CULTURE SHOW 2012

FERDY BUDDHIDHARMA (CHE ’14)

Last weekend, the South Asian Society presented its annual Culture Show for Cooper Union. Exhibiting a variety of traditional performances and acts from different cultural backgrounds, this year’s “Culture Night Live” was hosted by Cooper’s own Marcello Ricottone (Ch’14) and his friends.

The hosts invited the audience to laugh along as they perform their own act of the culture show, based on Saturday Night Live, which includes humorous skits interspersed throughout the performances. This year’s skits parodied a number of popular films and TV shows such as Mean Girls, Modern Family, Arrested Development and Paula Dean’s Home Cooking. In addition, there were Cooper inside jokes as well, ranging from poking fun at some of the faculty to Frankie’s regular pranks on sleeping students.

This year’s acts include the event regular such as the Cooperpuppets, Ballroom Dancing Club, and the South Asian Society, along with newcomers such as the Sons of Pitch, Polina Smirnova’s Russian Dancing, and Wei Dai’s Lindy Hop routine. The Cooperpuppets produced a spin-off group: the Sons of Pitches, to sing not only graced us with their voices by singing with a mash-up and many different popular songs, but also produced a spin-off group: the Sons of Pitch, to sing “Kiss from a Rose” (by Seal) and “Hallelujah” (by Leonard Cohen). The Ballroom Dancing Club performed a salsa routine and West Coast swing to Mann’s ‘5 (continued on back).

DATATEL ONLINE REGISTRATION UPDATE

YARA ELBOROLOSY (CE ’14)

The student module includes online registration, financial aid, degree audit, advising, pre-requisite checking. Additional features will include Student Web Access Self-Services, MOX, the mobile access product for smart phones and the implementation of an Institutional Portal for students, faculty and staff. Colleague by Datatel is an integrated system that will support all aspects of the institution’s data processing including finance, human resources, development, recruitment, and student.

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“The projected total cost to implement the Colleague System by Datatel is approximately $2.8 million and will take 18 to 24 months. The implementation of a totally new system is well within the market norm.”

It will take a few years before it is a fully integrated single source database. This system also comes up with updates with an additional cost. There will be one record per student so it will be much more organized. Westcott recognized the staff for all their hard work and the huge commitment that the successful implementation of this system requires. This system will save time and allow people to do other more meaningful work. Cooper Union has been here without a system for far too long.

People from all across the board were invited to give their opinions about the system. There were two systems being considered, but the other one was not as supportive nor was it fully integrated. Cooper Union will try to use this new system to its optimum use. We plan on stepping back, taking full advantage of the system.

There are always growing pains associated with implementing new things. Throughout the implementation of the system, training occurs. Some get it pretty quick, others don’t. There are a lot of resources and Datatel has a user’s group where Cooper can consult other schools using the same system for advice. Hopefully, this system will emerge successful and worth all of Cooper Union’s pains and money.

CU VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

YARA ELBOROLOSY (CE ’14)

On Thursday, March 29th, the Cooper Union Men’s Volleyball Team defeated Yeshiva University, winning them the championship game. The entire team has been working very hard this entire year and they were able to demonstrate the fruits of their labor through this win. They usually practice for a couple of hours every Friday and Saturday. Games are usually on Tuesday nights or Saturday afternoons. During official games, each team has six people on the team, three people in the front and three in the back. The team players (continued on back).

THE DINING ROOM

CHRISTOPHER HONG (EE ’13)

Last Sunday (April 1st), Cooper Dramatic Society (CDS) performed A. R. Gurney’s ensemble comedy-drama “The Dining Room.” Approximately 90 people were in attendance and pizza and soda were served after the show.

“The Dining Room” is a series of 18 vignettes, each featuring different characters. Each scene takes place in different dining rooms across American history. The scenes range from slapstick humor (an old lady threatening to cut off a man’s “anthropological balls”) to touchingly poignant (an old man somberly discussing his funeral with his son). While the scenes are incredibly different, they are tied together in many ways; they all concern the meaning of family and the place the dining room has in day-to-day life.

While the show features over sixty characters, only twelve actors were used in CDS’s performance. During official games, each playing approximately five to six parts.

On the whole “The Dining Room” was very different than CDS’s last show, a stage version of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.” Instead of the absurd and campy humor and music of “Rocky”, the audience was met with a more serious play with “The Dining Room.”

An advertisement for The Dining Room.
**KenKen**

**MARCUS MICHELEN (EE ’14)**

KenKen is a Japanese paper puzzle by Tetsuya Miyamoto much like Sudoku, only it involves both math and logic.

**Instructions:** Like Sudoku, each row and column must contain the numbers from 1 to 6. The number in the upper-left corner of the bolded shape made up of squares is the number you need to get by adding the operations next to the number. For example, the “3-” rectangle in the bottom right corner can be filled in with a 5,2; a 4,1; a 2.5; or a 1.4.

The solution to this puzzle will be released next week. The solution to the KenKen from mini-issue #12 is to the bottom left.

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**SituationS**

**RAMON SANDOVAL (EE ’12)**

Solution to cryptquote from mini-issue #11:

The good thing about science is that it’s true whether you believe it or not.
- Neil Degrasse Tyson

**CU Tutoring Club**

**YARA ELBOROLOSY (CE ’14)**

Cooper Tutor is a volunteer organization, which allows for Cooper Union students to tutor in schools around the neighborhood. It was started by Ben Schenker (EE ’14). One of the schools that we have started tutoring in is George Jackson Academy, located on St. Marks and 1st avenue. It is an all-boys school compromised of about one hundred and thirty students. On my first day, I met with Aisha Lloyd who is the Assistant Head of school, faculty, and curriculum at George Jackson Academy. The students were very polite and willing to help me find my way around. On my first week, I tutored two brothers in algebra and they were very grateful for my help. I ran into their father who was also very grateful and kind. On the following week, Caleb, a freshman at Cooper, came along as a math tutor. When I asked him of his opinion, he said “I think it’s a worthwhile thing to do, something that more engineering students should definitely be doing.”

The teachers were ecstatic to hear that they had another math tutor. If we are the beneficiaries of a free education, isn’t it fitting that we should help educate others? If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity, feel free to contact us at cooper.tutor@gmail.com.

**Volleyball Champs**

**MARCUS MICHELEN (CE ’14)**

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idealy, pass the ball off to the setter, who sets up the ball for the power players, also known as spikers, who aim to hit the ball over the net. When a team scores a point, they continue to serve the ball. Rotations of the players around the court occur every time a team switches serves. A team wins when they have won the best of five games in a single match and each game goes to twenty five points. Cooper Union and Yeshiva were two of the four teams who were in the championship. It was single elimination with Cooper Union and Yeshiva making it to the finals. Cooper won the first two games, Yeshiva won the third, but Cooper came back to win the fourth game, granting them the championship. The team is filled with wonderful people who all work very well with one another. They give each other nicknames (e.g. Nelsanity) and it is this chemistry that helps them do so well. Congratulations!

**Cryptoquote**

**MARCUS MICHELEN (CE ’14)**

A Cryptoquote is an encoded quote. It is encoded such that each and every occurrence of a letter is substituted with a different letter of the alphabet. Using clues such as frequency of occurrence and placement, the original quote can be found. For instance, the word XBDIKCXXBZ can be deciphered to reveal the word LONGFELLOW.

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