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CUNY Professor Arrested on Fraud and Corruption Charges

Former Medgar Evers professor, Mamdouh Abdel-Sayed, was arrested for allegedly selling students fake certificates after teaching unauthorized healthcare classes, reported the U.S Attorney's Office on Friday.

"This defendant ignored repeated warnings and allegedly still brazenly abused the name and resources of his college employer to operate what amounted to his own fraudulent trade school on the grounds of the City University of New York," according a press release sent to the Kingsman. "He allegedly traded on the reputation of Medgar Evers College and pocketed all the fees students paid while undercutting legitimate schooling being performed by his colleagues across the campus."

Abdel-Sayed, 68, of Kearny, New Jersey pocketed at least \$1,000 per certificate, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. On Friday he was charged in Manhattan federal court with fraud, corruption, and obstruction offenses related to his selling of sham Medgar Evers College certificates that purported to represent the completion of health care courses at the College.

He faces as up to 30 years in prison, according to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

By Tatyana Bellamy-Walker and Ashley Matos
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Philosophy Department Hosts Halloween Film Screenings

On September 27th, the Philosophy Department announced that they will be holding a series of screenings all throughout October. Dubbed "The Twisted Vision Series," the department will screen an episode of the Emmy-winning science fiction anthology series Black Mirror followed by a thematically similar episode of the classic television series The Twilight Zone. Food, and philosophical discussion, will follow. Dates for the Twisted Vision Series are as follows:

Tuesday, October 3rd, 5:15-7:30 pm: "Nosedive" / "Eye of the Beholder"
Friday, October 13th, 3:30-5:15 pm: "White Bear / Person or Persons Unknown"
Tuesday, October 17th, 5:15-7:30 pm: "Hated in the Nation" / "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street"
Thursday, October 26th, 5:15-7:30 pm: "The Entire History of You" / "To Serve Man"

All screenings will be held in 3305 Boylan. For more information, contact the Philosophy Department.

By Quiara Vasquez
Layout Editor

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CUNY Students, Faculty Steamed by Faulty Air Conditioners

By Tatyana Bellamy-Walker
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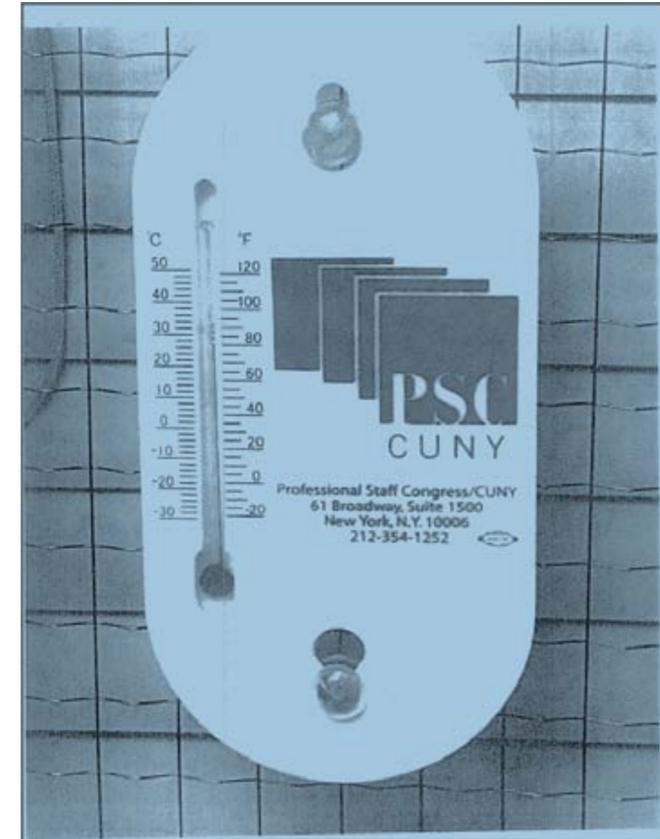
A wave of fed-up students and faculty are filing complaints to the Office of Facilities for broken air conditioners across campus, CUNY officials said.

The broken air conditioners have resulted in temperatures well above 90 degrees, which has had serious adverse effects on students and faculty. Some professors have gone as far as to cancel lectures or let classes out early on account of the extreme heat.

"I tried my best but after 2 hours plus it gets out of control," said Professor Brian Dunphy in post on his class website after dismissing his class early on account of the heat. "I personally think it is dangerous [...] I changed classrooms hoping the room would be LESS hot than the room above it... Obviously, that's not true."

"We definitely do hear informal complaints about air conditioners," said Zunera Ahmed, a representative of the Brooklyn College Student Government, "As students we have seen classroom conditions and understand how it disrupts our education."

This fall, the Brooklyn College student government created an online portal to help track



The Professional Staff Congress placed thermometers like these around campus/ City Council of Higher Education

facility requests, offering students a quicker option to the phone-in only system.

"We noticed the process to file a complaint to facilities was long and unnecessary," said Ahmed, who created a Google Form to

track requests. "After hearing a professor voice his frustration we decided to pass resolution in solidarity and push facilities to have an online system."

Over the past four years, the CUNY Central Office stopped

providing approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 in funding for repairs and maintenance, according to City Council documents.

"Regularly some offices report temperatures above 90 degrees," said Cindy Bink, a delegate for the Professional Staff of Congress (PSC) in a testimony to the council of higher education. "This occurs in both the winter and summer. Other offices are so cold employees wear coats and hats."

Bink added, "Employees are becoming sick and others have resigned as a result."

However, this is not only an issue at Brooklyn College.

Christine Li, a Biology professor at City College said conditions pose a health risk to students.

"One summer the temperature rose to over 90 degrees in some classrooms, putting the health of our Muslim students at risk," said Li, in a testimony to the City Council on Higher Education. "The condition of our facilities [is] depressing and disrespectful to students, staff, faculty and not conducive to learning or scholarship."

Cheryl Lim, a graduate student, knows all too well the challenges of overheated classroom. Lim said an air conditioner outage in class made it difficult to focus.

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Professor Mancini Reinstated as Journalism Department Director

By Dylan Campbell
Editor-in-Chief

After being stripped of his title as director of Brooklyn College's journalism program on Sept. 13th, Professor and Kingsman advisor Anthony Mancini has been reinstated, according to Ellen Tremper, Chairperson of the English Department.

According to Tremper, she stripped Mancini of his title because she felt he was "not fulfilling his obligations."

"I wanted them to participate fully and behave as if you are members of the English

Department," said Tremper, who was upset that Mancini did not attend certain department meetings. Mancini said he did miss meetings when he believed the program was merging with the Television and Radio Department, but intends to participate in all meetings in the future.

The journalism program is one of five majors within the English Department. Of those five, it is one of two with its own program director, the other being the linguistics program.

According to Professor Mancini, frustrations rose after

his meeting with a dean about a possible hiring line, additional funding for a new hires given to only a few, selected programs, in the Journalism Department. The additional staff member would be helpful to the department after the retirement of Professor Paul Moses last spring semester, but other programs, including linguistics, are also in desperate need of additional staff.

"The needs of one program must be understood in the context of the needs of the other programs," said Tremper.

"As Chair I am responsible for all programs and I need to

know when a program is being represented," said Tremper later in the interview.

Decisions over the hiring lines have not yet been released.

Mancini said he is happy to see this friction come to an end and to work with Tremper in the future. Mancini hopes that this will be the end of tensions.

"I hope the students are not stymied by these kinds of spats in the future," said Mancini. "After all, the students are the only ones that suffer from this kind of internal squabbling."

Tremper said she fully supports the journalism program.

BC Students Clean Up Plum Beach Shoreline

By Edward King
Staff Writer

On Saturday, more than 100 volunteers from Brooklyn College removed over 1.1 tons of garbage on the Plum Beach shoreline just off the Belt Parkway.

"Garbage is definitely an issue along the shore because unfortunately people leave their trash on the beach," said Matt Malina, founder of NYC H2O, a non-profit youth ecology organization. "Garbage gets in the water both by dumping and the wind carrying street trash, but also storm sewers."

Malina added, "When it rains, they wash right into the rivers and the bay and carry trash along with it. When the waves wash on shore, that trash gets left along with it."

Last week, Brooklyn College students teamed up with NYC H2O teamed up to clean up the beach.

Founded in 2009 by Malina, NYC H2O is a non-profit organization committed to educating New York City's youth about marine ecology with the goal of inspiring them to keep their local waterfronts clean. They intermittently host cleanup initiatives at a variety of NYC's marine areas, including Plum Beach.

To put in perspective the depth of the garbage problem that plagues Plum Beach, the beach's shoreline, which includes its mudflaps and a lagoon, is nearly

50 acres. The waste receptacles are only present at the entrance of the beach and can only accommodate garbage. There are no bins dedicated to recycling or compost.

Additionally, Plum Beach falls in a grey area of cleanup jurisdiction. New York City was responsible for the beach until 1972, when the National Park Service added the beach as a National Recreation Area. A lack of readily available federal funds to maintain the cleanup of the shoreline has lingered since the mid-late 70's.

"Plum Beach is part of a national park, the National Gateway, who just don't have the resources to

do the kind of cleanup that was done. I think that's true for all of the shoreline in the U.S. There's a limit of resources in terms of staffing and the amount of trash has increased insanely," said Carrie Sadovnik, Chair of the Campus Sustainability Committee and Director of Environmental Health and Safety at Brooklyn College.

With a seemingly insurmountable amount of garbage to clean, Sadovnik was tasked to rally Brooklyn College students to volunteer for NYC H2O's Plum Beach cleanup on Saturday, September 23rd. After receiving a fair amount of interest from students at the

student activities fair, Sadovnik still needed more volunteers.

"I had about 20 students that were interested but that wasn't going to be enough. We [Campus Sustainability] posted it on the Bulldog Connection and also met with Andy Auguste of Student Life who sent the word out to Greek organizations. Through that, we saw over 100 students who expressed interest in volunteering," said Sadovnik.

Despite the myriad of trash that had gathered on the beach, including needles, a boat, and even car tires, the cavalry of Brooklyn College students, in conjunction with volunteers from the Mitsubishi Corporation and NYC H2O, was able to remove approximately 1.1 tons of garbage from Plum Beach.

While this was a huge win for the volunteers, community, and the beach ecosystem, the task of keeping the beach clean is still far from over. Until federal funds can be relegated to Plum Beach or the city decides to reclaim it from the federal government, it's up to students like Shellita Orie, an Information Systems major, to give up their Saturday mornings to do their part.

"I heard about the cleanup through the email that was sent out and just wanted to help."



Volunteers from Brooklyn College collaborate with NYC H2O to clean up Plum Beach. / Edward King



Volunteers clean up trash. / Edward King

Conservatory Students Forced Outside by Inadequate Practice Facilities

By Ryan Schwach
Staff Writer

Last week, music could be heard across campus as a Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music student played his marimba on the quad to protest the lack of adequate practice rooms available to music students.

Conservatory students have struggled with inadequate rooms in Whitman and Roosevelt for several years, and now with repairs and asbestos removals pushing them out of Whitman, students have been forced to find new places to practice.

One of these students is senior percussionist Allan Randall. Randall has started playing the marimba, a large instrument resembling an oversized xylophone outside "out of necessity and to protest" the lack of adequate practice rooms available to conservatory students.

Many of the rooms are without air conditioning, as well as other necessities, including soundproofed walls and the mirrors musicians need to see their physical movements while playing. Many of the rooms are small and cramped, one with a trash can collecting a leak from the



Rehearsal rooms in Whitman Hall are decrepit, extremely hot, and missing vital equipment for musicians. / Ryan Schwach

ceiling.

"I can't be in these rooms for more than an hour," said Randall. According to Randall, there is a total of 20 practice rooms in Roosevelt Hall, which according to Brooklyn College, students use for upwards of 20,000 hours per semester. Five of these rooms are

reserved for classes and lessons, while four are specifically for percussion, leaving only 11 rooms for independent practice for the whole conservatory. Of these 11 rooms, only three have air conditioning and mirrors.

"Everyone generally fights over the practice rooms that

have AC or some sort of cooling system, which results in people hogging some of the rooms," said Evelyn Tu, a junior in the conservatory and representative on the Performing Arts Student Association (PASTA).

Part of the issue with the number of rooms is that generally some of the students, particularly those who play in large ensemble groups, would use practice rooms in the basement of Whitman Hall, which are currently closed due to an asbestos removal.

The students were told to move all their equipment out to make way for the necessary removal. A representative from DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York), who is handling the removal, said the process would occur sometime in the next few months, hopefully in November. This removal process is on top of the ongoing repairs in the building going on until next year, leading to the question of when students will be able to move back into the rooms.

The rooms in Whitman are in even worse condition than the ones in Roosevelt. While the rooms are bigger, they also lack air conditioning, with chipped paint and exposed, deteriorating walls.



Unable to practice in the inhospitable rehearsal rooms, Allan Randall plays his marimba outside Roosevelt Hall. / Brooklyn College 411

Women's Center Launches New Initiative Helping Muslim Women

By Hannah Grossman
Layout Editor

The Brooklyn College Women's Center, one of the oldest college advocacy centers in CUNY, launched the Muslim Leadership Development Project this fall to offer mentorship to Muslim women on campus.

The center, which is known as "one-stop shop" for discounted coffee and snacks, funded the project through a grant from

the Association of American University Women, a grassroots advocacy organization. The first-ever panel event for the Muslim Mentorship Leadership Development Project will take place in November.

More than 17 years ago, the Women's Center started as a sanctuary for advocacy.

"[When students] need to talk to someone, most of the time they know what to do, and were just reflecting on

them," said Sau-Fong Au, the director of the Women's Center. Their philosophy is mentorship over lecturing, listening over instructing, and offers a spectrum of resources to address the needs of minorities with cultural sensitivities, especially their immigrant and Muslim student population which is a large chunk of their traffic.

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Muslim students have a roundtable discussion about a lack of role models within the Muslim community. / Najma Adam

Magner Center to Job Hunters: Look Out for Employment Scams

By Lisa Flaugh
Staff Writer

The Brooklyn College Magner Career Center sends a warning to students against job and "phishing" scams while students are actively seeking work.

"SPAM and related "phishing" attempts by phone and text message are a huge threat and are continually becoming more and more advanced," the Magner Center warned students in a mass e-mail. "BC uses a whole suite of security tools and monitoring systems to protect our systems and users, but it is impossible to block 100%."

Scams like these are considered only a recent development, according to the center's director, and have been popping up only within the past two to three years. The scams can be very hard to discern as scammers pretend to be a part of a big, very well-known company or seem to be a real company. Natalia Guarin-Klein, director of the Magner Center, said the scams are becoming more advanced.

Students are targeted mainly due to inexperience, or being extra eager to obtain a job during and after college. International students are also targeted due to not knowing exactly how everything works, and being told that it's normal to share a social security number.

"Take time to do digging, make sure it's real," Guarin-Klein told students. "Sometimes it looks very real, with a website and addresses and descriptions, making it easy to fall for it, especially when it's posted on a legit job site. Be on the lookout for oddities," she continues. "For example, no [request for an] interview, but just being told to answer personal questions through email. There is no professional meetup before accepting the job or they want to meet you at weird times."

Klein says that the Magner Center can be a pair of second eyes if you are not sure about a specific posting and that students can check with the center before doing anything.

Additional red flags and information on common types of employment scams can be found through the QR code below.



CUNY Steamed Over Broken Air Conditioners

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"Some were dizzy, but I was just irritated," Lim said. "Because of tuition increases, I do expect that we can be comfortable so we can properly learn."

Lim added, "Everyone was so focused on leaving. We were distracted."

The cramped space also emitted a fetid odor.

"It was so hot it was pretty hard to breathe," said Lim, who says the overheated room smelled like rancid paint.

A representative for the Office of Facilities did not immediately respond to requests for comment.



Conservatory Students Forced Outside by Inadequate Rehearsal Rooms

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Students could find some relief from these conditions with the completion of the new, state of the art Leonard and Claire Tow Center for the Performing Arts building currently being constructed behind the library.

The building has been promised to the students since 2014. Brooklyn College said the building should be completed by winter. Students are skeptical of this claim.

"Students will joke with professors about how bad it is and how everything will be

solved once the new building is open. Yet every semester, the same narrative of 'the new building will open next semester,' keeps repeating till the point where it itself becomes a joke," Tu explained, saying that the problem has existed even before she entered the conservatory.

Until the conditions are fixed however, students like Randall will continue to spend their practice time out on the quad or in the hallways of Roosevelt.

"It's nice playing outside, actually," Randall said about his new practice spot. "People come and listen."

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Students are offered pins that read: "If I wanted the government in my vagina I'd f*** a senator, and 'a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.' Yet, despite the feminist jargon, the center reached beyond a secular norm and feminist politics.

The influx of students to the Women's Center is at times too much for the staff to handle. They have expanded the faculty. Over the years, student traffic

has risen from about 20 people a month to 200 students per week.

The Women's Center is expanding its culture by inviting role models of professional Muslim women.

"A [Muslim] student may ask [...] should I continue covering?...How can I be a Muslim in the workforce?" said Au. "I don't [always] have the answer for that."

After the Sept. 11, terrorist attacks several Muslims students said they have faced

acts of discrimination against their identity. According to Au, students have spoken up about hostile encounters with strangers and even feeling betrayed by undercover police.

According to Au, a new question is being asked by Muslim students, "Why are you interested in me? why are you helping me?"

The Women's Center prides itself on being an inclusive space. Muslim women can sometimes be seen using the center to

say their prayers. According to Au, some Muslim Students are stressed about being judged by their peers.

The mentorship initiative created events that will ensure that all women have direction and skills to excel not only in academics but is consistent with their cultural values.

The program is still being developed and will be adapted based on the needs of students, according to the director.

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Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Bulldogs Split Both CUNYAC Games

By Israel Salas-Rodriguez
Sports Editor

As the men's soccer team prepare themselves for five straight CUNYAC games, the Bulldogs split two games last week, with a loss to John Jay College and a win versus the College of Staten Island.

The Bulldogs lost a close one on the road on Wednesday, Sept. 27 against the John Jay Bloodhounds, with a final score of 1-2. It was an entertaining first half as the Bloodhounds wasted no time getting on the scoreboard first, connecting on their first goal in the 5th minute of afternoon. John Jay's James Haddad took advantage of a Brooklyn mistake, connecting on his fourth goal of the season on a loose ball from inside the goal area. Brooklyn freshman Azizjon Ziyayev (#6) came through for the Bulldogs in the 36th minute, tying the game up for Brooklyn on an unassisted fast break, which sent both teams into the halftime break tied up at one apiece.

Midway through the second half, John Jay's Michael DeMarco found himself open for a header inside the box on a free kick assist by Rodrick Leighton. Brooklyn would out-shoot John Jay throughout the contest, 27-11, which included 11-6 on-goal shots. On paper the Bulldogs were more efficient, but it wasn't the same on the scoreboard as the Bloodhounds held on to a 2-1 victory over Brooklyn,



Azizjon Ziyayev takes a shot. / Photo Credit: Israel Salas-Rodriguez

handing the Bulldogs their second loss in conference play.

A rematch of last season's Quarterfinals match-up between Brooklyn and the College of Staten Island resulted in a 2-1 Bulldogs get-back, after being bounced out by CSI in last season CUNY playoffs.

It took overtime but Brooklyn got their revenge on CSI when the men's soccer team earned their second conference win of the new season Saturday afternoon. Brooklyn got on the board first as breakout freshman, Azizjon Ziyayev (#6), gave the Bulldogs the

lead late in the 26th minute on a free kick from the left wing. The contest seemed to be headed into a 1-0 Brooklyn shutout over CSI when Vasyl Fedortsi connected on a penalty kick after a Brooklyn foul inside the goal box. The game went into an extra period after regulation ended in a 1-1 score, although it didn't take long for the Bulldogs to ice the game in extra time. Once again freshman midfielder Ziyayev came through, scoring the game-winning goal for Brooklyn in the 93rd minute of overtime. The Dolphins move to 3-2 in conference games. Brooklyn

will continue their home stretch and conference play as Medgar Evers pays a visit on Wednesday. Kick-off is set for 5 p.m.



10.4.17 WOMEN'S TENNIS
VS COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
Roosevelt Courts - Brooklyn College

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10.4.17 MEN'S SOCCER
AT MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
Aviator Field Complex - Brooklyn, NY

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10.5.17 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
VS MARITIME COLLEGE
West Quad Center - Brooklyn, NY

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10.6.17 WOMEN'S TENNIS
AT YORK COLLEGE (NY)
Jamaica, NY

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10.6.17 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
VS SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE
West Quad Center - Brooklyn, NY

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10.7.17 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
AT PIEDMONT COLLEGE
Tallulah Falls, GA

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