Bronx Community College’s Nanoscience program, led by Professor Vicki Flaris, is expanding geometrically in educational, research and employment opportunities. Professor Vicki Flaris of the Department of Chemistry has not only been the chapter’s advisor since its inception, she has acted in a mentoring role to those students involved with the chapter. Because of her efforts, the college has created CMB 20, a class called “Introduction To Nanoscience,” which is expected to run again in the spring 2014 semester.

One of the lectures I chose to attend stood out. It was given by Dwight N. Tozer, who was one of the conference’s plenary speakers from ExxonMobil Chemical Company. He gave a lecture entitled “Abundant U.S. Shale Gas Supports “Revitalizing the Plastics Industry.” He showed how this new and cheaper source of energy has not only revitalized manufacturing, but also spurred interest in experimentation into Nanoscience applications in plastics. This is especially important to the medical field in many ways. For example: there are now virus mimicking nano-sized plastic particles which are injected into people rather than injecting the virus itself. This eliminates the possible adverse reactions some people have when they get their immunization shots.

Along with the series of lectures, there was a group of exhibitions at the convention, which we toured as a group. We were able to see equipment and processes demonstrated, and ask questions about how they were being used in industry and research applications.

Some of Professor Flaris’s contacts at the convention were invited to attend several student-centric events given by different companies. This allowed the students to get a better idea about what it would be like working in this industry when they graduate, along with the possibilities of internships and “coop” work programs which the various companies offer.

As president of the College’s chapter, Professor Flaris and I set a goal of increasing our visibility on campus – not just within the science community, but within the college community as a whole. We accomplished our goals and received two college-wide awards for our efforts. The chapter received the College’s Mission Fulfillment Award, and, as president, I received the Outstanding Leadership Recognition Award.

We invited Professor Ilona Kretzschmar of City College to give a talk about Nanoscience during the fall semester. Shortly after coming back from the conference in the spring, we also hosted Lindsey DeLaaney from R&D Plastics LLC in Oregon, who came to the campus to make a presentation and talk to students about possible career paths.

In conjunction with Professor Flaris, we have held a series of “NanoDays” each spring for the past two years. At these events prospective students for the college, members of the college community, and guests from local high schools and other institutions get to see a series of demonstrations about Nanoscience and the fact that the College offers a class, Chemistry 20, “Intro to Nanoscience.” This is a good selling point for the school, as this is a new and emerging multi-discipline, multi-billion dollar science field.

We are in the process of becoming a college-wide organization, which will allow us the ability to expand and build on the strong foundation we have created while we look to the future not only of Nanoscience but also of Bronx Community College and its students.
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Since the Voting Right Act of 1965, many people have been able to exercise the right to vote for their elected officials. During the last two presidential elections, college students have increasingly participated in this very important process. Unfortunately, this has not been the case at the local level, where elected officials have been neglecting critical issues like affordable housing, public health, and the increasing costs of higher education. Among the races coming next month, we will elect the next Mayor of New York City. In order to make sure the politicians hear the voices of students across the CUNY system, we look forward to registering as many students before the October 11th deadline as possible. After the registration deadline, be on the lookout for Student Life, NYPIRG, and the Speech, Drama, and Debate Team’s Mayoral Mock Debate on October 31st in the Roscoe Brown Playhouse.

Remember, your vote is your voice. Use it.

Miguel Peña
Project Leader

Voter Registration and Mobilization

Dear Editor:

Hydrofracking isn’t a new issue to New York State. As many of you are already aware, horizontal high volume fracturing, or fracturing for short, is using hydraulic pressure to fracture shale bedrock deep underground so that the trapped gas can escape and be recovered for energy use. While this issue poses severe risks for drilling sites upstate, fracturing has serious risks for people across the entire state. While a recent report confirmed the relationship between the fracturing process and the occurrence of earthquakes in Ohio, for many of us in the city, it’s a matter of protecting our drinking water. Our tap water, some of the best in the country, comes from upstate sources. The plundering of bedrock for natural gas threatens to pollute our water with methane gas and potentially contaminating it with hazardous chemicals. While the fight continues upstate on our state’s environmental and energy future, we need to continue to inform ourselves and engage Governor Cuomo by calling 1-800-566-5020 and urging him to ban hydrofracking in New York State.

Clifford P Bias
Project Leader

Environmental Protection

NYPIRG at BCC

FALL 2013

Career & Internship Fair

Employers will be on campus to recruit and interview on-site. Find out about employment, volunteer projects, internships, networking, and career exploration.

Thursday, October 24, 2013

Time: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Loew Hall [LO], Room 200

All undergraduates and recent alumni are urged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn about Career and Internship opportunities with top organizations.

To attend the fair, you must be dressed in business attire and you must bring a resume.

If you do not have a resume, come to the Career Center to pick up samples or to receive assistance in creating an outstanding resume.

Resume Review Workshop

It is strongly recommended that you have your resume reviewed before attending the fair.

On Thursday, October 17, 2013

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Loew Hall [LO], Room 106-A

Employment preparation workshop to help you get ready for interviews.

For more information, contact:
C.O.P.E. Program
718.289.5000
jradford@stb.bcc.cuny.edu
also hear from the BCC career office.
The Communicator – October 9, 2013

Campus News

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To Commit, Not Quit
By Gilda Cote

On September 19, 2013 while Freshmen Convocation occurred inside Gould Memorial Library (GML) Auditorium, outside GML and inside the Roscoe Brown Student Center Playhouse, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members were hard at work with the “Commit to Complete” Initiative, a collaborative effort between BCC’s PTK Chapter and the Office of the President to increase degree completion at BCC.

Anu Bolarinwa and Sithar Say were two of the Phi Theta Kappa members who stood outside Gould Memorial Library getting students to fill out the Community College Completion Corps form. By signing this form BCC students were committing to complete some part of their curriculum this year. Whether it is to complete their remedial courses, take writing intensive classes, work on their major courses, challenge themselves to take honors courses, or making the big leap towards graduation this upcoming spring; there was something for everyone to strive for.

Besides completing the form and pledging to commit to graduate from Bronx Community College, students were given information about PTK and benefits of being part of this society.

Across the grass field, in the Roscoe Brown Student Center Playhouse, PTK members were also working on another project that revolves around the “Commit to Complete” Initiative.

Not every student learns and adapts the same in a college setting and, realistically, the average student doesn’t complete their two-year degree on time. If a student has to take remedial courses, it usually takes about four years to complete their two-year degree program and, if they end up on academic probation or are academically dismissed, it takes them even longer to complete their degree work – if they complete at all.

This is why BCC’s PTK Lambda Nu Chapter and President Carole Berette Joseph have agreed to create a peer mentoring pilot program for students who are struggling academically. PTK members and volunteers sat down with students that were selected by the president’s office whom they feel would flourish at the opportunity of gaining a peer mentor. Each mentor discussed their own experiences, their weaknesses and strengths, and how they feel they could help as mentors. The PTK members hope that these students gain an understanding of how to overcome some of their obstacles and, possibly, show them better ways of studying and learning the resources available to them on campus. The groups were fairly small, which allowed the mentees time to speak with the available mentors and select the mentor(s) they found suitable for their individual needs.

The book Rays of Sunshine from the Hood is now available via Amazon.com. Please feel free to search the web for it.

Things in Store for BCC Athletics

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where our track coach brings our team in indoor track. I think we will have some unprecedented numbers for the team.

With numerous things to look forward to, BCC Athletics is on pace to make its mark, and the program will be a successful experience for student athletes, and with the website, the programs will no longer stay in the dark. It’s time for BCC Athletics to become a recognizable program on campus.

NYPIRG
Students Mobilize for Change: NYPIRG’s General Interest Meeting
By Armando Chapelliquen

On October 3, students from Bronx Community College came out to NYPIRG at BCC’s General Interest Meeting. Colored chalk arrows and balloons decorated the Colston patio for the official kick off for NYPIRG’s various campaigns. Over 80 students came out to learn more about the work being done by the state’s largest student advocacy organization to address issues of environmental health, mass transit, hunger and homelessness, voter registration, and consumer protection.

However, perhaps the biggest draw was the campaign that connected students both inside BCC and BCC and out: fighting for affordable and accessible higher education. To address this issue as well to remind students of the challenges ahead, the keynote address was delivered by Kevin Stump, NYPIRG’s Higher Education Campaign Coordinator. “It’s great to see nearly 100 students who want to engage in the fight for social justice,” said Stump. “The attack on access to higher education is one of the greatest challenges our generation is faced with and it is our voice that needs to be heard. Similar to the 60s and 70s when NYPIRG was established, we are at a crossroads of civil rights issues - it’s imperative that progress prevails,” he added.

The goal was not simply to inspire students, but to actually begin the march toward addressing the challenges of our time. After the keynote, students went to one of six breakout meetings. Each meeting, led by a student project leader, served as the springboard for the campaign and provided an open environment for students to brainstorm and begin planning future actions. Students Clifford P Bias, George Arce, Miguel Peta, Brandon Robinson, and Ruben Martinez served as the project leaders for Environmental Protection, Hunger and Homelessness Outreach, Voter Registration and Mobilization, Higher Education Affordability and Accessibility, and Mass Transit, respectively.

Throughout the room, the breakouts were full of discussion and plans for the future. “Everyone was really excited about the consumer protection campaign and I’m feeling very pumped and excited for the semester,” said Marcus Charlton, Project Leader for Consumer Protection.

Students looking to learn more about all of the campaigns are encouraged to come out to NYPIRG’s office, Meister Hall, Room 214, or 718, to learn more about plans for the semester and how they can get involved.

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) is funded through the mandatory Student Activity Fee (SAF). NYPIRG offers a refund of the portion of the current SAF earmarked for NYPIRG to any student who does not wish to contribute. For more information or to receive your refund, contact NYPIRG Project Coordinator Armando Chapelliquen in Meister, Room 214 or 718-289-5409.

Conversations with CLIP
By Gilda Cote

Last year, the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) partnered with the Phi Theta Kappa Lambda Nu Chapter to create a program of conversation partners called “Conversations with CLIP.”

The CLIP students were paired with a PTK member to converse in English during the student’s lunch hour about their interests in a judgment-free environment. The numbers of mentors were few after one semester, so to keep the program running, the dynamics of the program were changed to “CLIP Conversation Group.” Instead of having a one-on-one conversation during their lunch hour, the students attend PTK meeting during the Friday meeting time (3-5 PM) and immerse themselves in conversations and leadership opportunities. The program began on October 4th and continues through December 20th.

CLIP students will have the opportunity to participate in brainstorming about community service projects, artistic talents, and become more informed about scholarship opportunities. This project will bring out these students leadership qualities that they will utilize once they get into the college.

CLIP students will also receive a certificate of completion at the end of the semester and be celebrated for their accomplishment of learning English with Phi Theta Kappa. Many PTK members began educational journey as CLIP students and eventually graduated victorious within the top ten percent of the student population that make up PTK Honors students and scholars.
Successful Student Secrets
By Aziza Ingram

I have successfully completed my first 30 days at NYU and it has not been an easy journey. I am taking 17 points this semester, the equivalent of nearly six classes at BCC, yet it feels like a course load of 10 classes. I have so much going on that I never feel like there are enough hours in the day. Time management and organization are really important for me here, and I would truly be lost if I did not schedule everything. I do mean everything, from time to shower, eat, make phone calls, study and even order food for dinner.

Allow me to provide a breakdown of the last month:
- Dropped one class
- Replaced that class with another
- 700 pages read of required reading
- 2 exams taken
- 6 papers written
- 40 hours worked per week
- 18.5 hours per week in classes
- 10 hours a week at newspaper
- 10 cups of coffee consumed per day
- 5 hours average per night of sleep

I am nowhere near being the kind of reader who can read and understand 100 pages in less than an hour. It takes me about two minutes per page, followed by another minute of making notes and another minute rereading what I did not understand. This means it takes me four minutes per page to have a grasp of the material. Four minutes times 700 pages equals 28,000 minutes or 46.666 hours. That means I need 11.5 uninterrupted hours of reading in a week to have a full understanding of what is in front of me. Who has that kind of time?

This is what I have done for myself. I wake up one hour earlier than I need to and read for fifty-five minutes. The other five are used to make coffee and sit down. I then get ready for the day (shower and dress for work/school) and get on the train and read some more. When I am at work, I keep my readings close at hand, and I read during my thirty-minute break, whenever there is a lull, and on my way on to class after work. When at school, I read during my walk from one class to the next, it is quite tough to navigate the city streets while reading but I think I am mastering it.

I then continue to read on my way to the school newspaper or home on the train, whichever comes first. I have given up riding my scooter all around because it frees up time for me to devote to the page. When I have arrived back at home, I take a thirty-minute nap and quickly order food. Thank goodness I don’t cook, because that would be another few hours of my life each week that I would have to dedicate elsewhere. Once my food is ordered I settle in at my desk and review and rewrite my notes for the day. If a paper is due soon, which it most likely is, I start or continue on that and eventually retire to bed around one in the morning, only to spring back up again at five.

I say all that I have to let you, the reader, know that you are not alone in the trying times of collegiate life. It always seems like there is not enough time for anything else. As a matter of fact, as I write this I realize I have not carved out anytime for a personal life or fun time. I will definitely work on this in the coming months, for if you do not make time for fun what is this all for anyway.

So be sure and have a plan; use a daily, weekly or monthly planner to keep track of all that will be coming your way. It is the only way you will get through it with less bumps and bruises.
For the third year in a row the Straphangers Campaign found that a majority of subway announcements of delays and disruptions were clear and accurate, according to a survey released today by the group.

In another finding, some 86% of basic informational announcements made on subway cars are clear and accurate. (A basic announcement—made at or between stops—includes the name of the next destination or direction, train letter or number, and transfer opportunities (if any).)

However, the survey also revealed that one year in a row, the majority of subway announcements were clear and accurate during delays or disruptions,” said Straphangers Project Leader Ruben Martinez. “We hope Transit officials continue this positive trend, giving riders the information they need when regular service is affected.”

The survey was conducted by 79 volunteers between January 5 and May 16, 2013. In the survey, volunteers made 6,006 observations of in-car announcements on 20 subway lines. In 2013, our surveyors experienced and rated 98 delay and service change announcements as the worst and 98 delay announcements as the best. This system had the best clarity and accuracy. In 2012, our surveyors experienced and rated 98 delay and service change announcements as the worst and 98 delay announcements as the best. This system had the best clarity and accuracy.

In 2013, surveyors rated 98 delays and service changes during the survey period, of which 85 were rated “correct” or “accurate.” An incorrect announcement is one that did not offer riders a meaningful explanation for the change in service and/or delay.

In the 2013 survey, some 52% of delays and disruptions experienced by our raters on all lines had clear and accurate announcements.

Official transit guidelines give conductors a list of 18 possible delay announcements with detailed reasons. These announcements range from “unruly person on the train” to “waiting for connecting train.” The policy states: “If there is a delay, [the conductor] must make an announcement immediately (and again within 2 minutes after that.”

Prior to the 2013 survey, in a majority of delays and disruptions experienced by our raters, there was either no announcement—or an inaccurate, garbled or incorrect one.

In contrast, in 2013, subway car announcements of delays were clear and ungarbled 52% of the time (51 out of 98 delays). Of the remaining 48% delay announcements, 13% of the time (9 out of 83 delays) were garbled or inaudible (9 out of 98) and 26% (25 out of 98) were rated “incorrect.”

These were meaningful announcements that “we have a red signal,” ones lacking key information such as “this local is now an express” (with no explanation), or ones with jargon such as “we have a schedule adjustment.”

In another finding, some 86% of basic informational announcements made on subway cars are clear and accurate. This is largely unchanged from our last survey in 2012, which was 85%.

In the 2013 survey, the L and Q lines provided basic announcements 100% of the time and both lines had automated announcements.

The R came in last for the second year in a row, with only 56% adequate basic announcements. This survey follows twelve similar surveys conducted between 1997 and 2012. MTA New York City Transit does not survey delay and disruption announcements on subway cars. The Agency did survey the “percentage of cars with public address announcements” in the first half of 2013. Some 91% of cars are rated as emergency break-pushed, having public address announcements. This is broken down by cars with automated announcements (99%) and conductor announcements (81%).

Our findings thus reflect exactly 6,006 basic announcement opportunity observations on each of 20 lines. The Times Square, Rockefeller Center and 34th Street stations were visited in the survey.

Our findings thus reflect exactly 6,006 basic announcement opportunity observations; of these, our surveyors noted that for the entire system in 2013, 86% of announcements were adequate. This system result is accurate within minus or plus 2% (5 of 50) confidence for this size results. In 2012, the accuracy was minus or plus 6%.

In addition, surveyors recorded whether there was a change in service or delay of two minutes or more. When such a change in service or delay occurred, surveyors noted whether an in-car announcement was made, whether any announcement made was understandable and accurate, and the exact language of the announcement.

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The MTA New York City Transit Committee Meeting Book, September 2013, p. 8.3 (PDF p. 310)
On May 25, 2013, I was invited to Kim Burrell’s dressing room at the Hurt No More Conference held in Symphony Space’s Leonard Nimoy Thalia Theatre. It had been about four months since the last time I saw her sing in the New York metropolitan area. This past January 18th, in a dress majestically the color of The Emerald City and looking more amazing than ever, she remembered "It is Well with My Soul" and Thomas Whitfield’s "Bless the Presence of God; how to call for the Holy Ghost." She preached, "The Holy Ghost causes you to be kind to people. The Holy Ghost causes you to obey God no matter what. The Holy Ghost keeps you from gossiping. The Holy Ghost gives you the power of discernment."

Kim Burrell’s Ephesians 4 Conference takes place in Houston, Texas, this December. Later that month, she will be in New Jersey for An Abundant Christmas. It became apparent that her ministry compelled grueling hours amounting in long absences from her family. She was homesick and longed to see her mom and maturing son. She talked a great deal about her son Christian, and I remembered two years ago when Burrell ministered at an event hosted by Lance Williams in East Orange, New Jersey. I attended New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church that evening where she said, "Every once in a while I’ll shock the atmosphere of where I live and [I’ll] just break out dancing. My son is eight and he does get the hang of it now. And every time mama goes to dancing - I don’t care where he is – he’ll find his way, and he goes for it. You know, I acknowledge that because at eight [years old] he needs to understand how to activate the presence of God, how to call for the Holy Ghost."”

At the 9th Annual True Worship Retreat she sang a selection of the Horatio Spafford/Philip Bliss hymn “It Is Well With My Soul” and Thomas Whittfield’s “Bless His Name.” She preached, “The Holy Ghost causes you to be kind to people. The Holy Ghost causes you to obey God no matter what. The Holy Ghost keeps you from gossiping. The Holy Ghost gives you the power of discernment.”

I believe Burrell exercised the power of discernment very recently by scrapping both her new contract with Arrow Records, and the reality show Whatever It Takes (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math & Medicine) which was reportedly unveiled/leaked in June of 2012 via the Internet. She cited creative differences and a desire to take responsibility for her own franchise. Burrell, based on a storm which was reportedly unveiled/leaked in June of 2012 via the Internet. She cited creative differences and a desire to take responsibility for her own franchise. Burrell, based on a storm which was reportedly unveiled/leaked in June of 2012 via the Internet. She cited creative differences and a desire to take responsibility for her own franchise.
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- Please bring identification with photo or signature.

*Parental permission required for 16 years old donors (New York Blood Center form available at drive).*
Beyond the Quad

How a College Education Can Change the Rest of Your Life
By Alex Luma

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.” At times, students find themselves questioning the importance of college. A college education supplies wider opportunities for graduates as opposed to those without higher education. There is a higher demand for students in possession of a degree. As you learn in business and economics classes, supply and demand is the backbone model of the market economy for determining price within a market.

According to the law of demand, based on the equality of all factors, the higher the price, the less the demand. According to the law of supply, the quantity supplied increases as the price increases. When the functions of supply and demand intersect and the two balance each other out, the economy is said to be at equilibrium, a state of stability. Since in this case, the supply is outweighed by the demand, college graduates obtain comparatively higher wages. Even though higher education can be one of the largest hands ever to reach into your pockets, having that college education speaks in your favor towards your life earning potential within today’s day and age, which is worth every penny. It is the most significant investment you will make to your future.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is reported that, on average, high school diploma recipients make $562 weekly. Associate degree recipients make $785 while those with their bachelors make $1,066 and so on and so forth. In addition to the priority of earning money, there is also the effort of earning credibility. There are many opportunities for students to display everything they have learned in front of professionals in their craft and to network with leaders, which leads to insight, growth, career potential and at times, scholarship opportunities.

One prime example would be the College Media Convention for writers, publishers, and journalists. Insight offered includes “How to Be a Multimedia Journalist with Whatever Is in Your Pocket.” Another prime example would be the Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference. This prestigious experience presents science, technology, engineering, and math students with the opportunity to meet top employers and amplify the spark within their academic career. They also get to hear from elite professionals and see students progressing and taking initiative towards their dreams. In addition, they get to see honorable candidates receiving recognition, as well as scholarships.

By receiving a post-secondary education, not only do the students find an extra passageway to a whole new world of opportunity, they also receive the chance to hear recitations and learn from experts in their fields. In addition, it motivates them to use their brains, ask questions, and explore new opportunities for overall growth and development. The people you meet and interact with during your time as a student can have a positive influence on your future. Not only can they recommend your work, but they can also mention your name to others at any point. You never know what full potential or capabilities a person possesses. Pay close attention to the benefits and resources you may receive during your educational journey. As Napoleon Hill once said, “Action is the real measure of intelligence.”

*A best-selling American author widely known in the self-improvement movement. As one of the earliest producers of literature regarding personal success, he is widely credited as one of the great writers on that subject matter.

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Be an Authentic Leader
Tuesday, October 29, 2013
RBSC 310
2pm-3pm

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Effective Communication for Leaders
Tuesday, November 5, 2013
RBSC 310
3pm-4pm

“LUNCH with LEADERS”
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
RBSC 311
12pm-2pm
(Limited seating—must register)

Ethical Decision Making
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
RBSC 310
4pm-5pm

Multicultural Leadership
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Presenter: Kimberly Roberts
RBSC 310
3pm-4pm

Civic Engagement
Monday, December 9, 2013
RBSC 310
3pm-4pm
It’s Your Right. It’s Your Duty.

Some changes can be pleasant, enjoyable, and exciting. To the confident it is inspiring because things may get better. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get worse. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get psychologically impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better.
The first time Agatha heard the voice, she did not give it much thought. Although it was very strange how it seemed to have come from within her, but at the same time was missing any dependence, as if it had its own will. For a moment her heart began to beat frantically; this only lasted for a few seconds, so she concluded that the whole episode had been her mind playing tricks.

After some weeks, she had completely forgotten the incident and was patiently waiting for the visit of Doctor M. to conclude. He was known for his schizophrenic, monotonous, and never-ending monologues. Surreptitiously, Agatha glanced at her mother who was nodding her head as if she could absorb each word that was coming out of the old know-it-all’s mouth. The truth is that the doctor’s constant boasting of his pretended “wisdom” infuriated Agatha, but what bothered her the most was that no one, not even her, especially not her, had the courage to tell the pretentious and pompous charlatan to shut his damn trap up.

A girl servant poured some tea. Agatha looked at hers and sadly thought that almost everything she did in life, she did because it was a duty. Like the simple act of drinking a cup of tea. Her mother and Doctor M. had started their cup, so she gulped some of hers to hold back a sigh and to finish the tea as soon as possible. Doctor M. proceeded with his monologue commenting about the benefits and properties of tea. Agatha wasn’t listening to him; she was trying to understand why her mother always invited Doctor M. for tea. Everyone in C. did it, did, though.

Her mother probably thought it was a responsibility. After all, the whole duty comprising thing was like a cursed heritage. It seemed to Agatha that the ticking of the clock had reduced its rhythm to a tediously slow one. And to make matters worse, she still had to resist twenty-five more minutes before Doctor M. had to leave.

“Ha-ha-ha, ha-ha, ha!” – a woman’s voice laughed in a low and vehement tone. Agatha lifted her hands an imaginary substance off her skin.

“Stop! Just be quiet once and for all!” – Agatha, with anger had surpassed any other emotion. She spoke to her again, she did not feel fear anymore because her anger had surpassed any other emotion.

“Of course, of course, I understand,” – Doctor M. said with a smile that pretended to be indulgent, but was full of sarcasm, as if he thought that the most natural thing in the world was for a woman, or anyone besides himself, to be stupid. “I was saying that thanks to the studies and extensive research I have done have…”

Agatha did not listen to him past that point. The doctor talked to her, passing between each word more than was necessary, and looked at her with a glare that clearly expressed what he considered it a waste of time trying to explain to her the “brilliancy” of his studies. Agatha looked directly into his rat-looking eyes, and a mixture of repulsion and hatred agitated inside her. So when the voice spoke to her again, she did not feel fear anymore because her anger had surpassed any other emotion.

“She is insufferable and conceited. Someone should tell him how pathetic he really is…” – the voice told Agatha – “and would you be the ideal person to do that. I mean… you are trying to do it anyway. But you are afraid, aren’t you? No, ask yourself: afraid of what, or who? What’s the worst that could happen? And, isn’t it the right thing to be honest? Or do you want to be just as hypocritical as everyone else in C.?”

The questions were being fired one after the other. Each one landing perfectly on the target that was Agatha’s weakening willpower. The voice’s words were intoxicating Agatha like the liquor she had never tasted, making her capacity to reason or decide, numb.

“Stop! Just be quiet once and for all!” – Agatha screeched, while she covered her ears with both hands tightly. She could not tell if she was talking to the voice or the doctor anymore, but since the damage was already done she proceeded without even thinking. – “Yes! Yes, you! Are you really so stupid that you can’t even notice how much everyone hates you? Can’t you at least pretend to be humble for once in your life? You-… you drive me crazy!”

Doctor M. was incapable of assimilating what had just happened for a moment. He sat there with his mouth hanging, looking at Agatha as if she had gone mad.

“Ah, dear! What has become of you? What is wrong with you?” – her mother almost pleaded. She was deeply mortified.

All of a sudden the tea table went slowly flying through the air for what seemed centuries, and landed with the loudest bang that had ever been heard in the town of C. Agatha’s arms were still in the air when the doctor and her mother could finally manage to look away from the chaos that used to be the tea table. Gently, the arms went down and Agatha stood up and ran out the door.

By the time Agatha returned to her senses, it was nighttime and she was sitting on a bench in K. Park; a bloody knife on her lap. She gasped and threw the knife on the ground before running away. Besides the occasional drunkard, the streets of C. were deserted. After running for a while, she heard the roaring of the sea. Walking towards the East, she found it. The weakest rays of light were surging from the water. “You made the right decision…” – the voice said with chuckle.

“I did not do anything… Get away from me! Let go!”

Agatha replied frantically, brushing desperately with her hands an imaginary substance off her skin.

“Oh, really?” – the voice sounded angry for the first time. “Did I put the knife in your hands? Ha! I’m not even real!”

Upon hearing this, a horrifying scene only her eyes could see materialized before Agatha, and backing away from it she stepped into the precipice. To this day, locals say that if standing very still they can hear a woman’s voice calling on the cliff in the early hours.
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FALL 2013 CALENDAR

September 19, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m. FIRST MEETING, COLSTON HALL 723

September 26, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m. RESUME WRITING 101, COLSTON HALL 723

Explore the step-by-step processes for creating an effective resume. CCD Credit is available. Students interested in earning OCD credit must sign up in advance via an e-mail to rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu (Confirmation e-mail will be sent).

October 3, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m. HIV & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, COLSTON HALL 723

Domestic violence affects people regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, education level, financial situation, or marital status. Abusers often use their own, or the victim’s HIV+ status, as a weapon of coercion. Martez Smith of BOOM Health! will facilitate this workshop designed to increase knowledge and understanding on the intersection of domestic violence and HIV/AIDS. Students interested in earning OCD credit must sign up in advance via an e-mail to rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu (Confirmation e-mail will be sent).

October 17, 2013, 12:00-1:30 p.m. CLUB FAIR, ROSCOE BROWN STUDENT CENTER, 2ND FLOOR

October 24, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m. MEETING, COLSTON HALL 723

October 31, 2013, 6:30-9:00 p.m. HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Rainbow Alliance will be marching as a group in the parade. We will be meeting on the northeast corner of Canal and Varick Streets on Thursday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m. Should it rain or snow that day or there is a weather prediction calling for rain or snow, we will NOT be meeting there and the event is cancelled. Please confirm your attendance by sending an e-mail to rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu.

November 7, 2013, 12:30-1:30 p.m. UNDERSTANDING OBAMACARE, ROOM TO BE ANNOUNCED

President Obama’s bill aims to reform the health care system by providing Americans access to affordable care. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the official title for ObamaCare) was signed into law March 23, 2010 and upheld by a Supreme Court ruling on June 28, 2012. Saudah Muhammad, Executive Director of Bronx Lebanon Integrated Services System, Inc. (BLISS), will discuss the facets of the law and address questions.

November 8, 2013, 6:00-8:30 p.m. BAD EDUCATION MOVIE (FRIDAY NIGHT), ROOM TO BE ANNOUNCED

Bad Education is a Spanish drama film written and directed by Pedro Almodóvar. The film focuses on two reunited childhood friends (and lovers) caught up in a stylized murder mystery. Professor Alicia Bralove-Ramirez will give a talk before the film. Students interested in earning OCD credit must sign up in advance via an e-mail to rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu (Confirmation e-mail will be sent).

November 14, 2013 MEETING, COLSTON HALL 723

November 16, 2013, 1:00-3:00 p.m. GAY & LESBIAN MUSEUM OF ART (SATURDAY AFTERNOON)

The first LGBTQ art museum in the world, located in SoHo, New York. Exhibits and preserves art that speaks directly to LGBTQ experience. Students interested in earning OCD credit must sign up in advance via an e-mail to rainbow@bcc.cuny.edu (Confirmation e-mail will be sent).

The Rainbow Alliance at Bronx Community College, 2012-2013 IOC Club of the Year, provides resources and extracurricular activities that address the needs of LGBTQ students as well as the greater campus community.

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