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Letter from the Editor

Biba Fullon

Welcome back to Boston College! I hope that the first month of school has treated everybody well. Another year gone, and another school year lays ahead of us. For many freshmen, this is a time of entrance into a new world. Many sophomores and juniors are putting into practice what they have learned from the past one or two years here, while seniors are enjoying their final semesters at BC and preparing for their own new world after college.

I cannot believe that my last year at Boston College has finally arrived. It seems just like yesterday I was a freshman running through the hall of the Mosaic Multicultural floor trying to get to Perspectives on time. Looking back, it seems

that I never could have dreamed of where that road would take me. Yet, here I am working on another issue of the AHANA Hotline at the Office of AHANA Student Programs .

We just hired a new co-editor as a successor to Patrick Kelly (CSOM '04). In addition to Patrick, the Office also said goodbye to Kevin Jackson (A&S '04) and Karen Ramperasad (LSOE '04). Furthermore, the Office bid farewell to one of our counselors, Steven Viveiros. More about his departure inside this issue. Although we are sad to see dear members of the AHANA BC Community leave the Heights, we know that the work that they did never leaves the hearts and minds of those who are still here.

But for every farewell, there is a hello and the Office would like to welcome our three new student staff workers, Kelly Rodriguez (A&S '06), Marcus Thorne (A&S '07), My-Hanh Tran (LSOE '07), Romeo Ymalay (A&S '06) who will surely continue in the generous and diligent spirit of those who came before them.

Similarly, the Office of AHANA Student Programs and the AHANA Hotline will continuously strive to enrich the lives of all those who enter the doors of the Thea Bowman AHANA Center in honor of all those who have passed through our doors.



OASP Office News/Updates

25th Anniversary

OASP celebrates the 25th anniversary of the AHANA concept. Look for upcoming film series and other events.

Women's Self-Defense Program

OASP invites BC women to join us in Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) classes provided by the Boston College Police Department. The R.A.D. System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. Successful completion of the program requires a total of 12 hours which will be broken down into different sessions decided by the group. Class size is limited to 16. If more than 16 women interested, we will work with BCPD to set up additional classes. If you are interested, please contact **Biba** at ext. 5-3210 or at fullon@bc.edu with your name, phone number, and time availabilities. We will try to accommodate everybody's schedule.

We'll Miss You, Steve!

B. Fullon

On September 3, Steve Viveiros left the Office of AHANA Student Programs for the last time; at least as an OASP counselor.

Steve arrived as a counselor whose responsibilities included the Newton Campus office and concentrating on looking more closely at the Asian American population at Boston College and in higher education. During the summer, he also took on the role as a counselor for the students of the Options Through Education Program.

Steve was a great asset to the Boston College community, both professionally and personally. Whenever he

met a student, he was sure to build a qual-



ity relationship with that person, and provided such great support. Many of us students were happy to have him advise us, joke around with us, and help us with any issue that we might have because he al-

ways tried his hardest to make everything around him better.

The Office saw Steve a lot through two years here, the most important being the birth of his first son, Ethan. He was and still is family to all of us. The ins and outs, ups and downs of the Office were known to all of us together.

At the end of this summer, Steve was offered a job at Bridgewater State University, which was infinitely helpful to him, since he needed to be closer to his newborn son and wife. His departure is a loss to the Office and the rest of the community. We wish him the best in everything that he does, and we hope that he knows that we will always miss him.

OASP Advisor Assignment

If you are a student who utilizes, or plans to utilize the comprehensive academic advisement program at the Office of AHANA Student Programs, please observe the chart below. This chart shows who your advisor is depending on your last name, graduation year, and whether or not you participated in the Options Through Education Program.

| If you are a | Your Advisor Is |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshman, Non-OTE, Last Name A-L Junior or Senior, Non-OTE. Last Name M-Z | Inés Maturana Sendoya |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophomore, Non-OTE, Last Name A-L | Dr. Brown |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freshmen or Sophomore, Non-OTE, Last Name M-Z | Siu Ming Luie |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All OTE Junior or Senior, Non-OTE. Last Name A-L | Joana Maynard |

Jaime Escalante Tutorial Program

Come for **Free Tutoring** at the
Thea Bowman AHANA Center
(72 College Road)

Fall Schedule:
September 27, 2004
through
December 10, 2004

| Day | Time | Subjects |
|-----------|--------------------|--|
| Monday | 6PM-8PM 7PM-8PM | English, General Chemistry Calculus |
| Tuesday | 6PM-8PM | Calculus, English |
| Wednesday | 6PM-8PM | Calculus, English, |
| Thursday | 6PM-8PM | Calculus, English, |

Study Abroad Corner

C. Oliveri

Greetings from the AHANA Outreach Program! My name is Carl Oliveri and I am the graduate assistant for the AHANA Outreach Program in the Center for International Partnerships and Programs (CIPP), or commonly known as the BC study abroad office. The AHANA Outreach Program is designed to increase the interest of study abroad for AHANA students.

Working in conjunction with the Thea Bowman AHANA Center, the AHANA Outreach Program has been quite busy the past few weeks. We participated in Student Activities Day to inform and attract interest in students. In addition, I visited with some of the student groups on campus to introduce myself, the program and the many opportunities that the program offers to students on campus. On October 5th, an information session was held for AHANA students in the Hovey House regarding study abroad and scholarship opportunities.

I will also be hosting drop-in sessions for AHANA students who are interested in study abroad and scholarships. To make an appointment or to be placed on a contact list, please email me at carl.oliveri.1@bc.edu. Once again, welcome/welcome back to Boston College, and I look forward to hearing from many of you.

Sincerely,
Carl Oliveri
CIPP/AHANA Outreach Program
Boston College

Preceptor Two Year Veteran or Not!

Shenora Plenty



My experience as an Option Through Education Preceptor for the past two summers has been very challenging, exciting and enlightening. Before the start of the program, for both summers, I must admit that I was extremely nervous. However, once the program began, it took off full speed and there was never a dull moment! As a returning preceptor I was often referred to as a “veteran” preceptor but in no way did I have all the answers! Despite the fact that I had one year under my belt, I still had a lot of learning and growing to do.

My role as a preceptor my first

year, and as senior preceptor this past summer, has allowed me to grow as a person while ensuring that the incoming freshmen were prepared to enter college. Furthermore, being a preceptor has allowed me to learn about other cultures that were unfamiliar to me, through one-on-one interactions with the students and other preceptors as well as through group discussions and dialogue with the students in the dorm. In addition, over the past two summers I have learned to look at things more objectively.

Overall, being a preceptor for the past two summers has been an

enthraling experience that I will never forget. While the students and preceptor core changed each summer, the greatest satisfaction of being a preceptor remained the same. Both summers I most enjoyed being able to see each student’s personal growth throughout the six weeks, hearing them acknowledge that the program is in fact beneficial to them personally, developing relationships with the students and preceptors, and more importantly, being able to foster those relationships during the current academic year!

-Shenora Plenty is a senior in the Lynch School of Education.

Heritage Month Celebrations

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15.
National American Indian Heritage Month is November.

Service Opportunities

Extra Hands for ALS

Extra Hands for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) exists to assist people with ALS and their families, raise public awareness of the disease, energize the ALS community, and introduce young adults to community service. College students volunteer to help people with ALS and their families by doing chores and errands or just providing company for the homebound. Students also organize and participate in ALS public awareness events designed to teach their peers and communities about the disease. For more information, contact Kati Crawley at (617) 331-3014 or kati@extrahands.org. Their website is www.extrahands.org.

MassVOTE

MassVOTE is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing voter participation and promoting election reform in Massachusetts. MassVOTE seeks to create a healthy and participatory democracy open to all. MassVOTE, Boston is recruiting volunteers to help monitor polls on November 2. To participate, please sign-up at their website: www.massvote.org. For other questions and information, please contact Karie Hyslop at (617) 542-8683.

Christian Soldiers

Established in 1994, the aim of Christian Soldiers Inc. is to introduce participants to a variety of people, places, and possibilities they would not otherwise be exposed to. It is hoped that participants will be viewed as serious young men and women who exude confidence and discipline. It is also our hope that these young men and women will acquire an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, a desire to serve their community and, most especially, an unswerving belief in God. The program is for youths between the ages of seven and fifteen. They meet on Saturdays from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church (146 Hampshire St. in Cambridge). For more information, please contact Dr. Donald Brown at (617) 552-3359 or Donald.brown.1@bc.edu.

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center's Oak Street Youth Center is looking for volunteers to serve as academic tutors for inner-city middle or high school students, and mentors for middle school students. Requirements include: experience in working with youth, effective leadership skills, passion for community service. For more information, please call Jenny Dang at (617) 635-5087. To learn about the agency, please visit their web site: www.bcnc.net.

Scholarship & Other Opportunities

The Amanda V. Houston Traveling Fellowship

Boston College established the Amanda V. Houston Fellowship, named in honor of the University's first Black Studies Program Director, on June 10, 1993. The purpose of this award is to further prepare Boston College Undergraduates of African descent for leadership in the United States and the world at large by enriching their personal and educational development through travel. Consistent with its namesake's lifelong role as a universal educator, community leader, and mentor, the Houston Fellowship underwrites travel-study experiences that contribute to the personal and intellectual growth of its recipients. The Fellowship provides a maximum of \$3,500 toward domestic or international travel including transportation, lodging, meals, and research related expenses. The award must be used between June 1 and January 20 of the fellowship year. Completed applications are due on February 4, 2005 to the Bourneuf House, College Road. For more information and the application, please visit: <http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/diversity/awards/houstonfellow/>.



Suffolk County Sheriff's Department seeks qualified and motivated men and women interested in joining a professional law enforcement agency as Correction Officers. We provide excellent benefits and competitive salary of up to \$45K the first year. Please download our application at www.scsdma.org/apply or apply in person to the Human Resource office at the address below: Richard Tranfaglia, Personnel Director, 20 Bradston Street, Boston, MA 02118, (617) 635-1000 x6525.

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Diversity*

Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of AHANA Student Programs is to model servant leadership to students of AHANA descent and to provide a broad array of services that nurture their academic, social, cultural and spiritual development. While the traditional target group of the office is students who enter Boston College through the office's six week summer Options Through Education Program, the office's vision is to reach out and embrace all AHANA students in an attempt to help them actualize their dreams, fulfill their potential and become servant-leaders. The Office of AHANA Student Programs provides quality programs and services aimed at responding to the continuum of needs of AHANA students.

Programs and Services

- Comprehensive Academic Advisement Program
 - Performance Monitoring
- Options Through Education— Transitional Summer Program
- Benjamin Elijah Mays Mentoring Program
- Jaime Escalante Tutorial Program
- Father Ellacuría AHANA Resource Center
- Ladies Let's Talk
- AHANA Hotline
- Sister Thea Bowman AHANA Scholars Program
- Gospel Caravan

How Do You Think We're Doing?

1. When you receive the AHANA Hotline, do you read the whole publication, cover to cover?
a. Yes b. No
If no, about how much of the publication do you read? _____
2. Are the articles in the AHANA Hotline well written?
a. Yes b. No c. Somewhat
3. Are the subjects of discussion within the AHANA Hotline of interest to you?
a. Yes b. No c. Somewhat

4. What other types of articles would you like to see in the AHANA Hotline?

5. Do you have additional comments/recommendations about the AHANA Hotline?

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