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Editorial Tending the Fire Within

There is poetry in pots, pans, vases, baskets and bins not only in their functionality, but in their representation of the female breast as a sacred, primal vessel of life, nurture, care, security and warmth. Thanks to the feminine qualities of focusing, keeping, centering, and hoping, societies have maintained a sense of stability and continuity in the face of the centrifugal forces of change.

Teaching is about the "feminine enterprise," as it were, of gathering and bequeathing to the next generations not just the skills for long-term survival but the wisdom for a meaningful individual and collective existence as well.

Teaching is not only about professing but subjecting one's truths to the test of the quality and quantity of life. The class does not end with the bell, for in the professor's mind stream are numerous tributaries into which gush the poetic symphony of her students' hopes, passions, pains, questions, dreams, triumphs, failings, doubts, and inarticulate ramblings. Daily caught in the latter's labyrinthine midst, the professor nonetheless stalks that spark, however tiny, gleaming through the student's eyes with her own loving, persevering, and unswerving gaze, even long after she has stepped out of the classroom for she is ceaselessly goaded by her primitive instinct or call to tend the fire within.

International Thanksgiving Celebration Highlights Faculty Contributions and Honors Quality Employees

"Life and joy are greater than pain and death, and we must come together to celebrate even in the midst of tragedy and our collective pain." With these words, Site Director Manny Orden welcomed everyone to the Thanksgiving Celebration. Associate Dean of Students Timothy Taylor graced the event at the Flushing Site on November 21. Organized and directed by Mira Ibragimova and emceed by Aliye Ak, shown below, upper left, the program proceeded on time.



Rani Masih is shown above, lower left performing an Indian dance. On the upper middle is shown Chun Lei Zhang with the accordion who accompanied the chorus composed of Yun Quian Cao, Kam Wa Chan, Gui Mei Chen, Shu Juan Chen, Lei Yin Fung, Yan Qin Hua, Wendy Huang, Ying Lin, Bi Hong Mei, Mei Ruan, Wen Lin Song, Xiao Ping Song, and Jin Wang. On the lower middle is shown from left to right, Martyne Sinois, Chen Hui Wang and Sumanlatha Mohandas reciting a poem written by Heidi Ho on the right. Above right appears left to right, Manny Orden, Professors Barbara Morgan and Bob Schernwetter, Quality Employee Awardees Esther Yun and Mira Ibragimova, Professors Wendy Huang and Joyce Nash. Not shown in picture are faculty honorees Kal Hartstein, Simon Musheyev, Jules Heyman, and Harvey Meones. Below, Victoria Portnaya plays Tchaikovsky's "Seasons-October."



Thanks for Thanksgiving By Wenlin Song

About three months ago
when I came to Touro
I really didn't know
If this place is right for me to go.
The building looks old,
the entrances seem narrow
The rooms are torn,
the chairs are worn.
But the professor is loving,
the staff is caring
The spirit is soaring,
this feeling is stirring.
Now I tell everybody I know,
this is the right place to go
This is the right room to stay,
this is the right chair to take.
Many thanks to professors who teach us
Many thanks to staff who assist us.
Thanks can't express our feeling
Thanks can't voice our thinking.

Oriental Medicine Begins in Spring 2002

Kevin Ergil, Director of the Graduate Program in Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture of Touro College School of Health Sciences, made a presentation to the Flushing site management and staff during the site's regular staff development day. Those interested in the program which starts this Spring 2002 may contact him at Tel. 212.463.0400 Ext. 316, and Fax 212.741.0195. Others invited to the site included Susan Thompson of Touro Law School and Steve Daugherty of the Health Sciences Division.



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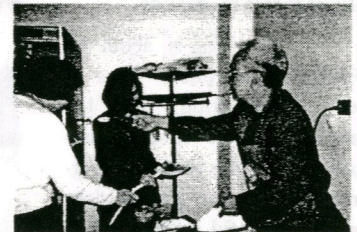
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International Thanksgiving



Lois Brown.....Jin Wangand Wen Lin share their thoughts on "What I am Thankful for "..... Staff give a surprise number with Burt Bacarach's "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love "...



.....faculty and students look on as Eugene Cherubin closes the program..... All line up to the lounge where they are served traditional turkey roast and a buffet of dishes from around the world.

'Twas the Night Before Finals

By Heidi Ho

'Twas the night before finals and everyone's a wreck

How to memorize all these words and make sure they're correct

As they nervously prepared They were all excited but very scared

All the information gathered was a bore

Anxiety attack more and more

They toss and turned in their

Notes, books, and messy papers all scattered These exams really mattered.

In the morning it finally came

Everyone would rather be sick with pain The finals are today

Would the questions be crazy?

The students jumped into their cars

And it felt like driving to Mars

During the drive, everything came our way

All the facts would replay.

When they got out and just stood there,

disheveled, perplexed

Nobody could figure out what to do next

Everyone had problems, a look of worry and fear

But this school was never too busy to lend an ear

If they have a complaint or suggestion

They would listen to any question.

The staff greeted them with open arms for awhile

Each one with big happy smiles

Which made the students proud

They don't need to scream loud

As they walk down the halls with encouraged faces

They knew they would receive aces

And in the end, something special was needed, a gift that we learned

Give to all without cheating but earned

A gift that would satisfy, with no hesitation

And guide us to some direction

Thank you for doing your job so well

You guys are helpful, thoughtful, generous, and kind

We are so glad you are on our side

Far, far better than most

And we are very grateful

To your dedication we toast.

So here is that gift, its price beyond worth

The people of Touro College! You're the greatest

And nothing better on earth!

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