

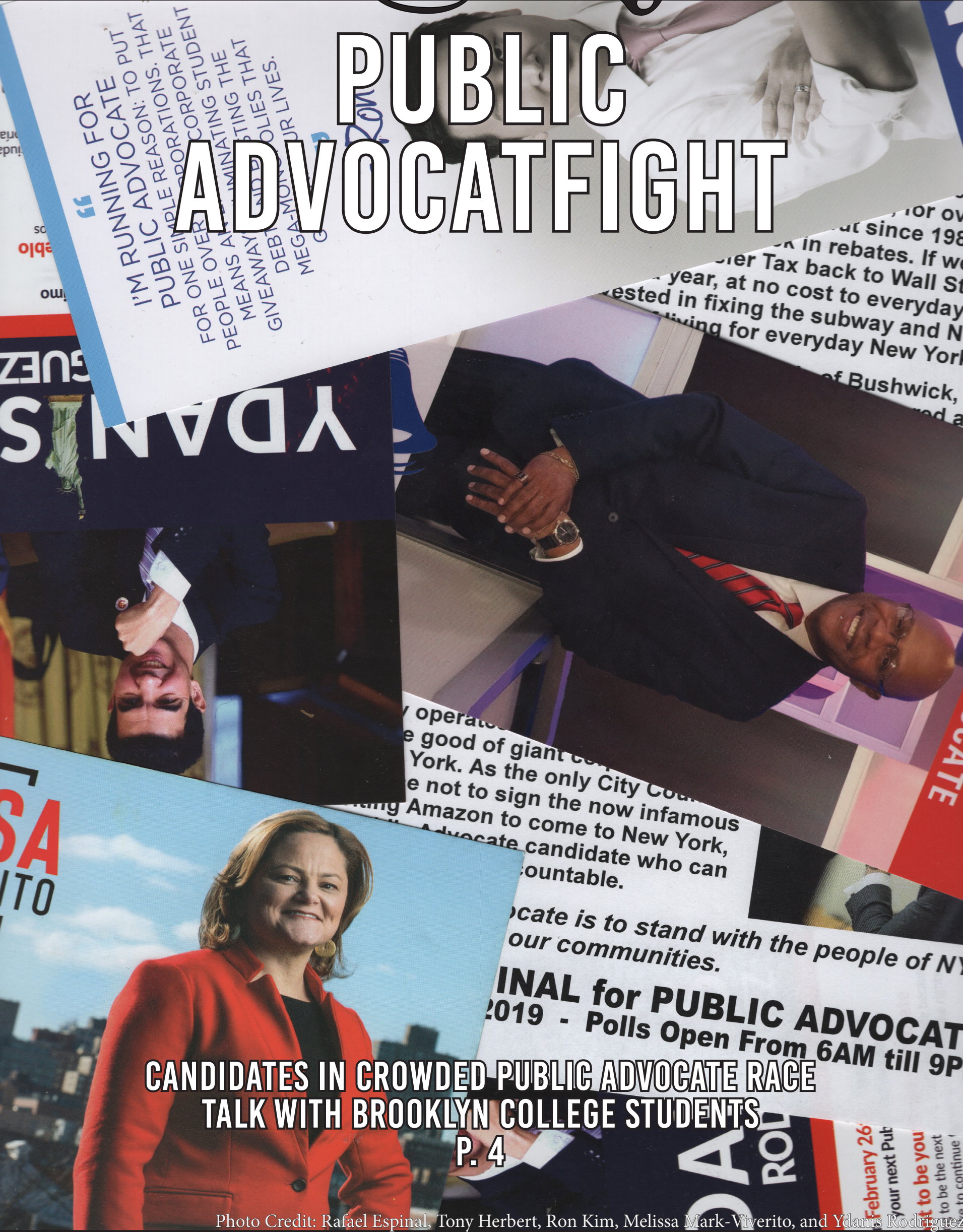
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CUNY Turns Down New Title IX Restrictions

By Allison Rapp
Managing Digital Editor

On Tuesday, Jan. 29, CUNY released their formal response to new Title IX regulations that were proposed by the U.S. government on Nov. 16, 2018. The response was not what the federal government would’ve hoped to hear. Led by Brooklyn College President Michelle Anderson, who has expertise in rape law, and a group of CUNY representatives, it concluded that the proposed changes to Title IX would weaken needed protections for students and degrade both safety and equality on CUNY campuses.

“Throughout this process, my focus was, is, and always will be on ensuring that every student can learn in a safe and nurturing environment,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. “That starts with having clear policies and fair processes that every student can rely on. Every survivor of sexual violence must be taken seriously, and every student accused of sexual misconduct must know that guilt is not predetermined. We can, and must, condemn sexual violence and punish those who perpetrate it, while ensuring a fair grievance process. Those are not mutually exclusive ideas. They are the very essence of how Americans understand justice to function.”

According to the proposed regulations, the definition of sexual harassment would be described as “unwelcome conduct on the basis of sex that is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the school’s education program or activity.” This is a change from Obama-era policy, where unwelcome conduct could be severe, pervasive, or objectively offensive to be considered sexual harassment.

The regulations also state that a school will be required (by law) to respond to an accusation when “the school has actual knowledge of sexual harassment that occurred within the school’s own ‘education program or activity.’”

In addition, schools would be held liable under Title IX “only when it is ‘deliberately indifferent’ to known sexual harassment, meaning its response is ‘clearly unreasonable in light of known circumstances.’”

Those accused of sexual assault will be given “a presumption of innocence throughout the grievance process, with the burden of proof on the school.”

The concept of being ‘innocent until proven guilty’ is, of course, a good one. But the proposal would also allow those accused of sexual misconduct to cross-examine their own accusers, and fails to take into account that most unwanted encounters occur off campus property.

In their response, CUNY stated that the proposed regulations “unfairly narrow the definition of sexual harassment by requiring it to be both severe and pervasive” and “unreasonably constrict the



U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. / Photo Credit: Michael Vadon

circumstances in which colleges may respond to sexual harassment by requiring them to dismiss complaints regarding behavior that occurs outside their educational programs or activities.”

In essence, the new regulations deter victims from coming forward.

“By contrast, New York State’s Enough is Enough statute, signed into law by Gov. Cuomo in 2015, encourages students to come forward with complaints, provides support for those who endure sexual harassment and safeguards the rights of both the accusers and the accused,” said Interim CUNY Chancellor Vita C. Rabinowitz in a press release. “It is among the most comprehensive and aggressive pieces of legislation in the U.S. to combat sexual assault on public and private college and university campuses statewide. We fervently oppose measures that make it harder for students to come forward, receive justice and, above all, to partake in the invaluable educational opportunities that CUNY provides.”

The response from CUNY concluded: “A core part of our mission is to protect and expand our disproportionately impoverished students’ equal access to educational opportunities. The civil rights statute Title IX should be of great help to CUNY in that effort. Unfortunately, the Department of Education’s proposed regulations would undermine the statute and arbitrarily hinder our efforts.”

CORRECTION

In our Feb. 6, 2019 issue, the article “In SUBO, A Student Town Hall, Minus Students” incorrectly lists the dates of three upcoming town hall events. The remaining three town halls will be held in Jefferson Lounge on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30 p.m., respectively. There will be no town hall on April 6. We apologize for the error.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences On the Lookout for New Dean

By Allison Rapp
Managing Digital Editor

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Brooklyn College (SHSS) is currently in the process of selecting a new dean. The school (which has both an undergraduate and graduate level program) features 45 different departments and programs, and covers a wide range of topics that are described as a “liberal education”. Their mission statement says the faculty and classes prepare students to be “adaptive and resilient in a rapidly changing global economy, and to be effective publicly engaged citizens in a rapidly changing society”.

As of right now, Professor Kenneth A. Gould is serving as acting dean. Gould’s work focuses mainly on environmental sociology, including gentrification, urban sustainability, and citizen activism. He is also a candidate for the full-time position.

The Provost of Brooklyn College, Anne Lopes, has perhaps the most influence in the selection of the new dean, and described

the interview timeline as quite thorough.

“The search for a dean involves an important and rigorous process,” Lopes told The Kingsman in an e-mail. “The development of a well-thought-out ad for the position; a recruitment plan based on best practices for outreach and advertising to ensure the best possible pool of diverse and qualified candidates; selection and vetting of potential finalists by the search committee; the campus visits/interviews that include meetings and assessment opportunities by all stakeholders—students, faculty and administrators; the search committee’s deliberations and the the assessment of qualified finalists; reference checks by the Provost; the background check of the successful finalist, the final selection by the President or Provost.”

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the overarching school that teaches majors like Africana Studies, Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, and Women and Gender Studies. Given the emphasis on racial and gender studies in the department,



Acting Dean Kenneth Gould. / brooklyn.CUNY.edu

ensuring a diverse pool of applicants is a big deal. specialized outreach strategies,” said Lopes.

“We have used best practices for outreach from how we crafted the ad to the composition of the search committee to the placement of the ad and to other The new dean is expected to be chosen sometime during the spring semester, according to the Office of the Provost.

Despite Stormy Weather, NYPIRG Prepares for Annual Albany Trip

By Ryan Schwach
Managing News Editor

Soon, members of Brooklyn College’s student body will venture up to Albany to appeal to state legislatures for increased CUNY budgeting and various other student-based issues.

For the past few months, the BC chapter of New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), a student-run activist group, has been organizing their trip to Albany as part of Higher Ed Action Day, an annual event that has existed since the late ‘80s. Brooklyn College’s delegation will be joined by nearly a thousand students from other CUNY and SUNY campuses.

On BC’s end, the project was organized by project managers Patrick Kenani and Jon Gaffney,

along with other NYPIRG members and interns.

“NYPIRG is helping to get the word out to students as much as we possibly can,” said Gaffney, who is organizing the project for the first time.

This year NYPIRG managed to confirm 100 students from Brooklyn College for the trip, which is an increase on last year. Gaffney attributes to an increase in student involvement in government in the past few years, but he also admits that a high number doesn’t always wind up working in actuality.

“We’re not gonna get a hundred people,” Gaffney said. “When you are planning events you get 100 people to say yes and 50 people show up.”

Regardless, NYPIRG is pushing forward with their usual agenda:

increased funding for CUNY and SUNY, which has dropped 7% per student since 2011, and to relieve most of the financial burden from tuition payers in exchange for more state funding. Also on the docket this year is making financial aid available during winter and summer sessions, and restoring SUNY’s teaching hospitals.

Last year, as reported in The Kingsman’s March 7, 2018 issue, there were several organizational issues with the trip. Groups were unsure where to meet with their representatives after session was called, and students were forced to wait for one representative to finish and wound up missing other meetings with legislators.

“Something like this is always going to be messy,” explains Gaffney. “NYPIRG is certainly aware

of the shortcomings from last year and we have done tons of training going up to this.”

Despite the usual hiccups, NYPIRG is optimistic going into this year’s Albany trip, with a newly elected Democrat-controlled legislature and state officials continuing tendency to challenge Trump administration policies.

“This is the most important time for activists and students who want to make their voices heard in 30 years,” says Gaffney.

The event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13, but inclement weather caused NYPIRG to reschedule. The new date for this year’s Higher Ed Action Day has not been announced as of press time.

Public Advocate Hopefuls Discuss CUNY at Campus Forum

By Quiara Vasquez
Editor-In-Chief

Six candidates arrived in SUBO’s Bedford Lounge last week, angling to win CUNY’s vote in a crowded election for Public Advocate.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, the CUNY University Student Senate (USS), the Brooklyn College chapter of Young Progressives of America (YPA), CLAS Student Government, and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) co-hosted the CUNY Public Advocate Forum.

The New York City Public Advocate serves as an ombudsperson, investigating and responding to citizens’ grievances. In addition to this “watchdog” role, the public advocate is first in the line of succession should the sitting mayor die. Ordinarily, Public Advocate elections are held every four years alongside mayoral elections. However, with former Public Advocate Letitia James being elected Attorney General in 2018, a special general election is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 26 to fill the vacant position.

Over two dozen candidates declared their intention to run in the open primary; eleven of those candidates were slated to appear at the CUNY Public Advocates forum. Of those candidates, five were no-shows: cryptocurrency enthusiast Theo Chino, Bernie Sanders surrogate and journalist

Nomiki Konst, Bronx’s 79th District Assemblyman Michael Blake, and former Obama campaign member Benjamin Yee. Brooklyn College alumnus and Brooklyn’s 46th District Councilman Jumaane Williams was also absent but in his stead was Josue Pierre, a representative from his campaign.

The six candidates who did attend were Columbia professor David Eisenbach; former Speaker of the New York City Council Melissa Mark-Viverito; Queens’ 40th District Assemblyman for Flushing Ron Kim; Manhattan’s 10th District Councilman for Washington Heights Ydanis Rodriguez; community organizer and attorney Anthony “Tony” Herbert; and Brooklyn’s 37th District Councilman for Brownsville and Cypress Hills Rafael Espinal.

Moderators Corrinne Greene from YPA and Elisa Crespo from USS gave each candidate two minutes at the start of the event to introduce themselves and their platforms.

“We have a problem where we, as a government, shifted the burden of higher education onto the individual,” Ron Kim told the crowd during his introductory remarks. “The solution is very simple, and I’m not just saying this to pander to this crowd: debt-free college, freeze tuition, free college, and quality education in public education.” In addition to taking aim at student debt,



The CUNY Public Advocate Forum was held on Feb. 7 in SUBO. / USS

Kim (who is running under the banner of the “No Amazon” party) also strongly chastised the city for giving tax subsidies to big corporations like Amazon.

He was followed by David Eisenbach. Eisenbach previously ran for Public Advocate in 2017 as a primary challenger to Letitia James running against Bill de Blasio “for surrendering our city to big real estate.” He took aim at the Real Estate Board on New

York (REBNY), which he accuses of worsening gentrification.

“It’s not a coincidence that we have historic displacement, historic homelessness,” Eisenbach told the audience, “because REBNY is targeting mainly immigrants and neighborhoods of color, and with the buy-in of City Council and our mayor.”

“Apologies to some of my opponents, who don’t realize the importance of allowing our young people to have a voice,” said Tony Herbert, a community organizer and self-proclaimed “outsider” to the political arena. “I am a father of five. My oldest is a graduate of Syracuse University; my youngest son is still in high school, and my middle son attends New York City Technical College. So if anybody understands what you’re going through, trust me, I do as a parent.”

“I think what the assemblyman [Kim] said is true: this is all about our priorities: as a city, as a state, as a country,” said Melissa Mark-Viverito. “Our public education systems, from K through 12, we should be not starving them, we should be investing deeply in them. We should be providing affordable education in some cases. Free tuition is definitely something we should strive for.”



From left to right: Rafael Espinal, Josue Pierre, Tony Herbert, and David Eisenbach. / Quiara Vasquez

Interested in Cryptocurrency? There's a Club For That

By Ryan Schwach
Managing News Editor

By now everyone has heard of cryptocurrency, the anonymous digital currency that has taken both the financial and computer science worlds by storm since the first digital legal tender, Bitcoin, was launched in 2008.

Last year, after realizing there was no community on campus for people interested in this stuff, math major Nachum Sash, started Brooklyn College's Crypto Club. Comp sci major Alexander Hart heard about the club from a mutual friend and joined up. He's now vice president.

"Me and him [Nachum] are a great team," says Hart.

The Crypto Club's goal is to "provide knowledge about cryptocurrency and blockchain technology to the student body," as Hart put it. That goal in and of itself is a lofty one, since only a small percentage of people actually understand the principles of cryptocurrency. A poll done by CNBC last year said that only 27% of Americans said they wouldn't invest in the system because it was too difficult to understand. Luckily, Sash and Hart were nice enough to give me a 20-minute crash course on cryptocurrency and Blockchain.

Cryptocurrency is basically online currency, Bitcoin being the most well-known of them. Would-be investors register with an exchange, a website that brokers cryptocurrency transfers.

The largest exchange is Coinbase.com, which registered a billion-dollar revenue in 2017.

Blockchain is where Sash and Hart believe it really gets interesting. Blockchain is a new program meant to be the digital ledger of cryptocurrency purchases, keeping a full database of who owns what, which allows there to be more control over the market. Hart believes it will be "just as important and ubiquitous as the Internet" in the coming years.

They currently have one meeting a month where they discuss cryptocurrency and blockchain, as well as bringing in guest speakers and giving presentations on the basics. "This way each meeting is special," says Sash. "We really wanna educate people on this technology, we really want people to understand it." He and Hart co-hosted a dinner last year to increase networking opportunities and get more interested in the industry.

On top of this, the Crypto Club releases a newsletter with 58 recipients, updating people on the world of cryptocurrency and related events, such as a recent workshop from IBM. They recently partnered with MouseBelt, a San Francisco based company that invests in blockchain projects and provides free classes on the technology.

Many people will still be skeptical about the high-risk, high-reward principle behind cryptocurrency, but Sash and Hart hope that won't



Club president Nachum Sash and VP Alexander Hart at Brooklyn College's club fair. / Courtesy of Crypto Club

deter people.

I asked them what their pitch to me would be, as someone who has never invested before and is unsure about the whole thing. According to Sash, I should take a certain amount of money I wouldn't feel bad about losing and invest it, and due to the high reward aspect of cryptocurrency there is a decent chance I could make a lot of money. "And if it goes down, you were OK with losing that money anyway," he says.

The duo hope that in the future, courses on cryptocurrency and Blockchain will become a requirement in the fields of computer science and finance, and that cryptocurrency will continue to grow in prominence and importance in American society.

If you're interested in joining the Cryptocurrency Club, Nachum and Alexander implore you to contact them through Bulldog Connection.

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"Obviously I'm not Jumaane Williams," said his representative, Josue Pierre, "but I'm very proud to be here standing on behalf of the councilmember." Pierre avoided taking any concrete policy positions, instead praising Williams for staying "consistent in his values" on issues like stop-and-frisk and asking the audience to consider Jumaane Williams's track record.

"In '89, we took over City College," Ydanis Rodriguez told the crowd. "We marched on the governor's office, to Water Street,

to John Jay, 25,000 people, and we showed how mobilizing people, we get things done." Rodriguez also cited his immigrant background as a reason students at CUNY should trust him to take their concerns seriously.

The final candidate, Rafael Espinal, had not arrived by the time introductions were over.

The candidates who did show up on time didn't stay for long; Kim and Mark-Viverito both left early, and Rodriguez left soon afterwards. Eisenbach also left fifteen minutes before the forum concluded, leaving just Espinal, Pierre, and Herbert in attendance

by the event's close.

Among the issues brought up at the debate were the planned Amazon HQ2 in Long Island City, which everyone in attendance criticized; fair pay for adjuncts, which every candidate supported (although Mark-Viverito was unable to directly answer a question about the "7K or Strike" campaign); and transparency in CUNY spending, with Eisenbach in particular outlining a plan to "go through the books" of every university and make sure money is being spent to benefit students rather than pay ballooning salaries for CUNY executives.

Approximately fifty people showed up to the event; more likely watched the event via livestream on the YPA Brooklyn College webpage.

YPA founder Carlos Calzadilla-Palacio filmed that livestream from his phone, and he considers the event a success.

"The CUNY Public Advocate Forum was a huge success," Calzadilla-Palacio told The Kingsman. "As a result of our forum, we were able to put CUNY at the forefront of every candidate's priorities for this very important election. Already, this is a huge win for students."

OP-ED: The State of the Union

Allison Rapp
Managing Digital Editor

President Donald Trump addressed Congress and the country when he gave the State of the Union address last Tuesday evening, a week behind schedule.

“Millions of our fellow citizens are watching us now, gathered in this great chamber, hoping that we will govern not as two parties but as one Nation,” Trump began. “The agenda I will lay out this evening is not a Republican agenda or a Democrat agenda. It is the agenda of the American people.”

But his proposition of a united nation was short-lived, as he hinted at the ongoing investigation taking place in Robert Mueller's office.

“An economic miracle is taking place in the United States, and the only thing that can stop it are foolish wars, politics, or ridiculous partisan

investigations,” he said. “If there is going to be peace and legislation, there cannot be war and investigation. It just doesn't work that way!”

As expected, President Trump spent a good deal of time talking about the condition of America's border with Mexico.

“This is a moral issue. The lawless state of our southern border is a threat to the safety, security, and financial well-being of all Americans. We have a moral duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens,” he said. “This includes our obligation to the millions of immigrants living here today, who followed the rules and respected our laws. Legal immigrants enrich our Nation and strengthen our society in countless ways. I want people to come into our country, but they have to come in legally.”

But not everything President Trump stated on the podium Tuesday evening was true,

and in fact, multiple false facts peppered the speech. For example, Mr. Trump claimed the city of El Paso, TX, used to be considered “one of the nation's most dangerous cities” due to its close proximity to the border and lack of physical barrier. This is not correct. The rate of violent crime reached its peak in El Paso in 1993, and has decreased ever since. A border fence was not put in place there until 2008.

Another major topic President Trump touched upon was abortion. As he noted legislation recently passed in New York, he engaged in one of his favorite tactics: fear-mongering.

“Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth,” he said. “These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world.”

What the legislation actually says is that doctors may perform an abortion when “according to the practitioner's reasonable and good faith professional judgment based on the facts of the patient's case: the patient is within twenty-four weeks from the commencement of pregnancy, or there is an absence of fetal viability, or the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health.”

Mr. Trump concluded his address repeating his call to unity.

We must keep America first in our hearts. We must keep freedom alive in our souls,” he said. “And we must always keep faith in America's destiny, that one Nation, under God, must be the hope and the promise and the light and the glory among all the nations of the world!”

It appears as though President Trump's speechwriter is doing his best.

OP-ED: Blackface? In My District? It's More Likely Than You Think

By Quiara Vasquez
Editor-In-Chief

By now, everyone's heard about Virginia's chain of scandals. Their white governor, Ralph Shearer Northam, was caught including a photo in his yearbook of two men, one in blackface and one in a Klansman's hood. Northam has not denied that he is in that photo. Democrats and Republicans alike have called for Northam to resign, a call I agree with - an adult man should have known better, and I certainly don't think a government official should be able to smear shoe polish all over his face without consequences. Which raises the question: why

was Brooklyn College's former State Assemblyman able to do just that?

In 2013, then-State Assemblyman Dov Hikind (whose district includes the Midwood area) held a party at his house to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Purim. One of the Purim rituals is to dress up in costumes. Hikind's costume was a “black basketball player,” which would explain why he was photographed in an orange vest, an Afro wig, and (you guessed it) blackface.

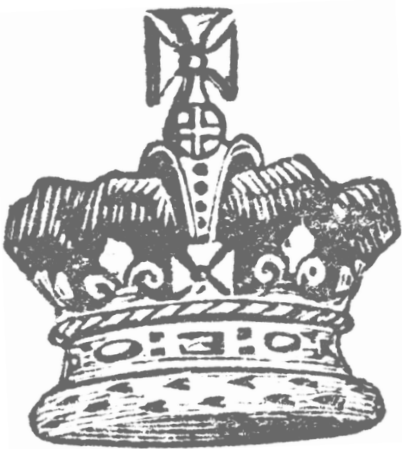
If doing blackface in 1984 is an offense so severe that Northam needs to resign, then I can only imagine what the consequences should be for doing blackface in

2013. I literally only can imagine the consequences, actually, because Assemblyman Hikind didn't get anything worse than a slap on the wrist.

The disparity between these two responses cannot be explained away by the rise of cancel culture or the #MeToo movement - okay, maybe partially, but blackface was still pretty severely offensive in 2013. No, I think Hikind got away scot-free for a much worse reason: we New Yorkers think of blackface and other overtly racist conduct as a Southern thing, which makes it easy for us to turn a blind eye when it happens in our backyard. (Longtime readers will remember an op-ed I wrote

last year making the same point about Cynthia Nixon's spotty history on racial segregation in New York City schools.)

Hikind has frequently accused Brooklyn College students and faculty of anti-Semitism and other discriminatory behavior: most notably, not even a month before donning blackface, he called for former college president Karen Gould to resign for her refusal to take action against the “racist agenda” of Students for Justice in Palestine. I just hope that the next time that the next time Hikind sticks his nose into Brooklyn College affairs, he makes sure there isn't any shoe polish on it first.



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 Sunday.

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Music and Tech Collide at NEMISIG Conference

By Moises Taveras
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Brooklyn College had the honor of playing host to the North Eastern Music Information Special Interest Group, or NEMISIG if you want to sound like one of the cool kids.

NEMISIG, a traveling music conference that has made the rounds to prestigious institutions such as Brown, NYU, and Dartmouth, began about a decade ago under Michael Mandel, a current professor of Computer Information Systems here in Brooklyn College, while he was a grad student at Columbia. You might be asking yourself what someone in Computer Science can teach or discuss about music. You're also probably reading this and asking, "What exactly is NEMISIG?" We can explain.

NEMISIG is firstly an offshoot of ISMIR, or the International Society for Music Information Retrieval, a conference that has, since its inception in 2000, been held abroad more often than not. The primary directive of this conference has been to act as a forum for people working in the field of Music Information Retrieval, or MIR for short, to come together and discuss their findings in the field. MIR, as Professor Mandel puts it, is what you get from "applying machine learning and mathematical modeling tools and tools of information retrieval to music." ISMIR then is the intersection of



The crowd at NEMISIG. / Moises Taveras

multiple disciplines concerning music or even more broadly sound, not the least of which involves multiple aspects of the STEM field. NEMISIG is that but homelier.

Arriving into the hallway just outside the meeting room, I was met with a series of poster boards detailing half a dozen or so research projects in the field that completely flew over my head. More importantly though, the hall was lit up by excited chatter. When I stepped into the meeting room on the fourth floor of the campus library, I wasn't sure exactly what I'd find. I can tell you it definitely wasn't Dunkin Donuts and wings, but it's what I came across. Across the board, NEMISIG was meeting to a) discuss MIR and b) make it as

accessible as possible to people. In doing so, they might've actually fostered a small, but important community that reaches across various disciplines to unite people under one universal banner.

For example, Professor Mandel teaches computer science and has a formal education in electrical engineering, which gives him knowledge of signal processing and machine learning, two concepts that are heavily influential in the field of MIR. You wouldn't think they have anything to do with music, however. A professor I shared an "unconference" with had four times the education of Mandel and had done it entirely in music, while a peer of hers approached it from a completely mathematical angle. Yet somehow all these

people were able to share a single space and speak at length with people their own age, older or even especially younger, in the case of at least one high schooler I had the pleasure of speaking with about a dataset of a million bird soundscapes they were able to compile mostly algorithmically.

This was truly the most inside baseball event I've ever attended, and yet at no point did it ever feel like one. Two dozen people spoke plainly with each other for hours about crowdsourced talking points and their own research about sound and everything you could scientifically, mathematically, and theoretically do with it.

NEMISIG is perhaps proof after all that no matter where your interests lie, there's always an intersectionality that brings it, and in turn you, into conversation with others. When I asked Mandel what compelled him to make NEMISIG all those years ago, he told me, "I think it was just I realized that there were a lot of people in the area who potentially might have a lot to talk about with each other, to spend more [sic] informal setting."

Looking around at the handful of people from different backgrounds, understanding how obscure and niche this field is and yet hearing about the amount of current students that were attracted to the earlier proceedings I unfortunately missed, I can't help but feel Mandel should be proud of the work he helped shepherd all those years ago.



A spirited discussion at the NEMISIG conference. / Moises Taveras

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Men’s Volleyball Go Cold in Chilly Ohio

By Hernan Pacas
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Men’s Volleyball team headed to Hiram, Ohio where they played two games against Hiram University and one against Wittenberg University. The Bulldogs lost all three games and also failed to win a single set in the three games.

In their first game on Friday, they faced off against Hiram University, where in the first set they were outplayed by the Terriers and lost 25-11. The Terriers started out the first set strongly and had an 8-2 lead to start the match. The Bulldogs would fight back to cut the lead to 11-7, but ultimately the Terriers were too much and would close the first set on a 14-4 run. The second set was much more competitive with both teams going back and forth with each other until the end. The bulldogs had a 15-10 lead after an amazing service ace hit by sophomore setter, Michael Valentin and a kill put away by senior setter, Sayuj Zachariah. The Bulldogs led 21-18 before the Terriers stormed back on a 3-0 run, tying the set at 21. The Bulldogs would take their last lead 22-21 after a Terriers, service error but could not stop the Terriers afterwards as they went on a 4-0 run to close the second set out. The third set was much like the first set where the Terriers dominated the Bulldogs and closed off the set 25-11, earning Hiram University the victory over the Bulldogs. Bulldogs Senior Sayuj Zachariah finished with a team high four kills while Junior defensive specialist Utku Tanritanir finished with a match high seven digs.

In the second game on Saturday, their first of a double header, they faced off against Wittenberg University. The first set was close throughout, as the score was tied at 16-16 before Wittenberg took the lead and the Bulldogs were unable to fight back. Wittenberg won the first set 25-20. The second set started with Wittenberg jumping out to a 5-2 lead and keeping a comfortable lead throughout the game until the Bulldogs pulled within three points cutting the lead to 17-14. However, Wittenberg would respond with a 5 point rally to win the second set. The third set was purely dominated by Wittenberg as the Bulldogs once again got off to a slow start but this time Wittenberg would not allow the Bulldogs to come back as they won the third set by a dominant score of 25-10. Sophomore setter, Michael Valentin had a team high six kills and six digs for the Bulldogs.

In the second game of Saturday’s double header, the Bulldogs once again faced the Hiram Terriers. In the first set, the Terriers led the set 8-7 where afterwards they would have three straight scores closing out the first set. In the second set, the Terriers once again jumped out to an early big lead and never looked back, winning the second set 25-11. The third set brought similar results, because although the Bulldogs had an early 5-4 lead, the Terriers once again took the lead and the Bulldogs had no answer for the Terriers as they were once again dominated by the Terriers and lost the third set 25-14.

After this rough weekend, the Bulldogs are now 2-4 and have a whole week to prepare for their first conference match of the season after Tuesday’s game against St. Joseph’s College was postponed. The Bulldogs will face Medgar Evers College at Medgar Evers on Monday, Feb. 18 at 12 p.m..




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B-Ball Triumphs Over Baruch as Moogan Scores Her 1000th

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The Brooklyn College Men’s Basketball Team (13-9, 8-5 CUNY AC) saw themselves in another overtime home game in the West Quad Center. This time, it was over the number one team in CUNYAC, the Baruch Bearcats (17-5, 11-2 CUNYAC). After losing two straight games prior to the game against Baruch, the Bulldogs did not disappoint this time as they pulled off a victory against the number one team in the conference, 65-60, making a statement.

The game was forced into overtime under the last 10 seconds of regulation. Andre Harris of the Baruch Bearcats got fouled as he scored a jumper, regaining the lead against the Bulldogs, 52-51. Harris converts the free throw, pushing the lead to 53-51, making this a two point game with 7.3 seconds left. Then, with 1.1 seconds left, junior guard Jordan Wright scores the left wing jumper, with 1.1 seconds left, tying the game 53-53 as the Bulldogs send themselves to overtime for a second straight home game.

Wright did not stop there; during the overtime session, Wright scores a 3 pointer with 47 seconds left, giving the Bulldogs a 63-60 lead. Sophomore Guard Noah Shy scores a couple of free throws to seal the deal against Baruch with 26 seconds left and helped secure the Bulldogs a victory, fans leaving the West Quad satisfied.

While this game had an overtime thriller, the game started off rocky for the Bulldogs as they had a 14 point deficit in the first half. However, they were able to overcome that deficit as they ended the half with a 9-2 run. Noah Shy scores a three pointer with 14 minutes and 33 seconds left in regulation, giving the Bulldogs their first lead since opening bucket. Regulation was highlighted by physical defense as the Bulldogs shot 8-30 (26.7 percent) while the Bearcats shot 4-30 (13.3 percent) from the three point line. The Bulldogs, however, are still struggling from the free throw line as they shot only 55.5 percent from the free throw line, which is an issue they have to fix.

Jordan Wright led the Bulldogs with 17 points, shooting 3-6 from the three point line. Noah Shy made his presence known as he added another 13 points and grabbed 5 boards. Forward Jade Spencer held his own in the paint as he grabbed a game high 17 rebounds along with 9 points.

Meanwhile, the Brooklyn Women’s Basketball team (15-7, 11-2 CUNYAC) kicked off Tuesday night with a dominating win for their third straight victory over the Baruch Bearcats (6-13, 5-7 CUNYAC), 83-53 in the West Quad Center at Brooklyn College.

However, everyone in the West Quad witnessed senior Alexandra Moogan score her 1000th point. Prior to the game, Moogan only needed 8 points to hit that 1000th point milestone. It did not take long for Moogan to hit it as she opened the game up for the Bulldogs, scoring 8 points out of the 11 points scored early during the first quarter. With 7:33 remaining in the first quarter, Moogan hits a three pointer, hitting her 1000th point, which is a moment that the fans in the West Quad will never forget.

The Bulldogs lead by 12 points by halftime. Once the second half hit, the Bulldogs did not look back as they went on a 22-5 run. The Bulldogs lead by as many as 34 points and they outrebounded the Bearcats 57-33.

Leading all scorers was Alexandra Moogan herself as she scored 23 points. She was 5-8 from the three point line. Sophomore Guard Taylor George added on to the attack, as she scored 22 points and a game high 7 steals.



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