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Cuomo & BC Students Agree: Legalize Weed!

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Over the winter break, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced during a speech that he would push for the legalization of marijuana “once and for all” in 2019. His speech was intended to be an outline for the first 100 days of his third term. The legislation is expected to pass in Albany, where many Democrats support the move to legalize.

Governor Cuomo was not always on board with legalization. For many years, he was opposed to any form of legalized marijuana, including for medicinal purposes, and as recently as he 2017 stated that he believed that pot was a “gateway drug.” His former Democratic opponent, Cynthia Nixon, who visited Brooklyn College last semester during her campaign, held the opposite belief. Her progressive views on marijuana and the support she gathered from it may have pushed Cuomo in this direction.

“The fact is we have had two criminal justice systems: one for the wealthy and the well-off, and one for everyone else,” said Cuomo, referring to the idea that African-Americans and other minority groups are often disproportionately targeted and arrested for marijuana possession.

In a Facebook poll asking Brooklyn College students whether or not they support Cuomo’s push for legalization, 100 individuals voted yes, as opposed to only 7 that voted no.

“I’m not so crazy about legalization as much as very much supporting it becoming decriminalized,” said BC student Daniel Edelstein, “as well as amnesty for those who have records or are in prison to weed-related charges.”

Another student who wished to remain anonymous stated his reservations.

“I support the legalization of medical marijuana but not recreational,” they said. “I do not see it as a gateway drug, but I don’t think it should be used so liberally, especially since there’s now cases of children becoming allergic to it. There’s other ways to distress without having to get high.”

It is important to note that marijuana can cause allergies in some people, but those allergies are similar to normal seasonal allergy symptoms.

Do You Support Legalizing Pot?

No: 7

Yes: 100

It’s inevitably going to be legalized in New York very soon. And it’s pretty clearly the cool, trendy thing now, exactly like cigarettes used to be,” said BC student Lilly. “I’m on the fence about it being legalized.”

Other concerns about the new push for legalization revolve around the finances.

“I’m deeply concerned about how this will affect small businesses as New York tends to have laws in place requiring expensive licenses to do certain kinds of business,” says Molly Isanenigma on Facebook, “If the coming regulations allow for such license to be accessible to your local ‘grocery man’ I would be more optimistic. However, Cuomo has a poor track record in implementing policies that will assist the poor.”

Marijuana legalization would bring in millions of dollars in tax revenue for the state, but it’s unclear as of yet what the system will look like, including who will be able to sell it and where it can be smoked.

In SUBO, A Student Town Hall, Minus Students

By Quiara Vasquez
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Among the people seated in SUBO’s Jefferson-Williams Lounge during common hours on Tuesday, Feb. 5 were college president Michelle J. Anderson, VP for Student Affairs Ronald Jackson, Chief Legal and Labor Relations Officer Tony Thomas, Senior VP for Finance and Administration Alan Gilbert, Professor Ellen Tremper, and Graduate Student Organization President Keith Magnussen. They had assembled for the first of four college town halls scheduled this semester, meant “for students, by students.”

Among the people not in attendance at this event for students, by students, were students. Only twelve students showed up to this town hall - four of them student journalists, and two of them representatives from student government.

The low turnout was attributed in part to a lack of advertising for the event, both on-campus, where no flyers for the event were posted, and on social media, where the only mention of the event was hidden in a Twitter link to Michelle Anderson’s welcome back message to students.

Still, some serious issues were mentioned at the event. Music student Allan “Marimba Man” Randall asked when sacked employees at the recently shuttered Brooklyn Center for Performing Arts at Brooklyn College (BCBC) would be rehired; according to VP Gilbert, they’ll be back to working full-time when renovations in Whitman Hall end in two to three months. Student and Young Progressives of America founder Carlos Calzadilla-Palacio asked Anderson what was being done to combat hate on campus, drawing particular attention to a student who approached various Hispanic identity clubs at last week’s Involvement Fair wearing a shirt reading “Build A Wall.” And several students griped that by converting the street entrance to Roosevelt Hall into a one-way exit, the college had closed off Roosevelt’s main wheelchair-accessible entrance.

The remaining three town halls will be held in Jefferson Lounge on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, April 6 at 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 14 at 12:30 p.m., respectively.
Progress and Projects at Facilities Town Hall

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On Jan. 15, 2019, the Office of Finance and Administration at Brooklyn College held a town hall regarding the ongoing facilities projects, hosted by Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Alan Gilbert.

This Facilities Town Hall was a direct result of the establishment of the Brooklyn College Facilities Success Team in March of last year. Under Gilbert’s ambitious leadership, their purpose was to survey and resolve the interminable functional, health, and safety issues the campus has been facing for the past several years. To address this, a 90-Day Challenge was established to prioritize and execute on the team’s findings.

It was a cold Monday afternoon when Mr. Gilbert called the meeting to order.

“I understand that everyone has many things they need to do, but we need to know how to do better. And we need you to tell us how,” Gilbert told the staff, faculty, and the few stray students on campus for the meeting.

“Since my appointment last year, we have been hard at work tackling the many problems we’ve cataloged around campus,” said Gilbert. In a vigorous survey, his team had ample proof of his monumental task. The presentation, which is available on Brooklyn College’s website, stated that “a survey of the 236 bathrooms on campus found 529 problems with fixtures and 228 problems with conditions. The BC Facilities Success Team got to work on tackling all those problems. Sixty days into the challenge, only one of those 757 problems remains.” This flurry of activity is a welcome sight, since complaints about campus facilities have been on the rise in the early months of 2018.

Gilbert then turned the crowd’s attention to the classrooms updated over the last year. Like an infomercial for protein supplements, he showed before-and-after photos of the classrooms that had undergone development. He was emotional about the transformations, and rightly so. Rooms that were once gritty slabs of concrete with splintering desks and broken chairs were given cushioned theater seats and projectors. By any estimate, the spaces that have in fact been worked on received a real level of thoughtful care.

Still, as Gilbert said, there is an acute need for participation from the campus community to ensure this type of program remains effective well into the future. Several women from the audience voiced grievances relating to the showers in the locker rooms by the pool. “There are mounds of hair, used feminine hygiene products, and it’s obvious the place has never been cleaned.” Behind the Podium, VP seemed in shock. The kind of look you’d expect to see if you had actually confronted the janitorial staff responsible.

“I’m shocked and very sorry to hear that. I would urge you to speak with the managing staff at the pool.” Now standing, the women’s exasperation could be felt throughout the room. “I have spoken with them. Multiple times. Community members like us rely on these facilities, and it’s inexcusable to find them in such a terrible state.” Somewhere in the peanut gallery, agreeing nods and an audible harrumph were registered, but never addressed.

“We’ll take note of that and see that it’s attended to straight away.”

Though some of our students have long since left bathroom etiquette behind (I once came upon a restroom toilet that had a shoe in the bowl), the physical defects of the facilities have been one of the sorest points for students and staff. Officially there are three plumbers on call for Brooklyn College at all times during the semester. This would seem adequate if it were not for the sheer quantity of bathroom incidents we regularly experience around the campus. (The VP seemed to acknowledge the potential for an additional fourth, but stopped short of agreeing with the room for such an addition in the budget.)

Gilbert, who joined the college staff in March 2018, has much to show for his newly created faction. The Facilities Success Team has made a meaningful impact across campus, but there is still room for improvement.

Another product of Gilbert’s work has been supporting the implementation of the new BCFIX-IT mobile app. The application, developed by the BC IT team, has been the reason behind the small metallic placks, and reference numbers seen attached to the fixtures and appliances around campus. “After the BC facilities staff becomes comfortable using BC Fix-It, the BC Facilities Success Team plans to roll-out the BC Fix-it app to the whole campus community as part of an expanded BC Navigator suite,” Gilbert said during his presentation, which then turned into an extensive dossier of appliances, facades, and rooms the school has repaired or replaced entirely. Many, which had been symptomatic of the poor opinion of our historical campus.

Once the transformation photo carousel concluded, there was a discussion of workflows and ways reports of malfunction and general complaints will be handled going forward to decrease lead times on repairs and better catalog incidents. Considering this massive effort was made to convince a very small group during holiday break, we look forward to seeing Mr. Gilbert continue his war on the sub-par standards of yesteryear.
Q&A with Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz

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Catalina Cruz came to the United States from Colombia at age 9. Last year she made history when she became the assemblywoman for Jackson Heights, Corona, and Elmhurst, becoming the first Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient (or DREAMer) elected to public office in New York. Last month, Assemblywoman Cruz spoke on campus as part of IGNITE Young Women Run NYC, an event for young women looking to get involved in politics. I spoke to Cruz about the issues facing undocumented New Yorkers; how CUNY put her on her life path; and her chummy relationship with her porn-star doppelganger. (But mostly the first two.)

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Catalina Cruz: I always knew. My mom always liked to say that I was very mature for my age. It was just something that was always talked about at home, you know, in conversations like, “Why was mom a nurse back in Colombia when she has to clean offices here, or has to sell tamales?” “Well because mom doesn’t have documents.” “Why do we not have documents, because immigration’ll come and pick you up and we have to be very careful.” So it just was always a part of the conversation at home, that we didn’t have papers and the reason why we couldn’t tell people outside of home that we didn’t have papers.

QV: Your mother had a nursing degree, but in the U.S. she was stuck doing menial labor. Is that typical for undocumented immigrants?

CC: It’s very typical both for people with documents and people without documents. I’ve met many professionals that when they get here, even if they have a green card, having to go back to school for four, ten years, depending what degree it is, is just not something that’s appealing to them because they need to make money to be able to send back home, they need to support the families they have back here.

My mom was a nurse for almost thirteen, fourteen years back in Colombia. She couldn’t practice that here, because she didn’t have documents and because there’s no reciprocity of that particular degree. Or at least, there wasn’t back then, so even if she had papers she would have had to go back to school and she was not gonna do that.

QV: You’re a CUNY alum, having graduated first from John Jay and then from the CUNY School of Law. Why’d you pick CUNY over other schools?

CC: Well, I feel like CUNY picked me. (laughs) When I went to undergrad, I had gotten into SUNY Albany, and even a SUNY school was just way out of my league, financially. When I got the acceptance letter, it said something like $12,000. I was like, “where the hell am I gonna get $12,000 from?” So CUNY became the choice. Why do I wanna study, what do I wanna do? I remember the time I was getting into college was when Congress first introduced the DREAM Act. And in my head I was like, “alright, what do you wanna do when you get out in the sort of school that’ll help you do that, and by the time you get out the DREAM Act will be passed, it’ll be set.” That was kind of my mentality. It’s gonna be hard, but by the time you get out you’ll be set.

I had always wanted to be the next Olivia Benson. You know Law & Order: Special Victims Unit? That was my thing. I know, I know. It’s also because she looks a little bit like my mom. So I went to CUNY John Jay. I think I applied to a couple of other CUNY’s but I distinctly remember wanna do,” because of the whole point in my head, that by the time I get out, the DREAM Act will be passed and I can go be a Colombian Olivia Benson.

QV: On the topic of CUNY: Investing in K-12 public education was a big part of your campaign, but what are your stances on investing in higher education like CUNY and SUNY?

CC: I’ve been very supportive, and I’ve had a lot of meetings and I’ve gone to rallies for students and for professors and faculty. I have said that CUNY literally saved my life. I could have been just another young, undocumented Latina that ended up arrested or in gang activity or pregnant instead of where I am today. For me, CUNY represented a way out of the hood. When you grow up the way I did and CUNY is it’s like, how do I make sure that the way that CUNY worked for me, works just as well or better for the next generation.

I am very supportive of making sure the faculty… I believe the slogan is, um, seven thousand…

QV: “7K or strike.”

CC: Yeah, “7K or strike.” I’ve had various meetings and I’ve had the endorsement of PSC-CUNY, and I’ve been meeting with student advocates from CUNY, both in the DREAMer movement and outside of the DREAMer movement, to talk about what is lacking in CUNY, and how we fight to get that. One of the things that has become very evident is that even in the face of passing the [José Peralta New York State] DREAM Act, that wouldn’t meet certain additional financial and educational needs that members of the DREAMer community as well as low-income students don’t have, that we have to make sure they get.

QV: Congratulations on passing the DREAM Act through the Senate, by the way.

CC: It’s very rewarding and bittersweet to be there and be able to say that after almost a decade, we finally got this done, and now we gotta just get the governor to sign it and it’ll be official.

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QV: You’ve called for splitting up the MTA into several smaller agencies. Ideally, what would this look like?
CC: So what I would like to see is for the MTA to split up, so that, say, whatever system is in Long Island is managed by Long Island, whatever system is in Hudson Valley is managed by Hudson Valley. The system itself is too gigantic to function properly the way that it should. People say the definition of craziness is doing the same thing and expecting a different result? That happens with the MTA. They will change the head of the MTA but they’ll do the exact same things and wait for the MTA to miraculously fix itself. And it doesn’t work that way.

Yes, we're going to push for congestion pricing, yes, we’re going to push to fund the MTA; going to push to fund the MTA; congestion pricing, yes, we’re going to push for way.

QV: You’ve called for splitting up the MTA into several smaller agencies. Ideally, what would this look like?
QV: You’ve talked about the driver’s licence for people with all forms of status, undocumented or not, you’re going to have a piece of ID which is good in the entire state. It'll be accepted by state agencies, it’ll be accepted by city municipalities all around the state - you can drive with that. Unfortunately you won't be able to get on a plane and use it because of the Real ID Act - it has to be Real ID compliant in order for you to travel from state to state but it will be a form of identification that will change the lives of millions of people.

QV: What’s the biggest issue that’s getting the least attention right now?
CC: I think we’re going to start seeing it more, but the biggest issue is the expiration of the rent law. And I think we will see an uptick on how much people are paying attention to the reform that needs to be done with rent stabilization to ensure that our community can stay in their homes. More towards the end of session, I think we’ll see the urgency that the law's about to expire and we need people to really be fighting for it. We’re starting to see some conversation around it, but not enough.

QV: When I told my friend I was interviewing you, they went to Catalina Cruz dot com and learned the hard way that you shared your name with a porn star. Was that an obstacle during your campaign?
CC: (laughs) Actually, I find it very funny, because that’s not actually her birth name, that's her stage name. The woman's not even Latina, for God’s sake, but that's neither here nor there. I had a very difficult time getting a Wikipedia page because we share a name - they ended up, I forget which outlet it was, but there was an article written about the fact that we share a name. We don’t even look alike.

QV: On Wikipedia now, you’re listed as Catalina Cruz, open parentheses, politician.
CC: Now it says that, but before, mm-mm. That was not the case. I’ll tell you a very funny anecdote from the campaign trail. My opponent used to put negative stuff about me on social media. At one point, the other Catalina Cruz actually responded and said “hey, I think you’re trying to tag the other Catalina Cruz, but by the way I think she's fantastic.”

QV: Another, larger, obstacle for your campaign was, not to put too fine a point on it, but the undocumented people you ran to better represent can't vote. Was that a problem for your campaign?
CC: What happened in my particular district is that we have mixed-status families. You have somebody of voting age, usually the daughter or the son, and then you have the mom and dad, who are either undocumented or permanent residents who can't vote. To give a picture of what my family looks like: I have three siblings who are U.S. citizens who could vote, and then there was mom, who was a permanent resident. We now are citizens but at one time we were undocumented.

For me it was a two-part thing. One, I was fighting for the entire family, undocumented or not. We represented everyone in our district regardless of status. So I ran a campaign that was very much representative of that, and let people know that. And at the time, in a district as progressive as Jackson Heights-Corona-Elmhurst, people understood that if we didn’t support our immigrant communities, with or without status, that left an open door for the government to take away the rest of our rights.

QV: What would you tell a DREAMer - or any immigrant, undocumented or otherwise - looking to get involved in local government?
CC: I would of course say you should do it, because local government is where the future of your community gets decided. But my advice would depend on what they’re looking to do. If they’re looking to run, if they’re looking to get involved in their community boards, my advice is going to vary on that. But I am very much a proponent of getting involved in your community, because you have a voice which needs to be heard, and the best way to do that is through local government.

For me, speaking at IGNITE [Young Women RUN NYC] was a great opportunity to be able to have a frank conversation with other young women looking to run about what it’s really like, because people have a tendency to not really tell us how difficult this road can be. They will tell us that we’re needed, they will tell us we should do it, but no one really tells us, this is thorny, this is difficult.

QV: How important is representation in politics?
CC: I think it’s extremely important. If we have a government that doesn’t look like us or understand our struggle, then when decisions are being made about our future it’s their prerogative and their experiences that are going to rule, and not necessarily the experiences of the community. We want the decisions about the life of our community to really be made by people that are a part of the community, love the community, understand the community, and if the person sitting down at that table making the decision doesn't understand the way that we live, then we have folks deciding for us who don’t necessarily have our best interests in mind.
OP-ED: American Education Should Take Notes from Malaysia and the Netherlands

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Education in the U.S. has been in desperate need of reform. The current administration has let Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos gut public education to the great loss of our own community in New York City. Whether we examine the state of a nation’s politics, social services, or the quality of health in the average household, the root metric is public education. If we were to look more critically at the type and quality of educational offerings in other nations, it could be a powerful predictive lens for that nation’s growth in the decades to come.

While I was traveling in the Netherlands, I interviewed Kitty Mulder, a secondary school teacher in The Hague who recently returned home after working in Malaysia for six years. She described the expectations for the average students of the two countries, and the contrasts were stark.

“In the Netherlands, we are expected to have a working comprehension of English by the time we enter the equivalent of high school,” Mulder told me. “I’m currently teaching Dutch students exclusively in English, largely because the Dutch government recognizes that it will remain among the three most important languages spoken in the world today.” (Kitty informed me that, although it is only her opinion, the other two languages are Mandarin and Spanish.)

“When the school year begins, I ask the students what they want to learn, and any questions they have. Nothing is taboo. We write out all of the ideas on a board, and it’s up to me to formulate a lesson around these suggestions. Of course I cannot spend months on Fortnite and television shows, but I can use these as a platform to talk about art, violence, and history, for example.”

Dutch children are routinely amongst the happiest in the world, according to the World Economic Forum. “They are free to explore the world in their own way. We are only here to enable them to engage with the world in a sincere and compassionate way,” Mulder told me. “Children are not stupid, and they can tell when you’re really interested in helping them along or not. They love me because I’m honest with them.”

“This model is not recognizable to American public school students or faculty. In an e-mail exchange with my tenth grade chemistry professor, James Garbarino, I asked him what would happen if this system would be implemented in New York. “LOL! Parents would lose their minds,” he wrote back. “If we allowed kids to ask questions that ultimately dictated the direction of the class, parents would immediately doubt our ability as educators to guide the conversation. Because we are in America, public schools curricula live and die by the PTA approval. Let’s say your class had asked me to spend a block on exploring hormone therapies for gender transitions, it only takes one irate parent going to the Board of Ed to end the conversation permanently.”

Mulder’s experience in Malaysia was quite different. “Students were so grateful for the opportunity to learn that they would walk several kilometers to get to school in some cases. Many families did not have the parents or grandparents with which to participate. However, they were always encouraged me and trusted my teachers to do their job. I believe this is true most everywhere in the Netherlands.”

Here at home in Brooklyn, 71% of young people are enrolled in publicly funded schools; 76% for kindergarten through eighth grade public programs. With the current state of education at home, legislators would do well to look to the examples set abroad.

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OP-ED: Presidential Hopeful Howard Schultz Should Stick to Starbucks

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Howard Schultz, self-made billionaire and the former CEO of massive coffee chain Starbucks, made his first foray into the political atmosphere this January by announcing his consideration to run for President in the 2020 election. Unlike Kamala Harris, whose campaign began with visible momentum, Schultz first public media event tripped before it could cross the starting line. Hosting an event promoting his upcoming book at the Barnes and Noble in Union Square, his first public footsteps as a potential 2020 candidate began with a heckler jeering loudly at him, captured clearly on camera saying “Don’t help elect Trump, you egotistical billionaire asshole… go back to getting ratted on Twitter.”

Since his announcement of consideration, the former CEO has been excoriated publicly on Twitter and cable news, and by politicians on both sides of the aisle for his desire to run. It’s not Schultz’s intention to be one of the large (and ever growing) number of figures wanting to run for President in 2020 that has so many people urging him to drop the idea, but rather his billionaire mindset, political inexperience and inclination to run as an independent candidate that makes him so clearly unwelcome.

The primary gripe by many of those left of field regarding Schultz isn’t that he might actually win the election, but rather that he may be dividing a crucial sect of voters away from the Democratic vote, thus possibly helping Trump get re-elected. Schultz, like many independent runners in the past, seems incredibly unlikely to win, but that doesn’t mean it will stop the billionaire from pumping millions of dollars into advertising airtime and events to bolster his chances. Many Democrats have expressed worry that if his candidacy is carried through, he could end up siphoning away a portion of centrist Democratic electorate voters that were on the fence or voted independently in 2016, and that could be a serious loss to the Democrats once again in 2020.

Republicans have somewhat confirmed the Left’s fear and expressed some half-baked desire for Schultz to run, with Donald Trump tweeting a thinly veiled attempt to goad Schultz into running, and Louisiana Senator John Kennedy saying “My personal opinion is there aren’t enough Pilates instructors in America for him to win. But this is America, I think competition makes us all better.” Despite the worry of divided votes, it’s not only the fear of another independent candidate taking votes away from primary candidates that added to the resounding cries of “No” that went viral on Twitter these past weeks, it’s the fact that the mega-wealthy Schultz quite clearly represents what most Democratic voters are not looking for in a post Trump candidate.

In a 60 Minutes interview, Schultz remarked that “Every American deserves the right to have access to quality health care. But what the Democrats are proposing is something that is as false as the wall. And that is free health care for all, which the country cannot afford.” Medicare For All, a pressing issue to many voters that is likely going to become a flashpoint question for many competitive Democratic 2020 candidates, was instantly rebuffed by the corporate billionaire as “unaffordable.” It’s worth noting the 2017 U.S Defense Budget came in around 716 billion dollars, with many speculating that a portion of that funding could be used towards Medicare for All. In an interview on MSNBC’s Morning Joe where his ability to connect to the working class was brought up, Schultz couldn’t answer a question regarding the price of a box of Cheerios.

While Schultz proved his disconnect from the ordinary middle class voter, as well as his disdain for popular liberal policy changes, he also flatly refused to speak on what he would actually do with the Presidency. In another interview, Schultz remarked, “I don’t want to talk in the hypothetical about what I would do if I was president.” This avoidant response is particularly jarring for many in the Trump era, who have now seen an example of how the Presidency might look in the hands of a billionaire with literally no political experience. The reality is that a lot of liberals, leftists, young people and others are strongly opposed to another inexperienced billionaire President who offers non-answers to questions tackling our country’s magnanimous problems. Schultz’s billionaire schtick stinks, and will inevitably fall sour on the palate of most Democrats.

While his recent media run has garnered a lot of criticism from those who feel he doesn’t even deserve attention from the press, his early candidacy woes have revealed a lot about the political playing field leading up to 2020, and what issues and policies are going to be most important for potential candidates. In 2019, a proper dialogue surrounding the idea of taxing the ultra wealthy has emerged at the hands of figures like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who has strongly voiced for a hefty tax on the nations wealthy elite, and Elizabeth Warren, who’s raised similar possibilities of a wealth tax in the precursors to her bid for the 2020 candidacy. These ideas have resonated particularly well with young liberal and leftist voters, who consider the massive and growing wealth gap between America’s elites and its working class an issue that must be front and center for any prospective 2020 candidates.

Recent reporting from Vanity Fair has indicated that Schultz has been “shocked” by the intense criticism and disapproval of his possible 2020 run, and is possibly considering dropping the whole idea altogether. With an entry to the political playing field about as well regarded as the taste of Starbucks coffee, Schultz should really consider sitting this election out.
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Bulldogs Shine at CUNYAC Swim Meet

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This weekend from Feb 1-Feb 3 the CUNYAC Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving championships took place at Lehman College. On the first day, Friday Feb 1, the Bulldogs took home five medals with a pair of gold medals coming from the men's side. Freshman Dorian Zaremba won two gold medals this past Friday afternoon and won the 500 yard freestyle final with a time of 5:20:29. On the women’s side Freshman Emily Yang won a bronze medal in the 200 yard IM with a time of 2:29:32. The women’s team ended the first day tied in fourth place while the men's team stood in third place. In the second day of CUNYAC championships the bulldogs brought home six more medals. For the women’s team freshman Emily Yang won her second bronze medal of the championships in the 100 yard breaststroke final while freshman Melanie Deringer finished eighth out of 23 swimmers in the 200 yard freestyle final. Meanwhile for the Men’s team freshman Dorian Zaremba won his second individual gold medal in the 100 yard backstroke final, while freshman Thomas Wong won bronze in the 100 yard backstroke, and sophomore Omar Hasan-Hafez won bronze in the 200 yard freestyle final. On the final day of the CUNYAC championships freshman Dorian Zaremba won his third individual gold medal at the 1650 yard freestyle final and sophomore Omar Hasan-Hafez won a gold in the 100 yard freestyle final. Although the men’s and women’s teams failed to win the championship, it was a great weekend for the bulldogs in the medal category.

Women’s B-Ball Dominates at Lehman, Men Suffer Buzzer Beater

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The visiting Lehman Lightning came into the West Quad Center at Brooklyn College and left the building, scoring a three quarter court buzzer beater by guard Miguel Haboosh, leaving the fans and players in the West Quad in shock as the score went from 58-58 to 61-58 in overtime. Here’s how it went down.

Bulldog Forward Jade Spencer scores a three pointer to tie the game. In under 3 seconds, Miguel Haboosh just throws the shot up in the air in three quarters of a court and made the buzzer beater. As the team celebrated, the Bulldogs can only just look as they saw the shot hitting the bottom of the net.

While the shot by Haboosh may have been miraculous, there were missed opportunities by the Bulldogs that led this shot to happen.

The Bulldogs only shot 29 percent from the field. Their free throws plagued them as the team only shot 30 percent from the free throw line. The Bulldogs were trailing 22-19 by halftime as this game had both teams playing a lot of defense against each other. Brooklyn only shot 1-5 from the free throw line but the free throw struggles did not stop there as they struggled shooting the ball from the free throw line in the second half.

The Bulldogs were leading by two points with 41 seconds left but they could not contain Miguel Haboosh, the player who ended up scoring the game winning buzzer beater as he scored a floater to tie the game. The Bulldogs had two chances to convert and take the lead but they did not capitalize.

While the Bulldogs were leading by 5 points at overtime, the lead was quickly disappeared as Lehman scored the next 5 points to take a 56-55 lead. Brooklyn kept missing their chances to convert so they had to foul. Lehman ended up converting both of their free throws, which lead to Jade Spencer making that three point shot, tying the game 58-58 with a potential double overtime hovering. However, Miguel Haboosh killed any chance of a double overtime game as he scored that buzzer beater, leaving Lehman to celebrate and the Bulldogs shaking their heads over the missed opportunities they had to win this game.

Jade Spencer lead the Bulldogs with a game high 17 points while snagging 13 rebounds. Michael Tesoriero had a solid game of 10 points, 6 assists and 8 rebounds.

Looking to shake off that loss, the Brooklyn College men’s basketball team will see their next home game at the West Quad against Baruch College on February 5th. Tip off starts at 7:15 pm.

Meanwhile, the Brooklyn College women’s basketball team improved to 13-7, and 9-2 in the CUNYAC in a dominating fashion. In a night where the 2017-2018 Brooklyn College Women’s Basketball team received their CUNYAC championship rings, the Bulldogs did not disappoint as they steamrolled the visiting Lehman College (1-19, 1-11 CUNYAC), 80-26.

The Bulldogs did not look back from their loss from Hunter in the previous game as they started the game with a 16-0 run in the first quarter. They ended the quarter with the score of 26-3 as no shots were falling in for Lehman College. Bulldog’s Alexandra Moogan lead the first quarter attack scoring 11 points. The Bulldogs continued their dominant ways and did not look back as they went on a 21-2 run in the second quarter and ended the half with the score of 47-5.

Leading this dominating win over Lehman College was Jasmine Hansgen, who had a double double, scoring a game high 19 points and pulling 14 rebounds. Alexandra Moogan also snagged a double double as she scored 16 points and pulled 16 rebounds along with 6 steals and had three blocked shots. It is worthy to note that Moogan is 17 points away from scoring 1000 points for her career (prior to the game against CSI on Saturday). The Bulldogs shot 42.9 percent on the field while scoring .333 percent from the three as opposed to Lehman College, who only shot .43 percent from the field while shooting 20 percent from the three.

The Bulldogs will see their next home game against Baruch College on February 5th at the West Quad Center. Tip off will begin at 5 pm.