Tuition Increase is a Reality

By Jonathan Lee

As of the Spring quarter of 1991, the tuition and fees for LaGuardia college students will be increased. Students residing in the city or state of New York will now pay $362.50 a quarter as full time students, $60.00 for part time students, and $25.00 for senior citizens. Out of state and International students will pay $596.25 for full time study and $76.00 for part time. All payments have to be made when students register for classes and students should make arrangements for loans, grants and other forms of assistance with the Financial Aid office before registration.

Adam Mayer, Vice President of Student Government, believes tuition will increase again by the fall quarter. He said, "Tuition may increase by another $500 by the fall quarter in 1991, because the budget has to be balanced and it is on the back of CUNY students."

"The Chancellor is trying to end open admissions by making it more balanced and it is on the back of CUNY students," he added.

He stressed that this increase in tuition is not the only problem students and faculty will have to face.

Mr. Mayer said, "There will be a cut back even further, and there will be overcrowding in classes."

"A number of classes such as English composition, algebra, and basic skills are overcrowded because they are in high demand, and not enough sections are offered," he said.

As a result, Student Government has decided to take action on their own.

"We are planning massive protests in the streets near City Hall, and we encourage the faculty, students, and administration to support us," said Mayer. On March 14th, CUNY will be rallying against the tuition increase.

The feelings of the student population about the tuition increase are mixed.

For example, one student said, "I received a letter in the mail indicating that TAP would no longer help finance my education, but Pell now does."

While another felt that with Pell and TAP, it doesn’t affect her right now.

"But," this student added, "when I transfer, I will have to get a job that pays for my tuition."

Students line up for aid. (Photo: Alejandro Videla)

A New Director of Recreation Marks a New Era at the Gym

By Donald McDermott

Although the sign on MB31 of LaGuardia’s main building may read ‘recreation’, for its director Pamela Dinkins, things are far from fun and games.

Dinkins, who has an undergraduate degree in Physical Education from Florida University and a Masters from New York University as a deafness rehabilitation specialist, spent five years in La Guardia’s program for the deaf before entering the recreation department. Although now the head of the department, Dinkins still works regularly with disabled students and has several staff members who are deaf.

In the year that Dinkins has been with the recreation department there have been many changes. The staff has been upgraded and there have been a number of students added to the staff.

To make things more efficient, all of the needed office supplies have been computerized to keep them both organized and easily accessible whenever needed. In Dinkins’ office, a large flow chart covers nearly the entire wall above her desk. A ‘faculty schedule’ that is upgraded quarterly tells what program is going on at each time of the day, what rooms are available, and where each member of the staff is working.

Dinkins, who describes herself as a person who hates being bored, has added several new programs as well. One of the new programs, “Playors Choice”, gives students a wide range of things to keep them busy. These activities run from a choice of board games, to basketball or ping-pong.

According to Dinkins, students were skeptical at first about the new program, but she is pleased at the turnout. The new program that has proven the most successful so far is called “Aerobics for the Really Busy”. This program, which is offered three nights a week, allows people who aren’t available during the day to get their necessary exercise. Dinkins has also required each member of the staff to take the classes given, such as weight training and aerobics in order for them to better help students in these areas.

Although Dinkins has been with the department for little more than a year, she describes it as a “family staff.”

Dinkins feels this relaxed atmosphere makes it easier to work together.

Many of the activities that the recreation department has done so far have been of benefit to others. This past Halloween, the recreation staff set the locker room up to look like a haunted house. The children from the Early Childhood Learning Center were given a special trick or treat tour. Over the Christmas holiday, toys were collected...
Welcome from the Editor-in-Chief

by Jonathan Lee

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to the college community. My name is Jonathan Lee, and I am a Liberal Arts student. I have been at the college for a little under two years. As editor in chief, I supervise the functioning of the Bridge, and make sure everything runs smoothly and on time.

Speaking not only for myself, but also for my sports editor, Donald McDermott, my photography editor, Alejandro Videla, and my features editor, Elena Pearson, we will try to bring relevant news that may affect, or be of interest to the people of this college community.

We have been told from various sources that editors in the past have been rather one way, mostly anti-administration. This is not our ambition. We will provide articles that represent the college and its members from different angles so that the views presented in the newspaper will be given the opportunity to speak and defend themselves.

I hope that during my term as editor-in-chief I can somehow get the college community to become more together and get involved in activities, or lay a foundation for it in the future.

I strongly hope that the faculty, administration, student government, and the bridge can work together to encourage the students to participate in more activities around the college.

Bridge Letters to the Editor

George & Saddam

Dear Editor,

Many of us are tired of the horrors caused by the warm-shedding George Bush and the fool hardy Saddam Hussein’s fatal attraction. These two devils have locked horns and it seems that any amount of bombs can’t blast them apart. Yet, for a moment, we breathed a sigh of relief when Hussein offered a kind of “Kwanzaa Truce.” Of course, Bush dropped it as if it were a hot soucd, raised another load of bombs, then rushed off to luxuriate at the “Patriot” missile factory.

He will not be satisfied until Hussein’s head is actually delivered floating in a freezer at the Oval Office and, as the ultimate insult to Muslims, a pork chop stuffed in his mouth. Short of that, maybe he’ll settle for a bloody, ragged, severely wounded Hussein crawling and clutching at his feet and whimpering, “Oh, Massa of the New World Order, please don’t bash me anymore, and I’ll just take my little ainsal and go play in my sandbox.” Yes, Bush would love that, and he’d hope that any other would-be “Third World” despot—or liberator—would have learned that invasions and occupations are the divine right and the exclusive privilege of racist, colonialist and imperialist regimes, one of which is our own “incomparable foster daughter and permanent dependant” planted in the Middle East, itself.

— Umuta Kwangwe

Haitian Club

Thanks to all the members and friends of the Haitian Club for their support throughout the years. As a starting foundation we must recognize that most individuals if educated properly will be able to fulfill everybody’s dream: we have done enough to satisfy the majority’s needs. Thanks for your support once again. We hope your efforts were beneficial. For the time being, the club has to encounter new era of progress. Please make an effort to support your candidate who believes is destined for the reed of the club. We hope that this year the Haitian Club will attract more by stopping students inside the college who are not wearing their IDs.

— Harry Vitlen, President

Student Government President Elvis Bramble (photo: Videla)

Opinion:

ID Cards: To Wear or Not To Wear?

By Jonathan Lee

Honestly, when I first heard that LaGuardia students and faculty members had to wear their identification cards, I thought the idea was absurd. Perhaps, I should say, I felt self-conscious about wearing it. I didn’t really care about my picture, but I felt degraded wearing it. Displaying my social security number and picture made me feel violated and somewhat impersonal.

At first, I did not wear my card. I just kept it in it’s usual place, my wallet. After I had it punished, I began to wear it. Then, as I feared, I came to the college without it, because I was so used to keeping it in the same place. Anyway, I walked into the main building, and the SONY building with my coat opened. No one stopped me to ask who I was and what I was doing here. I am sure that I am not the first and only person that this has happened to.

Of course, some people are wearing IDs, but as far as I can see, the majority are not. Yet these students and faculty do not seem against the idea. One student said, “I feel it makes me more like a true student of LaGuardia and I am more proud and confident in wearing it.” Another student believed that it is a good idea, because outsiders can be stopped. “It’s a form of protection for the students and faculty of LaGuardia,” he said. A college professor believes that everyone should wear it, including the faculty members.

Student President Elvis Bramble is grateful that some students and faculty are wearing the ID cards and helping prevent crime at the school. He believes the faculty can influence students, and the guards could be a little more involved in checking IDs and suspicious people. He feels comfortable at night when walking through the halls and the person approaching him is wearing an ID card. He hopes by spring all the students and faculty will be wearing their ID cards.

Don’t get me wrong, I am not against the idea either. I am willing to wear my identification if it’s necessary. I don’t like the idea of an unwanted party entering our college, given the fact that a prison is right behind the main building.

Since security has begun asking students to wear their ID upon entering the college more often, I feel safer now. The security could reinstate this action more by stopping students inside the college who are not wearing their identification, and ask the students their purpose here at LaGuardia. I realize (given budget cuts) there is a shortage of security at LaGuardia Community College, but it has to be tightened even further to help prevent crime.

Opinion: What Are We Thinking?

by Michael Suarez

One of the numerous problems of education (which invariably affects society) is the fact that the educational system teaches “what” to think instead of “how” to think.

As a starting foundation we must recognize that most individuals endowed with the capacity and will to memorize (at least and usually for a short period of time) whatsoever is presently being taught in the classroom will succeed in the educational system. This success is achieved and measured by examinations which ask simply that the individual repeat what has been dictated to him/her. This point is made not to diminish the importance of academic memorization. Memorization is the unavoidable essential first step of the learning process. What must be acknowledged is that it is not the only step. After we can accurately recall the information we must evaluate and analyze it in order to discover, understand and decide the validity of the ideas presented in the information. Education is not teaching this crucial second step of the learning process and subsequently individuals go on to deal with society using the same method of blind acceptance. We (often unknowingly) adopt various social ideas (which lead to beliefs and actions) and attitudes from a society in which the majority remain ignorant to the idea of individualism. For a concrete example we can look at the popular definition of success, which by...
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Press Release
On Wednesday April 17, the Division of Cooperative Education at LaGuardia Community College will sponsor its 3rd annual job fair. Designed to bring LaGuardia students and alumni who are seeking employment together with recruiters from up to 50 companies, the job fair will run from 9:30am to 4:30pm in the Main Building.

The job fair will begin with a panel discussion directed by Penny Marschall (who can never be called Laverne again). The film, based on a true story, starred a very calm and subdued Robin Williams as the main character. Following the presentations, the discussion will be open to questions from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

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Is This A Rude Awakening or What?

by Elena Pearson

Recently, I saw the film "Awakenings" directed by Penny Marschall (who can never be called Laverne again). The film, based on a true story, starred a very calm and subdued Robin Williams as the main character. Following the presentations, the discussion will be open to questions from students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

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The Greek Club & Politics

Consult General of Cyprus at LaGuardia (photo: Vidalia)

By Terako Klein

When the Aphrodite Club was formed last spring, their main objective was to inform LaGuardia of an almost forgotten problem: the Turkish invasion and continued occupation of Cyprus since 1974. But their mission took on a new dimension when the US decided to provide military support to Kuwait.

What do Cyprus and Kuwait have in common? Ask Costas Veis, President of the Aphrodite Club, and we will tell you that "in both cases a UN resolution requested the immediate withdrawal of invading troops; yet in Kuwait the US provided military support almost immediately, while in Cyprus the US has done nothing to enforce this resolution though it has been 17 years since it was passed."

Veis explained that the 17 year old invasion and occupation is by itself acceptable, much more so by what he claims to be a double standard in the US foreign policies. This is a priority issue for the club whose membership is made up largely by students with Greek and Cypriot backgrounds. According to Veis there are currently 5 members who are refugees due to the Turkish invasion, and many who have suffered the consequences brought about by this progressing problem.

Veis explained that though the club insists on getting some answers and finding a resolution to the Cyprus problem, "We are not asking anyone to go war for us; God forbid! We only demand that the UN resolutions concerning the Turkish invasion be implemented," adding that "justice is blind."

Informing the school community of this conflict is the primary goal of the Aphrodite Club at this time, and the main motivation behind uniting to form the club. Says Veis, "we came together to get to know one another, to exchange ideas and to inform students of issues they might not otherwise be aware of." He explained that "We want people to know that Cyprus is not a tree, a fruit or an ice cream, but an independent Republic of Cyprus, the same as Kuwait the US provided military support."

Our club insists on getting some answers and finding a resolution to the Cyprus problem. Why?

On February 13, 1991, the Consult General of the Republic of Cyprus in New York, Mr. Elias Eliades, came to LaGuardia to address the Cyprus problem and answer questions. When discussing the Gulf War and comparing with Cyprus, Mr. Eliades stated that "We are not asking anyone to go war for us; God forbid! We only demand that the UN resolutions concerning the Turkish invasion be implemented," adding that "justice is blind."

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Gay and Lesbian Faculty Association Created at LaGuardia

by Elena Pearson

You may not realize it, but every day in this country an entire segment of our population is ridiculed, discriminated against, excluded from mainstream media and basically rendered invisible. This is 1991, you might say. There are laws to protect people from discrimination based on gender, race or ethnic background. Still the segment of our population that is subjected to this unfairness is the Gay and Lesbian population and some of the college are expressing their concerns about this.

According to Leonard Vogt, an English Professor at LaGuardia, the Gay and Lesbian faculty at the college were feeling excluded from the Pluralism efforts at the school and came to the conclusion that the only way to be more recognized by the Pluralism Task Force was to be more recognized in general. Hence, the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Association was formed at the college.

Two years ago, an attempt to start a Gay and Lesbian faculty club was met with graffiti, name calling at the door of the meeting room and students government coming in with cameras, according to Professor Vogt.

The following dialogue exchange was compiled from several interviews with the members of the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Association.

Professor Leonard Vogt (photo: Alejandro Videla)

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Amarnick, an assistant English instructor who "came out" (admitted to being gay) to his class and Leonard Vogt, Professor of English.

THE BRIDGE: What has been your experience as an "out" homosexual at LaGuardia?

BARBER: Very positive. I can't remember exactly when I came out, but it was before I had tenure... That was a very back in the mid-70's when coming out in an academic environment was very risky, especially for a young, non-tenured faculty person. It was the need for me to assert who I am with pride and dignity. What propelled me to come out was a course that the Social Science department was offering called "Deviant Subcultures". This course talked about prevention and rehabilitation of drug addicts, criminals and homosexuals. I kept looking at this course, realizing that I was included in this and that indeed, a faculty person could be talking about the prevention and rehabilitation of me and I thought, I just can't live with this. Naively, I just picked up the phone and called Joe Shlender (former LaGuardia President). I told him that I found the course offensive, personally, and I thought it was an incorrect position for the college to take. He was very supportive and the course was pulled. In a way, I didn't plan this; it just happened. I guess the twenty odd years of being gay, and suffering a lot of negative stereotyping and lack of support from my own parents, it just kind of rose up in me. As far as I know, I've never suffered any personal repercussions. As a matter of fact, I think it was the opposite.

BEAKY: I think thinking coming out in a process and in fact, this is another step for me in coming out. Having my name and picture used in a student newspaper is actually a big step for me. I've never actually come out to a group of students or come out to a class, and I've been kind of sort of the final frontier for me at LaGuardia, coming out to students. A lot of girls and Lesbians are comfortable being out to each other and to queer people, and dumped on the most. I have found with my students, and this has been painful. For example, I showed a movie in my class called "Stool Burning" which is about cultural stereotypes on college campuses and various students from various groups talked about how it felt to have ugly words said to them and jokes made about them. These students were Asian, Black and Hispanic. But then a gay student talked about the pain of hearing terrible remarks by fellow students and even by faculty, and my students started to laugh. When I asked them why they laughed when the gay student spoke, they said, "But that's different. I wouldn't even sit down in the cafeteria with a gay student." I realized the incredible homophobia in this college and it hurt. I can imagine what it feels like to be that student to know that this part of my life, I must keep secret because it will be the butt of ridicule and homophobic remarks from fellow students... Adolescence and early twenties are very difficult at best and to have to hide this part of yourself is very painful.

BEAKY: Just being open. A lot of students here are quite conservative. Some come from cultures which are particularly homophobic and so they feel that they have to stay in the closet and hide. It's a burden.

BLASUS: When bringing up the issue of homophobia in my class, many students make homophobic comments about Lesbians and gay people. I think this shows that there's a climate at the college that's intimidating to Lesbian and gay students. I think the solution to this is to deal with Lesbian and gay issues at appropriate points in the curriculum so that the prejudice can come to the surface and be dealt with and be shown to be based on stereotypes and myths and thereby, hopefully lessened so that Lesbian and gay students can feel more comfortable expressing themselves openly like non-gay students at LaGuardia.

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AMARNICK: I don’t think there are many students at all that are openly gay or Lesbian. They keep it to themselves and I think that’s one of the reasons why I hope more teachers do come out because they get to make the point that it doesn’t have to be a terrible, sudden secret; there’s really nothing wrong with being gay or Lesbian, and let students know that, so they can feel better about themselves.

VOGT: It seems on one hand as though there’s more and more publicity for gay and Lesbian issues in terms of more people being out, but the reaction against that has been very strong as the cases of violence against gays and Lesbians have become rampant. It has increased by something like 100% in the last couple of years. A prime example for us living here in Queens is that just very recently a young man named Julio Rivera was murdered with a hammer. Even on a less obvious level are the many students at all that are openly gay and Lesbian issues in terms of wanting more students to be wounded students. People are going to be wounded students. People would not be as ignorant about things that are racist or sexist as they would be homophobic, perhaps because the great percentage of gays and Lesbians are not recognizable as gay and Lesbian, whatever that may mean. That means they can be ignored much more easily than women or people of racial difference.

THE BRIDGE: Now that the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Association has been formed and is standing up to be recognized, what are some of the plans you have to help gay and Lesbian students at the college and what are some of the things you personally would like to see done?

BEAKY: A group of us are going to make a presentation to the faculty members around the ways in which gay and Lesbian issues can be infused into the curriculum and what kind of needs gay students have. Also, student counseling concerns me. Do students have a place in advisement and in counseling where they can go? Another one of the things we’ve been talking about is putting together a reading and a list on gay issues. I had thought of a library display for June, which is our month [Gay Pride Month] to raise everyone’s awareness.

BLASUS: This interview is an important occasion for visibility so that Lesbian and gay students know that they are not alone and can have some role models. In addition, we, the faculty association, are meeting with the Pluralism Task Force to discuss ways to infuse Lesbian and gay concerns into the curriculum and to try to raise consciousness about the existence of lesbians and gays and the problem of homophobia at the college.

BARBER: For gay students who are suffering from such enormous prejudice, especially on campus, seeing an openly gay faculty member as an incredibly blessed thing. I think you also have to look at the faculty and the staff at the college. I’m not convinced that they are free of homophobia themselves. So I think that faculty and staff need to have workshops, sensitivity training and exposure to gay people.

VOGT: The first thing is to have this interview in the newspaper so that the college, as a whole, is aware that we do have a group, that we want ourselves to be prominent, that we want to be seen by students and faculty as a group of more people who are proud of being gay and Lesbian and want to be out and open to the college. We want to be a role model for gay and Lesbian students who would like someone to come and speak to if they’re having problems or they just need to talk about being gay. We also want straight faculty to be aware that they too should try to incorporate gay and Lesbian issues into their classroom.

THE BRIDGE: Is there anything else you’d like to add, particularly to any gay or Lesbian students reading this?

BLASUS: I would say if they experience homophobia in the classroom, they should speak to their Professor about it or members of the Gay and Lesbian Faculty Association. But, besides that, we would like to help them form their own student club so that they can feel a sense of inclusion, that they’re part of the LaGuardia community too and don’t have to feel intimidated and ashamed about their very existence. That way, they can join on an equal basis with all the other students of LaGuardia in the common pursuit of education.

BARBER: For students, the subject of homosexuality must be brought up in all kinds of classes, in English classes and certainly in Social Science classes. Students need to be able to voice their own fears, in a classroom with an instructor who will be sensitive and also, perhaps open some doors. That’s beginning.
Prelude To The 100-Hour Battle: The People Debate Pros and Cons of Death In The Sand

By Sherlene Marino

At a time of conflict, tension and fear, pride and hatred, opposition and support, are just a few of the emotions that are felt by those affected. The war, they say, is over. The memories, though, of all that has happened and the fear of it happening again are far from being over.

For many of us, a real war was only something we read about in history books or saw in old movies. For many of us, the realization that we've just been in a war has not even hit yet and for others, it has hit all too hard.

This war tore the country apart in ideology. There are those of us who believe democracy must be upheld and we have a responsibility to do so. They believe a man like Saddam Hussein must be stopped at any cost. There are others who believe that the problem is not worth the cost of innocent lives; that the issue is not about democracy, but about oil and money.

Those who opposed the war may have been outnumbered, but they were far from silent. A large number of peace rallies, throughout the country, and in fact, the world, were organized and carried out in order to get their message heard.

One of several rallies here in N.Y. was held on January 17. It started at Times Square and went all the way to Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village. The crowds started to gather well before 5pm. and began moving down 6th avenue an hour after.

The turnout was huge and security was high. Police on foot, motorcycle, and horseback "escorted" and controlled the crowd of marchers. Emotions were high. Chants were heard from, "No Blood For Oil!", to the traditional, "What Do We Want? Peace! When Do We Want It? Now!", to the harsh, "Send In George Bush! Send In Dan Quayle! Send In Neil Bush When He Gets Out Of Jail!

The people on the sidewalk who were not part of the rally stood for a while watching the crowd pass by. Some would clap and chant as well, showing and giving additional support. Others, though few, did express opposition to the war protesters. One man shouted into the crowd, "If you don't like what's happening in this country, leave! No one is tying a chain on your ass to keep you here!" Still others went about their business as best they could just as if it were another day.

The peace rally had its share of non-peaceful situations. One man, standing alone on the side of the street by the parked cars, held a sign saying, "I support the U.S. troops." A swarm of protesters gathered around him screaming, yelling, asking why he took that position. The man stood, saying nothing at first.

With tears in his eyes, in a voice barely heard over the crowd, he told a reporter that his friend is over in the Gulf and that he doesn't want him to die so he supports his friend all the way. After a while of trying to argue with this man who wouldn't fight back, the crowd moved on.

The marching, the chanting, the people, the police, and some onlookers followed crowds, all stopped and gathered at Washington Square Park. The crowd nearly filled the entire park. People climbed in trees, light poles, each other, and anything else that would get them a better view of what was going on. Several speakers on various sides of the park spoke through megaphones. They spoke of their continuing effort to keep on fighting, and the plans for further protest, including, two upcoming rallies in the nations capital and the takeover of the Federal Building in N.Y.C. the next day.

Small groups gathered together as the crowd slowly started to leave. Songs were sung, candles were lit, and prayers were offered; all in hopes that the war will be over.

And the war is over, technically anyway. All the troops aren't back yet and some will never be. Along with the emotional, physical, political and economic damages suffered by Iraq and Kuwait, there are, the environmental damages. These, experts say, have had, and will have, a greater impact than the immediate results of the war, and will continue for years to come.

Those who protested wanted the war to end. The end may have come, but for how long will there be peace?

The Marines Are Looking For A Few Good Men

"We are at war so we don't end up with a Hitler...........

"Send in George Bush! No blood for oil! No blood...........

"We should not fight for greedy oil companies...

"If you don't like what's happening, leave the country."
Student Government Against the War

Student Government Vice President Adam Meyer speaks out against the war. (photo: Alejandro Videla)

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**Student Government Vice President Adam Meyer**

**OPINION: On The Crisis in the Gulf**

by David Williams

The possibility of war in the Persian Gulf is a world while tragedy. The U.S. war asked to help protect Saudi Arabia from the undue aggression by Iraq, against Kuwait. The Iraqi government made the first move by attacking Kuwait, and it was on its way to Saudi Arabia if we had not answered the cry for help in that region. People do not understand the need for U.S. forces to be there, but as an American serviceman, I do.

The U.S. is not there to attack Iraq, but to stop them from becoming the German of the nineties. For all those who feel America can live without the Middle East oil, they are wrong. The world depends on Middle East oil to survive. No one country should be allowed to control all the oil in the world (or the bulk of it anyway). Oil-like water needs to be protected by the world as a whole. Suppose someone decided to poison the drinking water that is shared by 75% of the world—do you think the U.S. would be wrong for trying to stop them?

Americans are so full of self-righteousness that we ever look the need for firm diplomacy to help another nation. Those people who feel the U.S. is wrong will one day understand the necessity of military diplomacy.
THINKING from p2

Social standards is the accumulation of monetary wealth. It follows that happiness which is derived from this success is defined as what we can do with monetary wealth. Enter the individual who has learned what, but not how, to think. This individual accepts these definitions of success and happiness and sets a goal to achieve them. Questions such as why these are the definitions or if the definitions hold any validity remain unasked and unanswered.

The essay was not written to promote the rejection of the ideas, beliefs and attitudes we come into question them and by questioning them and ourselves as well as our society.

Dinkins from p1

By the recreation staff and given to the Louise Wise Services in Manhattan for residents of the mother-baby program. At the end of May, Dinkins will be involved in the New York State games for the physically challenged. The games, which are in their sixth year, are open to all disabilities. The annual event lasts from Thursday to Sunday and this past year, among the hundreds of children in attendance were open to all disabilities. The annual event lasts from Thursday to Sunday and this past year, among the hundreds of children in attendance were

Hull from p12

(88-89) Hull scored forty-one goals. With encouragement from Blues coach Craig Sutter, Hull requested extensive over the summer and lost ten pounds for the start of his next season. Hull went on to score a league leading seventy-two goals last season. That accomplishment had made Hull one of eleven players to score more than sixty goals in a single season. This season, Hull went on to score over a month left, Hull again leads the NHL with sixty-eight goals. Along with his thirty-five assists, Hull is second on

Basketball from p12

Feeling confident over their two consecutive wins, Mrs. Dinkins issued an open challenge to anyone who wants to play her staff. As the event drew to an end, Mrs. Dinkins posed with her team for a picture. Before it was taken she asked, "Who is our favorite team?" The simultaneous answer was "security!"

Poetry from p9

But the hand of fate dug a hole in my path
I fell in that hole
The soil imprisoned me
The skies did not rain
If it had only rained a bit
Now I'm a swamp
A half-dead prisoner of the soil
I either get absorbed by the earth
Or vaporize to the sky
The sun from above
And the earth from below
Destroy me at will
For this is the story of my life
My death is imminent
There is no escape from my destiny
I am, the prisoner of this earth
There is not much left of me
I've reached my last drops
And I shall dry than die
When the sun rises tomorrow
For many tomorrow in candy
The desert sand shall replace me
And the sand shall be gone with the wind...

Giants from p12

Leonard Marshall's key hit on future hall of famer Joe Montana in the N.F.C championship could be heard all across New York. The unimprovable ten-year pro, Lawrence Taylor is still being double teamed, that's respect. No matter what Bruce Smith says, when Taylor was in his prime, he was the best linebacker in any sport of time. Linebacker Pepper Johnson had a heavy load placed on his shoulders when Banks was injured. He may not be Taylor, but he proved he can hold his own in a goal line stand, even without his helmet. Veteran Carl Banks was accused of being rusty due to missing most of the season with a wrist injury. When he came back it was like he was never gone. Since the infamous "catch" of 1981 while still with the Cowboys, Everson Walls was looked at by many as a washed up cover man in the secondary. What people tend to forget is that this game is all second nature to him. He knows when a receiver will cut before the receiver does. Then there's Muyeong Gupyon, the youngest of the Giants defense. This is a player who accomplished the impossible by keeping Andre Reed from going deep. This is also a man who can fit like a train, just ask Reed Gupyon, in his

Greek from p3

justice.

When asked why he feels that informing people will help the Cyprus problem Veas said that "the more people know about this issue and demand some answers, the more politicians will be forced to listen and do something about it." At present the club feels that their efforts have been successful, as students have been responsive and some professors have raised the issue in class discussions.

Bloods are a variety of ethnic groups, the Aphrodite Club welcomes all students to attend the weekly meetings, Wednesday at 1:20 in room 512S. Those students who may wish to join the club are expected to participate in activities when they are able.

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Dear Elena,

Letters to Elena

Dear Elena,

I am dating a most wonderful, charming and sensitive man. There is nothing wrong with our relationship.

The problem lies with the fact that his ex-girlfriend shows up everywhere we go. I did not perceive this as a problem in the beginning and I thought it was just pure coincidence. But, it turns out that she is "hounding" him because she wants him back. He has not mentioned her name. I have not perceived this as a problem because she wants him back. He has told her and me, that he is no longer interested in her, but she insists that she still loves him, but just doesn't realize it yet. She told him that she will continue to hang around us until he decides to go back to her. This will never happen because he has proposed to me, though I am afraid to accept (I do want to), but I fear I may never get rid of her and things will progressively get worse. Right now she is just a harmless pest, but I fear that she may get worse.

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Please advise me.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Grand Hotel is Grand

GRAND HOTEL IS GRAND

by Elena Pearson

This wonderful Broadway musical has been reviewed so many times, it's hard to find any new words to describe how grand is really, but I'll try.

The performance I attended had four understudies on stage and they were fantastic. Two of the main roles, The Baron and Flaemmchen, were played by Michael Devries and Meg Tolin, understudies for David Carroll and Lynette Perry.

The story begins in the lobby of Grand Hotel and through song and dance, each character's problems and predicaments are introduced and begin to intertwine. There's The Baron, who's up to his neck in debts and needs a way out before he gets killed. He meets Flaemmchen the typist, in the lobby of the hotel where she waits for her boss Preysing. But she also dreams of coming of living a better life and she wants to try. Preysing is in deep financial trouble and his only way out is through fraud. The Baron and Flaemmchen meet Kringelien, a dying man who wants to spend his last days, and his "rainy day" money, at the luxurious Grand Hotel. Performing is the prima ballerina, Grushinskayan, now fiftysomething, loveless and selling her jewels for money. She is with

Raffaela, her faithful companion of twenty-two years, who is secretly in love with her and wishes the two could just run away together.

At some point, each character is given a way to escape their problems, but it would entail going against their morals and throwing all scruples aside. Robbery, sexual favors and prostitution are some of the main choices and each character does try, but they can't go through with it. By the end of the play, all of them have solved their problems. Well, without giving away the whole story, one character loses love after finding it, one finds love after losing it, one character dies, one goes to jail, and a few live almost-happily ever after.

When I left the theater after this play, I felt very alive and I almost felt like singing and dancing myself. Even the sad scenes weren't extremely depressing because the music and movement were so lovely. I would suggest going to see this play as a definite pick-me-up. Even without an intermission, my only complaint was that it ended too soon.

By Afshin Deyhimpanah

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beneath the burning sun
there is an old swamp
which is imposed by the soil

I am that old swamp
separated from the rest of the world

The heat of the sun covers me
while the earth has chained me to the desert

I was starting there
till I reached the sea

Beyond those tall mountains

Poetry Corner

Listen to My Cries

By Anna Guerra

Frustation lies upon my heart
Hatred accompanies it
Loneliness also intercedes
No one will listen so how can I explain
It is a tug with no way out
Will I get delivered or will my pain
Be endured?

I lie at the peak of suffocation
Now how will I breath?
Slowly my mind becomes vague
I smell a pleasant sweet scent
For now I have reached my destiny
No one will know for one beheld
To listen.

Ballad of an Unrequited Love

By Elena Pearson

Part I

You are an endless breeze on a balmy afternoon.
The bright rays of morning after the never-ending darkness of night.
The first ray of spring.
Your voice...
Is the laughter of a child, the whispers of the angels,
The music heard only in dreams.
I sit for hours and gaze at the creamy perfection of your skin,
And listen to your wisdom,
And try to breathe in your scent as you pass by me.

Part II

Your exquisite beauty.
Golden and light at the brightest August sun,
And your eyes,
That brilliant color that touches the sky for only a moment,
As night's blue ink seeps into the sky.
My mind whirls at your perfection.
Even from afar you've touched me.
And opened my eyes to the beauty of a world I had come to doubt.

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See Poetry p8
"The professors know me as a student, not as a number."

Why did you choose Manhattan College? "I looked at some colleges that had 200 or 300 kids in a class, looking at a TV screen to listen to a lecture. Manhattan has an average of 20 to 30 kids in a class. " What do you think of the professors? "The professors knew our names by the second week of school. And they tell us to call anytime if we have a problem."

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COLLEGE HANDBALL CHAMPS NET TROPHIES

By Donald McDermott

On February 5th, La Guardia held a coed doubles handball tournament. The tournament, open to all male and female La Guardia competitors is held each term in the school’s gym. Each of the opening rounds of the tournament consisted of one game of twenty-one points. The finals was a two out of three competition and each player was played until one team scores fifteen points.

The finals of the two semi-final matches pitted Andres Garcia and Stacey Walley against Kenneth Roberts and Tony Roberts. Roberts, a tournament veteran, has played in several of La Guardia’s singles and doubles tournaments. With experience in both singles and doubles competition, Roberts says that he has no preference to either type of play. Roberts and Sunsewell, a five-player in his own right, were the favorites to win the tournament. They seemed to dominate most of the match and no matter how well Walley and Garcia played they couldn’t gain an advantage over the more seasoned players. At one point, while trailing by four points, Walley walked off the court in a fit of frustration. She returned minutes later, but the tension was still there between the two teammates and Sunsewell and Roberts advanced to the finals by a score of twenty-one to eight.

The second of the semi-finals, and the most exciting game of the day placed Yogi Gounden and Nelson Vergara against Charles Washington and Keruh Saxon. The match stayed roughly a point apart early in the match. It was clear that each team was hungry to win as every point had to be earned. Players hugging,<div>

BASKETBALL GAME PLAYED IN MEMORY OF LAGUARDIA’S CAPTAIN ROBERT MORRIS

By Donald McDermott

February 22nd marked the long awaited return match between La Guardia’s recreation staff and security staff. The first inning, in the fall quarter, had the recreation staff victorious by a score of 49-37.

In a nearly sold out gymnasium on Friday the 22nd, the security staff attempted to even the loss they had suffered a term before. The game was being played in memory of Robert Morris, the former security captain at La Guardia who had died a month ago. Morris’ family was in attendance and all proceeds went to his family.

Although the turnout of fans had almost complete control of the game, the security staff, the recreation staff, the security was determined to play their hardest and emerge victorious. Unfortunately for the security players, the end result was much like the first game. In a largely one-sided victory, the recreation staff won by a score of 71-39.

With the recreation department’s director, Pamela Dickens, calling the plays, a point every half hour, the security staff managed to pull away from the recreation staff and won their second place finish.

By Charlie Bentley

Although the Giants exciting victory in Super Bowl twenty-five will be forever remembered for the offense, people often forget that it is the defense that deserves most of the credit.

The Giants emerge as Super Bowl champions in a season filled with high powered offenses. Things like the run and shoot, the no huddle, and hurry up offenses sent defensive coordinators running to game films week after week trying to figure out these offensive schemes. Not to mention the mobile quarterbacks and the option arms that led a team to victory. It was defense that led the Giants to their first super bowl victory and here they are again five years later, back in the thick of things, although this time it was just more defense. Hull Parrish once said that, “Power wins football games”, personally, it wasn’t god that won super bowl twenty five, defense did.

Remember that Giants like Taylor, Walls, Marshall and Starkes are all veterans of the grid-iron, and who know how much longer they’ll be able to play. Middle aged men and football don’t go well together in this league, especially when old injuries start creeping up on them. However each of these men played a huge part in the Giants road to the Super Bowl.

Brett Hull Scores 50 Big Ones

Donald McDermott

January 25th held two causes for celebration for St. Louis Blues fans. Along with the Blues 9-4 victory in Detroit, Blues right wing Brett Hull became the fifth player in history to score fifty goals in fifty games. The twenty-six year old Hull joined the elite 50-50 club alongside Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Maurice (Rocket) Richard, and former Islander great, Mike Bossy. Richard set the standard, scoring his fiftieth goal in the fifth and final game of the 1944-45 season. Bossy also scored his fiftieth goal in the fiftieth game of the 1980-81 season. Lemieux scored his fiftieth in the forty-sixth game of the 1986-87 season, and Gretzky accomplished the three times, including a record fifty in thirty-nine games of the 1981-82 season. Hull's father, Bobby “The Golden Jet” Hull, probably the greatest left wing of all time, had never accomplished his son's feat. Neither had Gordie Howe, Phil Esposito, or Marcel Dionne, three of hockey's all-time leading scorers. Bobby Hull did.

However, becoming the first player to score more than fifty goals in a season, scoring fifty-four for the Chicago Blackhawks in the 1965-66 season, Hull came into his own in the 1988-89 season. In that season Hull had 21 goals and 29 assists for 50 points.

Hull came to the Blues from the Calgary Flames in March of 1988. In his first full season with the Blues, Hull scored 29 goals and 29 assists for 58 points.

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Super Giants

By Charlie Bentley

Although the Giants exciting victory in Super Bowl twenty-five will be forever remembered for the offense, people often forget that it is the defense that deserves most of the credit.

The Giants emerge as Super Bowl champions in a season filled with high powered offenses. Things like the run and shoot, the no huddle, and hurry up offenses sent defensive coordinators running to game films week after week trying to figure out these offensive schemes. Not to mention the mobile quarterbacks and the option arms that lead a team to victory. It was defense that led the Giants to their first super bowl victory and here they are again five years later, back in the thick of things, although this time it was just more defense. Hull Parrish once said that, “Power wins football games”, personally, it wasn’t god that won super bowl twenty five, defense did.

Remember that Giants like Taylor, Walls, Marshall and Starkes are all veterans of the grid-iron, and who know how much longer they’ll be able to play. Middle aged men and football don’t go well together in this league, especially when old injuries start creeping up on them. However each of these men played a huge part in the Giants road to the Super Bowl.

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