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Student Life at BC

THINGS TO DO IN BROOKLYN WHEN YOU'RE BORED: **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE STUDENT CENTER** (AFTER ALL...THAT IS WHAT IT'S THERE FOR) by JACK UCCIARDINO, Editor



It's paid for with student fees and it's right across the street from campus. Yet for some reason not too many BC students know all there is to do at **The Student Center** on Campus Road. There are some who are not even aware it exists! The Student Center is the hub of much of the activity going on at the college.

Let's take a quick tour. There are aerobics classes every Monday and Wednesday in the Lower Level. There is also a Center for student and community volunteering. On

the 1st floor there are administrative offices, an Information Desk and a Computer Corner.

On the 2nd floor there is a game room with pool tables, video arcade games and ping-pong tables to help students ease the time away. Students can also sit down, relax and watch TV in the lounge area. Every Tuesday and Thursday there is a *FILM RAPS* program featuring a popular movie and discussion afterward.

The 3rd floor houses the Offices of Student



Development, Central Depository and the three Student Governments. On the 4th, 5th, 6th and Penthouse floors all the latest seminars, special lectures, student meetings, banquets and special functions take place. There's something going on there almost every school day. Stop by and check it out for yourself!

The Student Center (formerly known as SUBO) is on Campus Road/East 27th Street. It's open 8:30am -11:00pm, Mon. – Thursday, and until 4pm on Friday, and on weekend nights when there are scheduled activities.



**THE OFFICE OF
STUDENT LIFE**

**Stop by Room
2113 Boylan Hall**

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Site for More
Info:**

www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bc/offices/studlife

**Sports Calendar
APRIL Highlights:**

- ☛ Men's Tennis VS.
Baruch College 4/01
- ☛ Women's Softball VS.
SUNY Purchase 4/02
- ☛ Men's Tennis VS.
John Jay College 4/05
- ☛ Men's Tennis VS. New
York City Tech 4/14
- ☛ Men's Tennis VS.
College of Staten
Island 4/15
- ☛ Women's Tennis VS.
SUNY Farmingdale
4/19
- ☛ Men's Tennis VS. City
College of NY 4/19

Attend the Hour of Power – the Dean's Hour!

One of the best ways for students to get their opinions heard is at the monthly **Dean's Hour**, presided over by Dean Milga Morales of the Office for Student Life, Assistant Dean Jacqueline Williams and Assistant Dean Vannessa Green. Every month they put aside an hour's time to listen and discuss the ideas and problems of students and try to discover ways to improve "Student Life" on campus. The Y.E.S.S. Center for Evening Students was one of the many ideas and programs that evolved out of the Dean's Hour.

Fewer students than we'd like take advantage of the Dean's Hour, so that's why we want to get the word out! Here's a chance to make a difference and make constructive changes or improvements to life at Brooklyn College. You can attend and listen to what other students think and join in the conversation! This month's **Dean's Hour** is on Wed. April 6 at 9:30 am and May's **Dean's Hour** is on Wed. May 4 at 5pm, both in the State Lounge in the Student Center. For more info call (718) 951-5352 or stop by our office at 2113 Boylan.



Student Clubs Spotlight by Christina Waszak

The Sisterhood of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority Wants You!

Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority is a national sorority made up of "many hearts, one purpose." Within Greek life, numerous sisters have served on the executive board of the InterGreek Council. Through their annual Greek awards, AEPi unites the Greek community while raising around \$1000 to benefit the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Many of their sisters

joined other Greeks in numerous events such as the Multiple Sclerosis walk. They have been on the winning team numerous times for Greek Games and the annual Greek Goddess competition has been won by their sisters five times!

With all of these activities, the sisters of AEPi still find time to keep up high academic standards. Alpha

Epsilon sisters are in honors programs and on the Dean's List. Sisters are in TOCA, Golden Key Honor Society, Tennis team, Italian Club, Hillel, LGBTA, and other clubs, maintaining their activity outside of Greek life.

If you would like to contact Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority go to their website:

<http://www.geocities.com/brooklynnaepi/> or

e-mail them at: brooklynnaepi@yahoo.com



Members of the Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority (AEΦ)

Empowerment with the Latin Women's Group



Recruiting Members for the Latin Women's Group

Through workshops, co-sponsorships, and charity events, Latin Women has achieved the group's goal of "empowering themselves, giving guidance to each other and providing an environment that will enable them to grow as individuals."

Latin Women strive to do as much as they can to stand out from

other clubs. Their Lupus workshop and their successful "Let's Talk about Sex" workshop were very-well attended by an array of other clubs, and provided them with useful information. Numerous events, such as their children's Halloween party, were held in 0700 James Hall. Along with the Black Student Union, Latin Women co-

sponsored "Celebrating Diversity: Flags from around the World", a Campus Beautification project. Latin Women members took part in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk in Central Park.

To contact Latin Women, go to Room 148 of the West End Building (WEB).

All about the Academic Club Association (ACA):

The Academic Club Association is the governing body for over 20 of Brooklyn College's academic clubs. ACA assists the individual academic clubs in providing and promoting academic, cultural, and social activities. Their involvement spans through Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Asian Heritage Month.

Contacting ACA can put you in touch with the following clubs: Accounting Society, Anthropology Club, Art Group, Biology Society, BC Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society, Chess Club, Chinese Language & Culture Club, Classical Studies Society, Geology Society, Health & Nutrition Club, Hellenic Society, Hispanic Society, Italian Culture Club, Law Society, Music Educators National Conference, National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), National Black Science Students Organization (NBSSO), Philosophy Society, Psychology Club, Sci-fi & Fantasy Society, Sinocineaste Club, Speech & Hearing Society, Student Forensics, and Student Union for Bilingual Education (SUBE), and Undergraduate Theater Organization. ACA is located in 0239 Ingersoll Hall, call 951-4190, or go on the web at <http://students.brooklyn.cuny.edu/aca/> for more info.

Update on What's Happening with The Bulletin Boards ?

All posters must be date stamped at the Office of Student Development in Room 302 (3rd Floor) of the Student Center.

The Campus Beatification Project will contact sponsors whose posters/fliers are not date stamped.

MORE NEWS TO COME...



Focus on Activities and Services

BC Cares - Relief Efforts are Still a Priority

Although the deadly Tsunami that wreaked havoc in South East Asia is over, its devastation lives on. Brooklyn College is doing its part to increase awareness and aid for those in need. Over 10 clubs participated in a coalition (called together by NYPIRG) that raised over two hundred dollars for UNICEF in a special Valentine's Day event. But efforts did not end there.

The coalition, comprising of Center for Diversity, Latin Women, Broeklundian, RAW, Veteran Affairs, Forensics, U.S.S., OICE, The Kingsman, Philosophy Society, Arts of Democracy, V-Day Committee, MEDO and Student Life, decided to form an umbrella group called **BC CARE** – Brooklyn College Coalition to Aid the Relief Effort. Its goal is to continue to support the Tsunami Relief effort and other

efforts that will last beyond the current crisis. It would be a rapid response association to raise funds and spread knowledge of any natural disasters that affect this country or others (like the hurricanes in the Caribbean). SEEDS of Hope, Black Family and the Black Students Union are also involved in Tsunami fundraising.

If you'd like to assist in anyway or would just like more information on BC CARE and ongoing relief efforts contact Dave Bryan at the Office for Student Life, 2113 Boylan Hall, or email him at Dbryan@brooklyn.cuny.edu or call (781) 951-5352. Donations can be deposited to the BC Disaster Relief Fund in Central Depository, 314 Student Center. Counseling is also available at Personal Counseling in 0302 James Hall.

The Brooklyn College Health Clinic Celebrates 10 Years of Providing Free Care

The BC Health Clinic is celebrating 10 years of providing free primary care to undergraduate and graduate students of the college with a symposium on the theme of "Access to Health Care", which is something of importance to Brooklyn College students, many of whom are uninsured.

The event will be moderated by award-winning journalist and WNYC radio host Brian Lehrer, M.P.H. and speakers will include Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Senior Fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations Laurie Garrett, Ph.D. along with BC Alumni & Staff. The symposium will be held on April 7, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Gold Room in the Student Center. Suggested admission is \$10 (\$5 for students) with a reception to

follow.

Clinical care at the Health Clinic is provided by nurse practitioners (NP) and physician assistants (PA). They offer evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic medical conditions and counseling on how best to avoid disease and maintain good health. The licensed providers on staff have had specialized training to do medical check-ups and to diagnose and treat illnesses. They can also order lab tests and prescribe medications.

Funding for the clinic comes mostly from the \$10 per semester student activity fee. BC grad and undergrad students are entitled to free and unlimited visits. There are modest fees for prescription medications, off-site lab tests and some immunizations. Check with the Clinic office to find out the fee prices. Students enrolled in CUNY

Introducing The Health & Wellness Consortium

The Health and Wellness Consortium was formed in Fall '04, under the leadership of Milga Morales, Dean for Student Life. It comprises the leadership of the health and counseling services on campus and they meet at least twice a semester to discuss ways to improve communication, protocol and provide support for the health related and counseling programs on campus.

The following are members of the Consortium:

Bruce Filosa – Director of Recreation, Intramurals and Intercollegiate Athletics. (125 Roosevelt)

Claudette Guinn – Coordinator of Vet. Affairs & Counseling Center (0306 James)

Ilene Tannenbaum – Director of Brooklyn Health Care Clinic (114 Roosevelt)

Gregory Kuhlman – Director of Personal Counseling (0302 James)

Mario Cabrera – Admin. Director of BC Emergency Medical Squad (021 Ingersoll Extension)

Lena Lopez – Coordinator of Health Programs Office (0710 James)

Dave Bryan – Acting Special Assistant to the Dean and Director of Health Services (2113 Boylan)

Graduate Center programs (but based at BC) can use Health Clinic services for \$35 per semester and non-students can get an annual flu vaccination for a small fee.

The Clinic is located at 114 Roosevelt Hall. It is open on Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wed. until 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays by appointment only.

Appointments are required except during walk-in hours. The hours for walk-in visits are Mon. & Wed. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. To make an appointment or for more information call (718) 951-5580 or stop by the Clinic at 114 Roosevelt.

Fundraising for Tsunami Relief



Stop by the Health Clinic at 114 Roosevelt Hall for Free Primary Health Care



From the Dean's Desk

Greetings to all Brooklyn College students:

The newsletter you have in hand or are reading on-line is the result of much hard work and dedication on the part of Jack Ucciardino, a CUNY counseling assistant in the Office of the Dean for Student Life. Jack has almost single handedly planned the newsletter, recruited the writers, and gathered the information for much of the content. I want to thank him on behalf of the Division of Student Life.

The purpose of the newsletter is to inform students and other members of the Brooklyn College community of many of the activities and programs available on campus, particularly those sponsored by the Division of Student Life and the clubs and organizations. It is

expected that once informed, students will become excited and actively engaged in campus life. This is not easy on a commuter campus, but those students who excel academically and demonstrate involvement in co-curricular activities where they learn useful skills, succeed in College and are on their way to rewarding careers.

I want to also promote our Dean's Hour which Jack has named the "hour of power" and is an open ended agenda session where students can bring their concerns, questions and recommendations. The expectation is that the Deans of the Division of Student Life will also bring forward important information and inform students of resources available to them.

This year we will be producing a second issue of the newsletter in early May and invite your ideas and your contributions. The sooner you can suggest them, the likelier they will

end up in the newsletter. What we're looking for are things that are happening (or will happen) on campus that you believe should be highlighted or perhaps suggestions of ways that more students can be aware of the services available to them. All comments you have are welcome.

Finally, this newsletter was published several times in the past under the direction of a part time staff member named Joseph Starr. Joe has been ill this semester but I want to recognize his past contributions to the newsletter and wish him the well on behalf of all of us on the Brooklyn College campus.

Milga Morales. Ph.D.
Dean for Student Life

*A Message from Dean
Morales*

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES AT A GLANCE

The Brooklyn College Emergency Medical Squad (EMS) is located in 021 Ingersoll Hall Extension. It provides emergency pre-hospital medical care and ambulance services, limited medical screenings, First Aid, CPR training, as well as state-certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The squad is staffed with about 100 volunteers, most of whom are current or former

students of Brooklyn College. Services are free of charge. If you'd like to become a member of BCEMS or just want more details call (718) 951- 5858.

The main function of **The Health Programs Office** is to ensure compliance with NYS Laws 2165 & 2167 which deals with immunization requirements. The Office provides Free Immunization Clinics for students and

information on Health Insurance. In addition, it also sponsors Blood Drives, Diabetes Screening and various Health Awareness programs throughout the year. The Office is located in 0710 James Hall. Hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs. from 9am-5pm, Wed. from 9am-7pm and Fri. from 10am-3pm. For more information call (718) 951-4505.

BC EMS

Calendar of Campus Events for April '05*

- April 5 & 19 – Seeds of Hope Meeting
 - April 5 – Study Skills Workshop
 - April 6 – Dean's Hour – 9:30 AM
 - April 7 & 9 – Academic Achievement Workshop (Graduate Section)
 - April 7 – Fundraising Workshop
 - April 7 – Time Management & Procrastination Workshop
 - April 12 & 14- Academic Achievement Workshop
 - April 12 – SERVA Training
 - April 12 – CPB Training Sessions
 - April 12-14 – Student Elections
 - April 14 – Cut-A-Thon
 - April 14 – Melanoma Awareness
 - April 14 – Test Anxiety Workshop
 - April 14 – Stress Management Workshop
 - April 19 – Evening Common Hours
 - April 20 – Citizenship Workshop
 - April 21 – Study Skills Workshop
- Email: Studentlife@brooklyn.cuny.edu for details

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