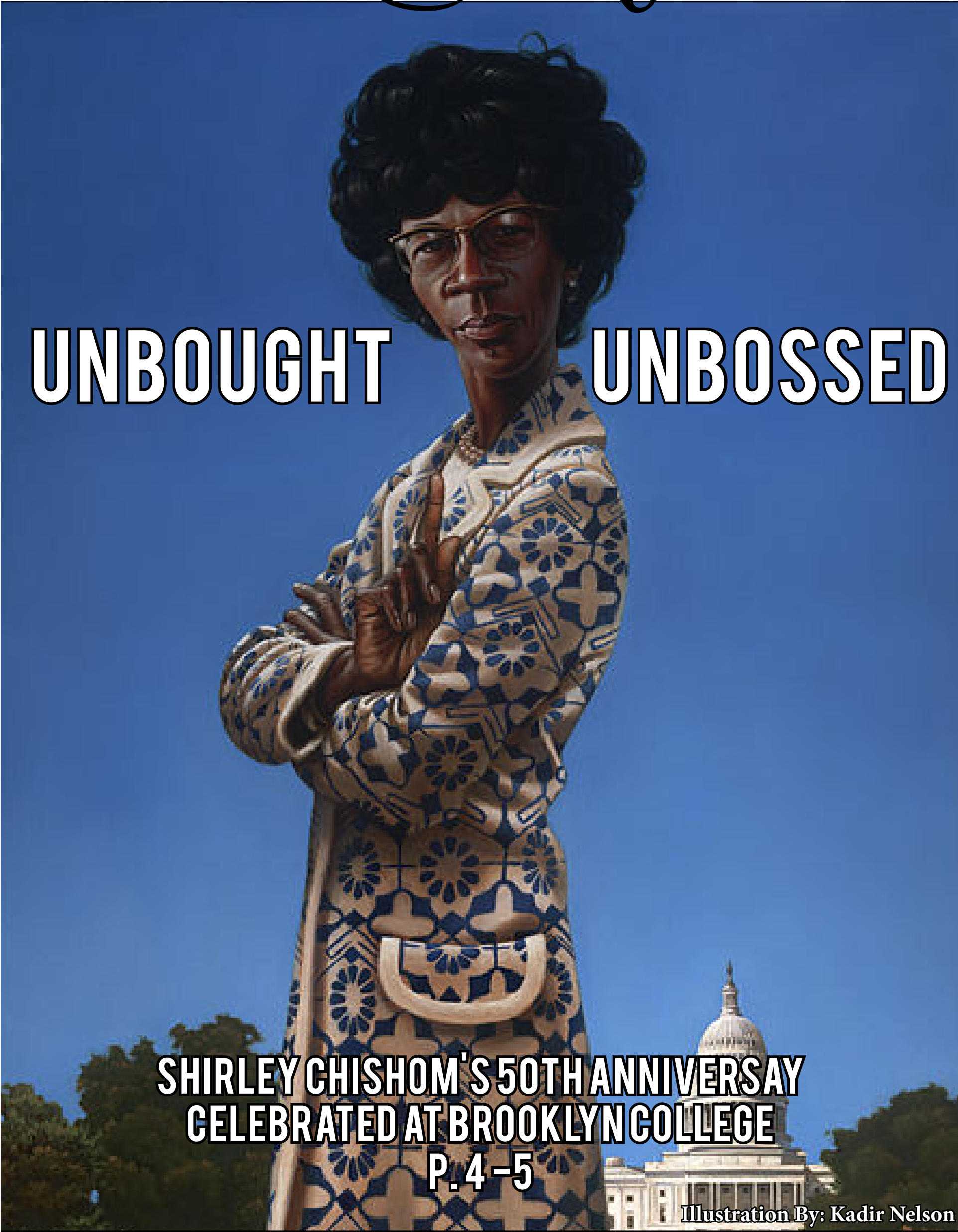


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CORRECTION

In our Nov. 14 issue, the article “On-Campus Education Opportunity For Senior Citizens May End” incorrectly identifies the teachers as only retirees. Teachers of BLL include active faculty members, staff members, and other community members, including notably state and local representatives. The Kingsman apologizes for the error.



Talk to us!

Are you a CUNY student or faculty member with something to say? The Kingsman’s Opinions section is accepting submissions. Send your op-ed to *kingsmanbc@gmail.com* before 11:59 PM Saturday. (The Kingsman only publishes articles written by Brooklyn College students and faculty, related to goings-on at Brooklyn College or CUNY. We reserve the right to reject submissions which are off-topic, obscene, or excessively wordy.)

Macaulay Honors Accepts Community College Students



Some of the students involved with the new Macaulay Honors Program, Macaulay Bridge / CUNY.edu

By Quiara Vasquez
Editor-in-Chief

CUNY’s most exclusive school just got a little more inclusive, as Macaulay Honors College accepts its first batch of transfer students this fall through a pilot program called Macaulay Bridge.

According to a November 19th press release from CUNY central, 18 students from Borough of Manhattan Community College and Bronx Community College will be accepted into the Macaulay Honors program at Lehman College once they receive their two-year degrees at the end of the Spring 2019 semester. Up until now, only high school seniors were allowed to

apply to Macaulay, and Macaulay programs were only present at four-year “senior” CUNYs.

The press release notes that “all 18 students are members of minority groups; most are Hispanic or black and a few are immigrants or children of immigrants from countries including India, Yemen and the West African nation of The Gambia.”

Macaulay’s racial demographics have long been a point of contention. Macaulay is the only CUNY which does not provide yearly racial demographics. According to the press release, Macaulay Honors’ student body is 50% white, 34% Asian, 9% Hispanic, and 7% black; this is in sharp contrast to the

student body across CUNY, which is 23% white, 21% Asian, 31% Hispanic, and 25% black.

The disparities are even sharper at Brooklyn College. In December of last year, the Kingsman published data admissions data for Macaulay Honors’ class of 2021 at Brooklyn College. 5% of the admitted students were black; less than 1% were Hispanic. In contrast, 24% of undergrads at Brooklyn College are black and 22% are Hispanic.

Regardless, the feel in the Honors Lounge in Boylan about the program is positive with several students seeming excited about the idea. “Good, about time this happened,” said Sophomore Robin Tainsh, another was excited

because of friend of hers attends a community college and dreamt of wanting to attend Macaulay, and now the opportunity could arise again. “People should not be penalized for wanting to go to community college,” said Freshman Lauryn Andrews.

But some express skepticism about whether the program will really address Macaulay’s racial issues.

“It’s a step in the right direction and I’m glad Dean Pearl is doing it, but Macaulay needs big sweeping changes, not just 18 non-white or Asian students,” said Nissim Said, the former president of CLAS student government. During his tenure as CLAS president, he was critical of Macaulay Honors and its students’ attitudes towards what he saw as unchecked privilege.

“Macaulay also agrees that the transfer students into the program would be far more diverse than high school applicants. There’s a reason for that,” said Said. “The students that enter the Macaulay program for the most part are coming from better schools, with better advisors, and more preparation. These aren’t exactly the most diverse schools in America.”

For now, Macaulay Bridge is just a pilot program. Whether it will have an impact on the perceived race problem at Macaulay Honors has yet to be seen.

Students Face Their Worst Nightmare; Trapped in Class

By Allison Rapp
Managing Digital Editor

For some Brooklyn College students, this past Thanksgiving holiday was a much needed break, particularly from the consistently less than adequate infrastructure issues the campus faces on a daily basis. For Tereya Farmer, these problems got a little too real on Thursday, November 15th, when she and her fellow classmates got locked inside their own classroom.

Though a sign had been posted on the door of Roosevelt Extension 113, asking that the door not be locked, the classroom door still open. Farmer and the rest of her African Studies class were finishing up a quiz and leaving early for the day, when one of the students must have accidentally allowed the door to close behind them on their way out, leaving the others locked inside. Spotty cell service and dying batteries prevented the students from calling for help. Eventually, after some banging on the door, the professor was able to slide his key under the door to a passerby to free

them.

Some think this situation also raises questions about the safety of the building in general. Should a real emergency take place, will students be able to leave their classrooms safely and efficiently?

“We were very concerned because there aren’t many classes in that section of Roosevelt after common hours, and usually we don’t have cell service to call either,” said Farmer. “We’re just lucky that it wasn’t a night class and that student didn’t ignore the banging on the door.”

An anonymous student also told the Kingsman that the elevators on campus are another issue to look out for. They noted that while assisting a student in Whitehead attempting to reach the fourth floor, the elevator kept dropping to the basement. Though it wasn’t accelerating, it did not respond to any of the buttons that were pushed in an effort to get the machine to stop.

“I know the school has been experiencing budget cuts and elevator repairs can take some time, but it shouldn’t compromise

a students safety,” they said.

As most every BC student knows, this is a long standing issue that

hopefully can be resolved in the near future so that students can feel safe in their own classrooms.



Roosevelt Ext. 113 with no sign. /Photo Credits: Samantha Castro

For Shirley Chisholm’s 50th Anniversary, A Roundtable On Black Women’s Politics



Shirley Chisholm looking at list of numbers posted on a wall./ Flickr

By Quiara Vasquez
Editor-in-Chief

50 years ago, Brooklyn College alumna Shirley Chisholm became the first black woman to be elected to Congress.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, it was standing room only in SUBO’s Gold Room when a panel of black women intellectuals discussed Chisholm’s legacy and the role black women play in modern politics. Over 200 students and alumni showed up, not to mention several elected officials, among them Assemblymember Rodneyse

Bichotte and Councilmember Jumaane Williams.

“The halls of Albany still cry for Shirley Chisholm,” Bichotte told the crowd. “We’re still fighting for her legacy.”

Chisholm’s legacy can be felt especially acutely at her alma mater and within the CUNY system more generally. Among the accomplishments Shirley Chisholm achieved during her career was the creation of SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge) in 1966, a program across all the CUNY four-year colleges which provides financial

aid and counseling to first-generation college students.

Chisholm was also a member of the Brooklyn chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, one of the “Divine Nine” historically black Greek letter organizations. The current Brooklyn chapter president, Shawna Green Myles, also spoke at the event, delivering a message of empowerment for her fellow black women.

“I am a black woman, tall as a cypress, strong beyond all definition,” Myles told the audience. She referenced a famous saying of Chisholm’s - “if they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”

After these opening remarks, the roundtable discussion began in earnest. Moderating the panel was Brooklyn College professor Zinga Fraser; also present were Niambi Carter, a political science professor at Howard University, and Christina Greer, an American Studies professor at Fordham and a frequent MSNBC commentator.

Carter called attention to Chisholm’s legacy with respect to immigration. During the Carter administration, Chisholm called out the president for allowing Cubans fleeing to Miami to remain in the country while denying Haitians asylum.

“Her critiques were frequent, they were loud, and they were right on,” Carter told the audience. She said these comments had special relevance as in our current political climate, where immigrants from Central America are being denied entry to the United States by the Trump administration.

Carter, Greer and Fraser all took offense to the notion of black women as “political saviors,” such as when black woman voters were widely credited in the media with causing Democrat Doug Jones’s victory over Roy Moore in Alabama.

“We’re the ones where the boot is constantly at our neck,” said Greer. “We’re seen as the worker bees but never as the queen.”

“We have given a lot of men a lot of shine for the labor of black women,” agreed Carter. “It is exhausting, but we do it in so many places that we know that transformational change is possible.”

After the roundtable, Jumaane Williams gave those in attendance some motivating words.

“It’s not enough to SAY ‘unbought and unbossed,’” said Williams, referencing Chisholm’s presidential slogan. “We have to BE unbought and unbossed.”

Creator of Spongebob Squarepants Dies at 57

By Ryan Schwach
Managing News Editor

Stephen Hillenburg, creator of everyone’s favorite sponge, Spongebob Squarepants, has died of ALS at the age of 57.

Hillenburg created the anthropomorphic sponge in the late 90s after a career as a marine biology teacher. 20 years, 12 seasons, 245 episodes, two movies, and four Emmys later Spongebob and his underwater adventures have become staples of the 2000s American Lexicon, and a default TV setting for many of us who grew up during its heyday.

These days, you would find difficulty in finding anyone between the ages of 10 and 25 who does not know the story of the Hash-Slinging Slasher, the study of Wumbo, or what F.U.N stands for.

“Spongebob meant so much to

me growing up. Even as an adult I quote it weekly” said Gabe Gurwin, gaming journalist, on Twitter.

“Whenever someone sings the Krusty Krab pizza song like 10 other people join in...and the campfire song, that one’s hilarious” said Brooklyn student Xavier Rubira.

Spongebob’s home network Nickelodeon confirmed Hillenburg’s death on Tuesday afternoon, saying in a tweet, “We are sad to share the news of the passing of Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of SpongeBob SquarePants. Today, we are observing a moment of silence to honor his life and work.”

Hillenburg released that he had been diagnosed with ALS last March, and is survived by his wife Karen and son Clay.

Thanks, Stephen Hillenburg...you were #1.



Stephen Hillenburg holding the Spongebob Squarepants bible/ Flickr

Dr. Sonia Sanchez Speaks To Students About Shirley Chisholm



Dr. Zinga A Fraser (left) and Dr. Sonia Sanchez (right) talking about Shirley Chisholm's life. / Courtesy of Allison Rapp

By Allison Rapp
Managing Digital Editor

Shirley Chisholm’s name is known throughout the Brooklyn College community. It was five decades ago this year that Chisholm became the first African-American woman to be elected to congress -- a truly monumental feat for 1968. Her political bravery is remembered today, but her work was not done alone. Chisholm was inspired and influenced by a great number of

other black women of her time, including Barbara Jordan, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, Dorothy Height, and Sonia Sanchez. These lawyers, activists, writers, and politicians paved paths alongside Chisholm. One of them spoke at Brooklyn College for Shirley Chisholm Day, and the packed audience, which left standing room only, and people sitting on the floor, welcomed her warmly.

Dr. Sonia Sanchez, an African-American poet most often

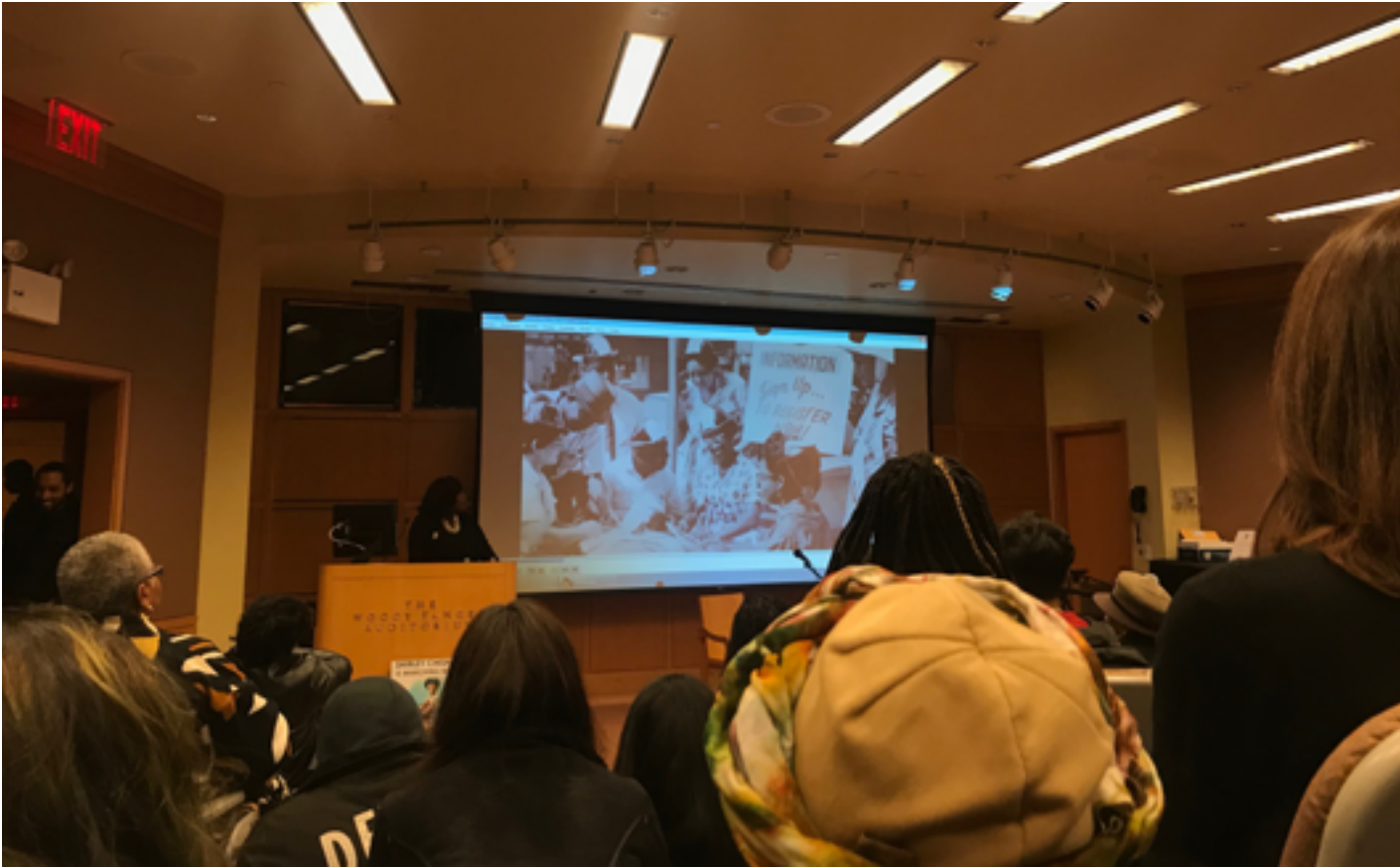
associated with the Black Arts Movement, is the author of over a dozen books and the recipient of multiple prestigious awards. Though originally from Birmingham, she attended both CUNY Hunter College, and New York University. Currently, she is the poet-in-residence at Temple University in Philadelphia. While teaching at Temple, she taught a student named Zinga Fraser, who would later go on to be the director of the Shirley Chisholm Project at

Brooklyn College.

“Shirley wasn’t alone. She also wasn’t loved by everyone,” said Sanchez. Indeed, as Fraser pointed out, some backlash against Chisholm when the Black Panther movement supported her campaign. Naturally, there were also those who disapproved of her work because she was a woman.

“Anytime a woman did something outside the normal, there would be gossip about her,” said Sanchez. “What does she think she’s doing? Well she [Chisholm] knew what she was doing.”

Sanchez frequently referred to individuals as not just “he-roes” but “she-roes”, as well as including “her-story” alongside “his-story”. She left the audience with words from a Japanese poet, Matsuo Bashō, encouraging students to uphold Chisholm’s activist spirit: Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise; seek what they sought.



One of the images shown at the event. /Courtesy of Allison Rapp

OP-ED: The Golden Age of Listening

By Noah Daly
Staff Writer

Podcasts are quickly rising as the most popular way to consume information of College Campuses, and students are getting even smarter. In a recent study done by the Edison Research Group, about 32% of Americans between 18-25 listen to some form of audio stream every month. Listening presents a unique challenge for many young people. It puts us in a situation where we have to develop mental images on our own, and weave together details that would be much more obvious on a screen in front of us. This creative stimulus can lead to a more agile mind, and the more agile your brain is, the greater your potential.

More than television, podcasts are geared towards relaying whole stories. It can be easy to click on Friends or It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia and let the TV show you what you need to feel entertained, but in order to really be engaged by The Joe Rogan Experience or The Tim Ferris Show, you have to think a little more critically. During the holiday weekend, I wandered out Wednesday evening to the bars in Nyack, New York, not far from where I grew up. Young people in this quiet town by the water went all over the map to get away from it, so when I asked my former

classmates what they listened to the responses were equally diverse: one University of Albany microbiology major/ decathlete is a religious listener to "The School of Greatness" with Lewis Howes, a Uconn finance major

In 2006, there were only several thousand podcasts streaming every week. Now there's over half a million. In that same time, Edison discovered that people who listened on a regular basis were 14% more likely than

thousands of people. On the campus of SUNY Rockland Community College, I was once assigned a weekly essay to listen to no less than three hours of podcasts each week, and write a brief summary of what I heard.

By the end of the semester, many of my classmates and I were commenting to each other about our experiences, dumbfounded by how simply not watching has changed the way we process information.

A good podcast should provide a backdrop to your activity. Edison mentions that 63% of surveyed podcast listeners perform other tasks while they listen. Unlike the TV, audio lets us multitask, again making the brain do more with its time. When we look back on previous generations, there's a subconscious intellectual bias towards those who read books. We think smart people are "bookworms" and readers are "more studious". The same is true now for podcast listeners. In many work spaces such as WeWork in Manhattan, common rooms and lounge spaces are now reserved weekly for podcast-listening sessions.

David Remnick, Editor of the New Yorker recently described 2018 as "The Golden Age of Listening". As the year winds down, use these many hours of studying as an opportunity to discover something new on the airwaves.



Standard logo for podcast / Pixabay

loves "This American Life", a theoretical mathematics student is obsessed with "Enormocast", a podcast dedicated to all things rock climbing. I personally love a podcast about military history, jiu jitsu, and best practices for life, hosted by a former US navy seal named Jocko (search "Jocko Podcast").

non-listeners to make in excess of \$100,000 per year. Forbes compiled a list of podcasts listened to by CEOs, and the results seemed pretty telling. Tony Robbins, Gary Vaynerchuk, Snoop Dogg and Arianna Huffington all have their own audio shows that entertain a monthly audience of hundreds of

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Letter to the Editor: State of Campus



VP Alan Gilbert of Finance and Administration / brooklyn.cuny.edu

By Brune Crane
Opinion Contributor

To Editor,

Another paper had no room for this article. I saw your reporter at this event so thought you had it covered. If he did, maybe you can add the parts he didn't. It was the top issue in a dozen newspapers last semester. Let me know if interested.

Thank you,
Bruce Crane

On Nov 8th, a "State of the Campus" event was held from 12:30 pm to 2 pm in the Amersfort Lounge in the Student Center. VP Gilbert of Finance and Administration, he told of class room improvements, a new app and answered all questions about college repairs. CLAS student government hosted it and President Eytan Galanter was there with about two dozen others in attendance. VP Gilbert got the bathrooms fixed in quick fashion last semester once he came back. He had a detailed plan. He showed examples with a slide show of how he prioritized campus needs which at the top were bathrooms and improving campus conditions. He had a bathroom assessment with 90 day challenges. Also to enhance spaces such as the Whitehead Plaza which is the Library Cafe courtyard and lecture halls and finally a new survey. All lecture halls are being renovated and some new ones and all are ADA

accessible. Some air conditioners are being put in class rooms that never had one. He is mindful that some are too noisy for teaching. Recently the college sent out two notices on a student survey on the state of the facilities. Only 1,100 have responded. Next week will be the last notice. Last spring's survey had 1,660 or 9% responses. There are about 17,000 students. He said he wanted a bigger response of feedback. He said students professionally replied about a concern, without too much negativity in it. He broke down the results. The survey program picks up keywords. The bathrooms were the number one concern. Since then, there are numbers on toilets and sinks and who to report it to. The survey's highlight to many questions were that 30% are fixed in a timely manner, 55% are well maintained, 67% are considered clean, 54% are satisfied with the classrooms, and 59% with public spaces and 91% with the grounds. Seeing that, VP Gilbert had the party in charge of public spaces, to get more involved in other areas. 35% said there was an improvement in bathrooms, which was an increase from the past.

There are many causes for the problems. An 80 year old campus has more repairs and the college received 7 million dollars less. One billion dollars is needed for deferred maintenance. When staff leaves, he said they are not replaced fast enough. More

janitors and plumbers have been recently hired.

Many items Brooklyn College has to work with CUNY on, such as infrastructure and the new theater and CUNY takes the lead. He wants more bathroom and elevator surveys. There have been years of neglect and he wants to end the band aid approach. If he sees the college is repairing the same part over and over again, then he will replace it as it is wasting time and money. Last semester someone left a window open in James Hall for a while and the pipes burst. Of the buildings, Boylan, Ingersoll and Roosevelt need to be fixed first. He said he needs the student's help in telling them where a problem as there are many areas. There are 1,690 fixtures assessed across 236 bathrooms, as of 11/7/18, 55 new issues in the bathrooms.

It is in everyone's interest to fix items. Last semester's Broken College Instagram may have spurred that. A bad reputation hurts recruitment and donations. Many repairs can be avoided. Mice might be avoided if students clean up after they eat and less broken microwaves by not putting tin foil in it. People stuffing up the toilet with thick towels, wastes an hour to three hours of a plumber's time.

To minimize inconveniencing most, many repairs will occur on weekends. For water problems, some buildings cannot isolate just that area, but must shut off

a major part of the building. He is for preventive maintenance, more town hall meetings and will send out a monthly e-mail.

AVP for Facilities, Planning and Operations, Francis X. Fitzgerald responded to questions and said if there is poor lighting in the Library Café, he said he could look into it. He said they look to replace a light when it goes out and not wait for more to go out to replace it all together. He also said there are some that want room temperatures hotter and some want it colder and the outside temperatures have had great fluctuations. There was a complaint that the blowers are too strong.

VP Gilbert said that "BC Fix-It" feature on the Brooklyn College Navigator app, will be implementable December 7th. BC Fix-It allows them to receive and respond to real-time information about bathroom fixture problems so they can deploy staff more effectively. They are currently in phase 2 of the pilot testing. The feature will come out stating repairs and showing the status.

Each bathroom fixture has been tagged with a four-digit number. Until BC Fix-It goes live, you are encouraged to email the tag ID # of a broken fixture to BCFIX-IT@brooklyn.cuny.edu, or call 24 hours to (718) 951-5885) VP Gilbert's site is <http://brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/administration/finance.php>

BROOKLYN COLLEGE SPORTS

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LeBron James,
Fifth Highest Scorer



LeBron James, Cleveland Cavaliers /Flicker

By Jasmine Peralta
Sports Editor

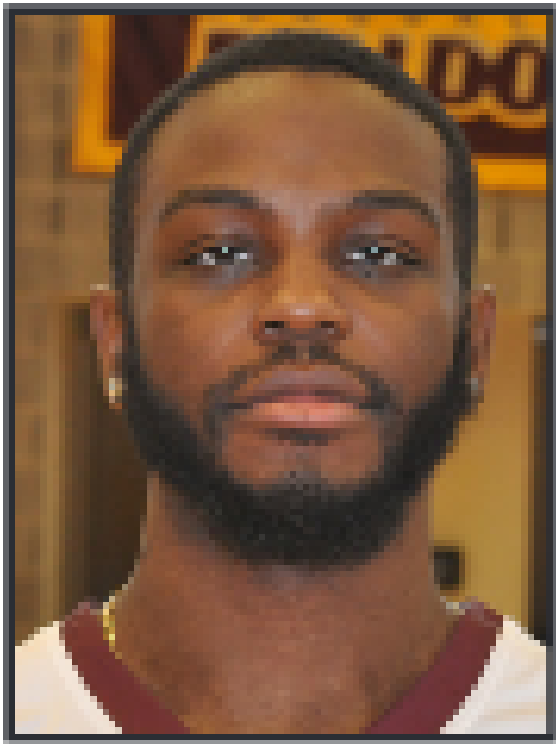
LeBron James hits another milestone in his career after being named the fifth highest scorer in NBA history. James reached 31,420 career points with a free throw in the fourth quarter to pass former Lakers center, Wilt Chamberlain.

The milestone occurred a week ago during the Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers game on November 15 where James finished the game with a season-high 44 points, ten rebounds, and nine assists. The Lakers ultimately won, 126-117. James is now next to Michael Jordan who made 32,292 points on the NBA all-time scoring list. The

ball and uniform James wore the night of his historic victory will be donated to the I Promise School in Akron, which James opened earlier this year.

“One of the most dominant forces we ever had in our game along with Shaq,” James said of Chamberlain when reflecting on his success. “So just dominant in all walks of life, not only just basketball but period. I don’t know how I feel right now,” James said. “I’m happy we were able to get another win. But any time my name is mentioned with some of the greats that have played this game, I always think back to my hometown, where I come from and how far I’ve come.”

Jordan Wright,
CUNYAC Player of the Week



Jordan Wright, first year in BC’s Men Basketball Team /cunyathletics.com

By Jasmine Peralta
Sports Editor

Brooklyn’s Junior guard, Jordan Wright was announced CUNYAC Men’s Basketball player of the week on Monday.

Wright earns the title after scoring 25 points against Centenary University on November 20. During the game, Wright shot 10-13 from the field and helped his team with five assists and five rebounds. Brooklyn finished off the game 80-76 a non-conference win at Centenary University’s home court.

According to the Brooklyn College Athletics page, “He is the first Bulldog so far this season to earn a conference weekly award.”

The teams win has placed them with an overall record of 4-1 this season. The Bulldogs will be playing at Brooklyn once again on Wednesday November 28 at 7PM. Don’t forget to catch the Bulldogs for the homecoming game on Friday November 30, free t-shirts will be given out to the first 450 fans to attend the doubleheader with the Women’s game, which begins at 5PM.

