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GRAD STUDENT LIFE @ BC

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Upcoming Events

W(h)iner & Cheese at Tonic
Thursday, April 28th, 7 – 9 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo at MGC
Thursday, May 5th, 12:30-1:30pm

BC Grad Student Night at Fenway Park
Friday, May 6th. Sold Out

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for all event details

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Graduate Student Association Awards

Each year, the Graduate Student Association honors several graduate students who have contributed greatly to the Graduate Student Community. The GSA gives out three university-wide awards for service and leadership. These awards are given for outstanding leadership, outstanding community service, and outstanding leadership in the AHANA grad student community. In addition to these University-wide awards, three graduate students from each school were selected by the school's Dean to recognize excellence in their field of study as demonstrated by scholarship, teaching, research, service and/or academic achievement within the scope of the student's program at Boston College.

This year's Leadership Award was awarded to Jessica Bollinger (MBA '06, MA (French) '06). Jessica was recognized for her outstanding organizational skills and leadership as this year's Executive Director of the GSA.

The Community Service Award was granted to Armando Holguin, a student in the Graduate School of Social Work, for his outstanding work in community service.

The Sr. Thea Bowman Award, which honors a graduate student who has provided exceptional leadership and/or service to the graduate AHANA community, was presented to Mwikali Kioko of the Graduate School of Social Work.

The individual school's awards were made to the following students:
GSAS –Melanie Leussis, Sarah Link, John Pantleimon Manoussakis

LSOE –Erzulie Coquillon and Matt Szydek, Jennifer Grossman, Erika Martin

GSSW –Cynthia Adams Paul Brown, Kristen DeBoy

CSON –Meghan Kane, Arlene Nelson

CGSOM – Martha Carleton, Kristen Nuffort, Orlando Visbal

Law School –Claire Donohue, Carolyn Kim, Chiquisha Robinson

Advancing Studies –Mary Chapin, Gemma Dorsey, Thomas McDermott

Congratulations to all recipients!

Murray Graduate Center Summer Hours



Effective Monday, May 16, 2005, the Murray Graduate Center will begin summer hours.

The Center will be open

Monday – Thursday, 9a.m. to 5p.m.

Friday – 9a.m. to 3p.m.

There are no weekend hours during the summer months.

Cinco de Mayo!



On Thursday, May 5th, join the Murray Graduate Student Center in celebration of this important day with a Mexican lunch from 12:30-1:30pm

Contrary to popular belief, Cinco de Mayo does not celebrate the independence of Mexico from Spain, which was September 16, 1810. Cinco de Mayo honors the victory of the Mexican army over the French in the Battala de Puebla, marking the end of French Occupation, on May 5, 1862.

On this day, General Ignacio Zaragoza led 4,500 poorly armed Mexican troops to victory, against all odds. More than 8,000 well trained French soldiers, led by Napoleon III, were on their way to invade Mexico City and create a French Empire in Mexico. The victory helped develop a much needed sense of unity and patriotism amongst the Mexicans.

This day continues to be a historic day, and is celebrated with parades, festivals, and mariachi music.

Viva El Cinco de Mayo!

Grad Students Give Back: a great success!

Thank you to everyone who made "Grad Students Give Back: Community Service Day" such a spectacular event. The day started out with 188 of you registering, picking up snacks, and meeting your group members. You then hit the road in car pools and donated your time at your various projects. The average project ran for four hours, which means that together we provided about 752 hours worth of service to the greater Boston community!

The stories that you all shared at the barbeque afterwards were amazing- and the sense of accomplishment in the room provided the ideal energetic buzz for atmosphere.

A special thanks goes out to the LSA's Community Service Committee, the GSA, and the Murray Graduate Student Center Staff for hours upon hours of preparation work, funding, support, guidance, and belief in the vision of "Grad Students Give Back Day." We hope to bring this special event to you in the Fall of '05. Please watch the newsletter this summer for details as they develop, and prepare to sign up in early September!

**2005-2006
GSA Officers Elected**

Congratulations to the new Graduate Student Association Officers elected for the 2005-2006 academic year!

Next year's GSA will be led by:
President:
Eliza Bliss-Moreau
Budget Director:
Sheila Campbell

Congratulations to Eliza and Sheila!

Event Reminders:

Last W(h)iner and Cheese of the semester = last chance to win Red Sox Tickets!



**Thursday, April 28th
TONIC
1316 Comm. Ave
7-9 p.m.
Free Hors d'oeuvres
Sponsored by the MGC
and GSA**

Be Heard!

Deadline for filling out the Grad Student Life Survey is May 2nd!

GSA End of Year BBQ!



Friday, April 29th, 2005
4:00-7:00pm
Murray Grad Center lawn
Rain Date: May 6th
Hosted by the GSA

Grad Student Housing Fair

Friday, June 17th from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. in Lyons Hall basement. Hosted by the Off-Campus Housing Staff
For more info: www.bc.edu/offcampus

7th Annual BC Arts Festival

Thursday through Saturday, April 28-30, 2005, hosted by the Boston College Arts Council will be
Please visit <http://www.bc.edu/offices/artscouncil/festival/> for more details!

World Fiesta Day Rescheduled

World Fiesta day 2005 has been moved to Wednesday, May 4th. The event takes place in the Dust bowl and is co-sponsored by GISA, UGBC and OISS.

Grad Twilight Retreat

"What just happened? Reflections on your year as a grad student"

When: Wed., May 17

Time: 6:30 – 9 pm

Location: TBA

If interested, call/write Sister Mary Sweeney 2-3645

mary.sweeney.4@bc.edu

eTeaching Day!

On May 19, 2005, Academic Technology Services at BC is sponsoring eTeaching Day in collaboration with the Educational Technology Center at Northeastern University.

The day will include:
- Showcases of teaching with technology

from both Boston College and Northeastern University faculty members

- Lunch and keynote lecture by Jon Paul Potts of the OpenCourseWare project

(<http://ocw.mit.edu>) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Presentation of the first-annual Teaching with New Media Awards by AVP John Neuhauser
- Technology raffle
- Hands-on workshops and new product demonstrations.

Northeastern University faculty members have been invited to this event as an opportunity for you to connect with them.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity. Please register by Friday, May 13th. Detailed information on the day and registration are located at:

<http://www.bc.edu/eteachingday>

4..3..2..1 GUSTER to perform at "Modstock" concert!

Each year, the UGBC hosts "Modstock" to celebrate the end of the year. This year, the outdoor Modstock concert will feature the popular group GUSTER!

GUSTER will be performing on Thursday, May 5th, from 3:30-6p.m., in the Mod-Lot (Commuter Lot).

Stop by for an amazing concert, delicious food, and great fun! Contact [Margaret Nuzzolese](mailto:Margaret.Nuzzolese) with any questions!

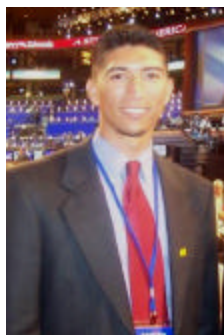
Save the Date! Teaching Assistant and Teaching Fellows Workshop

On Friday, September 2nd, there will be an all-day workshop for Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows. This year's program will be much more interactive than in the past and should be interesting for returning as well as new TAs and TFs.

Watch your mail for an invitation. Contact Sue Barrett at barretsc@bc.edu with any questions.

The friends of Armando Holguin cordially invite you to join us for a fundraiser

To Elect Armando Holguin!



When? Thursday, May 19th
8pm-10pm

Where? Tonic,
1314 Commonwealth Avenue

What? \$15 contribution
Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

Armando, a candidate for a Masters of Social Work from Boston College, will be running for District 34 state representative in his home state of New Mexico in 2006.

Support a progressive candidate!

Sponsored by: Mwikali Kioko (kioko@bc.edu), Jocelyn Irvine, Mandi Janis, Elizabeth Maguire, Devon Reber, Breanna Robinson, and Armando Holguin Committee to Elect.

All contributions are accepted and appreciated: Armando Holguin Committee to Elect, 134 Morrison Avenue, Somerville, MA 02114.

Mike Recommends....

Editor's note: Since our usual critic Catherine is in the midst of comps (and we decided it was a little more important for her to focus on that instead of writing her column) we have once again employed our Center Assistant, Mike, to write the DVD review:

Finding Neverland: I'd like to start the review of this movie with a little quote: "So come with me, where dreams are born, and time is never planned. Just think of happy things, and your heart will fly on wings, forever, in Never Never Land!" Can you guess what famous play/movie this is from? Yes, that's right, it's from *Peter Pan*! As you know, *Peter Pan* is one of the best children's stories ever and I have always wondered who created such a masterpiece. Luckily, the film, *Finding Neverland* answers this question for me.

Finding Neverland is about James Barrie, the man who brought *Peter Pan* to life. I have always identified strongly with Peter Pan because he is like me; a boy that never grew up. I also respected the fact that Peter was comfortable wearing green tights and hanging out with fairies. Although the film does not focus on Peter, we do get to see how James Barrie (Johnny Depp) falls in love with Sylvia (Kate Winslet) and her three lovely boys who become the inspiration for the play *Peter Pan*. The film takes place in London, 1909 and is an interesting combination of fantasy and everyday reality. I have to be honest with you; I was expecting a cool fantasy film, with interesting special effects that captured more of the magic of Neverland. I expected to see Peter Pan flying around and Captain Hook scaring children. Instead, the film was more of simple reality that made use of my imagination. In the end, I found the film to be a bit slow moving, but it became quite enchanting if you allow yourself to just believe.

UPCOMING GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Check out more great events for all BC students at: <https://events.bc.edu/>

- 4/27 "APAHM: Sexual Assault Education" held at 6:00 p.m. in McGuinn 5th floor lounge.
 "Social Security and You: Is Your Future Secure?" held at 7:30 p.m. in Merkert 130.
 Classes for 2nd and 3rd year Law students end.
- 4/28 Seventh Annual Boston College Arts Festival held at 12:00 p.m. in the O'Neil Plaza.
 Social Justice Films held at 1:30 p.m. in O'Neil 211.
 "A Postmodern Christian Ethics of Peace" held at 7:00 p.m. in Fulton 511.
 "The Church and Human Sexuality: An Ecclesiological Perspective" held at 7:00 p.m. in McGuinn 121.
 APAHM 2005: True Colors Café Night held at 7:00 p.m. in Vanderslice Cabaret Room.
 "Swing Kids with bOp!" held at 7:30 p.m. in O'Neil Plaza, Main Tent.
 "Billy Collins: Readings from His Poetry" held at 7:30 p.m. in Devlin 008.
 End of the Year W(h)iner at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Tonic.
- 4/29 Seventh Annual Boston College Arts Festival held at 12:00 p.m. in the O'Neil Plaza.
 Potluck – part of Lunchtime Discussion for International Students. All discussions take place on Fridays from 1:00 to 2:00, in the Connors Center (O'Neill Library 2nd floor). Light lunch is provided. If you would like to attend, or if you have any questions, contact Sue Barrett at barretsc@bc.edu.
 Free Friday Flicks – best of 8MM and digital film projects held at 4:00 p.m. in Devlin 026.

GSA End of the BBQ held at 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Murray Grad Center Lawn.

Tree: Exhibition Opening Reception – held at 7:00 p.m. in McMullen Museum, Devlin. Please RSVP www.bc.edu/artsrsvp.

Poetry Slam – an open mic and competitive poetry by BC students, held at 7:00 p.m. in O’Neil Plaza.

GISA Movie Night – Hero will be playing at 7:30 p.m. in Higgins 300.

Boston College Concert Band will be celebrating *Music of Film and Motion Pictures* at 8:00 p.m. in Gasson Irish Hall Room.

4/30 Seventh Annual Boston College Arts Festival held at 12:00 p.m. in the O’Neil Plaza.

“Killing Silence: Taking on the Mafia in Sicily” – held at 1:00 p.m. in Devlin 026.

Festival Concert, featuring the voice of the Imani Gospel Choir held at 8:00 p.m. in O’Neil Plaza, Art festivals main tent. Free with BC ID.

5/1 “Volksgemeinschaft and Pre-emption: Selective Integrity and Holistic Exclusion” held at 12:00 p.m. in McGuinn 3rd floor lounge.

Boston College Flute Choir held at 3:00 p.m. in Gasson Hall 100.

5/3 Boston College Chamber Music Society held at 7:30 p.m. in Gasson Hall Room 100.

5/4 “World Fiesta Day” starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Dustbowl.

5/5 “The Loss and Effective Authority: A Crisis of Trust and Credibility” held at 7:00 p.m. in McGuinn 121.

5/6 BC Grad Student Night at Fenway Park, Red Sox vs. Seattle Mariners - Sold Out.

5/10 Term examinations begin

5/17 Term examinations end

5/19 “eTeaching Day” hosted by Academic Technology Services of BC will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please register by May 13th – www.bc.edu/eteachingday/.

5/20 Law reviews/UCC writing competition

5/23 Commencement 2005 held at Alumni Stadium

5/27 Law School Commencement 2005 held at Newton Campus