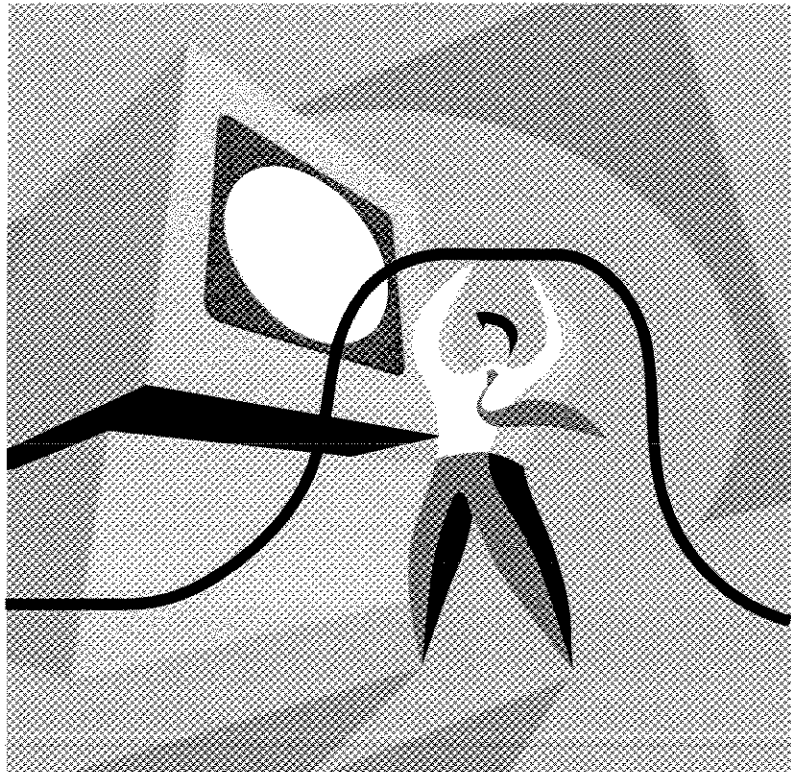


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REFLECTION PAPER # 3



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It is hard to believe that the Semester is over and I am writing my last Reflection paper. I remember looking at the syllabus and saying "OHH MAN, it is a long way to go", and look at me now, writing this paper basically saying good bye. It is sad to think that the class is over because I really had fun in it; I think I did my best and I liked it. The worst part is that we (as a class) will not see "our clients" or "the guys" as we use to call them (with respect). I will miss them a lot, especially because I was just starting to get ^{used} ~~in-use~~ to have somebody to teach something a little bit different each session.

I am sure that many, if not all, of my classmates feel also that we were accomplishing something with a real meaning. That meaning that we sometimes ask ourselves for every morning, what am I doing here? Sounds kind of ridiculous but you know what? It is true, sometimes we don't know what we do, or if what we are doing has a meaning in life. Many things we do, do not have a real value for us, but some others represent a satisfaction for every individual doing something with a meaning.

I have to say that this class has given us the opportunity to appreciate something with a real meaning. Being able to sit down for a little less than an hour with somebody who is asking you to help him/her to learn something that is going to give them more value as a person in ^{life} ~~live~~, it is a sensation very difficult to explain and hard to find in other activities. Some of the clients we had I am sure liked the course and especially the way we treated them with respect, love, compassion and equality, reasons why they kept coming back even though they have no motivation to do it,

because as we may say, they can see the "final product" now but they will be able to do it once they grow up a little bit more.

Finally I would like to add once more that I hope Pace University and the West Hab, tight their relationships and work together to bring more hope, love, knowledge and friendship to people in need. On the other hand I hope a lot of student_s sign up for this class next semester, it is going to be a great experience for them, it is not about the number of credits or how much the students will learn from this class, it is about how much every student is going to do to better fit the hanger of people to learn something new every session. I heard somewhere that "giving is better than receiving" and that is exactly what this class did for me, I gave my little knowledge and I feel really good about it, and I don't really care what my grade is, all I know is that for once in my life I did something that really meant something to somebody.

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