

# opinions

## 'Five dollars!': the pros and cons of the new ticket system

Jennifer Dhir  
Editor-in-Chief

All returning Governor's Program students remember the infamous words, "That's FIVE dollars!"

Out with the old, in with the new. The concept of tickets has been introduced this session by our very own principal, Josh Brown.

Last year, many students

complained about the way fines were collected -- unless a student had no money, the fine was due on the spot. There was no opportunity for us to argue our side. Since tickets have been introduced, students can appeal their fines in ticket court, which is held every Tuesday and Thursday night, if they feel they were wrongfully punished. Ticket court brings about another change: government justices now have the opportunity to exercise their powers, whereas last year and in many years before, justices as well as the government as a whole, were relatively inactive.

Many students are complaining about these tickets. But we should look at the pros and cons of the concept.

There are many different positive aspects to the ticket

system. First of all, it allows all students who receive tickets to become somewhat involved with the GPGC government. After all, we are supposed to be a democracy. We should be exercising our views and feelings on issues such as this one. The ticket system is one way we can do that.

Secondly, the new system gives our justices (Richard Hayes, Bobby Lucas, and Melanie Powers) a chance to practice their powers in ticket court. It also may allow the defense and prosecuting attorneys to do their jobs -- if the judges in ticket court uphold the fine, students may appeal the case to regular court, which is where the defense and prosecuting attorneys come in.

In addition to the pros of the issue, there are also some negative aspects. Many

students feel that tickets are just some idea made up to make us feel like we have power. Those students strongly disagree with the concept of tickets. The ticket system has also created a way for staff members to threaten students who do not follow rules.

The pros outweigh the cons in this case. Tickets really do allow students to get involved in our society. Getting involved will allow students to learn how the government actually works and to meet more people in the process. It creates a better learning experience for all people here at the program. I think everyone will have fun with the ticket system, no matter what the fine.

### Coming soon to 'The Thinker'

A full opinions page is in the works. If there is any issue, program-related or otherwise, that you want to discuss, write to us. Drop your letters to the editor in the box at the front desk in Sallier by 6 p.m. each Friday.

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'The Thinker' staff is still accepting applicants.

If you're interested in writing or designing for the weekly newsletter, attend the meeting each Monday after dinner in the Sallier lobby.

Meeting times may vary each week. See the announcement board for exact times.

## Miles to Go,

the program's literary journal, needs submissions.

Do you write poetry, short stories, or music?

Do you write science essays, philosophy essays, English essays?

Do you draw?

If so, and you'd like to see your work published in this summer's issue, drop your submissions

in the box at the Sallier front

desk by 6 p.m. Thursday, June 29.

Cover design submissions will also

be accepted there.

# the Thinker 2000

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Governor's Program for Gifted Children

## Government officials elected

Katie Grunder

### GPGC students decided who will lead them this session

Candidates for government office spoke to their constituents last Thursday, and many students noticed that only a few candidates prepared speeches. Some students said this affected their votes:

Anna Rozier, epsilon: "I voted for people depending on their personality and whether they could handle the job."

Benoit Bordelon, gamma: "My vote depended on the candidate's speech."

Ann Elise Borchardt, delta: "I voted for people I knew."

Just who everyone voted for was clear Friday when

the winners were announced. Officers for this summer are:

**President:** Sudeep Rangi  
**Vice President:** Ashley Spicer

**Secretary:** Alice Green  
**Prosecuting Attorney:** Dustin Levecque

**Asst. Prosecuting Attorney:** Ben Warzeski

**Defense Attorney:** Andrew Hines  
**Asst. Defense Attorney:**

Melissa Rhode

**Freshman representatives:** Patricia Tsai and Katie Owen

**Sophomore representatives:** Kenny Wang and Ben Chambers

**Senior representatives:** Alysia Lenyendecker and Scotia Rivard

**Graduate representatives:** Joel Finnegan and Candace Lebert

## Drama leads announced

Jennifer Finley

This year's drama is one that will keep the audience laughing.

"Tartuffe," by seventeenth-century French playwright Moliere and translated by poet Richard Wilbur, is a comedy about Orgon, the rich, generous man who brings the title character into his home and is taken advantage of by him. Tartuffe goes after everything Orgon has, even his wife. But even though the play is a comedy, it still ends on a moralistic note.

Cast members for this year's production are:

**Orgon** - Aaron Soileau

**Tartuffe** - Benoit Bordelon

**Valere** - Bertrand Donnes

**Bailiff** - Sam Bowker-O'Brien

**Filipote** - Katie Owen

**Elmire** - Ashley Spicer

**Marianne** - Morgan Tompkins

**Cleant** - Dustin Levecque

**Dorine** - Alicia Leyendecker

**Butler** - Brian Brupbacher

**Police officer** - Joel Finnegan

## Cast members chosen for musical

Jennifer Dhir

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" is a musical written by Andrew Lloyd Weber. It is filled with wonderful costumes, fantastic songs, a lot of comedy, and a lot of drama. This musical tells the biblical tale of Joseph, son of Jacob, with a 70's twist.

The story starts in the land of Canaan. Joseph (Richard Hayes) is Jacob's favorite son. Jacob (Andrew Hines) gives Joseph an amazing coat of many colors.

Joseph's brothers Levi (David Beaudry), Dan (Allen Garland), Isachaar (Kirkland Green), Benjamin (Matthew Hennigan), Naphtalie (Jamie Hipp), Simeon

(Dustin Leveque), Ruben (Bobby Lucas), Zebulin (Daniel Shih), Judah (Kenny Wang) and Gad (Ben Warzeski) become jealous of him and decide to get rid of Joseph.

The brothers decide to leave him in a pit to rot to death but end up selling him as a slave to a group of Ishmaelites.

During his days as a slave, Joseph advances in rank under his master, Potiphar (Thomas Keeling). Joseph is soon exiled by his master because the master's wife (Melanie Powers) develops a liking for Joseph. He is thrown into prison.

While in prison, Joseph meets a butler (Rachel

Warzeski), and a baker (Arrielle Opotwsky). He becomes popular by reading prisoners' dreams. The Pharaoh (Sudeep Rangi) hears of Joseph's dream-reading abilities and asks Joseph to explain the meaning of his dreams.

The Pharaoh takes Joseph's advice and successfully avoids the upcoming drought Joseph predicts. The Pharaoh gives him land, workers, and money out of gratitude.

This year's musical is sure to be a smashing hit. Directed by Debrah Richardson and musically directed by Chris Miller, it is bound to be well performed. This will be one for all to see.

# people profiles

## Teacher of the Week

Dr. James Sennett

**Maurice Opotowsky**

One night while I was sitting in the lobby, I noticed a man in a red shirt playing chess. Having an inquisitive inclination, I meditated on this matter. In the bowels of my mind, a thought arose: "Maybe I should interview this genius who is playing chess." I pondered some more and quickly snapped into action. The cheetah snagged his prey.

These questions are but a

few, yet much thought embraced them.

Q: What do you teach at the Governor's Program?

A: I teach Philosophy 001, Formal Logic, to grads.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: This is my first time teaching Philosophy 001 for the GPGC and my second year teaching for the GPGC. I

have been teaching for 10 years overall.

Q: Have you enjoyed teaching?

A: I love to teach, especially at the GPGC. The Governor's Program is a change of pace for me.

Q: Family?

A: I have been married for 21 years. In fact, I have an eighteen-year-old daughter who is in Greece for McNeese.

Q: Do you have and favorite experiences? Any worst?

A: good - In the Governor's Program, I like the humor of the grads. I also enjoy talking one-on-one with all of my students.

bad - I do not like administrative work. I cannot think of anything that I do not like about the Governor's Program. However, I have never liked disciplining or giving students bad grades.

Q: Have you heard any

excellent quotes? Any asinine ones?

A: good - "Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana." - Groucho Marx

bad - "Miami will have to outscore Florida State if they want to win this game." - sportscaster

Q: What do you do during you free time?

A: I like to play chess, read, watch X-Files, be with my family, and go to Joe Muggs

Q: N'SYNC or Backstreet Boys?

A: N'SYNC, because they did a great cover of "Everything I Own" by David Gates (The Who).

Advice from Dr. Sennett: "Read everything you can get your hands on. Your generation is the first to be threatened with the possibility of not being well read."

"View education as a tool to shape you."

"Study what you love."

## Counselor of the Week

Amy Patrick

**Jennifer Finley**

Amy Patrick is not exactly new to the program, but since the last time she was here, many changes have occurred. She is a great counselor. I decided to interview her because of her wonderful personality, and she is also my counselor.

Q. What food do you hate the most?

A. Seafood.

Q. What's your favorite color?

A. Blue

Q. What kind of music do you like?

A. Everything but heavy metal and country.

Q. When you were younger, what did you want to be ?

A. A singer.

Q. Do you have any musical talents?

A. I love to sing, and I'm learning to play the guitar.

Q. Did you like your years here at GPGC?

A. I loved them!

Q. Have you ever broken a rule?

A.Yeah.

## Freshman of the Week

William Herrington

**Arun Dhir**

William Herrington is a thirteen-year-old epsilon. He is academically and musically gifted. He plays the keyboard, guitar and harmonica, and is playing the keyboard in the musical.

William not only plays music well, but he also makes his own.

He expects a great summer.

For the record, William doesn't like being called "Malcolm in the Middle."

# arts & entertainment

## What's Your Sign? for the week of June 12 - June 19

Alice Green

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) Your optimism will get you through any problems you have this week.

**Taurus** (April 20-May20) You must let go of your stubbornness and accept change to keep your spirits up.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20) Try to deal with your emotions and express them, rather than rationalizing them in the back of your mind.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22) Your shifting emotions will confuse those around you. Let out your emotions by telling a trusted friend.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be afraid to let someone else dominate the conversation. Sometimes your loyalty is well placed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stop

trying to analyze everything. Give people room to make their own decisions.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Remember to have others listen to your problems. Look deeper into the people around you.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your secretiveness will arouse anger in others. Don't be afraid to show how you feel.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) In sad times, remember that happiness will come again.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let yourself be outgoing. Remember that you can depend on others.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's possible to have the same opinions as someone else and still be an individual.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't let your emotions get the best of you. Gain strength from the people around you.

## Word of the Week

Katie Grunder

*Do you know what*

xantippe (zan•tip'•ē) means?

Rachel Brupbacher, epsilon: "A vegetable."

Amy Patrick, counselor: "Something my mom wishes she could cook."

Lianne Huff, beta: "A type of music." Kristy Carmona, alpha: "To disagree strongly."

Kenny Wang, delta: "Quick."

*Actual definition:* a scolding, shrewish woman.

## Stuff You Didn't Want to Know but Won't Forget

Julie Vera

Betcha didn't know that:

The only fifteen letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

The main library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because engineers underestimated the weight of the books.

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,654,321

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

And...

In Cleveland, Ohio it is illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

And yes, it's all true.

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