



## Bravo Brooklyn College!

celebrating 75 years

With much pride and excitement, the Brooklyn College community gathered on the Quadangle on May 10, 2005, to celebrate the College's seventy-fifth anniversary. A crowd of thousands witnessed actors reprise the speeches that dignitaries had given at the College's founding ceremonies in 1935, when Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia visited the campus. (La Guardia was played by current Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, '70.) An enormous "birthday cake"—created by the College carpenters and the Theater Department—released helium balloons and musicians from David A. Boody Intermediate School performed in a jazz ensemble, an orchestra, and a choir.

## "A fierce determination" chronicles 75 years of college history

From the silver shovel that Mayor Fiorello La Guardia used to break ground on the Brooklyn College campus to the costume that actor Jimmy Smits wore when he played Othello in a Department of Theater production, our seventy-fifth anniversary archival exhibit includes artifacts, large and small, that illuminate an eventful history.

Photographs and cherished mementos of favorite professors evoke memories for those who have spent time on the historic campus. The exhibit serves as an introduction to anyone curious about this remarkable institution that some have called "Brooklyn's Harvard."

"A Fierce Determination: 75 Years of Excellence" draws upon tens of thousands of items that have been thoughtfully collected and preserved in the College archives. Organized by themes—"Alumni," "The Junction," "Early Years," and so on—the exhibit surveys aspects of the College's and the borough's growth.

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## (de)constructing brooklyn college:

### New Sites, New Heights on Campus

It's easy to see that a lot has been happening on campus over the summer—all to make Brooklyn College a better place to be.

In the past year, President Christoph M. Kimmich launched the most ambitious part of the plan to realize the design envisioned by the College's founding architect, Randolph Evans, in 1935. To achieve this, a second Quadangle will be created to the west of Bedford Avenue, anchored by a soon-to-be-built West Quad Building.

The first step involved the removal of Plaza Building. Throughout the spring and summer, workers painstakingly separated the 1974 building from adjacent James and Roosevelt Halls. The work has already received praise from the Society of College and University Planners, who praised the College for "reestablishing and protecting the campus heritage" when it awarded Brooklyn College the Excellence in Planning and Architecture Merit Award in Campus Heritage during its annual meeting in July 2005.

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"A Fierce Determination: 75 Years of Excellence" is on display at the Brooklyn College Library through the end of the year. During the fall semester the library is open daily: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.—9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Visitors to the campus who present valid photo identification will be issued a day pass that will permit them to tour the library. Admission is free.

## “A fierce determination” *continued*



“This seventy-fifth anniversary exhibition is a grand opportunity for the community to reflect on the College’s accomplishments,” says College Archivist Anthony M. Cucchiara. “We are celebrating the legions of graduates who today lead many of our nation’s political, cultural, legal, business, and educational institutions. Their contributions are legendary and lead the way for generations of students to come.”

### **being a good neighbor: back-to-school supply drive**

In August Brooklyn College students and staff donated the nuts and bolts of learning—pencils, pens, notebooks, notepaper—to local homeless children.

The campaign, coordinated by the Flatbush Development Corporation and the Newkirk Area Neighborhood Association (N.A.N.A.), collected thousands of binders and calculators for children, ages five to fourteen, who live in homeless shelters in Brooklyn.

Last year N.A.N.A. was able to provide school supplies for 900 children. This year the group hopes to help more than 1,200 youngsters.

## (de)constructing *continued*

### **West Quad Building**

The stunning new West Quad Building will consolidate under one roof several student services—registrar; bursar; academic advisement, scholarships, financial aid, and the Magner Center for Career Development and Internships. The West Quad Building will also house the Department of Physical Education and Exercise Science and first-rate athletics facilities: a swimming pool and high-diving board, competition and practice gymnasiums, a dance studio, racquetball courts, a fitness center; and teaching and research labs. The centrally positioned glass-enclosed stairwell and elevator, illuminated at night, will be a focal point across the campus when the building is finished in 2007. In the interim for a sneak preview of the new building, visit the College Web site, [www.brooklyn.cuny.edu](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu), to explore the architectural floor plans and renderings.

### **The Library Café**

When it opened in 2000, the Morton [59] and Angela Topfer Library Café at Brooklyn College was the only Internet café in the City University of New York. More and more courses include an online component, and it has gotten a little crowded. So the Library Café is being expanded to twice its original size and will have fifty additional workstations and new study areas when the work is completed this fall.



### **Ingersoll Hall**

Visiting movie crews looking for a “circa 1930s classroom” have relied on the old lecture halls of Ingersoll to convey a sense of authenticity with their wooden seats, quaint laboratory tables, and period fixtures. This summer, a number of these venerable lecture halls were completely renovated and modernized. The old wooden lecture hall seats, dark with age from seventy years of use by Brooklyn College students, have been removed and replaced with seats that are far more comfortable than the originals. Laboratory workbenches were refurbished. New floors, retractable video screens, and ceiling mounted projectors were installed.



### **Bedford Avenue Gate**

To complement all the growth within the campus is a graceful new entryway on Bedford Avenue. The elliptical shape of the lawn area in front of the library has been mirrored at the Bedford Avenue entrance. A new gate, public safety kiosk, and attractive landscaping will make for a pleasing welcome to our beautiful campus.

**come visit us!**

**Thursday, September 29**

**Gala Alumni Reunion.** Honoring Marge Magner, '69, chairperson and CEO, Citigroup Global Consumer Group, and Stuart Kessler, '50, senior tax partner, Goldstein Golub Kessler LLP/American Express Tax & Business Services, Inc. For more information, call 718-951-5065. Rainbow Room, Manhattan.

**Friday, October 14**

**Pop Music: Björn Again: The ABBA Experience.** 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

**Saturday, October 15**

**Tap Dance: Savion Glover.** 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$45, \$40, \$35, \$20; children younger than 12: half price.

**Sunday, October 16**

**Dance: Tango Flamenco.** 3 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

**Tuesday, October 18**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Million Dollar Baby.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Women's Volleyball.** BC vs. Medgar Evers College. 7 p.m., 211 Roosevelt Hall Extension.

**Wednesday, October 19**

**Women's Volleyball.** BC vs. St. Joseph's College. 7 p.m., 211 Roosevelt Hall Extension.

**Thursday, October 20**

**Volunteer Day.** Campus and neighborhood cleanup. Sponsored by the Division of Student Life. For details, call (718) 951-5352.

**Student Center Film Raps. *Coach Carter.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Thursday, October 20, to Sunday, October 30**

**Theater: *The Game of Love and Chance,*** by Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux. Gershwin Theater. \$12; \$10 senior citizens; \$5 students.

**Saturday, October 22**

**Undergraduate Admissions Open House.** For more information, call (718) 951-5001. 1 to 5 p.m., Student Center.

**Monday, October 24**

**Documentary film and discussion: *A Dominican Story, My American Girls;*** Aaron Matthews, filmmaker. Cosponsored by the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, the Brooklyn Studies Program, the Center for the Study of Brooklyn, and the Center for Italian American Studies. 10:50 a.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium, Library.

**Tuesday, October 25**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Alone in the Dark.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**2005 Best of Brooklyn Dinner and Awards Gala.** Honoring Michael Lynne, '61. Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer, New Line Cinema. Gotham Hall, Manhattan. For more information, please contact (212) 843-1731.

**Thursday, October 27**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Boogeyman.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Poetry reading and discussion: "Celebrating Diversity, Perseverance, and Creativity in Alumni. The Lives of Three Poets: Robert Friend, '34; Chester Kallman, '41; and Harold Norse, '38;"** Discussion leaders: Edward Mendelson and Regina Weinrich. Sponsored by the Women's Center, Gay and Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, and the Library. 6:30 p.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium, Library.

**Tuesday, November 1**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Fahrenheit 9/11.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Thursday, November 3**

**Documentary film and discussion: Artists Take Public Space: *To Be Seen;*** Alice Arnold, documentary videographer and photographer. Cosponsored by the Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, the Brooklyn Studies Program, the Center for the Study of Brooklyn, and the Center for Italian American Studies. 10:50 a.m., Woody Tanger Auditorium, Library.

**Student Center Film Raps. *Guess Who.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Saturday, November 5**

**Magic: The Spencers.** A *FamilyFun* show. 1 p.m., Whitman Hall. \$20, \$17, \$13, \$10.

**Monday, November 7**

**Writers' Reading and Discussion Series: Brooklyn On My Mind.** Authors: Susan Choi (*American Woman*), Jonathan Safran Foer (*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*), and Pete Hamill (*The Gift*). Moderator: Leonard Lopate, WNYC Radio. For tickets, call 718-951-4500. 7 p.m., Whitman Hall. \$5.

**Tuesday, November 8**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Closer.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Tuesday, November 8, and Wednesday, November 9**

**Electro-Acoustic Music Festival.** Compositions by Conservatory of Music students. 7 p.m., Levenson Recital Hall.

**Thursday, November 10**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Thursday, November 10, to Sunday, November 13**

**Theater: *Wonder of the World,*** by David Lindsay-Abaire. New Workshop Theater. \$5.

**Friday, November 11**

**Dance: Companhia Portuguesa de Bailado Contemporâneo.** Portuguese modern dance troupe. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

**Saturday, November 12**

**Undergraduate Admissions Open House.** For more information, call (718) 951-5001. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center.

**Sunday, November 13**

**Musical: *Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh.*** Satirist Allan Sherman's songs come to life. 2 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$25; children younger than 12: half price.

**Monday, November 14**

**Transfer Day.** For more information call (718) 951-5001. 3 to 7 p.m., Student Center.

**Friday, November 18**

**Music: Masters of Caribbean Music.** A tribute to three distinct musical traditions: Puerto Rican jíbaro, Trinidadian calypso, and Haitian twoubadou. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

**Saturday, November 19**

**World AIDS Benefit Fashion Show.** For more information call (718) 951-4505. Student Center.

**Musical: Salsa-Palooza.** Featuring Eddie Palmieri, India, Tito Nieves, José Alberto, and Kevin Ceballo. Musical direction by Isidro Infante. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$45, \$40, \$35, \$20; children younger than 12: half price.

**Sunday, November 20**

**Undergraduate Admissions Open House.** For more information call (718) 951-5001. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center.

**Monday, November 21**

**Men's Basketball.** BC vs. Pratt Institute. 7 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

**Tuesday, November 22**

**Student Center Film Raps. *Enemy of the State.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

**Sunday, November 27**

**Musical: *Scrooge.*** Charles Dickens's classic Christmas story set to music. 2 p.m., Whitman Hall. \$25, \$22, \$20, \$15.

**Tuesday, November 29**

**Student Center Film Raps. *The Day After Tomorrow.*** Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

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**All events are free unless otherwise noted. Programs in the Student Center require a valid Brooklyn College ID or a Community Resident Pass for admission (see page 4). For tickets and information about events at Whitman Hall, Gershwin Theater, and the New Workshop Theater, call the box office, 718-951-4500.**

## CALENDAR

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### Thursday, December 1

Student Center Film Raps. *Collateral*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

### Thursday, December 1, to Sunday, December 11

Theater: *Sight Unseen*, by Donald Margulies. Gershwin Theater. \$12; \$10 senior citizens; \$5 students.

### Tuesday, December 6

Student Center Film Raps. *Hide and Seek*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

Women's Basketball. BC vs. NYC Tech. 5 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. NYC Tech. 7 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Tuesday, December 6, to Thursday, December 8

Blood Drive. New York Blood Center Mobile Unit. Noon to 5:30 p.m., Campus Road and Hillel Place.

### Thursday, December 8

Student Center Film Raps. *Bad Boy II*. Film and discussion. 6:30 p.m., Student Center.

### Thursday, December 8, to Sunday, December 11

Theater: *The Burial at Thebes*, a version of Sophocles's *Antigone* by Seamus Heaney. New Workshop Theater. \$5.

### Tuesday, December 13

Holiday Concert. Conservatory of Music. 2 p.m., Whitman Hall. \$5.

## 2006

### Wednesday, January 4

Women's Basketball. BC vs. Medgar Evers College. 5 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. Medgar Evers College. 7:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Wednesday, January 11

Women's Basketball. BC vs. John Jay College. 5:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. John Jay College. 7:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Friday, January 13

Women's Basketball. BC vs. City College of New York. 5 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. City College of New York. 7:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Sunday, January 15

Music: *The Best of Broadway*. Featuring the songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber, with Diane Ketchie, Joan Ryan, Scott Harlan, and Raymond Saar. 2 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$5, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

### Saturday, January 21

Spoken word: Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam. Performance poetry by eight poets. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

### Sunday, January 22

Dance: Tap Kids. A FamilyFun show. 2 p.m., Whitman Hall. \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8.

### Wednesday, January 25

Women's Basketball. BC vs. Hunter College. 5 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. Hunter College. 7:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Wednesday, February 1

Women's Basketball. BC vs. College of Staten Island. 5:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

Men's Basketball. BC vs. College of Staten Island. 7:30 p.m., 322 Roosevelt Hall.

### Saturday, February 4

Dance: *Dance Brazil*. Traditional and contemporary Afro-Brazilian dance, including the art form of capoeira. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

### Saturday, February 11

Music: Valentine's Concert. Featuring Shirley Alston Reeves and the Shirelles, Lou Christie, and The Classics. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15; children younger than 12: half price.

### Saturday, February 18

Music: Harlem Gospel Choir and the Harlem Jazz & Blues Band. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10; children younger than 12: half price.

### Saturday, February 25

Music: Luciano. Reggae music. 8 p.m., Whitman Hall. Adults: \$40, \$35, \$30, \$20; children younger than 12: half price.

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## COME ON CAMPUS!

### LIBRARY CARD

There are two library membership levels available to our neighbors:

- Access—For \$50 per year, you may enjoy the reading rooms, books and materials, electronic databases, and the Internet.
- Borrowing—For \$75 per year, you may borrow books as well as of the access privileges.

Come to the library for a day to see if either of these options is right for you.

You may obtain a free one-day library card for an exploratory visit. To request a one-day pass or for more information, call 718-951-5346 or 718-951-5335.

### RECREATION PASS

Recreation passes are available to all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members. Facilities include tennis courts, a fitness center, and a basketball gym. Come to Brooklyn College for fun, fitness, and relaxation!

To check rates or pick up a schedule, stop by the Recreation Center, 125 Roosevelt Hall, or call 718-951-5366.

*Note: Due to construction of the new West Quad building, the Brooklyn College pool and racquetball courts are closed. We apologize for the inconvenience. A newly designed athletic center will open in the future, featuring a state-of-the-art fitness center and a competition-sized pool. We'll keep you posted!*

### COMMUNITY RESIDENT ID PASS

Brooklyn College welcomes you to explore and enjoy our campus. The college will issue a photo ID to residents from neighborhoods that border the campus. To obtain a pass you will need to provide proof of local residency—such as a utility bill—and photo identification. For more information, drop by the Office of Campus and Community Safety Services, 0202 Ingersoll Hall, or call 718-951-5511.

**Tell us how Brooklyn College might be a better neighbor.**

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Brooklyn College Institutional Advancement  
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