New Testing Required for QCC Students

BY JULIANN DIAZ

Tack on another test to your schedule here at QCC. The new test being administered this fall is called the CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE) which will replace the old CUNY Writing Aptitude Test (CWAT). And I’m sure most students are asking, “Why?”

Well, as QCC students are aware, the CWAT was used for many things. For example, it was used as a placement exam, an exit from remediation, and a transfer exam to exit a two-year college and enter a four-year college, and to transfer from a sophomore to a junior in a four-year college. The test was being used for too many things. It had not been tested nationally, just within CUNY.

As Linda Stanley, coordinator on QCC campus for the citywide university program, said, “It’s fairness and reliability had not been tested on a national scale.” On the other hand, in May 1998 and Spring 1999 two pilot CPE tests were given here at QCC and the results were impressive.

The purpose of the CPE is to encourage students to organize their thoughts well and to test skills developed through coursework, for example, books and material. Right now most students are probably wondering, “How do I know if this affects me?”

The students required to take this test are those who have accumulated 45-60 credits, or a sophomore student in a four-year college entering the junior year. Also, this test will only be administered to students who were admitted in September 1999, or later, and have completed 45-60 credits.

The reason for taking the test after completing 45 credits is to have the time to retake it before graduation. Officially, the first test was given on October 12 and October 13 on campus. And as of now, there are 82 students eligible. Out of the thousands of students here at QCC, only 82 took either 14-15 credits per semester. The next test will be administered in March 2001.

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Don’t be alarmed QCC. There are many ways to prepare for the exam which is divided into two parts as follows: Part One: The Analytical Reading; and Part Two: The Writing, analyzing and integrating information from graphs and texts. Preparing for part one is simpler because it consists of three passages to read, two of which are sent to the student in advance in order to study. The third passage is given later on the day of the test. Preparing for part two is a little tough because the material is not given in advance, but it doesn’t have to be because there is plenty of tutoring available.

The Writing Center is running a four-week series of workshops in February. Every week will be spent covering a different topic. The topics range from the following: close reading and comprehension, analytical writing skills, understanding charts and graphs and a review of a practice test. So good luck, QCC!

IN THIS AGE OF “@ Dot Com”
QCC HAS NO PLANS TO BE LEFT BEHIND.

BY DINA R. NIBAR

In the basement of the Kurt R. Schmeller Library of Queensborough Community College, work is in progress to educate and update the faculty and staff with cutting edge technology and programs.

A new office and a computer lab just for faculty and staff is on its way. No professor will be left behind in this computer generation age. Each will be trained on programs specialized to help and make QCC a better learning environment for both students and faculty members. Many home bound students who are finding it hard to get to school will be able to study at home via the computer and internet.

Mr. Bruce Naples, the director of Academic Computing Studies said, “we will be able to reach students that are home bound with computer courses online by the fall of 2001.”

Currently, there is not very much that students can tap into at home from QCC. But with a valid QCC library card, any student can access “CUNY libraries licensed resources” for research papers. There are many journals and periodicals available online for students to use. Check with the library staff for more information on what you can access from your home computer from the QCC library.

To get online simply login www.cuny.edu and it will take you into the home page. There you can double click on “CUNY licensed resources.” There are only two options currently to choose from available to QCC students.

1. Info Trac Web: Expanded Academic Business and Co.
2. Info Trac: Health (Academic)

Just click on either, and a window will appear which will ask for your QCC library card 14 digit number. Your QCC card has to be valid for you to get access.

According to Mr. Charles Prancil from the Academic Computing Lab, “Within a month and a half, students of QCC will be able to register from home online for the courses they wish to study. No need to come to the college to register.”

Also, “The QCC Communiqué newspaper will be online for students to read and refer to,” said Professor Linda Reesman of the English Dept.

Many students and faculty of QCC are pretty excited about the plans that are in progress currently. Some can hardly wait to get online at home and access the QCC library information, instead of going to the library to use the computers.

Computers and internet access is the future of technology, fast and easy access to the world of information and services. No one can stop QCC now; it’s on its way to educate and make life easier for students and faculty members. Lots of training and computer services will be available online and on campus.
EDITORIALS

A Time For Thanks

As the year comes to another end, so begins the commencement of theme holidays. Halloween had parents and children shopping for the latest decorations and costumes known to man, buying everything from simple masks of presidential candidates to high tech gadgets to set the perfect environment. Halloween was a success both for stores and families. Sales for this holiday were at the highest ever. But around the corner waits the day of feasting with family and friends. Costumes are put aside for turkey, parades and contemplation of what we are all thankful for.

The staff here at Queensborough took time away from their demanding deadlines and put some thought into what we were all thankful for. This particular day helped us all realize that materialistic things were not as valuable as friends, family and the opportunities we have living in this country. “I’m thankful for close family and all we’ve been through together,” said Tom. “I’m thankful for having the opportunity to go to school and being in a class that can hopefully contribute to my career as a journalist,” said Devon. This holiday helped those also appreciate the fact of life. “I’m thankful for the air I breathe, for being healthy and for the safety of my friends, family and all creators,” said Ana.

So during this time of Thanksgiving before the traditional feast of turkey begins, try to think of what you’re thankful for. Whether it’s a second chance, a loved one or the day itself, take some time out to be grateful. Appreciate what you have, for some of those around you aren’t as fortunate and Happy Thanksgiving.

A Thank You to the Mets and Yankees

BY VITO SALAMONE

The 2000 Major League Baseball Season could not have concluded in any other fashion for New York baseball fans. We had our first Subway World Series in 44 years. The series was won by the Yankees, four games to one, giving the Yankees their 26th World Series championship, their third consecutive championship and their fourth in the past five seasons.

Since it is November and Thanksgiving is vastly approaching, I would like to give thanks to both the Mets and Yankees for giving baseball fans five of the best games of the season. The series had everything, from great pitching to big homeruns to great defensive plays to a potential bench-clearing brawl. In the end each game was decided by one or two runs. Giving this series the ultimate flair of dramatics.

As a lifelong Met fan, I am extremely proud of what the team accomplished this season. The season was filled with memories. All Met fans will remember Benny Agbayani’s game winning grand slam in Japan, the team’s dramatic comeback over the Atlanta Braves on June 30 and their second consecutive Wild Card berth. This Playoff run for the Mets was filled with even more dramatic moments. We saw the Mets defeat the San Francisco Giants in four games. All Met fans will remember the pitching performance of Bobby Jones in Game four of the series. Next the team dominated the St. Louis Cardinals to win their first National League Championship in 14 years.

Although the Mets run at a championship came up short, all Met fans should hold their heads high as the prospects for the future are bright. And hopefully it won’t be another 14 years until our next World Series berth.
Making Waves on Campus for a QCC Radio Station

By Crystal Cruz

High hopes are soaring among fellow QCC students as Adam Delvalle and Mike Rojas try to rekindle an old flame. A love for music and longing for school spirit has provoked these two students to open lines for communication through restarting QCC’s old radio station.

When speaking with Adam Delvalle, the Parliamentarian of QCC, opening the lines for communication was his top priority. When asked him what steps have to be taken in order to hope to restart the radio station, he made them clear. Delvalle explained, “The first step is to gain the support of the students. We will be the ones to participate, run, and receive the hands on training that our radio station will provide. The next step is to meet the approval of our president, Dr. Marti, and vice president, Dr. Evanoski. Our third step, after being approved by our president, will be to find a faculty advisor and corporate sponsor.”

These students are actually looking toward major corporations such as Sony, RCA, and La Mega radio station for financial support. Since QCC already once had a radio station, much of the equipment needed is already stored on campus. The only problem is that due to old age, it needs to be updated. Adam Delvalle is hoping to have our station back on the air during club hours each day of the week. A variety of music such as Hip Hop, Reggae, Classical, Jazz, Rock and Latin would be playing in the quad for all students to enjoy.

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Delvalle also indicated that our radio station can expand our education department. As well, it can serve as an internship for our students and it can give them hands on experience that they might need to pursue a career in communications. It can serve as a club and as a class. Adam Delvalle made it very evident that QCC can benefit very much from this. It is up to the rest of the students to make it happen!

Drowning in the High Costs of Books

By Tequa S. Banks

Are the rising costs of textbooks burning a hole in your pockets? Then you are not alone. Each semester the average student spends approximately three hundred dollars on textbooks alone.

Research shows that the rising cost of books is not just a problem for students at QCC, but it is a problem for CUNY students abroad.

Natalie DaCosta, a single mother of three, said, “I am a full time student at LaGuardia and my book voucher does not cover the complete cost of books, so I am forced to photocopy many of my assignments.”

A student at QCC named Eric explained, “Last semester I spent $92 on my biology book alone, and that is a lot of money for someone who doesn’t really have it.” Eric is a full time student who works at a local factory part time.

These complaints seem to be mirrored by the majority of the students surveyed. Some believe the answer is to increase the book voucher, but what about the students who do not receive book vouchers? The bottom line is that the cost of textbooks needs to be reduced.

Who is to blame for the rising cost of books? Most believe that it is the bookstore, when in fact, it is the publishers who regulate the prices. It is also the publishers who receive the majority of the revenue, 67 percent to be exact.

Ms. Wendy Shea, the QCC bookstore manager says, “We do not price the books here, the books are priced by the publishers.”

In actuality the bookstore only receives 10 percent of the revenue, which is used toward salaries, supplies and maintenance. Another 9 percent is given to the college for academic programs. For most students the idea of selling books back to the bookstore is not even an option. The bookstore claims to pay 50 percent of the selling cost, but students complain of only being offered a fraction of what they paid only to see the books back on the shelves for $40 to $50. It appears that someone is making a lot of money at the expense of the students. Maybe professors are right when saying it is best to keep books for future reference. It may be the only way to get what you pay for.

For students struggling to make a way in life, bombarded with rent, bills, car notes, and those who even have to worry about childcare, it is not fair that every semester textbooks are added to that list. It is up to the students to ban together and take action.

If you would like to complain about the rising cost of textbooks, please write to:

The Association of American Publishers
71 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10003

As the student, you have the power to make the change.

Petitioning for a WQCC Revival

By Adam Delvalle

The radio is one of the best forms of communication. In the past we’ve had a radio station here at QCC, but it faded away just as your car stereo would fade while driving through the Lincoln Tunnel.

With the support of all of our students combined we are trying to find our lost signal. We recognize the problems and difficulties in managing the radio station in the past and we are carefully planning the comeback of the WQCC. There are more than a handful of students that are helping with the signing of a petition. The petition is important to sign because this will show that you have a voice to be heard and would like to show the administrators that you have an interest on what goes on here at our school.

Vicky, of the future teachers club, Heather, a night student, Nieves Diaz, works at the café, members of the student government and NYPIRG are all a part of the team effort. This team effort will not only electrify the students, but the whole campus as well. Adam Delvalle and Mike Rojas are just two of the 10,000 students who attend QCC, asking students to sign a petition which is carried by them every day. The support that is given by every student that signs this petition is greatly appreciated, and any help, ideas, and support that anyone would like to contribute are welcome. This is a slow process and will take some serious interest, time and effort. Remember this is phase one and this can only grow along with the interest of the students. All you have to do is come to the lower level of the student union and see Adam Delvalle.

There is a great amount of school spirit, there is a greater sense, understanding & appreciation of community.
LEARNING TO LEAD

By GARY FLANAGAN

The Queensborough Student Association, Student Government, in cooperation with the QCC Office of Student Affairs, jointly co-sponsored a “Student Leadership Conference” weekend which was held September 22 through September 24.

Pioneer of this annual sojourn into student leadership students may have responsibility toward. De Gregoria also expressed an urge toward the empowerment of students in specific skills: profound leadership skills, dynamic communication, stress reduction, group cohesiveness, cooperation, and student government insights. “My goal,” stated De Gregoria, “is for everyone to enjoy themselves, and become more empowered through information’s available; too, I’d like to see participants bond more closely, if possible.”

Vice President Stephen Beltzer is the original pioneer of this annual sojourn into student empowerment. Beltzer modestly stated that he had organized the first QCC student leadership weekend in 1970. “Our agenda then as now,” stated Beltzer, “was to expose the student to timely matters of import through scenarios and dialogue, then allow participants to practice a positive channel of response.”

The student mentors who devoted their time and energy toward the event included Dr. Eduardo Marti, Vice President Howard Lapidus, Vice President Stephen Beltzer, Vice President Patricia Evanoski, Dean Sandra Bygrave-Dozier, Dean Karen Steele, Charlene De Gregoria, Gisela Rivera. The aforementioned faculty mentors contributed individually in some unique capacity. A few of the more memorable workshops included: “Stress Management Workshop,” by Dean Bygrave-Dozier; with Gisela Rivera; “The Art of Negotiation” by Senior Vice President Howard Lapidus and Vice President Patricia Evanoski, and “Campus Concerns, A Round Table Discussion” with President Eduardo J. Marti, Vice President Howard L. Lapidus, Vice President Stephen Beltzer, Vice President Patricia Evanoski, Dean Karen Steele, Dean Sandra ByGrave-Dozier.

Topics of discussion ran the gamut from academic advisement to part-time, adjunct professors and again from staff insensitivity to capital improvement projects. President Marti, in a response to the staff’s insensitivity comment, remarked, “Nobody ever comes to work not wanting to do their job... but the environment sometimes changes a person; it’s called an ‘institutional attitude.’ “

“But students at QCC have the same right to quality service as students at St. Johns and Columbia... try to work with your faculty and administrators.”

Student Leadership participants each had a reason for attending the conference. Katherine from the Humanities Club stated, “I want to have fun but be educated at the same time. My goal is to be a teacher, so the conference may help me be a better role model.”

Lisa, the Humanities Club president said, “I’m a little shy, so my goal is to grow as far as public speaking.”

Imonite Okhiria, Vice President of the Computer Science Club, hoped to “gain some insight into the mechanics of government; while Jamel, our Drama Society senator expressed interest in the “Relax and Retreat” element of the trip. Located three hours north of New York City in Kerhonsen, New York, program participants indeed, found very little down time to enjoy the handsome accommodations afforded them at the luxurious European style, Hudson Valley Resort.

Still, interested persons of the 2001 Student Leadership Conference should submit applications now. Faculty referrals will also be considered; requirements include a minimum 2.1 GPA and a course load of 12 credits.

Thank you again to the QCC faculty who participated in this event. Your vote of confidence was not lost on this student; and finally congratulations to the “Team Leadership 2000” student participants: N. Thomas, Julian Gordon, Vanessa Hetmeyer, Ziomara Zamora, Angela L. Wooten, Marilyn Mann, Melissa Robinson, Danny Pichardo, Pamela Romascindo, Jolie Serrano, Issam Zourkani, Adam Delvalle, Katherine Garianis, Victoria Slavik, April Woods, Jamel Williams, Imonite Okhiria, and Thihira Mangal.
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Transferring: A Smooth Transition
By Timothy Graham

Considering the number of students at Queensborough Community College who are thinking about transferring to another college, the counseling center can help to end the confusion. Dr. Martin Jacobs, transfer coordinator at the counseling center, explained the transfer process and what QCC is doing to help students prepare for their futures.

The counseling center has catalogues for over 400 CUNY, SUNY and private colleges, plus brochures on these schools. They also have all the forms that are needed to apply to the student’s school of interest. There is a computer program called SIGI PLUS which allows students to check and see if their Queensborough credits will be transferred to the school which they are interested in. For example, Baruch College will not take MA120 if a student is applying for a business degree. Students must take MA128 (tech. Calculus) as a prerequisite to enter their business courses.

What grade point average and credits do students need to transfer? - a question commonly asked. Students need 24 credits and a GPA of 2.0 to 2.5.

Dr. Jacobs recommended that students complete their AA degrees at QCC and then transfer out.

Dr. Jacobs suggested that students take advantage of the scheduled transfer events on campus and meet with representatives from the schools they are interested in learning more about. Students need to become aware of the special requirements these schools want a student to have in order to transfer. Dr. Jacobs also encouraged these visits as a way to make personal contacts with someone from the school. Students should bring their transcripts and CWAT scores with them when they come to an event.

Upcoming transfer events on campus include workshops, limited to 15 students each, which will run through December 13, 2000. The instructors for these workshops are Dr. Martin Jacobs and Dr. Victor Defazio; groups meet in Room 428, 4th floor Library Building. Students should notify the counseling center in advance for which days they would like to attend.

Campus college visits inform students how to prepare for transfer, all about majors, course acceptance, financial aid, future careers, and more. Several campus visits which have already taken place during October and November include City College, Hunter and Baruch. Queens College will visit QCC on November 15, Wednesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Science Building, Room 111.

Students should watch for future postings about a college fair in March 2001. There will be 65 to 70 colleges there. Dates will be posted as soon as possible.

For further questions about the transfer process, visit or call the counseling center, located in the Library Building, Room 428, and open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Dr. Martin Jacobs for an appointment at (718) 631-6370.

DIVERSITY SOUNDS A FAMILIAR NOTE
By Agatino Accardi

Every year Queensborough Community College has many foreign students arrive. They come from all over the world, all walks of life.

For some QCC is just another school having the same objectives as all the other schools. However, for others it can be seen as a place for new hope and great expectations. It is also a place which students can call home.

Some foreign students come for economic reasons; some come for family reasons. But for whatever reason they come, it gives QCC a great culturally diverse school. The foreign students at QCC who are first time freshmen make up about 45 percent of the school’s population, states a poll taken from the fall and spring of ’99. The foreign students at QCC come from over 100 countries and speak over 40 languages.

So just what do the foreign students think of our school?

Just two years removed from her native Yugoslavia Daniela Stankovic seems to appreciate what QCC has to offer. When asked if secure here at QCC, Daniela stated, “At first it was a bit hard. It was very nervous because I didn’t know what to expect. It’s definitely turning out to be a great place for me.”

Daniela found out about QCC through family members who live in the New York area. She was planning to continue her education in New York. It looks like she picked the right place.

Also, when the same question was asked to Efe Olner, whose parents live in New York and just arrived from Turkey this summer, he replied, “I already knew about QCC through relatives from here. The school has a very welcoming feeling to it. It was very easy for me to get the hang of it for me.”

The fact that QCC has many diverse cultures from around the world gives our school a great reputation throughout the city. It shows that the school is very open-minded and loves to learn new things. Giuseppe Canzani left Italy two years ago and is a freshmen at QCC. When asked what was his favorite aspect of QCC, he responded, “The staff at QCC is great; the professors and administrators are all very nice.” Giuseppe also found out about QCC through family. “I lived in Italy, but I had relatives who attended QCC.”

Also Mark Mnencheko, when asked what was his favorite aspect of QCC, responded, “QCC helped me right from the start. When I first came to QCC, I was a bit nervous. But I felt welcomed, I saw many welcoming signs and many counselors if I ever needed something.” Mark who is a second year student here at QCC same from Russia three years ago. Mark found out about QCC through his friends.

So QCC has proved itself to be a great place for all students from every part of the world. From continent to continent from country to country, QCC is making its reputation recognized. It is safe to say for all our foreign students that QCC is just like home.
Dedication Drives Success

BY DEVON N. ROBERTS

How would you feel if one day you received a call from someone telling you that you won a $1,000 scholarship? Well, this particular student, Blanca Bedoya, felt happy, but she didn’t really expect to receive a lot of attention by winning it and thinking that people would be interviewing her.

Aside from her winning this prestigious award from the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Foundation, she is a student in the Interdisciplinary Arts Program at Queensborough Community College and has been for two years. She works part-time as a dance therapy assistant for the Association for Retarded Children for the past four years, since 1996. She also participates in recreation programs, one of them being the AHRC sponsors. In Corona, Blanca had volunteered as a dance therapist last semester.

As a student of Queensborough Community College, you should have some previous knowledge or information about the many activities of the French club, taking place at QCC. Did you know that by joining a club membership, you are actually promoting the existence of the club, improving yourself as a person, interacting with other students, and enhancing the quality of the clubs, as well as, the image of your college? The chairman of the Language Department, Professor Anne Marie Bourbon, delegated all the functions concerning the club events to Professor Avens, a faculty member currently in charge of all the events since the fall of 1999.

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Fashions with French Culture

BY ANA CARRILLO

Wouldn’t you like to be involved in extracurricular activities? Aren’t you tired of having nothing to do during those huge hour gaps in between your classes? Tired of eating alone in the cafeteria?

Well, if you are interested in learning and would like to acquire some knowledge of French culture, you are cordially invited to the club meetings of the language clubs.

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Music admirers that download off the internet who are furious over the court ruling against Napster.com can now give their voice of opinion with a few simple words. A few months ago a judge made a decision to cease Napster’s service to the people. With the concern of sales, musicians helped put this convenient way of listening to music to a standstill. Nevertheless, no regulations will stop the continuous sharing of compressed music files over the net.

In today’s advanced society more laws are being constructed. Most of these new laws are concentrated on the information super highway. Many people have shown and spoken for their concern but most have profited from the net. It is a new world still young and unexplored. Those familiar with the technological terminology use it for the purpose of good, helping others by making lives simpler, or the opposite, by stealing and terrorizing the unaware. Napster is basically a web site where numerous people log on and share files that they have. Napster and other music downloading sites where MP3 files can be found and circulated are seen as both right and wrong.

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“Napster helps both the artist and the buyer and shouldn’t be put to an end,” said Young who is an active user. Buyers have been more conscious of what to listen to with Napsters help. It gives customers and listeners a chance to hear a certain album or type of music. This gives people the advantage of not buying unwanted songs.

Napster also has supported underground artists. Not all musicians are mainstream and shoppers have a hard time finding certain titles, but Napster solves these problems by helping the sales of those musicians who aren’t as popular.

“Napster was cool, it helped me get many songs that I couldn’t find in stores. It also helped me make CDs of songs that I liked,” said Navdip Hans, a student here at Queensborough.

Napster’s service is favored and popular but is also rejected by some artists who have gained public fame such as Metallica. The reason is that MP3 files can be downloaded and saved to anyone’s hard drive. Once downloaded a person can record this file to a blank CD with the proper equipment. This somewhat decreases the record sales and hard working musicians are cheated from their well-deserved money. This is the main cause of why officials are trying to put a stop to Napster.

However, the popularity of Napster, which helped to increase sales for some records, will change court decisions. People who favor this web site and who disagree with the settlement can now give their opinion. Idrather.com is another site by Jim Mulligan making trends with its bumper stick is. This dot com business made national news with their bumper sticks during the political season advertising amusing and sarcastic remarks based on politics or any current event. These stickers can be attached to the rear of your car or home. With their new lineup of bumper decorations saying, “I’d Rather Be Downloading Illegal.mp3s” and “I’d Rather Be Downloading.mp5s” to choose from, Idrather.com gives people who live a life online a chance to express their feelings, just as those bumper stickers of parents do who have children on the honor roll.

Napster is still up and running. Students interested in its service are urged to go to Napster.com to get the files needed to start downloading free music. But act fast because no one really knows the exact date this service will be terminated. To the students who want those witty bumper stickers, go to Idrather.com and be a part of a fad that breathes in our society still today.

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Napster: Off-line?
BY EUGENE CHEN

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Disney on the Move
Cable TV News
By Dina Nibar

“DISNEY WHERE THE MAGIC LIVES ON” is moving from channel 67 to channel 49 on Time Warner Cable franchises as of November 1, 2000. There will no longer be a fee of $9.00 for Disney. It has become a standard channel.

The cry was loud and everyone heard. “Disney took ABC from you,” said Time Warner to millions of its subscribers on May 1, 2000. It was a painstaking day for all employees of ABC and Time Warner. At the end the customers benefited from a free premium channel of their choice for one month. Time Warner gained premium subscribers and now Disney is part of standard service. Voila!

Disney once cost $9.00 and will now cost nothing if you subscribe to standard cable at a cost of $38.57. This is your basic standard and the cost for the equipment rental plus taxes.

“Oh, how wonderful, I love Disney it is my favorite thing,” said Tim Graham, a QCC Senior student. “I should get cable now,” he added.

Dino, a classmate of mine, said, “Disney is all I watch on cable. I like it, the cartoons, etc. that is a good thing. I will be saving $9.00 a cable a month.”

A lot of folks like Disney. A typical Saturday morning at Disney begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. It is definitely “Where the magic lives on”.

06:00 Duck Tales
06:30 Little Mermaid
07:00 Rupert
07:30 The Bear and the Big Blue House
08:30 Rolie, Rolie and Olie
09:00PB & J Otter
09:30 Out of the Box
10:00 Catch Rolie, Rolie and Olie again
10:30 Z Games
11:00 Total Circus
11:30 Boy Meets World
12:00 Disney Music Videos

With Disney now becoming a part of standard cable, there will be more children’s programming. Will it help them or will it distract them? A parent, who wishes not to have her name mentioned, said, “I will stick to basic cable. My kids like to watch too much television right now.” “PBS, Channel 13 and Channels 2 and 21 are just good enough for them. During the summer I order standard cable and when school begins for the fall, I disconnect standard and keep just basic cable.”

This is what Basic offers on Channels 2, 7 and 21 on a Saturday morning:

Channel 2
07:00 Blue Clues
07:30 Dora the Explorer
08:00 Little Bear
08:30 Little Bill

Channel 7
08:00 Dogh
08:30 One Saturday Morning
10:30 New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
11:00 Pepper Ann
11:30 Sabrina the Animated Series

Channel 21
07:30 Zebby’s Zoos
08:00 Arthur

It is up to the parents to control what their children watch. While there are choices, Basic 2, 13, and 21 everyone loves Disney. “It’s where the Magic lives on.”

MOBY-A Techno Craze
By Karina Holmfred

On Sunday night, October 22, I attended a spectacular show. The main event was Moby at Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City. He played there three nights during the week of October 15-22. Every night was, of course, sold out.

The concert opened up with another techno band “Hybrid,” consisting of two DJs presenting great digital sound. This is another upcoming band, and this was a good appetizer for what was to come: Moby.

Moby opened up with an explosion of light and sound. He totally captivated the audience with his music and hyperactive stage performance. He played his version of old rock songs by The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, and others, and proved to everybody that he is a multi-talent-ed all around musician, who plays almost any instrument. So to everybody that thinks techno music is all about computer geeks playing on their keyboards, you are so wrong!

By now Moby is widely known, and his music is everywhere, mostly because of his last album Play, which has been on the top charts the last six months. Maybe some people still don’t know Moby, but they sure know his music, which has been used in numerous ads for cars, computers, and major department stores. The TV show “Veronica’s Closet” and the two movies The Beach and The Next Best Thing also used his music.

Songs from Play have been licensed a stunning 700 times, making it one of the most licensed albums ever, probably before he became aware of the success that was awaiting him. Moby is actually the great-great-grandnephew of Moby Dick authored by Herman Melville, if somebody wonders where he got his name from!

To me this music is truly art and creativity, a beautiful genre of music, and it will only go further from here. Moby has established himself as the first electronic superstar and made New York underground music more visible and acceptable.

As Moby said before he performed “Porcelain,” “This is to everybody that ever found themselves wandering the streets of N.Y.C. at 4 a.m.”

Juggling Social and Academic Demands
By Eric Jenkins

A college education for many is a very important factor to secure a better future. During these times, a college degree is needed to get a good, well-paying job. So getting a college education is vital to one’s life. But what about if one meets that special someone, what does one do? One may ask himself or herself, Is a relationship really that important when in college?

Many college students agree with having a relationship while in school. These same people feel that as long as you keep your grades up you can have a boyfriend or girlfriend. One student in my class named Eugene said that “It also depends on if the relationship was serious or not. If it isn’t that serious, then school is the number one priority. But if it was serious then one would have to juggle both.”

On the other hand, some disagree with the idea of having a relationship in college. These students believe that school should be the only priority to have on the mind. Another student in my class named Tequa, explained to me that “relationships come and they go. Even if the relationship is serious, getting my education will better me more than a man could. After I finish school and establish my career then I’ll start searching for my soul mate.” Tequa also felt that relationships, when serious, are too distracting.

When polled, one out of every three college students agree with having a relationship while in school and one out of every five disagreed. So that means a greater amount felt that having a relationship in college was okay to have.

Other college students interviewed (Brian, Susan, and James) admit that having a relationship will benefit and also damage your lifestyle. For example, it benefits one by always having someone to talk to and spend time with. It damages you by taking too much of your time. Relationships can also be distracting. This is a pro versus con situation.

Basically, it’s up to the individual and only the individual to make that choice of having a relationship or not having one in college. One must make that right choice. If not one may cause himself or herself problems for the future. So, what’s your opinion?
Have you ever been stuck on what to do on a weekend? Not enough money to spend? Want to do something fun and relaxing? Well there is a place where you can go and indulge yourself in a great outdoor atmosphere, Mohonk. Mohonk is a historic landmark resort that offers its guests a view of the perfect getaway for recreation.

This mountain house is located at the top of the Shawangunk Ridge. Their rock formation is immense above the water. In addition to the lake, their majestically Victorian castle still stands. Whether a person is interested in sports, history, nature, or just in need of change, Mohonk has a lot to offer.

There are activities such as hiking, row boatting, horseback riding, stable, winter sports and many more. This vast tree-lined wilderness offers a spectacular view of colorful mountains and an enormous mountain house. There is one thing that mostly everyone goes there for - hiking! Hiking is one of the best things for relaxation and to forget about the outside world. The trails and roads give people the opportunity to really appreciate the astonishing natural setting, whether they are during the spring or the autumn. Hiking definitely lets a person experience the feeling of excitement once you are climbing the rocks. People of all ages are capable of enjoying this adventure. The trails are decorated with large trees where an individual can appreciate the beauty of their height and diversity of colors. One of the greatest highlights of this trip is the “lemon squeeze.” It is a part of the hiking where people are to literally try to squeeze themselves and climb up in between two gigantic rocks that are close to each other. This part of the hiking definitely challenges your ability to climb and how well you are physically fit.

The weather is a perfect cool atmosphere, which lets a person smell the pure clean air. Day hikers pay an entry fee of about $13 per person, although prices may vary depending on the day or the holiday. As of the winter of the year 2000, Mohonk will be opening a new 18,000 square ring where people will be able to hockey in addition to the 35 miles of ski trails and ice skating. Their resort facilities, which include 261 guest rooms, six guest cottages, and three dining rooms are one of the most comfortable rooms to spend a weekend in. Most of the rooms contain fireplaces and balconies.

Mohonk, historic landmark resort

The observation point known as the Sky top tower is the place everyone should stop and take a look, so that you can enjoy the beauty of the scenery that this place has to offer. And because of the beauty of this scenery the Smiley brothers, founded and owned the Mohonk mountain house in the year 1969. Both brothers purchased the property when it was a ten-room motel that no one knew about. Many years passed and this because what it is today, a gracious accommodation for about 500 guests.

If you feel that your life needs a change for something different or the stress is taking over your being, then Mohonk is the place to go. From New York, go north on Thruway (I-87) to exit 18, New Paltz. After leaving exit 18, turn left at the traffic light onto route 299/Main Street. Follow Main Street immediately after crossing the bridge over the Walkill River, turn right (follow “Mohonk” sign). After 1/2 mile, bear left at the fork and follow Mountain Rest Road and Mohonk signs to the Gatehouse. If any questions call (845) 255-1000 or reach them at AOL—www.LakeMohonk.com.

If you are a person who enjoys nature and its challenges, then do not hesitate and go visit Lake Mohonk. This mountain house can really show you a exquisite sight of nature and different face of New York City.

A Getaway Trip
BY PATRICIA RAMIREZ

Spring 2001 Registration
It’s new, it’s fast, and it’s convenient!

All students will register for the spring 2001 semester using Queensborough Community College’s new telephone or Internet registration system. It’s easy to use and can be done from home using your touch-tone telephone or computer, or if you prefer, at the Registration Center (A-119). So don’t wait, follow the steps below so you can complete your Spring registration before the end of the semester.

• When you receive your academic advisement log and summary form in the mail make an appointment with your academic advisor to select your Spring 2001 courses.
• Bring your completed and signed academic advisement log to the Registration Center, located in the Administration Building, A-119 to get a registration appointment. An appointment is required to use the new registration system. Registration is scheduled to begin in mid-November.
• Read the Schedule of Classes and plan your Spring 2001 program. Be careful not to schedule classes that meet at the same time. This is known as a conflict.
• Make sure you have completed or are currently enrolled in the prerequisites for your spring courses.
• Select alternate course sections in case your first choice is filled.
• Plan ahead to pay for your spring tuition. If you applied for and received Financial aid for the Fall 2000 semester, you do not have to apply again. If not, you should go to the Financial Aid Office, located in the Library building, room 409 and complete a Financial Aid application.
• You can apply for an interest free tuition payment plan with Academic Management Services (AMS); applications and additional information are available by calling 1-800-635-0120 or at their Web-site www.amsweb.com.
• You cannot register if there is a hold on your record. If you are not sure if there is a hold, ask at the Registration Center when you pick up your registration appointment.

Detailed step-by-step instructions for using the telephone and computer registration systems are included in the spring 2001 Schedule of Classes. Don’t wait, get advised and register for the Spring 2001 semester.

A PLACE TO RELAX AND DE-STRESS WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH:
Oakland Lake
BY DINA NIBAR

No time to enjoy the beauty of nature, too many books to read, homework to do, papers to write? In your own backyard, nature screams out to you. Birds singing their own melody, ducks quacking at the swans, turtles taking a long and slow walk as fish splash the water to escape the Canada geese who search the water’s edge for fish and insects. A long walk stretches along the pathway that surrounds a majestically beautiful haven of sparkling crystals when the sun bursts in all its glory at dawn. The water of the lake seems like a carpet of crystals waiting to be raked and filled in buckets, to satisfy the thirsty. Who can resist such a sight? Not even a statistic lesson can be too hard when your mind is relaxed and refreshed by the beauty of nature itself.

Like the young, the old and even the turtles tread the path that surrounds the lake. What a way to exercise the body and mind. Birds singing, ducks quacking and the leaves of the oak and weeping willow play the tune for you to jog your extra weight away.

Many benches, rocks and shady spots under trees provide great places to study and do homework in the warm weather. In the winter, a long walk can still hold a weary soul, as the water whispers quietly to itself: “It is too cold, I need a blanket.”

Anyone can still take a refreshing walk. It is a yearlong haven, filled will tranquility and peace for the mind, body and soul. Take a just a long walk or to meditate and rejuvenate your spirit, Oakland Lake is the place to go. Whether it is cold or warm, the mere beauty of the lake is just a peaceful and relaxing sight.
It was the stroke of midnight when New York Yankee outfielder Bernie Williams caught the long fly ball off the bat of New York Met Mike Piazza for the final out of the 2000 World Series. The new day brought the 26th World Series championship to the New York Yankees, their third straight championship and fourth out of the last five seasons. However, this World Series win is the sweetest of them all for the Yankees as they defeated their cross-town rival the New York Mets, in a "Subway Series."

This "Subway Series" was the first in Major League Baseball since 1956. This series not only matched two New York Baseball teams, but it pitted their fans against each other. For two weeks Met and Yankee fans ceased to coexist in any area of the city. Fans battled in the subways, on buses, in the workplace and in the classroom. The World Series itself is a special occasion, but to have two New York teams playing each other is extra special. This World Series is one of the bragging rights to settle the question: who is New York’s best baseball team?

The Series began on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at Yankee Stadium. Game one of the series matched the Mets’ top left-handed pitchers: Al Leiter for the Mets and Andy Pettitte for the Yankees. The pitching duel lived up to its billing through five and a half innings as both pitchers didn’t allow a run. With two out in the bottom of the sixth inning the Yankees broke the scoreless tie when David Justice hit a double that scored two Yankee runs. In the top of the seventh, the Mets had the Yankee lead at 2-1. Bubba Trammell came into the game as a pinch hitter with two outs and a seventh and hit a single that scored two runs to give the Mets a 3-2 lead.

The score would remain 3-2 going into the bottom of the ninth inning when the Yankees would load the bases off Met closer Armando Benitez. Chuck Knoblauch stepped up to the plate with one out and hit a sacrifice fly that scored Paul O’Neill from third base, tying the game 3-3. The Mets' 3-2 lead was almost gone.

With their backs against the wall, the Yankees turned to game one pitcher Al Leiter to stave off elimination. Leiter pitched one of his best games of the season. In seven innings he allowed just two runs through the game’s first eight innings, both solo homers from Bernie Williams and Derek Jeter. The Mets could not give Leiter the run support he would need to win this game. The Mets only managed two runs in the second inning on two Yankee errors in the field.

With the game tied at two entering the ninth inning Mets manager Bobby Valentine allowed Leiter to come out for the ninth. He struck out the first two Yankee batters in the inning, but the next two reached base. With the go ahead runs on base an unlikely hero stepped to the plate, Yankee backup infielder Luis Sojo. On Leiter’s 142nd pitch of the game, Sojo hit a two-run double into the middle of the field to score the final two runs of the game. In the bottom of the ninth inning with the Yankees leading 4-2, Mike Piazza stepped to the plate with a runner on third base. He hit a hard enough but not long enough to leave the ballpark off Yankee closer Mariano Rivera. The ball was caught by Williams in centerfield and the Yankees were World Series Champions.

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter was named World Series Most Valuable Player. Jeter had a .409 batting average in the five game series, with two big home runs in games three and four. Jeter also extended his World Series hitting streak to 14 games, which is the third longest in World Series history.

Never has a World Series in which a team had won four games to one been so close. In the five games the Yankees outscored the Mets 19-16. The Mets didn’t get the big hit when they needed it. They left a total of 17 runners in scoring position throughout the five game series. To use a boxing analogy - when you have a champion on the ropes, you have to deliver a knock-out punch.

Taking nothing away from the Yankees, this series could have gone either way. The Yankees got the big hits when they needed them and until the next subway World Series the Yankees will hold the title of best in New York.

The New York Yankees are the 2000 World Series Champions. Fans celebrated by showing their Yankee pride. Hats and T-shirts flew off the shelves in minutes. The fans couldn’t wait to show their love and support at the Yankee ticker tape Parade.

The parade was held on Monday, October 30, 2000, from 11-3 p.m. The parade started at Battery Park. It made its way through the Canyon of Heroes and ended at City Hall. The parade was grand marshaled by none other than hall of fame catcher Yogi Berra. This was the biggest celebration yet. They not only beat the NY Mets in the subway series, but they have officially been named a Dynasty with 26 world championships under their belt and 14 straight world series games won in the past three years, the Yankees have proven that they are the best team in baseball history.

At the parade, there was so much enthusiasm. Devoted fans had climbed trees and even lined up as early as 4 a.m. They brought chairs, sleeping bags and made themselves comfortable! Fans were loud and changed let’s go Yankee the whole time. Fans feel that this should be a national holiday. Today was a day where there was no work, school, kids and no excuses for a game. Fans spent the day off from work and school. Mayor Giuliani said it was OK for kids to take off from school with their parents’ permission. Chancellor Harold Levy feels the parade is no big deal.

The parade was a joyous sight. It started off with a world record number of 2 million people filling the streets of New York City. Fans decked out in all Yankee gear. They had socks, gloves, hats, clothing, and jewelry. Women had their nails done with the Yankee colors. Some even painted their faces, dyed their hair blue and white. There were even fans, who even have Yankee tattoos! Some fans even had their Yankee boxers on. One cop said, “I’ve never seen so many Yankee jackets in my life!”

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some of the Yankee players who brought their video cameras with them to tape the parade and the fans. You would think that since the parade has made it’s way up the Canyon of Heroes four out of five times these past few years that fans and players would get bored of it. It’s the complete opposite. The crowd get larger every year and the players get more wild and crazy on the floats! This year had to be the most confetti thrown out of the windows! The sanitation workers did their best to push it along side the street.

Each fan were so excited to see a glimpse of their favorite team players. Fans eagerly screamed and took pictures. Two girls named Nicki and Christine arrived to the parade at 6 a.m. They were extremely upset because they were on the wrong side of the street when Derek Jeter passed by on the float. They didn’t get to take a picture of their favorite Yankee.

Majority of the fans were not able to get tickets to the world series. This was their chance to celebrate with the Yankees.

The grand finale of the parade was a number 4 train being pulled by a truck. A mob of fans were crowded into the subway car, going wild and crazy. I bet you couldn’t guess what happened next . . . more confetti thrown! There was so much that little fires began to appear. Luckily the fire fighters handled it quickly and no one was injured.

The grand finale was the celebration of the Yankee victory. The fans danced and cheered the team to victory. The victory celebration was a great experience, one you’ll never forget. Hopefully we’ll get to do it again next year!