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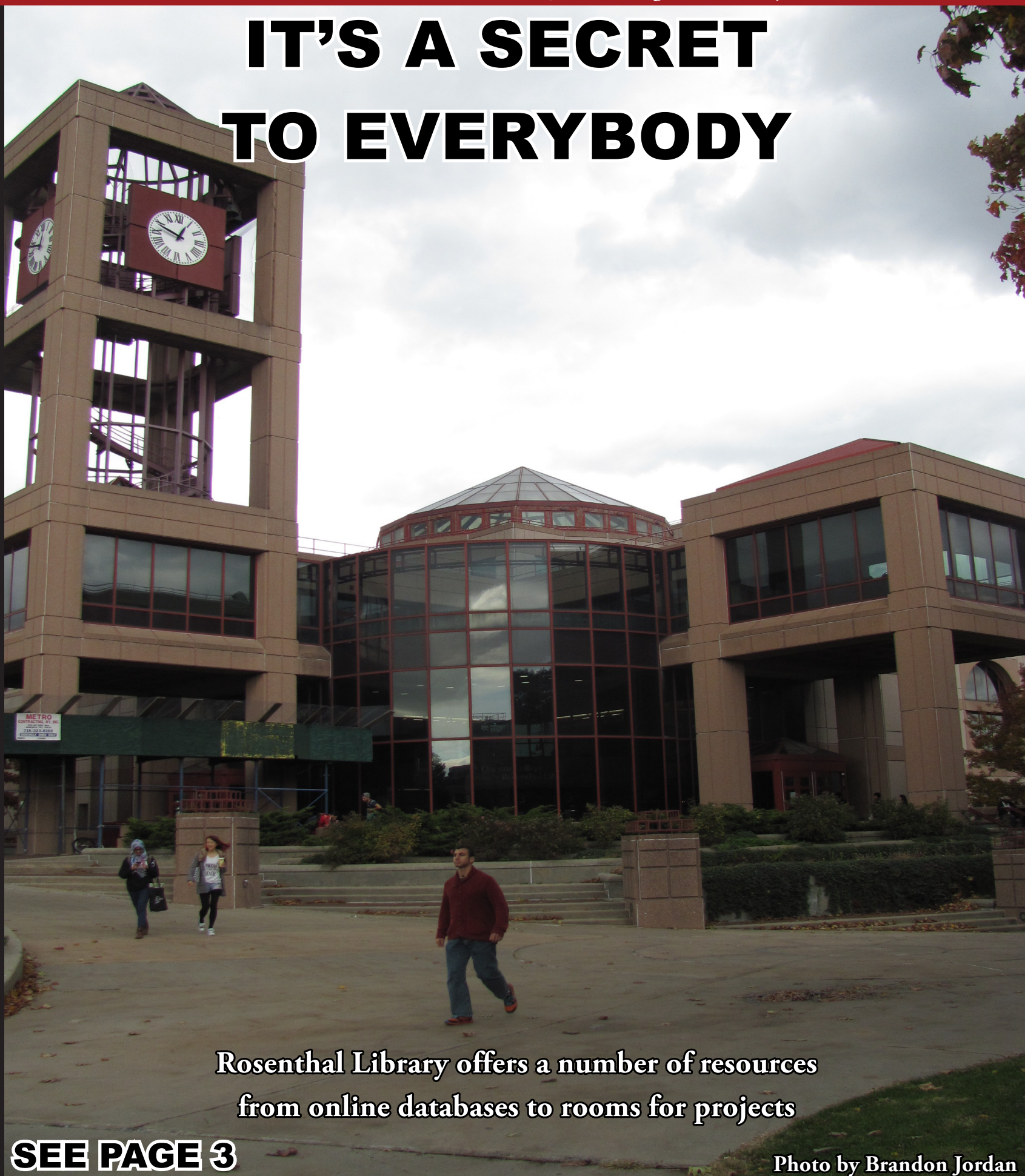
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Love is not abuse

Last month was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, where we mourn those lost to domestic violence, celebrate those who survived it and connect those with others who fight to end it.

Domestic violence is mainly about abusive relationships within a home, as in a couple that lives together and possibly have a child in common, but it is really about violent, intimate relationships in general. Abuse is abuse.

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that occurs between family members or intimate partners. There are different types of abuse: physical, emotional and sexual.

Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, hitting, slapping, punching, choking, pushing, grabbing and shaking. Emotional abuse includes yelling, insulting, threatening, stalking, isolation from family and friends and harassment through calling or texting. Sexual abuse includes rape, unwanted touching, forced sex with others and threatening to out you or disclose your sexual orientation.

Abusive relationships occur more often than you think in college. Approximately 32 percent of college students experience intimate partner abuse, according to a report titled "Violent Behaviors in College Student Dating Behavior" in the Journal of Contemporary Justice.

This includes rape. Women in college are sexually assaulted at a rate four times higher than other women. Sixty percent of acquaintance rapes on college campuses occur in casual or steady dating relationships. No means no.

According to the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, from 2002 to 2006 almost 4 percent of NYC adults aged 18 to 24 reported being frightened

for their safety or of their children or friends because of the anger or threats of an intimate partner. This age range is the most commonly abused.

One in three women and one in four men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Also according to NCADV, one in seven women and one in 18 men were stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Moreover, they felt fearful or believed they or someone close to them could be harmed or killed.

Know your rights. You deserve respect. The decisions you make for yourself and your body are valid. You have the right to fight against unfair treatment and to say no.

Many victims do not realize they are in abusive relationships. They hope their relationship would get better with time, but this is not the case. You should not have a wishbone where you should have a backbone.

Also, if you are fighting excessively and you are only dating, it will not stop later in your relationship.

No one should keep you without chains under their spell. No one should fall into this ideology of acceptance and thinking indecent behavior is normal.

A relationship should feel good. If you're in a relationship with someone who makes you anxious or makes you do things you do not want to do, to talk to someone you trust about it.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, you can call the city's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, which is 1-800-621-HOPE (4673).

Even with a strike, CUNY is already out

The Professional Staff Congress announced last month the inevitable—authorizing use of the strike.

Why inevitable? Because five years without a contract is unforgivable.

A strike, at this point, does not seem likely. Indeed, Barbara Bowen, president of the PSC, stressed the union is not seeking to strike. Rather, the decision is to show CUNY they mean business.

CUNY could have decided to end the issue with an offer. Just one. But not one was given under Chancellor James Milliken's tenure.

We understand the political aspects of this. The state is reducing funding to CUNY. CUNY is getting desperate and using tuition from students to fill some of the gap. In turn, administrators don't have enough money to provide high salaries to professors and staff relative to other colleges.

This may be a consequence of neoliberalism, as author William Deresiewicz argued in the September 2015 issue of Harper's Magazine. In fact, higher education's purpose "in a neoliberal age is to

produce producers," referring to students.

But what does neoliberalism mean for professors?

"All this explains a new kind of unhappiness I sense among professors. There are a lot of things about being an academic that basically suck: the committee work, the petty politics, the endless slog for tenure and promotion [and] the relentless status competition," Deresiewicz writes.

This is important as the same exists at all CUNY schools. Professors work less than the minimum wage and costs keep rising. They are overworked, stressed and demoralized without a new contract. Basically it sucks.

But not all is lost. Professors and staff are saying no more to CUNY's lack of a contract. They are protesting, gathering allies to join the fight and threatening to strike.

From 1970 to 1973, CUNY did not offer a contract to its professors and staff. PSC members authorized use of a strike in response. Here's the best part—CUNY caved and the union won.

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Corrections: In Issue 3, SODA is spelled Students Organization for Democratic Alternatives. It is Student, not Students. Our back cover story spelled Gerald Solomon as "Gerard Solomon." Our swimming story included the word "compliment." It is complement. Our cover photo's subheadline said "Queens College students" when it should be "Queens College." Christina Cardona was credited for the photo on page 5. It was Yarah Shabana. Our editorial on the Mets spelled Captain America as "Capitan America." Also we referred to Jon Lester as "Jon Jester." Our editorial on participatory budgeting, specifically the fourth paragraph included "participatory budget," when it should be "participatory budgeting." We regret the errors.

A variety of resources for use at Rosenthal Library

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The Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library consists of six floors filled with many resources for students and faculty to use.

Specifically, the library holds over 900,000 books, 1,000 scholarly articles and 92,000 periodicals. Moreover, there are computers and study rooms available on each floor.

The Multimedia Common room, found on first floor, provides free electronic rentals for students. Out of the 15 electronics available for loan, the most popular items are digital cameras, laptops and scientific calculators.

“We offer students a variety of equipment they need. Even

teachers borrow items like iPods and digital cameras for their class lectures. So we provide electronics for students and faculty who need them,” David Reyes, multimedia common supervisor, said.

The rising popularity of e-books and PDF-formatted documents led Queens College to add iPads to the equipment list.

The Apple product is one of the most borrowed items. While limited to a three-day loan, students and faculty can renew it. In addition, it comes with a carrying bag, a charger and a USB cable.

A late fee of \$15 is charged to a student’s tuition if the person does not return the equipment on time.

“These late fees serve as an

incentive for students to return the items on time. This way our stock is filled and everyone gets a chance to use our equipment,” Reyes said.

When students enter the library, one of the first things they will see is the library’s administration section. At the desk, students can request for an interlibrary loan, which means books and periodicals are retrieved from other CUNY schools. Students can apply for the loan on the library’s website too and this takes two to three days to fulfill.

On the third floor, there is a room where students can use a selective depository for United States government publications. Documents are available either electronically or in print.

For both the fourth and fifth floor, students can use study rooms. Some unique spaces on these floors include the Presidents’ Conference rooms, often used for events.

The sixth floor, known as the Art Library/Art Center, contains information about art pieces and their history. For students majoring in art, the area holds valuable art periodicals, exhibition catalogs and pictures of famous painters.

For students not on campus, the library offers online databases, newspapers and electronic journals. The New York Times, The Economist and other publications, requiring a paid subscription, are available free of charge. There are also over 23,000

e-journals and e-books available. Anthony Harris, a senior, took advantage of the resources when researching a paper for class.

“The QC database was useful for my Business Law 2 paper. It searched through different magazines and newspapers that I was not even aware existed. I was able to use The Wall Street Journal and other resources for free through the library’s database,” Harris said.

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Library offers convenience through Mediascape rooms

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Large glass doors, luxury couches, smooth chairs, a wide roundtable and a 36-inch TV.

This is not a fantasy, it is a Mediascape room at the library.

In 2008, the Benjamin S. Rosenthal Library announced it would renovate all six floors after its look began to falter since its opening in 1988. The entire project finished right before the fall 2012 semester.

The three Mediascape rooms were among the renovations. The TVs, for example, allow laptops, tablets or any other electronic device to be displayed on screen with HDMI or VGA cords.

Ben Cohen, a senior, is one student using the rooms in order to study for his classes.

“They are very useful for students who are trying to study together. It’s great to have a quiet location where you can all work,” Cohen said.

One room contains three couches as well as a small table in the middle, while another room includes a larger table surrounded by chairs.

“I’ve used them several times to study with others and to work on group projects where we would display videos on the TV,” Cohen said.

Surrounded by glass walls, students can use these rooms



PHOTO BY BRANDON JORDAN
Meeting rooms, like the one above, at Rosenthal Library are a space where students can work on, for example, a class presentation.

for collaborative studies without disturbing others or being disrupted.

“I don’t think we need more privacy. It’s good enough that we can shut the doors and keep quiet.

I do think food should be allowed because most students enjoy a light snack while studying,” Cohen said.

The library bars students from eating or leaving open

bottles. However, water in a container is permitted.

Head of Access Services and Resource Sharing Simone Yearwood said students are able to loan out the rooms if they wish to

use them.

“The rooms are loaned out on a first-come, first-served basis for a period of three hours by groups of two or more,” Yearwood said.

Yearwood did note there are restrictions as students cannot reserve the rooms.

“We do not allow reservations to avoid the possibility of one group monopolizing the rooms by making multiple reservations. We do, however, allow the rooms to be renewed providing another group is not waiting. With this said, we will, on occasion, make a reservation for a specific event if the need arises,” Yearwood said.

With another room to open in the future, the library hopes students will make full use of these accommodations.

“Since the rooms have been a big success, we hope to add additional rooms throughout the library in the near future,” Yearwood said.

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Students Helping Honduras brings assistance from Queens College

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Students Helping Honduras is a national non-profit organization with college and high school chapters across the U.S., including at Queens College.

Philanthropist Shin Fujiyama founded the organization in 2006. Its goals are to end poverty and violence in Honduran village by providing an education for young children to succeed.

Ryoma Abe, a QC alum, founded the QC chapter of SHH last semester. Kevon Manners, a senior majoring in nutrition and exercise science and vice president of SHH, said Abe is someone he knows as passionate.

“Ryoma was just so inspired because he went to Honduras once before he came to QC and he met all of the children and helped out doing manual labor on the worksite. It really started because he wanted an opportunity to spread the word and convince the QC community to contribute to this great cause,” Manners said.

Abe transferred from Stony Brook University, where he worked with its chapter. He wanted to create one at QC so Manners and Meera Desai, a junior and current president of SHH, helped him establish the club. In February 2015, the club officially began.

Honduras suffers from crime and violence to the point where the State Department placed a travel warning for U.S. citizens. Yet the organization is committed to providing help to villagers.

“The organization tries to build schools in poor villages and children’s homes, where they house children whose parents can’t care for them properly,” Desai said. “They’re trying to pick up kids who might be more susceptible to



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CARDONA

Students Helping Honduras began as an effort to help children in Honduras escape from violence and poverty. In fact, this is found with “Para los niños,” the slogan on their shirts meaning “For the children.”

joining gangs.”

The club stressed they never impose the villages and prefer working besides residents.

“It’s an American program being implemented in Honduras. The organization’s plan is to enhance what’s already there and just help them with what they want for their own country. Only they know what’s best for them, we’re just their sidekicks,” Manners said.

This past summer, club members went to Honduras. Despite a few obstacles, they went and personally interacted with villagers and children.

“Unfortunately, the provost at CUNY didn’t approve of our trip because of the dangerous

conditions in Honduras,” Manners said. “So we ended up having to pay out of pocket for the trip. Everyone was so dedicated to the organization and to the cause that money didn’t become a factor anymore.”

Members built schools and cooked meals for local families. In terms of safety, guards followed the members everywhere.

“Their base is in Villa Soleada. That’s where the hostel is for the volunteers and, from there, they take you to whatever school is being worked on at that moment. It’s not only one school. They’re working on a bunch of different schools at a time,” Desai said.

Members felt welcomed on their trip to Honduras and

thanked by villagers for their efforts in the country.

“The kids were so willing to help and so accepting of us that they didn’t see us as strangers or anything. Even though they’re so young, they understood why we were there and understood that’s why they’re going to school now, because of this organization,” Manners said.

The national organization hopes to build 1,000 schools in Honduras. In 2015, six schools were built and the goal for 2016, the organization’s 10-year anniversary, is 10 schools.

Last semester, Abe was awarded the QC Humanitarian Award for starting the club and spreading awareness on problems

in Honduras.

This club has raised more than \$1,500 so far this semester for underprivileged kids in Honduras and their goal is to raise \$3,000 by the end of the semester.

“We have bake sales every Monday and host bigger events, like thrift ‘SHHops,’ where we receive clothes from QC students and sell them on campus for cheap,” Manners said.

The next thrift “SHHop” is on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union ballroom. Also, a benefit concert is scheduled Dec. 9 in Agora Cafe, where a fee is charged to raise money.

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Learning to cope with midterm stress

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Midterms week is a time no college student particularly likes experiencing. Students may study for five, six or even seven exams over one to two weeks, viewed as impossible.

Students do the best they can on the tests, while reducing the stress from midterms. reduce the stress their mind off exams and doing the best they can to prove how hard they have worked.

Deborah McCoy, a senior, said midterms are a reflection of what students were taught in their classes, which may result in anxiety if they cannot recall.

“Midterms are stressful

because they are a reflection of a student’s knowledge,” McCoy said. “Students are faced with showing all that they know about a particular subject area in a relatively short period of time, so having to perform well on one day is a lot of pressure.”

McCoy said students should not stress too much about midterm because they are not defined by the exam.

“To reduce stress, I try to internalize the idea that grades are not a reflection of my personality, it helps me separate who I am and my intelligence. If I don’t perform perfectly on a test, it doesn’t mean that I’m a failure,” McCoy said.

Students often use different

tactics and strategies they deem effective. They often list study snacks and group study sessions as lifesavers. Emilia Galazka, a junior at Farmingdale University in Farmingdale, NY, is one of those students.

“My best study technique is to buddy up and get comfortable, find a space where you have everything that you need,” Galazka said. “Have a few snacks around, like cookies, celery or carrots, so that you can take a break when you get bored or tired and get some energy.”

Saleemah Shazeem, a junior, said her favorite way to study involved extreme organization.

“I study by making a schedule

of all of the midterms that I have. Then I color code them and write when and where I need to take them. I also make a study sheet for each midterm and color code whatever information that each professor says to pay attention to along with information from the textbook,” Shazeem said.

Dr. Seo-Young Chu, professor of English Literature, recommended students use certain tricks when studying for their tests.

“You might find it helpful to select an unusually vivid paragraph, interact with the text physically. Use a blue pen to circle each adjective and a yellow marker to highlight each verb. Which

color, if any, predominates? These are just a few questions that might help you move from ‘close reading’ to the making of an argument,” Chu said.

But Chu said students should ensure they are healthy during midterm season.

“Take care of your health, get enough sleep, meditate and eat nutritiously,” Chu said.

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Author Mary Gaitskill joins Evening Readings to read from novel

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Mary Gaitskill read from her latest novel, "The Mare," on Oct. 27 for the Evening Reading Series at the LeFrak Concert Hall, hosted by Leonard Lopate.

Gaitskill previously wrote books like "Bad Behavior" and "Because They Wanted To." Her novel "Veronica" was a National Book Award finalist. In addition, a short story in "Bad Behavior" titled "Secretary" became a movie of the same name and starred actors Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Spader.

"The Mare" is about Velveteen Vargas, an 11-year-old Dominican girl, who is staying with a host family in upstate New York.

Velveteen, also known as Velvet, is a Fresh Air Fund kid from Brooklyn. Fresh Air Fund is an organization sending inner-city kids to host families to experience country life for free.

Velvet stays with Ginger, a failed artist and recovering

alcoholic, and her husband Paul, an academic wondering what it means to make a difference.

The story compares Velvet's life back in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and Ginger and Paul's life upstate.

The book also focuses on Velvet's relationship with a horse named Fugly Girl, renamed Fiery Girl. The horse was previously abused and is unruly, just like Velvet.

The story highlights relationships and second chances for damaged people like Ginger, Velvet and the horse are in their own ways.

The event began with Joseph Cuomo, the founding director of the Evening Readings, giving a synopsis of the novel at the podium and then introduced Gaitskill to the stage.

Gaitskill, wearing grey ensemble and beautiful vintage glasses, read a passage from "The Mare" in the voice of Ginger.

Gaitskill said the novel was partly inspired by a snippet

of "National Velvet," a book by Enid Bagnold later turning into a movie.

"A long time ago back in 2007, I was teaching and I was living in a boarding house, I got up and I saw, on my boarding lady's TV in the morning, a film clip of 'National Velvet,' which I had never seen before," Gaitskill said. "It was really beautiful seeing Liz Taylor riding across the Technicolor meadow and thought that someone should write a story like that."

Gaitskill initially dismissed the idea, but later decided to turn it into a book.

"I started writing it in 2009, two years after the initial thought came into my head, because I thought it was too corny," Gaitskill said. "I would be at the grocery store or airport and scenes would just fill my head of images and dialogue from this story. That's never happened to me before so I thought I should at least try this."

Lopate said the novel is not a preachy, sentimental book despite

the rich and poor interacting as well as racial differences. Gaitskill agreed and elaborated on the problems with sentimental books.

"It was a major concern to avoid that, but I felt whatever I did could be seen as sentimental. I think people overreact to what they consider sentimental now. Modern writers and readers are aware of the horror of sentimentality and they confuse actual feelings with sentimentality. Sentimental means it is fake," Gaitskill said.

Gaitskill said she did not connect to horses like Velvet did in the novel.

"Some girls have a special relationship with horses, I never did, I always thought they were weird and frightening," Gaitskill said. "I had to learn how to ride in order to write the book, otherwise I wouldn't really know how to describe it and it's one of those things you can't really describe."

After the interview, Gaitskill read another passage from the novel, but in Velvet's voice.

"The Mare" is set for release

on Nov. 3, but copies were on sale at the Evening Reading.

The next Evening Reading will be on Nov. 10 with Joyce Carol Oates. Admission to the event is \$20, but free for those with a CUNY student ID.

For more information on the Evening Readings series, visit www.qcreadings.org.

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I am also in the process of starting a new club in Queens College called Martial Arts Therapy which is old/new techniques for pain management and rehab. I am seeking student interns to work for me on this project and another with film and media.

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Examining the differences between American and Greek education

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Greece's debt crisis led to major implications across the country, including the eternal student phenomenon in higher education.

An eternal student takes extra college courses to delay entering the workforce. Education in Greece is free, encouraging the delay.

"Greece is in a difficult situation. How to keep the things such as quality, free education for all but, at the same time, creating avenues that people can find access to jobs," Gerassimos Karabelias, professor at Panteion University in Greece, said.

Karabelias spoke at Queens College on Oct. 19 about the effects of the Greek debt crisis, which began in 2009.

"Students did not feel stressed or pressured to complete their studies. It also meant they could do two, three or five degrees since they had the time. There was no pressure on how and when to finish," Karabelias said.

Free education is a major issue in the United States as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., promised publically-funded college for all Americans.

However, when examining educational systems of Greece and the U.S., it is important to understand the differences.

Elena Frangakis-Syrett, chairperson of QC's history department, argued Greek education is viewed as an end in itself. In contrast, American education is a means to an end, which is employment.

"The United States sees

education more in the British terms in that it is both for academic and intellectual development as well as to help with a profession or career," Frangakis-Syrett said. "[In Greece], there is more of a 19th-century tradition as an end in itself."

The term eternal student does not belittle students in Greece.

Frangakis-Syrett said the eternal student phenomenon would not be an issue in the U.S. if students went to college for free.

"Society [in America] does not pride itself on someone learning forever and not giving back to society. Society would not allow you to be sitting around because you will also earn your keep and earn money. It is considered positive to have a career," Frangakis-Syrett said.

Moreover, employers may perceive job candidates who defer their four-year education as lazy and unfavorable.

"There should be the right [of education] to be free, but there is also a responsibility in this right. Society does not see you as a responsible young person if you are forever in pursuit of a B.A or pursuing five different degrees," Frangakis-Syrett said.

Those requiring additional time, like single, working parents, could complete a college degree without the stress or pressure of doing so in a set period of time.

Frangakis-Syrett said providing all Americans with quality higher education could make society better. She insisted higher education, regardless of the discipline studied, provides essential life and social skills not

acquired in high school.

"The skills you get through a liberal arts degree are fundamental from day one in a career," Frangakis-Syrett said.

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Godwin-Ternbach Museum exhibits life on the Silk Road

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Godwin-Ternbach Museum hosts a photography exhibit called "Along the Silk Roads," which debuted on Oct. 15.

Lynn Gilbert, an artist featured in the exhibit, provided photographs from Turkey. Specifically, her pictures come from Cappadocia, Turkey, ranging from heritage sites to the interior of a 200-year-old house. She also captured the images of the working class in Uzbekistan.

Gilbert recognized the major differences between Turkish and American culture.

"You're very included in the culture. You don't see much of that in America," Gilbert said.

Gilbert wanted people look at her images to understand what she saw in Turkey.

"I fell in love with the country. It wasn't just Turkey, but the interior of Turkey. Each region has their own characteristics, such as textiles, patterns, and colors," Gilbert said.

Gilbert highlighted how "family and the home are sacred" in both Uzbekistan and Turkey.

"I learned something important while doing photography. You learn about your own life when you see other

people's lives. You experience life as it comes," Gilbert said.

Didier Vanderperre is another artist who sent photographs to the exhibit. His work dealt with the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China.

Vanderperre differs from Gilbert as he focused more on people in his photos. He showed people working in places such as carpet factories or a cattle market.

"When I travel and do photography, I take pictures of people. I get close to the people when I take pictures and what is really special to me is meeting someone you would have never met," Vanderperre said. "The Uyghurs are extremely religious, very friendly, open and generally welcoming people. They share what they have."

Didier learned about the Muslim culture and the people in it after taking photographs.

"I really went there to document the Muslim culture. I wanted to see the Muslim civilization in the Chinese country as thoroughly as possible and tell the story the way it is," Didier said.

Didier's photographs also show how women in Xinjiang dress, covering their heads and



PHOTO BY AMANDA GOLDSTEIN
The Godwin-Ternbach Museum is hosting photographs from artists Lynn Gilbert and Didier Vanderperre dealing with the Silk Roads.

most of their bodies. In addition, he took pictures of Uyghur children.

For his recent journey, he wanted the mark of the Uyghar culture imprinted in his life.

"I've travelled to many different countries and cultures. Each encounter is a new experience and shapes you as a person. Each person you meet is an imprint in you and makes you a better person," Didier said. "Xinjiang has a different way of life. The Uyghur culture is disappearing and I wanted to capture the culture before it disappears."

Zulya Rajaboua, founder and president of Silk Roads Treasure Tours, will host a lecture and dance performance about the exhibit on Nov. 19 at Godwin-Ternbach Museum.

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Free vaccinations available at Queens College to avoid the flu

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Sniffles, sneezes and coughs. The warning signs of the dreaded flu season.

Flu season starts in beginning of October and can last well into May, but usually peaks during the winter. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the nation's top health institute, reports five to 20 percent of Americans on average get the flu every year.

For Queens College students, they can go to the doctor to get a flu shot or decide to ignore it. But for those who do not want to get sick and seeking an alternative, there is an option—Queens College's Health Service Center.

The Health Service Center, located at Virginia Frese Hall 310, offers free influenza vaccinations for all QC students.

Last month, the center administered 100 flu shots to students free of charge over two days. An email about vaccines was sent out to students during the first week of October.

Renee Wietschner, sophomore, was one of the 100



PHOTO BY BRANDON JORDAN
Frese Hall includes the Health Service Center, which provides free flu shots to students and faculty seeking to avoid the dreaded flu season.

people to get a flu shot.

"The process was so quick and easy. Thanks QC for the convenience!" Wietschner said.

The center also provides various health education programs, assistance and referrals throughout the academic year.

Free measles, mumps, and

rubella vaccinations are scheduled for students and staff. Students can register for vaccinations using their CUNY ID number.

Moreover, blood pressure, height, weight, body fat index and eye exams are readily available on a walk-in basis. Other free walk-in services include first aid and

nicotine replacement products.

All health records and consultations are confidential, just like at a doctor's office, so students can feel comfortable about their privacy.

"Health Services sponsors monthly educational events, which focus on healthy lifestyles

like stress reduction, diabetes, cancer, HIV, alcohol awareness, asthma as well as safer sex," Terri Calhoun, a registered nurse, said. "We have a large variety of brand name condoms available free of charge so [students should] stop by."

For those in need of health insurance, the center offers navigators available on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition, the center's webpage offers various resources on topics like alcohol and drugs, eating disorder, emotional health and immunization.

Calhoun worked with CUNY for five years and worked as a registered nurse for nearly thirty. Based on her own experiences, she found her job pleasurable albeit with some obstacles.

"[Nursing] is a rewarding path and, while difficult, there will always be people to help," Calhoun said.

The office is open throughout the week, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FILM REVIEW

“Rosemary’s Baby” still gives chills even after Halloween

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Halloween may be over, but Roman Polanski’s “Rosemary’s Baby” is still an excellent horror film to watch for scares.

This film, released in 1968, is a masterful horror film as the terror comes not from what is seen, but unseen. Though the film is about witches and demons, the horror of the film is found through the character’s psychological emotions.

“Rosemary’s Baby” is a story about the insanity of daily life and the oppressive force placed by others, which in this case is a satanic cult.

The movie follows a young married couple, Rosemary and Guy Woodhouse, looking for an apartment to raise a child. They find a wonderful, spacious place at the Bramford, a Gothic pre-war building with a rich and intriguing history of mystical cults and sacrificial murder.

After moving, they are warmly welcomed to dinner by their new neighbors, Minnie and Roman Castevet, an eccentric older couple.

Once hearing the young couple plans to have a child, they become exceedingly anxious about it. While Guy and Roman get



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“Rosemary’s Baby,” the 1968 classic, is a film sure to deliver scares even after Halloween

along well, Rosemary is annoyed by Minnie constantly invading her personal space.

Rosemary and Guy set a date to conceive their child in their newly-furnished apartment. However, Rosemary feels ill after eating an odd-tasting dessert given by the Castevets. She feels so ill that she collapses in bed.

Rosemary dreams of old

naked people chanting and painting her body with blood as she is raped by a devil-like figure.

When she awakes, she discovers, to her anger, her husband impregnated with her.

After that night, her husband becomes emotionally distant from her and the Castevets start to intrude in her life more than ever from forcing doctor

recommendations to giving so-called vitamin shakes.

Rosemary, gradually becoming paranoid, finds out about the satanic conspiracy against her and her unborn child.

This film is a classic because of the tremendous acting.

In particular, Mia Farrow plays the delicate, innocent wife with joy, vulnerability and

optimism. Her performance allows the viewer to feel her fear, growing pessimism and paranoia.

What makes Rosemary so fascinating is, when she discovers the plot against her, she frantically fights tooth and nail against her fate.

“Rosemary’s Baby” is a supernatural film, but it explores the real human emotions of isolation, oppression and helplessness.

The way the terror unfolds for Rosemary is through the witches and elders, who think they know what is best for her. Ultimately, the film is about a woman whose fate seems sealed and her reaction to it.

For those reasons, “Rosemary Baby’s” is a film to watch. It is a truly unique and terrifyingly unsettling movie in the best way possible.

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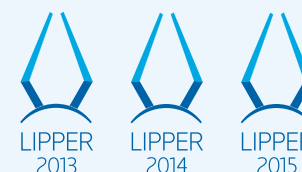
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Long commute for some CUNY professors

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News Reporter

Queens College students, who commute to school, must face the horrors of public transportation on a daily basis, fueling stress even before school starts.

Imagine commuting to QC from New Jersey, Maryland or Vermont. For some professors, it was and is the reality.

A study this year from the University of Montreal's School of Industrial Relations found that long commuting times can lead to stress, burnout and even cynicism toward a job.

Elizabeth Hendrey, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said many factors determine a person's decision where to live.

"We believe that all of our faculty are committed to providing the best possible education to our students under any circumstances," Hendrey said.

Alfredo Morabia and Yan

Zheng, professors in the Earth and Environmental Sciences department, conduct yearly surveys measuring commuting patterns of the QC community.

In 2011, they found the average commute time for teaching staff was 50 minutes, while students took 47 minutes travelling to or from school.

Some professors commute from outside New York for their passion of educating.

For Michael Krasner, a QC political science professor, that passion trumps personal comfort.

"I love my job and my colleagues are pretty special," Krasner said.

Commuting from Westminster West, Vt., Krasner travels three and half to five hours each way, covering 209 to 220 miles to teach. His longest trip was on Merrit Parkway on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I continued driving, listening to the increasingly

horrifying reports until the news came that the bridges had been closed so I turned around and drove back to Vermont," Krasner said.

Krasner made this journey to New York on a regular basis until his wife became concerned with his health.

"As I got older, it became harder and harder to make the drive and my wife, who is generally much smarter and more sensible than me, said that if I insisted on continuing to teach we would have to live in New York during the academic year or at least commute together. So we've done a combination of those two," Krasner said.

The two spends most of their time in New York during the academic year.

Patricia Rachal, chairperson of the political science department, said there were difficulties in balancing a long commute with responsibilities outside of the

classroom.

"Ideally, faculty live close enough to campus to engage fully in all types of academic and extracurricular activities, including spending significant time engaging with students outside of the classroom. So the further the commute, the more complex it becomes the juggle of teaching, service, research obligations and more spontaneous interactions," Rachal said.

Since 2010, professors are working without a contract or pay raises, which includes leaving professors with long commutes without help.

Krasner said this failure on the part of CUNY has not affected his decisions about his commute. However, he noted the impact on the students and faculty.

"The failure of CUNY to make any kind of offer to the faculty and staff union is a threat to the quality of education at Queens and CUNY generally as it reduces

our ability to attract good faculty and also undermines the morale of existing faculty," Krasner said.

Rachal said the lack of a contract, while expenses in New York City increase, could influence current and future staff's commuter plans.

"Certainly the cost of living in the New York metropolitan area affects faculty decisions on where to live and those decisions also reflect the financial impact of working without pay raises and a new contract for five-plus years now," Rachal said.

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Queens College partners with South Korean universities

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News Reporter

Queens College announced an academic partnership with Korea University and Kyung Hee University, two colleges in South Korea, for an exchange program.

The Office of Global Education Initiatives and the Research Center for Korean Community held a press conference at QC Oct. 15, where they announced the partnership.

The program is specifically a student exchange between QC and the two universities. Any student under CUNY can register their courses and pay tuition through

QC. However, they may study at either university.

Pyong Gap Min, distinguished professor of sociology, initiated the program last year. QC already established student exchange programs with other Asian countries, like China and Japan, but lacked a Korean partnership. Min spoke to Helen Gaudette, director of Global Education Initiative, about a possible opportunity to link with Korean universities.

"QC's high-ranking administrators, especially Provost [and Vice President for Academic Affairs] Elizabeth Hendrey, recognized the importance of

global education and supported our initiative to establish exchange programs with one or two universities in Korea," Min said.

QC's global partnerships are key to internationalizing the campus and helping educating QC students become global citizens, according to the Global Education Initiative.

Late last year, Min and Gaudette visited Seoul, the capital of South Korea. Min selected Korean University and Kyung Hee University as ideal choices because both are top-ranked universities. "We visited the two universities and the director of international education at both universities

was enthusiastic about creating exchange programs with our college," Min said.

Ten QC students already are at Korea University and the college will host two exchange students from Kyung Hee University next semester.

Min hoped QC will have more ESL students as the QC ESL program accepted groups of students from Kyung Hee University for the past several years.

Min also encouraged Korean students at QC to visit each university during the summer for heritage education as both colleges offer "excellent dormitories with

very reasonable prices."

The program also offers a six-week summer school in South Korea where three QC students count as one Korean student studying at QC for a semester.

"Both universities have excellent international summer schools where all the courses are taught by English-speaking faculty members," Min said.

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CUNY union considering strike as talks stall

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The Professional Staff Congress may use a tactic never used in its history—the strike.

While the union told its members it would not plan a strike, it would consider authorizing its use through a vote in the future if it does not receive a contract offer from CUNY. In fact, Barbara Bowen, president of the PSC, sent a message to members that authorization of striking did not mean it would use the tactic.

“I want to be clear: the PSC leadership is not calling for a strike. We are doing everything we can to reach a fair contract settlement without the need to strike. But given CUNY management’s continued failure to secure state funding and put an economic offer on the table, we cannot rule out being prepared for a strike,” Bowen said.

The PSC’s members, which total more than 20,000 faculty and staff throughout CUNY, still work without a contract since 2010. As of now, they technically work

under the expired contract’s rules. The union is pressuring CUNY for a new contract. From organizing a mass disruption rally on Nov. 4 to using hashtags like #CUNYNeedsARaise on Twitter, the PSC and its members are using other strategies, like a strike authorization vote, as talks are still stagnant.

Joshua Freeman, a distinguished professor at Queens College, said there are different versions of what a strike looks like, including work slowdowns and calling sick into work.

“[A strike is] when workers withhold their labor,” Freeman said.

However, Freeman, a member of the PSC, noted the tactic is rare and risky.

In New York, the risks of striking are severe because of the Taylor Law. It prohibits public employees from engaging in strikes and allows collective bargaining, which refers to negotiations between employers and employees for an agreement. Striking may

result in penalties such as payroll deductions.

“The Taylor Law penalty for a worker is the loss of two days of pay for every day on strike. That’s a stiff penalty in itself,” Freeman said.

The Public Employees Relations Board, a state agency, handles such penalties as it did to Metropolitan Transportation Authority members and their union in a 2005 strike. Alternatively, a judge may send an injunction, usually requested by an employer, to stop a union’s strike.

The Taylor Law passed in 1967, during a period Joe Burns, author of “Strike Back” and “Reviving the Strike,” said public employees felt the government could not interfere with the right to strike.

“Public employees have long considered the right to strike essential in collective bargaining. They’ve relied not on state law, which is written by the government. Instead,

they’ve looked at human rights fundamental to labor,” Burns said.

PSC members did vote to authorize the use of a strike in 1973 because of a lack of a contract by CUNY at the time. However, the union agreed to a contract with administrators, avoiding a strike. Burns noted that a strike provides power for workers when issues with an employer emerge.

“If we take away that right, we lose a significant input of workers,” Burns said. “By striking, workers are temporarily forgoing their livelihoods to pressure management to reach an agreement.”

Rita Rodin, who works at CUNY’s Office of Communication and Marketing, said the university system is committed to getting a contract for its professors and staff.

“The University continues to work towards a fair and equitable contract. Collective bargaining sessions are being held on a regular basis, including this week. They are part of an ongoing process. The University is working with

state and city officials to obtain a resolution of the issue,” Rodin said.

A strike would affect students across college campuses. However, Bowen referred to other actions by professors across the country, including the strike Seattle teachers waged last September, as similar to the struggle of the union.

“We are up against a planned, systematic effort to devalue our labor as academic workers and to deny our students a high-quality education. By announcing the plan to hold a strike authorization vote, we link our fight to the fights of teachers across the country who have stood up for their own dignity on the job and against racial and economic injustice,” Bowen said.

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Students at Summit evicted for possession of weapons

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Public Safety recently received a tip not often heard at Queens College—a student residing at the Summit possessed weapons.

The New York Police Department, at the request of Public Safety, searched the resident’s room, which was shared with another person. Officers found marijuana, a BB gun and a knife.

An anonymous resident at

the Summit said she saw police cars parked outside the dorms and cops on her floor.

The person said she knew both students, but were acquaintances rather than friends. She could not believe the two would store weapons in their room.

“I freaked out. Why would you have that?” the source said.

One student was charged with menacing, possession of marijuana and a BB gun on a CUNY campus. For the second student, possession of a knife was

a C-summons, which refers to a criminal-court summon.

The Summit evicted both students, who will appear before a campus disciplinary committee.

Public Safety sent an email Oct. 14 to students about the incident to remind students about the college’s policies with weapons.

Director of Public Safety Pedro Pineiro said no additional measures would be taken because of this incident.

“QC continues to be a safe place where people can study and work. The Public

Safety department continuously monitors incident trends and adapts its patrol strategies to them,” Pineiro said.

Pineiro said the incident stressed the importance of students, faculty and staff helping Public Safety in response to potential incidents.

“The arrest, with the help of Summit tenants and staff, validates that a community working together can maintain a positive level of security while not being overbearing,” Pineiro said.

The Summit Apartments

did not respond to questions from The Knight News as it was an ongoing police investigation.

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SPORTS

Knights eager to defend championship in upcoming season

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Sports Reporter

Queens College women's basketball team wants to capture back-to-back Eastern Conference Championships.

In a preseason poll, the Knights were predicted to win the conference championship. They received nine of the 11 votes and topped the list with 117 total points.

Head coach Elizabeth Naumovski enters her fifth season managing a team which won 20 games over the past two consecutive seasons. As a result, she is third in the all-time QC women's basketball wins list with 54 victories.

Yet Naumovski does not think the preseason poll changed the team's mentality for the upcoming season.

"The expectations are the same. We know we can contend for a conference championship again and we're hoping to make it back to the NCAA tournament. We've always had the attitude of 'it's nice to be recognized,' but at the end of the day we want to be first in March. We don't really care



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Senior guard Kristen Korzeviski participated in the Maggie Dixon Classic against Immaculata University where the Knights won 76-60.

about being in first in November, but it's nice to be recognized," Naumovski said.

With junior forward Madison Rowland, senior center Mackenzie Rowland, senior guard Kristen Korzeviski and team captain Elisabeth Gully, the Knights are poised for another title run.

The team is coming off a successful 2014-2015 season, where they held a 22-8 record. Moreover, they held a 15-5 conference record and clinched the fifth seed in the East Region of the NCAA Division II tournament.

The poll predicted Madison Rowland as the Player of the Year. Last season for Rowland

was memorable as she earned the East Coast Conference Player of the Year. In addition, she led all sophomores in the country in scoring and finished ninth overall in Division II with 20.9 points per game. She led the team, ECC and Division II in steals per game, 4.3, for the second consecutive season. She ranked top four in the ECC in scoring, steals, rebounds with 9.9 per game and assists with 4.1 per game.

Naumovski praised Madison Rowland's stellar ability on the court.

"She's very versatile and obviously a gifted athlete. She has a very high basketball IQ. This combination of the two allows us to do a lot of things with her," Naumovski said.

Madison Rowland earned 18 double-doubles, which means double digit in two of the top five categories. In fact, she was 13th in the nation and was one of 13 players to post a triple-double, which she did against District of Columbia with 20 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assist. She previously accomplished triple-doubles in the past three seasons.

Gully admired Madison Rowland's ability as a player and teammate.

"Madison is awesome. She's so fun to play. It's amazing what she can do on the court. She brings an amazing energy to our team. Watching her play is like watching a video game," Gully said.

"She knows how to play well with our team too and is not selfish. She's a great teammate to have."

Over the summer, Gully

and Korzeviski played in Italy with the American International Sports Teams for 12 days in late May and early June. Both played against professional clubs.

The games in Italy helped Gully prepare for this season. She scored 20 points during a game in the tour, an impressive achievement.

"I think that I gained some more leadership skills because I played on a team with basically a bunch of strangers," Gully said. "It forced me to take a leadership role. I think that will help me to be a stronger captain."

Last season the Knights celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first women's game played at Madison Square Garden. The team won 76-60 against Immaculata University. Madison Rowland finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds.

Naumovski described the experience at MSG as VIP treatment and changed the team's perspective on the season.

"We had thousand of people at that game. When you play in front of a crowd like that, I think what you'll face from that point forward will be easier. That made us ready for anything that we were to face in the future," Naumovski said.

This season the team added four new players, including a third Rowland sister. Sophomore guard Merrick Rowland presence may help the Knights in an area they lack, three-point shooting.

"She's here to fill that void that we had in the three pointers. She was a junior college athlete last year and made 99 three pointers, which is more than we made as a team. This gives us a threat that we haven't had for two years," Naumovski said.

Winning the ECC championship brought a lot of added pressure, but the Knights are not letting it slow them down.

"Coming into this season, we've all known that we're a bigger target. This makes gives motivation for our opponents. But I don't think that it's changed our mindset in any way, shape or form /We know that it's day-by-day, game-by-game," Naumovski said.

The Knights open the season on the road against Philadelphia University on Nov. 14.

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SPORTS

Mixed emotions on campus for Mets in World Series

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Sports Reporter

The New York Mets reaching the World Series since 2000 was major news for Queens College students following baseball. Of course, not all are happy about it.

"[I am] absolutely not [happy about it]. I'd rather see them lose every year than root for them," Jordan O'Brien, sophomore, said.

The Mets defeated the Chicago Cubs to reach the World Series in a playoff sweep, while the Kansas City Royals, their opponents, defeated the Toronto Blue Jays by winning four out of six playoff games.

Other students, like senior Angelo Zamudio, embrace the Mets, hoping for a blue-and-orange victory against the Kansas City Royals in the World Series.

"It's about time the little brother of New York got a chance," Zamudio said.

A worry among Mets fans is other people now supporting the team despite not following most of their season. However, sophomore Michael Carlier said fans in New York City are not known for this.

"Within New York, there's



PHOTO BY BRANDON JORDAN

The New York Mets defeated the Chicago Cubs to reach the World Series, a feat Queens College students support, oppose or feel indifferent about.

always black-and-white and very little areas of grey when it comes to rooting for teams," Carlier said.

The Mets, after years of

struggling, may become the top team in New York, dethroning the New York Yankees. Their success

may result from grooming young

players instead of free agents.

In fact, teams like Royals and Chicago Cubs reached the postseason by developing young

players, rather than use high-salary free agents.

"Many expect that with just money you'll succeed as a team. But now, thanks to these teams, that isn't the case anymore," Carlier said.

For Mets fans, the Yankees are no the big brother because of mistakes and abundance of aged players.

Still, Yankees fans on campus do not believe a power shift occurred in power in New York.

"It is nothing more than a fluke to be honest. Yankees will take New York back once the Royals beat the Mets," Kenneth Stiefel, sophomore, said.

The Royals defeated the Mets in Game 5 7-2 at Citi Field to win the World Series, a title they last won in 1985.

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Men's basketball team anticipates upcoming season

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Basketball season is almost here and the Knights are ready to make it a special one.

A mix of youth and experience is key for the team as they build on last year's accomplishments. Despite setbacks last season, the team is determined to place its best foot forward for the upcoming season.

The team is an experienced group of players and led by the trio of Paul Little, Kyhiem Chaplin and Diego Maldonado, who are all juniors. They are confident about success during the season.

"We have big expectations this year. We plan on being a much better team than how we were last year. The expectations are to have a much better season and the goal is to win the ECC championship," Chaplin said.

Players felt disappointed last season turned out, but used it to their advantage by training much harder in the offseason.

"Defense is something I really worked on in the offseason. My role on the team is to grab rebounds and score in the post; so I worked on those things as well in the offseason," Little said.



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Junior guard Kyheim Chaplin is one player ready for the upcoming season, which begins Nov. 13 against Pace University.

The Knights are in a great position as the team is full of talent with only two seniors, one freshman, one sophomore and 10 juniors.

"We absolutely have the talent to compete with every and any team in the conference. Talent has never been the issue," Chaplin

said.

"Not only are we going to be good this year, but also we're going to be even better next year because of all the players that will come back as well," Maldonado said.

There's a strong belief from players this is the year they get over past season struggles.

"We have had a lot of talent every year, but we just weren't able to come together as a team to get over that hump. Chemistry is what's going to take us over that hump this year," Chaplin said.

The team is also dominating off the court as well, specifically in the classroom. The men's

basketball team holds the fifth-highest GPA compared to other sports teams at Queens College.

The players are slightly anxious as the season approaches with the first game against Pace University on Nov. 13 at the ECC/NE-10 Challenge. But, at the same time, they are eager to prove themselves.

"Everybody has a few jitters about the first game, but we're well prepared. We're anxious to get the season started," Maldonado said.

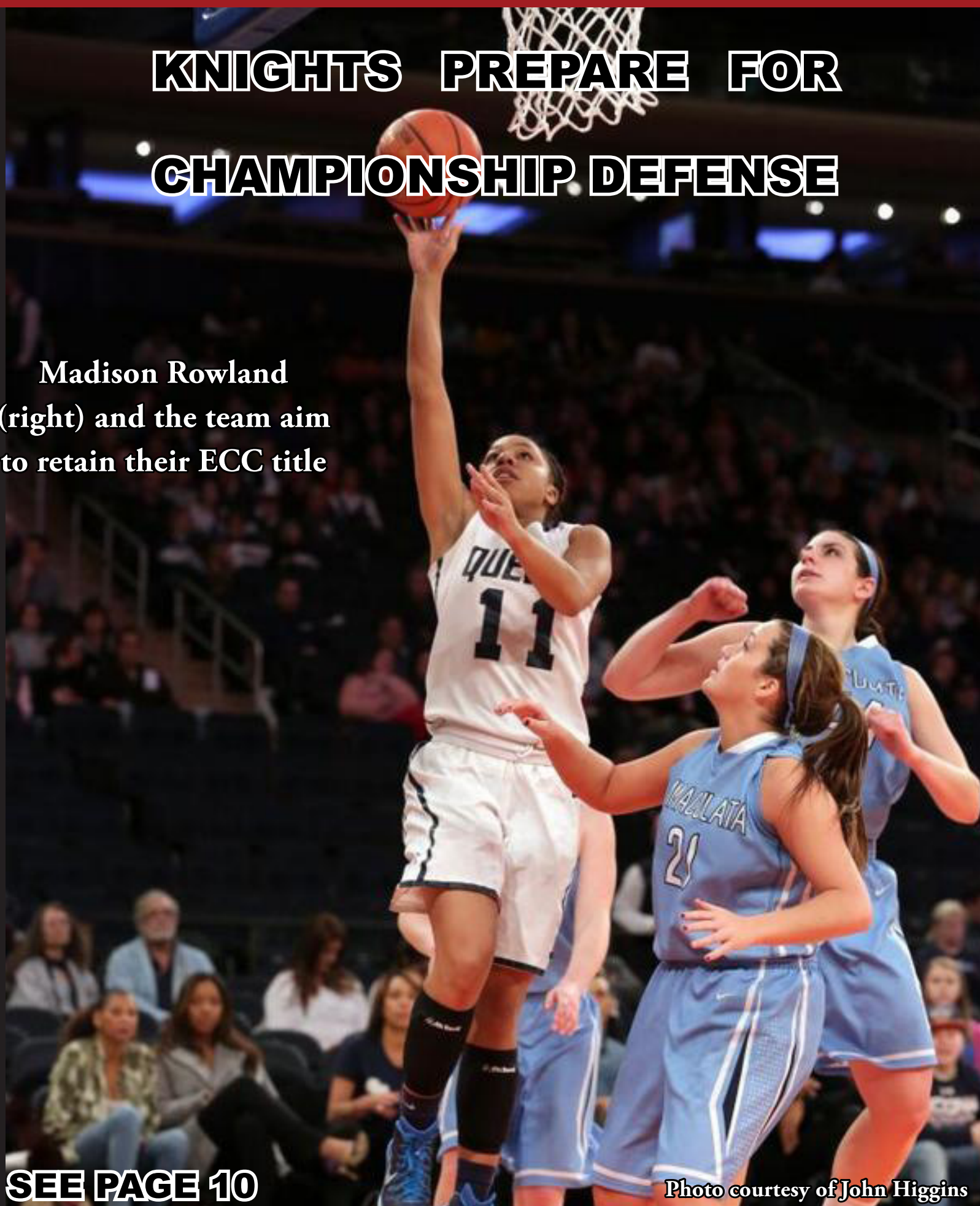
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KNIGHTS PREPARE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENSE

**Madison Rowland
(right) and the team aim
to retain their ECC title**



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Amazin' season divides QC students

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