

The Open Door

Quinsigamond Community College's Newspaper

President's Place



Dr. Gail Carberry

I'm a lifelong Massachusetts resident so I'm no stranger to harsh winters. And, while we really can't complain about this past winter (remember last year?), it's still comforting to see the robins return and the crocus poking through the earth. Spring is here. Of all the seasons, spring is my favorite. For me, it feels as though I come alive again, along with the natural world; more hour of daylight to enjoy my favorite pastime – gardening.

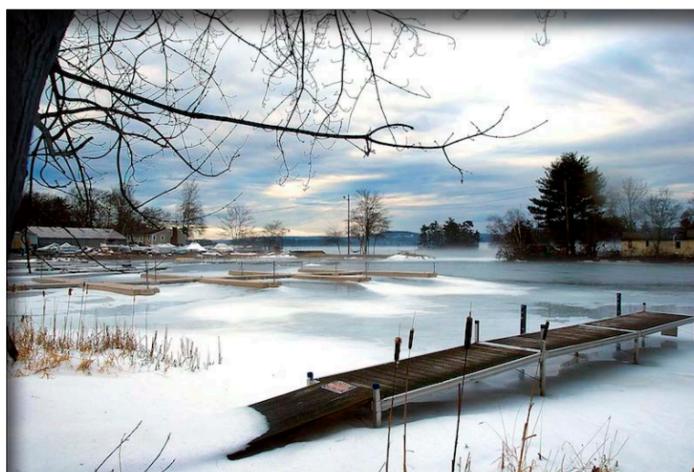
Some of you may be thinking, "playing in the dirt is not my idea of a good time." But it brings me peace of mind. It's a time when I can turn my thoughts to simple matters. I love my job at QCC but even I need a break at times.

As I write my column for this edition, you are all enjoying a mid-semester break. Some of you may be working extra hours to earn a little extra spending money. Others may just be enjoying some down time with family. Still others may have taken this opportunity to enjoy "spring break" some place with warm sunshine and sandy beaches. Whatever your preference, I hope you all had time to relax and recharge and have returned more determined to advance your education.

Whether your education goal is to obtain workforce skills, an associate degree, or transfer to a four-year college your time spent at QCC will provide a better-than-average return on your investment. A recent study, prepared by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. of Moscow, Idaho, found that for every dollar students invest in a QCC education, they gain \$4.70 in higher income over the course of their careers. That's a nearly five-to-one return on your investment.

My community college education was the first stepping stone in my journey to a college presidency. Whatever your goal may be, I know that your community college education is the best first step you can take.

Winners of the Second Annual Open Door Photo Contest are:



Upper Left: First place winner, Curwyn Henry.
Left: Second place winner, Marc Johnson.
Above: Third place winner, Emily Carroll.
Bottom Left: Honorable mention, Donald Espinoza.
Bottom Middle: Honorable mention, Jessica Pacheco.
Bottom Right: Honorable mention, Thai Vu

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Massacre in Afghanistan; how it happened and what will be its impact?

By: Joe Mogel
Open Door Editor

On march 11th of this year, Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, of Tacoma, Washington, walked off the military base where he was stationed and shot and killed 17 Afghani villagers in the middle of the night. Nine of the Afghans were children, eight were adults. However, there is a

discrepancy; the Afghan officials have only claimed that 16 people were killed. No explanation for the difference of death toll has been given by either side. Additionally, claims have been made that more than one person was involved with the shooting. US officials have

stated that there is no forensic evidence that anyone other than Bales participated. An additional six people were wounded by Bales, four children, one man and one woman.

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Israel, Iran and Middle Eastern future

By Joe Mogel
Open Door Editor

In the wake of the tensions and strife of last month, cooler heads do seem to have prevailed, somewhat. The daily posturing and unending rhetoric has quieted, although, this may just be the calm before the storm.

Israel has requested new weapon systems from America, namely upgraded bunker-buster bombs. These bombs are capable of destroying the facilities the Iranians are using for Uranium enrichment. According to an unnamed source in Tel Aviv, the US has given terms of compliance with international action and a promise for no unilateral action before the bombs can be sold.

Additionally Israel has made a \$1.6 billion deal to sell weapons to Azerbaijan, a nation that borders Iran

and maintain a mild level of hostility to its Persian neighbor. Whether this is an attempt to gain a strategic ally or simply an economic deal is unknown at the moment. The Azerbaijan – Iran border is known as a weak point in Tehran's defenses.

While Israel's sale of arms and search for heavier conventional weapons may seem like saber-rattling, it may not be. Former Israeli intelligence Chief Meir Dagan has said he believes now is not the time to attack Iran. Dagan said to an American interviewer that in his estimation the Iranian officials know the impact of their actions and how much damage they could cause themselves.

Dagan's comments come at a time when most of the international community is calling for a diplomatic

solution. President Obama has said that, while military options are still on the table, a diplomatic solution is far preferable and will be pursued until it is no longer an option.

Major blocks to such negotiations are the Russians and Chinese. Both Moscow and Beijing believe the sanctions imposed by America and the European Union are unnecessarily tough. In recent talks Russian and Chinese obstinacy lead to weaker resolutions.

None the less, in a recent poll two thirds of Israelis prefer a preemptive strike against enrichment facilities over a nuclear Iran. Likewise, a majority of Israelis believe that Tel Aviv has the weapons needed to end Iran's nuclear program. The situation may be simmering down, but it is far from finished.

2012 Open Door Photo Contest

In this issue we are pleased to feature the winning photos of the second annual Open Door Photo Contest. Thank you to all who submitted and to this year's judges: Professor George Fitch and Open Door Staff Members Caitlyn Lambert and Mary Bailey. An additional thanks is in order to Caitlyn for organizing the contest.

The winning photos are on the Q under Campus Life. Click on Open Door Photo contest on the left column. Photos will also be available for view in the HLC.

Watch the fall editions of the Open Door for details about next year's contest.



The Open Door Schedule for Spring 2012

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By Joe Mogel

UFC fighter wins fight for dying father

Mike Chiesa, of Spokane Washington, won on the show 'the Ultimate Fighter' to honor his dying father's request that he follow his dream. Mike's father, 52-year-old Mark, was diagnosed with leukemia in June, and lay on his deathbed while Mike was competing for a spot on the show. Mark, while still in the hospital, had a list of the three things he wanted to see before he died. He wanted to see the New York Giants win the Super Bowl, the birth of his grandchild in June and Mike compete in the UFC. With the support of both his family and his now dying father, Mike went on the show. His family surrounding him, Mark smiled and gave a thumbs up to his son moments before passing away.

Lesbian judge wins case against Chilean government

In November 2004, Magistrate Karen Atala lost custody of her daughters to her ex-husband through a Chilean Supreme Court decision because she stated that she was a lesbian. The Inter-American Court of human rights, a legal body governing Central and South American legal systems, ruled in favor of Atala on February 24. The ruling requires Chile's government to pay \$50,000 and another \$12,000 in court fees to Atala.

Spider infestation in Australian farmland blankets ground in web

Wolf spiders have covered an entire Australian farm in web. Recent flooding has driven the spiders from their usual habitats in the city of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. The spiders set up shop in the surrounding farmland covering acres with thick web. The residents are mostly indifferent to the spiders. "The amount of mosquitoes around would be incredible because of all this water," Brett Finlayson told the Sydney morning Herald. "The spiders don't pose any harm at all, they're doing us a favor. They're actually helping us out."

Former New Jersey governor goes undercover as homeless man

Richard Codey, former governor of New Jersey, went undercover as a homeless man in Newark in mid-March to expose the condition of homeless shelters. After being repeatedly turned down for not having Social Security or Welfare, he was eventually taken in by a Goodwill shelter. The shelter only had a bed role for him to use on a linoleum floor in a room he shared with 20 other men. While Goodwill shelters keep high standards, Codey did this to push for more federal funding.

Limbaugh radio show loses advertisers

In the wake of radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh insulting student Sandra Fluke, 42 companies advertising on his show pulled their advertisements. Limbaugh gained attention for calling Fluke a slut and a prostitute. He has since apologized, though the advertisers have not come back. Limbaugh insists that everything is all right with the show's revenues. "Nobody is losing money here, including us, in all this," he said on his radio show.

Wealthy New York woman accused of enslaving illegal immigrant

Annie George, 39, is accused of keeping an illegal immigrant, identified only as VM, as an indentured servant for six years. VM was expected to take care of George's four young children in addition to household tasks. Promised more than she received, VM was made to sleep in a closet and received less than the standard minimum wage for the state of New York. In addition she was not allowed to leave the house. The US Department of labor has stated that VM is entitled to \$206,000 in back wages.

Oldest newlywed couple Married in Indio California

Lillian Hartley, 95, and Alan Marks, 98, broke the Guinness world record

as the oldest couple to ever marry. The couple has been together for 18 years before deciding to tie the knot. The ceremony was performed by Yvonne Cruz, deputy commissioner of the Riverside County clerk's office. The two met in Palm Springs on the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar.

Legendary Sherpa treks across mountains to help save villages

Apa, 51, has climbed Mount Everest 21 times, and now has embarked on a trip to warn Nepalese villagers of the dangers of flooding lakes. The danger of these lake floods has risen as of late due to global warming. Apa's farm was destroyed by a flood in 1985, which left his village without power or bridges. He's received the nickname super Sherpa within the mountaineering community and is using that notoriety to help villages in the Himalayas to prepare for the possibility of floods.

Silence gun developed by Japanese researchers

In the field of nonlethal weapons a new handgun is in town. The silence gun is a microphone and speaker system with a 0.2 second delay. The human brain is highly confused when speech is played back on a time scale different from when it was spoken. This weapon works on that concept. By simply pointing the device at an individual who is speaking, the target can be brought to silence a matter of seconds. Practical application of the weapon is still pending.

Liquid battery could mean greener future

Prof. David Sadoway, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recently unveiled a concept for a liquid metal battery system. The system that he has invented can store massive amounts of electricity for extended periods of time. This technology would allow electrical generation plants to cut their fuel consumption during peak hours. By storing electricity that would otherwise be unused, these liquid batteries could save millions of dollars and cut greenhouse gas emissions significantly. Sadoway unveiled the system, which relies on the elements vanadium and magnesium, at the

Technology, Entertainment and Design series where he was given only 18 minutes to deliver his speech.

Ancient Greek helmet found in Israeli harbor

A bronze Greek helmet covered with gold leaf and decorated with Lions snakes and a Palmette has been found in Haifa Bay. The helmet dates back 2600 years and may have belonged to a Greek mercenary. First discovered in 2007 during dredging operations, the helmet is being conserved by the Israeli antiquities Authority. Due to its rich detail and gold leaf it most likely belonged to a wealthier mercenary. At present researchers believe it may come from Ionia, the modern west coast of Turkey. How it got there is unknown, though theories include that it was simply dropped or that may be part of a larger shipwreck.

Navy tests new rail gun

A full-scale prototype of a future electromagnetic super weapon was tested recently by the Office of Naval Research. The weapon, in testing phases until 2017, is designed to launch a 40 pound projectile at speeds between 4500 mph and 5600 mph, and to a distance between 50 and 100 miles. These weapons are being tested with the intention that they replace the current weapons on naval warships, namely the 5 inch guns.

Secret of immortality found in asexual flatworms

Scientists in England have found that a species of flatworm may be capable of immortality. The focus of the study was on telomere length. The worms, known as planarian worms, may reproduce either sexually or asexually. When they reproduce asexually, the worms show little to no damage to their telomeres. Headed by Aziz Aboobaker, the research team is still determining how the flatworms achieve this, although they do know that the enzyme telomerase, which usually decreases with age, increases when the worms regenerate. Though exciting, research is still being done into these unusual little creatures.

Diversity Fare whets appetites for thoughtful exchanges

By Dale LaBonte

Diversity Fare brought over 50 people together for food, dialog and story-sharing on the topic of religion at the Harrington Learning Center on February 24, 2012. The program, sponsored by QCC's Diversity Caucus, gathered an impressive panel of faculty, staff, and student presenters.

Professors John Brand, Doe West, and Fayrouss Hassan, joined staff members Karen Rucks and Lamont Slater, and student Kyle Pearson to discuss their experiences with Native American Christian, Baptist, post-Christian animist, atheist, Moslem, and other religious traditions and philosophies.

Each presenter described her/his personal history with religious beliefs. As an American Indian, Doe West experienced an awakening when she was a teenager that led her grandmother to introduce her to their family's tradition of "native Christianity." She was ordained as a Pentecostal minister and later became a chaplain. Lamont Slater, raised with no religion in the household, but educated in Catholic schools, adopted the Moslem faith because of being a reader. He said education is the basis of religious understanding, and he discovered that he had already been practicing Islam's five pillars in his daily life.

John Brand described being content with his life and awed by the natural world rather than feeling that he was lacking anything by not having any religious belief. He made the point that even monotheists are atheists in that they reject belief in Zeus, Athena, and the gods of other religions.

Kyle Pearson called animism a direct form of worship.

Alison Hall moderated the program and periodically asked the audience for their comments. "This is about respect and non-judgment," she said, adding that the panel representation was not intended to be all-inclusive.

Panelists described instances of stereotyping. Lamont Slater said airports are "brutal," and Fayrouss Hassan said she is singled out in airports, at the market, in the classroom, and while driving. She said she grew up with her religion "teaching all people are equal." But she finds that people in the U.S. often look no further than her head scarf when they meet her. At other times they ask well-meaning, but ignorant, questions and often assume that all Moslem women are oppressed. Being called "Rev. Dr. Doe West" seems at odds with the native dress," West said,

but she explained that the spiritual beliefs and practices of Indian People are not a religion, but a cultural expression.

Audience members described their experiences growing up in Jamaica, Albania, Puerto Rico, and Massachusetts.

President Carberry asked the panel how to express oneself as a spiritual person and yet be respectful of others. Karen Rucks' response was to agree that is the challenge and that there are times when "our humanity gets in the way of our faith and our faith gets in the way of our humanity."

One student asked, "Why can't we all come together – we have values that we learned – why can't we just do things because it's the right thing to do?"

The Diversity Caucus hopes that this and other luncheons in the series will remind the QCC community of other peoples' realities. The final program in the series is the "Stand against Racism" on April 27th.

Food is provided at each Diversity Fare and the programs are free for the entire campus community.

Greek debt and the world economy

By Joe Mogel, Open Door Editor

We've heard on the news and television about our economy and the issues we're facing as a nation, and as part of the global community. In the past few years several countries have experienced economic meltdown. One of the first was Ireland, which had previously been a haven for international corporations. Yet it has been the financial chaos in Greece that has taken center stage. This is in no small part due to the size of the burden and the possible bankruptcy of the Greek government, which could impact the value of the Euro and, thus, international banking.

One of the largest obstacles to resolving the issue of Greek debt has been the citizenry of Greece. The numerous government jobs, and associated pensions, have been straining the Greek government. The Greek government, which recently posted a January deficit of euro490 million (\$652 million US), has been attempting to negotiate loans and deals with

Eurozone countries, such as France and Germany. The lending countries are willing to loan money, but they want guarantees that Greece will decrease its debt. This has led to 'austerity measures' in Greece, severe slashing of funding for pensions and deep cuts to government salaries. The firestorm that erupted during the first wave of these reforms was reported around the world. Riots in Athens led to bloody clashes between protestors and police. Yet the lending countries pointed out that the cuts would not reduce the debt, merely slow it down. So deeper cuts are being proposed and being pushed through the Greek Parliament.

A byproduct of the cuts to government spending has been mass unemployment. Up to 21% of the employable population in Greece is currently without a job, with local unemployment rates of up to 24% in some cities. A decrease in spending by citizens has also cut into tax revenues and lowered the project

income for the Greek government. The earlier protests have now developed into official opposition groups, many supported by unions that stand against the economic measures of the government. With the new collection of possible candidates, the upcoming elections may break the government unity that has been allowing the parliament to pass its measures.

Despite the stresses and grim projections, the major lenders, France and Germany, have provisionally agreed to a loan which will cut Greece's debt by approximately 105 billion Euros (\$140 billion US) of its total debt, but this comes at a price. Greece's bonds are being replaced with lower yield and longer maturing bonds, causing many investors to take their money elsewhere.

In the long run the future of Greece, and the euro, could depend on the investors and bond traders who currently hold the future of the Mediterranean country in their hands.

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The attack took place in the Panjwai district of Kandahar. This incident comes just one month after US – Afghan relations were strained by an inadvertent burning of several Korans by soldiers on Bagram air base in Kabul.

The Obama administration has officially paid damages to the families of the victims. Approximately \$46,000 to each of the families of the deceased, and \$10,000 to the families of those wounded. This is significantly higher than the \$2,500 normally paid to the family of a deceased civilian. This came after the President called President Hamid Karzai, and personally gave his condolences and apologies.

The medical record of the 38 year old Bales is being studied to help prosecutors and defense understand the man at the core of incident. So far it has been released that Bales had suffered from a head trauma

earlier in his service in Afghanistan. The US military has also started a study into a malaria drug known as Mefloquine. While it isn't known if Bales had taken the drug, there is a great deal of data linking the drug to psychotic behavior and suicidal tendencies. Others, not in the military have proposed that extreme stress may have paved the way for his actions. Then impending loss of his house, in which his wife and two children live, may lead credence to this theory.

Stresses on the US – Afghan relationship have been increasing since the start. After Bales was taken into custody, US officials began moving him, first to Kuwait, later to the US. Staff Sgt. Bales is currently being held in Fort Leavenworth prison. US officials have stated that they intend on pursuing a case under American law. The Afghan government has protested, demanding a public trial in Afghanistan.

One of the largest factors in this case revolves around whether the US should withdraw from Afghanistan

early. Afghan President Karzai has requested that US troops, and the international coalition forces, to leave the villages and remain exclusively on their bases. This significantly pushes the schedule ahead, which sets the departure date in 2014.

Those who knew Bales say they can't imagine him committing cold blooded murder. His wife said she was devastated by the news and does not believe that her husband committed the killings. Soldiers who had known him in the years before also showed shock over the crimes. He has been described as being childlike and a devoted family man.

Bales' future, and possibly the future of American – Afghan relations, rests in the hands of the military. A decision on whether to perform a psychological examination is pending. If it is determined that Bales is unfit to stand trial he will remain in protective custody. If it is determined that he is mentally fit, he can face the death penalty.

2012 Women of Distinction

Twenty six women were honored at the Women Students of Distinction Ceremony held March 27 in the HLC. Co-sponsored by QCC Counseling Services and Vice President of Academic Affairs Pat Toney, this ceremony provides recognition for QCC women whose accomplishments, good character and willingness to serve others makes them outstanding members of the college. Each year Faculty and staff nominate students and attend a luncheon where nominees are recognized and awarded a certificate and gift.

This year's Women of Distinction are:

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| Maria Bonilla | Maureen Ireland |
| Shannon Burns | Katherine Larouche |
| Elizabeth Burris | Mary Ellen Macuen |
| Haley Carbonneau | Alicia Manley |
| Jodi Christian | Indira Cristina McGlone |
| Paula Costa | Allison Mikoloski |
| Dairenis Davila | Tiffany Milotte |
| Stephanie Decoteau-Wood | Lien Nguyen |
| Lauren DePina | Beryl Pettiford |
| Xaviera Djoko | Maria Roman |
| Sabine Dupoux | Emily Thomas |
| Nahal Farvardin | Em Ngoc Trieu |
| Elizabeth Forehand | Amy Weiss |

A special thanks to the following who help to make this program a success: President Gail Carberry, Karen Cox, Institutional Communications, Jane Pickett, Sheryl Tradie, QCC Food Services, Steve Sullivan and Pat Toney.



clubs and honor societies

Senate Minute

Hello QCC Community,

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the Senate Minute. I hope everyone is having a good semester. This month Senate has been pretty quiet though there are a few updates:

- We are now going into our 6th Thursday of Dress to Impress. So far we have had great turnouts and hope to see even better ones in weeks to come. Stop by the Fuller Center dressed to impress
- Senate has moved that community service become a priority. One Saturday in April Senate will join Habitat for Humanity to help build a house here in Worcester. All are welcome to join this event, just come down to the Fuller Center and let us know.
- Coming up is Spring Fling on Wednesday, April 25. This Senate- sponsored campus wide event is open to all students free of charge. I hope to see everyone there.

One last note: Lobby Day, held on March 8, was a slight disappointment. Even though Quinsigamond

Community College was well represented in all areas of our school--administrative, faculty, and students--the agenda was poorly planned. For example, the time scheduled for us to meet with state legislators to discuss higher education, including funding, was scheduled during their lunch break! At least I was lucky enough to talk to one Representative and who was glad to hear from us in numbers and supported the idea of having the Governor's Budget redone. I wish more legislators were available to meet with us.

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"We don't want to be a one year Senate. We want to be a Senate that never dies."-JRB

QCC Pride Alliance

Socialize! Educate! Advocate!



The QCC Pride Alliance is a group for Gay
Lesbian
Bisexual
Transgender
Intersex and Questioning
students and their student Allies

Meetings: Most Wednesdays from 1-1:45
Fuller Center Conference Room
Feb. 15, 22, 29; Mar. 7, 21, 28; Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2

Can't make a meeting? Participate via the Q!
To join the Pride Alliance:
Log in to The Q and then click
Campus Life>Clubs and Organizations>Campus Groups>Browse
Groups>Pride Alliance>Join Group

We look forward to welcoming you
at our meetings and events!!

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The QCC Business and Entrepreneurship Club

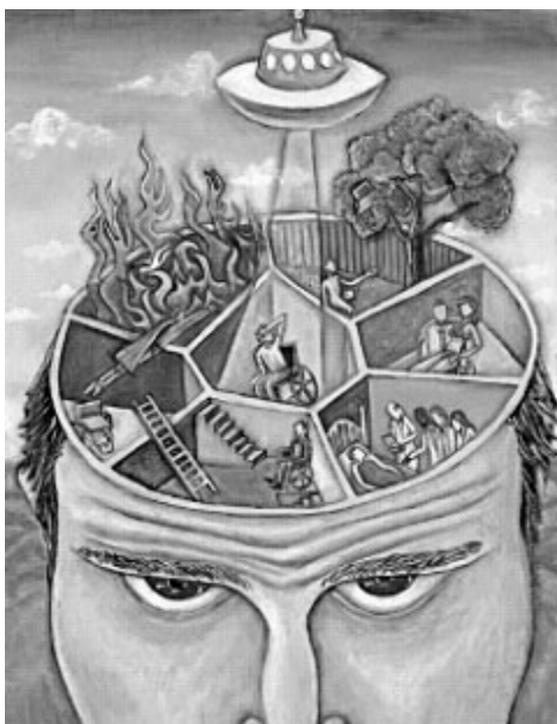
The QCC Business and Entrepreneurship Club meets every other Friday at 11:00 AM in the Fuller Center Conference Room. Spring meeting dates: April 6, 20 and 27.

The QBrew: is the Club's coffee bar that operates every Saturday morning in the Surprenant lobby. Club members sell beverages and pastries to raise money for the Worcester Animal Rescue League. Join the QCCBEC and volunteer for the QCrew!

QT(r)ip: QCCBEC members are planning a Patriot's Day field trip. Come to a meeting and find out more!

QCC Psychology/Psi Beta Clubs

Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Fuller Student Center
2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17 & 5/1/12



Like psychology? Interested in how the mind works? Want the opportunity to enrich your understanding of development, personality, cognition, memory, emotions, behavior, etc.? Would you like the opportunity to mentor others? Want to join a psychology honor society? Then we have the clubs for you! Please join us!

Questions? Contact Valarie Clemente, Ed.D., Advisor, Assistant Professor of Psychology, x7506; Rm 422A; vclemente@qcc.mass.edu

Keep up to date with all our activities – join our email list: qccpsychologyclub@gmail.com and join the psychology club on the Q portal!

ALANA: The African/Latino-Hispanic/Asian/Native American Club

By Beryl Pettiford

ALANA Vice President

February was a wonderful month for ALANA. We were able to have our first community service event for 2012 - a clothing drive for the Friendly House Shelter in Worcester. We thank all students, staff, friends and relatives for opening your hearts and closet doors to find items to share with the Friendly House Shelter.

To promote the drive we placed a decorated box in the entry way of the Fuller Center and posted flyers in all of the buildings. Thanks to exceptional generosity of donors it took two trips to deliver coats, beautiful sweaters, jeans of all sizes, suits, tops, shoes and hand bags.

Friendly House provides educational, social, and family betterment for residents of Worcester, and has been serving the homeless for over 20 years by providing temporary shelter, short term housing, and assisting families to regain self-sufficiency.

Friendly House Case Manager Pamela Easter welcomed ALANA's President, Eva Johnson and me, along with my two daughters Brittney and Monica, for a tour of the spacious, clean, cheerful home for many. Case Manager Evelyn Rodrigues also took care of the required paper work for us.

Before we left after hugs, continued well wishes and many thanks to QCC, Pamela directed our attention to 3 very poignant murals on the walls. The first is an abstract of the broken situation that most of the families come from. The second shows a boat filled

with all sorts of people; all in the same boat. The third, an array of delightful colors, shows there is hope at the end of the rainbow.

We left feeling very happy to have shared with families in need, and perhaps reflect on how fast life can change. One never knows if, and when, you may be in need of a safe, warm place to help hold your life together when life takes a turn. I know from first-hand experience.

After many years of building a well-paying management career, I found myself divorced with 5 children, including one child with triple x syndrome who required constant care and trips to the hospital. Her care made working difficult, and life took a turn that included no employment or a place to live. After several moves we came to Worcester where I was introduced to the Friendly House Shelter, a clean, safe environment with a staff that could assist in permanent housing, proper resources, encouragement, and most of all HOPE.

I had always asked why I was dealt these cards, and until recently wondered why God sent me to Worcester. Then I found myself enrolled here at QCC. I am so proud to have this opportunity to learn and be part of a stimulating environment where I have met some of the most wonderful students, staff, and deans. Whether I am in a class or participating in one of the clubs, a day does not go by that I don't think QCC is why I was sent here with the help of the Friendly House. I was able to get

back on "Rainbow Street", feel whole again, and care for my little one. The lesson I learned; never judge someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. Be mindful that one doesn't always choose to go down "Fall Apart Road".

ALANA Meeting Updates

During our February meeting we had the privilege of having Kevin Butler, associate dean of students, attend our meeting. Dean Butler has a wealth of knowledge on matters that will help put QCC'S ALANA chapter on the map, paving the way for future members to take over and flourish from a solid foundation. We look forward to having anyone interested in diversity and multiculturalism to sit in on one of our meetings, and perhaps join the club. The next meeting is Friday, April 27 at 12:00 noon in the Fuller Center conference room.



Left to right, ALANA President Eva Johnson, Pam Easter from Friendly House and ALANA Vice President Beryl Pettiford



QCCmath at YouTube!

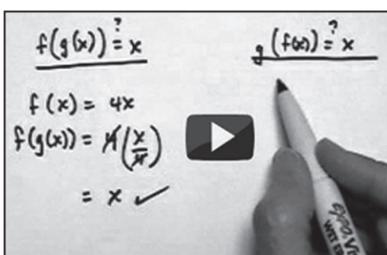
Students

View homework help videos for the following QCC math courses:

- Basic Math
- Precalculus
- Beginning Algebra
- Trigonometry
- Intermediate Algebra
- Probability and Statistics
- College Algebra

Instructors

Link your students to homework help videos and view training videos.



www.youtube.com/QCCmath

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- Prepare for finals.
- Find your instructor's youtube channel in "Featured Channels"
- More courses coming soon

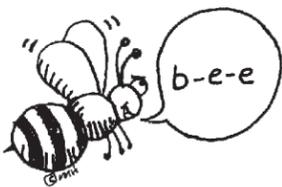
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student life

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Softball @ Massasoit 12PM Baseball vs Mt. Ida College 12PM	2	3  Ice Cream Social	4 Fitness Crunch Event Baseball vs Holyoke CC 4PM	5 Softball @ Dean College 3PM	6	7 Baseball @ Northern Essex CC 12PM
8	9 Baseball @ Tufts University JV 3:30PM	10 Deadline for Open Door May Issue	11 What's the Lyric Game Show Baseball vs Springfield College JV 3:30PM	12 Softball vs Dean College 3PM Baseball vs Dean College 3:30PM	13  Ice Cream Social	14 NYC Trip Baseball @ Roxbury CC 12PM
15	16 Patriots Day - No Classes Baseball vs Massasoit CC 12PM	17 Softball vs CCRI 3:30PM	18  QCC's Got Talent	19 Fitness Crunch Event Evening Student Mixer Softball @ Bunker Hill CC 4PM	20	21 Softball vs Massasoit CC 12PM Baseball @ Bunker Hill CC 12PM
22 Baseball vs Bridgton Academy 12PM	23 Lunchtime Leadership	24	25 Spring Fling Baseball @ Holyoke CC 4PM	26 Softball vs. Bunker Hill CC 4PM	27 Baseball vs SNHU JV 3PM	28 Baseball vs Naval Academy Prep 12PM
29	30 Baseball @ SNHU JV 3PM					



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Snow Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012

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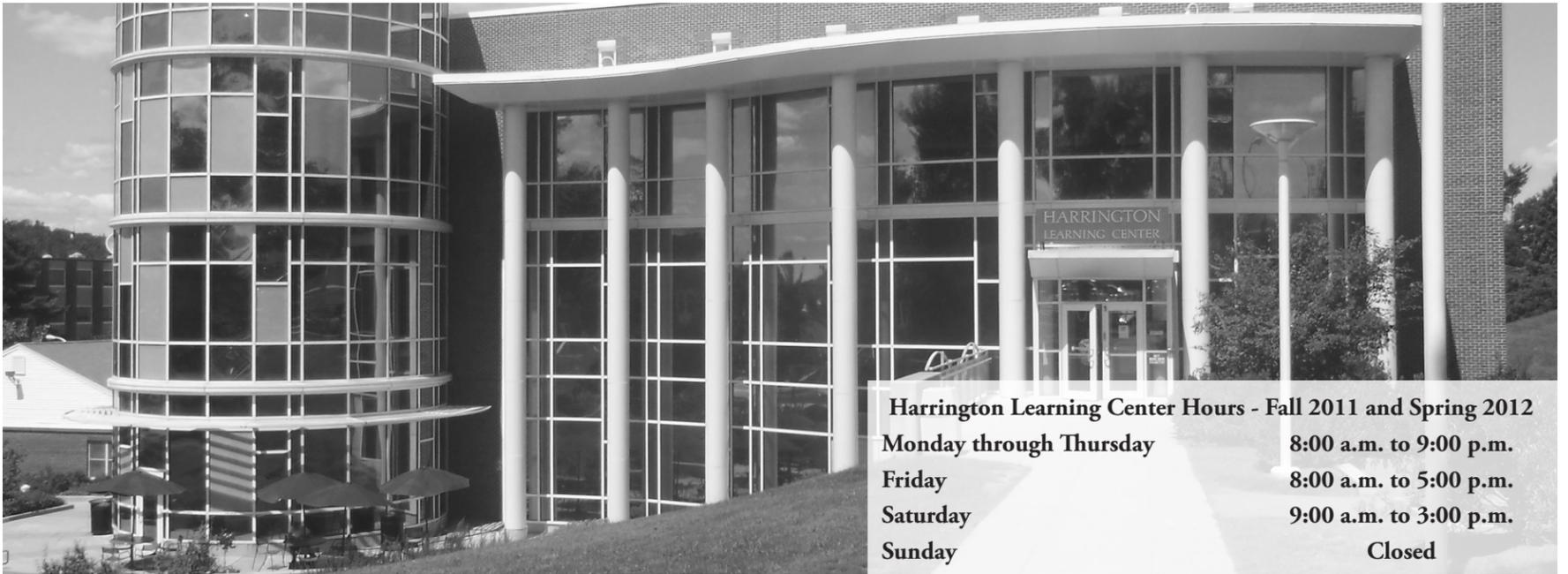
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Reap rewards with NuRide

By Scott Gauthier, Assistant Director of Facilities

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Reap what you sow

By Susan T. Johnson RN, C MSN
Professor of Nursing

Most likely you've heard it said before, "You reap what you sow". This farming principle means that you get out what you put in. There are plenty of reasons to give up; classes are too hard, I don't like my professor, my professor doesn't like me or teach me anything, I don't like the people in my class.

Life can bring us challenges when we least expect it. Whoever said that things ever come easy? There are times when you may want to give up, quit or start over in a different environment. Some people may call it burnout but to some it's just an inclination to run and escape from it all. Whether you are referring to your

education, your job or life in general, the principles are the same. Staying focus on your determination to have a renewed vision for your future is not always easy, but sowing good deeds in service to yourself and others is an investment in your future.

When you get discouraged, reveal to yourself what your own goals and dreams are as you look ahead. Day by day, decision-by-decision, choose to do the right thing. The choice is always yours. You can choose to devote putting the time in with a positive attitude and hard work to reach your goal or choose to cheat and be negative; your outcome and stamina

will reveal your choice. Remember every time you decide to do the right thing; you are making an investment that builds toward results in your future. "No pain, no gain". Don't miss out on anything; take advantage of all the new doors of opportunities that will open up to you and are waiting for you. Keep paying the price – keep doing the right thing, even when the results aren't immediate. As I continue to say to my own college age son – Keep your eye on the prize-Pay day is coming! You will "reap what you sow".

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1. Thyme for each other
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3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.



The first breath:

A respiratory therapist's role in a neonatal intensive care unit

By Meghan LaFlamme, Second Year QCC Respiratory Care Student

From a young age I knew I wanted to work with children. I loved the positions of my past, but something was missing from each. Teaching did not provide me with the life-saving satisfaction I craved. Being a "nanny" did not award me the respect or long-term career status I desired. I wanted something more. Soon after discovering and researching the field of respiratory care, I knew I wanted to become a neonatal-pediatric respiratory therapist. How rewarding it would be to soothe a child's fears while treating them for an asthma attack, or more... to help save an infant in peril!

While the job entails many days of comforting and coaching children as they take their breathing treatments through cute animal-shaped masks, not all days are easy. Working in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) goes far beyond swaddling rosy-cheeked newborns. From the moment a mother in labor is termed a "high-risk delivery," a specialized team becomes involved. Approximately 10% of newborns need some type of intervention at birth. Birth asphyxia, or a condition in which the baby cannot adequately receive oxygen after birth, accounts for almost one quarter of the almost four million neonatal deaths worldwide. By having a

neonatal team that works quickly and efficiently, many of these newborns are saved. The respiratory therapist plays an important role in this team, as he or she monitors the breathing of the mother and waits for the baby. Once delivered, equipment is in place to help assist the newborn in the first breath of life. This breath is vital for lung function. The baby may need anything from a little supplemental oxygen to full resuscitative efforts. However, not all births with the neonatal team present are necessarily emergency situations. Some high-risk deliveries may be labeled as such because of an increased chance of a breathing disorder or pulmonary disease at birth. No matter what the case may be, the respiratory therapist is ready to help optimize the newborn's breathing.

The neonatal-pediatric RT is a prized position. Although they play an important role in the NICU today, it was not always that way. The first NICU in the area was developed at UMass Memorial only a few short decades ago. Karen Kaletski-Dufault, QCC Respiratory Care Program Coordinator, was lucky enough to be a part of that initial team. She went through extensive training and became a vital part of their transport team, helped run surfactant trials, and assisted in the development of the first NICU

care plan. Karen brings experience and excitement to the classroom now, where her passion is in teaching a pediatrics class for her senior students. These students develop a great knowledge base in neonatal and pediatric care, and become certified in neonatal resuscitation while in their final semester.

Although working in the NICU is not an easy job, you would be hard-pressed to find someone in the field who did not love it. These therapists usually hold the CRT (certified) and RRT (registered) credentials, as well as NPS (Neonatal-Pediatric Specialist). They would hold your baby's little hand while giving a breathing treatment in the nursery, or, in extreme cases, quickly jump on a helicopter to help transport a baby on a mechanical ventilator. They do not look for a "thank you," as it is part of their job. They choose to do it because they love it.





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All offerings are free for QCC students. Fall and spring hours are:

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The Athletic Center is closed on Sunday

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- Ping Pong Table
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- Kung Fu: M & W - 11:30am – 12:15pm
- Indoor Cycling: M - 6pm - 6:45pm, W - 5:30pm - 6:15pm, Tu & Th - 12:15pm-1pm
- Yoga - Tu & Th - 12pm - 1pm & 5:15pm - 6:15pm,
- Zumba - M - 6:15pm - 7:15, W - 6:15pm – 7:15pm

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We want your suggestions!

If you have any suggestions about program classes or intramural sports that you would like offered, please stop by or contact the Athletic Center. We love to hear the opinions of our students, staff, and faculty. We want the Athletic Center to be a great place to spend some of your free time! Call us at 508-854-4317.



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Quinsigamond Community College Wyverns 2012 Baseball Schedule

April							
1	Sunday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Mt Ida College	QCC	Home
4	Wednesday	4:00	1 Game	vs	Holyoke CC	QCC	Home
7	Saturday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Northern Essex CC***	Haverhill, MA	Away
9	Monday	3:30	1 Game	vs	Tufts University JV	Medford, MA	Away
11	Wednesday	3:30	1 Game	vs	Springfield College JV	QCC	Home
12	Thursday	5:00	1 Game	vs	Holy Cross CC	QCC	Home
14	Saturday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Roxbury CC***	Roxbury Crossing, MA	Away
16	Monday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Massasoit CC	QCC	Home
18	Wednesday	4:00	1 Game	vs	Dean College*	Franklin, MA	Away
21	Saturday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Bunker Hill CC***	Charlestown, MA	Away
22	Sunday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Bridgton Academy	QCC	Home
25	Wednesday	4:00	1 Game	vs	Holyoke CC	Holyoke , MA	Away
27	Friday	3:00	Dbhd	vs	Southern Nh Univ JV	Manchester, NH	Away
28	Saturday	12:00	Dbhd	vs	Naval Academy Prep	QCC	Home
30	Monday	5:00	1 Game	vs	Holy Cross CC	QCC	Home
May							
2	Wednesday	4:00	1 Game	vs	CC Rhode Island*	Warwick, RI	Away
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* New England Region 21 - Division II opponents

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Movie Review

The Lorax:

The good, the bad and the ugly

Reviewed by Ross Morin



The eagerly anticipated Dr. Seuss film *The Lorax* finally hit theaters on March 2nd, debuting at number one at the box office and taking in a staggering \$70 million its first week. With such great numbers and a fantastic pedigree, Seuss's masterpiece about the dangers of commercialism versus the needs of the environment must have been a perfect adaptation right? Well, I am sorry to say that the movie turns out to be a battle between the message of environmental responsibility that Seuss intended, and the blatant commercialism of Hollywood.

The movie does contain much of the book's beloved story, but has significant alterations to maximize its profitability. At some point Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment (the studio which brought us *Despicable Me* and *Hop*) must have realized that the original story would be too short for a full feature film. In order to lengthen the movie to acceptable Hollywood levels they framed the original story with a convoluted one in which Ted (Zac Efron) searches for the extinct Truffula trees to impress Audrey (Taylor Swift), the girl of his dreams. Ted embarks upon his quest to find the greedy Once-ler, but must first escape from the super sterilized Thneedville,

opposed by ruler Mr. Ohare (who literally sells air). Ted manages to escape, meets the Once-ler (Ed Helms) and the original story unfolds.

The Good

I cannot with all good honesty call the entire movie rubbish for a few valid reasons. The first and the major one that drew me and many others to the movie was the art style. The movie is crafted in beautiful CG and looks exactly like the stunning scenes drawn by Seuss. Second, even though the added on story is totally unnecessary, it is in the end still cute and entertaining for children and adults alike.

The Bad

Ok, let's start with the Once-ler and his family. In the book The Once-ler and his clan are seen as monstrous or otherwise less than human through shadowy glimpses and their destructive activities. In the movie though for some strange reason they decided to make the entire Once-ler clan fully human showing their history and how they use reason to make the destructive decisions that they do. While this does allow for an emotional understanding of their actions, it really is a change that just was made for the ease of the studio, and as an adaptation for a children's movie. Another major issue with the movie was the interaction between the Once-ler and the Lorax. The Lorax "speaks for the trees for the trees have no tongues" appears at the first cutting of the Truffula tree. After a good dose of harassment and good natured hijinks by the Lorax and other woodland creatures, they finally come to an agreement where the Once-ler agrees to conserve

the trees and only harvest the fronds by hand, leading to a broken promise later when the Once-ler clan arrives to help.

In the book this simply did not happen. There was no agreement and although the Lorax yells at the Once-ler quite often he is totally ignored. This was another change made for the purpose of film, adding to the scene of redemption at the end of the movie where the Lorax returns and forgives the Once-ler.

The Ugly

They used the movie to advertise a SUV, The Mazda NEA-Tour, which is so completely against the original message that it is frankly insulting. All of the subtlety of the book was replaced with incredibly obvious and belittling scenes that showed the greatness of capitalism while showing the devastation caused by it. What was in the book's subtle story was replaced within the movie by a single horrible song which states that making money is always more important than environmental impact.

Finally, one of the most important messages of the book was to inspire each person to do their own part in maintaining our environment. The final page of the book shows the last Truffula seed falling into the palms of what are supposed to be your hands. Instead, the movie completely changes the ending by adding extensive chase scenes and finally culminating in the seed being planted and the world being saved from capitalism. The major failing of the movie is that this all important message has been glossed over for the purpose of greater commercial success, ironically the exact opposite of what Seuss intended.



April Schedule for Cinema 320

By Caitlyn Lambert

On April 3rd, 5th, and 7th at 7:30pm, and on Sunday April 8th at 1pm and 3:05pm, Cinema 320 will be showing *Pina*. This movie pays tribute to the famous German choreographer Pina Bausch. While also celebrating her life through some of the most creative modern dances, the members of Tanztheater recall and talk about how Pina influenced these pieces. Directed by Wim Wenders, this film was an Oscar nominee for Best Feature Documentary of 2011. It's rated PG, runs for 106 minutes, and is shown in English and subtitles.

A Separation will be shown on April 10th, 12th and the 14th at 7:30pm, as well as Sunday the 15th at 1pm and 3:20pm. Directed by Asghar Farhadi, this movie follows the discourse that is caused by a wife's

choice to leave Iran, and her husband's need to stay with his elderly father. The conflict increases when the wife decides to move out of their apartment, and the husband has to leave his father with an inapt caretaker. Was an Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film of 2011. Rated PG-13, runs for 120 minutes, and is shown with subtitles.

The last film to run at Cinema 320 for spring will be *Jiro Dreams of Sushi* on April 17th, 19th and 21st at 7:30 pm and on the 22nd at 1 pm and 2:50 pm. *Jiro Dreams of Sushi* is a profile of Jiro Ono, the world's foremost sushi chef. Mr. Ono, who is 85, runs his ten-seat restaurant in a Tokyo subway stop, and has a waiting list a year long. The movie has been described as "sheer torture to watch - if you are on an empty stomach." (Hollywood Reporter.) The *Los Angeles*

Times calls it "a captivating film," and the Austin Chronicle says it's "not going to help save Charlie the Tuna one iota." It is also a little-known fact that Bobby Fischer fortified his intellectual powers by stuffing himself with Mr. Ono's sushi before his epic match with Boris Spassky in 1972! And of course if Cinema 320 says that, you can believe it for sure.

Tickets for the films are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors (60+).

Cinema 320 is held at the Jefferson Academic Center at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester. The films are viewed on the third floor of the Center. For more information or directions, visit Cinema 320 on the web at: www.cinema320.com

Jazz is Alive at QCC

On March 23 Hebert Auditorium was the center stage of 1930 to 1960 jazz music. The 6 piece band featured Music Professor Jose Castillo (bass), Professor Marty Gilman (sax), Staff Tom Herbert (sax), and Guest Artists Mike Agbay (drums), Jonathan LaTorre (percussion), and Ismael Castillo (piano).

“The concert was a wonderful experience--we should have more events like this throughout the semester” was the response by the students, staff, and faculty that got to enjoy the exquisite jazz music event. Everyone that attended was delighted by the jazz band interpretation of compositions by Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Paul Desmond, and Wayne Shorter.



Professors, staff and guest musicians treated the audience to a jazz concert in Hebert Auditorium on March 23.



NEXT EVENT

The next musical jazz event will be held on April 20th at 1:00 pm in room 412s when the college will be visited by WICN (New England jazz radio station). The manager of the station Gerry Weston and jazz show host Joe Zupan will be introducing us to the wonderful world of jazz in New England. This event is open to students, staff, and faculty. For more information on this event please contact Professor Castillo at jcastillo@qcc.mass.edu

Music Review

The Bamboos: 4
Reviewed by Joe Mogel



When you hear the word ‘soul’ today what you most often think of is somewhat akin to a smooth form of hip-hop. Originally soul was more melodic, combining blues and gospel with regional influences. Though those early glory days may be gone, they certainly aren’t forgotten as the Australian band The Bamboos proves. Yes, that’s right; Australian. This eight-piece group from the Land Down Under is bringing old school soul and funk back with a vengeance.

Started in Melbourne, Australia in 2000 by guitarist Lance Ferguson, the band has grown to include eight members and feature numerous other artists. From their first single, the self released 7-inch 45 *Eel Oil*, they have received acclaim as an inspired, innovative band using classic methods. This approach has put them at the top of Australian, European, and Japanese charts for the last several years.

Their most recent album, *4*, positively drips with those old school influences. Starting with the song *On The Sly*, which features vocalist Kylie Auldist’s powerful pipes, every track has that certain something that can only be experienced, not explained. That may be part of the reason this particular track found its way into the feature movie *Crazy, Stupid Love*. *You Ain’t No Good* has an even greater throw back feel, as if it came from the earliest beatnik scene from the 1950’s. Track number 7 mixes things up even further with the Hindu inspired instrumental *Up On The Hill*. Auldist’s vocals carry through in the songs *The Ghost and Keep Me In Mind*, both of which have a jazzier feel.

4 is a true follow through to their previous albums *Side-Stepper* and *Rawville*, and shows why they have been topping the charts internationally for that last several years.



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New ideas and learning at the Children's School

Classroom 1

By Cathy Keefe, Lead Teacher

At the Children's School science can be seen as an ongoing part of the curriculum. For young children science is about discovery! Science at the preschool level also allows children opportunities to exercise creativity with the freedom to explore.

In Classroom 1 there has been an abundance of informal science as the children explore the properties of a variety of materials using their senses. An interest in mixing various ingredients together has led to many exciting discoveries! The children in the Tuesday Thursday class made silly putty by mixing together liquid starch and white glue. The result was a stretchy, sticky ball of fun! Students in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday class has developed an interest in volcanoes, thanks to one child's fascination and knowledge. They have been involved in making "eruptions" by mixing various amounts of vinegar and baking soda, and adding food coloring to create dimension with a "bubbling brew".

Classroom 2

By Jill Arrell, Lead Teacher

The children in Classroom 2 have shifted away from outer space; their knowledge and wonderment had all of us amazed. The children are now discussing their families and sharing family pictures with the class. The children and teachers have brought in baby pictures of themselves. At group time we have begun showing one baby picture every day and guessing who it is! This has been such fun hearing their guesses and what their reasoning was behind it! We have a teacher who is about to welcome her first child and a family who just welcomed a new brother. The children have been so animated in caring for the baby dolls in the classroom. If you walk into our family living area you will feel as if you have been transported to a nursery filled with babies. Baby dolls are being changed, fed and put to sleep with such care. We have some great future moms and dads in our classroom; those babies are loved and cared for!

The QCC Children's School is on campus and open year round from 7:15 – 5:15. Financial assistance may be available for some families and students. If you would like more information about the QCC Children's School, you can contact Jane or Nancy at 508-854-4420, janel@qcc.mass.edu or stop by.

QCC Police Informer

The victim of a juvenile delinquent

By Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez

Did you ever wonder how juveniles delinquents (youths who commit crimes) are treated in Massachusetts? You may have become a victim of a crime committed by this youthful offender and wondered what the state is doing about preventing future crimes. In Massachusetts young offenders are given the opportunity for rehabilitation by the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS). When a youth commits or allegedly commits a crime, and they are between the ages of 7 and 17, DYS operates holding facilities for them and has the authority to hold them until they are 21. The holding facilities range from secure institutions to community based homes.

Since juvenile delinquents are not adults they have more protections. For example, it is not easy to find information on what happened to them other than being found delinquent of the crime they committed.

The reason- -a juvenile is given another chance at redemption, unlike an adult, and they are shielded from the shame of a criminal record. A criminal record can be used against people even if it isn't fair to the person, especially if they have paid their debt to society.

A victim can, however, obtain a release notification. Upon request, a victim can find out if the juvenile offender has moved from a secure or less secure facility or been released from custody. Victims can also find out if the juvenile escaped from a facility. This information is only made available if the victim requests it, so be prepared to fill out paperwork to keep track of what happens.

For more information about how juveniles are classified as a delinquent and how they receive dispositions and not sentences refer to: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/juvenilecourt/index.html>

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Berry Fusion is a little place that offers a healthy alternative to the classic ice cream shop. Featuring eight flavors of hand mixed, naturally flavored frozen yoghurt, plus fifty toppings, there is plenty to choose from. The varieties change regularly; every few days a flavor is replaced with a fresh new one. The quality can't be beat, and mixing and matching your own dish makes for a fun and tasty treat. Plus at a set rate of forty cents an ounce for your dish, price is not an issue.

There are two drawbacks to their location; 1 seating, 2 parking. With limited seating space, only a few people at a time can actually sit down. While parking may not be the biggest problem, if you have people from outside the immediate neighborhood coming it could be a tight squeeze.

Altogether this simple little shop has some great features, yet plenty of room to grow. Berry fusion gets 4 out of 5 stars for an excellent start to what is, hopefully, a long term business. I suggest you check out their website at www.berryfusionfroyo.com



Discounted Movie Tickets to Showcase Cinema Theaters

Tickets are available in
The Fuller Student Center
for \$7.75 each.



Clifford: The bad is actually good

By Bill Jellesma

Clifford, the big red dog? No, I'm talking about the 1994 film starring Martin Short playing someone, well, short, along with Charles Grodin and Mary Steenburgen. Up front I'll say that this movie has been regarded as "horrible" or an "abomination" receiving a rating of 4.5 on IMDB (that's pretty low even for IMDB's cut-throat critics), but I'm here to offer a little rebuttal. I wouldn't go so far as to call it an "oldie but goodie", but I also wouldn't completely trash it like an empty bag of Swedish fish.

Clifford (Short), an overly eccentric and diabolical/demonic boy, wants to go to a theme park, but never gets taken there by his parents. Clifford hatches a scheme which sends his easily annoyed father over the edge, forcing him to call up his brother, Martin

(Grodin). Fortunately, this actually couldn't have come at a better time for Martin as he's trying to coax his girlfriend, Sarah (Steenburgen), into marriage by showing her that he loves kids. Martin promises to take Clifford to his theme park while he stays with his "loving" uncle. When Clifford receives unsettling news that Uncle Martin is suddenly unable to take Clifford because of work complications, Clifford is understandably more than a little upset; and if there's one thing that everybody knows, it's that you don't crush a little boy's dreams, especially one with a forte for causing trouble and hilarious, pranks.

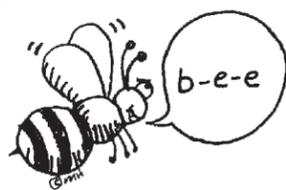
Is this movie horrible in the "traditional sense"? Yes. The movie is held together by a weak, hard to believe plot; it's easy to fall in and out of the movie. The acting is all

right, the movie fails to draw you in, but that blame falls more or less on the plot rather than the acting.

I love to mention this movie because I see it as the underdog. Clifford is horrible, but there is a beam of light in the movie. The movie IS funny, mostly. The comedy in this movie leans towards slapstick with a hint of joke worthy, but mostly stupid humor. I personally have enjoyed Clifford from the day I first watched it with my family (who also love this movie) to watching it for the 20th time (at least) with my cousin. When I want to watch a dumb movie that I don't really have to think about, I would watch Clifford. I do enjoy well-crafted and delightful humor, but let Arrested Development and 30 Rock handle that humor for me.

14th Annual

Quinsigamond Community College Spelling Bee



When: Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 7 pm
in Hebert Auditorium.

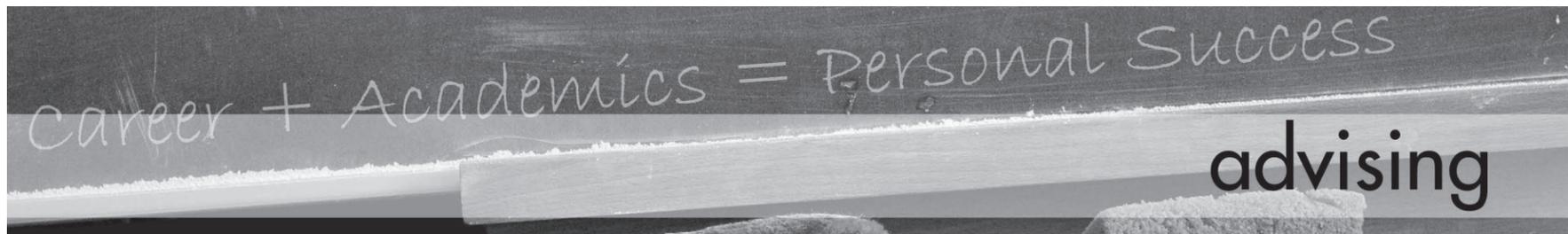
Snow Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012

The Quinsigamond Community College Spelling Bee is a charitable event designed to raise money for the QCC Foundation to support programs and student scholarships. This event is sponsored by the QCC Foundation, QCC Alumni Association and Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

The current reigning champion is the QCC team Bee Me Up.

For more information, call: 508-854-4385;
e-mail: nancyc@qcc.mass.edu

This event is sponsored by:
The QCC Foundation,
QCC Alumni Association, and
Worcester Telegram & Gazette



Career, Academic, & Personal Success

From the Office of Career and Academic Planning (Advising Offices)

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Lamont Slater, Assessment Specialist
John Mitchell, Assessment Specialist
Ruth Cole, Front Desk Staff
Linda Brunell, Front Desk Staff

In addition to the full-time staff listed above, over 25 part-time advisors, testing proctors, and clerical staff also assist students with advising and testing needs.

Computer Information Systems: Applications Specialist Option

Do you enjoy identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions? Do you like working with computers? Are you able to multitask and pay close attention to detail? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then a career as an Applications Specialist may be for you. The **Application Specialist Option** provides students with a thorough introduction to today's most widely used computer software applications. The program curriculum provides hands-on computer experience in spreadsheets, advanced database applications, basic programming, web page development, network management, data communication, and systems analysis and design. Career opportunities for the Application Specialist Option may include positions in the areas of computer operations, business applications, systems analysis, software support, database development, customer support, technical and microcomputer support.

Mean Wage in Massachusetts

Technical Support - \$43,450 (annually)
 Computer User Support Specialist - \$46,260 (annually)
 Computer Support Specialist - \$46,370 (annually)

For more career information visit the following websites.

- Bureau of Labor Statistics: www.bls.gov
- Massachusetts Career Information System: www.masscis.intocareers.org
- O*net Online: www.onetonline.org

Did You Know...?

- Employment of computer support specialists is expected to increase by 14% from 2008 to 2018, which is faster than the average for all occupations.
- In 2008, there were about 565,700 computer support specialists. They worked in businesses, schools, government, and many other places.

Professional Organizations

- Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA): <http://www.comptia.org>
- Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals (ICCP): <http://www.iccp.org>
- National Center for Women and Information Technology: <http://www.ncwit.org>

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition*, Computer Software Engineers and Computer Programmers, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos303.htm> (visited February 14, 2012) & Computer Support Specialist, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/k12/computers02.htm. Quinsigamond Community College at <http://www.qcc.edu>. O*NET Online, on the Internet at www.onetonline.org/link/summary/15-1132.00 (visited March 9, 2012).

Important Information for Students

Attention CAPS Students!!

Summer and fall registration are underway! If you haven't contacted your CAPS Advisor to review your CAPS plan, **NOW** is the time to do it.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, April 6th – Last day to withdraw without QPA penalty.

Friday, April 6th – Last day to change a course to or from audit.

Friday, April 20th – Deadline for completion of "12 Week" Incomplete.

Remember to contact your assigned advisor should you have any academic issues.

Join us on Walk-in Wednesdays!

8:00a.m. – 6:30p.m.

Room 61A

No Appointment Necessary!

Services include: Academic Advising, Career Planning, Course Scheduling and More...

Contact us to:

- Create a career plan.
- Attend a *Career Planning Now!* session (Fri. Apr. 13th, 9-11am and Mon. Apr. 23rd, 4-6pm); to sign up call 508-854-4308.
<http://www.qcc.edu/images/capsession.pdf>
- Discuss your goals (educational and career) with an advisor.

Transfer MORE credits

from your QCC program into a Bachelor's through Continuing & Career Education at Assumption

See the QCC Transfer Office for details about the generous transfer credit policy at Assumption College. We apply up to 75 credits to your Bachelor's degree – 15 credits more than most other colleges!

QCC Associates' Programs transfer into

- Human Services ----->
- Applied Arts (AS) ----->
- Automotive Technology (AAS) ----->
- Basic Engineering (AS) ----->
- Computer Information Systems (AS) ----->
- Computer Science-Transfer (AS) ----->
- Computer Systems Engineering Technology (AS) ----->
- Electromechanical Technology (AS) ----->
- Electronics Technology (AS) ----->
- Manufacturing Technology (AS) ----->
- Telecommunications Technology (AAS) ----->
- Telecommunications Technology-Corporate (AAS; Verizon) ----->
- Business Administration-Transfer (AS) ----->
- Business Administration-Career (AS) ----->
- Hotel & Restaurant Management (AS) ----->
- Business Administration-Transfer (AS) ----->
- Business Administration-Career (AS) ----->
- Computer Information Systems: Database Option ----->
- Computer Information Systems: Web Development Option ----->
- Hotel and Restaurant Management (Foodservice Mgmt. Option) ----->
- Hotel and Restaurant Management (Hospitality Mgmt. Option) ----->

Assumption College Bachelors' Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies

Bachelor of Science in Social Science OR Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Social Science concentrations

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice
- Human Services & Rehabilitation Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science
- Sociology
- Designer

Humanities concentrations

- English
- History
- Humanities (Art, Music, Foreign Language)
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Designer

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Business Administration-Designer Concentration

Learn why former QCC students say
"Assumption was the best transfer school for me!"
 See back cover of this publication.

- **Transfer up to 75 credits – saves money and quickens your graduation**
(See ad in Transfer Section of this publication for details)
- **Small class size, individual attention!**
- **Personal academic advising!**
- **Personal career advising!**
- **Private college education and service!**

Incomparable value - lower cost to attend than a state college!

3-CREDIT COURSE	Local State College	Assumption College
Tuition	\$121.26	\$885.00
Administrative Fees	\$736.74	\$20.00
Capital Improvement Fee	\$49.50	None
Health, Activity, & Tech Fees	\$49.11	None
Parking Fee	\$72.00	FREE Parking
	Total: \$1028.61	Total: \$905.00

**Call today to schedule an appointment with an academic counselor and/or career advisor:
 508-767-7364**

Go Places.
www.assumption.edu/cce





Dan de la Torre

Kim Coggans

QCC Transfer Resources

- QCC Transfer Office Website, <http://www.qcc.mass.edu/transfer/>
- Transfer Resource Library, Room 58 in the Administration Building
- Transfer information and appointments: call 508-854-4404, or email transfer@qcc.mass.edu

Transferring to Worcester State University?

They're down to the LAST few transfer visits this semester!

These casual one-on-one meetings are PERFECT opportunities to ask questions about transferring to WSU, get a quick evaluation of transfer credits and plan your move to Worcester State for the fall semester. Be sure to bring a copy of your QCC transcripts—print these at the portal or get an unofficial copy at Registrar's Office, Room 152A.

See WSU visit dates below under On-Campus Visits below.

QCC STUDENTS—PLANNING TO TRANSFER?

USE YOUR WITS! – Walk-In Transfer Sessions

“How do I transfer?” “Where can I go?” “What classes can I take, and how will they be accepted?”—these are just a few of the questions students ask when they begin thinking about transferring to a four-year college.

Get answers to these questions, and develop your transfer plan, by *walking in* to any **WITS** meetings this semester. **These are drop-in sessions—no appointment needed, stay 5 minutes or 50, and attend as many times as you'd like.**

All Walk In Transfer Sessions are held in the Harrington Learning Center, Conference Rooms 109A as follows:

Spring 2012 Transfer Fair

By Laurinda Ralph Open Door Staff

QCC students got to learn about transfer options from representatives from more than 20 colleges and universities at the Spring Transfer Fair held March 28 in the HLC.

“Twice a year we have college fairs with over 30 colleges from local areas and around the region that are interested in QCC students,” says QCC Transfer Coordinator Dan de la Torre. “We’re happy so many come to the fair each semester.”

Student Beatriz Pena came to learn more about Nichols College while another student said he was excited about the accessibility to so much information in one shot.

“This is one of the busiest transfer fairs,” said Brother Richard Gagnon representing Assumption College in Worcester. “If possible, students should get a list of schools that are coming beforehand to zero down on which colleges they absolutely want information from.”

“It was good, actually,” commented student Michael Schomack Jr., who was volunteering for Phi Theta

Kappa. “Last year I talked to a couple of college reps. Today, I talked to Clark and the guy was very informative and able to answer questions about the graduate program which was more in depth than I expected.”

Kim Lennon of QCC’s Transfer Office has some advice for future attendees:

“I would suggest students start early and visit the transfer office as much as possible. Even if they’re not transferring right away, come to transfer fairs and gather information.”



On-Campus Transfer Visits

<p>Mon. April 2, 2012</p> <p>Nichols College</p> <p>9:00 am - 12:30 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Pine Manor College</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Wed. April 4, 2012</p> <p>Worcester State University</p> <p>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm HLC Rm. 109A</p> <p>Wed. April 11, 2012</p> <p>UMASS - Lowell</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p>	<p>Thurs. April 12, 2012</p> <p>Assumption College</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Fitchburg State University</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Springfield College</p> <p>11:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Worcester State University</p> <p>10:00 am - 12:00 pm HLC Rm. 109A</p> <p>Thurs. April 19, 2012</p> <p>Assumption College</p>	<p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Monday, April 23, 2012</p> <p>Pine Manor College</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Tues. April 24, 2012</p> <p>American International College</p> <p>8:30 am - 1:30 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Bay State College</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:00 pm HLC Counter</p> <p>Worcester State University</p> <p>10:00 am - 12:00 pm HLC Rm. 109A</p>
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Earn \$75 Become a Notetaker



**Disability Services
wants to pay you**

\$75

for a copy of notes you
take in your classes for
**Spring Semester
2012**

**For more information on
becoming an
“In-Class” Notetaker
contact:**

Disability Services
508-854-4471
Room 246 A
disabilityservices@qcc.mass.edu



records & registration

Key dates and deadlines

Commencement on May 17, 2012 Congratulations, graduates! But are you sure you are graduating? Watch for the Graduation List to be posted on the Q and the Bulletin Board outside the Registrar's Office Room 152A. If your name is not on it, we don't think you are graduating. If we are in error, or if you did not file the graduation paperwork, act immediately. We can fix errors and dot un-dotted I's and cross uncrossed T's if you bring it to our attention. But if you just let it slide, we won't have time to clear you for graduation.

The last day to withdraw (W) without penalty is Friday, April 6. If you want to withdraw from a class, you must collect a signature from your instructor or your academic advisor on the Withdrawal form (available on the Q, at the Registrars Office room 152A or the Advising Office Room 61A). Return the

completed form to the Registrar or Advising Office. After April 6, you no longer have a right to the W grade. Your instructor may choose to assign the grade of W or the grade of F. Don't miss your opportunity to claim your right to the W grade. If you are thinking about withdrawing, you should discuss this with your instructor and with your academic advisor as soon as possible

Summer and fall registration is still on-going. But classes are filling up. If you haven't registered yet, act now.

Summer Session 1 begins Monday, May 21. Have you registered yet? Most QCC students take 12 credit loads during fall and spring semesters, yet most programs are designed to be completed in 2 years if you take 15 or 16 credits per semester. So for most

students it makes sense to pick up a course in each summer session. **Summer Session II begins on July 9.** A payment plan is available for summer sessions.

Are you in trouble this spring semester? Watch for Pre-requisite problems. When you sign up for, say, ACC 102, the assumption is that you will successfully complete the ACC 101 prereq course that is in progress. If you fail, withdraw, or get an incomplete you no longer have the right to enter ACC 102. In fact, our computer system tracks this. We will cancel your registration for any courses you do not have the prereqs for. We send an email warning you of the cancellation, but it is your responsibility to know what is going on with your academic progress. So stay on top of this. And check your Qmail account regularly.

FINAL WEEK OF THE SEMESTER

During the last week of the semester, day classes (defined as Mon- Fri classes starting before 4PM) are assigned a two-hour block of time. This period of time may be used for final exams, classroom instruction, or other types of evaluation as the instructor may choose. If a course does not fit exactly into one of these modules, it assumes the closest time module for that time. For example, if a class meets on MW from 9:30am – 10:45am, it would be assigned to the MWF 9:00 A.M. time slot, which is module 02.

During this week all other classes – evening and weekend - meet as scheduled as they are already allotted at least a two hour period.

FINAL EXAM PERIOD FOR DAY CLASSES MAY 2 – MAY 8

Date of Exam	Exam Time	Classes That Meet On
Wed. 05/02	09:00 – 11:00	MWF 10:00
Wed. 05/02	11:30 – 01:30	MWF 12:00
Wed. 05/02	02:00 – 04:00	MWF 02:00
Thurs. 05/03	09:00 – 11:00	TR 08:00
Thurs. 05/03	11:30 – 01:30	TR 11:00
Thurs. 05/03	02:00 – 04:00	MWF 01:00
Fri. 05/04	09:00 – 11:00	MWF 08:00
Fri. 05/04	11:30 – 01:30	MWF 09:00
Fri. 05/04	02:00 – 04:00	TR 03:30
Mon. 05/07	09:00 – 11:00	TR 09:30
Mon. 05/07	11:30 – 01:30	MWF 11:00
Mon. 05/07	02:00 – 04:00	MWF 03:00
Tues. 05/08	11:30 – 01:30	TR 12:30
Tues. 05/08	02:00 – 04:00	TR 02:00

Records & Registration question of the month:

“I overdid it this semester. I thought I could work full time, go to school full time, and keep my family fed and happy. I had to drop one class, withdraw from another, and I'm hopelessly behind in English. I think I can get caught up on my other two classes, but there's no way I can get my English term paper done on time. I talked to my professor and she is willing to give me an incomplete. I've never had one before, what exactly is this?”

Answer: The incomplete or I grade may be granted by an instructor if s/he believes you have satisfied the major requirements of the course and can complete the rest of the assigned work by the end of the twelfth week of the following full semester. In the case of the spring 2012 semester, you will have until November 28, 2012 to have all remaining work in the hands of the instructor. This is a very liberal deadline. Most colleges will only give to a few weeks. Please note this is a serious deadline, miss it and it automatically converts to an F.

A few suggestions:

First, it's a good idea to get the work done as soon as possible. You will not have the same course load in the summer, so you should work on the paper immediately. Experience shows that the longer a student waits, the

less likely s/he is to be successful. If you wait until fall, you will be bogged down again.

Second, an incomplete is not considered successful completion of the course. If this course is a prerequisite for a fall or summer session course, you will not be able to take that course – unless, the instructor specifically authorizes you to move on to sequential courses. You should speak with your instructor about this and if s/he agrees, make sure s/he knows to fill out that portion of the Incomplete Grade Form.

Third, one or two incompletes over a 60 or so credit associate degree is not unusual. However, if there is a pattern of incomplete grades on your record watch out. A 4-year college admissions committee would consider that pattern an indication that you can't finish what you start.

veteran's corner

Welcome home bonus information Subsequent Deployment

WHAT IS IT?

On November 11, 2009 a bill was enacted that, subject to appropriation, allows for the Treasury Department to fund multiple deployments from September 11, 2001 to the present. Currently, the bill is fully funded and the Treasurer is issuing checks about 3 weeks after receipt of completed paperwork. Check www.mass.gov/treasury/welcomehome.htm for details.

What is required for eligibility?

1. Must show six months to one-year residency in Massachusetts before latest deployment

2. Must have received your original Welcome Home Bonus under Chapter 130 Acts of 2005.
3. Veteran must have service inside Iraq/Afghanistan, or at least 180 days of active Foreign Service.
4. If discharged, Veteran must have received an honorable discharge.

HOW MUCH DO I GET?

1. Active service in Afghanistan or Iraq: \$500
2. Six months or more active foreign service outside the continental limits of the US: \$250

Note: Mass Chapter 130 definitions apply. They are different than federal definitions. Example: For Massachusetts purposes Active Service excludes active duty for training.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Download an application from the website noted above or request one from the State Treasurer's Office
2. Bring the completed application to your City or Town Clerk or Election Commissioner to secure Certification of Residence where you lived prior to entering service.
3. Submit a complete and clear photocopy of ALL DD214s (copy 4 showing conditions of discharge) issued to you from 2001 to present.
4. If you are still on active duty, your CO must complete an additional certificate available for download on the above website.

Don't forget to file a QCC VA Preregistration Form.

A key step in getting your benefit payments is for QCC to certify that you are registered, are in an

approved major, are full time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time etc., what the charges are, if you are left handed. Nah, they don't care if you are left handed, I just wanted to know if you were paying attention. We have about 9000 students on campus and will not know which

to certify unless you tell us. So drop by the Registrar's Office to get your copy or visit the Veterans Services web site on the Q. It takes less than 2 minutes to complete. If you forget this step, we won't certify you and you won't get paid.

Veteran's Corner question of the month:

"I tried college back when I was a kid. It wasn't for me, so I became a marine and found something that was right for me. Now I'm retired, working at my second career, and have kids who want to give college a try. I hear I can give my GI Bill benefits to them. True? How do I do it?"

Answer: For years career servicemen and women complained that the only way they could access the VA Educational Benefits they were entitled to was to leave the military. Congress finally agreed to change this for the Post 911 GI Bill. Of course, like anything else Congress does, it is way too complicated to cover fully in a short response. For full information you should go to http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/. This site also has links to application forms (both the DOD and the VA is

involved in clearing you for benefits). But the Cliff Note version is:

If you are eligible for the Post 911 GI Bill and have 10 years active duty (or 6 years and commit to another 4), you can transfer your eligibility to your dependants – spouse, one or more children, or any combination of spouse and child. In your case, you are interested in transfer to your children, so the key items are:

The child must have a high school diploma or GED or be 18. S/he is entitled to the tuition and fee benefits, the book stipend, and the monthly stipend. The student must use the benefit before reaching 26 years of age. There are lots of other details, so check out the VA website for full information.

By the way, if the kid screws up at college, you can revoke the transfer of entitlement; a powerful motivator.

To all QCC students

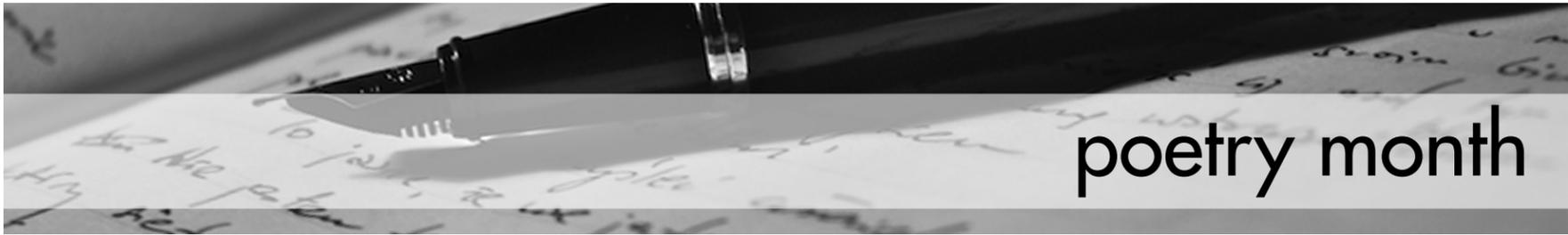
**You know you have potential, but
could use some extra help from time to time?**

Smarthinking may be the solution for you.

For FREE online tutoring from any computer anywhere, anytime go to <http://services.smarthinking.com>

Type QCC and your student ID

Password = last 4 of your social.



poetry month

A Poem about Poems

What are poems, lyrics to a song
without the music, or a letter
written to a friend

A long list of words with
meanings that rhyme at the end

Are they feelings that flow when
a pen is near

or thoughts of something or
someone we hold dear

Are poems paragraphs of
information, or expressions of love

are they none of these
explanations, or all of the above

Are poems a means of
communication for just one
audience to read

or cryptic messages, for
treasure seekers to decipher
and take heed

Are they from Shakespeare's time,
or from centurary twentyone

are they poignantly sad, or
humorous and fun

I think when I write a poem it's
all of the above

because writing is my passion,
always penned with love.

Beryl Pettiford

Uphill And Against Wind

Listen to the wind

And hear me fall

Watch me pick back up

See me stand tall

An uphill fight

Wince my eyes

Against the headwind's might

Through the white blizzard

The end is in sight

Victories long lasted

Arms raised

Failures broadcasted

Unphased

Either or

After I hit the floor

I grow winds and soar

Anthony Calabro

Untitled

Fret not for our wealth

Fret not for our health

For we all know our ending

Our love we ought to be spending

Fret not for our economy

Fret not for our taxes annually

For we all know how short the
time

Our love ought to be given: yours
and mine

Fret not for tangibles

Fret not for tomorrows

Fall into the debt of love

And let the interest pile up

Anthony Calabro



My Auntie Jackie

She use to be there for me, to
hear my exciting news
She use to comfort me when I
had the 'blues'

She guided me through being
a child and the phases of
adulthood, for each segment has
a role to play
She knew when to "let me have
it", or not a word to say

She sent me a birthday card
every year since 1964
The "Hallmarks" were worded
beautifully, but she always
added more

We could sit back and talk
politics, religion or the latest styles
We could talk for minutes or for
long long whiles

She opened my ears to jazz
music, we shared love for Denzel,
it was ok for me to be a Pat's fan
while she favored basketball
She accepted your likes and
dislikes, no judgment did she call

I loved this woman so much, so
did everyone there
The hundreds attending her
funeral really showed they cared

To be so tenderly touched by
someone, never a harsh word did
she say,
is why I will TRUELY miss her
each and every day.

R.I.P. Auntie Jackie

Beryl Pettiford



One Hundred Years

Modern, fast, luxurious, the best.
Her sisters, too, Olympic
and Britannic,
"Unsinkable" it was said, but
Only one, and Mrs. Brown
Proved to be.

Cold, calm and smooth was the sea.
An ocean even experienced
Men had never seen;
Only made it harder to see.

It was ice, . . .S _ _ _O . . .S ,
Then classes, one, two, three.
"I'm more important than thee."
Was that a man, in
Woman's clothing?

April Fifteen, the last she was seen.
More than 1500 into the sea;
Children, Women, Men...dogs too.
A White Star, stained red.

Their classes no longer matter,
Human souls all, to those who see.
We still feel for thee, after all,
It's been a mere, 100 years.

By R. M. Bean

Special thanks to Prof. Kathy
Frederickson, for having me read
"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy
Evening" by Robert Frost or I
may still be half blind, possibly for
all the time. R.M.B.

April is National Poetry Month

What's Your Favorite Poem?

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Communication Skills Center
invites you to share a favorite poem.

Is there a certain poem that speaks to you? Moves you?
Ignites an emotion? Invokes a once-forgotten memory?
Or just makes you laugh or smile or think?

Do you fancy yourself a poet and want to share the innermost workings of your heart and soul?

Either print out a poem you love and bring it up to the Center (room 208 HLC) or email us your poem and your name, and
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Search through the bed of letters to find the words listed on the right.

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- April
- Basket
- Bike
- Bird
- Blossoms
- Bud
- Butterflies
- Camping
- Chocolates
- Crocus
- Daffodils
- Daisy
- Duck
- Egg
- Fish
- Flowers
- Garden
- Green
- Growth
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Jacket
- Kite
- Lilac
- March
- May
- Melting
- Picnic
- Plant
- Puddles
- Rain
- Robin
- Rose
- Rubberboots
- Seeds
- Seesaw
- Showers
- Spring
- Sprout
- Sunshine
- Tulip
- Umbrella
- Vacation
- Violet
- Warm
- Windy

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