**Baruch club officers challenge USG at leadership weekend**

**BY ADRIENNE RAYSKI**

In an attempt to more aptly represent student concerns, members of Baruch College’s Undergraduate Student Government spoke with six focus groups, composed of club officers from various organizations, at Baruch’s 24th annual Leadership Weekend. The groups each contained one to two members of the USG who addressed comments and questions from students.

Tensions immediately ran high as students expressed their disdain for the number of USG representatives who participated in Leadership Weekend, several of which had attended in previous years. The yearly event is only available to 80 students, with a maximum of two persons per each club due to restricted bed space at the Edith Macy Conference Center. More often than not, some club officers are not able to participate in the weekend due to the competitive nature of claiming a seat.

This year, the USG brought 16 representatives, citing a turnover in leadership as justification. Last year, 10 students represented the USG.

Ashley McCormie, who came as a representative of Helpline peer counseling services, stated, "Every year T.E.A.M. Baruch gets 15 spots for Leadership Weekend to represent the hundreds of student leaders who teach Freshman Seminar, work in Helpline and the Career Development Center. This year, because of USG, we got cut to 10 [spots] and then, a week before the trip, it got further cut to eight. I don’t think it’s fair that half of USG doesn’t have part of the money go [towards] helping us."

Gregory Tymuk, the treasurer, Khanna Tymuk, as "fair compensation for the work that [USG members] are putting in here." He clarified that, according to the fiscal guidelines of Baruch’s Board of Directors, stipends may not exceed 12 percent of the total USG budget. The current budget allows a monthly stipend of $80 for lower senators and $130 for upper senators and vice presidents. The BOD recently increased USG’s funds, which has caused an unexpected surplus and, by proxy, “It doesn’t make sense for us to fund ourselves when we are here to represent students.”

- Manu Heywot-Kumasi
  USG Lower Senator

**Fall enrollment breaks CUNY records**

**BY MUNIRAH PERSAUD**

The City University of New York’s system has changed the view of college level education through challenging academic programs, diverse environments within the classroom and upgraded enrollment standards. According to the Queens Tribune, CUNY’s enrollment has just reached a 30-year record, making it a landmark for the CUNY system. The fact that many students from all backgrounds prefer a CUNY education makes it the best all-around platform on the higher education level.

"Both high school students and adult students hear about the extraordinary academic programs at our colleges, and they know that with dedication and hard work they can achieve success," Chancellor Matthew Goldstein told the Queens Tribune in response to the enrollment outbreak this year. As the CUNY system grows, more students become active in their enrollment and make the millions of dollars of student population attracts top-ranking individuals to the College.

"Baruch enrolls the top students with a minimum of 1000 SAT scores," said Maria Carmi of the College’s Undergraduate Admissions Department, "but we have a majority of students who achieve a score of at least 1200 or more, making Baruch the top of all [qual¬

"Instead of having the increase for themselves, some senators approached the proposal with skepticism.

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**USG stipends cause tension**

- Motion fails but triggers controversy during meeting

**BY NATALIA DIAZ**

The Undergraduate Student Government proposed an increase in their monthly stipends during a meeting held last Tuesday. The increase would affect lower and upper senators and vice presidents of various committees. This proposal comes at a very sensitive time, when money constraints have forced clubs to devise alternative methods for raising funds in order to make up for recent budget slashes.

The proposal was explained by the treasurer, Khanna Tymuk, as "fair compensation for the work that [USG members] are putting in here." She clarified that, according to the fiscal guidelines of Baruch’s Board of Directors, stipends may not exceed 12 percent of the total unallocated money in the stipend line. The USG executive board proposed to increase the stipends to $100 and $200, respectively, to reach the 12 percent maximum allocation toward stipends.

Some senators approached the proposal with skepticism.
Baruch in debate over wiretapping issue

BY NGQA VU CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Since its discovery, President Bush's domestic wiretapping policy has stirred questions and debate on the use of executive powers and violations of civil liberties. The main focus being on whether President Bush has the right to wiretap American, and if this action is necessary to protect the country from terrorism. On Thursday, Sigma Alpha Delta Honor Society, the Baruch Debate Team and the Philosophy Circle organized a debate to help Baruch students gain further understanding on the matter.

On the affirmative side, de- atches Ashleve Vega, professor James Krauskopf and guest expert Dave Rosner argued that President Bush is acting within his powers, citing that the attacks on 9/11 showed that previous methods used by intercept communications that might be necessary to strengthen the American defense. President Bush ordered the National Security Agency to intercept communications that might be terrorist communications.

Only the communications from Americans who have not left the United States are intercepted, not communications between two people who have never been in the United States, as a representative of the state and the people, has approved the president's order. If there is indication that America is at war and the president must take all necessary actions to protect Americans’ lives.

The panel discussion sessions consisted of three presentations. The "Newscostom" panel fo- cused on the explosion of technology and the newly transformed multimedia newsgathering platform: Extra! Extra! Edum Com- munity Newspapers in Demand," and presented opportunities available to students in the community newspaper sector. Stu- dents who participated in the panel discussion sessions of the "Newscostom" panel were facing in the "Open Forum: Big News on Cam- pus," and "The Week Ahead," representatives from Brooklyn College’s student newspaper, The Kingsman, and Baruch’s, The Ticker.

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As a keynote speaker, James Murphy, senior executive editor, and executive editor of ABC News’ Good Morn- ning America, spoke to students about starter jobs, working in the media and the field of journalism in general.

"Starter jobs are hard, " Murphy told the students, "so keep them in mind, these jobs are not easy and do not pay much. Starter jobs also have disadvantages, such as extensive travel and long hours that include a lot of late nights. However, stu- dents and graduates hoping to get into the business are glad to have these jobs because they are dedi- cated to the field."

Murphy also touched on re- members that "lawyers who are not prepared for the realities of the profession. The world has come a long way since the time when lawyers were seen as "the good old-fashioned lawyer.""

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"I felt The New York Times' [presentation] was probably the most helpful," stated Franeksha Vaca, a journalism student. "The rest of the event felt really imper- sonal. It was my first career fair and looking back on it, I think I may not be cut out for that type of "convoyer belt" interviewing."

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Mixed feelings on effectiveness of the CUNY media conference

BY ANIA KASPERKEVIC

On Friday, Oct. 27, as most of Baruch's student leaders headed off to the Leadership Training Weekend, Baruch's journalism students ventured on a small and successful trip of their own. Their destination was the CUNY Gradu- ate Center where the annual CUNY student media conference and career fair for undergraduate students titled "Where the Jobs Are!" was held. This event, spon- sored by 1010 WINS, the Office of University Relations and the CUNY Graduate School of Jour- nalism, lasted a whole day and consisted of detailed sections dedicated to discussions, education and career tracks and opportunities available to students.

At the end of the Oxford Debate, several people stayed to discuss the event. The audience had the option to leave the event either of the two doors. Door one, which repre- sented the "Nay" side, or door two, which represented the "Yay" side. Through this method, Baruch was able to ascertain the position of the student body on the domestic wire- tapping issue in the U.S.

Danielle Lemberg, president of the Baruch Debate Team, said, "The debaters have used their ex- pertise to explain the issue of civil rights and help Baruch students make better decisions on the is- sue. Krauskopf complemented Bar- clay students saying, "The event was very well-organized. I had not known about the Baruch Debate Team before. They were certainly capable, given the size of the audi- ence and the event.""

Ravi Gill, president of Sigma Al- pha Delta Honor Society, said, "We covered a wide range of topics, al- though we ran out of time."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

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GOV ’S AGENCY EXPANDS FUNDING

Source: President Waldron's October Faculty Newsletter

• A report titled "Promised Ahan- doned: How Policy Choices and Institutional Practices Restrict Col- lege Opportunities" by the Educa- tional Trust, a nonprofit organiza- tion, highlights Baruch as a bright spot in another bleak report on trends that discourage poor and minority students from graduating college. Baruch is included among only 20 colleges in the country that have student populations where more than 50 percent are eligible for Pell grants and where six-year graduation rates exceed 50 per- cent. Baruch is the only large col- lege among these 20 colleges. We are praised for practices like video- taping lectures and making them available online, early intervention efforts for struggling new students, learning communities and exten- sive summer and winter interses- sion offerings.

• The Baruch College Fund has renewed its faculty development funding for this fiscal year. Half a million dollars has been allocated to support research and teaching excellence as a college-wide initia- tive. Last year was the first year that the funds were allocated to the provost. This year the provost says the hand- ing out of the funds is a reflection of the form of travel support, gradu- ate assistantships and summer re- search funds. All of these programs are available via applications to the Office of University Relations and the College. Faculty members interested in applying for these grants should contact the Office of University Relations.

• Members of the Baruch Col- lege faculty and staff generated over $5 million in awards for grants and contracts at the CUNY Re- search Foundation for this fiscal year. This is a significant achieve- ment for the College, which only received $1.7 million in awards for grants in fiscal year 2000. The increase is significant for Baruch faculty and the College. The money will translate into faculty salary summer, release time for re- search, travel, supplies and equipment, research support to SPS, Zicklin and Weimer and in- direct costs.

• A new master plan is in the works for Baruch. The plan focuses on a renovation of the Lorry and Eris Field Building, also known as "17 Lex." The last time the college underwent a full-blown master planning process, the result was the Library building and the Ver- tical Campus. Master plan work began last summer and will end by early May.

• For the first time, the Baruch College Fund assets have climbed to over $100 million. This mile- stone occurrence was helped by a $5 million donation by the Starr Foundation to support undergrad- uate career development efforts.

• The State Legislature has passed the CUNY Compact. The Compact represents a new funding mechanism for CUNY schools and a commitment on the part of the state to fund or allow modest in- creases every few years. As a result of the CUNY Compact, Baruch will receive an additional $4 million this year. These funds will be spent on nine new faculty lines, as well as “significant” investments in the library, writing across the curricu- lum, student academic advising and enrollment and registration services.
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Susan Choi tampsers with truth at fiction reading

BY MERRY MACCINCOCCI STAFF WRITER

A book left on a sofa changed her life. She had not set out to read about trench warfare or World War II history, but that novel left an impression that still resonates with her today. “The purpose of great fiction is to tell us things we need to know about the world,” said Choi, “so it is to transform the way people see the ordinary, to shake up people who think they know something and then allow them to see it differently.”

Choi, who is the fall 2006 Sidney Bernard Writing-In-Residence visiting professor, will be speaking in person and via Skype on Tuesday, Oct. 24 titled Tampers with Truth: What Fiction Can Do with Historical Facts at the New-Man Center Conference. Described by Paula Berggren as a “literary alchemist” in her introduction, Choi, dressed in jeans and a green print shirt, appeared to be neither older than the assembly of enthusiastic students.

She began the evening by discussing Zanfilling, a short story published in a recent issue of The New Yorker by Joyce Carol Oates. The story was based on the life of John A. Flocos, Jr., a freshman from the College of New Jersey, who was found dead in a landfill in April of this year. A spokesman for the college considered the story to be controversial because it was written so soon after the tragic event occurred.

Choi admitted that the problem with the story was not that it wasn’t fictional enough, but that it wasn’t real enough. Oates uses the sensata

Susan Choi enthusiastically discusses how fiction writers take elements from real events to make their stories more powerful.

USG proposes own stipend increase

From Tuesday, Oct. 31

President’s Report

RIVING AHEAD

Aldre W. Fidler, Co-Chairman of Baruch College Network of Publications, has submitted a proposal to the USG’s co-sponsorship program. The proposal asks that the money generated from the USG’s budget could be used for stress increases for upper USG senators from $100 per month to $200 per month and lower USG senators from $80 per month to $100 per month. The board was voting on the dispropoportionate increase be

Legislative Affairs

Denise Nolasco said that she was working with public affairs, although she was not sure where her major was. Former President Bill Clinton was one of the candidates for the event.

Campus affairs

Leanne Wong reported about a CDC event on Thursday, Nov. 30. She mentioned that the event was held at the National Football Field at the Baruch campus.
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An egg-cellent way to learn to lead

By BY JESSICA BAPTISTE
LEADER EDITOR

Every fall, 80 student leaders from around the university attend a two-night overnight retreat led by Compass Consulting, a group of three consultants hired by the Office of Student Life. This year’s 24th annual student leadership weekend was held in the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor from Friday, Oct. 27 to Sunday, Oct. 29.

The broad concept of leadership weekend was to cover the course of the weekend through goal setting, team building and problem solving. According to student body president Carl Aylman, director of student life, this year followed a more logical sequence than previous years.

He wanted students to pick up concrete skills about leadership that they could bring back to their clubs and organizations.

On Friday evening, a distinguished Baruch alumnus and the CEO of Drew Industries, Leigh J. Abrams shared information about his career in the workplace. Ana Kovziridze, vice president of academic affairs in USG, felt that the Abrams speech was the highlight of the weekend. She said that he inspired her and it was an opportunity for her to learn from a Baruch alumnus. Afterward, all of the students were divided into small group meetings with a faculty leader where they discussed different political points of view, democratic and laissez-faire capitalism, freedom, and career plans. Students who volunteered their time to assist during the weekend included Veronica Privette, Sakina Williams, Patricia Imbriale and Helen Donathman.

Throughout the following day, students attended various community meetings and small group sessions in which they participated in goal setting, decision making and team building activities. Henry presented a “Team Building” slideshow where she began by asking students the definition of a team. She defined it as “two or three people working together to ward a common goal.”

Imad Borne, supervisor of Helpline enjoyed the small group meetings because they were peer led and the students could express his opinions more openly. As a result, he thought students had better meetings in which everyone can voice their opinions in the group environment.

One of the most interesting and practical activities of the weekend was “Team Building: Egg Drop Can Fly,” which forced students to work collectively to find the solution. In this task, student groups attempted to design and construct a vehicle that would carry a fresh egg from a drop point of six feet, without breaking the egg. The groups could only use materials that were supplied to them — tape, newspapers, a plastic bag, string, glue, napkin and rubber bands. When it came time to launch the eggs, it is interesting to see how creative the students got. For example, one of the groups securely wrapped the egg in news paper, made a parachute out of the plastic bag. Out of the six groups, five securely launched the egg without turning it over and broke it, which meant the team had to start over and continue.

“I learned the efficient use of team work,” said one member of the “Parachute” group. According to another team, they were unhappy with the outcome of the weekend. “I had expected a lot more programing and as a man who has taken the course Union College,” he suggested.

The budget allocation processes, clubs and organizations might need more support, perhaps we could have a Web site so students can see what’s going on,” he suggested.

The focus group format was a change from previous workshops in which the USG held open forums in the auditorium with all Leadership Weekend attended. “It used to be a baking contest,” Banks said, “(This time) the baking was irrelevant. It was based on things that happened in the past.”

The focus of the group was to add to the idea of “teamwork” and what it means for students. “We hope this is a mechanism for everyone to learn how to work together and then translate that information to working on USG or any other group that they’re involved in,” he suggested.

The theme of the conference was “Patience and altered policy might be just what USG needs in Iraq.”

Times columnist discusses U.S. foreign policy

By JANA KASPERKEVIC
FEATURE EDITOR

“It’s too early to write off Iraq,” stated Roger Cohen, The New York Times international wire correspondent. On Monday, Cohen spoke to a selection of Baruch students and faculty about American foreign policy in the Middle East, unveiling interesting facts and touching upon issues that have played a major role in the past few years. Cohen, utilizing past experience and historical facts, stressed the need to be patient about Iraq but also the need to alter the old US foreign policy in the Middle East.

Cohen took some time to talk about Saddam Hussein, whose regime was set up in the 1940s and modelled after the Nazi party. Cohen described Hussein as the “Pot of Middle East,” whose regime was one of terror, slaughter and massacres and as “a man who has taken the country into succes- sive wars.” He then admitted that he marginally agreed with Bush to intervene in the Middle East, “I [also] believe there were some [weapons of mass destruction] or at least a program that was still in existence.

And in we went.” Describing Hussein’s regime as a dictatorship made up of multiple ethnicities and national groups, Cohen pointed out that, “[Dictatorships] destroy personal initiative, they create cowardly human beings.”

“I don’t see how we can just get up and leave,” Cohen asserted, stating that Iraqis, as a result, have little initiative and tend to wait for the US to lead the way.

Furthermore, he touched upon the incompatability portrayed by the American government throughout the invasion of Iraq by stating, “Any policy badly executed becomes a bad policy.”

“Cohen spoke easily and subtly on this topic, humor- ing the audience by describing the plan of action, or rather the lack of, in the war. “We are going to land on the beaches and see;” he joked. “[WE]’ll let it work itself out. “Call it shock and awe, call it whatever you like. You can not do an invasion without planning in advance.”

“Serial planning will have to look at the fact that we were setting in motion social revolution because we were removing the minority that was ruling [a multi-ethnic] country,” explained Cohen, raising the issue of the divided Iraq. “(Afterwards), students do not say ‘Gosh, it’s won- derful to be here.' They, as different national groups, interpreted freedom as freedom to follow their commu- nity. ‘Freedom to go to war’ not as freedom to build a liberal multi ethnic state.” The partition of Iraq is not possible see- ing because of the large number of citi- zens occupied by both Sunnis and Shiites.

“We have to do better in the Middle East,” Cohen said. “Iraq is not the only US problem. We have to go to war, we have to make the Middle East.”

“We have to do better in the Middle East. I was talking about Iran with Cohen,” stated, addressing The U.S. role in the Middle East. Negotiations to control the dynam- ics in the Middle East are of impor- tance but seem impossible see- ing as there are no U.S. diplomats, since 1979, that have spoken to the Iranian counter part.

Furthermore, “Iran doesn’t want strong Iraq,” Cohen stated, “It is not good for the troops or increasing troops to deal with the mayhem are not re- ally politically possible. Cohen has asked students to remember that in 1948, Europe was still a mess and to have patience. Changes in policies in regards to Iraq is necessary, but abandonment is not an answer for any president.”

American power remains im- portant to global security, but the image of that power has been com- promised in the last three years due to the way it has been mishandled. It will take the U.S. a long time to re- cover. Cohen discussed the looting of our president and the disap- proved of the use of US power. He believes that there is a certain legacy of distrust, loathing and cynicism when it comes to the world’s opinion on the US. However, according to him, without a U.S. pres- sure there would not have been NATO or the European Union.

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— Roger Cohen

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Small businesses crucial to print media

BY LAUREN LEFOEL
COPY CHIEF

"Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy," according to Robert Crain's publishing director Alan Townsend. During a talk with Townsend on Tuesday at Baruch, she gave insight into the role these small businesses in New York City play and the changes that are affecting print media.

Townsend explained that the New York City Department of Finance and Small Business Services recently announced a $8 million Small Business Assistance Loan Program, which will aid small businesses in the city.

She also spoke about the importance of small businesses in the print media industry.

"Small businesses are crucial to the print media industry," said Townsend. "They are the ones that provide the jobs and the resources that allow print media to continue to thrive.

Townsend also discussed the changes that are occurring in the print media industry due to the growth of the internet.

"The internet has changed the way people read and interact with print media," said Townsend. "It has created new opportunities for small businesses to reach their audiences.

Townsend ended her talk by encouraging students to explore the small business sector and to pursue careers in print media.

Library to help term paper research

BY ANA KASPEREK
FEATURE EDITOR

Research is one of the most important tasks for writing a good term paper. As the fall semester approaches and the students’ term paper research should begin in earnest. On Friday, Oct. 27, the library announced it was opening up its database to allow students to conduct research for the term paper.

The library release, they asserted that they will “not be needing your research help as the sessions are not a substitute for or a duplicate of the service of the Writing Center.”

The Writing Center, which is located at V-1185, is intended to help students with their resumes, strategies, developing a thesis, critical thinking, organization, evaluation, and support, grammar and vocabulary. The Writing Center staff does not write the paper with the student, nor does it edit or proofread, but helps students do how to do it on their own.

The Research Consultations offered by the Library are free and the sessions are not a substitute for or a duplicate of the service of the Writing Center.

The role of the library is to facilitate students' research for their term papers. The sessions are not a substitute for or a duplicate of the service of the Writing Center.

The talks were held to help students navigate their term paper research process and to provide them with strategies for narrowing down topics and potentially citing their sources and references.

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From Joisey with love

JESSICA BAPTISTE

My commute. I spent a month cruising around something which shows an expression of love, yet they are allowed to watch something which depicts hatred and violence. Why such discrimination? The act of sex celebrates love and brings people into the world, while the other is aimed at killing humans and propagates hatred.

Action movies become blockbusters and are watched by almost everyone in this day and age. People won’t watch to learn something on the battlefield but act like they can’t tolerate watching a woman make love in a passionate scene, even though it is often a guilty pleasure.

I needed to understand that by repressing sex, we are making ourselves more sexually obsessed. Do you ever wonder why Playboy...? I, an honest individual, always bowed my gates hatred.

The Jordans are obsessed. Do you ever wonder why sex is as good as any other act of love if understood properly, and as bad as any other act if misused or not understood.

The key is to understand the whole science of love and not blindly follow what you have been told.

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Porno with the kids

CHANDRESH BHARDWAJ

To every honest individual, always bow your Pervicic.

We need to understand that by repressing sex, we are making ourselves more sexually obsessed. Do you ever wonder why Playboy is the best-selling magazine if the pornographic industry is a billion dollar business? It’s all sex because all sex has always been repressed.

D.H. Lawrence, a famous English writer, says, "Pornography is the attempt to in-...". Do you ever wonder why sex is as good as any other act of love if understood properly, and as bad as any other act if misused or not understood.

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Naser Mohammad

In the last issue of The Ticker, Daniel Arenzoni wrote about "Overlooked Jewish Refugees," with an ex-...". Are we dealing with Jewish refugees and the Palestinian question. He claims in his article that the world has been trying to make Jewish refugees and that the Pal-estinian refugee issue is an "arguable and doubtful issue."

As Ayenberg begins to elaborate his reasoning, a reader will realize that he is completely different phenomenon.

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Entrepreneur designer focuses on more than fashion

Baruch fashion designer creates exclusive hand-painted designs

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Danii Oliver is a painter first and foremost. Over the years, she struggled to find a way to get her art in the public eye without going through gallery critics. She wanted to find a way to get her art to the masses without becoming a commercial artist. She did not want her art to hang in a gallery for two months and then be thrown on a shelf and forgotten about. “The art she created was made to be in the public and she wanted people to be talking about it. And what a better way to achieve this than to have people wear it?”

At only 21 years old, Oliver has made a name for herself as the CEO and president of the ‘Do collection.’ She manages and runs the custom made hand-painted clothing company herself. Her company’s motto is “Do for yourself what no man can do for you.”

Her hand-painted designs

“You’re wearing art,” says Oliver, describing the clothing line created by her business.

Oliver’s designs are definitely not typical, rather, they are colorful, symbolic and abstract. For instance, in the “heart series”, she paints broken, bleeding and stitched phases of the heart. She based the design on her emotional heart. On another design, titled “Golden Pussy”, Oliver painted a vagina wrapped in a gold leaf. The scorpion design, another controversial piece, is equally attention grabbing.

There is also the “Champion,” which is a set of three medals — gold, silver and bronze — the silver and bronze are crossed out because she wanted the person wearing the shirt to feel like they’re only worth gold.

The designs were meant to be interpreted by the viewers, not the designer. However, for example, in the emotional series, she painted a shirt where there was a man screaming in pain because she wanted people to know that she felt screaming in pain because she “wanted a shirt where there was a man screaming in pain because she felt screaming in pain because she”

“MySpace and Facebook also provide great sources of advertising,” she said. This has been successful in driving traffic to the Web site.

Who’s her market customer?

“Basically, anyone who [wants to] wear the hand-painted clothing for leisure and expression,” she explained. It can be for people who are in high school and wear it to be different, those who are in college and want to make a statement or early professionals who go out to clubs and want to wear something original.

Exclusivity is a key factor for Oliver’s company. Most people buy her clothing because it’s cool, funky and expressive. She clarifies that she “makes designs not style,” so her clothing works for people with different styles.

Dreams for her business

Oliver wants the business to expand and focus on the leisurely part of people’s lives. She stated that people don’t wear her clothing simply because of the necessity to wear clothes. People wear her clothing because they have something to say. “You want people to walk up to you and ask you what the hell is going on your shirt. Like, ‘why are you wearing a golden pussy on your shirt?’”

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“One of her goals is to own her own boutique in SoHo. She imagines that it will be among one of the boutiques that someone randomly runs into after visiting Armani Exchange or another high-end store.”

Her work experience

Oliver has worked for a number of small businesses. She has assisted in opening and running an office from the time she was 14 and maintaining an office is something she knows how to do well. By working at a small gourmet restaurant, she did everything: dealing with customers, balancing the books and stocking merchandise. She also maintained the office of Kenny Lawrence, who is a lawyer for taxi drivers.

As to credibility, Oliver’s business is a full corporation — this is much more than a business on the side. She says that the state of her business will determine where she is going to be in the next five years. While education could do the same for her, she believes that it is not going to generate as much revenue as owning her own business. Her thoughts on school are that it’s just another step to go through to keep you in the workforce.

How travel influenced her art

Oliver recently took a trip around the world for inspiration. She visited Nassau, Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, India, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam and China. She felt that this trip broadened her horizons and showed her how other people lived. She also wanted to get away from what America teaches, since she believes that what we’re taught about the rest of the world is wrong.

She believes that her travels have given her a sense of what culture can offer her designers. For example, if she wants to paint a piece on a social topic, she can pull ideas from what the Cubans or the Japanese might think.

After a negative experience in Paris one night, where Oliver felt that men were stalking her, she found herself feeling like she was not allowed to walk alone and dress the way she wanted to as a woman. It made her think about how women are still being oppressed, which was something she did not expect to find in Paris.

As a result, she was inspired to do a painting called, “Tribute to Islamic Woman.” This is a very taboo piece since it features a woman covered from head to toe, pregnant, after a man forcefully pushed her to perform oral sex on him. She does not think that Islamic women would like the art work, but says that this is her interpretation.

Why did she come to Baruch?

Oliver recently transferred from Temple University and this is her first semester at Baruch. She came here because the college has the major she wants — business and graphic communication. This major is art-focused on the business end.

For more information on this aspiring, hard-working entrepreneur, visit thedocollection.com or e-mail info@thedocollection.com

Clockwise from left, some of Danii’s designs: Metal Mask, Beautiful Form, Bleeding Heart and the continental Golden Pussy.

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Bridging gaps in academic and corporate worlds

BY VLADIMIR NIEMENKO

On Oct. 26, Kenneth Bouyer, the national president of Beta Alpha Psi and a former member of Baruch, addressed students and faculty at Baruch. Bouyer shared his insights on how Baruch students can leverage their education to succeed in their careers and land that first corporate job. Beta Alpha Psi is a national honor society for accounting and finance majors at colleges and universities. Since its inception in 1919, the Baruch chapter has been active in bridging the gap between campus life and the professional world, between academic pursuits and community involvement, with the goal of preparing students for the workforce. Bouyer’s talk was well-received by the audience.

The event was organized by the Career Development Center (CDC) and the Accounting Department. The CDC provides opportunities for students to network, attend workshops, and interact with professionals in the industry. The Accounting Department offers a variety of courses and opportunities for students to develop their skills and pursue a career in accounting.

Bouyer’s talk covered a range of topics, including the importance of networking, the role of technology in the business world, and the future of the accounting profession. He encouraged students to take advantage of the resources available to them, such as the CDC and the Accounting Department, and to be proactive in their job search.

The event was a success, with many students and faculty members in attendance. The CDC would like to thank Kenneth Bouyer for his valuable insights and for sharing his experiences with the Baruch community.

Investment Banking Club to visit UBS trading floor

BY MARIA GIRALDO AND ISOMILLA ALBI BALGODON

Now 20 will be an opportunistic day for 15 students of Baruch. The Investment Banking Club has requested to select students to visit the biggest trading floor in the world located in Stamford, Conn. In order to prepare students for internships and full-time jobs, the club is inviting students to join an Entrepreneurial Visit that will take place on a Friday afternoon. Needless to say, former and future students, friends, colleagues, former classmates and so on. Furthermore, several websites might be a period for others. Only then are we to know what people are thinking.

The club is hoping that students who are interested in pursuing careers in investment banking will apply for the opportunity. The students will be provided with transportation and lunch.

Correction: In the Ticker issue no. 7, publication date Oct. 23, an article about the CEO of the NASDAQ was published. The article was incorrect. The correct information can be found on the NASDAQ’s website. The NASDAQ is a business exchange that provides information and services to investors. The website can be accessed at www.nasdaq.com.

Finding the perfect laptop made easy

BY SHI LIN

School is in session and most students are eager to have new laptops for the upcoming term. But how do you know which laptop to buy? Do you know how to choose a laptop that best suits your personal needs? Do you want to ensure that you are getting the most bang for your buck?

Here are some tips to help you decide:

1. Identify your needs: Before you start shopping, take inventory of what you need. Do you need a laptop for school work, entertainment, or both?
2. Determine your budget: How much are you willing to spend on a laptop?
3. Check the specifications: Look for laptops with the following specifications:
   - Processor: A good processor is essential for a smooth, efficient experience. Look for a laptop with a processor that is at least a Core 2 Duo from Intel.
   - RAM: More RAM means more multitasking. Look for a laptop with at least 4GB of RAM.
   - Hard drive: A hard drive is where your data is stored. Look for a laptop with at least 512MB of RAM, and you will have no problems multitasking between Word, Microsoft Excel, and WordPad.
   - Display: A higher resolution display means better color and contrast. Look for a laptop with a display of at least 14-inches or below.
4. Check the price: Compare prices and specifications across different brands and models. You can find the most expensive laptop with the Core 2 Duo processor, or you can spend hundreds on a laptop that comes with a CPU.
5. Consider the brand: Different brands have different reputations for quality and reliability.
6. Check the warranty: A warranty can help you if something goes wrong with your laptop.

By taking these steps, you can find the perfect laptop for your needs. Remember, there is no one-size-fits-all solution, and the right laptop for you depends on your specific needs.
Green finance, the market of the future

New market for renewable energy sources

BY JANA KASPEREK

"Let's get real. Reality is we've got a crisis and we are not doing much about it," said Peter Fusaro, chairman of Global Change Associates Inc., referring to the energy crisis that the world might soon face. "Global warming is real. The science is very clear and very much in consensus. The question becomes what are we going to do about it?" Fusaro was one of two guest speakers at the latest Mitsui & Co. Lunchtime Forum titled "Energy and the Environment: Investing in Green Markets Today."

"There's a lot going on about (Global Warming)," stated Fusaro, using an example of consumers buying solar lamps at Wall-mart. However, according to Fusaro, people "don't like the term energy conservation. So, we have to come up with new language as energy efficiency." Consumers are starting to buy technology that is environmentally friendly and coming with no sacrifice. Observing these consumers' choices and the prices of such technology, he stated that there is a "possibility that money will indeed intermingle of peer groups, the larger firms tend to emphasize the size intermingling of peer groups, the larger firms tend to emphasize the size

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"The effort will be global and is now under way," the second speaker, Mark Townsend Cox, agreed with Fusaro and went on to give the audience an overview of the energy landscape, as far as he is concerned, according to Cox, the CIO of the New Energy Fund, is a hedge fund that buys sustainable energy companies. He believes that the sustainable energy revolution and takes assets and places them in this area. The NIEFPLP mission is to provide exposure to the renewable energy sector. According to Cox, the presentation, NIEFLP "aims to increase assets by organic and external growth to the level of $200 million in the first phase as quickly as possible via high net worth and then institutional investors."

Besides stressing the importance of finding new ways to obtain energy, Cox stressed educating the public as well as investors. He believes that "people don't know anything about these opportunities," and educating them might be the way to speed up the growth of this sector. "I recognize that science is a vital part of where we are going," Cox stated. "[We need to] look into the future at what could be.

"We are dependent on power," he stated when addressing the dire need for the energy. This can be seen during blackouts, which have huge costs attached to them. However, as time goes on and resources are slowly depleted, new energy resources need to be explored. According to Cox, oil, even if newly discovered, won't cut it anymore. These new oil discoveries aren't going to make a difference in the long run.

There are many different solutions to this energy crisis that will work in the long run and according to Cox, there's "a lot of growth happening regardless of whether they are the best solution." His passion and interest in this area was visible throughout the entire presentation, especially in the parts where he took the time to explain to the audience the workings of these very solutions. Cox describes this as a "very exciting time" for the energy revolution. "The market cap of $237 billion underwrites what a great growth area this is. It is here to stay," he also added that these companies are going to be a huge market presence within years.

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Nightmare in “Real D” a treat

BY STEPHEN CHAN
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Remember those awful 3D books you had as a kid? The ones that came with the blue and red headache-inducing glasses? Well, with the re-release of Tim Burton’s fan favorite The Nightmare Before Christmas, Disney has revolutionized the 3D concept, even reimagining it “Real D.” Though this is not the first film to be given the Real D treatment (Chicken Little had that honor), Nightmare’s claymation Halloweentown creatures are a perfect subject for the new technology.

For those who missed Nightmare when it was originally released in 1993, the tale follows Jack Skellington, a tall stick-like ghost with a skull for a head, as he attempts to override Christmas just as he does with Halloween. He kidnaps Santa Claus, dons his uniform as he does with Halloween. He kids with a skull for a head, as he attempts to override Christmas just as he does with Halloween. He kidnaps Santa Claus, dons his uniform as he does with Halloween. He kids with a skull for a head, as he attempts to override Christmas just as he does with Halloween.

The magic is in the projection that combines 2D and 3D, which the glasses decode.

There are classic scenes in Nightmare that are as beautiful as they are terrifying. Santa Claus being tortured by the Boogy Man, Sally (Jack’s love interest) undoing her purple shawl and wearing overalls, Biedermeier as a journalist, also in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr, as a journalist, also in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr begins her play as a British reporter who has been forced by her network into interviewing people in a Tel-Aviv café. The icy, highly intellectual journalist interviewing people in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr, as a journalist, also in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr begins her play as a British reporter who has been forced by her network into interviewing people in a Tel-Aviv café.

The impact festival, a compilation of theatrical events including films, musicals, dance, theatrical readings, workshops and theatre took place on Thursday, Oct. 12-15 at Baruch. DAI, meaning “enough” in Hebrew, a play written and performed entirely by Iris Bahl, was a highlight performance. In DAI, Bahl, acting out 15 unique human characters, embarks on a mission to show the many different perspectives people have about Israel and its Arab neighbors. Bahl begins her play as a British reporter who has been forced by her network into interviewing people in a Tel-Aviv café. The icy, highly intellectual journalist interviewing people in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr, as a journalist, also in a Tel Aviv café. Bahr begins her play as a British reporter who has been forced by her network into interviewing people in a Tel-Aviv café.
MOVIES

Top 10 most romantic movies of all time

BY MARKITA ATKINSON

WONDERING how to explore your tender side with that special someone in your life? Sharing a romantic movie is a great way to bond with your significant other. These 10 romantic movies can definitely be the catalyst that sparks your love life.

This is a tear-jerker! Allie (Rachel McAdams), a girl that comes from money, meets Noah (Ryan Gosling), a poor boy, at a carnival. They fall in love. They are forced apart by Allie’s money-loving parents and several years later they reunite, but Allie has to choose between her feelings for Noah and he feelings for her fiancé.

2) Titanic (1997)
Titanic is the ultimate love story. Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio), a poor artist aboard the Titanic, meets a rich girl named Rose DeWitt Buckater (Kate Winslet), and they fall hopelessly in love. Even when Rose is 84 years old, she still vividly remembers the heated affair she and Jack shared.

3) Pretty Woman (1990)
Edward Lewis (Richard Gere), a lonely business tycoon offers Vivian Ward (Julia Roberts), a prostitute, $3,000 to be his companion for his dancing partner. In learning her steps, Frances and Johnny take part in a steamy summer romance.

4) Dirty Dancing (1987)
This takes place during the summer of 1960, when a rich girl named Frances “Baby” Houseman (Jennifer Grey) encounters dance instructor Johnny Castle (Patrick Swayze) and volunteers to stand in for one week. This is a “Cinderella” story with a modern twist that gives couples the hope that romance still exists.

5) Bonnie and Clyde (1967)
This classic involves two drifters, Bonnie Parker (Faye Dunaway) and Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty), who fall in love while becoming infamous bank robbers. This duo thrives off adventure. This movie is not the typical “chick flick,” guys enjoy its ruggedness and passion.

6) Ghost (1990)
The romance between Sam (Patrick Swayze) and Molly Wheat (Demi Moore) will warm any heart. Sam and Molly are deeply in love until Sam is gruesomely gunned-down. But even in death, Sam’s love for Molly never ends.

Joel Barish (Jim Carrey) discovers that his ex-girlfriend, Clementine Kruczynski (Kate Winslet), has taken part in an experiment to erase her memory of their relationship. So, out of spite, Joel decides to do the same. Throughout the movie, their relationship replays the good and bad times. This movie shows that true love always prevails.

8) Speed (1994)
This classic involves two drifters, Bonnie Parker (Faye Dunaway) and Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty), who fall in love while becoming infamous bank robbers. This duo thrives off adventure. This movie is not the typical “chick flick,” guys enjoy its ruggedness and passion.

9) West Side Story (1961)
Set in the Hell’s Kitchen, this musical illustrates the timeless tale of Romeo and Juliet. But unlike the classic, this movie includes the rivalry between gangs of different races. The Jets are at war with the Sharks and Maria (Natalie Wood) and Tony (Richard Beymer) are caught in the middle. Maria and Tony fall into an abyss of forbidden love that ends in violence.

10) When Harry Met Sally (1989)
You can’t think of romance without thinking of this movie! Harry Burns (Billy Crystal) and Sally Albright (Helen Hunt) bumped each other after they graduated from the University of Chicago. This movie confronts the age-old question: can a man and woman be friends without a sexual relationship getting in the way? You have to see this one to judge for yourself.

LEFT OF THE DIAL
Review: I Killed the Prom Queen - Music For the Recently Deceased

BY BEN PREUS
BUSINESS MANAGER

Adelaide, Australia’s I Killed the Prom Queen brings a brutal combination of metal and hardcore to U.S. soil with their sophomore full-length release. Music for the Recently Deceased revolves around themes of death and heartache and certainly lives up to the name of the band as well as the album title. The first single, “Your Shirt Would Look Better with a Columbian Necktie,” depicts the internal struggles one faces when betrayed by a loved one and is concluded by a breakdown with vocalist Edward Butcher chanting, “Everyone here who breathe/ ****ing die!” IKTPQ’s Music for the Recently Deceased hits U.S. record stores on Nov. 14; however, the imported version can currently be purchased through many online music Web sites, such as Amazon.com. IKTPQ will be touring the tri-state area throughout November and are coming to New York City’s Irving Plaza on Nov. 19 with He Is Legend, It Dies Today, Aiden and Silverstein.
Marie Antoinette proves you can’t have your cake and eat it too

BY LIMIA MOHAMED
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was the famed French queen, Marie Antoinette who once said, “Let them eat cake” upon hearing of the starvation of the French. Sophia Coppola (Lost in Translation, The Virgin Suicides) brings the life of the extravagant queen to the big screen in her latest endeavor, Marie Antoinette. Disregarding many historical facts, Coppola gives Marie Antoinette a modern twist but ultimately fails to make the movie work.

Marie Antoinette follows the Austrian princess (Kirsten Dunst) as she is sent to France to marry the future King of France, Louis XVI (Jason Schwartzman). The movie spans about 20 years and incorporates Marie Antoinette’s struggle to deal with the gossipy French court, motherhood and the birth of the French Revolution. The plot, which is hard to follow at times, seems to reflect the era. Coppola does a great job in rewriting French history, she makes Marie Antoinette seem more like a modern day teen struggling with the trials of adolescence. The only problem is that some people would rather watch the life of Marie Antoinette and not Sophia Coppola’s Marie Antoinette. Coppola chooses to put the music of Gang of Four and The Cure alongside classical hits, which does flow with the movie, but this is where the good critique ends.

There is one major flaw in this version of Marie Antoinette that is too important to be missing the history. Coppola chooses to put things in the film that are historically questionable, such as a flying version of the royal family as they attempted to flee, or the execution of the king and queen? Coppola focuses only on Marie Antoinette’s isolation from the French people and her extraordinarily lavish lifestyle.

Although this movie is certainly visually stimulating, Coppola’s lack of historical background drags the film down and takes away from what gives it potential to be a successful film. Stunning costumes are not enough to save the storyline.

This flawless house will leave you speechless

BY FRANK MARZULLO
STAFF WRITER

This has been a spectacular year for playwright Sarah Ruhl. The month of April brought her her first child and then, in September, a MacArthur Fellowship—an award of $500,000. And if the Brown University alumna produce more gems like The Clean House, she will definitely have more awards coming her way.

Two hours fly by when watching this screwball domestic comedy, which opens with a maid telling herself a joke in Portuguese. She “works” for a middle-aged doctor couple. The upright WASP wife, Lane, declares, “I’m sorry, but I didn’t go to med school to clean my own house.” In turn, the maid, Matilde, aspires to flee from her life in Connecticut for a standup comedy career in New York. Her parents were two of the funniest people in Brazil and she wants to continue that title. She hopes to find happiness in America, but is too depressed to clean and can only grieve the death of her father by crafting jokes.

Meanwhile, Lane and Virginia cling to a childish sibling rivalry — Lane rutes off evidence of her constant superiority like a trial lawyer. Virginia’s inferiority complex rages like an inferno. Lane, sister, Virginia, conveniently has a cleaning fetish. She boasts to Matilde, “If I were to die at any moment, no one would have to clean my kitchen. By 3:12 p.m. my house is spotless.” The Bryn Mawr educated housewife tells Matilde she will do the cleaning for her. Lane’s sister, Virginia, conveniently has a cleaning fetish. She boasts to Matilde, “If I were to die at any moment, no one would have to clean my kitchen. By 3:12 p.m. my house is spotless.” The Bryn Mawr educated housewife tells Matilde she will do the cleaning for her.

Matilde’s place. Concetta Tomei speaks lushly enunciated Spanish that embodies the life force of both the gangsta is a true revelation — amusing and moving in a difficult role as the eccentric Matilde. Make a call up to Lincoln Center to catch Ruhl’s unique voice while tickets are still available.

To win tickets submit a short description on how your hour resembles a popular work of fiction or who you would most like to narrate your life.

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The top entries will be given passes to a special screening. Winners will be notified via e-mail. Tickets are limited.

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- **Education:** Increase educational funding, partnerships between public and private education
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**John Clifton**

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**Other:**

- **Maura Della (Socialist Workers Party)**
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- **Oliver McMillan (Reform Party)**

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**Republican Challenger**

**John Spencer**

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- **Ollie McClean (Freedom Party)**
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**Baruch user guide: AirBaruch**

**Baruch is a unique online community for Baruch students provided by Rave Wireless. While it has a huge number of applications, it serves to keep the student community informed of official and informal school activities and groups. The service has three levels, but first you need to register at www.ravewireless.com. Rave is available online, students can update profiles and join groups based on school activities and/or on interests like cooking, comedy or sudoku. Add friends and study buddies to your entourage and you can easily send and receive messages from that group to stay in touch. The entourage feature also has a feature to let people know where you are at a given time.**

**Level 1: Online Messaging & E-mail Alerts**

- **Everyone can and should get an account at AirBaruch. From there, add friends to your entourage and sign up for alerts. When you register, you can choose to receive alerts at your e-mail address. This is a huge feature lacking in Blackboard, and here, Rave has made it easy. The alerts feature, you would choose which group’s alerts you want to be sent to your preferred e-mail.**

**Level 2: Cell Phone Text Message Alerts**

- **(The only cost is the price of a cell phone text message for each alert received.)**

- **This feature is superb — for every group you subscribe to, you can receive a posted announcement to your cell phone via a text message. This is infinitely valuable for last minute changes or important notices which may not be useful in the future for professors to notify students of last minute changes or class cancellations.**

**Level 3: Phone Apps**

- **(Requires Web access from your phone and a Web/data plan from your cellular provider.**)

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All of the CUNY system’s senior colleges, Baruch offers the largest number of student-run clubs and organizations. This shows that Baruch seeks to promote the community and expression of a diverse set of messages and themes based on individual student’s interests.

On Thursday Oct. 19, Baruch’s radio station, WBMB 87.9, conducted an open house during class hours at their office on the third floor, which is situated directly next to the Game Room.

After perusing the walls of the WBMB office, I had the privilege of meeting with Mikelah Rose, the general manager of the radio station, as well as various members of the club. Rose gave me a full tour of the station and permitted me to watch a live show that was airing an interview with three musical personalities.

Although the WBMB office is not very large, they do have ample room, facilities and the equipment to produce professional radio programs. For example, in one room there are two Apple desktop computers, mixing equipment and a special soundproof room, which is precisely the type of equipment that allows artists to properly record audio and transform it into a sound.

Baruch’s radio station broadcasted a 24/7 throughout the College, as well as through a live stream on their Web site. There are various different elements including music, talk shows and segments delegated for a certain amount of time by different programs and shows for people to tell stories in different ways with videos and pictures.

Students are encouraged to get involved with WBMB by sending them ideas. Students who chose to work there gain valuable experience through media communications, advertising and getting important early exposure to the market.

WBMB team proudly represents. TheWBMB works in collaboration with other media outlets such as The Ticker, in order to expose breaking news and important events taking place on campus.

Students are encouraged to get involved with WBMB by sending questions, ideas, suggestions or radio materials to the general manager, however, they wish to encourage others who have not had as much exposure. The staff also works with many other important organizations, such as the College Music Journal and Sony BMG.

The only disadvantage about WBMB is that the station is only broadcasted across the circumference of the Baruch campus. Since they are not licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), they rely on most of their listeners to tune in through the online streaming feature.

Baruch’s radio station seems to be growing rapidly. However, they wish to encourage students to visit and share their hopes and aspirations for shows, because they have many time slots available.

The faces behind the voices

BY JACK TEBELE

Staf F Writer

David Katz didn’t always spend his time knee-deep in insurance analysis. Fortune 500 scandals and dismantling human resources issues. "I had no accounting or business experience at all," he proclaims in front of a Baruch journalism class last week. Now the deputy editor of CFO.com, Katz is responsible for maintaining content that reaches close to 450,000 readers a month. CFO.com is owned by The Economist, a British magazine that Katz describes as “conservative, witty, yet oddly liberal in certain areas like capital punishment.”

Katz followed a somewhat non-traditional path from high school newspaper and movie critic to the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. He dabbled in alternative newspaper writing, poetry and the arts, which is now typical for a rocks and bonds type of guy. It wasn’t until he came to CUNY, after graduating from Northwestern, that he decided he was a writer. He realized this when he decided to move into the field. “But the opinion has changed," he says. "You can blame YourLocalCom, Euronet, dot coms and our economy for that.”

Now in his sixth year at CFO.com, Katz has followed some big name scandals and offers insight into stories that are certain to remain a focus of business journalists for quite some time. These include the distribution of corporate wealth, the outcry against the pay of top executives, pension and retirement plans and the developing world versus the developed world. In addition, Katz spoke about the changing world of news on the Internet, citing his own experience leading to a mixed assessment of the future of journalism. “The Web is very exciting for journalist. It offers an instant conversation with your reader. It applies a multimedia approach with room for people to tell stories in different ways with videos and pictures or audio. It may be where journalism is going if the numbers don’t add up for newspapers and magazines.”

Still, Katz was reluctant to say this would be ideal. “The timeliness on the Web is terrific, but newspapers aren’t a thing of the past,” he says, noting that a good deal of information on the Internet is not necessarily from legitimate sources. “If the papers get things wrong, they’re held accountable,” he says.

Business journalism; surprisingly interesting

BY ADRIENNE RAYSKI

Editor-In-Chief

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Shooting for Starbucks

BY MARIA GIRALDO

Contributing Writer

Last weekend, the Archery club held a fun shoot in keeping with their traditional Halloween celebration. Students enjoyed free Krispy Kreme donuts, coffee and hot chocolate while competing for $10 Starbucks gift certificates.

In addition to freebies, the club celebrated with music and episodes of “South Park,” courtesy of the president’s laptop and the vice president’s USB device. This is a common practice with the club, as they also aim to provide a good time and a great social atmosphere.

Every weekend they play music and officers bring in different episodes of “Family Guy.” The Archery club provides free training and equipment for any student interested in learning how to shoot a bow and arrow. According to Louis Ng, the club’s vice president, over 50 percent of the participants in the competition this year were brand new members. New students competed at the 8-meter line, while experienced shooters competed at the 18-meter line.

Students do not have to be serious shooters to attend the practices, and weekly attendance is not required. Students may come and go at any time during practice too. The Archery Club meets Saturdays from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the 6th floor gym of 17 Lexington and 23rd Street building. If you’d like more information, e-mail the club at barucharchery@gmail.com.

Baruch Archery Club

Daniel Wong takes aim during the Archery club’s Halloween shoot.
A tribute to
Professor
Larry Podell

BY CINDY RIVAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sept. 7, Baruch's Manage-
ment Department was notifi-
ed of a great loss. Professor Larry
Podell had passed away as the
result of a massive stroke. Podell
was a graduate of CCNY and later
received his Doctorate in sociol-
ye from Cornell University. He
established a long and loving re-
lations hip with CUNY where he
had conducted extensive research and
served as a consultant to both the
public and private sectors for
over 25 years. As a member of the
Baruch community since 1992, he
taught several courses including
Fundamentals of Management,
Organizational Design and Orga-
nizational Change.

As the former President of
Baruch's chapter of the Society
for Human Resource Manage-
ment, I know firsthand that Podell
was a strong supporter of SHRM.
He knew the importance of this
professional organization, which
is devoted to promoting and ad-
vancing the field of human re-
source management.

Podell encouraged all of his
students to join and attend the
chapter’s events. Podell partici-
pated in an annual event titled
"Meet the Management Profes-
sors," where he shared his teach-
ing experiences with students and
other faculty members. He also
gave students an overall idea of
his teaching style and the layout of
his courses. On behalf of SHRM,
I would like to express our grati-
itude for his dedicated support of
the chapter.

I also had the opportunity to
take Organizational Design with
Podell in fall 2005. He was very
knowledgeable in the subject and
always went the extra mile to
ensure students understood the
concepts. He was an understand-
ing professor with an interesting
teaching style, using his sense of
humor to attract students’ atten-
tion and make the course worth-
while.

Working with and learning
from Podell had a great impact on
my life. He made me aware of my
capabilities and assured me that if
I continued to work hard, I would
succeed in my career. Podell was
always willing to lend a helping
hand if I ever needed it. Not only
did I learn the core concepts of
organizational design through his
class, but also that persistence and
hard work bring forth great results.
I am grateful for his devotion and
dedication to our student body.

However, the passing of Podell
has not only affected students.
Many of his colleagues were
deePLY saddened upon hearing of
his death. Professor John Lynch
of Marketing Department ex-
pressed his deepest regards. He
held Podell in very high esteem
and saw him as a personable,
friendly and funny man. Accord-
ing to Lynch, Podell could always
brighten up someone’s day.

Alvin I. Booke, professor of
management, states, “Larry
Podell will always be remembered
as an enthusiastic, engaging and
dedicated teacher and person.
He cared about his family, his stu-
dents, his teaching, his colleagues,
his department, his Baruch and his
CUNY.

It is obvious that Podell’s pres-
ence will be deeply missed and
felt here at Baruch. We extend our
deepest condolences to his family
and friends during this diffi-
cult time.

Nicole Lydakis contributed to-
reporting to this article.

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Blingtards make the world go round

BY SHERRY MAZZOCCHI
STAFF WRITER

The financial section of the pa-
er has a story about a virtual world
with blingtards, avatars and noobs.
It’s not science fiction, it’s Second
Life.

Secondlif.com is a place for ex-
treme sports, high stakes gambling,
shopping, amassing real estate and
sex. A virtual world created by Lin-
den Labs, SL is a Web based plat-
form where users form an on-line
community. All anyone needs is a
computer and a fast modem to ac-
cess this digital world. It is similar
to Sims Online, but in SL, users can
create and own their own content,
ranging from party clothes to pri-
ivate island properties.

SL has over a million mem-
bers. Their statistics show that ap-
proximately 178,000 people have
logged in during the past week. SL
has suddenly become the darling
of companies eager to add niche
marketing to their brands. Reebok,
American Apparel and Sony have
entered SL. Wired Magazine and
Starwood Hotels have opened vir-
tual offices. Harvard University and
Trinity College hold on line classes
there. CNSE and Reuters have even
established news bureaus.

Guhan Selvaretnam, Vice Presi-
dent of Media Strategy for Reuters,
estimated that SL’s economy was
approximately $70 to $130 million
in size and growing. He said that
opening up a news bureau in SL,
"nicely lines up with our media
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The blingtards of SL

*CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19*

Strategy; engaging a new group – a new psychographic on the cutting edge.

Upon arrival, newcomers to SL, also known as noobs, adopt a standard issue avatar – or an animated image – to represent themselves. Most members end up creating a unique look by purchasing clothing, hair and sometimes even functional sex organs. Blingtards, or avatars who sport much bling, are one reason for the growing economy.

Second Life is a self-sufficient economy that is not taxed, but is engaging in commerce and business. Their currency, the Linden, is actively traded on their website exchange. Prices for real estate are rising. Small islands of 16 acres are US$L1,250, with a monthly maintenance fee of US$195. Larger islands of 64 acres cost US$5,000 with a monthly fee of US$780. LINDENS, the official currency of SL, can also be found on eBay, where they can also be exchanged for US dollars.

Virtual real estate transactions involve virtual banks. Some residents even keep their savings there. However, having money in a virtual bank in an on-line non-transparent virtual world might strike some as a cause for concern. Reuters has been investigating Ginko Financial, SL’s biggest bank. Ginko has US$L61 million on deposit, or at the current exchange rate, US$220,000. According to Reuters, Ginko offers its depositors 0.10 percent a day, or about 44 percent a year. Overall, SL has all the marks of a rampaging, unregulated free market economy.

Unfortunately, SL is not as perfect as it appears. In Sept., Linden Labs reported that its database had been breached. According to their website, the breach potentially exposed consumer data, including the names, addresses, passwords and encrypted payment information of all Second Life users. It must be quite a blow to have both your real and virtual identity stolen at the same time.

This incident doesn’t seem to deter members. According to Wired, the average member spends about 60 hours a month on Second Life. According to their roster at www.secondlife.com/events, there are lots of places to go: yard sales, Bingo, Texas Hold ’Em contests, Halloween parties and a StaffBeet Command Pirate-themed weekend. This may be the new cutting edge psychographic or a geek retirement home in Florida.

Wiki's: new under-the-radar guide

*BY NIKAS RASKERKEVICH
FEATURES EDITOR*

In a Sept. 26 press release, Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia and Wikia, described the student wiki as a free and fully editable go-to guide for universities, created for students, by students. The press release, titled, “Attention College Students: Wikipedia Founder Jimmy Wales Wants You to Be The Next University WikiA Leaders,” was used to attract more students to wikis for their own universities.

Conventional resources, like university Web sites and brochures, are great for information gathering at the surface level, but for students looking for current, under-the-radar tips and tricks that only other students would know, wikis are the way to go,” Tristan Harris, founder of www.standard.wikia.com writes on the main page of www.students.wikia.com.

Students who wish to see all the wikis currently available should visit the portal site, which is the central overview page of Students. Wikia. There, students can find schools from not only their state and country, but from all over the world.

Schools such as the University of Warwick and the University of Amsterdam appear under their country and each Web site is written in the native language.

Among the many categories listed on the university’s wiki is “Academics,” which includes faculty reviews, class reviews and a list of majors. Besides being a university guide, the wiki takes on the characteristics of Web sites such as RateMyProfessor.com. Each wiki includes a student orientation category, computer and internet category. Subsections include “WiFi hot spots”, “Facebook and MySpace notices,” and a food and drink category that doesn’t just focus on local selections of ethnic food and vegetarian delights, but spans out to include alcohol and recipe subsections.

There is also a more unique category called “Life is More than Studying,” which covers a variety of topics such as “How Bad is the Food on Campus?”, “Bathrooms, Laundry and Dry Cleaning,” “Greek Life,” “Good Ideas For Dates,” “Single Scenics,” “Living Cheaply,” “Student Discounts” and many more.

While wikis are accessible to anyone, they are designated for particular schools and can only be edited by students attending that university.

Conflict of a modern reader: comfort vs. tradition

*BY LAURA RAMIREZ
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Today’s generation thrives on technology. It needs easy accessibility to function. In an overly busy society, students today don’t always have the time for many activities and the Internet seems to have the solution for everything. Reading things on a computer screen seems to be possible and more accessible to time-starved students. Many still like the traditional version because it’s easier to study with or for students still prefer to have a actual paper or a real book in their hands.

Some students prefer the hassle of carrying heavy books and large papers. “It eats breakfast and read the paper. I’m an English major and I like to mark things up. You can’t do that online. Plus, the screen gives me a headache,” says senior Maria Kargol. She finds that marking up a textbook makes it easy for her to study rather than staring at a computer screen for the entire day. She enjoys the routine, which a lot of people do.

With most newspapers having an online version and membership benefits membership coming with access to extras and archives, many people are opting for it. “If you read it online you save paper. Also, online it’s highly convenient to get up to date news,” says senior Alex Romero. With online subscriptions giving breaking news and the ability to look up articles in their archives, many students prefer having online subscriptions.

With a lot of programs and databases available to Baruch students on the Newsum library Web site, online books are also available to take advantage of this opportunity by logging onto www.students.wikia.com. Create a unique student-to-student guide for Baruch students today!
The beer tour: delectable specialties

BY TOM CROCKETT
STAFF WRITER

“I would give all my fame for a pot of ale and safety” - Henry V.

Even Shakespeare realized the significance of a good beer. Last week, we visited the lager of the pale ale, India pale ale and stouts. Now, in continuation of the beer series we move on to more delicious ales.

Wheat Beer

First, let us look at the Hellesweizen, a wheat beer. This is a very unique type of beer because its recipe is slightly altered. While most beers use only barley, this beer adds wheat as well. It was created when barley did not grow well in Germany and beer makers wanted to use wheat instead. There was a German law stating that beer had to be made a certain way and permission by the king was needed to be granted if the recipe was going to be altered. When the king allowed the change and he tasted the new beer, he loved it so much that he made it the official beer of his daughter’s wedding. Some great wheat beers are Harpoon U.F.O., Magic Hat Circus Boy and Blue Moon.

Belgian Style Beer

For those who are not particularly fond of the typical beer taste, there may still be one for you. Lambic beer, which is a fruity flavored Belgian-style beer, may be just what non-beer drinkers are looking for. This beer is very special because it is naturally made by a spontaneous fermentation that takes on many different fruit flavors and can be considered a drink that’s between a beer and wine. One recommendation is Lindemans, which makes an excellent line of lambic beers.

Trappist Beer

Belgium is a special country because it makes some of the finest beers in the world, including the trappist beer. This beer got its name from the monks in monasteries who brewed them. These beers are usually pricier but have a beautiful taste. Chimay makes several types of Trappist beers, like the Chimay White, which has a rock candy flavor and the Chimay Blue has a smooth grape, prune, berry flavor. The best part is that most of these beers are much higher in alcohol content, ranging from 8-11 percent alcohol by volume (ABV). Other magnificent brands include Orval and Rochefort.

Fall and Winter Ales

As the seasons change, so do our beers. Many brewers make wonderful seasonal beers to complement the time of year. During the fall season one can find seasonal beers like Brooklyn Lager’s Pumpkin Ale which compliments those cool crisp evenings. As winter approaches, look out for special Christmas ales. These babies can be a bit spicy and have a warm nutmeg flavor. They are great to cut up next to a warm fire with. Magic Hat makes a crazy chaotic chemistry, which is over 10 percent ABV. Author Steamer makes equally tasty winter ales as well.

When the months get warmer, a marriage of a pale ale and a wheat beer will become available. Together, these beers form a refreshing taste perfect for sitting outside during a day of fishing or relaxing in the backyard. Again, Magic Hat pulls through with Hocus Pocus for those nice warm days. Who knows what they will make next?

Lastly, let’s look at some special beers and breweries. Samucais is the world’s strongest lager beer. It peaks at 14 percent ABV. It is a malt beer and has a very sweet taste. Next, we explore the Arrogant Bastard Ale by the Stone Brewery. Its advertisement states that it isn’t for everyone — it doesn’t sell itself on multimillion-dollar campaigns and may not be for the weak-hearted.

For those who like Monty Python, try the Monty Python Holy Grail by the Black Sheep Brewery.

Local Breweries

For those who like local beer, Brooklyn Brewery beer is as local as NYC can get. They make many varieties of beer and give tours in Williamsburg on a weekly basis. Also check out Six Point in Red Hook, Brooklyn—definitely a satisfying experience.

Thank you for taking the tour of the wonderful world of beer. Let’s head to the bar for a nice cold brewski.

Left: Chimay White Cap Triple Above: Hellesweizen wheat beer.


cure the dry skin blues

BY MALESSA EThERIDGE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It’s that time of year again — the wind is crisp, temperatures are low, falling leaves pave the sidewalk and dry skin is upon us! Dry skin is a nagging issue that everyone has to deal with and cold temperatures can make skin especially prone to drying out. It is crucial that your skin get the hydration it needs to stay smooth and healthy during this time.

Alicia Harris, 26, senior, complains about the hassle of applying moisturizer to cherish her dry skin. She claims that it’s an extra step in her primping time. She applies her moisturizer after taking a shower, a period where your skin is most likely to be dehydrated.

Another student, Christopher Ramburam, 21, senior, says that applying moisturizer gives him a boost of confidence. He doesn’t have to worry about his face being dry or cranky during the fall. He claims that “applying moisturizer takes less than a minute; it has become part of my regular routine in the morning.” He swears by Neutrogena for Men moisturizer with SPF 15, which is $25 in your local drugstore.

Dry skin may be irritating but it can be prevented. Here are some helpful tips on how to prevent dry skin before it starts:

• Bundle up if you are going to be in the cold. Cold weather is harsh on your skin making it prone to becoming flaky and dry. Sunglasses should also be worn on those bright sunny days to protect delicate areas around your eyes.

• Kris Connel from Real Simple magazine suggests that bath time should be 10 to 15 minutes with warm water—avoid hot water, as it tends to irritate dry skin. Warm water is better during the cold months.

• Perpetual Moisture 24 lotion from Elizabeth Arden. It hydrates your skin throughout the day and keeps pores unclogged. It also retains your body’s natural oils, which are needed to moisturize your skin. Connel also advises against rubbing your skin to dry off, which is a common tendency. Rather, dab your skin dry; this will ensure some water remains on your skin.

• When applying lotion start with a generous amount on the legs, upper thighs and arms and then move up to the face. This will ensure the most vulnerable parts get treated first.

• Kick dry, flaky skin to the curb with these products:
  • Ceramide Plump Perfect Moisture Cream with SPF 30 from Elizabeth Arden is appropriate for most skin types. (Spf 30 at Macy’s)
  • Olay Regenerist with SPF 15 is also very effective. ($18.50 at your local drugstore.)
  • St. Ives 24 Hour Protection for the body keeps skin hydrated ($8 at your local drugstore.)
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Boo Who?
Crazy characters and monsters take over Baruch on Halloween

BY MARIANE ST. MAURICE
STAFF WRITER

“If I’m cheating, I want it to be worth it. I don’t just stop at kissing,” one Baruch student said. Not only do the reasons for cheating vary, but also the extent to which people cheat. Some students stopped at kissing, while others were unashamed to say they went all the way. “I wanted the benefits of having a boyfriend without being tied down to one person.” Such a statement by a Baruch student illustrates what some people feel about the romantic relationships they are in. That’s why, according to conducted research, about 50 percent of Baruch students cheat on their partners. Most of those who cheat explained that they were not satisfied with the relationship they were in at the time. One student said, “I got bored with the same sexual routines and wanted something new and refreshing. I’m horrible, I know.” Despite the obvious guilt, this person admitted to cheating on almost all of his partners, without telling any of them. In addition to not being satisfied with her boyfriend, another student stated that, “I knew he was going to cheat on me, so I made sure I cheated first.”

Being in a relationship offers a certain sense of security, giving people the feeling that no matter what happens, someone will be there for them. So why do people stay in relationships if they are not satisfied? In the case of one female student interviewed, many did not want to risk making a mistake they would later regret. Many said that they simply wanted to “look around,” and assure themselves that there was no one out there who would better fulfill their expectations. One person brought up the “chase” — what most consider to be the most exciting part of a relationship. “Once you enter a relationship, you lose that feeling of the chase. Cheating can bring that back,” a student said. However, one needs to take time to look at the other side of the coin. While someone is out cheating, their partner is getting hurt. That is one of the reasons why some people choose not to cheat in relationships. “I’ve been cheated on before, and I know how it feels. Do unto others [as] you want them to do unto you,” another student added.

As with many other issues, pop culture has a big influence on people’s decisions and attitudes. Tabloids have scandalous headlines on a weekly, if not daily basis and there is always a mention of someone cheating on their partner. Whether people interpret such behavior as revolting or a cool thing to do varies, but it is evident that the constant media attention seems to promote cheating as a normal activity.

Not much can be done about what the media feeds us, but regardless, cheating is much more common than it was years ago. It is up to each person to look at the reasons why people cheat or choose not to cheat and decide which path to follow.

UPCOMING SAMPLE SALES

Compiled by Jessica Baptiste
Leisure Editor

Penhaligon’s & Kim Seybert
At this dual designer sample and overstock sale, you will find prices at up to 70 percent off retail. Penhaligon’s designs includes leather accessories, jewelry boxes, home accessories, candles and baby gifts. Also find Kim Seybert’s designer lifestyle accessories like placemats, runners, napkins, napkin rings, coasters, barware, hand towels and bath accessories.

Price points include:
• Turquoise natural stone twist border placemat; orig. $80, sale $32
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- **Big Five Can Drive**
  Baruch Honors, Beta Alpha Psi, Golden Key, Phi Eta Sigma, Sigma Alpha Delta
  2nd Floor Lobby
  8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- **Salsa Lessons**
  Salsa/Mambo Club
  VC 3-215
  5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- **Dialouge: One Voice Movement**
  Hillel
  VC 10-150
  12:40 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

- **Careers in Real Estate**
  Executive On Campus
  VC 14-235
  1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

- **Irish-American Film Series: Beautiful Joe**
  The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies presents its Film series—The New Irish
  Engelman Recital Hall
  7:00 p.m. FREE

- **Information Session**
  Kappa Phi Alpha
  VC 3-240
  7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

- **Free Flu Shots**
  Health Center
  VC 3-240
  9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Mr. and Ms. Baruch Hillel**
  Jewish Women’s Group
  VC 1-107 (Multipurpose Room)
  12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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  VC 3-215
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- **Spoken Word**
  African Students Association
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**VOCABULARY OF EVENTS**

- **Cabaret**
  A musical performance featuring songs, dance, and comedy.

- **Talk show**
  A television show where one or more guests discuss a particular topic.

- **Academic Survival Workshop**
  A workshop designed to help students improve their academic skills.

- **Speech & Debate Tournaments**
  Competitions where participants give speeches or engage in debates.

- **Spoken Word**
  A form of poetry that is spoken rather than written or read aloud.

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**Basketball**

**Lady Bearcats visit hospitalized children**

**BY JOHN NEVES**

BARUCH SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

The Baruch College women’s basketball team spent Friday afternoon, Oct. 27, at the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York-Presbyterian visiting young patients and giving them something to look forward to.

The visit, which was coordi-

nated through the hospital’s Co-

ach Mariella Joseph, Assistant Coach Christine Kiklo and the Hospital’s Event Coordi-

nator Terri Considine, en-

abled the team to meet young children and shoot baskets in a special area constructed with a hoop on the first floor.

The Baruch team members traded jokes as to who could shoot the most baskets and several players even provided shooting tips, while hospital staff, doctors, and parents watched. The visit was warmly encouraged for those that need daily exercise as part of their recov-

ery.

"I had the opportunity this past summer to take a trip with the con-

ference soccer all-stars to South Africa," said Mariella Joseph. "We visited a hospital and I was really touched by that visit. I wanted to bring that experience to our stu-

dent-athletes, and all they could do about the drive back to the campus was how they wanted to help.

The team also took a tour to the fifth floor of the hospital to meet with patients that were the best
dowments.

"I was glad we made the trip to the hospital to see the patients," said junior forward Mylena Gar-

ton. "They are really tremendous dealing with those various medical challenges at such a young point in their life. They were very happy to see us and play with us and when we left, we all promised to return again.

The team plans to return next spring.

**Rangers on the rebound**

**BY DRIVING DEJOHN**

Staff Writer

The New York Rangers are still batting to develop consistency. Every great game is then followed by a few that frustrate the fans and players. I get excited after a win only to dis-

play. They moved well across the ice all night and their passing game was on point with quality set ups. Keith Weeks took over at goal as Nabokov made 30 saves keeping his team in the game with some tough stops. This was just a team effort that showed the true capability of this Ranger team.

The following night the Rang-

ers beat the San Jose Sharks 3-1 with another strong team oriented performance. Kevin Weekes had another strong outing saving the 29 out 30 shots he faced. And he was so confident that the New York Rang-

ers committed only 3 penalties the whole game. This made the biggest difference in the game with the Rangers putting offensive pressure on the Sharks in all three periods. The Rangers have one of the best lines in the league, but the acquisition of big man, Ben Wallace, is a heavy bonus to their defense. Although they only scored one goal, they dominated the game and the Rangers took control of the pace of the game most of the time.

So I am hoping that the Rang-

ers build on these two victories to develop winning streaks and maybe even make some noise. Let’s go Rangers.

Fantasy basketball picks for the fantasy coaches

**BY SEAN RYAN**

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Bearcats clawing their way to the top
BY MARIANE ST. MAURICE

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CROSS COUNTRY

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BY LIA EUSTACHEWICZ

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SWIMMING

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