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"So We Stand Here On The Edge Of Hell In Harleim And Look Out On The World And Wonder What We're Gonna Do In The Face Of What We Remember"
-Langston Hughes

"Give" is not a Four-Letter Word

By Easter Z. Wood

Technically "give" is a four-letter word. But former President Bill Clinton, singers Alicia Keys and Shakira, and other special guests came together on Saturday, September 29, 2007 for "Giving: Live at the Apollo," an event designed to "start a revolution in youth activism," and spread the message that there's nothing wrong with giving of yourself. In fact, according to Clinton, young people should see giving as a "duty of citizenship" instead of an optional activity.

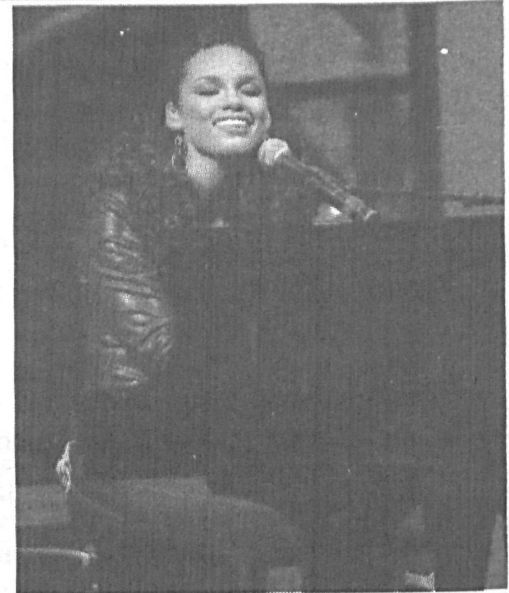
The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), founded by former President Bill Clinton, and MTV hosted the invitation-only event, which drew a packed house to the world famous Apollo Theater in Harlem. After being introduced by MTV's vee-jay, Sway, Clinton regaled the crowd with a serious but comically entertaining speech that closed with a heart-warming story about a young South African girl who had been helped out of her dire situation and who, in turn dedicated herself to helping others. President Clinton said that this should be all of our aspirations – to spread the love and to help others as someone has surely helped us at some point.

MTV President, Christina Norman – the first Black president of MTV and the former president of VH1 – spoke of MTV's responsibility to "set the environment young people grow up in" and highlighted the many ways that MTV has sought to influence young people to take action in their communities and beyond, including "Rock

the Vote," and their newest initiative, "Think." Norman says that MTV has always been and will continue to be on the pulse of what's important to the youth of America and of the world.

All of the evening's special guests are famous because of their talents, but more important than their musical or a comedic skills, is their status as, what Clinton called, "givers." While everyone knows that Alicia Keys' new single just dropped, many don't know that she's the spokeswoman for the Keep a Child Alive foundation (www.keepachildalive.org), a foundation dedicated to helping young AIDS victims in Africa. Most people know that Shakira has fabulous dance moves, but most people don't know that she does a great deal of charity work in her native Columbia and that she has dedicated \$40 million through her foundation, Latin America in Solidarity Action (ALAS), to disaster relief and to help young people in South America. Chris Rock is funny, yes, but he has also been a selfless crusader for the plight of those affected by hurricane Katrina and the multi-talented Wyclef Jean is an avid spokesperson and activist for his native Haiti. U2 front man, Bono, has been involved in activist efforts from the long-lived Irish-English conflicts, to AIDS, to his most recent crusade against global poverty through the One campaign (www.ONE.org). These philanthropic endeavors are the things that young people should emulate rather than trying to be the next big star – one need not be a star to make a difference.

The overarching theme of the night was that, as President Clinton said, "Young people have more power to change the world than



Alicia Keys serenades the Apollo audience at "Giving"
(Photo courtesy Yahoo News)

at any time in history" and we also have the responsibility to use that power. Sway mentioned that we can get involved in changing whatever we find wrong with our society, be it something happening across the street or across the world, and Shakira chimed in, saying that in so doing, we can be the "architects of change" in our society.

An organization that helps students get involved in activism around important issues is Campus Progress (see article on page 7), who's members turned out at the event in large numbers. Whichever organization you choose to join, take Alicia Keys' advice to the crowd and get out there and "shake it up" – make some noise and express yourself and the vision you have for society.

Note: The special was aired on MTV live on the 29th and may be viewed on MTV's website.

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Class Wars

By L. R. White

The battle lines are drawn. City University of New York (CUNY) students have waged war against Chancellor Matthew Goldstein and his proposed Public College Tuition Indexed Policy plan (PCTIP), which would allow the state legislature to implement automatic annual tuition hikes. Chancellor Goldstein has stated that tuition hikes are necessary to keep CUNY fully operational and due in large part to cuts in funding from Albany.

Chancellor Goldstein said that the PCTIP would provide predictability in cost and guarantee student tuition levels for years to come. Professor H. R. Clarke said that educational funding has steadily declined since 1995. "There is no denying these cuts have affected CUNY negatively," said Prof. Clarke. "The lack of funding has led to overcrowding and left schools without the resources to hire faculty and staff."

Students have countered that tuition hikes are not necessary because CUNY has a \$2 billion surplus. Another concern for students is that the PCTIP would allow the state legislature to increase tuition annually, undoubtedly pushing many out of continuing their education. The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), who has started a campaign to inform and organize students throughout CUNY about these potential tuition hikes, believes the chancellor is making a grave mistake.

"The majority of students are barely able to afford the current tuition," said Tyler Hartshom, NYPIRG Project Coordinator. "If the PCTIP is implemented, the only guarantee students have, is that tuition will increase annually."

A Higher Education Strategy Session was held to discuss what measures students should take to combat a potential tuition hike. A Higher Education Coalition (HEC) was formed, consisting of 500 student groups statewide. On March 7, leaders of HEC took their fight to Albany urging Governor Eliot Spitzer to pass a student friendly budget.

Chancellor Goldstein's latest proposal comes

on the heels of his request for tuition to be increased by 13 percent over four years, which the state legislature denied. CCNY student, Moses Acevedo said that although he agrees with the chancellor; that the state needs to contribute more than the roughly 22 percent of operating expenses it already does. He disagrees with the chancellor's statement that these tuition hikes are "modest".

"Personally, I find Chancellor Goldstein's comment that a 13 percent tuition increase is 'modest' to be very insulting," Acevedo said. "Coming from a man who makes \$350,000 annually, it's obvious the chancellor does not have the students' best interest at heart. Mr. Acevedo also said that Gov. Pataki is to blame for CUNY's budget shortfalls. "Gov. Pataki's first year in office represented the first time the state spent more on prisons, than on education," said Acevedo.

Student advocates are concerned that the PCTIP plan, along with cuts in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) - will force students out of continuing their education. NYPIRG is calling on the state to hold tuition levels and change its policy regarding TAP, allowing students to apply for mid-year financial aid adjustments so students who need more help will not have to wait until the next tax-year.

Many have predicted an increase will dramatically change the enrollment and demographics of CUNY. When the State University of New York (SUNY) increased its tuition in 1995, a decrease in enrollment occurred of roughly 10,000 students. "Enrollment will decrease at CUNY if these annual tuition hikes are implemented," Prof. Clarke said. "The majority of these individuals will be minority students. It happened then, it will happen now."

Both CUNY and student advocate groups agree that the state needs to contribute more to educational funding. Nevertheless, student advocates are calling on the chancellor to put off talks of a tuition hike. "Does the state need to allocate more funding to CUNY? Absolutely," Prof. Clarke said. "Yet, we cannot place the entire burden of balancing the budget on the backs of students. Tuition must remain affordable to all. This is the only way CUNY will continue to flourish into the next century."

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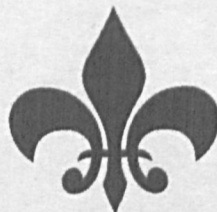
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What's Happenin' Around Town

Queens Woman Files Million Dollar Lawsuit Against Apple Inc.

In the realm of odd news; Dongmei Li of Queens, New York, filed a lawsuit against Apple Inc. last week over the iPhone, under the grounds that the company deliberately broke numerous laws when it cut the price of the iPhone by \$200 only two months after its debut.

After receiving many complaints Apple issued an apology and also refunded the \$200 difference to individuals who brought the phone within 14 days of the reduction and \$100 credit to the Apple store to those who brought it before than. However that wasn't enough to stop Li's million dollar lawsuit, who stated, "Apple's discrimination in price between early and later purchases substantially caused the early purchasers to be injured because early purchasers cannot resell their iPhones for the same profit as later purchasers." The lawsuit also targets AT&T for locking early buyers into a two-year contract; later buyers were able to skip.

Apple has yet to comment on the lawsuit.

Smart Thinking Prevents another Virginia Tech Massacure

Feelings of déjà vu occurred Wednesday September 26, when 22 year old Guyanese immigrant Omesh Hiranman was arrested after being spotted walking through St. John's University's Queens campus carrying a .50

caliber rifle and wearing a Halloween mask. School officials quickly notified students of the situation at hand by sending emails and text messages to students, as part of an improved emergency response system, put into effect after the Virginia Tech shooting. Parents of the gunman claimed their son was under heavy medication, due to recent back surgery and stated, "Our son has always been a good boy and has never been in any sort of trouble... we trust that this will be cleared up as quickly as possible."

While the rifle only carried one shot and there was no additional ammunition found on Hiranman, police intend to conduct a full search of his Elmhurst for more bullets as well as reason behind his action and what exactly he planned to do.

Noose Found in Hempstead Police Department

In a string of negative behaviors toward the African American community, on September 28th a noose was found dangling from a pipe in the men's locker room in the Hempstead Police Department early in the morning. Many believe the hateful crime was linked to the promotion of a deputy chief Willie Dixon or the recent push to increase the amount of minorities being recruited.

Community members are surprised by the incident which is out of character of their small town. "I've lived here all my life, and I've never heard of anything like this...Hempstead Police Department is one of the most diverse police departments in the state. It's sad to see

something like this happen," said Edward Tolver 2nd, president of the Hempstead NAACP.

The department has not commented on what evidence was collected in the locker room, however confirmed that only officers have access to the basement room.

Another One Down Police Shoot and Kill Black Male in Harlem

Shortly after 11 pm, Friday September 28th, Police in Manhattan shot and killed 25 year-old, Ronald Battle, in the Ralph Rangel Houses in Harlem. According to the NYPD, the officers reported to the area to investigate a complaint about a man with a gun. Battle, who allegedly fit the description of the suspect, was approached by two plain clothed officers, who pursued him after allegedly identifying themselves as officers and showing their badges. Police claimed after Battle refused to stop and drop his weapon, one of the officers fired four shots. Battle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses to the shooting, have a different account of the situation. According to witnesses, Battle was not carrying a gun and the police officers shot him in his back, which autopsy reports later confirmed.

Commissioner Ray Kelly stated, "We made a preliminary determination that this shooting is within departmental guidelines." A nine millimeter handgun was recovered at the scene, but has not been linked to the victim.

By Lindsie Augustin

Are You Ready for the CPE?

Compiled by Teshaka Bond

Students who have completed 45 credits are required to take the CUNY Proficiency Exam in order to graduate with an associates or bachelors degree. The CPE was created by the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York to demand skills needed from students after they have completed 60 credits. According to the CUNY faculty, students must be able to understand and think critically about ideas and information presented in textbooks and material of general interest. These skills are also necessary for the real world and for students who are in their junior and senior year in bachelor programs as well as in graduate and professional study. Also, employers of CUNY graduate stress that these skills are important to have a successful life.

What's needed for the CPE?

- A copy of the reading selection
- A pen and #2 pencils
- Picture identification
- Dictionaries are allowed during the exam

Tips for Passing the CPE:

- Attend Preparation workshops.

- Review the different components of the exam. (Directions and grading criteria)
- Review and take notes on Task 1 of the reading selection. Highlight and outline key points in the selection.
- Answer all questions with full support.
- Edit all work, once you have completed all parts of the exam.
- Avoid plagiarism.

According to "The University Policy of Academic Integrity", you must avoid plagiarism by making a clear distinction between your own words and the language of the readings or any other texts you refer to. Identify and document the language or ideas that you take from the readings, from any research materials whether gathered from the internet, or from any book or articles you have consulted.

Information on workshops is provided for students in the Writing Center.

Registration began September 17, so go sign up. Attendance is mandatory for assigned workshops.

Expressions

Obsession

By Andre Brissett

*I sat by my window listening to every drop of
rain
Pain felt my heart knelt to the thoughts of how
we claimed*

*Hearts we gave through words explained
Feelings we shared endlessly, consistently we
gave affections*

*Fanatically I stared in her eyes of pain
She explained through tears her childhood
years*

*I watched her cry wishing I could dry her eyes,
but time deprived me
Her status denied me, so quietly it faded
My feelings for her evaded my source of
thoughts, of hopes, of dreams
My mind became depleted of her
That day the library became the habitat of my
nightmare*

*But now here we are entangled in each other's
arm
Our hearts pound in harmony to the symphony
played by the air where our emotions dance*

*In a trance I'm left by her swagger
I'm deafened of my surroundings
My attention is now captivated by beauty
By beauty I meant her
Incomplete and Unfinished man was I
Until she came*

*Lost was my rib at creation
He took time he created
Woman he named her
And beauty I called her.*

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Place: Cohen Library Atrium

Celebrating America's Women Physicians, developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association. The City College will be the only library in the New York metropolitan area to host this traveling exhibition, which has been made possible by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health. The American Medical Women's Association provided additional support.

RAPID ANTIGEN HIV TESTING FOR FOR CCNY STUDENTS

Date: 10/18

Place: Lewisohn Plaza - Ryan White Mobile Clinic

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The testing is free and confidential. The CDC estimates that more than 250,000 people (or about 25% of the people who have HIV) in the US have HIV but don't know it. New York is especially vulnerable when it comes to HIV and AIDS. It is the state with the largest number of AIDS cases in the US. GET TESTED! KNOW YOUR STATUS!

RACE, IDENTITY & CULTURE AT CCNY

Date: 10/18

Time: 12:00PM

Place: Hoffman Student Lounge

Panel discussion on diversity on campus. Bring your ideas!

Lift Every Voice: Black Lyricism in the Poetic Tradition of Paul Laurence Dunbar & Langston Hughes

Date: 10/26

Time: 8:15 a - 7:30p

Place: Sheppard Hall, The Great Hall

Admission: \$12/\$6 regular/student, seniors

The Langston Hughes' Festival's Third Annual Symposium features scholar and poet Joanne Braxton as keynoter and panelists Joanne Gabbin, Keith Leonard and Sascha Feinstein. Co-sponsored by The Simon H. Rifkind Center of the Division of Humanities & IRADAC, the Festival features exciting new work on the poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar; Langston Hughes; Sterling Brown; Bob Kaufman; Jayne Cortez; Michael Harper; Amiri Baraka; Sonia Sanchez; Yusef Komunyakaa; Ntozake Shange, and other African American poets.

Please register in advance at:

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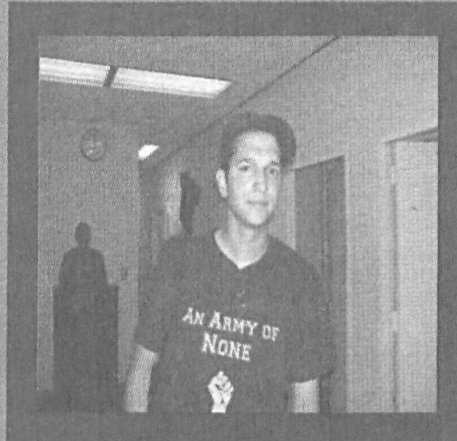
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The Paper Wants to Know: Are MySpace and Facebook Useful Tools or Huge Distractions?



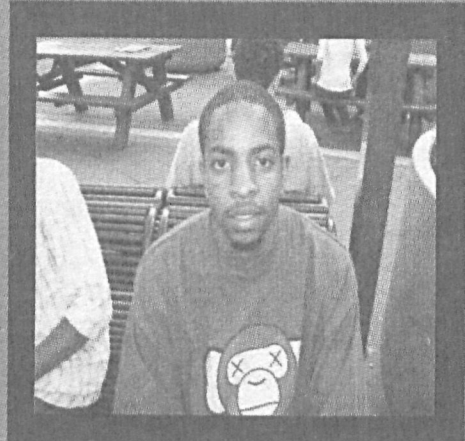
Yohanny
Civil Engineer
Freshman

In my opinion, it all depends on the person. In my case, I use it to communicate with old friends. Some other people may get distracted.....but like I said, it's all on you and how serious and responsible you could be.



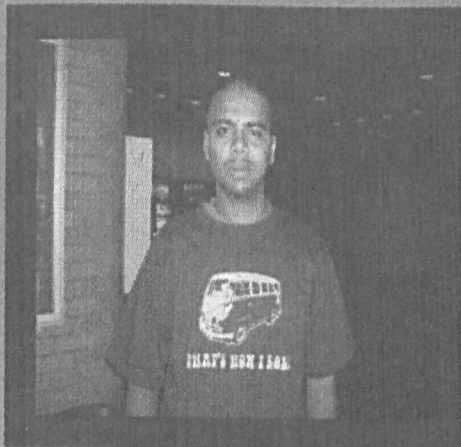
Justino Rodriguez
History
Senior

Yes, it is a good way to network with students. It depends on how you use it. Our club on the City College Campus, Anti War Network, stays connected and announces events with facebook.



Andrew Mahiga
International Studies
Junior

Yes they are distractions. They are meant to be social networking utilities but people are using them to look for dates or find out unnecessary information about one another.



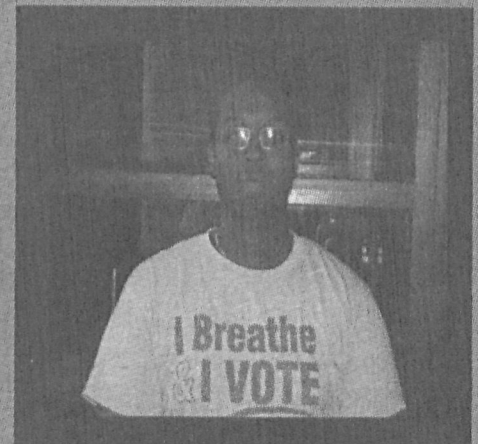
Neil Salim
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Facebook could ultimately be a distraction to those who let it happen. Other than that, it's a medium that help people communicate.



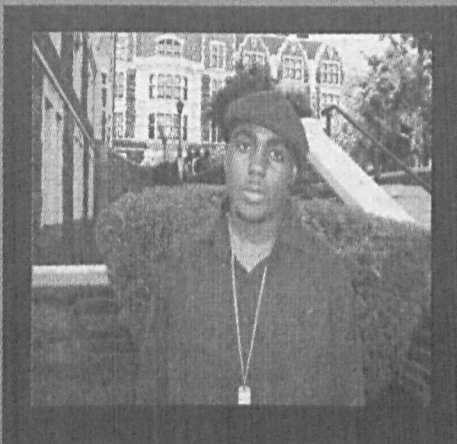
Kachina Respress-Pierce
Psychology
Sophomore

Myspace and facebook are distractions because people are more worried about checking their mail instead of doing homework. They get online and they go to myspace and facebook before they do anything school related.



Kenroy Cherrington
Pre-Law
Sophomore

I don't know.



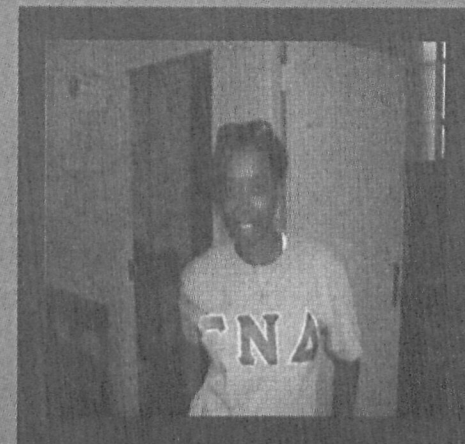
D.K
Film
Junior

Yes. To mostly the lower classmen students who haven't tried to prioritized school and social life.



Geisel Gonzalez
Mathematics
Senior

No. It's a better way to communicate.



Shante Barnes
Psychology
Upper Sophomore

No! Facebook allows me to keep in touch with my friends and family from other schools as well as networking. Now myspace on the other hand is no good. (Just kidding) But Tom is the coolest. It's a good way to get in touch with high school and childhood friends.

Caribbean Beat

By Martina Brissett

Welcome back CCNY, and welcome to all the newcomers! This is the Caribbean Beat, the section that's dedicated to keeping you up to date with the politics and cultural happenings of the West Indies. We'll give you facts and portions of history from countries in the region. If you're representing the Caribbean, or you would like to read about a particular country, just email us at thepaper@ccny.cuny.edu.

Puerto Rico



The 2007 CGA Golf Summit, November 5th through the 11th, is being held at the Gran Melia Resort & Villas in Puerto Rico. This is the first time the summit or anything like it is taking place in the Caribbean. CGA members are eager to announce the event and want all of Caribbean to know about it, try their best to attend it and work towards making the Caribbean a leading golf region.

The years following the invasion of Puerto Rico in 1898 were very rich in Puerto Rican literature, Puerto Rico produced poets like Virgilio Davila, Luis Llorens Torres, Luis Palés Matos, and essayists like Nemesio Canales. welcome. topuertorico.org

Jamaica



On September 3rd the Electoral Office of Jamaica held its 2007 general election. The preliminary results showed that the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) has won with 31 contested seats. The People's National Party (JNP) only won 29 seats. Leader of the JLP, Bruce Golding is aware of the challenges that lie ahead after winning by such a small margin. He commented saying, "... We would seek to establish a new framework that would seek to establish inclusiveness between government and the opposition."

The Jamaican flag has 3 colors, green, black and gold. Black stands for hardships overcome and to be faced; Gold, for natural wealth and beauty of sunlight; and Green stands for hope and agricultural resources. www.jamaicans.com

Barbados



Minister of the State in the Ministry of Education, Cynthia Forde, firmly emphasized the importance of education among youth for a more successful and prosperous life. October is Education Month in Barbados and Forde kicked it off with her lecture at the Abundant Life Assembly on October 1st. Schools have been encouraged to underscore the theme of Education Month, which is Literacy for Healthier Living. Every Thursday of the month will focus on different aspects of healthier living and there will more lectures throughout the month that students, parents and educators can attend.

Barbados became an independent country in 1966, and is the third oldest parliamentary democracy in the world. www.worldinfozone.com

Haiti



Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis' principle goal at this time is to boost country's poor economy through improvement in the business sector. He sees the first step as calling on the national police to help reinstate a peaceful environment and eliminate crime. By doing this, the society will become more hindering for businesses to thrive. Alexis' office has proposed a trade partnership with the Bahamas, but Chamber of Commerce of the Bahamas is having doubtful after meeting with perspective business officials. Nevertheless, Haiti, which is considered the least business developed country of the Caribbean, is still working hard to improve their economy and make a name for themselves.

In the late 18th century, Haiti's nearly half million slaves revolted under Toussaint L'OUVERTURE and after a prolonged struggle, became the first black republic to declare its independence in 1804. www.travelblog.org

Trinidad & Tobago



On September 28th Prime Minister Patrick Manning announced that the general election for Trinidad and Tobago would take place on Monday

November 5th. In addition, Nomination Day will be October 22nd. In the past Trinidadians have been under the rule of a 36-member Parliament, but in this year's election, they will be voting for a 41-member Parliament. And for six years the People's National Movement has had primary control, the United National Congress, led by former Prime Minister Basdeo Panday, is looking to lead to country out of its violent streak.

Over four hundred species of birds inhabit the islands, a migratory crossing point. Birds include the scarlet ibis and the blue-footed booby. Over sixteen types of hummingbirds live in Trinidad, a fact that gave Trinidad its name before the arrival of the Europeans: "Land of the Hummingbirds". www.worldinfozone.com

Guyana



Guyana's economy is on the rise. Strong efforts to provide a steady and productive environment are gradually paying off. Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley, is singing praises to Guyana and is currently looking into to business and trade partnerships with the country. She will also be attending GUYEXPO 2007, which is the exposition that's responsible for the boost that has been given to small businesses lately. The exposition provides the businesses with trade, investment, and marketing advice and assistance. And this year's GUYEXPO is expected to be the biggest. GUYEXPO 2007 will be held from September 27th through October 2nd at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC). While the exposition takes place and even afterwards, the Guyanese government will be continuing to encourage small businesses and increased trade and partnerships with the rest of Caribbean.

Guyana has long provided a setting for literary expression. Native authors whose works are popular include Wilson Harris, Jan Care, Denis Williams and ER Braithwaite. Braithwaite's memoir, "To Sir With Love", details his experiences as a black high school teacher in a white London slum. His work was praised for its hopeful view of difficult race relations and became the subject of a major motion picture. www.guyana.org

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Campus Progress Comes to CCNY

By Easter Z. Wood

What do Barak Obama, M1 of the group Dead Prez, Nancy Pelosi, and Fat Joe all have in common? They have all been speakers at the annual National Student Conference hosted by Campus Progress (www.CampusProgress.org), a national organization dedicated to helping young people make their voices heard on issues that matter to them.

A project of the Center for American Progress (www.AmericanProgress.org), Campus Progress is aimed at helping to create the next generation of progressive leaders in America, and they seek to help ensure that these new leaders are better trained, better informed, more diverse, and more unified than any generation before. These leaders aren't just future politicians; they are journalists, activists, artists and advocate everyone and anyone who is dedicated to seeing positive change in society. Campus Progress achieves its goal of training, informing, diversifying and unifying through a number of different activities on college campuses around the nation, including film screenings, speaker series, town meetings, drives, conferences and workshops.

The City College of New York has just become home to one of the newest chapters of Campus Progress, under the leadership of Maya Perl, Easter Z. Wood and Annie Deng who are all national representatives of Campus Progress for the 2007-2008 school year and all progressive student activists dedicated to change. The chapter is in the process of registering as an official CCNY organization and invites all students who would like their voices heard on issues to join them. Whatever you're concerned about: global warming, ending the war in Iraq, college affordability, fairness in the political process or any other issue, you owe it to yourself to stand and make your voice heard.

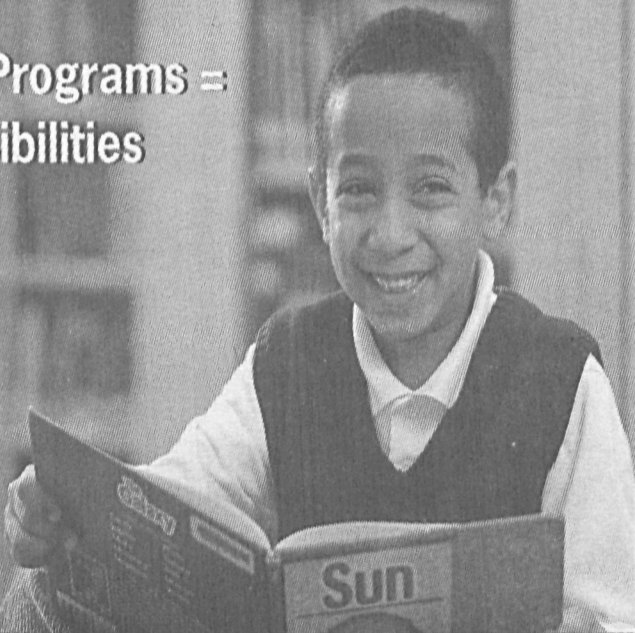
In the spirit of unity, Campus Progress also seeks to form alliances

and plan activities in conjunction with other school organizations. Students in Media, the History Club and the Gulf Coast Relief Society are just a few of the organizations that are in discussions with Campus Progress to host joint events that will address the issues important to all. Look out for film screenings, voter registration drives and more from YOUR chapter of Campus Progress! Stand up and speak out!



Easter Wood with Senator Tom Daschle at the 2007 Campus Progress National Student Conference

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Sports



Isaiah Thomas' Sexual Harassment Lawsuit

By Nicholas Chin

For the past few seasons, the New York Knicks has been among the losing teams in the NBA and they have missed the playoffs for the past four years since 2003. Even though they have the highest payroll in the league, they are still among the worst teams, and each of their decisions seems more ludicrous. Knicks fans believe that Isaiah Thomas, President of the team, is responsible for the team diving into a pit they can't get out of. They are sure that his influence on the team is a negative one, but it seems that Thomas' influence has now extended past the team and into the personnel.

Anucha Browne Sanders was hired 2000 as a marketing executive. Isaiah Thomas was hired in 2004, and that was when trouble started. According to Sanders, after Thomas was hired was when things began to become stressful, and it was not just because of any of the projects she was working on. She claims that Thomas for the first year repeatedly called her many profane names and supposedly hated her. This went on for a year. Then, during the second year, Thomas' attitude toward her changed in 2006, with Thomas saying that he was in love with her. He kept making passes at her, trying to hug and kiss her. Also, Sanders claimed that Thomas asked her to go "off-site" to spend some time with him. One of Browne Sanders' witnesses, Robert Levy, said that he saw Thomas trying to make advances towards her while she tried to push him away. Browne Sanders could not explain the sudden change of heart in Thomas and told Steve Mills, MSG Sports President and CEO, about these advances and how uncomfortable it made

her. She told him that she had lost confidence in the people she worked with, and that she couldn't do it anymore. Mills agreed to keep her on the job until she found another one. Then she was fired in January 2006, because of her complaints of sexual harassment. Now she is suing Thomas for \$10 million, as well as demanding her job back.

The Knicks and Thomas tell a different story. Thomas has said that in the time that he's been an employee of the New York Knicks, he's worked with her for about 3 hours. He has always considered Browne Sanders a co-worker, although he has admitted to trying to kiss her on cheek, and has said that Browne Sanders backed away, leaving him perplexed. He has denied asking her "off-site" and has never called her any profane names before. He may have cursed around her, but never at her. Mills said that when Browne Sanders complained to him, it was about the demands of the job, not because of sexual harassment. He also said that, the reason Browne Sanders was fired was because of her performance on the job. There was a meeting where she could not answer any of the questions that Thomas or the other employees had, and that was one of the reasons she was fired. James Dolan, President of MSG, fired her without discussing the matter with anyone else, contrary to what Browne Sanders has said.

There is doubt that Browne Sanders' case will hold because of the number of contrary opinions and testimonies from everyone else in Madison Square Garden. There was one incident where Knicks player, Stephon Marbury, asked Kathleen Decker, an MSG intern, into his car to

have sex. Browne Sanders was with her but didn't go, instead walked away. Browne Sanders' side of the story was that Decker was pressured into having sex with Marbury and was forced to. But when Marbury testified, he said that the sex was consensual and was not forced. Decker also testified that it was consensual and that she was in control. Also, all the other employees disagree with Browne Sanders' story about what has happened, claiming that she just wants to get her job back because of the salary.

Although faced with so many opposing sides, Browne Sanders' might have a chance because of a video of Thomas using profane language. In the video, he comments that it is not okay for a white man to make profane remarks to a black female but he is more accepting of a black man saying the same thing to a black woman, although he feels that it is still inappropriate for anyone to use that kind of language. This could be used against him in this case because of his negative view of acceptable treatment towards women. The judge could believe Browne Sanders even though her side of the story conflicts with her coworkers.

Regardless of what happens during the trial, and regardless of the outcome, Isaiah Thomas' image is tarnished and it will take a lot for him to rebuild his reputation. The verdict is yet to be heard, but in the eyes of many fans, he is guilty.

Editor's Note: As of press time, the case has been decided -- Ms. Brown Sanders was granted an \$11.6 million settlement.

Upcoming Games

Women's Volleyball Schedule		Women's Soccer Schedule	
10/13	Oswego Tournament	10/13	CSI 12:00pm
	10:00am	10/15	St. Joseph NY 3:30pm
10/16	Medgar Evers 7:00pm	10/17	Ramapo 4:00pm
10/23	CSI TBA	10/20	St. Elizabeth 1:00pm
10/27	Tri-Match vs. Gwenyd	10/28	HVWAC Playoffs TBA
	Mercy 1:00pm		
10/30	CUNYAC Quarter Finals		
	7:00pm		
Men's Soccer Schedule		Men's Cross Country Schedule	
10/13	Brooklyn 6:00pm		
10/15	Kean 7:30pm		
10/17	City Tech 6:00pm		
10/22	Manhattanville 6:00pm		
10/27	CUNYAC Quarterfinals		
	1:00pm		
10/31	CUNYAC Semifinals		
	4pm & 6pm		

Big Ole Beaver Bash

By Julian Robinson

On September 25th City College celebrated the beginning of the sports season with the typical pep rally. The rally was fun and entertaining for everyone that attended and it was a great opportunity to be formally introduced to the athletes at City College. It was mentioned during the rally that the men's basketball team came very close to winning it all last year, so they definitely have an agenda to take care of this season – but of course they need the support of the students and fans and the rally surely helped them create some new ones.

Like all of the events that take place outside the NAC building, the pep rally brought a crowd primarily for the free food but there was also

a huge emphasis on a game that was scheduled to take place following the rally. The girl's soccer team was slated to play against the rivals, Hunter College. During the rally it was mentioned that Hunter College previously won by default against the Beavers because of what seemed like an unfair call of some sort.

The Pep rally is not only fun, it has a lot of meaning in college sports. It represents the dawning a new season, where competitors can right any wrongs from last season. Pep rallies bring hope and hypes up a team and its fans. Hopefully the Beavers have a great season in every sport they play this year. Something tells me it's going to be a wild season for CCNY sports, so watch and wait. Let's go Beavers!