

ESSENTIALLY PALS

The Program in American Language Studies

Newsletter

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Session III 2004-2005

GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Hello PALS Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we all know, Dr. Kumar is in India and will return in early March to prepare for Session IV at PALS. She sends her regards to all and looks forward to her return to the United States and our program.

In the meantime, this edition of EsSentialLy PALS is part of a work in progress. We have added many opportunities for submissions. This edition features a Prose and Poetry column, a movie review, a field trip review, and a student interview. Thank you to all who participate and read this newsletter.

We will introduce our first student interview journalist, Gabriela Pawelec from Poland and her contribution.

What's the Weather Like?

Gabriela Pawelec

The weather in New Jersey is like a box full of surprises; you never know what you will get on that day.

Gabriela: How is the weather in your country? What about weather in New Jersey?

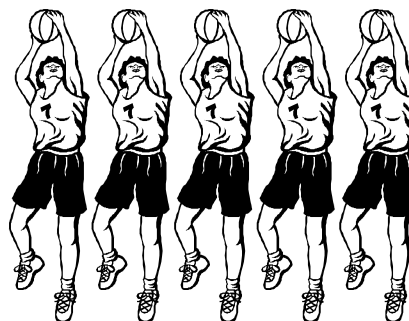
Lucia Appleby from Peru: The weather is totally different. Lima is a place where I lived and in January, February, and March it is hot, but in September, October, and November, it is cool. It is curious because other places in Peru have different weather. It depends on the circulation of the air from the mountains and sea.

Emma Cheng from Taiwan: It was my first time to see

Later Yang from Taiwan: I love summer and I like to go to the beach to see women in bikinis!

Young Mi Park from South Korea: In Korea we have four seasons too. I like winter because I love to snowboard. I have to confess I am very good in this sport!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?



RUTGERS COLLEGE RECREATION MEMBERSHIP

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Spring	Jan. -May
Summer	May-July

To become a member, go to the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center on Busch Campus. At the Reception Desk, ask to see someone in membership services. Identify yourself as a PALS student. Pay the \$45 for membership.

snow, lots of snow. It was nice but cold.

PALS for PALS

After the great success of the collaborative project with the Graduate School of Education, PALS has established new links with the International Faculty and Students Center at 180 College Avenue to found PALS for PALS.

PALS students can now join the **Cross-Cultural Conversation for Fun!** Every Friday from 5:00-7:30 PM. We are grateful for this wonderful opportunity for PALS students to learn about different cultures, have a snack and soda, and above all, make new friends!

PALS CULTURAL ENRICHMENT A Valentine's Day Celebration

On Monday, February 14, 2005 PALS students faculty and staff celebrated Valentine's Day in a very special way organized by Barbara Inerfeld. At 2:30 we all gathered in Yorba Lounge. First, we all enjoyed the chocolate and vanilla ice cream and toppings at the serving table. After we all indulged ourselves, Pat Dougherty announced the winners of the "Name the Alumni Association Contest." There were over 40 suggestions made, and out of those, two runners-up and one winner was chosen by a committee. So, as you all know, Francisco Tsao and Teng-Da Huang won for first and second runners-up. Francisco submitted "PALS Network" and Teng-Da submitted "PALS in PALS" (Personal, Advance, Learning, Studying). Both students received PALS t-shirts for their creative ideas. Finally, Christine Cia-wen Cheng won with her submission of "Global PALS," and she won a PALS t-shirt and a very large Valentine heart-shaped box of chocolates. So what is the name of the new Alumni Association? It's a combination of ideas....

PALS PLUS: THE GLOBAL NETWORK. Thank you all for participating in naming the association. Please complete the information sheets with photographs!

And if that wasn't exciting enough, we enjoyed several presentations from some PALS classes. Our first presenters were from Roberta Kopp's Cross Cultural Issues II class. They read many love greetings from well-known sources throughout the world. The readers were Caroline Sanson Schmitt, Isil Dursun, Jack Hsu, Richard Morales, Julie Shin, Allison Lee, Giovanna Posso, Marta Sankowska, Pinar Karraagac, Jinny Cho,

Ryan Go, and Tad Yamamoto. Applause!!! Next, Stress Patterns II presented Symbols of Valentine's Day and Valentine's Day Around the World. The participants were Lucia Appleby, Christine Cia Wen Cheng, Emma Wan Hsin Cheng, and Ivan Chun Chih Li. Very entertaining and informative!

People, Places, and Events showed us L'Amor. They included Chang Ju Beek, Cigdem Elmanci, Vlada Finch, Se-Hoon Kwak, Joo-Yong Park, Shuang Sun and Dong-Ju Kim. It was lovely!

Issues and Opinions class members presented two dramatic portraits of "Romance;" Frank Wai Fai Tau played Jay Leno as Master of Ceremonies introducing Ivan Chun Chuh Lin as Brad Pitt and Emma Wan Hsun Cheng as Jennifer Anniston in a domestic comedy. Then Soonman Park played Tom Cruise and Daniel Hwa Mok Park beautifully represented Nicole Kidman in "A Date with a Beautiful Woman." Hollywood is calling!

Session IV Beginnings....

- **Registration /Payment Deadline Thursday, March 3, 2005**
- **Placement Test Thursday, March 17, 2005 Til 202 10:00 a.m.**
- **Registration of Travel Documents and Local Address Nonimmigrant students must bring to Placement Test**
- **Academic Orientation Monday, March 21, 2005 Til 105 10:00 a.m.**
- **Classes begin Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

LINDA'S CORNER....

International F-1 Visa Students:

PALS session III is coming to an end. As we prepare for our break, please keep in mind the following rules regarding maintaining your F-1 Visa Status. If you have any questions, please make an appointment *before* Session III is finished.

- If you are planning on traveling outside of the USA during break, you must obtain a travel signature on your I-20 from the PALS International Student Advisor *before* leaving the USA. This is necessary only if you will return to continue your studies at PALS.
- If Session III is your final session, please make an appointment to meet with the International Student Advisor *before* the last day of class.

Have a wonderful spring break!
Best regards, Linda Asaro

Prose and Poetry

Please consider submitting your creative writing to this column of EsSentialLy PALS. It is open to students, faculty, and staff. We welcome your contributions.

ODE TO MARCH

Patricia Dougherty

A skeleton draped in a wool coat
the sweet gum tree groans
with the weight of the white
March snow clumped on its limbs;
an involuntary muscle pops
off wads of white
silent explosions

the sweet gum tree
rises glamorous
from the dead.

Movie Review... "Date Doctor"

By Barbora Vicenikova

Haven't you heard? Eight out of ten women believe that the first kiss will tell them everything they need to know about a man....

This is spoken by the leading actor from the film "Hitch" that I saw last week. I knew the story already, so I took my male friend with me because I wanted to know his opinion as a man.

The movie shows an attractive woman expert Alex Hitchens (Will Smith) who gives advise to men on how to behave with the women of their dreams. He believes that you can win her heart in the **first three dates!** He also advises a bookkeeper Albert Brennaman (Kevin James) an unlucky fellow who suddenly fell in love with Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta), a famous society woman.

However, after a few dates, she returns his love and Albert's disasters with women change enormously. Woman Expert Hitch then has a bad time with his new girlfriend, a biting newspaper columnist Sara Melas (Eva Mendes). When she finds out about his career, she is angry and thinks that he manipulates and lies to women with his tricks.

The movie ends lucky showing Alex and Sara dancing at Albert and Allegra's wedding. The movie was such fun and I guarantee you that you will get *howls* of laughter.

(hahahehehaha) My friend and I agreed, that not just good looks and faultless behavior are important, but what counts more is chemistry between two people. So guys, after watching this instructive movie, you will get many things clear about what we women really like and want! Are you listening?

More Prose and Poetry...

CAMILO'S TATTOO

Issues and Opinions Collaboration

Camilo got a tattoo on Valentine's Day
His girlfriend was so impressed
She hadn't ever seen this tattoo before
It's Cupid and his arrows on his arm
He's falling in love with his destined girl
And he is going to romance his girlfriend!
But during their romance she saw something
STRANGE!!!
A different tattoo on his other arm
And a different name, too!
OOPS! She was dizzy with jealousy
"How can he treat me like this?"
The other tattoo is a black widow spider
With the other girl's name
"What does the black widow mean?"
She really doesn't care about it now
Because she knows Camilo loves her
So, for this reason, he obtained a
THIRD TATTOO Very special, indeed!
It's sooooo beautiful!
He wants his girl to get a tattoo, too!
It's totally awesome!
But I know something else about Camilo!
He ran away when he saw the pain
She had to go through....
His tattoo was not permanent...
Just wash away with
H2O!

PALS Field Trip.....

By Caroline Sanson Schmitt

The discovery of Photorealism was an opportunity for Roberta Kopp's class *Discussing Cross-Cultural Issues II* to travel off Livingston Campus to the Zimmerli Art Museum. Our appointment was on Thursday, February 9 at 11:30 to meet at the Livingston Student Center. Then it was easy; the L bus drove us directly to the museum in New Brunswick. The museum staff welcomed us and shared a part of their treasures with us. Our guide explained to us the birth of the American art during the first part of the visit; then he conducted us to the basement where an exhibit of Photorealism was on display. Photorealism is an international art movement of the late 1960's and 70's. Artists often painted from photographs producing images of photographic clarity; the subjects were frequently street scenes or portraits. The results were **amazing!** You should see this exhibition. It is running until March 23, 2005 and the

and an easy way to visit other Rutgers campus offerings.

STORY HOUR.... A Fortunate Accident

By Emma Wan-Hsin Cheng

I couldn't believe that happiness had finally happened to me. A year and a half ago, I was working at a financial company as an auditor. There was a coworker David who was also an enthusiastic match maker. Although he always put a lot of time and effort into every matchmaking appointment, he was always upset by his failures. At last, he made a successful appointment for his coworker, and this event exceeded his expectations. David introduced our customer to my coworker Vicky. After making a date with Willie, Vicky told me what happened. I was very curious about the latest developments.

Four months had passed. One day, David, Vicky, and I had dinner together, so I asked about Willie, and she told me she didn't have any strong feelings for him. Then I asked David to introduce Willie to me. A couple of days passed, and I forgot about this event. One month later, our company offered a recreational climbing activity, and David invited Willie to join us. David was so serious, but before we set out, he told me Willie was taking an important exam to apply for graduate school. I could feel David's disappointment and frustration, however I still enjoyed the trip. One day a month later, David abruptly told me he had made an arrangement for all three of us at lunchtime. I was nervous and ill-prepared; I was too perturbed to speak up. In the taxi, in order to ease my mind, David told some jokes. Because Willie was snowed under with work, he was late, but we finally got to make some small talk during lunch-occupations, education, and habits. Coincidentally, Willie and I graduated from the same college; I had even known his best friend for ten years. Even my sister had known him ten years ago. I couldn't believe it! Suddenly, my boss called me to return to the office, so I had to leave quickly. While doing my duty at work, I couldn't concentrate because of meeting Willie. I was in haste to know his feeling for me. But David said I had to wait for Willie's call. After that surprising lunch date, we finally arranged several other dates. After just two months, I had fallen in love with Willie. Because of my careless request, the matchmaking outcome was surprising. And, most

admission is free for students. It is also a good opportunity importantly, a happy accident for me.

