

NO FEE INCREASE FOR BCC STUDENTS

Governor Patrick Proposes Increase in BCC Funding

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Governor Deval Patrick announced that Bristol Community College could receive a 25 percent increase in state funding if his fiscal year budget recommendations are adopted.

The governor made the announcement at a press conference held at BCC in early March.

"I hope that what you see from this budget and this announcement is all of us are doing everything we can to invest in the future and that is you," Patrick said.

His announcement came on the heels of Bristol Community College Board of Trustees' recent vote to hold student fees at 2009-2010 levels.

Along with keeping BCC student fees at this year's level, President of BCC, John Sbrega made a commitment to keep the BCC workforce at its current level based on Governor Patrick's FY11 budget recommendations.

"This pledge is possible because of Governor Deval Patrick's bold commitment to higher education in his recommended budget appropriation for next year," Sbrega said.

"BCC does not want to come out of economic insecurity on the backs of



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son, beating some tough rivals like Roxbury and Bunker Hill.

From a struggling team of individuals last year to a strong unit in 2010, nothing other than amazing can be said of the Bristol band of brothers.

The leader of the team is Sophomore Frank Stephenson, who averaged 21 points per game, and played last year as a freshman. who averaged 21 points per game, a sophomore and played last year for the Bees as a freshman.

“Last year was terrible. This year? We could have gone farther, we turned it around. This year was a success,” Frank said.

Stephenson held the team together as they journeyed through the tough and grueling NJCAA Division III season.

Facing big teams like Bunker Hill Community College and Roxbury Community College, the Bees were not phased. “We were the only ones to beat every team in the region,” Frank said.

Stephenson talked about how big

the fan support was for the team, how instrumental it was for the team’s success to have a good support at home court.

“The school was a big help, there was crazy fan support,” Frank said.

Thanks, fans!

At the start of the 2009-2010 season, Coach DeLaleu recruited four freshman to play for the Bristol Bees, and Frank emphasized how important these new players were for the team’s success.

“Playing at a college level is more



Basketball Coach Rob DeLaleu teaches on and off the Court

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Playing Basketball at BCC

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Professor Majkut Will Be Missed

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John J. Majkut, 68, of Tiverton, RI, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

From 1968 to 2010 Professor John J. Majkut made himself a well known and liked leader. Not only was the professor a dedicated professional but an inspirational mentor to the many students hoping to pursue a position in his field of study; Engineering and Technology.

A multi-tasker he was setting up jobs, co-ops, internships and site visits for students and pursuing industrial partnerships. Other professors of Engineering say "he made an effort to get to know all of his students-who often came back years after they had graduated to proudly update him on their progress".

Professor Majkut served as the De-

partment Chair of Engineering and Technology from 1989 to 2004. He spent a majority of his time dedicated to updating the engineering curriculum to ensure graduates would be well prepared for the jobs available. In the years the professor worked at the college he boosted a series of forward looking initiatives including the Environmental Technology program, the Fiber Optic/Telecommunication program, and Computer Integrated Manufacturing. Professor Majkut contributed generously to the Marine Technology program as well.

Professor Majkut has been missed dearly by his many students, co-workers and family, and his contributions have been greatly appreciated. He made it difficult to forget him with all the grants for scholarships and benefits students are now eligible for because of him. Our prayers go out to his family and our thanks go out to him.

Efforts to improve BCC's energy-efficiency are paying off in more ways than one, as the school has recently been singled out as having the best energy conservation program of any college in New England.

The program, implemented by the school in conjunction with Constellation Energy, will reduce annual consumption of water, electricity and natural gas by 47, 28, and 31%, respectively, for an estimated annual savings of over \$400,000.

Measures undertaken at the college to reduce cost and waste include improved insulation of facilities, efficiency upgrades in lighting, installation of new energy management and water conservation systems, and the addition of solar panels.

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students" the president said, referring to a traditionally floating fee system, where at minimum, fees would be raised yearly to the rate of inflation, he said.

Governor Patrick additionally supports the idea of community colleges being tuition free.

"We can't get there overnight...but I like the idea," he said.

Fees are set by the college and tuition is set by the state.

According to President Sbrega, community colleges are, "an engine to spark economic recovery and to train the workforce."



Synesthesia Helps Transform Professor Carreiro

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“This is the place where dreams are made!” exclaimed Dr. Keith Carreiro, standing on stage for the first time in 12 years.

In the auditorium of the Attleboro campus a moving message was transmitted to the audience. Carreiro stood on the stage and demonstrated powerfully union of the senses.

He called it “Synesthesia,” meaning that people are able to reach a point in themselves where anything is possible. It must happen in the classroom if we are to expand our possibilities to grow and learn, he explained.



He shared with the audience an experience of awesome possibilities. He said the potential to reach a higher state is in inside everyone.

Carreiro view of classrooms today is a sad one. He sees that the teacher preaches a sermon and the students stare blankly, wasting the waiting potential to learn. After playing a beautiful melody on his guitar, Dr. Carreiro asked the audience: “Are you in touch with the vibrations?”

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Synesthesia, which is known around the world as a transformative power, was the topic of the “Tercer Congreso Internacional Sobre Sinestesia” (Third international conference on Synthesisia) , held in Spain.

Carreiro was asked to speak on his experience with Synesthesia at the conference. While there, he reflected on his life and how far he has come, from being diagnosed with a form of Parkinson’s Disease, to losing his ability to play the guitar, to being homeless on the streets, yet persevering to attend Harvard and achieving what he thought was impossible.

Fitness Center Offers Free Classes for Students, Faculty and Staff

BY ESTRELLA FITTON

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The Bristol Community College Fitness Center, located in the G building, offers free gym classes to enrolled students, faculty, staff, or alumni students at no charge with a BCC access card.

The hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

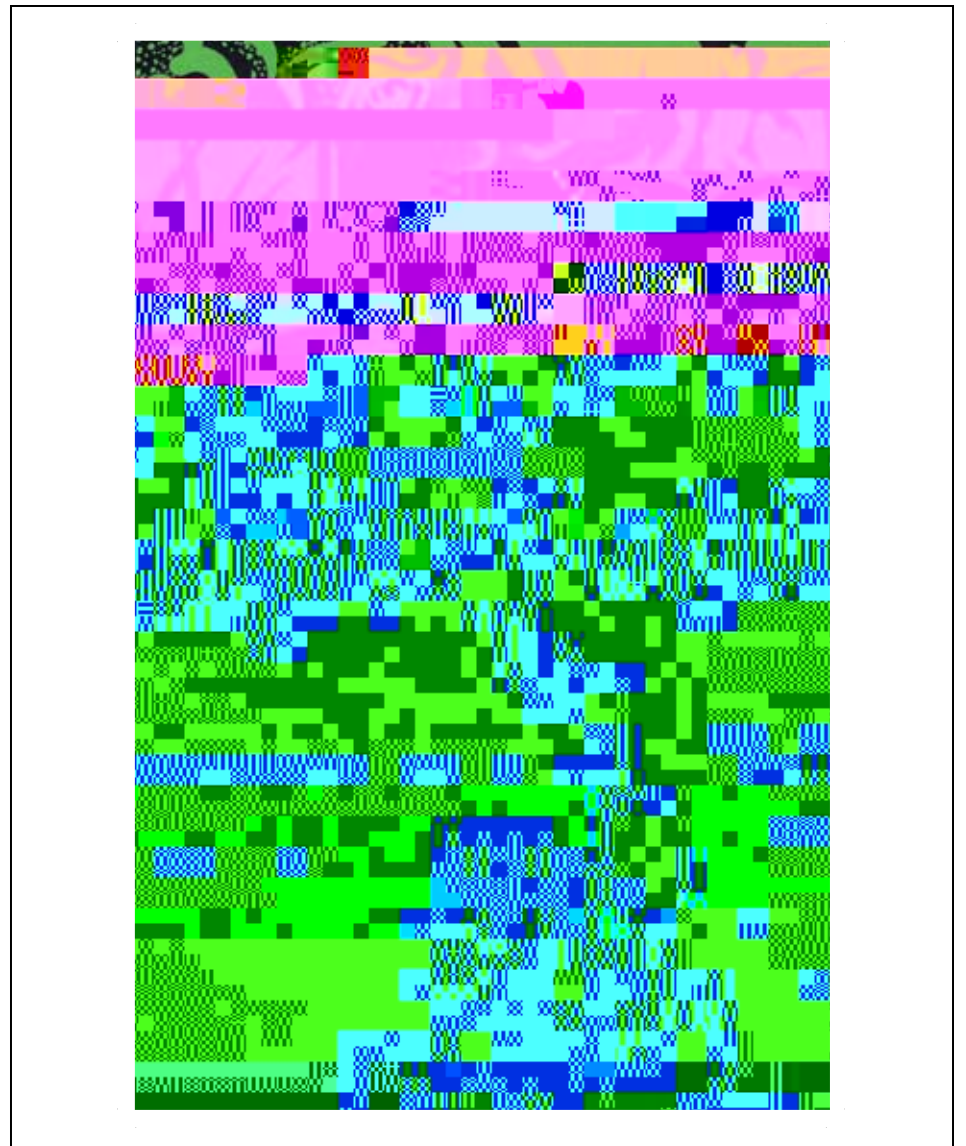
The gym offers different group exercise classes with different instructors. The classes are about an hour long.

These classes are only offered in Fall and Spring.

The gym is open in the summer during its normal hours of operation.

For the warmer weather and sunny days, there are tennis courts and basketball courts available to use. There is also a half mile walking path available.

Some of the equipment at the gym includes: a punching bag, treadmills, free weights and more.



Rumble in the Jungle: BCC Theater Rep Presents The Jungle Book

BY JAMIE CADIMA

Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Bristol Community College Theatre Rep is currently in production of the *Jungle Book*, directed by Rylan Brenner.

Shows for the public start April 30th and May 1st at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for staff and faculty, \$6 for students, and 2 for 1 for children under 14 years of age.

There will be a matinee on April 28th and April 29th at ten o'clock in the morning. These shows are for school children and are not open to the public at this time.

The production of the *Jungle Book* by Joesph Robinette, is based on adventures Mowgli, a young child who is adopted and raised by wolves in the Indian jungle. It is based on stories by Rudyard Kipling.

As Mowgli grows up, he learns the

ways of the jungle and the different personalities of its animals. Mowgli, is accepted as a "wolf" by the other animals, but when Mowgli is finally exposed to humans he begins to question his own identity. Mowgli resists the realization that he is a human because he is dismayed by the greed and destructiveness of those who invaded the jungle.

Bristol Community College Theater Rep was awarded a grant by the Fall River Arts Council to allow Fall River school children to attend the matinee performances for free when the schools or classes book in.

The grant helps introduce children to theatre, who may be seeing theatre for the first time. It also let's BCC connect to the