Funding for clubs slashed

■ $100K kept from students

BY MIKHAIL SEDOV
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“Imagine what the Archery Club would be without a bow?” she questions, noting that a good quality bow costs $350 and up. “If USC gives us $1,000 for the equipment, we can only buy 3 bows.”

This is not counting the gear and bows’ cases.

The undergraduate student club budgets for the 2006-2007 year plunged a total of 23.8 percent to $75,545 from $99,316 last year, according to the Student Services Accounting Unit records released last Thursday. The two documents show approved budgets for 44 organizations, roughly one hundred short of the budgets that have yet to be submitted or approved.

Among the most drastically affected were Women in Islam, dropping 38 percent, American Marketing Association dropping 41 percent, United Chinese Language Association, dropping 49 percent, Puerto Ricans for Investment, Development and Enlightenment, dropping 71 percent; and Billiards & Bowling, dropping 94 percent.

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But live is different from a movie. Five years after 9/11, no one in America had to worry about taking a flight or going to work and never coming back. Today we have to deal with that reality. Although the hazards have always been there today people are more aware of them. The innocence of an age has slowly passed and the new generation is being called the post 9/11 generation, as if this 9/11 never happened. Rebuilding and remembering the lives lost seems to be the way most people are dealing with it.

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Rave Wireless, unique tech at Baruch

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Baruch College will be among the first of hundreds of universities and colleges nationwide to participate in a new revolution in the use of mobile phones on campus. Using innovative technologies created by Rave Wireless Inc., students will have access to unique community-building and academic applications through their mobile phones.

Rave Wireless is the only company in the nation to provide a comprehensive set of mobile applications and mobile phone programs that strengthens college and university communities. It provides mobile and wireless services pertinent to college students while simultaneously enhancing the college experience, community and convenience of college life.

With the launch of AirBaruch, students can now use Rave-enabled mobile phones to access applications and content specific to their campus, providing students with tools to manage their daily lives while also strengthening community bonds and communication. Each student has the opportunity to select the interactive groups, content and applications they receive on their phone. “With AirBaruch, students can check the availability of loaner laptops and study rooms, view course announcements, connect with faculty and fellow students and receive timely alerts from the college, all from their mobile phone, anytime, anywhere,” according to Downing. The result is a stronger academic community and a greater level of service and convenience provided by the college to its students,” says Arthur Downing, chief information officer and chief librarian of the college.

Rave Wireless is created specifically to meet the demands of higher education institutions with its hybrid service which includes: Rave Essentials, which sends immediate alerts to college campus, and Rave Academic, which converts the phone into a learning tool and teaching aid.

According to Downing, Rave Wireless approached Baruch because they knew Baruch had a strong technical record. “It was already interested in finding a way to deliver services directly to students and it was just a coincidence that they called and agreed to design around our needs,” he said.

It is very easy to register for this free program, either through the college main office or at the wireless store in the cafeteria. It is not specific to one cell phone carrier and students can choose their options according to their preferences. Many faculty members and professors are already utilizing this program to send course alerts and updates to students.

Rave Wireless is the only company in the nation to provide a comprehensive set of mobile applications through their mobile phones.

Inclusive in AirBaruch’s agenda is the transmitting of services that are delivered on the web to mobile devices. Certain recorded lectures which were previously available online are now accessible on cell phones through this medium.

“AirBaruch is one part of mobility on campus,” says Downing. Instead of going to the computer labs, students can now access their computer needs through new mobile service.

About 1500 students at Baruch are already using and experiencing the technological advances of Rave Wireless. Sophomore Rofa Abayon was recommended to AirBaruch by a friend and says, “It is great because it’s free and it helps us keep in touch with each other.”

“One of the biggest reservations from students about AirBaruch is whether it is free or optional,” says Downing. AirBaruch is not only free and optional, but a safe and convenient method to remain updated about school. “AirBaruch will improve our student experience by tightening the connection between the college and its students. We are a large commuter school, so we look for ways to build a sense of community that gives our students that live here the experience of living on campus. This is one of the aims of the Baruch College Technology Institute,” he said.

Baruch has various outstanding technological advances and it is no doubt that the choice to include AirBaruch in it’s technological initiatives is to serve the college student. “I encourage the use of AirBaruch as it is free of the free services provided by Baruch that the student should not miss out on,” says Downing.

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CUNY’s lofty new dorms

BY JANA KASPEREK
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“Don’t just attend college, live it” states the homepage of The Towers’ site—City College of New York’s new dorms. The Towers, a $56 million ultramodern complex adorned with beige brick, is only the second dorm in the CUNY system.

The first dorm is the Hunter College Brookdale campus residence hall on the corner 25th street, which houses 612 students.

“Some of our students want to live closer to campus because they spend long hours working in laboratories or design studios. Making housing available on campus gives them an affordable alternative to late-night subway rides to the outer boroughs,” stated CCNY President Dr. Gregory H. Williams.

However, the opportunity of residing at The Towers is not just limited to the CCNY students. On July 11, many Baruch students opened their Baruch email accounts to find the invitation to visit The Towers’ website and possibly apply for their own apartment space. With The Towers being the newest dorm, many Baruch students still require Baruch students to commute to school, it will provide them with a chance to be exposed to a “true college experience.”

The Baruch student body president, Bernard Banks, who spoke at the dedication ceremony, expressed in his speech his hope for future dorms for this incoming class. While Baruch students might still have to wait for their own dorms on campus, they can take CCNY up on The Towers in the meantime.

The Towers is located on CCNY’s campus at West 130th street and Washington Heights. There are 164 apartments which can hold 680 students and faculty members. The suites and apartments offered to students include fully furnished private or shared bedrooms, all utilities included, high-speed internet service, basic cable service, local telephone service, air conditioning, microwave, full-size refrigerator and cook-top stove.

Students can use a variety of facilities and services while living at The Towers. These include: a community lounge with wireless internet, private courtyard and patio area as well as 24-hour service desk, a seminar room, fitness center, laundry room, and for security purposes, card access at all entry points.

According to the website, The Towers residence hall is a 21st century residence hall with all of the necessary components to provide a “safe and comfortable living experience.” All visitors are screened by the public safety personnel and all guests are required to check-in at the front desk and be accompanied by the resident student.

It is strongly recommended that those interested apply as soon as possible since students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The Towers’ website is updated daily to inform students about which apartments and suites have already been rented out. At press time, all shared-one-bedroom apartments as well as three private bedroom apartments have been filled.

Prices for the apartments range from $775 to $1075 per month per resident or $1100 a month for a private studio. Students may request that their excess financial aid be transferred directly to their housing account. For more information about financial aid, housing, or to sign up for a tour of The Towers visit www.ccnytowers.com/ccny.
Baruch cleans up act

BY LAURA RAMIREZ
STAFF WRITER

Baruch is in the process of hiring environmental officers, who will be in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards. This will make the first such position to be created. It will be filled by the end of the entire semester.

This spring, the EPA conducted an audit of Baruch College as part of a contract with CUNY with successful results. Since the EPA can range fine up to $32,500 per violation, it is crucial to help of an expert on campus. Baruch has the opportunity to do better each time.

In order to prepare for it, the Faculty Senate voted all students to be part in the cleaning effort. A pre-audit was conducted by Baruch to identify potential hazards and student clubs also took part in cleaning up the area posted on the doors of the clubs in which they were told to separate e-waste such as unused computers and labels them so that proper actions can be taken. With club rooms being potentially filled with unused electronic equipments, the College inspected the offices checking for e-waste.

In the final submission from EPA on Oct. 1, they found that Baruch, which are being properly disposed of and was a better result than expected, “the College is effective because the school has corrected every time the process is to be followed, and plans are being established to prevent future recurrence,” says Howard Apson, New York director of environmental health and safety. Because other colleges have been visited before Baruch, the school took the opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

E-waste was the biggest issue at Baruch but all of it was corrected in the pre-audit by the time the EPA visited. The College was actually found on campus. With truckloads of it being disposed of, the College, the school received a clean bill of health.

Baruch did an excellent job of coming together, the lack of violations speaks for itself,” says Jim Garty, the executive director for Baruch’s facilities and campus operations.

Baruch’s rankings published

BY PETER SIPAS
STAFF WRITER

Baruch College is featured in the new edition of both The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report. The rankings and other news and rank- ings, respectively.

The Princeton Review recommends students to apply to Baruch College in its 2007 edition of “The Best Northeastern Colleges.”

In U.S. News and World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2007,” Baruch is ranked fourth for universi- ties, seventh among those that offer both undergraduate and master's programs. Among public colleges on that list, Baruch is tied for fourth.

Noted in these publications is the fact that the college has an increased number of students for incoming freshmen.

According to “America’s Best Colleges 2007,” only two schools in the region that offer a full range of undergraduate and master’s pro- grams are more competitive than Baruch.

The Princeton Review indicates that all selected colleges have “ex- cellent” academic programs and have been selected from several hundred applications. The schools based on institutional data they col- lect about schools, their surveys of students, their teachers, and alumni visits to schools over the years.”

U.S. News and World Report evaluates colleges based on SAT scores, class rank of incoming high school seniors, four-year graduation rates, average alumni donations, student/ faculty ratio, class size, graduation rates, peer assessments, retention rates and other variables.

“Generally, reviewers are heavily quantitative, Zane Bitter, the editor of the Bookswap.com communications and marketing department says, “Baruch College is in the top of the pack” in the [Best Northeastern Colleges].”

According to these rankings, it appears in this year’s edition, offering overwhelmingly positive test- mentals.

“Generally, professors are easily accessible after class, and class size is small,” Bitter explained in a telephone discussion and not just lecturing, “Students feel that they can participate and ask questions. There is an active sense of ‘ownership’ in the classes.”

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Baruch College also was selected as one of the “America’s Most Challenging Colleges.”

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has invited Baruch College to participate in the Fed Challenge, a rigorous competi- tion about developing and im- plementing an American monetary policy.

“I was elated when Baruch was chosen,” said Michael Carew, who will advise the Baruch Fed Challenge team with fellow econo- mics and finance professor, Supar- na Chakraborty.

Based on schools’ excellence in economics and finance, 25 institutions of college and universities nationwide are selected by the New York Fed to participate in the Fed Challenge.

Among public colleges on that list, Baruch is tied for sixth place.

Baruch’s Zicklin School of Busi- ness is considered in a category of undergraduate business programs that are accredited by the Associa- tion to Advance Collegiate Schools.

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For more information about the Fed Challenge, visit www.newy. ny.frb.org/education/fedchal- lenge_college.html.

Textbook prices raise eyebrows

BY JESSICA BAPTISTE
LEDE EDITOR

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Soft skills” to be taught at new Development Center

BY DANA ANDERSON
STAFF WRITER

Baruch College recently re- ceived a $2 million grant pledge from the Starr Foundation, which will be used to revive the Career Development Center and retrofit it as the “Starr Career Development Center.”

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The Baruch class rush

THOMAS CROCKETT

Why are we always in a hurry? I notice that everyday I end up walking somewhere really fast, even if I am not in a hurry. You see people all the time, running to catch the train when there will be another coming in two minutes. My friends from California and other states have made comments to me about how New Yorkers are always moving and always have something to keep them busy. I never thought about this before, but it made me ask myself, what am I hurrying for?

I was walking through Times Square the other day when I noticed that it is very easy to tell who is a New Yorker and who is a visitor. New Yorkers hustle through the tourists, who walk around passively, looking up at all the neon signs. New Yorkers get angry and scowl as they try to get past groups of people that are “walking too slow.” Perhaps, we are just walking too fast. Ferris Bueller put it well when he said “Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it”. How many people really take the time to stop and enjoy the day? Everyone says that summer went by so fast. Did it? Or did it make us go by too fast?

It is funny that as college students we sometimes still a little bit here. I know some of my 5-year seniors still enjoying them- selves here, living the college life. Why are we in a hurry to graduate college? Unlike high school, where you are supposed to get in a timely fashion, college is a time where you can spend a few extra moments discovering in a hurry to graduate college? Unlike high school, where you are supposed to get in a timely fashion, college is a time where you can spend a few extra moments discovering new things. It is interesting to see that even here at Baruch there are many students that come back after long periods of time being away from school. I guess knowledge is one thing that we allow ourselves to take some time with. For everything else, I suggest that we learn to slow down and just enjoy life.
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HOW BIG IS THE VERTICAL CAMPUS? “It is the largest single building built for higher education in New York City,” Dr. Carl Aylman, Director of Student Life says proudly. He is referring to Baruch’s most renowned building—the Vertical Campus, commonly known as the VC. The VC officially opened in 2001. It is home to the Zicklin School of Business and Weissman School of Arts and Sciences. It rises 14 floors above street level and occupies almost the entire block between 24th and 25th Street on Lexington Avenue.

The building’s nearly 800,000 square feet are distributed among 102 “smart” classrooms stacked with the latest technology, 14 research labs, 36 computer labs, more than 500 offices, two auditoriums, a food court, a bookstore, a pool and an athletic and basketball court.

The six elevators, nicknamed “the six-pack,” hold up to 45 people each and stops on every third floor— the 5th, 8th, and 11th floors. The reason behind this decision was to speed up the traffic and reduce the lines and waiting time for riders, which used to take up 15 minutes in other buildings.

HOW MUCH DID IT COST TO BUILD? The total cost of the VC was approximately $319.4 million. The building replaced two leased buildings—approximately $30 million in other buildings.

The lease for these two buildings expired in July 2001, when the VC was still under construction. When it opened its doors for students in September 2001, only the top stories were fully completed. Construction continued during the 2001-2002 school year on the lower floors, the food court area and the athletic and performance facilities, which were completed in the spring of 2002.

“It was hammering and banging,” recalls Aylman who had a construction worker in his office for the whole academic year working on the ventilation system.

WHO BUILT THE VERTICAL CAMPUS? Kohn Pederson Fox and Associates (KPF) which constructed the World Financial Centre in Shanghai, Procter and Gamble headquarters, Guinness/USA. Today corporate headquarters and the World Bank headquarters in Washington, DC also designed the VC together with TDX Corporation and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) as the project managers.

The DASNY also worked on “The Information and Technology Building,” which includes the Newman Library completed in 1994, and the School of Public Affairs, completed in 2000. They are also planning to renovate The Lawrence and Erts Field Building (23rd Street Building) at 17 Lexington Avenue starting within the next 5 years.

The Vertical Campus: A history lesson

BARUCH BEAT: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 11th
9:30 am - 1:00 pm 9/11 Remembrance Office of Student Life VC Room 2-125 8:30 am - 8:30 pm 9/11 Remembrance Office of Student Life 2nd Floor Lobby 9:00 am - 8:30 pm Voter Registration Office of Student Life 2nd Floor Lobby 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm NASSA Membership Drive NASSA VC 2nd Floor Lobby 6pm - 10pm Auditions for full production – “Blade to heat” Men & women of all ethnicities, Ages 18 – 30. Fine & Performing Arts Department, B3-130 (take the 24th St side elevator to RC and turn left.)

Tuesday, September 12th
9:00 am - 8:30 pm Voter Registration Office of Student Life 2nd Floor Lobby 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Modeling Auditions, Call Backs Shop of Style VC Room 2-110 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Informational Alpha Phi Delta VC Room 3-125 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Membership Drive Hispanic Drive VC 2nd Floor 12:15pm - 1:45pm Ddud... Where’s My Job? (Mit-sui lunch-time forum) Speaker: Marcel Legrand, senior VP, Strategy and Corporate Development of Monster.com. Understanding the international economic trends, behavioral predictions, and marketplace expectations that will shape employment, jobs and labor patterns. Newman Conference Center, Room 750 151 East 25th Street 6pm -10pm Auditions for full production – “Blade to heat” Men & women of all ethnicities, Ages 18 – 30 By Fine & Performing Arts Department B3-130 12:30pm - 2:30pm Game Day, Kappa Alpha Alpha. Room TBA

Wednesday, September 13th
9:00 am - 8 pm Voter Registration Office of Student Life 2nd Floor Lobby 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm The Nisanson Zone with Rabbi Nisanon Hebrew Cultural Club VC 3-240 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Health Fair Student Development VC 2nd Floor Lobby 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Welcome Back Graduate Event By Zicklin School VC 1st Floor Caffeeteria 6pm - 10pm Ensemble Engleman Recital Hall, BPAC Tickets free for Baruch Students. Reservations available through the BPAC Box Office.

Thursday, September 14th
9:00 am - 8 pm Voter Registration Office of Student Life 2nd Floor Lobby 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Greek Fest Alpha Phi Delta, Kappa Phi Alpha, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Theta Phi Gamma VC 2nd Floor Lobby 12:30pm Welcome Back Move-in: Residence Banking Club Room 7, 855 12:30pm Corporate Presentations – by Abbot Laboratories Professional development program & internship program. Room 3-125 12:25pm - 2:30pm Teach-In: Why wrong History Department Speakers: Dr. Evrard Abrahamian, Distinguished Professor of History, Dr. Thomas Heinrich, Associate Professor of}

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT BARUCH?

WHO BUILT THE VERTICAL CAMPUS?

HOW MUCH DID IT COST TO BUILD?

THE TICKER ARCHIVE AND ROBERT BENIMOFF ON PAGE 9

BY ANGELA MELANOM

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

An avocado is certainly an acquired taste. Its savory, buttery, smooth flesh can surely stir the taste senses of many. It may take an individual quite some time to learn to appreciate the delicate essence of this fruit. Yes, the avocado is indeed a fruit. I must admit, I have had my share of arguments concerning this issue. But wholeheartedly, I had to come to the realization that something is in fact a fruit if it contains seeds.

Avocados are enjoyed in the same way as vegetables. However, they are not only for salad toppers or, most prevalently, guacamole, but also breads, desserts and creams for facial and body massages. Yes, you read correctly—body massages. The Taiwanese eat avocados with milk and sugar. Indonesians blend avocado milk with coffee and rum to make a delectable cold drink, while the Japanese add it to sushi.

When choosing an avocado, make sure it is not bruised and free of wrinkles. While squeezing the avocado might be tempting, resist these urges with all of your might! Instead, look at the stem end. If the avocado is ripe, its stem will pull right out.

Whether you include avocado in your favorite tuna salad, or simply eat them whole with a little bit of salt to taste, the avocado can enhance eating experiences in the most immeasurable way. Enjoy!
Analyzing habits: ways to break bad cycles

BY CHANDRESH BHARDWAJ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Habits start out too weak to be felt, and end up becoming too strong to get out. Your habits form your character. In the struggle to build strong character, people continually make and break habits. I am surprised that people label their habits as either good or bad.

You should understand the whole science of habits instead of blindly making and breaking them. It’s like using a cheap detergent to remove a stain from clothing, and later using another chemical to remove the stain of that cheap detergent from the clothing. This cycle goes on and on.

How should you get rid of this endless cycle of habits? First of all, you need to understand that there are no good or bad habits. I believe that when any action or activity becomes a habit, it’s not good at all.

For example, if you smoke, don’t try to quit smoking by forming the new habit of taking medicine or using patches. Instead, try to understand the whole science of smoking. You must understand that it’s your health, so you have to take care of it. Do you remember the reasons why you started smoking? Was it peer influence or did it seem like a cool thing at the time? Asking these questions will help you realize the stupidity of why you started in the first place.

After you understand the whole situation, you should then try to reduce it day by day. I can assure you that you will be able to give it up soon. All you need is a desire to change along with full discipline and awareness that there is a need to change.

Don’t make the mistake of forming a so-called “good habit” because there is no such thing. Whenever you see yourself starting a new habit, drop it immediately. Even the habit of studying all the time is not good. Try to balance everything in life. Take time to read your favorite books, spend time with your family and friends or watch TV and movies.

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BY THOMAS CROCKETT

Just beyond Baruch, the highlights of Chelsea

WHEN we look at Baruch’s very own backyard, Gramercy, this week we’ll focus on our sister neighborhood, Chelsea. Just take a quick walk west on 23rd Street, and you can find dozens of places to eat, shop and explore. And for all you environmentalists, you can also find an earth-friendly dry cleaner! Chelsea’s boundaries: Roughly from 39th to 15th Streets, between the Hudson River and 11th Avenue.

BARS & LOUNGES

Better Burgers
178 8th Ave (at 19th St)

For all the burger lovers, check out Better Burger. It offers a great variety of burgers, hot dogs, fries and salads. If you’re a health nut and prefer organic food, they can also help you with that.

Bright Food Shop
210 8th Ave (at 17th St)

Despite the small selection of food, this restaurant is priced for the broke college student. They are also suited to the collegian, as they have a wide range of beers and wines. I highly recommend them if you like a good cheap meal accompanied by a fine drink.

Crobar
530 W. 28th St (between Tenth and Eleventh Aves)

A dark-wood bar and furnishings, milky glass lights, and French windows that open to the street create an airy, eighties-born spot to hang with a crowd of friends.

Hannany’s Bar
205 W. 14th St. (between Seventh and Eighth Aves)

A dark-wood bar and furnishings, milky glass lights, and French windows that open to the street make this airy, eighties-born spot one of the city’s handsomest Irish pubs, even as it retains a tinge of seedyness. (nymag.com)

The Park
118 10th Avenue (between West 17th and 18th St)

The trees growing in the interior of the club emphasize its unique-ness. This massive 1000-seat designer restaurant/bar is built in what used to be a garbage. Expect brick walls, timber roof interior and decoration by Mexican tiles, swanky Italian furniture and, literally, a 30-foot tree. But, more importantly, The Park has a friendly atmosphere and a cool bar.

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FringeNYC back by popular demand

By Jana Kasperkovic Free Press

During the last days of summer, theatre lovers had some of the hottest opportunities of the year to attend plays produced as part of FringeNYC. The New York International Fringe Festi-
vall, the largest multi-arts festival in North America, amounts to more than 1300 performances at more than 20 venues. While the festival is a whole as a produc-
tion of The Present Company, more than 200 companies get together in New York to offer the city 16 days filled with talent and

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The festival includes everything from musicians to comedians to
drama to dance to puppetry. There are all sorts of shows happening at different
locations, but you can usually find Fringe posters at nearly every corner of the city.

It's hard to choose which shows to see, but here are a few recommendations:

1. ***The 1890 Project***
   - Location: The Flea Theater
   - Time: 7:30 pm

2. ***Fruit of the Loom***
   - Location: The Bushwick Brooklyn Art Center
   - Time: 8:00 pm

3. ***The People's Revolution***
   - Location: The Peoples
   - Time: 8:00 pm

FringeNYC is a fantastic way to experience new and exciting theatre. Whether you're a seasoned theatre-goer or just looking to discover something new, FringeNYC has something for everyone!
**60’s musical SHOUTS!**

**BY JACQUELINE CHANCER**

Art Editor

Do you remember theraham little beauty pageant that every city’s got? Do you remember how every girl our age was obsessed with Miss America? Those clichés are probably still going strong. But whether you grew up in the ‘60s or not, SHOUT! The Mod Musical lets you experience it first-hand.

For many of us, our only glimpse of the ‘60s has been from Austin Powers films and reruns of shows like The Wonder Years. But according to SHOUT!, which is now playing off-Broadway at the Julia Miles Theater, the ‘60s was much more than this time period than groovy Go-Go boots. SHOUT! created by Phillip George and David Lowenstein, is a coming of age story of five young women in London during the ‘60s. It’s a tale about recounting momentous events in their lives as they mature. Like sand through the hourglass, SHOUT! tracks the day’s events of the character’s lives through a popular mod magazine called The Sun, which makes important cultural references, from pot to the Pill. The show is perfect for young girls, who are yet to reach this stage in their development and for those who may remember this period of life.

It’s a silly musical, one purely focused on humor and happiness. But, according to the characters realize that the magazine they have grown up with is antiquated and not suitable for the issues they face on a daily basis. Although there is a lack of character development and each woman is rather one-sided, when put together they create a complete person. It’s fun to sing-along to all the hits of the ‘60s from “Downtown” to “Son of a Preacher Man.” I recommend you leave the boys at home, gather up the girls and head for the theater. SHOUT! The Mod Musical is a shout out loud event not to be missed.

**SOUTH! The Mod Musical**

Julia Miles Theater (424 W 55th St)
Run: *90 minutes*
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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Here comes the sunshine**

**BY NATALIA DIAZ**

Editor-In-Chief

By the end of a hot summer pack, the movie stage is set for the road trip flicks like Superman Returns, Pi, and Friday Night Lights. On a plane, there is nothing like a feel-good film to ease you into the fall season. The Sundance favorite, On a Plane, is a feel-good film to ease you into the fall season. Th is is the story of the Hoover family’s nine-month road trip to Australia. Th e movie is about filing your misfortunes.

Th e story follows the Hoover family, a dysfunctional family, set out on a family trip from Albuquerque to Redondo Beach, California, where “7-year-old Vive, played by the oddly charming Steve Gutierrez, must be amazed that a 200-pound matrons and pudgy-cheeked schoolboys are not be legendary musicians, their lively sound is fun enough to get the dance party started. Vive in the Walli certainly has the potential to become a staple album for hipsters and indie rock elite.

**Tell us about the music?**

BY ADRIENNE RAYSKI

Editor

If you like your music loud, rager and energetic, The North Atlantic has been over backwards to offer you just that on their 11-track release, Wires In The Walli. Merging indie rock with a grainy guitar sound and tory vocals from lead singer Jason Hendrix, The North Atlantic has co-opted into their own unclassifiable genre via this album. The music is animated from the album’s first breath - sometimes to the point of exhaustion - but in no way Hendrix’s breathless, screaming-sing along some very powerful voice. Hendrix is in the mode of indie favorites like Minus the Bears, Cursive, and sometimes even Death Cab For Cutie.

When the band slows down briefly, their enigmatic, ‘80s-influenced, with its unique integration of instrumental music connoisseurs. Don’t be scared off by their heart pounding, seeking to bring your girl. You’ll enjoy the experience much more sur- rounded by buddies who consider “lackass” to be quality cinema.

**Talk about predictable:**

**Snakes on a Plane a snore**

**BY STACEY KOROLKOV**

Staff Writer

I am, of course, referring to the movie. Why I actually went to see this film requires more explanation. I was dragged there by my videographer boyfriend, who went himself part- ly in support of anything Samuel L. Jackson and partly because he believes this film was re- leased. But I wish I didn’t. Let me walk you through the first 18 minutes. A young man (Nathan Phillips) on vacation in Hawaii wit- nesses the murder of a crime lord’s victim. Crouching in the bushes, he has heart pounding, seeking to evade the eyes of the mobster; he suddenly makes a mad dash for his motorcycle – a genius strategy, which completely exposes him to the crime lord and his minions. I don’t think they can fire the ring-leader, and his bodyguard dash off (of course, unable to capture a civilian). Enrisoner FBI Agent Neville Flynn (Samuel Jackson). After coercing Thomas Byrnes to testify against the assassin in Los Angeles, Flynn be- comes San Jones’ protector. But of course, there aren’t too many ways to get from Hawaii to the mainland. Enter plane. And guess who is on the next plane? I said – the snakes. You can probably predict the rest. Samuel Jackson – “I AM STICK AND TIRED of these mother-@#$%^- SNAKES, on this mother-@#$%^- planet!” – battles craters of cobras, rattlesnakes and even an anacon- da. Th e snakes win in the bring the movie to your girl. Th ey are the snakes in the theater busting with laugh- ter. Olive shows why being true to yourself is the key to happiness. Th e family may not have accomplished all of their dreams, but Little Miss Sunshine is not a movie about trium- phs rather than about overcoming failure, and, at that, the Hoover’s have succeeded.

**LEFT OF THE DIAL**

**Floating on the North Atlantic**

**Tyler Byrnes says it's alright to Sell Your Soul**

BY JACQUELINE CHANCER

Art Editor

Although Tyler Byrnes claims to have sold “Girlfriend” to the Sun, it is plain to see from his fol- low-up album that he is out. Today in the music industry, it’s difficult to steer the mainstream, especially when most artists are more concerned with gaining immediate and popularity than with creating a meaningful and lasting influence. But Byrnes stays true to himself and his music.

His songs are a mixture of rock-infused, romantic ballads, which remain reminiscent of such artists as Coldplay and OK Go. But unlike these bands, Byrnes’ music is more complete because of his unique integration of instru- mental arrangements to highlight his thoughtful lyrics. Byrnes’ voice is intoxicating and instantly recognizable. One of the somber ballads will have you drunk with heartworn sorrow. With songs like “Heaven” and “Goodbye,” Byrnes will leave you longing for more.

In an industry comprised of highly synthetic rhythm and blues, a musician like Tyler Byrnes is highly sought after by music connoisseurs. I was surprised if you soon start to hear him on the radio because with Tyler Byrnes’ new album, you are sure to find something worth hearing.
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Among the thousands of incoming freshmen adapting to Baruch’s urban campus, there is another group of fresh faces — a faculty.

This year, Baruch obtained 25 newly tenured or tenure-track faculty members. Get to know a little bit about them here.

### Staff Writer

#### By Peter Sipsas

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## Features

**Spotlight on seven new faculty members**

**By Peter Sipsas**  
STAFF WRITER

### As the new Assistant Professor of Management, Dr. Millhiser began teaching at Baruch on the first day of classes. Dr. Millhiser, however, is no stranger to the classroom; he has been teaching for the past 11 years. Before that, he worked as an analyst for AT&T until he quit his job to become a ski instructor in Utah.

“It was through teaching skiing that I realized I loved teaching and embarked on a path that led me to Baruch 12 years later.”

The self-described “Jersey Boy,” who now resides in Chelsea, is particularly passionate about the teaching theory: the study of mathematical models that describe how people wait in line.

### Dr. William Millhiser

Assistant Professor of Management  
Operations Management, Ph.D (Case Western Reserve University).

M.S.T. (University of New Hampshire).  
Industrial Engineering, B.S. (Lehigh University).

### Dr. Elissa Grossman

Assistant Professor of Management  
Ph.D, M.B.A. (University of California, Los Angeles).

M.Sc. (London School of Economics).  
B.A. (Harvard University).

Another new Assistant Professor of Management, Dr. Grossman just moved to Manhattan from Los Angeles. While she was a Ph.D student, she taught Organizational Behavior at several colleges throughout California.

“An interesting, random fact about [one of these colleges] is that it was a mental institution before it was a university — rumored to be the inspiration for the Eagles’ Hotel California.” Bars were still on some classrooms windows!

At Baruch, Dr. Grossman hopes to create a great classroom environment for students and publish some high quality research papers.

### Dr. Warner Lyons

Assistant Professor of Accounting  
Ph.D., M.B.A. (University of Michigan).  
Urban Studies, M.A. (University of Chicago).  
Industrial Engineering, B.S. (St. Olaf College).

Born in and raised in Ballston Spa, an upstate New York town near Saratoga Springs, Bellamy has just begun teaching at Baruch.

“When I interviewed at Baruch, I sat in on a class being taught by my colleague Professor Ken Guest. I am sure that the (participation) was due in part to his teaching style, but I was still very impressed with how articulate and opinionated Baruch students were—they spoke with conviction.”

“Mass media doesn’t have the time—or perhaps the inclination—to explore what religion means in other cultures or even in American culture; I think that studying religion as an anthropologist is one of the best ways to understand what is actually going on in ‘religious conflict in India’,” said Bellamy, whose field work has mostly been within the Indian Muslim community.

### Dr. Carla Bellantay

Assistant Professor of Sociology

Ph.D, M.P.H (Columbia U.).  
M.S. (Harvard U.).  

B orn and raised in Belfast, the former New York citizen has always been drawn to large cities.

“I am very impressed with how articulate and opinionated Baruch students are—how many of them have a really strong grasp of American politics.”

### Dr. Kevin Huang

Assistant Professor of Accounting  
Management, Ph.D, Accounting, Economics M.A. (University of Texas at Dallas).

Dr. Huang is the newest Assistant Professor of Accounting at Baruch College and is interested in understanding how accounting information influences decision-making processes.

“The specific research areas are performance evaluation, business valuation, value creation of intangible assets and capital market efficiency.”

At Baruch, Dr. Huang wants to help students understand the policy implications that will directly benefit their career in the long run and contribute to the body of knowledge in business.

### Other New Additions:

**Accounting**

Carol Marquardt  
**Communication Studies**

Rebecca Merkin  
**Department of Economics and Finance**

Craig Brown  
Victor Martinez  
**Library**

Harold Gee  
Joseph Hurnett  
Jin Ma  
**Marketing**

Ho Chao Chen  
**Modern Languages**

Isolina Ballesteros

### Spotlight on seven new faculty members

Along with these seven new faculty members this year, there are many additions to our Baruch teaching community, including new professors as well as some newly tenured and newly tenure-tracked professors. We regretfully are unable to include blurbs for all of our new faculty members, but do wish all of them the best of luck in their careers at Baruch.
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As time goes on: 9/11 remembered

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Like most people, a lot of students didn’t believe that it was actually true, that something like that would happen. Still, 15-years-old Marline Pierre said, “I had no idea what was happening, the world just spun out.”

For many, what they were doing that day will forever be etched in their minds as if it were a countdown. Harry Mello, a junior and also president of ASBOM, said, “I was in math class when I found out. I didn’t believe it... I was just so grateful that no one I knew personally had died.”

Others like Aima Iniashli, a junior, will never forget the day. “I was 16/9/11 up close and saw unfold the devastating events.” I was sitting in global his- tory class, students have to first register to download before registering for each sign-up, students are required to fill out a short survey, which takes approximately five minutes to complete. Freeload Press recommends that students first check the titles available for download before registering. Freeload Press hopes that they will be able to provide students visiting their Web site with more books by next semester.


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The Freshman Year Program web site can be reached at http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/firstyear.

As one of the greatest concerns parents and students face as they enter college life is whether they will be able to excel in their stud- ies. College, whether private or public, commuter or not, will challenge their students to succeed. Baruch included. Therefore, Baruch, just like many other colleges, tries to provide its incoming students with a variety of tools to help them do excel. One such tool is the Fresh- man Year Program web site.

In a recent issue of About Cam- pus, the publication dedicated to responsible education, author Mar- cia Roe Clark, an assistant profes- sor at SUNY Buffalo, describes the website as “a model of best practic- es in reaching out to new students’ parents.”

Clark’s article discusses the challenges that are specifically faced by students attending urban commuter colleges, such as Baruch. Due to the fact that commuter college don’t provide students with a tight community feeling, students have a tendency to feel isolated. As opposed to some of the colleges described by Clark, Baruch tries to establish the community feel and provide experience by placing freshmen into block programs and forming “learning communities” through which students can make friends. Baruch allows students to spend a large amount of time together by having them share the maximum possible learning communities for Baruch students on campus, the college also tries to establish the importance of family to involve their parents in their col- lege experience.

The powerful influences of family and the increased promi- nence of family life in traditional-age students’ lives suggests that parents and other family members should be incorporated into the urban college experience in as many for- mal ways as possible,” writes Clark.

The web site includes a web page addressed to parents, with links guiding them through their son or daughter’s transition to college in the first year and beyond.

The Freshman Year Program is described as a “college-wide ef- fort, embracing a range of activities and initiatives, to provide enter- ing students with a rewarding and meaningful first-year experience!” According to the web site, the program aims to “create a foundation for each student’s success while smoothing the freshman transition into college.”

The web site for Freshman Year Program includes web pages dedi- cated to students, parents and fac-ulty members as well as important links to various Baruch offices and organizations’ websites. The par- ents’ webpage helps parents with the three stages of their child’s col- lege experience: making the transi- tion into college, dealing with the first year, followed by conquering the next three years, or as the web site refers to it, “Beyond the first year.”

Students logging onto the stu- dents’ webpage can view informa- tion concerning orientation and conversation, advice on first and second semesters as well as transition into sophomore year. They can also access the faculty page and use it as a guideline for what professors might focus on through- out the year. The faculty page also contains information on freshman seminar, learning communities, Baruch Freshman Year Program funded projects, the freshman text and the associated study guide.

A comprehensive site for Baruch freshmen

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Tired of spending all your mon- ey on textbooks? Well, you’re not the only one. The increasing prices of textbooks are not just a concern to students but to the entire world of academia and publishing. Still, textbooks are tools that no stu- dent should be without, hence the formation of the Liberating the Textbook initiative. The company behind this initiative is Freeload Press.

Freeload Press was formed in 2004 with a mission to provide college students with affordable textbooks. This company is a col- laboration of academics, authors, publishers and media executives who work with a group of aca- demic authors, reviewers, editors, production specialists, marketers, advisors and investors to bring free textbooks to students.

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Upward trends suggest a good bet

BY ARI JAHJA
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DIVERSIFICATION VIA RAILROAD AND GOLD STOCKS

Have you ever heard the quote, “Don’t put all your eggs in one basket?” The same concept applies to one of the keys towards successful investing: portfolio diversification.

UNION PACIFIC CORP. (UNP)

Union Pacific Corp. is the largest railroad operator in the nation. It has a network that links 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country and serves the fastest growing U.S. population centers. The company has had an impressive turnaround so far, as it is boosting capacity and expanding rail links to crucial ports to handle surging freight volumes expected during the peak time for shipping.

The peak season for shipping begins during the summer and runs through fall, since retailers and other importers move a lot of goods to stores for pre-holiday sales. According to the Union Pacific management, the rail is now transferring more imported goods directly to port lines at ports, an improvement over the standard practice of freight being loaded onto trucks and then rail lines. In the second quarter, improvement in efficiencies is reflected by an operating ratio of 81.7 percent, the company’s best record in the past two years. Last year, finances were strong with a ROE of 10 percent, interest coverage of roughly five percent and net profit margin of nine percent.

In addition to double-digit revenue growth from agricultural, automotive, intermodal, coal and chemical shipments, Union Pacific has been able to cover most of its higher fuel costs through surcharges.

Recently the company reported an impressive Q2 profit surge of 67 percent and raised its FY 2006 EPS guidance to $5.50-$5.60, inline with Wall Street estimates. In terms of valuation, the stock’s forward P/E of 14.5 is slightly lower than the industry’s 14.7 and S&P 500’s 17.3. The transportation sector has been a weak year-to-date, but P/E expansion is possible as long as the economy continues to grow modestly.

YAMANA GOLD (AUY)

Yamana Gold is a more speculative stock than UNP. With a current market cap of $3.23 billion, this miner is engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, and operation of precious metal mining properties in Brazil and Central America. Gold prices have been robust this year, amid the concerns of a weakening dollar, geopolitical tensions and rising inflation. This precious metal is generally known as a hedge against inflation. Although gold futures are now trading at about $650 an ounce on Nymex, it reached a 26-year high of $732 on May 12.

With the recent wave of mergers and acquisitions in the mining industry, this company can be a potential takeover target. The recent acquisition of Glamis Gold by Goldcorp is a good example. While Yamana Gold still has negative earnings, the company has no long-term debt and attractive long-term growth prospects. When Chapada, its biggest copper/gold mine project in Brazil is finished, the company should start to be profitable. The company is currently producing gold at intermediate company production levels and is targeting annual gold production of one million ounces by 2008. The mean earnings estimated for the company this year is $0.24 per share and is projected to grow about 329 percent to $1.03 in 2007. With a long-term up-trend in commodity prices, the reward/risk ratio for Yamana Gold looks compelling.
Promising teams in ’06 college football

BY MORGAN ORTINTIEL

When the fall semester begins, so does the college football season. The players taking the field aren’t just players, they are student-athletes representing their schools. Sometimes that fact is obscured by the media circus that surrounds the sport, but these players share the same academic responsibilities as we. Let’s take a look at the colleges with the most talented student-athletes and who to look out for this season.

Super Bowl dreams for the Jets

Our home teams are ready to begin their quest for the Super Bowl. Let’s preview our beloved franchises’ seasons.

First, my beloved New York Jets. I will go out on a limb and say that this team will go to the Super Bowl. This year has been stale for the Jets thus far. However, I look forward to their rebuilding through the use of young talent.

The Jets’ offensive line is young but D’Brickashaw Ferguson and Nick Mangold are going to develop into great linemen. There will be many offensive errors but those are to be expected from this inexperienced group. I refuse to discuss the Chad Pennington situation because I am afraid to join him. Every time Pennington gets sacked I don’t expect him to get up. Patrick Ramsey never developed himself into the ace he was expected to be in Washington, so I don’t expect him to in New York either.

In fact, I would love to see the Jets play Brad Smith as quarterback back because he has a rare versatility that brings a spring to the Jets offense. Kellen Clemens, I believe, still has some work to do but he does have the talent to lead this team in the future.

I don’t have too many concerns with the Jets’ defense even though John Abraham is gone. The Jets have a good core of defensive backs and a solid defensive front. This year’s coaching staff will also bring a new discipline this season. However, I have to admit that the Jets look like a 6-10 win team this year.

Now to the mighty New York Giants—a team to be truly excited for! The Giants could possibly have one of the best defenses in the NFL, led by their pass rushing panthers.

With Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora, opponents have to work hard to protect their QBs. The Giants have also reunited Antonio Pierce and newly acquired LaVar Arrington. Arrington is a very dangerous asset.

New pickups such as veterans Sam Madison and R.W. McQuarters upgraded an average secondary to a strong core of backs. This fierce defensive unit will let the guys on the offensive side of the ball do what they do best.

Ell Manning should have a personnel year if not a Pro-Bowl year. Targets like Jeremy Shockey, Amani Toomer, Plaxico Burress and rookie Sinorice Moss will give the Giants’ offense speed and reliability. When you mention reliability, Tiki Barber’s name immediately comes to mind.

Tiki Barber rushed for a franchise record breaking 1,860 yards in 2005 and looks to repeat his stellar performance. Brandon Jacobs will again reveal himself upon his way through the goal line when the Giants are in the red zone.

Everything is set for the New York Giants this year. Even in the toughest division in the NFL, the Giants have all the weapons to win the NFC east. There it is. I wish the New York fans and all other football fans good luck this NFL season.

The Mets’ season so far

BY SEAN RYAN

At the beginning of the baseball season, the New York Mets had a simple goal to achieve: play well enough to have meaningful games in Sept., and possibly reach the playoffs. As we approach October, the Mets are the team to beat in the National League.

We could assume they are destined to be World Champions but if we look closer, we can see a team with many flaws that may not be championship caliber.

The Mets’ infield has been a wrecking ball this season. Carlos Delgado and David Wright broke out of their slumps and are poised to crush the ball in the playoffs.

Jose Valentine has been the surprise of the season at second base, coming up with big hits every game. Jose Reyes is the sparkplug of the team, having an extraordinary season due to his speed and energy. Reyes, Wright and Delgado’s youth and lack of playoff experience could lead to a problem, however. This may cause tension and stress that could ruin World Series aspirations.

The Mets’ outfield has its share of problems. Cliff Floyd has had a horrible, injury riddled season. Starting right fielder Xavier Nady was traded in July for pitching help and was recently replaced with Shawn Green, a player that some say is past his prime. The only silver lining has been the MVP season Carlos Beltran has been having. He bounced back from his abysmal first season as a Met and has been their best player in 2006.

The Mets’ pitching staff could be their biggest concern. The health of ace Pedro Martinez is unknown. If he is healthy, the Mets only have two pitchers to be confident in during the playoffs. After Martinez and Tom Glavine, the rotation will be filled with pitchers past their prime and untested rookies. This could be a big problem come October.

Whatever happens in the playoffs, the Mets have had an amazing season. They have achieved their goals and they will make the playoffs. If they don’t win it all, they will still be a playoff contender for years to come. They have the best bullpen in the league, so anything is possible come October.

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