Global Warming Possibilities

By: Alexander Shepard

Global warming was the topic of the evening on March 10, 2006, in Room 120 in the word processing lab. As the title suggests, the evening was sponsored by the Bergen County College (BCC) Student Association (SA).

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Dr. Hansen started the evening by giving a presentation on global warming. He explained that global warming is caused by the increase in greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide, which trap heat in the Earth's atmosphere. He also discussed the potential consequences of global warming, such as rising sea levels, more frequent and severe weather events, and changes in ecosystems.

Dirr then gave a presentation on the effects of global warming on local ecosystems. He discussed how changes in temperature and precipitation patterns can affect plant growth and distribution. He also discussed how changes in temperature can affect the timing of seasonal events, such as flowering and migration.

The evening was well-received by the audience, who expressed interest in the topics discussed. Many attendees asked questions and engaged in discussions with the speakers. The program was a success, and it is hoped that it will raise awareness about the importance of addressing global warming.

Other initiatives
Higher Education

Even in the State's current fiscal situation, continued investment in higher education is critical to New Jersey's long-term economic and social health. Accordingly, this Budget provides over $1.9 billion in overall support of the State's higher education system in fiscal 2007. Although this is a reduction of $169.1 million, or 7.9%, from fiscal 2006, and will certainly challenge New Jersey's colleges and universities to find ways to improve the efficiency of their operations, this Budget maintains New Jersey's commitment to a diversified, accessible system of higher education.

In particular, programs providing need-based financial assistance to students receive $63.5 million in increased funding in this Budget, to assure that our neediest students will not be denied the opportunity to go to college. Higher education benefits both the individual and society in a variety of ways. Educated individuals are less likely to be unemployed or live in poverty. Research has shown that, in addition to contributing to the state's tax base, college graduates earn more on average than those who drop out of school. Higher levels of education are less likely to depend on social safety-net programs, generating decreased demand on public budgets. Higher levels of education also drive economic growth. College graduates, including volunteer work, voting, and blood donation. This Budget provides over $1.3 billion in overall support for higher education in fiscal 2007. This includes $807.6 million in direct support, a reduction of $143.5 million, or 15.7%, from fiscal 2006. The additional funding is directed to support bridge programs, including student aid and research grants, and to support grants for an even more student aid. This funding is used to support grants for students to attend college and university personnel. The state's public institutions have several options available to offset the fiscal 2007 reduction in support.

• Low-priority or duplicative programs could be scaled back or eliminated.
• Operational efficiencies could be implemented.
• Non-State revenues could be increased.

For example, initiating a gradual four-year phase-in of charging tuition for out-of-state students could generate $75 million in additional revenue. The State's 14 independent colleges and universities could receive $12 million directly from this initiative in fiscal 2007. These institutions serve an important role in providing higher education for more than 24,000 New Jersey residents, and must support this initiative in a very difficult fiscal climate. The State's 14 independent colleges and universities will receive $12 million directly from this initiative in fiscal 2007. These institutions serve an important role in providing higher education for more than 24,000 New Jersey residents, and must support this initiative in a very difficult fiscal climate.

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Bergen Community College Faculty Win National Award for Teaching Excellence

Bergen Community College faculty members – Professor Christine Henkel, of Maywood; Professor of Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Andy Krikun, of Upper Nyack, NY, Instructor of Music, and Dr. Anne Maganzini, Wyckoff, Professor of Psychology – have been selected to receive this year’s Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). These award recipients were nominated by the Bergen Community College Office of Academic Vice President, in collaboration with the Division Faculty and Dean.

Mr. Andy Krikun, of Upper Nyack, NY, is a Music Instructor and Chair of the co-curricular programming sub-committee for the Center for the Study of Intercultural Understanding at Bergen Community College. Mr. Krikun brings to the classroom over 30 years experience in composing, recording, and performing. The singer/songwriter and ethnomusicologist earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from City University of New York, Hunter College; a Master of Arts in Ethnomusicology from the University of California, Los Angeles; and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Music Education at New York University.

Dr. Anne Maganzini, of Wyckoff, is a Professor of Psychology at Bergen Community College. A nationally recognized pioneer in distance learning, Dr. Maganzini served as the lead instructor for the nationally televised PBS television series The Growing Years and introduced the PBS telecourse Brain, Mind and Behavior. Currently, Dr. Maganzini teaches online and traditional classes in psychology and is the faculty advisor to the Psychology Club. She earned a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Arts, and a Ph.D. in psychology from Fordham University.

Bergen Science and Technology Students Selected to Intern at Renowned National Lab

Three Bergen Community College science technology students – Peter Shin, of Old Tappan; Jung Min Ryu, of Washington Twp.; and Maria Mateo, of Bergenfield — have been selected to participate in a summer internship program at Brookhaven National Laboratory, a Nobel Prize-winning laboratory operated by the Brookhaven Science Associates for the U.S. Department of Energy. Intended to further expand the knowledge and understanding of students who aspire to work in the fields of science and technology, Brookhaven’s program will aid the students by developing their career skills through hands-on educational experiences.

Peter Shin, 23, a natural science major, believes that the internship will supplement his educational background and augment his knowledge of laboratory technology, specifically with regards to data visualizations. “I set myself working in a laboratory in the future,” Shin said. “Using data creatively allows one to see things from a perspective that originally may not have been evident.”

Ryu, 25, is a non-degree seeking student who already holds a Bachelor of Science in policy & management from Carnegie Mellon University. Ryu said her predilection for computer science led her to apply for the internship. “I am enthusiastic about working in a national laboratory that has produced so many technological breakthroughs that have benefited society,” Ryu said. “Working in a lab-based environment will allow me to gain the practical experience I need to pursue a career in science.”

Mateo, 21, a chemistry major, stated that she hopes the knowledge she accrues at Brookhaven will lead her towards a career in organic chemistry, conducting research. “I hope to come out of Brookhaven knowing how to work efficiently with a professional laboratory environment,” Mateo said. “I am excited to think that my work and input will contribute to a greater advancement.”

Bergen Community College Students become Special Police Officers

Dr. Christine Henkel

While helping yourself and others prepare for the INLEX-RN

Become a Tutor

Contact Dr. Fressola
Room B308
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Earn & Learn

The 2005 graduates are:

Nicola Arantes
David Affinito of West Milford
Christopher Brennan of Mahwah
Thomas Brookie of Westwood
Christian Calabro of Totowa
Adam Fingeroth of Fair Lawn
Iosef Florian of Teaneck
Michael Golden of Wycoff
James Ione of Palsadies Park
Laur Oakham of North Haledon

Nenad Vuckovic of Kinnelon
Joissy Vildoso of Hackensack
Catherine Rojo-Ortiz of Paterson
Manan Naik of Fair Lawn
Carmelo Musarra of Fort Lee
Marian Nair of Fair Lawn
Catherine Rojo-Ortiz of Paterson
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write tickets, direct traffic, and respond to calls, among other duties. They may be employed as Special Officers anywhere in the State and currently, several of the graduates are working at local Police Departments. H-COP is one of the offerings of the Criminal Justice Program which gives students the opportunity to learn outside of the classroom and to provide them with valuable real-life experience. “This is another step that the Criminal Justice Program has taken so that graduates can get a taste of police work” said Criminal Justice Program Professor Ralph Rojas, “it gives the students a chance to see if policing is the right career for them.”

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**Monday, March 06, 2006**

**U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Law Requiring Colleges to Provide Access to Military Recruiters**

**By KELLY FIELD**

*article excerpted directly from the CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION*

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that requiring the federal government to withhold federal funds from colleges that bar or restrict military recruiting on their campuses is constitutional. In a 21-page opinion written by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., the court rejected arguments that colleges have a First Amendment right to exclude recruiters whose hiring practices conflict with their own antidiscrimination policies. The court’s ruling was a victory for the Department of Defense, which has argued that recruiting restrictions impede its ability to bring talented lawyers into the Judge Advocate General’s Corps to handle legal affairs for the military.

The decision dealt a final blow to efforts by a coalition of law schools to strike down the Solomon amendment, a decade-old law that allows the government to deny federal funds to colleges that limit recruiting. Law schools have contended that the statute infringes on their constitutional freedom of speech and association by forcing them to convey military messages to job seekers and assist an employer who discriminates against gay men and lesbians in hiring. The Supreme Court’s decision in Romulusfield’s forum for Academic and Institutional rights, No. 04-1152, overruled a 2004 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which found that the military had failed to show that its recruiting needs justified the intrusion on law schools’ constitutional rights. In its ruling, the appeals court cited a 2000 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, Boy Scouts of America v. Dale, that allowed the boy scout organization to set up a gay assistant scoutmaster.

The Defense Department appealed the case to the Supreme Court last winter, and the court heard arguments in December. During those arguments, Justice Stevens, sitting for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, asked if the Solomon amendment imposed unconstitutional conditions on the receipt of federal funds by forcing law schools to choose between federal assistance and their constitutional rights. The ruling’s unani- mity was one of its most remarkable features, given that the nondiscrimination arguments made by the law schools were considered like an appeal to the court’s moral members. Perhaps in part, the outcome reflects the court’s general deference to the military’s views of its needs, especially at a time when recruitment is at an all time low.

Conclusion: The American Association of University Professors argued that the law interferes with academic self-governance. Many in both houses of Congress were concerned that if the Solomon amendment was struck down, Congress could lose the ability to attach conditions to federal funds — the scared cow of the taxpayer’s purse strings.

The key lesson here is that in wartime that Defense Department remains strong in its recruitment resolve among college-age prospects.

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**Banking Expert to Discuss Microfinance in "The Hidden Wealth of the Poor" - 4/17**

Tom Easton — banking expert and the New York Bureau Chief for The Economist — will discuss Microfinancing and the crucial role it plays in improving the lives of the poor on Monday, April 17 at 11:45 a.m. at the Moses Family Meeting and Training Room, 4th floor of the Education Center, Bergen Community College, 406 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Mr. Easton is the Keynote Speaker for “World Week,” sponsored by the Bergen Community College Office of Student Life. This event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Easton, a graduate of Brown University, Columbia Business School, and Yale Law School, has been with The Economist in New York since 2001, first as a Senior Correspondent and, since 2002, as Bureau Chief. Previously, he was a Senior Editor for Forbes, New York and Tokyo Bureau Chief for the Baltimore Sun, and Associate Professor at the Columbia Journalism School.

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**New Biology and Mathematics Transfer Agreements with NJIT**

Officials from Bergen Community College, Paramount, and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Newark, recently signed a formal agreement for the A.S. degree in Biology and the A.S. degree in Mathematics which will articulate with the first two years of study at NJIT.

Students that earn an Associate in Science degree in Biology will be eligible to transfer their degree toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. Students that earn an Associate in Science degree in Mathematics will be eligible to apply their degree toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

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**Guest Speakers in the month of March**

**Inventing the Rest of Our Lives: Women in Second Adulthood**

Suzanne Braun Levine

Author and journalist Suzanne Braun Levine, the first editor of Ms. Magazine, helps women address the three crucial questions of second adulthood: What matter? What work? What’s next? New brain research is proving that women at midlife really do start to see the world differently. Soon 37 million women are now entering their 50’s & 60’s; redefining their lives, with dramatic results. They have fulfilled the prescribed roles—daugh- ter, wife, mother, employee, but they’re ready to experience more. Levine’s book provides a fun, smart, and tremendously informative road map through the challenging and uncharted territory that lies ahead.

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**Feminist Art and Theories since the 70’s**

Lecture with Parsons School of Design

Mira Schor

Mira Schor, Professor of Fine Arts, Parsons School of Design, is a painter and writer. Her paintings explore written language as visual image as she proposes a critical theory of painting that bridges the gap between cognition and materiality. She is the author of *On Writing, Feminism, and Art Culture* and co-editor of *ME/AN/NING: An Anthology of Art’s Writings, Theory, and Criticism*. She is the recipient of a 1985 National Endowment for the Arts in Painting: a 1992 Guggenheim Fellowship in Painting a Pollock-Kramer Foundation grant in painting, and the 1999 College Art Association’s Frank Jewett Mather Award in Art Criticism.

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**The Literary Arts Series**

**Judith Ortiz Cofer’s The Latin Deli**

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DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON WWW.BERGEN.EDU

Transcript Request
Application for Graduation
Student Verification
Audit Request
Application for Admission
Change of Curriculum Form (Allied Health)
Financial Aid:

- Cut down the budget due to dropping classes and becoming part-time students.
- Financial Aid Refunds are always late and students needed it to buy books and other stuff they needed for school.
- Financial Aid doesn't notify students earlier about cutting down their budget until halfway of the semester.

Transportation:

- Parking Lot A is always packed and students parked where the U-turn is supposed to be and most of them don't get tickets but some do. Why don't the public safety patrol at least every half an hour and see if the students are violating the parking law.
- Bus directory in the main building and east hall to be more convenient for the students who commute.
- Bus fare discounts for the students or free fare for the students who lives in Bergen County or at least 3 zones away from the school.
- Parking space for the students.
- More buses coming on campus such as Bus 163 (even just for the winter time).
- Shuttle bus traveling from BCC to Garden State Plaza for the students who needs to transfer to another bus.
- Have a shuttle for handicapped students.

Bookstore:

- Expanding the bookstore space to shorten the line in the beginning of the semester.
- Other alternatives about buy backs being too low and books being too expensive.
- Book voucher for the financial aid students.
- Have another place or room to pick up books that were ordered online.

Cafeteria:

- Discounts for the meals.
- Suggestions other alternatives to replace the snack bar by Dunkin' Donuts.
- Shorten the lines in the cafeteria.
- Have more vending machine around school to be more convenient for the night students.
- Some of the vending machine is money eater machine.
- More variety of food in the cafeteria.
- ATM machines in the cafeteria.
- Students should be allowed to pay with Credit Card or Debit Card to buy food in the cafeteria.
- Meal Plan suggestions like other colleges.
- Have more variety of foods than usual.

Add/Drop Fee:

- New students are not informed very well about Add/Drop fee.
- Are there any more options rather than a $10 fee for adding and dropping?
- Have at least a week for adding and dropping a class until they start charging for the $10 fee.
- Put posters around, send mails, or pop-up windows in the website to inform all students about Add/Drop Fee.
- Is there a possibility to have a standard fee instead of a $10 fee for adding and dropping?

Public Safety:

- Public Safety should be more aware about narcotics selling around school.
- The smoking area should be clearer to students.
- Public Safety should be more lenient to students and give them warning about giving out tickets especially those students that don't have parking decals.
- Public Safety should be more aware about student's safety around school.

General Issues:

- Some professors don't teach very well and students cannot comprehend to them. They are paying for quality education and they want the school to hire, respectable, well educated professors to teach the students.
- BCC is a very diverse campus and one concerns that the student brought up is having a praying room for Muslim students at least one in East Hall, Main Building or Technology building.
- Staff in the bursar's office should be more respectful instead of being rude. I know that they get abuse by the students but at the same time, not all students are rude, so they should treat students fairly the way the students treat them.
- Teachers/Professors should be more respectful with the students because some teachers/professors are treating students bad even though they don't deserve it. Some Professors don't care.
- International Students should be allowed to register on web advisor.
- Computer Labs in East Hall should open longer than the regular hours.
- There should be more variants of sports here in BCC.
- There should be more School Spirit. Advertise all the sports events perfectly so students will know and will be able to watch it.
- Any students who have complaint about a faculty or staff please write it down in paper and showed it to V.P. Gary Porter or Student life office to address the issues.
- Review the code of conduct and see if it is good enough.
Rejoicing of a Nobel Women

BY: KEECHI NJORKU
STAFF WRITER

“When you are willing to make sacrifices for a great cause, you will never be alone.” - Corretta Scott King.

Coretta Scott King was known to be one of the most influential women today for her life’s long commitment to social justice and peace. Many admired her dignity, elegance, courage, faith and strength. “First lady” to Dr. Martin Luther King, she was his partner in the mission for racial peace and nonviolent social change. Mrs. King had been dealing with failing health since a stroke and heart attack. After years of struggling with her health, Mrs. King died in her sleep at Santa Monica hospital, in Baja California, at age 78. In the same way Dr. King lived to fight for his beliefs, Mrs. King has been an inspirational figure around the world. An indefatigable presence and advocate to her husband’s causes, Mrs. King embodied the ideals Dr. King fought for.

- “Those of you who believe what Martin Luther King stood for, I would challenge today to see that his spirit never dies.” - Corretta Scott King.

Interviewing Skills, or What It Takes to Get a Job You Want.

BY: MARYA GONOR
STAFF WRITER

Remember getting your first job? It wasn’t that hard, was it? Now, however, everything is going to change. As we are graduating college or just trying to get a good internship, we have to face some hard decisions in the job market. It is not only a fight to survival and keep the job, but most importantly, it is a fight for that one precious position. That’s where the interviewing skills come in. I don’t think that anyone is really good at being evaluated or judged by other people; however, that’s exactly what happens during job interviews. And even worse you have somewhere around 15 minutes to make a good impression. The 90% possibility that the decision about your employment will be made within that little amount of time. So ready to find out what it takes to be successful in that fight for the job:

- First of all, you should arrive on time... better yet, arrive 15 minutes earlier. Go over your list on your first interview... etc... it is even worse than talking about commitment on the first date. Coming 60 minutes early on the other hand is not showing anything good about your employer. It is just pathetic.
- The next thing is your attire. I had a friend who showed up on an interview wearing jeans. How smart is that! What you want to wear is a must suit with that terribly uncomfortable tie. If you don’t have a suit for some reason, get those dinky pants and a shirt out of the closet. It is needless to say that a girl should not be wearing the shortest skirt from her closet. It most certainly is not going to get you the job.
- It is a good idea to have your resume ready for the interviewer even if it is not required; show that you are confident in yourself.
- Try to act confident. Don’t show that you are nervous. Try to speak slowly and not use any “bad words,” and also if it is possible try not to use any slang either. The timeline is going to make you comfortable as possible, but you must remember that they are still evaluating you.
- In addition, it is a good idea to do some research on the company or individual who is interviewing you. Obviously, you should be knowledgable about answers to the position that you are going for.
- It is not hard to be great, lovely and totally adorable on an interview – just be charming like you always are... good luck.

WILL YOU HAVE A QUARTER LIFE CRISIS?

BY: NICOLE CASAMENTO
STAFF WRITER

You might have thought you were safe from having a life crisis for many years according to the book The Quarter Life Crisis by Alexandra Robbins, most people today will have one by the age of thirty. You may already be in the middle of one. So what is a quarter life crisis exactly? Usually, it’s a point in the life of a young adult where he or she is struggling with questions about who he or she is, what he or she wants, knowing what you really want out of life and coping with adult- hood. You may have asked yourself questions like these:

- What if I don't know what I want?
- How do I find my passion?
- How do I know if I'm dating the One?
- What if my friends and I are different?
- How do I stop feeling so stuck?
- How do I find out what I’m really good at?
- What if I can’t deal with adulthood?
- What do I do if life seems boring or meaningless?
- How do I stop feeling so overwhelmed?
- Will I ever look forward to growing older?
- What if I don’t like myself?
- Or I will ever be happy?
- How do I deal with my life? How do I handle my life? How do I make my mark?

While this may not sound so great there’s actually good news. According to Alexandra’s research, by having a quarter life crisis now and dealing with it correctly, you can skip a mid-life cri- sis all together. The reason mid-life crises became so prevalent for previous generations seems to be due to the lack of choices they had when they were younger, especially for women. Instead of having time to find out who they are and what they really want, most young adults were forced, either literally or through social pressure, to get married, find a decent job that will pay the bills and start a family as soon as possible. Once they were married and had children, the only thing they had to worry was the side. With family being the main priority for a long time, all personal goals and dreams had to wait but once the children get a little older or once they have left home, the half a crisis would kick in. Now they’d start thinking about what they really want and worrying that the chance may have passed.

But today the pressure to start a family as soon as possible isn’t as strong due to many factors such as the econo- my, the social acceptance of different lifestyles and the need for higher edu- cation. So the stress for our generation isn’t the lack of choices but the abun- dance of them. In the sequel, Conquering Your Quarter Life Crisis, young modern adults who have been there and survived give their own personal stories and advice on every ques- tion you could possibly imagine. There isn’t an exact science to find- ing your life of your dreams and the con- sensus of all the contributors was not to rush it, but rather follow your instincts and don’t be afraid to take risks – it’s the best time in life to do so. And to those still trying to decide what major in or what career path to fol- low, don’t worry about the money yet; there are ways to make enough money for whatever you want to do. The book takes you five years or five years, eventually you’ll figure out what you really want and how to get there. In the meantime, enjoy both your failures and successes because they both contribute to the future of your dreams. According to research, when most people look back on their lives, their biggest regrets regard the things they didn’t do (all the “what if...” questions), not the things they did – even if it blew up in their face.
Spring 06’ Baseball & Softball Team Profiles

Amy Delvalle
Born: 10-9-87
Team Position: Outfield
Seeking Degree: Undecided
Softball Experience: 5 years
Real Life Experience: 5 years
Favorite Saying: Me
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Dad"

Jessica Bergman
Born: 9-13-87
Team Position: Pitcher, 1st base
Seeking Degree: Psychology
Softball Experience: 2 years
Real Life Experience: 2 years
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I’m the best pitcher of the year
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Maria Hélène Galdorn
Born: 10-15-85
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Psychology
Softball Experience: 1 year in High School - 3 years since
Real Life Experience: 1 year in High School - 2 years since
Favorite Saying: "One year of school and recreation"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I’m the best pitcher of the year
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Cheryl Jones
Born: May 3rd
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Accounting
Softball Experience: 1 year in High School - 2 years since
Real Life Experience: 1 year in High School - 2 years since
Favorite Saying: "What the F***!
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I’m the best pitcher of the year
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Shannon Robinson
Born: 6-2-86
Team Position: 3rd, Catcher
Seeking Degree: Sports
Softball Experience: 5 years
Real Life Experience: 5 years
Before the game I: eat lots of candy
Favorite Drink: Water
Favorite Food: Lots of candy
Hobbies: Basketball, video games
Softball Experience: "Don't plan on anything Italian"
Real Life Experience: "Don't plan on anything Italian"
Favorite Saying: "Buddy!"

Melissa Surace
Born: 5-19-89
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Computer Science
Softball Experience: 3 years
Real Life Experience: 3 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Mario A. Cala
Born: 9-13-85
Team Position: Pitcher, 1st base
Seeking Degree: Business Science
Softball Experience: 4 years
Real Life Experience: 4 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

John Accardi
Born: 12-2-85
Team Position: Pitcher, 1st base
Seeking Degree: Physical Education
Softball Experience: I've been playing baseball since I was 9 years old
Real Life Experience: 9 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Brian Carlino
Born: 1-5-87
Team Position: Pitcher, 1st base
Seeking Degree: Justice
Softball Experience: 2 years
Real Life Experience: 2 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Jason Castillio
Born: 2-2-83
Team Position: Catcher
Seeking Degree: Business
Softball Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Real Life Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Derek Rosenfeld
Baseball Coach

Tommy J. Balistnéry
Born: 12-20-86
Team Position: Pitcher, off deck
Seeking Degree: Criminal Justice
Softball Experience: 10 years
Real Life Experience: 10 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Steve Almonte
Born: 9-8-78
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Engineering
Softball Experience: I've been playing baseball since I was 9 years old
Real Life Experience: 9 years
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Paul Cingire
Born: 12-21-83
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Biochemistry
Softball Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Real Life Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"

Steve Snyder
Born: 5-6-86
Team Position: Pitcher
Seeking Degree: Hospitality
Softball Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Real Life Experience: I'm a lefty pitcher
Favorite Saying: "Me & my girls"
What the Softball Staff say about ME: I talk too much
Favorite Saying: "Don't ask me how and why I play like Mantle"
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Robert Barraza  
Born: 12-16-84  
Team Position: 2nd Base / Pitcher  
Degree in: A.A.A - Business Administration  
Favorite Saying:  
Favorite Food: Seafood/Pasta/Fast food  
Hobbies: Playing baseball, running, basketball, reading, watching sports  
Favorite Drink: Gatorade (any flavor)  
Experience:  
Real Life Experience: Playing baseball on multiple of star teams and the best of the best  
Stangest Experience: I want to be either a ninja or a boy band leader  
What the Baseball Team say about ME:  
A.K.A: Catcher  
Degree in: A.A.A - Business Administration  
Team Position: 2nd Base / Pitcher  
Born: 7-22-87  
Team Position: Short Stop / Pitcher  
Seeking Degree: A.A.A - Business Administration  
Favorite Drink: Orange Juice  
Favorite Food: Pizza  
What the Baseball Team say about ME:  
A.K.A: Rock  
Favorite Food: Pizza  
What the Baseball Team say about ME:  
A.K.A: I'm cool dude  
Buildings Scoreboard  
Men's Baseball  
Mar. 24: Suffolk West W, 1-0  
Mar. 27: Union L, 1-1  
Mar. 29: Sussex L, 1-2  
Mar. 31: Usmaps W, 2-2  
Apr. 2: Gloucester L, 2-3  
Apr. 4: Union L, 2-5  
Apr. 6: Bergen L, 5-7  
Apr. 8: Bergen L, 5-15  
Women's Softball  
Mar. 20: Morris L, 0-1  
Mar. 22: Morris L, 0-2  
Mar. 24: Cumberland L, 0-3  
Mar. 26: Cumberland L, 0-4  
Apr. 2: Ocean L, 0-5  
Apr. 4: Ocean L, 0-6  
Upcoming Games  
Men's Baseball  
Apr. 11: Brookdale H, 3:30  
Apr. 14: Camden A, 2:00  
Apr. 18: River Valley A, 3:00  
Apr. 20: Middletown CC A, 3:00  
May 2: Cumberland CC A, 3:00  
Women's Softball  
Apr. 11: Brookdale CC A, 3:30  
Apr. 13: Sussex CC H, 3:30  
Apr. 15: Salem CC A, 12:00  
Apr. 18: River Valley A, 3:00  
Apr. 20: Middletown CC A, 3:00  
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On Friday, March 31, L.A.S.A. organized a Beauty Pageant hosted by the L.A.S.A. President Gigi Lopez. The event had different levels of competition: casual wear: dress in outfits that most represent yourself, evening wear: formal outfits and a talent showcase. The funds for the Mr. & Mrs. L.A.S.A. event were contributed to the Franco Miranda Scholarship.
Jack’s Retirement Celebration

Jack, Thanks for the Memories!
- on Behalf of Office of Student Life

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Jack and Family

Sharock Jones shares some words to Jack

Gene Calderon

Grace opens Celebration

Fred Salberg

Dr. Ralph Choehoo and SGC President present Jack with a plaque of appreciation for his contribution to S.G.C. & S.A.B.

Jack and Family

Umm!!! Cake

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Jack and Wife

Dr. Ralph Choehoo and SGC President present Jack with a plaque of appreciation for his contribution to S.G.C. & S.A.B.

Jack Dirr

Jack volunteered his time without expecting anything in return but having satisfaction of seeing students succeed, he is a true leader! We’ll Miss You Jack! Grace Gomez S.G.C President

Jack, Thanks for the Memories!
- on Behalf of Office of Student Life
A recent correspondence received by the Torch was a reminder of a tragic event. A criticism of a lack of coverage of our student newspaper emerged, although the Torch has faced such challenges for many years. For as long as I can recall, the Torch continually faced the lack of reliability of news coverage, along with the constant of consistency of what makes the Torch what it is. Every semester, the Torch has been a platform for students of using the office as a place to check their emails, and as a “hangout” location between friends. This is the reason the Torch is lucky enough to have, despite juggling their academics, their article deadlines as well as assignments they have to cover because “the others” usually forget that they had an assignment due. This edition is not the blame-game within the Torch, but rather I hope to bring to light an issue that not only concerns the Torch, but Bergen Community College. There have been many times students get sick for professional or personal reasons, but only few, if any, have been able to attend classes every single day? Putting aside poor attendance based on professional or personal reasons, I feel that I simply do not need the supplementary lecture on a regular basis. I have learned the material and have completed the requirements. My grade was almost severely lowered because of circumstances that I have no control over. Sometimes there are family emergencies or unexpected events that impede a student’s attendance. Although most professors are generally understanding when it comes to these types of unfortunate events, some believe they are being lied to when they are not.

The title of USA Today’s front page recently was “Bush’s budget big on security.” The problem is that this statement is completely false; Bush’s budget is big on insecurity. It makes America less secure in many important ways. The title highlights the way the national media often parrots the words of government officials and other agenda-setters, usually limiting differing perspectives enter the marketplace of ideas. A quick glance at the evidence reveals this claim about security to be highly dubious, but for all their self-deception, the agenda for change that America needs to make has apparently refused to consider it.

For instance, the media could have considered the numerous reports written by various institutions and academic bodies, or the option of developing a new idea in US foreign policy, because in many experts and most of the public feel the war has actually worsened America’s security. Yet the author does not do this, as if these did not exist at all.

Some clarification is necessary here. The problem with the media is not that they don’t criticize. The article above, to cite one example, contains a variety of criticisms. The central problem, however, is that the criticisms are often trivial, or made inside a larger framework that is favorable toward the government. Bush budget may be open to criticism on the grounds that it drives up the debt, but only after forgetting that it is “strong on security.” We may note that Bush didn’t mention Korea’s nuclear weapons, or weapons, but after forgetting that he himself has the world’s most extreme nuclear ambition. In this way, the media can often appear to be critical of the government, while accepting face value in most crucial (and often wrong) assertions.

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I felt like an outsider for most of my life. I didn’t know if it was me or if it is the people if I have surrounded myself with didn’t fit. Like a fish out of water, maybe. It’s as though I was growing up in between two worlds, both completely opposite of each other. My early childhood breeding was for one world; the other I had to adapt to, making many mistakes along the way. Finding myself has been an easy task and I am still not finished searching.

I came bursting out of the womb at 2:22 am on July 24, 1984, after eighteen hours of labor. I was born at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ, a quiet little suburban town twenty minutes south of New York City. This was the first home. I lived on Windsor Road in a four-bedroom house, half brick and half white vinyl siding. I remember we had a homemade swing tied to the biggest tree that I have ever seen. It was as wide as a truck and was located directly in the middle of the back yard. I spent my first seven years of life growing up in Teaneck. I attended Bryant School when it was still just a kindergarten school; from there I went to Whitter School until the second grade. I was one of the few black kids in the mainly Jewish populated school, but I was one of the top students. I was raised with the basis that education was more important than anything else because once it is obtained it can never be taken away.

It was not long after I started on the right path that the road got slippery. My mother and father went through a horrid divorce, with name calling and defamation of characters on either side. In the end, my brother and I were put under sole custody of my mother, who lived in Mount Vernon, New York. Mount Vernon was completely different than Teaneck. There we’re no Jewish people, barely any white people and an over populated black minority. The city is only four square miles but has a population of 75,000 people, in which I knew no one and didn’t know what to expect.

I remember that I was unable to sleep for a while when I first moved. It was at night. All night long I would hear loud music that would echo the walls of my apartment. Police and ambulance sirens howled at any given time of the night and early mornings. The sound that was the worst that I had to learn to recognize was the gun shots. They sounded like rapid thunder in no given pattern. I hated the hood at that age.

Starting school was the beginning of my troubles. I was new and different. I wore tight Levi’s jeans, my shoes were from Payless and I had a tail, a single braid in the back of my head. I got teased for dressing a certain way and I talked proper and got good grades, which was more ammo for the hood kids. They were mean, dirty looking and cared about music and clothing more than they did for learning. Not to mention that they were angry. They had animalistic tendencies. Easily provoked, they would fight over accidental wounds. And then there was me, numerous chipped teeth and gun shot wounds. And then there was me, killed before. They had stab wounds from screw drivers to hatchets and numerous chipped teeth and gun shot wounds. And then there was me, never arrested, luckily, and the worst thing that happened to me was brain震荡s or a swollen eye.

My schooling had faded to a distant goal, maintaining just enough to move up a grade yearly. I soon became one of the hoods. Mt. Vernon High School was like walking through a contradiction for a center for education. Before you got into the building you were made to wait on long lines to be thoroughly searched and had to go through a metal detector. This was one of the most important things to mention as it would rip your book bag apart searching for anything they could get you arrested for. You had to take off your shoes and open your mouth in the search for weapons, if the metal detector beeped three times and nothing was found you were sent away. Your school day was over before it began.

With all of these precautions there were still several guns, numerous knives and blades and pounds of drugs circulating around the school at any given time. I would go to school for the main purpose of hanging out. Me and my band of hoodlums ran the halls torturing staff and students alike. We would fight anyone who opposed us or stopped our gain. As we set out we would start with small fights and as we gained we would start with bigger fights and slowly the whole school was against us.

We as a team sucked the life and blood out of those dirty barren halls. I could hustle with the best of them. I had no real introduction to this life but my intellect carried me most of the way. After graduating I expanded my plans to make it by any means necessary. I hung out with the older thugs in the neighborhood. These guys were no joke. I was surrounded by guys with multiple felonies, with histories of drugs, weapons and violent arrests. They were crack dealers, con artists, weapons and violent arrests.

I was in deep; proud to back out and to scared to go further. I never wanted to become like them completely but I was noticing things about myself that I hated. I had seen a lot of bad things happen to good people. By twenty one I had been to ten times more wakes than weddings and my heart was getting cold. Fearing my life I had to make a change before it was too late to save my soul. In a few months time with the help of my aunt who lives in New Jersey, I left everything that I had grown to know and love. I was finally rid of my old life, which was never mine to begin with. Now with all those lessons learned and no other choice but to do good I returned to New Jersey after ten years, hoping to find a place that fits, but again I start out as an outsider.

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Men's Looks for Under $100

Every Girl Will Be Asking “Who's That Boy?”

BY: AMANDA FERRANTE

FASHION EDITOR

Okay, boys, you don’t want to spend too much money on your apparel (that’s a fancy word for the stuff you wear) and you don’t want to look like you spent the afternoon with your head in QQ looking for tips on getting sty- le. Come on, your buds wouldn’t have that. You’d never live it down, pretty boy? So, here are three looks compiled from Old Navy for the men who still have taste but a rather tight budget. We’ve got you covered with outfits under $100!

The Chilled-Out Look: You’re the surfer clad guy ready to get your game on at the beach. Maybe you’re off to meet some lovely ladies (also decked out in Old Navy) and you want to look decent. This effortless look is sure to please. Here’s the 411: Long-Sleeved Linen-Blend Shirt in Light Blue, $24.50; Classic Tee in White, $8.50; Seersucker Pants in New Thaddeus (any other color), $31; Cotton Slip On Sneakers in Plaid, $19.50. Don’t fall into the trap; wear a belt, gentle- man! Check out the Special Edition Leather Belts for only $19.50 (she’ll love it!). Your grand total: $81. Including the belt! Not so bad for a laid back ladies man, huh?

The Sophisticated and Ready Look: You’re going places and everybody knows it! Show off your ambitious disposition with the proper attire and it’s game time for you, cutie! This look is a little trickier. For those of you who have animosity towards pink shirts, I’m with you. Pink just doesn’t scream “manly” whatsoever. Go for it in another color. Fight me all you want, it just doesn’t work. Back to style: this look is a sure fit. Here’s the 411: Oxford Shirt (in any other color besides pink), $19.50. Regular Fit Super Khakis, $24.50; and if you’re daring enough, Messenger Bag in Black, $19.50. You’re looking at a grand total of $63.50. Including the bag! Not too shabby!

The Classic Denim Look: You’re the cliché cute boy we all love to look at and wonder if you’re looking back at us. Thanks for the eye candy! You’re not too shabby! The Classic Denim Look: You’re the cliché cute boy we all love to look at and wonder if you’re looking back at us. Thanks for the eye candy! You’re not too shabby! Your total: $45! Just right for the beach. Your grand total: $91; this is just too good!

There are looks you can mix and match and at such great prices, you can even cop more than one! Remember boys, there is no excuse to look anything but your best. Being smart with fashion is just something you’ll have to learn and this article teaches you right here! Instead of heading out to get wanted this weekend, get to Old Navy and shop!

Fashions

Ladies Looks for Under $100

Who’s That Foxy Lady?

BY: AMANDA FERRANTE

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Sometimes we have a hard time defining ourselves from the typical day-to-day looks. With these steals for Old Navy, you’ve got the spring with your very own look to make the boys cry! Tears of joy, that is! There’s nothing like screaming individuality with your own buys, and for less. We’ve got you covered with looks from head to toe under $100.

Simple Chic: Are you a simple girl in a complex world? Then this look is for you. You don’t overdo things, you don’t need diamonds or pearls, and you like to keep your simple wardrobe full. This is your time to shine with your very own look. Here’s the 411: Crochet-Trim Wrap Shirt in Natural White, $29.50; Long-Laying Cami in Earth Brown, $8.50; Goa-Off Denim Capris in Authentic, $24.50; Reversible Hobo Bag in Black Print, $12.50; Rings Sandals in Bronze, $16.50. The total for this fun versatile look: $91.50!

Feisty & Fabulous: You’re a little bit edgy, dar- ing, and all around sultry. You’re a baby to be reck- oned with and offer perhaps a dash of attitude. This is all about you, girl! Here’s the 411: E mb l e m a t i c s H - B a n d E s p a d r i l l e s in Hibernation Blue, $29.50; V-Neck in O’Donnell Green (not available in some stores), $15.00; Seersucker Bermuda Shorts in Flip Flop, $19.50; E mb l e m a t i c s H - B a n d E s p a d r i l l e s. Your total: $65; sweet! The best thing about these buys is they can be mixed and matched or laid out for extra special individuality! You’ve bound to find the right look at Old Navy, and if you can’t seem to get around hit OldNavy.com with spe- cial offers! You’ve got to get this look!

Espadrille Elation

BY: AMANDA FERRANTE

FASHION EDITOR

The hunt continues for outrageous apparel to make us feel like Cindy Crawford in the early 90’s, yet results show us nothing short of Cindy’s cur- rent budget. Too many zeros are no fun when making purchases. Let’s get real: fashion and money doesn’t circu- late our way in large quantities (large enough for our taste, that is). Fancy footwear has always proven problemat- ic. The shoes fit, they go with that sexy black dress your boyfriend loves to wear) and you don’t want to look like you spent the afternoon with your head in QQ looking for tips on getting sty- le. Come on, your buds wouldn’t have that. You’d never live it down, pretty boy? So, here are three looks compiled from Old Navy for the men who still have taste but a rather tight budget. We’ve got you covered with outfits under $100!

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For everyone of us that succeeds, it’s because there’s somebody there to show you the way out. The light doesn’t always necessarily have to be in your family; for me it was teachers and school.

Oprah Winfrey

Only do what your heart tells you.

Princess Diana

Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the same begins the disruption of peace of the world.

Mother Theresa

No matter what you think about the Iraq war, there is one thing we can all agree on for the next days – we have to salute the courage and bravery of those who are risking their lives to vote and those brave Iraqi and American soldiers fighting to protect their right to vote.

Hillary Clinton
“Ah, Wilderness,” by the International Bluegrass Music Association and nominated for “2005 Instrumentalist of the Year,” by the Americana Music Association. Brown has blazed new trails through her composition and playing. She has recorded seven critically acclaimed solo albums including the 2001 Grammy winning “Fair Weather” and the Grammy nominated “Simple Pleasures.” She has received international acclaim for showcasing the banjo outside its familiar Appalachian roots, and for opening new frontiers to banjo players.

Brown began performing as a teenag-er and by the time she graduated from high school, she had traveled extensively playing at festivals and concerts and had even recorded an album together with fiddler Stuart Duncan. She then took a detour in her professional music career to study history and literature at Harvard and to receive an MBA from UCLA. After two years working as an investment banker, she decided to return to her composition and recording career and has gone on to open whole new vistas for an instrument that was once solely associated with “pickin’ & grinnin’.” The Alison Brown Quartet is coming to Bergen Community College as part of the College’s Performing Arts Series, “This & That from Here & There.” Call Bergen’s Office of Community and Cultural Affairs at 201-447-7428 for a full schedule of events or visit them online at http://www.bergen.edu/community_events.

Virtuosic Music for Trio to Perform at Bergen, 4/9

Virtuosic Music for Trio, an ensemble of three world-class artists, will perform musical works ranging from the Classics to Ragtime on Sunday, April 9, at 3:00 p.m. in the Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Tickets are $12 for general admission and $10 for students and seniors (65+). A suggested donation amount of $5 for students and seniors is available at 201-447-7428. Seating is reserved and advance ticket purchase is recommended. Perform at Bergen, 4/9

“Ah, Wilderness,” to be Staged April 21-30

“Ah, Wilderness,” a delightful “comedy of Melrose Place,” will be performed by the Elizabeth Valley Theatre Group at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ, Fridays and Saturdays, April 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. The maine will be on Sundays, April 23 and 29 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are $40 for general admission and $35 for students (65+).

To purchase tickets visit the Office of Community and Cultural Affairs, Room A-315 at the College or call 201-447-7428. Seating is reserved and advance ticket purchase is recommended.

From Left to Right: Dennis Subriego of New Milford and Diamond Simmons of Cliffside Park. Bottom: Brian Arya of West New York and Heather Ehrhardt of Bergenfield.

The cast includes:
Elizabeth March, from Fair Lawn as Enie Miller Renato Coda, from Cliffside Park as Arthur Miller Heather Ehrhardt, from Bergenfield as Hazel Miller Brian Arya, from West New York as Tommy Miller Laurie McElwee, from Dumont as Lily Miller Billy Alzaher, from Englewood as Sid Davis Addam Aderian, from Dumont as Wirt Selby Stephen Stano, from Hasbrouck Heights as David McComber Kelly Dunn, from Wayne as Matild McComber Marcela Saranto, from Garfield as Belle Kyle Scatliffe, from Westwood as Bartender Richard Lurie, from Paramus as Salesman Kathleen Cronin, from Paramus as Nora

The understudies:
Brian Arya, from West New York for Richard Miller Daniel Colombo, from Tenafly for Tommy Miller

The production team:
Directed by Ken Bonnaffons of Central Valley, NY
Set Designed by Michael Labranne of Mendehn Lighting Designed by Jared Salzman of Clifton Costumes Designed by Mari Nandi of Hawthorne Props Coordinated by Rebecca Listgood of Dumont Stage Managed by Adrianna Sabino of Elmwood Park

“The Beatles of Kids’ Music” – The Zucchini Brothers 4/1

The Zucchini Brothers — kids’ favorite fun rockers — will perform on Saturday, April 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Tickets are $9 for adults and $6 for children under 18 and are available at 201-447-7428. Seating is reserved and advance ticket purchase is recommended.

Winners of the NAPPA Gold Award and the Parents Choice Gold Award, the critically acclaimed Zucchini Brothers deliver “Words of Wisdom Set to Fuss-Tapping Music.” Known as “The Beatles of Kids’ Music,” The Zucchini Brothers are renowned for their work in schools, theaters, and fes-
tivals nationwide, as well as for their nationally syndicated daily radio show, “The Zucchini Brothers Live! At the Clubhouse.” With their 100% healthy and 100% fun style the zany Zucchinis bridge the musical gap between kids and adults.

This performance is part of Bergen Community College’s 2005-2006 Performing Arts Series, “This & That from Here & There.” Call Bergen’s Office of Community and Cultural Affairs at 201-447-7428 for the full schedule, or view their Web site at h t t p : / / w w w . b e r g e n . e d u / c o m m u n i t y _ e v e n t s.
Live life as Jack Bauer and others in 24: THE GAME

By DANNY LARUSO

SPORTS EDITOR

Have you ever wondered what 24 would be like if you were Jack Bauer? No? Well, you might want to go ahead and wonder, as this is the premise behind 24: THE GAME. Yes, the creators of the hit television series 24 have released a video game that allows you to live as Jack Bauer, Kim Bauer, or other 24 characters. Now, you can chase terrorists as Jack Bauer, infiltrate terrorist camps and lairs, or attempt to help Jack and his fellow CTU agents foil another terrorist plot.

The video game is full of action, excitement, and suspense. You get to infiltrate terrorist camps and lairs as Jack Bauer, chase after suspects as Jack Bauer, and also play as other characters, such as Tony Almeida, Chase Edmunds, and Michelle Dessler. You get to experience the authentic 24 feel right from the beginning. Needless to say, the gameplay and overall thrill factor are exceptional.

On the front of human health, Kurzweil imagines that a quarter century hence, life expectancy for most humans will be around 120. Tiny robots will float around in peoples' blood stream and detect emerging cancer, far before it becomes visible to a doctor or perceivable by the patient. Disabled individuals will have access to bionic, artificial limbs, whose capability is similar to the real thing. Nucleological implants will make it possible to experience many sensations directly over the internet, implants will also be becoming available to enhance "interpretation, memory, and reasoning."

People will increasingly treat machines as human, and automated personalities will often be realistic. Much of the range of emotional contact that humans currently have with each other will be possible to experience with machines, many of whom will be considered "virtual humans."

The rationale for these seemingly bizarre ideas is that the power of computers has been following a set pattern in the last century. If we project that pattern into the first half of the twenty-first century, we quickly find the human profession will be education, it will not regret it for one heart-pound-ing.

Actor Kiefer Sutherland, who portrays Jack Bauer, got a job at CTU? How did she become the lead singer of a rock band? How did her brother die? The questions may have asked during the show’s 3rd season. Why and how did Kim Bauer, Jack’s daughter, get a job at CTU? How did she become romantically involved with agent Chase Edmunds? These and many other questions are answered as you attempt to help Jack and his fellow CTU agents foil yet another terrorist plot. Throughout the game, you get to infiltrate terrorist camps and lairs as Jack Bauer, chase after suspects as Jack Bauer, and also play as other characters, such as Tony Almeida, Chase Edmunds, and Michelle Dessler, to name a few.

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1. In early society, each culture had their own “fast food” stand. Ancient Roman cities handed out bread and olives.

2. Early Asian suburbs provided soup noodles and Middle Eastern cuisines gave away falafel.

3. Though many people think “McDonald’s” is the first modern hamburger chain, it was actually “White Castle” opening the first restaurant in 1921.

4. McDonald’s is the world’s largest fast food chain in the world. Such terms from the worldwide McDonald’s dictionary included a “Big Mac,” “French Fries,” and many more.

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6. Wendy’s is credited with the first “drive-thru” window providing fast food.

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Soccer fans around the world have waited four long years and with June fast approaching, the wait is almost over. The FIFA 2006 World Cup will kick off in Germany on June 9th and will run through July 9th. The tournament will feature 32 of the top national teams. Among the favorites returning to this year’s competition are Brazil, England, France, Italy, Spain, and the United States. Germany automatically qualifies since they are the host country. There are also many new faces appearing on the world stage for the first time including Angola, Ivory Coast, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Ukraine. The Czech Republic will also make its first appearance since the split of Czechoslovakia in 1992. The games will take place in 13 different German cities such as Frankfurt, Munich and the capital Berlin.

The Bergen Community College Athletic Department is pleased to announce the hiring of its new baseball coaching staff for the upcoming Spring 2006 season.

Coach Jorge Hernandez comes to the Bulldogs after seven years of assisting at several on-site area NCAA Division III programs, including Ramapo College, Rutgers-Newark University and John Jay College. A native of nearby Teaneck, Coach Hernandez is an extremely confident and experienced veteran of collegiate baseball, both as a coach and as a player.

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“THINKING GLOBALLY, CONNECTING LOCALLY”

Monday, April 17
11:30 a.m., Moses Family Meeting & Training Center (TEC-128)
The Tarumi Violinists

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“The Hidden Wealth of the Poor”
The Story of Microfinance
Keynote Speaker: Tom Easton
New York Bureau Chief for The Economist; former senior editor for Forbes, New York and Tokyo Bureau Chief for The Baltimore Sun, and Associate Professor at Columbia Journalism School.

1:00 p.m., Refreshments

2:00 p.m., Student Center Movie: “The Qatsi Trilogy”
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All day in the Student Center Silent Auction

Tuesday, April 18
12 - 4:00 p.m., Moses Family Meeting & Training Center (TEC-128)

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Wednesday, April 19
12:00 p.m., Student Center Movie: “The Qatsi Trilogy”
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1:40 p.m., C-319
A Survey of Indigenous Medicines from Guyana
Dr. Frank Ramdoyal, Fran Ruff, Dr. Gullmaj Roberts

All day in the Student Center Silent Auction

Thursday, April 20
1:40 - 3:00 p.m., A-104
“Making a difference, one person at a time”
Micro-loan project in Nepal
Speaker: Tulsir R. Maharjan, Ph.D.
Director of Government Relations, Raritan Valley Community College and, by appointment of the Governor, Vice-Chair of the New Jersey Human Relations Council. Dr. Tulsir serves on numerous boards and community organizations and is the founder of the Somerset County Cultural Diversity Coalition.

6:00 p.m., Room A-104
Movie: “Distant Thunder” by Satyajit Ray (World Film Festival)

Thursday, April 20
8 - 9:20 a.m., E-158
Dialogue with Criminal Justice Students: Anne Langan and Richard Kuiters
Race Issues (by invitation only)

12:00 p.m., Student Center Movie: “The Qatsi Trilogy”
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Friday, April 21
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
UN Trip – ($50 for entrance and bus) Sign up in the Office of Student Life

6 - 8:00 p.m., Student Center Café Bergen – Student/Faculty Night

8 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., Cafeteria Caribbean Party

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