

LaGuardia Going Green

By Robyn O'Kane, Assistant Professor, Natural and Applied Sciences

The Environmental Club, which was formed this past fall, is up and running and actively recruiting faculty, staff and students.

Some of the projects in the pipeline include working with the Community Garden; determining the feasibility of green roofs; setting up Earth Boxes to grow local, organic vegetables; promoting the recycling program; reducing the use of paper products and Styrofoam in the cafeteria; and organizing the Second Annual LaGuardia Earth Day Celebration (more about this in the April issue of *LiveWire*).

While faculty and staff have jumped on the bandwagon, the club is interested in getting more student participation. Professor Thomas Fink of the English Department will be meeting with interested students on March 12 in the E-building Atrium at 2:30 p.m. to start looking into purchasing and implementing Earth Boxes. Interested students as well as faculty and staff are welcome to join him. Other interested students can contact me at rokane@lagcc.cuny.edu or at ext. 5264. We truly appreciate any support!



Co-op Spotlight: Guillaume Koible

AN INTERNSHIP AT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OPENED STUDENT'S EYES TO WORLD ISSUES

By Paula Zimmermann, Program Assistant, Cooperative Education

Guillaume Koible, an accounting major, decided that he might explore other careers after taking several sociology, philosophy and psychology classes. And after taking Fundamentals of Professional Advancement and speaking to his Co-op faculty advisor, Karen Anderson, he decided to begin a non-accounting internship at Amnesty International in Manhattan.

At Amnesty, Guillaume, who is from Africa, was assigned to a special project: research human rights issues in Darfur. His research was part of the Amnesty Human Rights Education Program, which develops curriculum and lesson plans for elementary schools.

As part of the project, Guillaume, the only intern from a community college, participated in weekly meetings with Amnesty

staff. Each participant, including Guillaume, discussed his or her research and offered ideas and opinions.

"My internship at Amnesty opened my eyes to issues in the world," he said. He added that the challenging experience improved his research and communication skills, particularly his writing skills.

Guillaume recently graduated from LaGuardia, but continues to tutor statistics at LaGuardia through the Academy Peer Instruction program. He is currently attending Hunter College where he is exploring many career options. "I am interested in studying the social and economic impact of business on local communities," he said. "Perhaps I will go to work for a non-profit organization or work in community relations."