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CUNY Professors Continue to Teach But No Contract Yet

By PRISCILLA RIVERA

Some professors at QCC travel all the way from Philadelphia to a promising job to teach the QCC students and fulfill curricula requirements in achievement with student areas of interest. However, these same professors have been working without a contract for over two years, 1,056 days to be exact. These are the same professors that rush every day to go to another campus to teach on certain days of the week because the pay is probably better, or it helps them just get by with their normal daily living; these are the professors who stay a little longer just to meet with their students if they feel they need to discuss achievement. So what happened that led to the CUNY professors to work without contracts?

The CUNY contracts expired two years ago but prior to that the CUNY professors were

able to have research time for untenured faculty and paid office hours for adjuncts to meet with students; now that is barely possible. According to the PSC Web site (www.psc-cuny.org), CUNY professors have been trying to negotiate with their superiors to establish a contract that will provide them with raises and benefits that will meet their economic standard of living. The UUP (United University Professions for SUNY), were just approved for a four-year contract worth 15% in salary and \$800 in cash bonuses, in which CUNY professors feel that their request for 10% is fair enough to keep their benefits and have an increase in salaries as well.

Also according to the PSC, "the suggested offer of 1.5% has resulted in the inability to recruit and retain faculty and staff and the difficul-

ty in attracting candidates when they learn of the teaching load, salaries, and working conditions at CUNY." Would you work under extreme conditions with little pay and low benefits?

QCC professors are concerned with what kind of conditions they have to work under and if they are capable of meeting these standards in the future. A rally was held on September 29th to discuss the proposed CUNY contracts.

The contracts are very much needed for the professors and the students. Better working conditions means a more enthusiastic professor and a student who can actually gain something for their money's worth; it's a win, win situation! For more information on the contract negotiations and updates please go to www.psc-cuny.org.

Hurricanes Affect Our Economy

By STEPHANIE ESPINAL

After Katrina's devastation in the south, United States interest rates started rising. According to Jeannine Aversa, AP Economics Writer, Katrina is expected to reduce overall economic growth in the second half of this year by as much as one percentage point.

There will be a rise in prices, such as high-energy prices, gasoline, food, plastics, and plane tickets. Hiring will slow and approximately 400,000 jobs will be reduced within the next four months. Heating oil surged more than 14 cents to 1.98 per gallon, while gasoline rose more than 16 cents to \$1.9525. On London's International Petroleum Exchange rose as well from \$2.64 to \$64.45 a barrel.

In addition to oil prices, Madlen Read, AP Business Writer argues that the OPEC pledges have done very little to stabilize prices this year,

but officials and analysts have also blamed high prices on the lack of refinery capacity to process products. Supply concerns are likely to be raised by winter as petroleum products like heating oil, diesel and jet fuel rise.

On the other hand, Elizabeth Stanton, a reporter in New York, confirms that the Fed is very committed to showing the market that they are not finished with rate increases. The difference between the two-year yield and the Fed's benchmark rate was 33 basis points today, and less than half at the start of the year. An average of 52 basic points has changed throughout the past five years. A survey from ABC News/Washington Post showed that the U.S economy was near its worst in more than 13 years.

After Katrina, The rise on gasoline prices has affected not only the south but it also has starting

to affect our community. Milagros Diaz a student at QCC agrees that since gas went up, she takes public transportation better because she cannot afford to spend more money in gas. Another student at QCC, mother of a one year-old, is worried about the prices of food and plastics, since she cannot afford to spend more than we she normally used to spend on a daily shopping.

Even though economists do not have an answer yet, whether to increase interest rates, other essential ingredients in our lives have already rose up in price. This situation for many in our community is freighting and devastating but it seems that it could also cause the U.S an economic slowdown.



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BY PAUL KAISER

As a broadband civilization, we are all sentient of the downward environmental trends, and grim fact that we are, in essence, despoiling the world in which we live. Furthermore, we are exclusively encumbering our delay to embark, with the inevitable fact being that we will no longer be able to thrive, let alone survive on earth, due to our ever present "bulging at the seams" ideology with relation to our population.

According to the following figure, if the populace of our world continues to grow at the rate it is, "by about 2650, the human population would be so large that it would not fit on Earth, even if everyone stood elbow to elbow everywhere." (Jeffrey Bennett, William Briggs) This statistic truly serves to illustrate how dire our need is to prepare a policy or precedent, with regards to our future flats.

Albeit, the primary focus will turn toward the logistics of this size move, an equally important topic will be to address the simple question of "who in fact owns outer space?" Does the existence of our very own American fabric standing tall on the Moon, equate with ownership of prime, intergalactic real-estate, that will certainly be 'gobbled' up by zealous international contractors, and those of the like?

We all know that the preponderance of our earthly vices used to attack this world is viable in explaining its un-doubtful demise. This line of thought should enable one to see that the culmination will be an eventful evacuation.

Will this society begin brandishing their brows upward, in an attempt to trigger a travel proposal, to ensure our long-range survival? Will our future governmental administrations continue to follow the "not planning to fail, but failing to adequately plan" line of languid thought, with regards to an "Out Of This World America II?" Or will we fall victim to an inevitable end, and throw our 'towel of humanity' in, and settle for the urn?

QCC Celebrates Latino Heritage Month

BY KATE SKABONA

The Kurt R. Schmeller Library has a new exhibit in honor of the Hispanic Heritage Month. The exhibit takes place in the glass cases at the library entrance from September 15 to October 15. Librarian Sandra Marcus made this event possible to honor the four hundred years of Don Quixote who is surrounded by a "Hispanic Panorama: Voices from Today and Yesterday."

Often called the first modern novel, Don Quixote was originally seen as a comic satire against the chivalric romances. Miguel Cervantes, satirizes society through the use of this errant knight and his trusty sidekick. Its hero is the foolish old man who sets out from home in the belief that the world is the ideal place which romancers have described: a place where virtue and vice will appear plainly marked, and where the first will always, after heroic effort on the part of its knights, triumph over the second.

Man of La Mancha is a Broadway musical play based on the tale of Don Quixote that came out on November 22, 1965 and ran for 2,328 performances by Albert W. Selden and Hal James. Cervantes is brought to prison to await a hearing with the Inquisition. The prisoners decide to hold a mock trial in order to find him guilty and steal what seems to be a valuable package. Cervantes presents a play as his defense, with his "jury" actors in the play. Cervantes plays Alhonso Quiana, a man who has set his own reality aside and become Don Quixote De La Mancha.

Other features in the exhibit are photographs of South American and Native American culture by Dora S Caputo. The statue of Don Quixote riding a horse and Native American masks are also featured. Also in the exhibit are artifact pieces of ceramic art work from Argentina by Professor Sciammarella. There are also albums on Hispanic

music by artists such as Son by Four donated by the library staff. Amazing Books such as The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende, author of the stories of Evaluna, National Best seller by The New York Times book review. A Tale of Two Gardens by Octavio Paz is a 1990 Nobel Prize Winner. Also in the exhibit one can find works by women writers such as Cubana, a book

of contemporary fiction by Cuban women.

The exhibit is a good opportunity to find out about Latino Heritage, the South American culture and the pieces of ceramic work. Find out more about the amazing nominated books at this exhibit.



HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Sports Unite in Wake of Katrina

BY TROY JOHNSON

Everyone from franchise owners to athletes to coaches donated their time and towards the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Hurricane Katrina is one of those unfortunate events that affects the lives of everyone. This natural disaster has brought everyone in sports closer to the ordinary person than ever before.

Some biggest teams in sports and its players have contributed tremendously towards the relief effort. Quarterbacks and Mississippi natives Steve McNair and Brett Favre have donated 6 tractor-trailers to help out the people whose homes were lost in the hurricane. Eli and Peyton Manning, who are New Orleans natives, sent an entire plane full of diapers, food, and other goods for those who were sent to the Superdome during the storm. All-Star guard Stephon Marbury of the NY Knicks contributed \$1 million for the NBA's Operation Rebound relief fund.

The wife of Miami Dolphins head coach Nick Saban led a collection effort to aid Katrina victims. Rockets great Kenny Smith hosted a charity basketball game in Houston that featured Dwyane Wade, Kevin Garnett, and others raised over \$500,000 for the victims of the disaster.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will donate \$50 for every passing yard and \$250 for each TD pass to the Red Cross. Cavaliers' superstar LeBron James donated \$120,000 worth of food, water and other supplies for those who were hit by the hurricane. The San Diego Padres said they collected almost \$300,000 that they will give to the Red Cross. The Boston Red Sox have donated \$400,000 to the Red Cross that they raised from ticket and program sales. Angels OF Vladmir Guerrero and Red Sox slugger David Ortiz will donate \$50,000 each. They hope that others in MLB will follow suit.

At football stadiums across the country, the money from tickets and programs is donated to the Red Cross hurricane relief fund. On September 11, citizens at all sports arenas and stadiums paid their respects not only to those who were lost during Hurricane Katrina but those who died at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. People find refuge and solace in watching the games in order to escape the thought of the hurricane.

When it comes to sports, no one group of people has been affected more than New Orleans Saints. Their entire season is in exile. The entire franchise had to relocate to San Antonio where the Saints will play three of their home games. The other four home games will be played at LSU's Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge. Several players have visited shelters in Texas and New Orleans. They had to find homes for their families.

All the Saints know they are playing for not only themselves but for the entire city of New Orleans and all the people of the state of Louisiana. The Saints know they can't change time, but they hope to find refuge for three hours, once a week.

Some people say the athletes are greedy and self-centered. But athletes are just like the rest of us. They have feelings just like you and me. They have the same spirit to help their fellow man in time of need. Tragedy shows no discrimination towards anyone or anything.

QCC Cares for Children of Students

BY MARISSA AMENDOLARO

Don't know where to bring your child when you're at school? It's simple. Bring them to Head Start, a program for parents with children located on the QCC campus grounds. It is opened five days a week 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., for parents with children ages three to five.

It's not easy for parents today to raise a child. It's harder to be in school with a child. There are numerous amounts of mothers who have kids and don't attend school after the child is born. It's hard due to many reasons one being for them to return to school lack of child care.

QCC in many ways caters to their students in one particular way that they care for their students who have young children ages three to five. They give mothers and fathers the opportunity to go to school and have a safe learning environment for their child on campus grounds. QCC has a program called Head Start. Head Start is a free federal government founded program for students with children. Their educational standard is based on focusing on active learning experience, planned trips for the children, as well as having a mainstreamed service that cater to children with special needs.

They provide a healthy nutritional breakfast, lunch and snacks daily to each child. They also have specialized lesson plans daily for the classes, as well as trying to get the children ready for kindergarten, comprehensive health services is a service they include for each child for dental care,

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Dress to Impress in QCC Job Fair

By HAEKYUNG JANG

Finding a job requires many things to do, so people who do not have some guidance easily postpone following necessities, such as writing a resume and personal essay. For the college students, it seems a mountain to climb by themselves, but they must deal with this unavoidable fact through their whole life.

Constance Peluso, director of Career Services at QCC, explained that participating in the Job Fair is the best experience to examine getting a job, and it gets you prepared and gives you great feedback opportunity. There are certain benefits compared to others which are performed out of school. Students will be less stressful about having a job interview because employers will not ask every detail information about them, and they have multiple chances to apply for a job at the same place and the time.

The QCC Job Fair has been an event on campus since 1996. The Office of Career Services performs the Job Fair twice a year. Before the exhibit, students are guided by the schedule, how to write a proper resume and a professional cover letter, to have interview skills, and to get help for every other detail. At the Job Fair employers have a

table at the allotted space and wait to get applicants, and they ask them only several questions. After all, the employers call some qualified applicants to hire them. Usually, around 500 students register for this program and some of them get a job. Many students who were at the Job Fair have learned whether they got a job or not.

Aliya Fakhri, who participated in April of the program, was interviewed with a full-confidence. "I was comfortable with my preparation. I learn an interview skill and socializing skill at the Job Fair, and I got a job in Queens Library. Beside that there were many calling backs from other employers, and I still have contact with them." Now she is working at the College Assistant for Career Services, and she is attending her last semester in QCC.

Coming soon the QCC Fall Job Fair is opening at the Student Union building on November 2, 2005. There will be 50 employers, from broad job fields, and each employer in every section will wait for students who are interested in their job as a full-time or part time. Students should get dressed up and prior to that they are supposed to register at room L-440.

QCC CARES

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vision, hearing, screening, immunizations and other required services they need.

In Head Start they have 30 children all together in QCC. 15 kids to a class, 3 teachers to each class. All teachers are certified. There are 10 staff members all together that is including teachers, cooks and family services

How you go about having your child in this program, some may wonder its is actually very simple, some documents needed for registration are child's birth certificate, immunization records, you bursar receipt and class schedule for additional information needed for registrations your child in Head Start you would have to call (718)225-3778 the director of this establishment is Cynthia Clendenin. Gabriella Villota is available to answer your questions. There is a waiting list to get into the program.

One mother Jessica, who attends Queensborough College and has a child on the waiting list for Head Start, said "As a young mother I find it extremely hard to balance my home life with my academic life. However, QCC has made it possible to further my education without having concerns about the safety and whereabouts of my child."

Head Start hopes this will help all the mother and fathers with children that there is always hope and schools all around care about you the students educational being and will do whatever it takes to provide the needs to each individual.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A New Day Dawns in Afghanistan

BY DAVID REVILLA

Five years ago most people had never even heard of Afghanistan. To those who did it was a vague memory of the Cold War when the Soviet Union invaded the landlocked, mountain country in an occupation that lasted a decade. After the tragic events of 9-11, Afghanistan was again in the spotlight. Only this time it was the Americans and not the Russians who would shape the fate of the nation.

Four years after the war against the Taliban, Afghanistan is once again going through a change only instead of guns and bombs the people are using a different kind of weapon: a vote. For the first time in over thirty years the Afghan people are taking control of their destiny and coming to the polls to decide their future and the role their country is to play in the world.

While its future is still uncertain the Afghani people have made a tremendous step in becoming a haven of democracy in a nation that has been known for violence, oppression and the law of the gun.

Since the dramatic conclusion of the war when Northern Alliance and U.S.-led Coalition forces freed the country from the oppressive Taliban Regime, Afghanistan has gone through troubling times. Trouble is nothing new to the Afghani people and yet this is a different kind of struggle.

The transition from an isolated, totalitarian state to a prosperous, free-market economy is still

something very unfamiliar to many Afghans. Various warlords still contend for control of small territories outside the cities and the remnants of the Taliban wage a guerilla war against the Coalition forces stationed there as well as the civilian populations.

In many parts of the country, women are still forced to cover themselves up completely and are treated as no more than property. Several villages and isolated communities do not recognize the new government headed by President Hamid Karzai. These communities continue to live a conservative life as they did for centuries with a way of thinking that modern nations today would find archaic or medieval. One good look at the state the country is in and one would conclude that it would take Afghanistan centuries to come into the new century.

That may not be so true. While it's true Afghanistan will be recovering from its decades-long ruination for years to come, signs of significant progress are already visible. Under the U.S.-backed government, Afghanistan is slowly beginning to see the light of the twenty-first century.

It's ironic that one of the most isolated and deeply conservative Islamic countries in the world is on the verge of incorporating democracy into its system of government. In a landmark event that would have been unheard of five years ago, 6.8 million people, forty three percent of whom were women, voted in the parliamentary and provisional council elections.

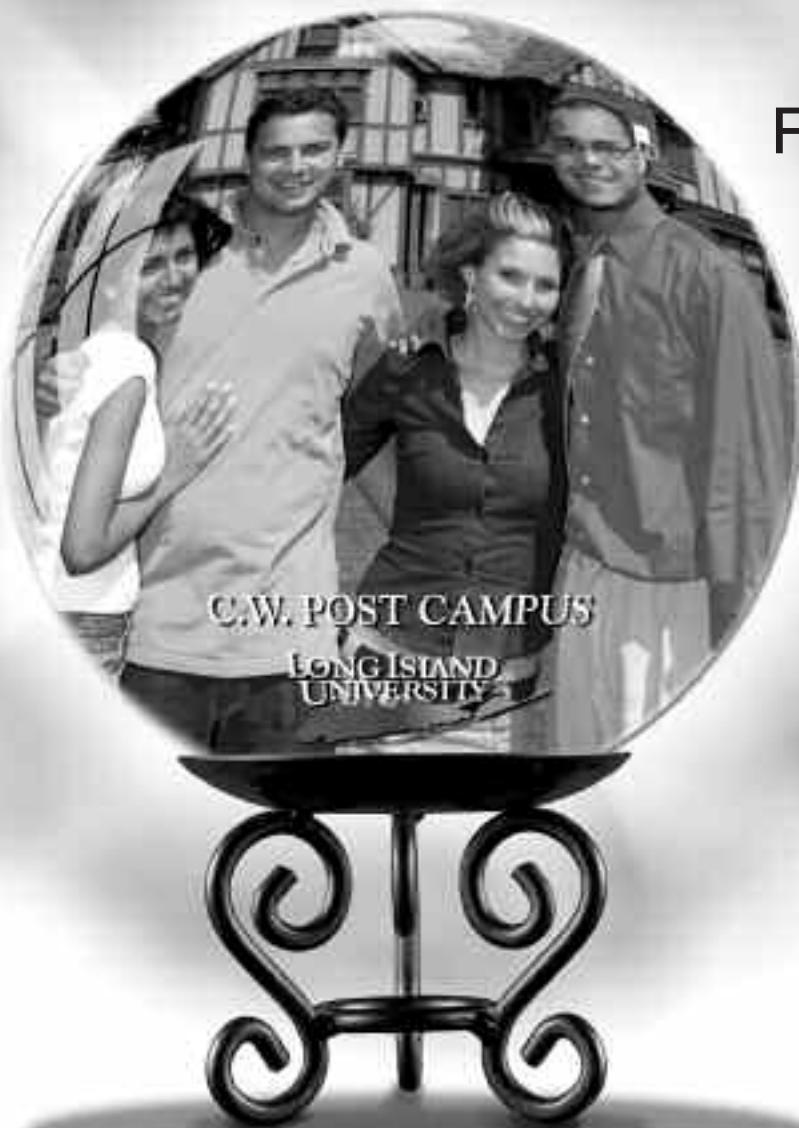
Despite threats of attacks by the Taliban, which has launched a series of violent attacks over the past six months claiming the lives of over twelve hundred people, scores of people still went out to vote in mosques, tents and schools for what will become a historical chapter in their history. Many of the voters, including Ali Safar have this to say, "Today is a magnificent day for Afghanistan.

We want dignity, we want stability and peace." If Mr. Safar's words are any indication that Afghanistan is changing, then it may become living proof that no matter how dark times get it's never too late to change.



An Afghan man places his vote in the elections.

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MySpace.com — Beware For Children

BY CEASAR RED MARK BORJA JR.

MySpace.com is a popular Web site that has an especially strong following amongst American college students. On MySpace.com, one can establish a Web page featuring a gallery consisting of a maximum 10 pictures. In addition to that, there is a profile to be filled out to such categories as, "About Me" + "General" + "Who I'd Like To Meet" + "Music" + "Heroes", among others. One of the most informative being the ability to list old jobs and current jobs, although of course, even the need of filling out any of these things is purely optional, you are free to divulge whatever information you so dare please.

However, college students may innocently give out detailed private information to the public masses and, how about, then, the case of a young child who is still naïve?

Young boys and girls on MySpace.Com are seen as easy targets by sexual predators and pedophiles. There is a gallery that shows them what you look like and the people closest to you. It is easy to find what town you live in and what high school or even junior high school that you go to. There is enough essential information in order to be efficiently stalked and the success rate of actually being found is very high.

Also, girls between the ages 13-17 have been known to exhibit photographs bearing notorious qualities of soft-core porn standards: wearing scantily clad outfits, exposing cleavage, pictures of them in suggestive, sexual poses in their bathing suits and underwear, i.e., lingerie. Some of the pictures are just simply unacceptable, offensive and obscene considering most of their tender ages.

The young boys, too, cannot be overlooked. Although their pages are much more innocent in the sexual sense, they are still targeted by dangerous sexual predators posing to be their ages and feigning similar interests. This is someone's daughter or son. That is someone's little sister or brother. So on and so forth. And they are in danger.

There are just merely two options of which I believe could be proposed; to scour the site and delete every single minor under the legal age in each American town, or to just shut the entire Web site down altogether.

Of course, it is such an establishment on the Internet and for the media of entertainment, a gold-mine for advertisements and the mass promotion of

their products, that there is little to no possibility for it to be shut down. The amount of traffic MySpace.Com receives daily is immense after all!

Children, pre-teens to young teenagers have met up with strangers from America online in chat rooms or instant messaged; but still AOL exists. Chat rooms are still around and the ability to instant message people still persists. The technological advancement of the Internet is inevitable, and it cannot be put to a stop just because a very small number of people have been molested, raped, kidnapped, murdered or worse compared to the safety of millions that haven't.

There is no doubt a fine line riding between being liberal and conservative. There are also extremes of being too reserved and strict and the risk of being too carefree that you become careless. What is most important during dangerous times is to be prepared and smart enough for it. Educate children on the dangers that may be out there, exercise discipline and know what those precious to you are exposing about themselves online; and as a trusted authority, it is your role to ensure the safety of your loved ones and yourself.

Goodbye Myths, Hello Weight Loss!

BY JENNIFER C. HERNANDEZ

Yes! It's true Oxygen Magazine states that over half the American population is overweight. It's no surprise that diets such as the "Atkins Diet" have become popular.

Many dieters now completely avoid carbohydrates; Fruits and vegetables have necessary nutrients for healthy bodies. Grains and dairy products actually help you lose weight. These are just some misconceptions of dieting; learn the facts and you'll be pointed in the right direction!

You think fat free is guilt free? Wrong! Fat free foods usually have increased amounts of sugar for better taste. Water, water, water! It increases your metabolism by thirty percent; helping you to burn fat and calories quicker. Apples contain a fiber that controls your hunger.

Exercise! It helps you shed pounds and betters your over all health. Health Professor at QCC Ms. Alicia C. Sinclair advises, "Rigorous workouts aren't a must to look fabulous. Simple changes like switching from elevators to staircases or taking a ten minute walks around campus will do the trick."

Want healthy, tasty meals? Good Housekeeping Magazine says frozen dinners such as "Smart Ones," "Healthy Choice" and "South Beach" give you a delicious variety of balanced meals.

Persistence! To lose and keep weight off, a permanent change of lifestyle is the key. Dieting should not be torture; it will make you look fantastic and feel amazing!

Good luck Q.C.C!

Morning Workouts Bring Success

BY MEHDI NOORI

Is working out in the morning better than working out during the day or night? For most of us who are lazy, any thoughts of working out anytime during the day are scary enough. Now suppose you were to wake up an hour and a half earlier than you normally do to go to the gym to hit up the weights, do multiple dumb-bells and machine exercises, job or take an aerobic class and to top it off malfunction the treadmill with your sweat.

Is it worth it to sacrifice an hour of your beauty sleep to do something that is highly beneficial for your health, something that makes you feel great about yourself, boost up your self-esteem and gives you more energy?

According to Frank Sepe, author of *The Truth*, "Those who dedicate their time to working out in the morning tend to have more energy and be stronger than those who work out in the evening." The reason for this fact is that when you exercise in the morning you are completely recovered and the body is fully recuperated from any activities that the body had endured the prior night. That is of course assuming that one is getting at least eight hours of sleep.

Chances are that if you are looking to lose weight, working out in the morning will get you faster results and make you lose more body fat percentage than if you were to work out during mid-day or night. Milos Sarcev, who is a pro-body builder says, "You are forty percent more likely to drop excess body fat by jogging in the morning than at night." The simplest explanation for this fact is that we Americans tend to consume an average of 2,000 calories a day.

Now suppose you are working out at night and your goal is to lose those unwanted love handles and drop a few pounds. You can run the treadmill but you can't hide, the fat, that is. The fact of the matter is that you are only using up the calories that you consumed during the day as energy. So you are really moving at a small pace towards your goal.

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Poker on the Run

BY DIMITRIOS SOTIRIOU

There are several poker games being played today, 7 card stud, 5 card stud, Omaha hi/low, Omaha and the most popular Texas Hold'em. There is no doubt how much poker has grown in the past two years. From watching it on television to listening it from a friend, poker has gained the attention of millions of high school students and college students all over the world.

According to Scott Alexiades, a college student, "Whenever you want a game, there is one. It doesn't matter what night of the week, we are all here, usually until 3 a.m. or later."

Check, bet, call, raise and fold. Each term alone can carry a variety of meanings, but as a combination, they make poker, a game that is growing in popularity with many college students today. Students play with various different groups, with friends, with acquaintances and with people they've never met. They play at friends houses, apartments, in the dorms and online. The question would be why has poker grew so tremendously. Well just look at our television shows such as Celebrity Poker Showdown that plays on The Bravo channel. The World Poker Tour plays on the travel channel and the coverage of the World Series of Poker plays on ESPN.

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, the 18-24 year old age group has some of the highest rates of gambling addictions. "I play about 3 times a week and I love it, the pleasure I get out of playing poker is unbelievable and it's a start of a new thing in my life, says Nick Demas (Poker Gazette).

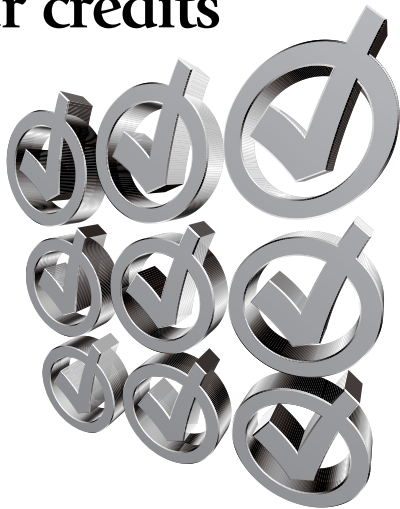
Even if students start out winning, they are bound to lose some games, but if that is the case, then why do many play consistently? Researchers have long looked at the psychological and economic links in the decision making process as a guide to answering this question. Poker players can either win handfuls of money or lose it all in one single move. Today, many college students have been on the latter end.



Poker is sweeping colleges across the nation. Students need for more money only adds to the attractiveness of poker which seems to have become the new thing to do on a Friday night and for some degenerates, every night. If you cannot control your addiction, I advise you to contact the National Council on Problem Gambling, toll free 1-800-522-4700 and don't be embarrassed because everything is confidential.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Video Games Challenge Moral Standards

By KEVIN ANRUD

There was a time when the words “video games” and “politics” were never said in the same sentence. In these happy days all gamers needed to do was stay stocked with junk food and caffeinated beverages. Video games have come a long way for the 8-bit Nintendo console we used to play as kids to the 128-bit colossal systems we are playing right now, but as technology continues to improve, so do the consumers and their demands for better games not for just the graphics and control but for the story as well.

This forces game developers to raise the bar and sometimes push the line that separates moral from immoral to keep its customers satisfied, such as video game violence. In doing so has caught the attention of the government which has started to take action against the content placed into these games for the safety and well being of the public especially children.

Why is the government stepping in a problem? It's a problem for video game companies and players because if the government steps in they could start regulating and forcing limits and standards onto developers which could decrease sales particularly with hardcore gamers who don't want their games to be “watered down.” If video game companies continue to ignore the new politics concerning their industry, they could have individuals ranging from politicians to special interest groups trying to put their stamp on games.

There have been many controversies surrounding the content placed into video games

including that of graphic violence, language and sexually explicit scenes which has caused politicians to take action fueled by the outcries of parents and religious figures such as priests and ministers who have recognized the impact that video games might have especially on younger children.

It's clear that the message has resonated, because in 2005 Democrats led efforts to pass video game legislation in California, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia and Washington D.C. And perhaps the most famous instance of politics taking a stand against was recently when Senators Joe Lieberman (D) and Hillary Clinton (D) weighed in on the sexually explicit mini-game scandal dubbed “Hot Coffee” surrounding the ever-popular game Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas.

The Game Industry continues to use the First Amendment to challenge laws that restrict anyone's right to buy any games, and as of today they have never lost a case. They also argue that game advisory stickers placed on all video game packaging that tells the buyer what age range the game is meant for should be taken more seriously, especially by parents who buy M (mature) rated games for their young children.

Developers such as Rockstar and Eidos Interactive Video continue to push the envelope in hopes of pleasing their customers and increasing their profit gains but ignore the fact that it could lead to government intervention. While over the top content will continue to be the major issue in

the gaming industry, it's far from being the only controversial issue they will face. Health experts are concerned that excessive gaming may contribute to America's national obesity epidemic with increases in diabetes and heart disease.

While on the brighter side of this argument from a healthcare perspective, games have been shown to help kids tolerate pain and adapt to their surroundings more readily during hospital stays, and from that many progressive children's hospitals now consider game consoles part of their patients rooms' standard equipment.

While these may be some of the more important political issues surrounding the gaming scene today there are certainly others. There is the matter of should prisons inmates be allowed access to video game systems in jail, but this also brings up the question would it be safer with inmates passing their free time playing Playstation/Xbox or conspiring in the prison yard.

With all the scandals and arguments being made about the video game industry some of us forget that video games are meant to be played as another form of entertainment in our leisure time. Developers feel that it is not their fault what they place into games, it's only business and they are trying to give the customers what they want. They also feel that advisory stickers and other safety warnings on game packaging should serve as a main defense in protecting the buyer, and parents or adults buying games for kids should be more concerned and aware.

QCC Theatre is Alive and Well

By SAMANTHA SMALL



Queensborough Community College has an amazing newly renovated 600 seat proscenium house, a 135 seat black-box theatre, and a brand new state-of-the-art digital design lab. There are a number of different courses that students can choose from if you are interested in majoring in Speech Communication or Theatre Arts.

If you have a case of the acting bug auditions for the spring 2006 plays “Oedipus” by Sophocles (directed by Georgia McGill) and “Naomi in the Living Room” by Christopher Durang (directed by Michele Cuomo) start February 1st through the 4th at 1:00pm in the Shadow Box Theatre.

The next production will be “A Raisin in the Sun” by Lorraine Hansberry. The preview day is November 4th at 7:30pm and opening night is Saturday November 5th at 7:30pm in the Queensborough performing arts center. General admission is only \$8.00, seniors get in for \$5.00, and Queensborough students get in for the low price of \$3.00.

Our campus also holds professional entertainment and this year we are celebrating the Queensborough Performing Arts Centers 40th anniversary. There is non stop entertainment lined up for this year such as “Catskills on Broadway,” the “Manhattan Rhythm Kings,” “Ballet Flamenco,” “Ain't Misbehavin’,” “Russian National Ballet,” Harlem Gospel Choir,” and the “Latin Legends of Comedy” just to name a few. The managing and Artistic director Susan Agin is extremely committed to the performances and thanks everyone for their support and asks to please consider making a special 40th anniversary donation to keep this great performing arts organization going.

If you're looking to enjoy a nice evening out with your family or friends then consider going to one of the upcoming plays at our school and support your fellow classmates, or attending one of the many professional entertainment shows. To get more information about upcoming plays you can contact the main theatre at (718) 631-6633.

MOVIES

What's Hot in the Movies

BY NIJEMA BROWN

FLIGHTPLAN

Jodi Foster does it again with her smashing performance in her new movie "Flightplan." This gut wrenching thriller has audience members squirming. Jodi Foster plays a widow mother, who for a living designs commercial airplanes. Now, a customer, designs airplanes her and her daughter falls asleep; When Foster wakes up her daughter is missing. Stirring up passengers and crew members, who thinks she's crazy, Foster is now a mission to finding and proving that her daughter does exist.

Critics listed in the Daily News states that this is "the most suspenseful thriller of the year (Lisa Stanley, from Infinity Broadcasting)." "A heart-stopping thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat (Paul Clinton, from CNN)." "A true nail-bitter Jodi Foster delivers another solid knockout performance! (Mose Persico, from Entertainment Spotlight)." **Starring:** Jodi Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Erika Christensen, Sean Bean

Directed by: Robert Schwentke

Produced by: Brain Grazer

Rated: PG-13

COMING SOON

Saw 2

Like horror movies? Well "Saw 2" is being release in the box offices October 28, 2005. This horror/suspense continues on its killing path to finding the jigsaw murder. Imagine being locked in a unfamiliar room with seven people (yourself making eight), who you think are strangers. What would you do if you and the others were forced to play a game that may kill you? Do you think you can out wit the killer?

Starring: Donnie Wahlberg, Franky G, Beverley Mitchell, Glenn Plummer, Dina Meyer

Directed by: Darren Lynn Bousman

Produced by: Mark Burg, Oren Koules, Gregg Hoffman

Rated: R

The Passenger (Professione: reporter) (1975)

How about a little drama in life. This movie was original released in 1975 and now being re-released this October 28, 2005. A news reporter going great ordeals thought his life would be better to steal a deiced man's identity. As the reporter becomes more like the other man he's pretending to be; He discovers that this man had a bad history.

Starring: Jack Nicholson, Maria Schneider, Jenny Runacre, Ian Hendry, Steven Berkoff

Directed by: Michelangelo Antonioni

Produced by: Carlo Ponti

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Adventures, are you? Well I got the movie for you. On November 18, 2005 "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" will be released. This is Harry's 4th year at Hogwarts and he is selected to be a contestant in the triwizard tournament. He's Competing against other top wizards from different schools in Europe. But signs are pointing to the reappearance of Lord Valdamort. Will Harry be alright? Instead of playing in a competition for fun he is playing for his life.

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Ema Watson, Rupert Grint, Michael Gambon, Maggie Smith,

Directed By: Mike Newwell

Produced by: David Heyman, Chris Columbus, Mark Radcliffe

Rated: PG-13

A Dozen Interview for Chance at New Face

BY RYAN SUMASAR

There are numerous people that experience facial scars or severe facial burns from major tragedies with no way of repairing their original description for the rest of their lives. Now, research is being done to experiment with face transplants.

Twelve people, five men and seven women will be visiting the Cleveland Clinic for an interview to have a chance to have a new face. The face transplant will consist of scar-tissue masks that does not move or feel like natural skin. The face would acquire sensation and movement from about 20 nerve endings that will be stitched together.

Dr. Maria Siemionow has practiced this procedure on dozens of animals and critics state that this surgery is too risky for something that is not life or death. The worst that can occur after this surgery is that the transplant can be rejected and sloughing away. So far, two people have been selected for the transplant.

This surgical procedure is so unique the consent form says that doctors do not believe a consent form is possible. Patients are told that their face will be detached and replaced with one donated from a cadaver and it will be coordinated for tissue type, age, sex, and skin color. The surgery lasts about 8-10 hours and patients will be in the hospital for about 10 to 14 days. Another form states that the new face will not look like their dead loved one because the new skin goes on the existing bone and muscle and it gives the face its shape.

Effects from this can consist of infections that can turn your face black in color and necessitate a subsequent transplant or rebuilding with

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SPORTS

After Years in the Dark, Nets turn to a New Market for Recognition

By CHRIS DENARO

A new state of the art arena deal is in the stages of being finalized and with it starts a new era. An era in which one of the better teams in the NBA, in one of America's top professional sports, doesn't get ignored. Maybe then will the current value of the New Jersey Nets, which is put together by including, but not restricting to, revenue and marketability, ranked 18th among the 29 teams in the 2003 Forbes.com report, will go up along with their gaudy records.

So come with me on a magic carpet ride for a few moments here. Imagine being the owner of the New Jersey Nets. Your name is Lewis Katz, Ray Chambers, or well-known multi-millionaire and minority owner George Steinbrenner. The year is 2004. Not only does your team include one of the most dynamic and marketable players in the league in Jason Kidd, but also your club just streaked their way to back-to-back FBA Finals, the pinnacle of the National Basketball Association. But still, something isn't right . . .

- Fact: the New Jersey Nets did reach the NBA Finals in consecutive years, from the '01-'02 to the '02-'03 seasons.
- Faction: the New Jersey Nets did not sell out their home court, Continental Airlines Arena, during the playoffs; not to mention hundreds of empty seats for the 2 NBA Finals series', an occurrence that is just unheard of.
- Fact: the New Jersey Nets style of play during their reign as an Eastern Conference

powerhouse included the up-tempo, fast break style of play that made them one of the more exciting teams to watch in the league.

- Faction: with that being said, the Nets failed to reach the top 10 in revenue income directly related to those 2 seasons on report sheets as issued by Forbes.com.

The reality is the Continental Airlines Arena is a nightmare of a commute. It's seemingly out in the middle of nowhere and traffic to and from the complex called the Meadowlands is horrid. It didn't help that the Nets were so bad for so long that when they finally did start to win games . . . most people apparently stopped caring and didn't even realize it. At a time when the Nets were flying high in the standings, finishing in first place in '02-'03 with 49 wins, they were second to last in attendance rankings through the then 29-team league.

Here is a rundown of some of the Nets under-achieving revenue statistics. A year after make their NBA Finals debut in '02 the '03 report sheet, directly reflecting their income from the '01-'02 season, showed the Nets ranked only 13th among the league's 29 teams in revenue income. Not only that, but the following year, after reaching the Finals for consecutive years, the report revealed the Nets ranked 15th in the league in revenue income. The Toronto Raptors, who for all intensive purposes were god awful in the '02-'03 season, finished with 25 less wins than the Nets in

the standard 82 games season and had a final record of 24-58, good for second to last in the Eastern Conference. Despite their record, the Raptors managed to finish the season according to the Forbes.com report, ranking higher in revenue income than the Nets did.

So in come Bruce Ratner. He bought the team from Lewis Katz, Ray Chambers, and TV rights from minority owner George Steinbrenner in 2004, which were probably at their wits end with how to market their team. His plan strictly in a business sense, is a genius one. He intends to move the New Jersey Nets to Brooklyn, to a city that's been yearning for a professional sports team since Major League Baseball's Brooklyn Dodgers broker their hearts in 1957 by moving to Los Angeles, nearly a half century ago. Brooklyn is a huge market and full of potential. In Brooklyn, the Nets would finally get recognized and appreciated. New York has proven through baseball with the Yankees and Mets that two New York teams can coincide and flourish. Why not give the city another chance?

The New York Knicks, according to those same Forbes reports finished either first or tied for first in revenue for 2003 and 2004 despite being under .500 both seasons. The Nets residing in Brooklyn would give that community a new identity. Then maybe, just maybe, somebody will realize that these guys aren't so bad anymore.

New Face

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skin grafts. If drugs are required to avert rejection, they will be lifelong medication and can comprise risks of kidney damage or cancer.

Siemionow gathered surgeons, psychiatrists, social workers, therapists, nurses and patient advocates, and also worked with LifeBanc, the procurement agency she expects to get her a face. Doctors wanted to attempt to try face transplants in the past but there was no hospital that approved. Siemionow has familiarity with experimenting with rats. She cancels out cancer patients and children for this earliest set of operations since they are too many risks involved. She wishes to choose people with not just scars, but also enough healthy skin for grafts just in case the transplant is not successful.

Before picking candidates for this surgery, they have to make sure the risks are well known and the persons are psychologically prepared. Looking in the mirror and seeing another person's face can be devastating.



Nursing Student Orientation Program

On August 24th, the nursing department held its student orientation for all NU-101 students beginning this fall. This orientation was funded by a grant entitled "The Promise of Nursing for New York Nursing School Grant Program" administered by the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association. Funding for the grant program was contributed by several hospitals and healthcare agencies in the New York area, by Johnson & Johnson, and by national companies with an interest in supporting nursing education. The funds were raised at a gala fundraising event sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. This theme reflects the ongoing commitment of the college to graduate high quality, well-prepared nurses to meet the growing nursing shortage in New York.

The purpose of the Nursing Student Orientation Program is to assist and support students as they transition from pre-nursing and other areas of study and begin their first clinical course. This is a critical time for these students because unlike most college courses, nursing courses include theoretical, psychomotor, and communication skills. Students must learn to integrate these components while enculturating into the profession of the registered nurse in the 21st century.

Through thoughtful coordination, Professor Georgina Colalillo, invited the participation of the various college departments providing crucial resources that will play key roles in the students' development during the next four semesters. In addition to the nursing department's own resource center and practice laboratory, these departments include: instructional support services, the library, math learning center, information technology, academic computing center, counseling center, academic advisement, and student health services. Professor Carol Soto, NU-101 coordinator, provided an overview of the course and helped clarify

lecture days, skills laboratories, clinical rotations, and hospital sites.

The goal of the Nursing Student Orientation Program is to promote retention in the program. To meet this goal, the orientation provides as much information as possible about what to expect during this semester as well as subsequent semesters, assist students in identifying their needs and weakness and to encourage them to get help early and often. By knowing what to expect and understanding that there are many resources to help them, students' psychological stress and anxiety can be minimized. It is hypothesized that decreasing stress can improve school performance and increase student retention in the program.

The orientation program was enthusiastically attended by 67 day and evening freshman nursing students who asked appropriate questions and stayed for the entire program. The lunch was an added bonus because it allowed the students to become acquainted with their peers and faculty members. It's important to feel a sense of belonging since students spend so much time together. Also, this networking facilitates the formation of study groups which is also important for success.

Classes have begun and all NU-101 students are offered the opportunity to join mentoring. Mentoring sessions will be conducted for both day and evening students by Professor Margaret Mikowski and Professor Georgina Colalillo. Mentoring provides opportunities for partnership among faculty and students and promotes critical performance skills at the college level. Mentoring also supports enculturation into role of the profession. This semester a peer mentoring program will be initiated. Professor Margaret Reilly will be recruiting and training senior nursing students and QCC nursing graduates to fill these roles.

QCC Calendar of Events

THEATRE

Nov.4	7:30pm	A Raisin in the Sun(Preview)
Nov.5	7:30pm	A Raisin in the Sun(Opening Night)
Nov.9	1:15	A Raisin in the Sun(Bargain Matinee)
Nov.10	10am&7:30pm	A Raisin in the Sun
Nov.11&12	7:30pm	A Raisin in the Sun
Nov.13		Ballet Flamenco: Jose Porcel
Nov.19	8pm	Queens Symphonic Band
Dec.2	7:30pm	The Private Life of the Master Race (Preview)
Dec.3	7:30pm	The Private Life of the Master(Opening Night)
Dec.7	1:15pm	The Private Life of the Master(Bargain Matinee)
Dec.8	10am&7:30pm	The Private Life of the Master
Dec.9&10	7:30pm	The Private Life of the Master

ART

Oct.15	African Art and the Khabouris Codex Exhibits Begin.	
Oct.16	Opening Marlene Tseng Yu and Albert Terris Exhibits. Ends 11/18	
Oct.21	Art Gallery Lecture/Poetry Reading	
Nov. 3	6:00 Art Gallery Lecture-Phil Listengart	

MUSIC

Oct. 23	7:30-9:30	The Legends of Rock and Roll
Dec.3	8pm	QCC Orchestra
Dec.10	8pm	Queensborough Orchestra

EVENTS

Oct.27	6:30-11:00pm	Halloween Party-Student Union Lounge
Nov.9	1:00-3:00pm	Club President and Advisor Luncheon-Student Union Lounge

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY:

Oct.16	10:00am	St. Joseph Invitational Sunken Meadow Park
Oct. 16	10:00 am	York Invitational Van Cortlandt Park
Oct.22	10:00 am	Region XV Championships at Bowden State Park
Oct.23	10:00am	CUNY Championships at Van Cortlandt
Oct. 30	10:00am	N. Russo Halloween Classic Van Cortlandt Park
Nov.12	10:00am	NJCAA Championships at Fingers Lake CC
Nov.15	10:00 am	N.E District Regionals at Sunken Meadow Park

SOCCER:

Oct.15	10:00am	QCC
Oct.17	4:00pm	QCC
Oct.19	1:00-3:00	Soccer Game RFK Track
Oct.20	4:00pm	Monroe City Park
Oct.24	7:00pm	Metropolitan Oval
10/29&11/2	1:00pm	Region XV Tournament @ Higher Seed
Nov.5	1:00pm	Region XV Championships @ Higher Seed
Nov.8	TBA	District Championships @ Region XV
Nov.12&13	TBA	National Championships @ Herkimer CC

ACADEMICS

Oct. 18	Academic Senate Meeting
Oct.19	Student Senate Meeting S422 Club V.P meeting S424
Oct.26	Last day to withdraw from classes
Oct.28	Faculty Meeting
Nov.8	Academic Senate Meeting

QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Health, Physical Education and Dance Department

Women's Volleyball 2005 Season Schedule

Revised 9/23/05

Day	Date	Team(s)	Place	Time	
Tuesday	9/20	Suffolk Grant CC	QCC	7:00 pm	
Thursday	9/22	Suffolk CC	Suffolk CC	7:00 pm	
Saturday	9/24	Kingsborough CC	Kingsborough CC	12:00 pm	
		FIT		1:15 pm	
Monday	9/26	BMCC	QCC	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	9/27	Nassau CC	QCC	7:00 pm	
Saturday	10/1	Hostos CC	BMCC	12:00 pm	
		BMCC		1:15 pm	
Sunday	10/2	Kingsborough CC	Kingsborough CC	12:00 pm	
Thursday	10/6	Suffolk CC	QCC	7:00 pm	
Saturday	10/8	Globe CC (Div I)	Nassau CC	12:00 pm	* H
		Westchester CC		1:15 pm	* H
Sunday	10/9	Bronx CC	Nassau CC	12:00 pm	* H
		Monroe CC		1:15 pm	* H
Tuesday	10/11	Hostos CC	Hostos CC	7:30 pm	
Saturday	10/15	Orange CC	Orange CC	12:00 pm	
		Ulster CC		1:15 pm	
Monday	10/17	Suffolk Grant CC	Suffolk Grant CC	7:00 pm	
Tuesday	10/18	Nassau CC	Nassau CC	7:00 pm	
Thursday	10/20	Bronx CC	QCC	7:00 pm	
Saturday	10/22	Sullivan CC	Nassau CC	12:00 pm	* H
		Dutchess CC		1:15 pm	* H
Tuesday	10/25	CUNY Championship	@ BMCC	5:00 pm	
Sat. & Sun	10/29 & 10/30	Region XV Tournament	@ Suffolk Grant	TBA	
Fri. & Sat.	11/11 & 11/12	National Tournament	@ Rochester, NY	TBA	

* S - indicates Scrimmage Games

* H - indicates that QCC is the Home College at the away site. The Home College must provide 1 scorer for all matches.

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Men's Basketball 2005-2006 Season Schedule

Revised 9/23/05

Day	Date	Team	Place	Time
Saturday	11/5	Mack Truck Classic (Alumni)	QCC	1:00 pm
Fri. & Sat.	11/11&12	Mohawk Valley Tourn	TBA	
Tuesday	11/15	CUNY MEDIA DAY	Baruch College	1:00 pm
Tuesday	11/15	Suffolk Grant CC	QCC	7:00 pm
Tuesday	11/22	Westchester CC (Division I)	Westchester CC	7:00 pm
Tuesday	11/29	Hostos CC	Hostos CC	7:30 pm
Thursday	12/1	Rockland CC	QCC	7:00 pm
Saturday	12/3	Monroe College (Division I)	Monroe (Mt. St. Michaels)	12:00 pm
Tuesday	12/6	BMCC	TBA	7:30 pm * QCC DH
Thursday	12/8	FIT	QCC	7:00 pm
Friday	12/9	Wayne CC (Detroit)	QCC	8:00 pm
Monday	12/12	Kingsborough CC	Kingsborough CC	8:00 pm * QCC DH
Wedns	12/14	Sullivan CC	Sullivan CC	7:00 pm
Saturday	12/17	Bronx CC	QCC	2:00 pm
Tuesday	12/20	Suffolk CC	Suffolk CC	7:00 pm
Thursday	1/5	Nassau CC	Nassau CC	8:00 pm
Saturday	1/7	TCI	TCI (Baruch College)	5:00 pm * QCC DH
Tuesday	1/10	BMCC	TBA	7:30 pm * QCC DH
Tuesday	1/17	Suffolk CC	QCC	8:00 pm* QCC DH
Thursday	1/19	Bronx CC	Bronx CC	7:00 pm
Saturday	1/21	Suffolk Grant CC	Suffolk Grant CC	1:00 pm
Saturday	1/28	Dutchess CC	QCC	3:00 pm* QCC DH
Tuesday	1/31	Hostos CC	QCC	7:00 pm * QCC DH
Thursday	2/2	Kingsborough CC	QCC	8:00 pm * QCC DH
Saturday	2/4	Orange CC (Division II)	Orange CC	1:00 pm
Tuesday	2/7	Nassau CC	QCC	7:00 pm
Saturday	2/11	Ulster CC	Ulster CC	2:00 pm

Mon., Wed. & Fri 2/13, 2/15 & 2/17 CUNY TOURNAMENT @ BMCC TBA
 Fri.-Sun. 3/3-3/5 REGION XV TOURNAMENT @ TBA TBA
 Thurs.-Sat. 3/16-3/18 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT @ SUNY Delhi TBA

* QCC DH - Indicates a QCC Women's & Men's Basketball Double Header

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