a reference that made me wonder to whom she was referring.

Dr. Carol Haspel of the N.A.S. Department, the first person I went to and said, "I want to go to med school." She encouraged me to do so and she is an inspiration to me.

Mr. John Williams, Paul Suchow, and Dr. Susan Mom of the Humanities Department...who encouraged my artistic side through song and dance.

Dr. David Styler of the English Department, who believed in all his heart that I would win that essay contest. Thanks, buddy!

Prof. Mohammad Fakhari of the Social Science Department taught me the meaning of civic illiteracy and made this past presidential election my first.

Prof. John Henry Davis of the Humanities Department who did his best to recapture the beauty of Dream, Myth, and Drama.

Dr. Lawrence Rushing of the Social Science Department, the best mentor any aspiring student can have: one who has gone through the educational system and achieved and now tries to help others to do the same.

And to Dr. Clara Wu of the N.A.S. Department, thanks for lunch and the book.

Keep up the good work guys, the message got through to this student. May all of you, as well as your colleagues, continue to Thanks, buddy!

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Al Sharpton's Visit to LaGuardia

By Joseph N. Smith

On November 11th 1992, students at LaGuardia College had the opportunity to listen to the Rev. Al Sharpton speak. I assume that most of the students had in one way or another heard of him and probably seen him in person or on television. But here at LaGuardia’s main theater, the Rev. Al Sharpton had come to speak to us directly.

Over the years Al Sharpton has gained the reputation as a very controversial civil rights activist. The press in particular, often portray him as a loud mouth buffoon who would support any cause as long it would get him in their newspaper or on television. This is the same man who got 15% of the vote, 170,000 total, in his race for the U.S. Senate. The press and political pundits predicted that he would garner only 3% of the vote which is a mere 15,000 votes. The press never hesitates to point out that he was involved in the Tawana Brawley case, as though to make a point that he was wrong to support her, and he should apologize to America for doing so. Rev. Al Sharpton has proven over the years that he is a man of integrity. Many of the families that he has supported over the years has never questioned his support. Al Sharpton, has for a very long time been active in the Black community, from closing down crack houses, to the lynching of Michael Griffith in Howard Beach, to the gruesome killing of Josef Hawkins in Bensonhurst, to the accidental death of Gavin Cato and the maiming of his sister in Crown Heights, that resulted in the killing of Yakel Rosebaum by an irate mob of Black individuals. Al Sharpton was always there and spoke out in no uncertain terms against these wrongs. The truth is, Al Sharpton has dared to speak out on issues that affect the Black community when many “so-called” leaders waffle or engage in “the paralysis of analyses.”

The essence of his speech at LaGuardia was about the young people of today compared to those of yesterday, what they stand for and how history will judge their actions of today. Sharpton said that students should get more involved with what is going on around them, and lend their support to those in their community who are less fortunate than they are. He continued to say many of the opportunities that exist today for African-Americans and other people of color, came about as a result of protest, marches and demonstration by students on college campuses across America. He was critical of those young people who choose style over substance and take a nonchalant approach towards life in general. He said no African-American should wear a Malcolm X t-shirt or cap if they do not believe in what Malcolm stood for, because “one of the most despicable sight in the world is an Uncle Tom in a kente cloth.” The students of today he said, will be remembered for their contribution to society, and not for their style, the kind of car they drove, or what kind of house they lived in. “When you die all of you, as well as your colleagues, will be remembered for what you contribute to society, and not for your “academic masturbation.”

Young people in those communities all across America owe it to them selves and to those African-Americans who lived and died for freedom and equality in this great country to get a college education, assume their responsibility as citizens and vote, and take control of the economy in their community from those who now control it. He said for an African-American to talk about the history of the civil rights movement, be able to recite the history of the pyramids and talk of the great African city Tombouctou, but would not actively participate in a march or take some other form of action against an injustice to his people, would be engaging in “academic masturbation.”

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And to Dr. Clara Wu of the N.A.S. Department, thanks for lunch and the book. Keep up the good work guys, the message got through to this student. May all of you, as well as your colleagues, continue to get through to others.
In the halls. These are the students who are still young and are unaware of the reality and pitfalls of the world outside of the comforts of their parents home and LaGuardia Community College. Life is tough where we all come from and as minority and working class people, a whole lot of opportunities and advantages in life are not slated for us. We have to become aware of our roles in society, take action, and strive for more. It takes just one teacher, a mentor, to pull us aside and give us all the confidence and assurance we need in order to be more attentive and interested in what's going on. But where are these professors? Where are the mentors? There are approximately _ students and ___ professors in LaGuardia. The student/faculty ratio is ___ . While there are some definite, positive mentors and role models teaching us, there are still many who are not. Face reality people, we are all caught in the system and not many of us are expected to survive it. My fellow classmates, we are all in danger of succumbing to the system if we do not fight for our rights as human beings capable of learning and achieving. We must hold those teachers who are frustrated, too aggrivated, too ambivalent, too arrogant, too tired, and too unconcerned for our plight accountable. These men and women have their degrees, we must demand that they give us our chance to earn ours. Is it not in their contract?

A teacher is only going to give as good as s/he gets. That means, in order for them to give us 100% in the teaching department, we, in turn, must be willing to match that with 100% in the learning department. Know your rights. If you are a student with career goals and educational plans and you are having a problem in your classroom with the professor or the professor's unsatisfactory methods, do not be afraid to seek counsel with that professor. It is always wise to make an appointment with that professor and discuss whatever communication problem there may be.

If you are a student, such as myself, who plans to transfer into a four-year college and university, it is absolutely to your advantage to clear up any problematic areas at this level of the community college. It makes no sense whatsoever to be at LaGuardia for several years and still not understand electron configurations or the Heimlich maneuver. We are not herds of dark colored cattle to be branded and shuffled from field to field without even the slightest regard or concern. The days of Xavier McDaniel are gone. No longer will students go through the university system unchecked with third grade reading levels or poor writing skills. But this can only become a reality if we as concerned students make it so.

The best inspiration for minority and working class people in school comes from the teacher in the classroom. As professors, become positive role models and help us to achieve. Please do not hinder us; society already has that job. As students we must first realize our potential to succeed even if you have not been told. Look within yourselves and after all the club parties and pajama jams, ask yourselves this question: "Where do I see myself in ten or twenty years?" It starts here people; go for yours, 'cause I'm going for mine.

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Society today has many problems to deal with, such as, rape, child abuse, the controversy over a woman's choice, AIDS, etc. Out of all of these problems there is "Sexual Harassment". Sexual harassment is something people push off to the side and don't pay any attention to. People don't think that sexual advances is harassment but it is. Both women and men only do something when they are sexually assaulted.

The Center For Women's Advocacy at LaGuardia Community College has dealt with people who have been sexually harassed. Our Faculty Advisor, Janet Cyril, is the Chairperson on the Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault.

What is Sexual Harassment?

Sexual Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation under section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and is defined as "Unwelcomed sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature". Such behavior is considered sexual harassment when
(a) submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment,
(b) submission to such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for decisions affecting that individual or,
(c) such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual's performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. The law applies to any place (on campus, internship, etc.).

How can sexual harassment be identified?

Sexual harassment takes many forms from constant joking to physical assault. It may involve threats that you will fail in class or that you will lose your job. It may make your study or work area uncomfortable through continued sexual comments, suggestions, or pressures. If you think you are being treated differently because of your sex or if someone is making you feel uncomfortable by making repeated sexual passes, it is possible that you are being sexually harassed. Such behavior is ILLEGAL!

Where does one go for assistance?

At LaGuardia Community College we have specially trained volunteers that are available to meet with you to discuss your questions or concerns regarding sexual harassment. These volunteers constitute the college's Sexual Harassment Support Network, which is also designed to serve as a resource to the college community for information regarding sexual harassment. If you think that you are being sexually harassed please contact:

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Homosexuals in the military
Agree or disagree?

My purpose is to persuade the students that homosexuals should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

After speaking to an individual at LaGuardia College, who wishes to remain anonymous, and who is currently on active duty in the Marine Corps, I was given an inside look into his personal experience. He was born on January 4, 1973, became a boy scout at the age of 7, and a cadet at 14. He worked hard while in school, he exercised daily to achieve his goals. Being very athletic, The Marine Corps was pleased that he wanted to join at the age of 18. He graduated from high school and immediately took the A.S.V.A.B. test and passed. He took his physical and was found to be completely healthy, however, he was still not allowed into the Marine Corps. Now you might ask why? Well, the person openly admitted to a doctor that he was a homosexual. All of this individual's dreams, as well as his rights, were taken away from him by our government. What kind of government do we live in? Is this discrimination or is this a homophobic response?

You may say it is a democracy and I might say it is a democracy, but is what we live in a democracy in fact?

The American Heritage Dictionary says that a democracy is a government run by the people that live under it, and that the common people are the primary source of political power. Now if this is true, why is it that citizens of this nation are not allowed to serve in the military openly because of their sexual preference? And why are they not allowed to receive recognition?

At this moment, I would like to address you the reasons why homosexuals should be allowed in the military. I'm addressing this to the public because I feel strongly that it is unethical to take away someone's rights as an American citizen to serve in the military. I want you to understand that a person should not be deprived of his or her rights because of their personal preferences and that the 48 year old ban against homosexuals in the military should be terminated.

Bill Clinton, a man who was chosen and voted for by most of you in this school and most voters of the United States to become our President, has made us a promise. He promised that once in office, he's going to lift this ban that prevents homosexuals from serving their own country. Many people think that President-Elect Bill Clinton will not come through on this promise, evidently many people are worried that he will.

But let's stop and think for one moment. No one actually knows how many homosexuals would like to serve in our military, and how many have served already. There might be hundreds, if not thousands. If allowed to join our military, it should be considered as a hundred or a thousand more people defending our nation, defending you and me, making sure we, the people, never lose our rights as citizens and as human beings. Human beings are not all alike. We have different likes as well as dislikes. This should not stand in the way of anyone's qualifications to perform specific physical or mental tasks.

What matters is that the person is an able-bodied citizen. This area of questioning goes back to 1948 when Harry Truman finally integrated the armed services for the first time. Many people felt that this would negatively affect the armed service. As in most wars many did die but not for this reason. Integrated units proved their capability of accomplishing their tasks, especially in the Korean conflict. In later years the armed forces progressively became integrated. People continued to prove that they were as able to perform the same tasks as the whites at all levels of command. Now it's an everyday thing to see a black person join the military. Currently the military is headed by General Colin Powell an African-American. I believe the same thing will happen with homosexuals, once given a chance. Homosexuals will prove their capability regardless of their sexual preference.

According to the Daily News on Friday December 11, 1992, Gregory Herek, a research psychologist at the University of California, who drafted part of the APA recommendation, said, "Gays are an incredibly diverse group; some are very conservative, flamboyant, and promiscuous, some are not."

Right now I'm being optimistic that gays will enter into the services, but that the military would, at the same time, rigorously enforce existing rules against sexual harassment, favoritism, improper conduct and public displays of affection. The major consideration in going to the military is keeping personal preferences to yourself and the military won't ask any questions. Act like a fool-whether gay or straight-and you're out.

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CELLULAR PHONES AND CANCER???

By Neetu Rajpal

A New York Times article Feb 2nd 1993

"Cellular Phone Care Discounted" by Natalie Angier.

That is the newest and the latest "watch out" issued by the scientific community. It all started when David Reynard of St. Petersburg, Fla. discussed his strange law suit on "Larry King Live" last month. David attributes his wife's mortal brain tumor to the cellular phone she so often used.

Three other cases of tumors arising in the part of brain closest to the telephone antennas have been reported since then. All these people admit using their cellular phones for hours every day.

Dr. David Perlmuter, a neurologist in Naples, Fla. cared for two of the victims. He issued a note of caution, saying "I'm not blaming their brain tumors on cellular phones. I'm saying there's a possible danger here, and we need to open our eyes and demand proof of safety."

It is widely known fact that microwave radiation at very high frequencies hampers cell growth mechanism, which, in turn, could result in formation of a tumor. Cellular phones work on very low frequencies which were considered too feeble to cause damage.

Dr. Elizabeth Jacobson, acting director for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the Federal Food and Drug Administration, said the agency has not encountered any dredging fact about cellular phones but at the same time cautioned, saying "We can't give a blanket assertion the phones are safe."

Very few studies have been conducted concerning this topic, and those that have been generated astonishingly controversial results. Experiments conducted by Dr. W. Ross Adey of the J.L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Loma Linda Calif. found no abnormalities in the human cells exposed to microwaves matching cellular phone frequency. An equally contrary experiment was performed by Dr. Stephens F. Clearly, a physiologist and biophysics professor at the Medical college of Virginia. His findings show evidence of a 30 percent increase in the growth rate of samples of human brain tumor cells and normal blood cells exposed to only two hours of radio waves as opposed to unexposed samples.

So, what do these contradictory findings suggest? Well, another budding controversy, another warning and another scientific advancement (! !) to doubt.

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DOES THIS FILM REALLY REPRESENT THE LIFE OF BOB MARLEY?

By H.T. Fuller

"Time Will Tell" presents a unique insight into Bob Marley, the musician, while showing how his personal and spiritual stance has a continuing power and relevance, a quote from the film and television production for Island Visual Arts and Polygram Video International "Time Will Tell", directed by Declan Lowney and produced by Rocky Oldham.

Testifying to its credibility, the introductory quote does portray the correct stance of this film production, which presents an excellent array of Bob Marley's concert performances and recorded songs, captured from various parts of the world, including New Zealand, Germany, the United States, Britain and its homeland—Jamaica.

To sat that "Time Will Tell" is a ninety-nine-minute cinematic biography which celebrates the life of Bob Marley, "in its entirety, is misleading. The film runs for approximately ninety minutes, but the allegation that this production celebrates Bob's "life" is false. In fact, the life of Bob Marley metamorphizes from his having a rigorous childhood in the politically notorious ghetto setting of Trench Town/Kingston—Jamaica, to pursuing his musical interest by way of performances at local talent and award shows and singing on "Sound Systems." He migrated to the U.S., worked at various job settings (off the books), while gaining musical popularity. He experienced musical exploits and disappointments before rising to stardom. He ultimately developed brain cancer which led to his death! These critiques were flashy scenes from Jamaica, like the films dedicated to the life and work of various artists, with musical performances and recorded songs.

Therefore, anyone who truly wants to know more about, and to explore the life and philosophies of Bob Marley, I recommend Timothy White's publication "CATCH A FIRE: THE LIFE OF BOB MARLEY," because "Time Will Tell," in its attempt to portray Bob Marley's life failed to do so.

Patrick Stewart:
How He Landed The Center Seat On STAR TREK: TNG

Tony Severino

How did Patrick Stewart get to be Captain of the U.S.S. Enterprise? As Bob Justman tells it, only weeks into the show's development Justman and his wife attended a dramatic reading at UCLA in which Patrick Stewart took part. Inspired by the Englishman's performance Justman suddenly turned to his wife and said, "I think we have just found our captain!" Later he would say, "I've never thought of him before, but once I saw him, that was the captain in my mind. I just couldn't shake it. I've never been so sure of anything as I was with that." Still Gene Roddenberry had his heart set on a French actor to play Picard, and Bob Justman knew that Justman set up a meeting with Eddie Milks, Gene Roddenberry and the "newly discovered" actor Patrick Stewart. This meeting was Justman's way of urging that Stewart be included in the cast somehow. He even wrote a memo that Patrick be casted in...
POEMS...POEMS...POEMS...

ALONE & HURT

BEING ALONE IN THE WORLD
WITH NO ONE TO COMFORT YOU
LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL ONE
WHO THINKS YOU’RE SPECIAL TOO

YOUR LOVE HAS BEEN LOST,
FOUND, AND LOST AGAIN
YOU SAY TO YOURSELF
IF ONLY I HAD A FRIEND

WITH SPARKLING EYES LIKE THE STARS
IN THE SKY
AND BEAUTY THAT CANNOT BE DEFINED
HAIR LONG AND SMOOTH AS SILK
PUT TO DEATH IF LOOKS COULD KILL

I’M STILL SEARCHING THIS LONELY EARTH
HOPING THAT FINDING THIS BEAUTY
WILL TAKE AWAY MY HURT

By Tod Williams

BLACK

Why is being black so bad
Always being put down made to look like a clown
Doesn’t make me happy or proud
Watching brothers and sisters die everyday
While the white man says everything’s going to be okay
Okay for them maybe while all my people die around me
Selling there bodies and souls to feed there child
Robbing, killing, stealing, wheeling, and dealing
Disrespecting there mother, father, sister and brother
A disgrace to there race while the white man sit back
With a smile on his face
Why I ask myself is being black so bad
Have to work ten times as hard to be equal to the white man
Can’t walk in a store without being watched
While I always being harassed by the cops
Not allowed to join a country club
While most communities don’t even want us
Open season on us like we are possum and deer
And the hunter gets away because the law don’t care
If being black means going through this
I would rather die and join my ancestors.

By Tod Williams

ANGER

ANGER MAKES YOU DO THINGS
AGAINST YOUR WILL
LIE, CHEAT, ABUSE
AND EVEN KILL

HATRED RUNS THROUGH YOUR
MIND
AND LOVE YOU’LL NEVER FIND
FEAR IS WHAT YOU’LL NEVER FEEL
DENIAL ACTS LIKE A WOOL

ON AND ON THIS SENARIAL GOES
WHERE IT STOPS NO ONE KNOWS

By Tod Williams

THE CHILD

THE CHILD
CRIVING AT NIGHT, LIFE SEEMS SO HOPELESS I ASK MYSELF WHY
WHY LIE AND SAY EVERYTHING’S OKAY, MY LIFE IS A LIE
I DO NOTHING BUT CRY, THE TRUTH IS I LIE IN DARKNESS
WITHOUT LIGHT STILL I FIGHT, SO ONE DAY I MIGHT OVERCOME
THIS DARKNESS AND REACH THE LIGHT

By Christopher Miller

BE LIKE THE CHILD!

THEY ASK FOR NOTHING, YET THEY GIVE IN
ABUNDANCE
BE LIKE THE CHILD!
SHOW THEM LOVE AND THEY BLOSSOM
LIKE A FLOWER
BE LIKE THE CHILD!
NOTHING CAN QUENCH THEIR DESIRE TO
ASK WHY
BE LIKE THE CHILD!
WHO WILL NOT STEP ON AN ANT ON THE
GROUND

By Christopher Miller
EYE OF THE HURRICANE

by Navigators

You're probably wondering why anyone would write an article on this topic in a college newspaper. Very simple, to get your attention. Now that I have it, the challenge is to keep it.

Everyone has seen on television, heard on the radio and read in the newspaper the devastating effects of hurricane "Andrew." But no one can really feel the loss more than those people in Florida who experienced it.

Death, destruction and millions of dollars lost by both people and businesses were everywhere. As you saw in the media, people's emotions were overwhelming: their lives and dreams were shattered. Many left to relocate. So disgusted and in shock, that they didn't care to attend to their ruined homes and businesses.

Many non-profit organizations began campaigning on radio and television for relief support, some of which came from overseas. The Army National Guard was dispatched to set up tents and dining facilities for the homeless. The list could go on and on, but I think one would write an article on this topic in a magazine commonly known as the "Eye." Isn't it interesting or even mysterious that a hurricane, in the middle, there co-exists peace, a "tranquility" in the middle of a volatile madness?

In a similar way life in general, can be like a hurricane tossing us here and there, to and fro. We seem to be caught up in the whirlwinds of destruction and don't know how to get out of it. We experience all the symptoms of the hurricane victims' losses whether emotional, physical, economic and most important spiritual.

In our personal lives, we think we have a sense of direction but in reality, we are indeed looking for that eye in the hurricane and can't find it. It seems the harder we try, the more desperate we become.

In the process of trying to resolve the turbulence of the hurricane in life situations, we talk, as we should, to our friends, family members, and in extreme cases, professional counselors but to no avail. They can help identify the problem but they can't give us the effective remedy we are all looking for.

After reading thus far, you are wondering is there any remedy at all, right? Just keep on reading. I would like to share some verses from the Bible. I know some of us may not agree, and that's okay. I am not asking you to agree, but rather get and understanding of how we can resolve both the catastrophic and devastating turbulences in life. That isn't too hard to believe, is it? Because the way I look at it, there are many voices speaking to us and influencing us to make decisions. So why not listen to this voice? I'm glad you are reading on.

Let's look at three verses in Proverbs. Starting with Proverbs chapter twenty-nine verse one, "A wise man fears the Lord, meaning respect Him for who He is, and stay away from doing evil, your life won't be in turmoil like the fool who is hot headed and careless, not caring who he hurts. Third, a person who is concerned about life in general listens very carefully and weighs the counseling of friends and family member (s). That person doesn't readily jump feet first but rather thinks thoroughly through the situation.

In conclusion, I would like to share three verses of a phenomena similar to the effects of the hurricane and how it was stopped. Hopefully, this will challenge your thinking.

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A Look At The Year In Music
By Sean Felder

In a year that will go down as one of the more critical years in the history of this nation, many things happened in the world at music. From rap's fury to the Seattle Grunge sound, the music scene sparked a controversial brew that will not go unforgotten for many years to come. Many feel because it was a Presidential election year many things were intensified. But others will say that this was only the beginning.

Music, this year, was revolutionized by many groups. Groups such as Arrested Development whose self-proclaimed "Life Music" ignited individuals to feel proud of their heritage and to inspire them to make a difference in their future.

En Vogue, perhaps the quintessential female group of our time told us, "Ice-T" was embroiled in a feud with law enforcement officials over the "Cop Killer" song on his heavy metal band "Body Count"'s album. After threats to Time Warner (Ice-T's record label) and to Ice-T himself, he withdrew the song from the album.

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The year's biggest tour was not the Genesis stadium tour, not the Guns and Roses-Metallica tour, but it was U2's Zoo TV tour, which grossed mega-millions. For U2, 1992, will be remembered as the year the band's "rock star" as opposed to "activists" and Bono (the lead singer), with the bug-eyed sunglasses and platinum colored cowboy outfits, loved every bit of it. This year's most overrated album: Anything by Guns and Roses. Now I'm not going to go into any overwrought extensive diatribe about why I dislike G N R but it's safe to say that whenever they're on MTV, you know where my remote control is. This year's most underrated album: "In The Storm" by El Debarge. When I went to purchase this album, I was told by an acquaintance of mine who worked at a record store that I was crazy for buying it. That the only song worth listening to was the remake of Marvin Gaye's song,"After The Dance" and it was on the Four Play Album (A jazz super-group with Bob James, Lee Ritenour, Nathan East and Harvey Mason) which according to her, was a better album. So I bought the Four Play album and it was quite good. But I'd always been a fan of El Debarge's vocal style and songwriting since the days of his family group "Debarge." So I bought "In The Storm" and I was delighted I did.

The album's full of classic R & B balladry and introspective interludes. It's like "What's Going On" for the 90's. I fully recommend you buy it and I recommend that acquaintance of mine never go into the music business.

So there you have it, just a small glance back over the year in music. Let's hope 1993 can generate as much passion and controversy any writer would love to write about.

Malcolm X
By Sean Felder

This holiday season at the movies has proved to be the biggest and the brightest in recent memory. With something for everyone, one cannot go wrong in spending yes dough this year. Let's take a look at some of the blockbuster film productions on tap this holiday season.

Drama: The long-awaited screen adaptation of Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" has hit the theaters and has raked in millions in less than 4 months, despite its length (3hrs and 21 mins.). Its drawn critical acclaim and rave reviews from its vast audiences both black and white. It stars Denzel Washington and Angela Bassett.

"A Few Good Men", starring Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, and Demi Moore is a tense, courtroom drama directed by Rob Reiner which delves into the death of a Marine in basic training.

"The Bodyguard" is a love story starring Kevin Costner and superstar-singer Whitney Houston. The movie features the first-time acting talents of Ms. Houston and songwriting since the days of his family group "Debarge."

Comedy: Mack is back! Twelve-year old, million-dollar wonderboy, Macaulay Culkin returns in "Home Alone 2: Lost In New York." This sequel answers the question that has to be on every moviegoer's mind, "How can they leave him again?" Well, I don't know either but it promises to entertain.

Like a boomerang, Eddie Murphy returns to the screen as-guess what-a con man running for United States Congress of all things in "The Distinguished Gentleman." From the reviews Edide had them laughing in the aisles as he attempts to regain his decade-long status as box-office champ.
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"I think that the United States intervention in Somalia is, for the first time in U.S. history, a commendable gesture. America should, however, try to stop playing the "big hero" and they should concentrate on the real issue of poverty in Africa, homelessness in America, and should try to help aspiring immigrants right here in the states." Rawlins Beharry-student

"I think if the United States wanted too late to do something when this first happened. 'Why didn't the United States do something?' (I feel that it was about time they did something." Sonia Meade-student

"I think the United States had in the past made some apparent changes since they've been there. I see it as a humanitarian effort, also as a world wide effort. I would rather see more of those efforts made, as opposed to engaging in international wars, such as that of the Gulf."

Moral Sajelian-Student Government

"Basically, I feel this intervention is really not supposed to be only the United States - it's a moral issue. Personally, I think that with the war in Croatia, it's a moral issue, that the United States should be involved in, and it's inhumane to let these people starve like that... It saddens me to always see the rest of the world just looking up to just one country... It's all our moral responsibility... But as human beings that's our obligation, I think we all should be involved in that... It's horrible... children and women dying... In a lot of other countries, not just Somalia, we seem to be focusing on Somalia now!"

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"You know, I never thought that I'd live long enough to not only welcome American intervention (invasion) in a so-called third world country, particularly an African one, but also to applaud it almost totally. Since World War II, this country has either invaded or shown military brute force on various and specious pretexts in Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Panama, Grenada and as a co-aggressor with the British against the Malvinas (Falklands), all third world countries. Our presence in Somalia is, for the first time, mostly humanitarian on a short-term but certainly not altruistic ultimately.

Somebody had to confront and perhaps, destroy those vicious thugs with their American and Russian furnished weaponry terrorizing and preventing a starving population from getting food. Somalia is near African nations that have large, well-armed military forces with Ethiopia and Kenya located contiguous, but seemed to have done very little or nothing to end the outrageousness. If the genocidal actions of white South Africa against Black people had produced thousands of skin and bone, dying and dead victims, there would be a big outcry and demonstrations by Black leaders, organizations, and media for intervention by and to any means necessary. Black fomented atrocities, no matter where, whom against whom, should be just as forcefully countered and the ruthless perpetuities severely punished.

Nevertheless, I am not sure when I see American troop teaching Somali children a stupid, contra-cultural and useless song such as "Jingle Bells". Give me a break! It would be more honorable and natural for the notoriously monolingual "guests" to be learning native songs, if only to prove that they respect the people and are not there to "Americanize" them as usual. I hope that the troops quickly stabilize the situation there without increasing the Somalian casualties or incurring many among the foreign forces unnecessarily, and are out of there and into the parallel European genocidal savagery (called "Ethnic cleansing") in what was to be Yugoslavia by the time this is printed - but I'm not betting on it.

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