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## **Century College Student Magazine Features Poetry, Stories and Art**

William Handjaja, a pre-engineering student with a flair for poetry, said working as one of three editors of *The Student Lounge*, the Century College student magazine that features poetry, stories and art, proved to be a great creative outlet last semester, as well as a valuable team-building experience.

“The hardest part was going through the 100 submissions that we received and coming up with the ones we wanted to publish,” said Handjaja. “It was a long weeding-out process that took us two or three weeks.”

Handjaja said he and the other chief student editors, Aliana Lopez and Christopher Lundquist, were looking for a variety of material with a diversity of themes ranging from love and life to humor and pathos. “Our goal was to give students an opportunity to express themselves in literature,” said Handjaja. “I think we succeeded pretty well. It really turned out better than we expected. The design was beautiful.”

Students from the Writer’s Bloc student club worked with art students in the Creative Arts Alliance and also the Visual Communication Technologies program to produce the magazine. The student editors paired the graphic submissions with the appropriate poem or story. The project’s associate editors were

Brandon Vessel and Chue Thao. The art editors were Alissa Thompson and Emilie Bjorgum, and layout and design contributors were Danielle Cote, Toni Nelson and Mary Ross. Faculty advisors were professors Susan Taylor, Kim Gaffney and John Kothera.

Starting fall semester, Prof. Gaffney will be the magazine's faculty advisor. The magazine will be sold in the Century College Bookstore at a cost of \$6.25.

"We were looking for written pieces and artwork that makes you think," said Handjaja. "I really learned a lot about quality writing, and came to respect the poets, especially, for the ways they can get their point across in such an abbreviated way."

Handjaja, a White Bear Lake resident who is originally from Jakarta, Indonesia, starts his second year at Century this fall. In addition to his work with the student magazine, he is also the Century College Student Senate's director of information technology, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's director of communication. He eventually plans to transfer to the University of Minnesota.

