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Beginning June 30, 2003 all schools and colleges in the United States were required to issue new SEVIS I-20 visas to all incoming freshman, transfer and continuing international students. SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System) is in fact a tracking device in the form of a bar code that is printed on the right hand margin of the I-20. The consulate at the port of entry (normally suggested to be either New York or Chicago) enters the SEVIS code in the online software and alerts the Immigration and Naturalization System that the student has entered the country. In the beginning, the U.S. government had one SEVIS system for the schools and another for the consulate at the port of entry. This created problems because the SEVIS code on the I-20 would not be recognized by the SEVIS system at the port of entry. For this reason, many I-20s were delayed in issuance as INS had to take time to fix the problem, allowing the two SEVIS systems to talk to each other and relate SEVIS codes.

The clock starts ticking once an F-1 visa holder enters the United States. The student has a time limit of 15 days within which they have to physically report to the school. The school immediately informs the SEVIS tracking system that the student has reported. From then onwards, the school has 30 days within which they must be registered. Otherwise, the INS controlled SEVIS System begins sending alerts to the school asking for enrollment information regarding a student in question.

According to Stephen Goldberg, director of International Student Services at Baruch, even after a new student has registered at school and is taking classes, within 30 days they have to be re-registered within SEVIS every semester to keep the SEVIS system from determining the student is still in school. Goldberg said that with 2,700 international students, lose their status, they end up getting term-limited out of the country.

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The system also requires information about students who are not studying full time and may be in danger of being out of status. Goldberg said there are 187 students that did not have full-time status during the current semester. These students were contacted by the International Student Services department and asked whether they had either of the following restrictions: if they were graduating, if they were on medical excuse/leave or if they were on academic probation.

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International Student Population Declines Due to Harsher Laws

By HARBANI RANA
Contributing Writer

The international student population in Baruch has been growing for over 20 years. In 1981-82, 203 students found a place on the campus. In 2001-02, 2,350 students took a closer look at the shifts in student population at Baruch. (Office of International Students and Harbani Rana)

One of the reasons is the number of restrictions that have been placed on the international students. They are required to be enrolled full-time every semester and must be re-certified to work on campus each semester. The rest of the “13 Musts for International Students” and other important information for international students should be aware of are available in on page 4 of this issue of The Ticker, or on the college website on the International Student Services Center’s homepage www.baruch.cuny.edu/issc.

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“We lost several hundred [international students],” said Goldberg. Goldberg and the Assistant Director of the ISSC, Ramonita Garcia are required to engage in the production of all student records and make any changes in them manually. They are also responsible for the compliance and enforcement of the rules prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security.

One proposal to simplify the procedures for international students was to introduce an International Student Identification Card. Such a system was introduced in Atlanta, Georgia, during the 1996 Olympic Games, but it did not work out because the systems used to track the students were not in sync with one other, and posed more problems than solutions.

Aside from the restrictions, because of last year’s hike in the tuition, many students could no longer afford to remain enrolled in Baruch. “An increase in tuition should go hand in hand with fewer restrictions on the work permits so that students are able to pay for the extra tuition expense,” said Mansi Suri, a senior and international student from India.

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Stephen Goldberg, director of the International Student Services Center, acknowledges that international students are having problems with the new SEVIS tracking system, which became effective last year, and with obtaining and leaving the United States. He is concerned that “when they start making it difficult, [students] will go to Australia, Canada, U.K., etc.”

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Sevis System Place Burdens On International Students

By Gaul Babin
Contributing Writer

Ever notice the high school kids running around Baruch College? Don’t look around you will not see them. However, though, Baruch College Campus High School (BCCHS) is alive and kicking. The school, which was opened in 1995, has nine through 12, has been housed in the 23rd Street building for seven years now. The public high school, which has been named after President of Baruch College, is now been housed in General, the President of Baruch at the time, and Anthony Alvarez, District 2, according to his wishes, as a response to area parents’ demands. Jill Meyers, the current Superintendent of District 2, was the first principal.

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Baruch Freshman Retention
Rates on the Rise

By LEO SHIVARTMAN
Staff Writer

As enrollment has decreased at Baruch College in recent years, both the university’s graduation and freshman retention rates have illustrated an inverse relationship. Fewer students are choosing to transfer to other universities and instead opt to complete their education at Baruch instead.

The number of students that graduated in the spring 2003 semester increased by 12 percent, going from 1,686 in Spring 2002 to 1,821 in Spring 2003. Vice President of Undergraduate Administration and Fiscal Aid Services James Murphy approximates that 1,800 students will graduate at the end of the spring 2004 semester.

Just as more students are making the decision to stay at Baruch, the number of students facing academic dismissal is declining. According to Murphy, a combination of these two trends means that the GPA of the average Baruch College evening session is rising.

As students’ GPAs have increased, the average SAT score for incoming freshmen is currently 42 points higher than those of students three years ago. Murphy said that all of these factors contribute to “a higher quality of students.”

The types of courses in demand are also changing. In the past, students complained about a lack of 1000- and 4000-level courses, according to Murphy. He added that more recently, students are voicing their displeasure over a lack of 100- and 2000-level courses.

“Speech is on the first tier and it’s very hard to get into,” said Ben Harris, a sophomore.

“Murphy said that 18 percent of students are in demand for pre-business core classes, excluding mathematics & English courses. Such a high demand may make it more difficult for students to register for core classes.

“Our students have always been known to be workers,” said Murphy. “When I say workers, I mean they’ve always been known to hit the books hard.”

The elected members of the Executive Board for the 2004-2005 academic year are as follows:

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- Vice President: Mohammed Iqbal
- Secretary: Erica Soto
- Treasurer: Anthony Battle
- Upper Senators: Kevin Babish, Ibrahim Lawal, Jodie Ann Graham, Keston Barrow
- Lower Senators: Liliana Chang, Anayda Law (day), Victor Dyke (day),  Brian Phillips (day), Carl Joseph (day), Alina Shatun (evening), Keisha George (day), Richard de la Cruz (day), Daniel Sime Marnika (evening), Sarah Soltysny (day), Omar Silt (eve), Cristyan Gayle (day), Kelly Hill (low), Natasha (Amy) Saphil (day), COPEY (evening)
- *denotes seniors who were elected at the last meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government

In Upcoming USG Elections

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It was no surprise to us that Douglas Carmichael was chosen to be chief auditor of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. We chose him first. This award-winning author had been a professor at Baruch for over twenty years, the kind of world-class professor we actively seek. Because, at Baruch, we believe a great education begins with great faculty.
USG Reports

On Tuesday, March 2, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) held their fifth meeting of the semester.

President’s Report
President Adrian Lovell informed the senate that the Search Committee meeting was successful. Their next meeting will be in April to continue approaching the selection for Baruch’s new president. He spoke briefly about the criteria required for president: 10 years in Academia and a Ph.D. Moreover, Lovell asked students to present their thoughts on the person they feel should be president.

Lovell introduced a proposal set forth concerning ATMs that could benefit both students and Baruch. Plans are in store to have ATMs in Baruch College with two options: an ATM without a fee or a dollar fee half of which will go to Baruch.

Pepsi is looking into having an agreement with Baruch College to have its products sold exclusively in the buildings vending machines. The estimated amount to have the multipurpose room soundproof for students loud parties is between $1,500-$2,000. The College continues to refuse this accommodation.

On March 11 a meeting will be held among clubs and USG to discuss any issues. Lovell suggested offering a prize for the club that registers the most Baruch students to vote for the USG presidential election.

Vice President’s Report
Vice-President Mohammed Iqbal informed the senate that every new senator has been assigned to a committee. He asked all USG members to check their mailboxes periodically.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Anthony Battle informed the government of the new USG budget adjustments. The amount of $3,000 was transferred from assistant treasurer to yearbook. For parties and events, a total of $400 has been allocated. The newsletter will now receive $2,000 and conferences will get $1,400.

Campus Affairs
Upper senator Keiton Barrow reported that on March 25, the Vagina Monologues will be performed at the Engelman Recital Hall at 6 p.m. He also announced that there will be a campus affairs meeting on March 11 to discuss the Vagina Monologues, the award ceremony and Spring Fling. Phi Eta Sigma wants to sponsor a hip-hop and salsa concert on Friday, May 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. On April 1, there will be a majors fair for freshmen and sophomores.

Evening and Part Time Students
Upper Senator Ibrahim Lawal announced that the USG will sponsor a coffee night on Thursday, March 18.

Legislative Affairs
Upper Senator Jodie Ann Graham reported that the U.S.S. and CUNY Medgar Evers College will sponsor a trip to Albany on Monday, March 8, for CUNY Lobby Day. The trip includes bus, food and meetings with local legislators.

Academic Affairs
Upper Senator Kevin Buball reported that he is looking to forge a strong relationship with the Baruch College Alumni Association. He met with BCAA President John Nickles and spoke about networking. He also announced that the USG is co-sponsoring the Bloomberg Global Village recruitment event that will be held on Friday, March 5, in the multipurpose room.

Old Business
Lower Business Carl Joseph announced that Promotions week had started off successfully on Tuesday, March 2.

New Business
Jodie Ann Graham reported that the Athletic Board has yet to meet so far this year. Barrow and Joseph reported that they have found that there is a lack of school spirit at Baruch College as well as large class sizes. Lovell announced that he spoke with the Director of the Athletic Recreation Center (ARC) Machi Joseph about having a mascot to promote Baruch athletics. Lower Senator Keshia George proposed that the USG sponsor a concert.

Legislative Affairs
Jodie Ann reported that Lobby Day was a success. She spoke about the idea of having two computers (possibly for the whole day) in front of Student Life for students to send letters to legislators.

Evening and Part time Affairs
Career Day will be on Friday, March 16. Student A1 Green suggested to have the Day Care Center expand its service hours from the current 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Flyers will be displayed to gather information on how necessary this proposal is to parents. The Marketing Expo will be held next Thursday and as usual resume and business attire are required.

Old Business
The complaints set forth by students was a success. Students learned more about USG and Baruch services available to students. On Thursday, Club Counsel will meet to address any issues relevant to clubs.

New Business
Lower Senator Amy Sapahal reported that Professor Susan Goldstein is asking for $4,600 for the Spring Speech Festival to pay for refreshments, awards and a stipend.
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Life, Jazz and Improvisation

By DINA ODNPOZOV

Contributing Writer

“Life is a lot like jazz – it's best when you improvise,” said George Gershwin, one of the most famous jazz composers and innovators. And if our lives could be as full of flawless and exuberant improvisations as the music of Ted Piltzecker's septet that performed at the Engelman Recital Hall on February 26, the world would be a perfect place. Especially if we were capable of achieving such a harmony as the septet's musicians, who managed to create smooth and, at the same time, incredibly exciting and engaging flow of sound.

The vibraphone is a rather complex instrument to play, as it requires combi-ning the skills of a drummer and a pianist. Piltzecker, as well as the other members of his band, were highly proficient and in excellent form on their instruments, as evidenced by the virtuosity of their performances. The musicians were able to seamlessly blend the sounds of the vibraphone, drum set, and piano, creating a cohesive and dynamic musical experience.
**Baruch Loses Class Act**

He was the kind man that stood in the corner at every Study Abroad fair. Tall in stature. Polite in manner.

Dr. Richard Brody, director of the Study Abroad Program and one of the class acts of Baruch College sadly passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Baruch students are left with a multitude of memories from the Great Wall of China, the bright lights of Tokyo, to the snow capped mountains of Sweden or the goldolas of Italy. Students had a friendly companion across the globe who kept in constant contact from his perch at the office in the Weissman Center for International Business.

Brody had been dedicated to Baruch College and the broadening of students horizons. He initially served as the director of the Career Development Center.

He moved on to expand the school’s study abroad program from a mere nine students to a program that sends over 100 students around the world every semester.

Brody kept close watch on the Baruch contingent that was traveling overseas and was helpful to the students visiting Baruch as well.

Dr. Brody, despite fighting off various battles throughout his lifetime always remained true to the same core group of people: the students. He always had the time to answer a question in his polite and soft-spoken manner.

He always made sure that he put the students first no matter what ills he had, making all efforts to be in his office as frequently as possible as an advisor for those who studied abroad.

Many of his co-workers found him as being more than just a boss, he was a good friend. Many spoke about the extra effort that he gave to complete a job and delivering a wise word.

Baruch College has lost more than an advisor. We lost a great friend.

**USG Races Uncontested**

Look who is back!

The election of USG President was a foregone conclusion. Two of the candidates, UNITY and P.O.W.E.R., were unopposed, leaving only one collective decision that is to be made.

A new core of government members has emerged with little opposition. The 23 candidates that are currently in place are a far cry from the 97 that battled it out last April, littering the Vertical Campus with paper and affixing banners in every possible crevasse, nook and cranny that had not seen the face of the election.

This year, there is one party: UNITY. Made up of 21 candidates, all but only one is unopposed for governmental seats. UNITY, a few members shy, looks to bring stability into the student government. Each member has not been locked in to their new position.

Except for one. President. Two known figures on the Baruch campus will square off in a head-to-head battle for the seat at the head of the U.S.G. table.

Incumbent Adrian Lovell has developed a reputation that has permeated throughout the school of awareness, caring and involvement from keeping close tabs of the many administrative moves that occur in the school as well keeping score of any Baruch Bears sporting event.

Lovell’s opponent, Sime Marnika is running as an independent and has proven himself as a leader on court for the Baruch Bears men’s basketball team. He can be frequently seen mingling with the student body and participating in many activities across the social spectrum.

He has to use his campaign to prove his knoshiness of the matters that drive the day-to-day affairs of Baruch College that go beyond the court itself.

Unlike the five candidates that were bombarding the student body in the previous election, this year there are only two. Two voices to be heard and one collective decision that is to be made.

The journey to the April 20-22 election has just begun.
Gay Marriage Won’t Hurt Us

DAN MARCHONE

It has been all over the news lately – from The New York Times to the L.A. Daily News. Even President Bush has gotten two cents in about it. From Boston to San Francisco, it is the legalization of same-sex marriages. Not an utterly new concept but one that still causes a great uproar nationwide.

The idea of being homosexual is certainly an old idea. It is so old it is biblical, literally. Homosexuality is mentioned numerous times in the Bible in reference both to the actions of men at the time, as well as how it should be viewed in a religious society. This is a book whose writings are centuries old. However, those who do not accept the Bible as a historical reference realize that it has been published by numerous historians, and that even Alexander the Great had moments of homosexual tendencies.

Growing up, being gay had nothing to do with sexuality. It was simply a word of degrada- tion used amongst friends in playful jest- ing of one another. Upon reaching junior high school the idea of “gay” was no longer of teased but now an idea of sexuality. It was around this time that I learned through my Christian studies that being homosexual was and is con- sidered wrong in God’s eyes and that all who were homosexual would be condemned from heaven. It is this same moral rubric that taught me from the sixth grade all the way until I reached high school.

High school is a time of immense growth. This growth comes on many levels, including physical and mental growth. This time was no different for me. It would be the time I developed my own views on homosexuality. I still held firm onto my religious beliefs but took the opportunity to interpret the meanings different- ly from before. That is not to say that I chose which rules to follow and which not to follow, but rather I realized that some of the rules were outdated and impractical. This personal reve- lation of mine coincided with a close friend’s awakening. She took a great personal risk to admit, in a Christian high school, that she was in fact gay. It blew the minds of many of the students and she was viciously insulted physically and sexually. However, my view never changed. I took the admission of my friend in stride and often wondered why others (her parents included) could not accept some- one whom they loved dearly now that she admitted to being gay.

According to Webster’s Dictionary, “murky” means to join together as husband and wife. According to my faith, marriage is the sacred union between a man and a woman. These are the ideals held fixed by millions of people across the country, one of which happens to be the president of our great nation. President Bush has suggested that we take a serious stand against same-sex marriages and ban it nation- wide through an amendment to the constitu- tion.

However, I must disagree with President Bush and Governor Schwarzenegger, who both see this as a major threat to our society. I refuse to believe that who people sleep with or choose to spend the rest of their lives with is a matter of national objection that requires an amendment to be passed. This is supposed to help the legal and sustainable marriage that women or men marrying should be accept- able in a supposedly free society, such as the one we live in. Look at the divorce rates of “traditional” marriages. It is said that nearly half of all marriages today end in divorce. Well gay people do not do much worse than that.

So whether it is two men getting married or two women choosing to spend their lives together, I say go right ahead. It is not my lifestyle or a lifestyle I endorse but they are not hurting anyone. So to me, there is nothing wrong with that.

Embrace Outsourcing In Fashion

IRINA AREFEYVA

If you are a fashionista, chances are you make an effort to check the label of the clothes you buy to make sure they are manufac- tured in New York, Paris, or in stylish Milan. But the truth is that about half of the clothes in the United States are manufac- tured in other countries.

There are many in the fashion industry, and outside of it, who are worried by the loss of manufacturing jobs are taken away from Americans and given to our neighbors over- seas. But should we really be afraid of out- sourcing in the fashion industry?

There is no doubt that fashion is not just about current, economic trends; it is also an excellent business. The fashion indus- try is the fourth largest in the world. The annual revenues of the apparel industry are equal to $172 billion worldwide, and it employs 4.6 million people.

The use of offshore assembly is necessary if the fashion industry is to continue to be profit- able and successful. To really understand the issue of outsourcing we need to look back two centuries to the work of David Ricardo and the theory of Comparative Advantage. Ricardo argued that it is cheaper to produce something overseas, it is better for Americans to import it and not pro- duce it here. In this scenario manufacturing is con- centrated to where they can be more productive, and with the aid of competition and outsourc- ing, prices are lowered.

Who can argue with this idea, and since when is having lower prices and saving money a bad thing?

There are hundreds of fashion designers working in America today. Their competition with those working in other countries is not fair, I believe. There was an intern for a New York fashion designer (who will go unnamed), one of the responsi- bles for bad was to remove the labels from the clothes that stated they were “Made in China.”

Another intern would then sew on the labels. That is why we need to do something about it. If the consumer believes the clothes were manufactured in fashionable New York. This business prac- tice was necessary because it is a com- forting for fashion-conscious individuals to know that clothes are made in fashionable cities. But with the help of outsourcing, the designer was able to stay in business and be profitable.

However, just because certain clothes are manufactured outside of the United States, it does not mean that the manufacturing industry is entirely gone from America. It is cheaper for American designers to manufacture cer- tain clothes in this country, they will. The Fashion District in New York City is full of factories where clothes are sewn. They pro- duce 18 percent of women’s outerwear. Twenty-eight percent of dresses are made in the United States. I have visited a number of those factories and employ a lot of people and are very busy.

Outsourcing is not evil; it is beneficial and effective. As Americans we should try to support American designers and buy their clothes no matter where they are manufac- tured.
Racism Still an Issue

J'AYN A. PLUMMER

Should racism still be an issue? That was the question posed to us last week. How timely a question, it being Black History month and all. Then we turned to J'AYN A. PLUMMER, the former director of the Baruch Community Action Project. J'AYN has a “I Have a Dream” speech, sitting in us feeling of complacency, or as King said in his famous speech, “This is not the last best of it.”

We can never be satisfied as long as a person who仍然 possesses one-tenth of the wealth of a white person is also a Negro.

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is thejax of a Nation that starves millions of children.

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is still "an "average" man", and not a man.

We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is treated as if he is still a "silent Negro", and not a man.

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They Won't Get The Scholarships Anyway

WYATT BLOCH-POWER

It was interesting that an editorial was written about the issue of affirmative action in defense of affirmative action. It seems as though no one really understands what affirmative action is, and because people tend to associate the word with quotas, the affirmative action is often viewed negatively. This narrow view takes the form of “white entitlement” and will go unchallenged by those who are not minorities. However, because laws in this country cannot discriminate against people by excluding groups, affirmative action has benefited women (of all races) and other minorities, because they have been marginalized and discriminated against. In effect, affirmative action is essential in education. The recent “white only” scholarship thought of by Jason Mattern is interesting because it is an attempt at a fair and balanced school system. It is a fact, in every American majority. The country is obsessed with race, and Americans in general have limited exposure to world cultures and experiences. Some statistics to consider: 80 to 92 percent of Americans don’t have U.S. passports. The fall 2002 enrollment in degree-granting institutions was 15,312,289, yet only 160/20 U.S. college students received credit for going abroad in the last year (Institute of International Education). The average white person in metropolis America lives in a neighborhood that is 80 percent white and only seven percent black, and the numbers are even drastically lower when it comes to Caribbean-American’s with new opportunities. Opportunities like higher education expose African-Americans and the general population as a whole to different cultures. Not to be too personal, but going to the ballet and shopping at Bloomingdale’s relates more closely to “class” than cross-cultural interest. When people in general study global issues or travel abroad, they realize that race isn’t as much of an obstacle as it is in the United States, and depending on where we travel, many of our friends and neighbors are being treated different. Moreover, one thing we have in common, black or white, is that when we leave this country, we are all Americans.

White Entitlement

KALIMAH PRIFORCE

Interacial dating, though as politically correct as we make it seem, is still a very hot topic that our generation has inherited. Our American society is becoming increasingly ethnically plural, therefore I greatly enjoyed both replies to my original article: “Finding a Wife: An Asian Perspective” and “A Black Woman’s Dilemma.” Phillips, I admire your ability to express yourself through words on the issue of “diversity in identity” and how that has reflected in your romantic experiences. I also commend you on your convictions on actively engaging in the process of a meaningful relationship while in college. Marine, I admire the very strong stance you take on the issue of black men who date and marry white women. Not only are your words a clear response to a pressing issue in the Black/African-American community, but also you are also what you see as the psychology behind the choices several black men make in choosing a partner.

Oh yeah, it’s certainly informally discussed within the black community, and depending on the context of our background, we are reared and socialized conditioned not to discuss our race. Yet, it doesn’t end with race. It ranges from religion, ethnicity, culture, economic class, and sometimes what location a “brotha” or “sista” is from. But does that make us distinct? Of course not. All communities experience a culture shock, so what is distinct about the black community?

Whites are not the only ones that have work experience from the World Bank. In my case, I had work experience from the World Bank.

When statistically compared to other communities, whites would be the disproportionately number of educated, working, white-collar, sometimes blue collar black men with attractive, have good credit, are spiritual and career-oriented. Heck, who doesn’t want that? I don’t want that either. Nonetheless, what exactly is the issue? Is it black men dating white women? I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident: All men are created equal. I think it’s obvious that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.”

I think, for the most part, that people are far removed from the issue of “diversity in identity” and how that relates to African-Americans._empowering African-Americans.

What affirmative action is, and because people tend to associate the word with quotas, the affirmative action is often viewed negatively. This narrow view takes the form of “white entitlement” and will go unchallenged by those who are not minorities. However, laws in this country cannot discriminate against people by excluding groups.

The white entitlement argument is flawed in several ways. First, schools have a limit to the amount of students that they can admit in any given year. Of 2,000 whites whose exemplary GPA and SAT scores were similar applied to Baruch, 800 were not specified as minorities and 1,200 would be rejected. Whites are after all the majority. Even if minorities are added to the mix, it is difficult for people to accept or deal with personal inadequacies. That is to say that whites should automatically be accepted and minorities should not. A minority is taking up useful space because its SAT score is a bit lower (perhaps because this applicant could not afford to pay for SAT prep courses) and it is too far-racked that perhaps the minority applicant’s essay was better written and more relevant than that of the white’s.

White entitlement arguments are simply quibbles and don’t necessarily belong at the不合适 that the minority applicant’s essay was better written and more relevant than that of the white’s. Second, prestigious schools like Baruch wouldn’t accept undeserving minorities to fill a quota because the failures would reflect on the school’s reputation, and retention numbers. This would then make the school less attractive, thus lowering enrollment. We have to remember that if 900 whites had work experience from the World Bank. While he was rejected from Columbia Law School, he had work experience from the World Bank, (the nationality), was accepted with a lower GPA and an LSAT score of 159.

Affirmative action is only a tool to deal with personal inadequacies. That is to say that minorities aren’t automatically being accepted and whites aren’t necessarily being rejected. Atlantic slave- ry had work experience from the World Bank, and I was the first person to study abroad from Baruch College, although I am not a member of the NAACP or other minority groups. Does that mean that whites should automatically be accepted? What about those who are not minorities? What about those who are not in optimum health? I would like to say one thing to Jennifer Blecher - “you go girl.”

WYATT BLOCH-POWER

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Bellino, commenting on their live debut. “I
think it was awesome,” she said when asked
about the crowd response. By the time Inborne
played, the crowd had swelled considerably.
The band later said on its website that it had the
distinction of having the largest number of fans.

About 20 minutes after Inborne closed their
set, its stagmate Level Six took the stage. The
set list was the same as the previous two shows
save for a new song called “These Things,” a
blistering power pop tune that riffs against
government corruption and nepotism. The
set’s closer featured a pounding opening guitar
riff sounding like a jackhammer ripping apart a
New York City street. Singer/guitarist guitarist
Lou LaRocco continued to spell out his soulful
vocals and lead guitarist John Henry Sheridan
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Need For Speed Underground Provides Realistic Racing Feel

By VICTOR WEIQIANG CHU Contributing Writer

“I got a need for speed,” says Pete Pablo, just one of the many music artists on the new video game, “Need For Speed Underground.” If you are like him, you will love this game because it is full of speed.

The latest NFS variation borrows its physics engine from “NF3: Hot Pursuit 2” but experiences a total facelift and update. The game feels like an arcade racer but has the reality of a simulation game.

This rendition is unlike any other NFS. In NFSU you have the ability to customize your ride, changing visuals (rims, lights, spoilers, etc) and the performance. This is what makes NFSU stand out from the rest of the crowd. The graphics in this game are excellent. There are real-time reflections on all shiny surfaces. Every object is filled with detail and vibrance. Racing through Chinatown, the streets are full of lanterns and Chinese signs.

The 24 or so tracks on this game produce a nice potpourri of rap, techno and rock. On a scale of five, the sound gets a pleasing four and a half.

The most important aspect of any game is game play and NFSU does extremely well in that category. It retains that NFS feel and adds such minute details as Near Miss, drafting, power sliding, and clean section.

Other modes include drifting and drag. The former tests your hand-eye coordination and timing skills. You have to rack up points by trying to make your car slide sideways while maintaining speed. The latter is pretty realistic because you have to calculate the perfect shift. The feel of speed is extremely realistic, complete with the whooshing sounds and vibrations.

There are, however, some shortcomings in this game. There are shoddy menu systems, especially when playing online. For instance, when you click on a player, the whole menu scrolls down because of the updated players. However, the online mode is still better than previous titles since there is a reputation system. The more races you win, the more points you get. Therefore you have to be wary of which races to choose and which car to select.

Unlike NFS4, this version has no damage system. No matter how hard you crash, your car will look sparkling new. If you experienced a total wipeout, at the end of the race your car will still be rolling on all four wheels. If there was a damage system, each player would become more conscious of his cars. Each player would have to spend money on repairs, which means having a closer relationship with the cars.

Another problem is that there are no police. It comes as a disappointment because in the movie The Fast and Furious there were police.

If there were cops, it would be more fun because it would make the game more realistic. Here, there are no personalized license plates, whereas NFS4 had them. There is no reply which is a real heartbreaker because some of the “stunts” are really spectacular. Split screen mode, which NFS4 had, is absent. This means that two people can’t play at your house, unless you have the PS2 version of it.

Despite some pitfalls, NFSU shines in many categories and is probably the best racing game out there right now. Even if you don’t like driving games, you should try it out. Who knows, it may even make you like driving games.
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Baruch Men's and Women's Swim Team Shows Strong Effort at Metro Championships

By ASHLEY O'NEILL
Contributing Writer

On February 20, the Bearcats set out to Rutgers University, where they would compete in the Metropolitan Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championship, a three-day competition. Warm-ups began from 7 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and preliminaries from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., with six or seven events conducted each day. The athletes were then sent back to their hotels for a two-hour lunch break, whereupon they would then return for another two-hour warm-up, and finals until 9:30 p.m. The schedule seemed intense and the competition was fierce, but the Bearcats met the challenge.

By 7 a.m. on Friday, hundreds of students, representing teams from the entire tri-state area, all divisions, had gathered into Rutgers's north arena, all divisions, had gathered into Rutgers's north arena, all divisions, had gathered into Rutgers's north arena, all divisions, had gathered into Rutgers's north arena.

Throughout the competition, Baruch had some outstanding performances. Personal bests were achieved by: Johann Arias with a time of 7:46.67 in the 500-free; Joel Abreu with a time of 2:26:62 in the 200-individual medley; Eugene Leychenko with a time of 24:4.17 in the 200-breast; and also with a time of 1:13:36 in the 100-breast; Howard Liu with 2:09:05 in the 200-free and 56:13 in the 100-breast; and also with a time of 1:11:31 in the 100-breast. Emrah Ertamay even made it into the finals for the 100-breast stroke, placing 23rd with a time of 1:06:96.

In the end, the big winners of the day were the College of New Jersey, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Southern Connecticut State, Maritime and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The Bearcats ended their season with strong performances.

Members of the men's swimming team pose at the Metro Championships. From left to right: Johann Arias and Ashley O'Neil with Coach Pushaen Gunasinghe in the middle. (Photo/Joel Abreu)

Members of the women's swimming team pose for a picture with their coach. From left to right: Johann Arias and Ashley O'Neil with Coach Pushaen Gunasinghe in the middle. (Photo/Joel Abreu)

Ray Rankis – Dedicated Coach, Loving Father, True Ambassador

By PETER KWON
Staff Writer

Baruch Men's Head Basketball Coach Ray Rankis. (Photo/ Aaron Siegel)

Name: Raymond Rankis
Current Status: Men’s Head Basketball Coach
Date of Birth: March 1, 1953
Family: Ann-Maria (wife), Matthias (son, 10), Simone (daughter, 8)
High School: De Witt Clinton (Bronx)
College: Lehman (Bronx)
Degree(s): B. A., Mass Communications, 1975
M.S., Physical Education, 1980
Career Highlights:
- Men’s Varsity Assistant Coach, John Jay College, 1983
- Appointed Men’s Head Basketball Coach at Baruch College, 1983
- Coach at Baruch’s 1993-94 women’s tennis team to a perfect 13-0 record, leading the Bearcats to both CUNY regular season and tournament championships.
- Three-time CUNY Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.
- Honored as a member of the Lehman College Sports Hall of Fame.
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Sitting in the his office filled with “Happy Birthday” greetings from his loving children, one gets the sense that Ray Rankis is more than just the head basketball coach of the Baruch Bearcats. To describe one of the longest-tenured Bearcat faculty members, a period of over 20 years, one or two sentences would not do him any justice. If you had to breakdown Rankis into any sort of partition, it would be best attempted in this three-point shot: loving family man to his wife and children, dedicated mentor to his past and current players, and respected ambassador to CUNY Athletics.

More often than not, when a person has reached stability in their career to their satisfaction, the focus of one’s attention turns to raising a family. Rankis is more than just the head coach of a growing collegiate basketball team; he is also a loving father to his children, Matthias and Simone, two of his greatest prides and joys. All one needs to do to witness the encompassing love of the Rankis family is to visit the coach’s office in the Athletics Department and see it adorned by balloons and drawings from the adorable siblings.

The following is Part 1 of a very candid one-on-one interview with Rankis. Much of the focus is on how Rankis was first involved with coaching while other parts feature an in-depth look on his own family as well as the Bearcat basketball family itself. It is easy to see that Rankis is a coach on two very large-scale fronts; his roster of 12 at school and with all due respect, the team-building coach of two of his much better second half at home.

The Ticker: If you weren’t a coach, what would you have done in life?
Rankis: Well I studied in media. I was accepted into Columbia for their school in broadcast journalism. I kind of hoped I would have done something in writing or behind the mic.

The Ticker: Doug Collins. Has anyone ever told you that you do look a little like him?
Rankis: Yes. Someone told me I did look a little like him. I’m glad you told me because he’s not an ugly guy. If you told me I looked like Dick Vitale, I would have smacked you. I think Doug Collins is terrific.

The Ticker: It is interesting how Collins used to be the former Bulls head coach and your team uses the Chicago Bulls theme song during the player introductions before the start of each home game. Did you have anything to do with it. That’s their baby.
Rankis: It should be. That’s how they pump themselves up.

The Ticker: It’s actually one of the things I like about coaching. It’s that moment, during the preparations, watching the players, looking in their eyes, enjoying their youth, enjoying the moment.

The Ticker: How did you finally decide to become a coach?
Rankis: I didn’t. I was offered the job when I was a senior in college by a guy who inspired me named Bob Fox. I asked him if I could have a couple of weeks to think about it because I was going to go down to a radio station in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to work as a gopher/D.J./whatever they wanted me to do. I had a job lined up down there. And the more I thought about it, well I said I’m 22. I got a lot of time. So I figured, okay, let me try.

The Ticker: What did Mr. Fox see in you that made him think you could become a coach?
Rankis: I think he saw that I was bright, that I cared.

The Ticker: What in your opinion makes a good coach?
Rankis: I think you have to get players to think as a unit, to play hard, to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another. From a personal dimension, I think you have to get players to think as a unit, and to trust one another.

The Ticker: How long do you plan on coaching?
Rankis: I don’t know. Every year, I, at the end of the year, ask myself the same question. Question 1 is my health. Question 2, is do I still enjoy it? Question 3 is, I worry about my own son. My son is a high-functioning autistic. If I feel that my not being at home as much during the basketball season would help him at school, I would stop this in a heartbeat.

The Ticker: Have you changed your schedule at all due to your son’s condition?
Rankis: No. He knows that around March 1, which is my birthday, I pick him up from school on Fridays. I come home earlier on Mondays and Wednesdays, and I’m there. It’s a fun and enjoyable time. During the basketball season, my wife, she’s a nurse. She’s a trooper, a power forward, however you want to describe it.

The Ticker: She picks up the slack, big time, while she’s also finishing up her Ph. D. in pharmaceutical studies. And that will be at the end of July. And she works midnight shifts as a pharmacist at a New York hospital. So what happens is there is someone who is always home. And we get a lot of help from her mother, my sister, and my niece. If she has to work at night and I have a game at night, then we usually have a babysitter, and it’s usually someone from the family.

The Ticker: That begins the question, were any members of your family involved with coaching?
Rankis: No. My father was a chess master and lawyer. My parents were refugees from Latvia. They spent five years in a refugee camp in Germany. My brother and sister were born before they came to the United States on May 8, 1950, which is Harry Truman’s birthday. And I was born in 1953 in the United States.

To be continued as PART II in the next issue of the Ticker…
Bears sweep York and Lehman in Weekend Doubleheader

By SHANSAN WU
Staff Writer

The Baruch men’s volleyball team went into a home doubleheader two weekends ago against the York College Cardinals and the Lehman Lightning looking to build on their 4-1 conference record. They came away with a sweep.

The home victories were the fourth and fifth consecutive conference wins for the Barcets, which moved them into sole possession of second place in the CUNYAC.

Baruch set the tone early in their opening game, cruising to a 30-23 and 30-25 two-set lead over York behind strong frontcourt play from Patrick Amhire (16 match scores) and Andrew DeLeon (13 match scores). Down early in the third and outplayed until that point, it looked like the Cardinals, 5-1 coming into the match, were finished.

They weren’t.

Led by veteran Mark Moe (14 match scores) and freshman Leszek Stankeiwicz (21 match point, it looked like the Cardinals, 5-1 coming into the match, were finished.

But the last time we played York, we had it easy,” said Baruch captain King Cheng. “It was a mirroring sign to some observers.

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But someone forgot to tell that to the Barcets.

“It was one of the first times we had faced any adversity against a conference opponent,” said Stack. “I didn’t call any timeouts. I just wanted to see us play.”

Facing elimination in set three, the Bears once again jumped out to an early lead. Hunter’s main offensive players moved in to try and snuff out any hope of a comeback.

But this time the Barcets line held like a stone wall against Hunter’s attacks. Balls that fell in for the Hawks in the first two sets were returned with a thump in the third. Faced with determined resistance for the first time all game, the Hawks offense began to waver.

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By SHANSAN WU
Staff Writer

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Women’s Softball

The softball season has begun with the first home game to be played on March 19 at John B. Lindsey, East River Park, Diamond D2.

Men’s Baseball

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