Alumni complain about trash on campus

As the alumni trickle in and out of the Baruch's campus when attending various events, they are exposed to student behavior that is not always positive.

"I would have never dreamed of treating our campus that way years ago," said Khaliq, adding that the rule did not apply to him or Abedi because they held no positions with the Ticker.

The Ticker's 75th Anniversary, held on Wednesday, June 6, some members of the alumni community expressed their concern with the way students treat the campus.

Alumni often admire the new campus and the way their donations are being put to use. However, the cigarette butts, gum and empty bags of chips that often seem to adorn the Newman Vertical Campus evoke disappointment in the Alumni.

“Their&nbsp;disappointment and outrage at the student’s lack of appreciation for the campus, the schools efforts and alumni’s donations could affect future donations, which play a significant role in financing the school.

"Baruch College values our alumni and our philanthropic supporters. Financial support from alumni directly impacts Baruch’s ability to deliver cutting-edge technology, top-quality programs and renowned faculty to an elite and deserving student body," asserted the statement issued by Baruch College.

"Alumni generosity helps sustain the Baruch experience for current and future students. We welcome our alumni to [the] campus and encourage them to meet our current students."

According to the Baruch alumni web page, all gifts to the Baruch College Fund directly support scholarships, academic programs, faculty development, research initiatives, endowed chairs and professorships, the library, technology and computing, arts, and culture, and all restrooms and lockers being cleaned; washing the exterior grounds, sidewalks being scrubbed and cleaned; mopping and stripping and waxing all corridors and class-romms throughout the buildings, having all carpets spot cleaned throughout the campus; sanitizing all chairs, desks and stainless steel on campus being cleaned and shined; all staircases through-out the campus being cleaned, mopped and stripped and waxed where necessary and all escalators being scrubbed and cleaned; washing the exterior grounds, sidewalks and stone sitting on a daily basis; and all restrooms and lockers being scrubbed and sanitized.

Furthermore, the OCFPO purchased two steam machines, also referred to as gum-be-gone machines, to “remove all gum from the conclusion of the elections.” Khaliq and Abedi’s articles, titled “Student representation failure” and “Club budgets a big issue in election,” respectively, were written during the week of elections and did not mention that the two were running for the senatorial positions.

“I wrote an opinion article; everyone in the school is entitled to write an opinion article,” said Khaliq, adding that the rule did not apply to him or Abedi because they held no positions with The Ticker.

According to Khaliq, after CURE had won the elections, the opposing parties “saw this as their Plan B” and reported the fact that he and Abedi had written for The Ticker. The reinstated senator indicates that he did not know who reported them. “My editorial was unbiased, I didn’t mention any-body by name. I had no interest in smearing anyone’s name.”

Soon after, “The parties were complaining,” said Khaliq and after

Massive clean up efforts undertaken

"Baruch College has made significant improvements in the physical condition of our campus since the end of the spring semester," reads the statement from Baruch College regarding campus cleanliness. “Over the summer, the custodial staff has cleaned every classroom, hallway, and lobby, and now is finishing cleaning every stairwell from top to bottom.”

Two Undergraduate Student Government senators, whose spring 2007 elections were nullified due to campaign violations, were reinstated. The two senators who had taken their place were subsequently removed from their positions.

Ali Khaliq and Samim Abedi, who ran and won on April 24 with the CURE party, were disqualified shortly after for writing opinion pieces in The Ticker: The Election Rules and Procedures States that “any candidate who has a position with a Baruch College media (ie. campus newspaper and/or the radio station), must recuse them-selves from their respective position on such media, from the date they file their candidacy until the final ruling was given in an appellate court.

With the stated ruling in the USG’s weekly Tuesday meeting was held in the cafeteria earlier this month, rather than in their conference room.
Facebook to be accessible everyone

BY ALEX URSINO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Earlier this month, Facebook began making what it calls “public search listings” available to internet users who are not registered with their website. This means that anyone who visits facebook.com can enter a name into a search bar and subsequently see all the users regi-

tered with that name along with the thumbnail photos associated with each search result. The website also announced that in the coming weeks these “public search listings” will be added to public search engine listings, disclosing users’ mug thumbnail photos and the fact that they have an account to anyone who searches for their name.

While Facebook insists that no personal information is disclosed to anyone other than those you indicate through the site’s privacy settings, the move has caught the attention of several privacy advoca-
tes who say that this new feature is intrusive to Facebook users as it deviates from the original purpose of being a social networking site to being a pseudo white page listing.

Facebook views the move as an asset to users, they argue these ad-
ditions will make it easier for users to find friends and col-

leagues without sacrificing any-

one’s personal data; after all, one cannot view any profile unless they themselves have registered with the site as have been accepted as a friend first.

Additionally, there are a wide range of privacy settings that let us-

ers restrict certain people’s or cer-

tain networks’ access to their page as well as options to remove their

name from “public search listings”, excluding them from both internal searches through the homepage as well as external searches through Google, Yahoo and MSN.

Facebook began as a social net-

work site accessible only to college students in possession of an active college e-mail account. Eventu-

ally they expanded to include high school students and large compa-
nies’ employees but it was still nec-

essary for users to be in possession of an active school or company e-mail account in order for them to regis-
ter with the site. This kept profiles restricted to students, former students and a fraction of the workforce, thus maintaining certain standards for registration and thus access.

All this changed in September 2007 when Facebook started let-

ting anyone with an active e-mail account register for profiles. While this was met with opposition by many, it increased its popular-

ity extravagantly and now over 50 percent of Facebook accounts are registered with unrestricted e-mail accounts.

This new search option came after a long string of media stories about employees being fired, pro-
spective employers not being hired and students being reprimanded, and sometimes expedited, because of controversial content on their Facebook profiles despite available privacy settings options. This makes the “public search listings” and its corresponding privacy setting yet another variable for users to con-
sider in maintaining a Facebook profile and deciding what they are comfortable posting on the inter-

net for all, or few, to see.

NY Times to offer online courses

BY ANUJ SINGH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The New York Times announced on Thursday, Sept. 6, the new tech-

nology of Distance Learning to provide distance education, social content and social networking to college and continuing education students.

Among the users of the Times’ new program are Stanford, New York and Towson Universities. This reflects the strong power of the Times brand in academics.

The Times will be providing the web-based technology and mar-

keting costs for non-credit courses taught by college and university professors.

In addition to enhanced online course offerings, the program will also provide global networking and professional development resour-
ces for faculty and students. Users of the program will be able to blog, share their stories and build e-portfolios online to establish global contacts.

The tuition rates are set by the colleges, perhaps equivalent to technology fees of around $100–$150. If the program is successful, the Times will expand the program and replace textbooks or course materials with Distance Learning completely.

The topic and approaches to Dis-

cance Learning vary widely includ-
ing single seminars and multiple sessions courses at regular intervals.

For example, Towson University of-

fers a project management course, which is self-paced and taught by an actual project manager.

Robert L. Carr, president of Towson, said he sees the materials
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1ST ANNUAL BASKETBALL EVENT
In Honor of Josh Aron, Will Spitz and Ira Zaslow as well as others who lost their lives on September 11th 2001.

WHAT IS THIS EVENT?
The A.S.Z. Charity is teaming with Tuesday’s Children and Madison Square Boys and Girls Club to bring you its first annual youth basketball event at Baruch College. Children ages 8-14 will represent the organizations by participating in a wide variety of basketball drills and competitions. They will be coached by some of New York’s best college coaches, including Columbia, St. John’s, Manhattan College and more.

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?
Aside from an array of raffle prizes which include, Knicks, Nets, Rangers, Mets and Yankees tickets, autographed merchandise and basketball gear, there will also be a special show by “Crazy George Schauer,” and a break-dancing performance led by Madison Square Garden entertainer David “Cyclone.” All donations are 100% tax deductible!

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Tuesday’s Children
New GRE in November

BY DAVID PAULINO
STAFF WRITER

As if students did not have enough to worry about, come November, the GRE is set to undergo radical changes.

According to Jennifer Kedrowski, GRE program manager for Kaplan, the changes will be gradual. “They’re going to roll out changes over time,” Kedrowski said. “They haven’t specified a full timeline or dates and details of when the changes will be rolled out.”

What worries students is level of the difficulty of the test. The verbal section will contain a new question type, test completion, but will also retain the multiple-choice format, with more answer choices. Kedrowski stated the new questions will be somewhat longer and will contain up to three blanks to fill in with the appropriate vocabulary word.

The math section may become a more daunting section for students because its questions will have a numeric entry key mixed with multiple answer choices. Kedrowski added that the new questions will go through a preliminary stage, where the new questions will not count towards your cumulative score. However, GRE administrators have not set a date as to when the questions will begin to count and Kedrowski advises, “If students see this new question type in November or later, they should take it seriously and treat it as if it’s scored.”

The overall global advice that we could give is that it’s better to take the GRE sooner than later. Universities themselves can benefit from this increasing demand. Expansion of available programs will attract more applicants, which means more money earned from application and tuition fees for these schools.

The Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester and the Thunderbird School of Global Management have even cut down their degree programs by three to five months, in order to accommodate those with busy work schedules.

As attractive as an MBA might be, it is still an expensive and at times highly rewarding investment. The New York Times notes that students should expect to take out loans that are in the $50,000 range for a private university and to not rely on scholarships and fellowships as they “are rare.”

But paying this price tag might land students the job that they always wanted at their top choice company. After all, as the competition becomes fierce, “There is a huge demand for credentials in high-level jobs,” says The New York Times. Along with the rapid increase in the number of business school students, there is also a need for new and improved methods of recruiting them. Techniques such as “visiting business schools earlier and more often, raising starting salaries and touting their company’s dedication to work-family balance” have helped companies, says The Wall Street Journal. One recruiter thinks, “Recruiting will become more and more virtual” instead of the traditional routine of on-campus presentations and cocktail receptions.

Finally, if students are looking to find a great MBA school, Baruch’s Zicklin School of Business is the “largest and one of the most prestigious in the U.S.,” as stated by the college’s website. Baruch College is currently stands at No. 35 on U.S. News & World Report’s list of “best master’s degree-granting institutions in the North.” The school’s rating went up by 15 points from 2005. This change will be an important part of the decision whether a student applies for an MBA after finishing his or her first degree.
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Alumni criticize campus cleanliness

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The Baruch College Fund made it possible for the library to achieve national recognition by enabling us to acquire print and digital collections, created group study rooms and launch innovative services such as the laptop loan program," stated Arthur Downing, assistant vice president for technology, professor and chief librarian.

Another way alumni give money to the school is through the Class Act Campaign, which allows them to name a classroom or other space at the College.

Twenty-nine classrooms and related spaces have been named to date. The William and Anita New- man Vertical Campus Building and Library are named after the alumni who have funded their construction.

Alumni donations play a significant part in financing the Baruch College and its various projects and operations, including maintenance of Baruch’s campus.

Vice President of Student Development Ben Cuprus stated that the school raises money "not just to maintain [the campus], but also to make it better." He went on to say that ensuring that this actually happens takes a lot of resources but that the college is moving forward on the issue of campus cleanliness.

Baruch has launched various efforts to improve the campus this past summer and will continue with them throughout the semester.

However, the one body that seems to have yet take action to keep the campus clean is the student body. There is an overall agreement that individual students need to ensure that their litter is properly disposed and that they do their part in trying to keep the campus clean.

"We ask our students for help. Specifically, I would like to encourage our students to dispose of gum in the trash receptacles and not onto the floors and sidewalks," said Jim Lloyd, assistant vice president of campus operations.

"In addition, we have installed additional trash receptacles on the Barbra Ken Plaza and I would love to see more students dispose of their breakfast/lunch dinner litter in these receptacles. While we can throw more custodians at the problem, a little cooperation would help greatly!"

According to a statement from Baruch College, "students and staff can help keep Baruch’s buildings and entrances clean by using the trash receptacles, recycling, disposing of their gym trash properly, calling Buildings and Grounds at (646) 660-6610 to report maintenance issues. We want our campus to look good for our students, faculty and staff who use the buildings every day as well as for our guests."

"You may call the Office of Buildings and Grounds between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to report areas that require immediate attention including spills," agreed Frank Antonucci, director of administrative services, added that during off-hours students and staff can call the Office of Public Safety at (646) 660-6000.

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Disqualified senators in spring election reinstated

Massive clean up efforts undertaken

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exterior sidewalks, clean elevator tracks and provide extensive restroom cleaning, including many other uses!"

The efforts of the OCFO and President Waldron to improve the campus and its cleanliness extend beyond the halls of the school. The OCFO recently purchased new welcome mats and two nine-foot tall trees for the lobby of 151 East 25 Street. The shrubs were pruned and shaped and had all weed growth removed in the planting beds around the Newman Vertical Campus. The OCFO also had these beds fertilized and added color by planting new flowers. The Athletic Center has been detail cleaned as well.

Furthermore, the college has an energy conservation program along with a recycling program to recycle all paper goods, glass and plastic. According to Frank Antonucci of the Baruch custodial staff is aware of and exercises the quick removal of trash and recycling.

According to the statement issued by Baruch College, "As they make their daily rounds, the custodial staff clean every space daily as well as identify things that Buildings and Grounds personnel need to address, such as lights needing replacement bulbs. There are some new personnel in our custodial ranks and a new determination to resolve issues immediately."

Correction

• An article in last week’s story, “Living and learning in a coun- try far, far away,” should have stated the writer was in the Negev Desert, not Tel Aviv. Also, Tel Aviv was misidentified as Israel’s capital city. Israel proclaimed Jerusalem as its capital.

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Disqualified senators in spring election reinstated

Some members had gradu- ated, some had left the school. How could they have a new SERC commit-tee make the decision when they didn’t know and understand the full extent of the problem? "In the end, that is what happened," Giraldo stated. He also stated that Ayman did not know that the extra senatorial seats had opened up. "Emily and I would have received them by default, but did not, he said.

Abdi, who has since transferred to Williams College in Massachu- setts, said he was pleased with the decision and very happy for Khaliq. "We worked hard on our campaign, especially Ali," he said. Khaliq also notes that he is very grateful for the help of Torres, USG President Anthony Hernandez, and USG Act- ing Treasurer Jose Coromoda. "They were good friends to me," he said.

Giraldo says he will still be in- volved in USG, but this was a "hassle-kill. He ran in the in-house elec- tions on Thursday. Tavarez did not immediately return an email for comment, however Giraldo stated she would no longer be involved with USG. She stated, “They tell us not to take it personal, but that is because it is not affecting them in any way!”

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Outsourcing democracy

SHERVAN SEBASTIAN

Contradictions in beliefs regarding the descendants of the prophet Muhammad have not only plagued Iraq, but have left the entire Middle East divided between the Shi’ites and Sunni groups with no acceptable consensus on how to unify these conflicting beliefs.

If we bypass a debate on whether the holy Qur’an, equality for all, freedom of the person, or freedom as well as whether nationally elected government has not been the foundation of many Middle Eastern regimes to date.

The question then becomes: How is it possible to not take an encouraging, but to instill democracy in a region that has not shown the belief that it exists anywhere over other systems of organization?

Furthermore, the United States government is being criticized by a country that has brutally ruled the majority Shi’ites socially and economically while holding all relevant political position for a significant period of time, especially since Hussein and the Ba’ath party rose to power in 1979.

Now, due to the U.S. led invasion of Iraq, there has been a complete inversion of the power structure with the Shi’ites now the lion’s son of the manor. The expectation is that an oppressed social group, which has finally obtained the freedom to avenge the decades of murders, beatings, humiliation and executions, will forgive all previous violations and rule their modern day serfs with fairness and equilibrium.

Essentially, what a reasonable person would intuitively figure to occur in Iraq is not happening now. The Shi’a led government of Al-Maliki is excluding the Sunni minority from government and is hesitant to pass any legislation that will benefit the former dominate Sunni society.

The police forces and military are primarily composed of young Shi’ite males and a popular expectation is that they are merely patiently waiting for an imminent American departure to further purge Iraq of their Sunni enemies, a scenario that presents the Middle East firmly on the precipice of a regional war.

As I attempt to absolve Iraq from the days of the U.S. led invasion, I have become stuck between selling out my people to the United States, and, at the same time, remaining their enemy.

The decline of this Palestinian continues every hour after his death in 2004.

Due to the corruption of his former party, Al-Fatah and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and the hopelessness in the peace process, the once renowned Hamas has taken over the ruling Al-Fatah in 2006.

Hamas’ strategy is to use democratic voting victory stumped Al-Fatah, leaving the two at complete odds and exacerbating the already disastrous conditions for Palestinians.

The split in politics and representation led to the firing in the groups and caused many casualties.

The in-fighting continued until this past June 19 when violently occupied Hamas swiftly executed Al-Fatah out of Gaza, leaving Hamas in control and the West Bank in Al-Fatah’s control.

Al-Fatah and Hamas are continuing their rivalry by both refusing to pay workers that sympathize with the other group.

While internal conflict has had much coverage in the media, Israel has consistently continued its military attacks on both territories, attacking civilian areas.

Just when the story of a Palestinian seems to have come to an end, a ray of light emerged on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The Palestinian: I can’t believe it took me so long to realize that my chipper Baruch peer had it right all along as he cued me to try while I walked off the elevator at the fifth floor, “Take the fucking stairs!”

The Ticker opinion page represents those of the individual columnists and not necessarily those of the Ticker. The Ticker welcomes submissions from students' learning and truly prepares them for a global marketplace.” (Source: baruch.cuny.edu)

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The secret Baruch policy: exclusive diversity

“Baruch students come from 160 nations... This mixture of people and life experiences creates a rich social and academic environment that prepares students’ learning and truly prepares them for a global marketplace.” (Source: baruch.cuny.edu)

Baruch College prides itself on its diversity, offering students a wide-range of cultural studies courses, ranging from Asian and Asian-American, and Hispanic studies. But one group of people is severely under-represented, a group of people commonly referred to as the “minority.” At Baruch, the No. 1 diverse school in the United States for the past nine years, diversity becomes exclusive.

As a liberal arts major, a student must take one of the aforementioned cultural studies courses in order to garner some kind of knowledge of a given race. Has it ever occurred the liberal arts major that a European or European-American cultural studies course is not offered, considering 37 percent — the majority — of the Baruch student population is white.

Many will say that there are a variety of courses in our department that already cover a wide range of European topics, ranging from Modern Irish Writing to Russian Literature and Soviet Regime. However, these courses are specific only to their departments and are not cross-listed as cultural studies courses.

It isn’t fair for liberal arts majors to only have three races of cultural studies classes to choose from. While gaining the knowledge of an unknown culture is valuable and necessary, this knowledge is limited for white students. For instance, how can a white student relate to his or her Black studies class when the room is filled with Black students? As the minority in the classroom, this white student’s capacity to learn is limited, leading to him or her being less compelled to speak his or her mind as opposed to a student of the respective race.

Look at a broader issue. If you are of a different cultural background, whether it be African or Latino, you are being severely under-represented by the college’s cultural studies department. If a liberal arts major is practicing exclusive diversity, is it not true that the only way to fully understand the various nationalities each have a cultural studies class, fulfilling the Tier III liberal arts required classes?

The cultural studies department is doing their students a serious disservice by only representing three races. This seems that while the numbers show Baruch does have a student body that looks like A, the cultural studies department in no way strengthens that diversity.

The members of this week’s editor’s panel were: Lia Eustachewich (opinion editor), Michael Hartshorn (managing editor), Ken K. Tse (arts editor), Alyssa Wick (business manager) and Elyssa Maldonado (features editor).
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Un: Thirty-five years to half-extinction

By Michelle Michals

At the United Nations' climate change conference this month, experts painted a grim picture for the future of our planet. If humans don't act within the next 5 to 10 years, they warned, not only will we cause the extinction of many of the world's vital species, but in the end, we will be wiped off the earth ourselves.

"The entire web of life is on the verge of catastrophe," said Dr. Stu- art Pimm from the Earth Institute at Columbia University: "If things continue, in as little as 35 years half of all species will be extinct. Perhaps the scarcest aspect of this prediction is that nobody knows what the consequences will be."

"Billions of people could die be- cause of increased biodiversity," Pimm warned.

As much as humans may try to keep a distance from nature, our impact on the natural world can't be denied: "The last mass extinc- tion event was caused by an aster- oid," Pimm recalled. "Now it is be- ing brought by human sapiens." But while global warming is clearly a major factor in the extinc- tion crisis—a temperature increase of just 1.5 to 2.5 degrees Celsius would put 20-30 percent of plants and animals at risk of extinction—it's not the biggest. Habitat de- struction and pollution play large roles as well. Oddly enough, the species that are in the most places least touched by humans are the ones who suffer the most. "This includes species that occupy the Arctic region and mountaintops—they have nowhere to escape—and island species, which have been isolated by the agricultural land," Pimm said.

"Therefore, the challenge that the im- pact of extinction is already being felt," Pimm said. "Oddly, a speaker Chera Van Berg, two-thirds of the world's species have already been classified but not, by the agricultural land."

"Th e Mass Extinction," says Pimm, "is to cut the distance between the farm and your dinner plate. "Our plan, " says Despommier, "is to put up a Vertical Farm."

Despommier admits, however, that the project would be extremely expensive, particularly in its early stages. "Our 'plan,' " says Despommier, "is to cut the distance between the farm and your dinner plate."

"Vertical Farm" provides year-round crop production and the possibility for everyone to eat healthy and well-balanced food. It eliminates agricultural runoff, converts black water to clean water through a purification system and provides employment opportuni- ties. Furthermore, it greatly reduces fossil fuel use by taking away the need for tractors, plows and ship- ping. "Our plan," says Despommier, "is to cut the distance between the farm and your dinner plate."

According to Pimm, this is the larg- est driver of the environmental crisis, as the Amazon is being de- stroyed in order to feed cows for commercial beef. Furthermore, we can choose to eat sustainable fish and make better consumer choices, such as purchasing energy efficient light bulbs.

"Eating closer to civilization."

"Perhaps the scariest aspect of this all species of life will be extinct. "Th e entire web of life is on the verge of catastrophe," says Pimm.

"We can also stop—or at least limit—our consumption of meat. According to Pimm, this is the largest driver of the environment crisis, as the Amazon is being destroyed in order to feed cows for commercial beef. Furthermore, we can choose to eat sustainable fish, such as purchasing energy efficient light bulbs."

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Ask Chandresh: Where is my Mr. Right?

From a bubbly teenager to a mature young woman, I have been with many guys but not one of them is worth spending my whole life with! There always has to be some problem that takes me away from my love interest. I feel so tired of this whole process of searching for my Mr. Right. Am I just an illusion? Is there any special person who is just made for me? When will the search end, Chandresh?

-AA

Dear AA,

By asking this question, you have helped a lot of other people who are in the same perplexed state as you. Since I believe this answer will help many other people too, I will explain this in three steps.

Before reading ahead, please take out any ideas that you have on love. Unless you clean your mind, you won’t be able to understand what I am saying.

Firstly, whomever you are with is your Mr. Right. Understand one thing very clearly: even if his or her way of living is different from yours, your partner will have different habits and a different way of thinking than yours. Both of you have to learn to adjust according to each other’s ways of living.

Secondly, since you put stress intentions honest; soon you will stop searching and start living. You have to learn to adjust according to each other’s way of thinking. If people get out of your life with, you won’t get anything because there is nothing to be searched for. If you want to search, you can, but you won’t get anything because there’s nothing hidden or waiting to be revealed. It is what it is.

Thirdly, you asked me, “When will the search end, Chandresh?” I would say never, because there is nothing to be searched for. If you want to search, you can, but you won’t get anything because there’s nothing hidden or waiting to be revealed. It is what it is.

Lastly, you asked me, “When will the search end, Chandresh?” I would say never, because there is nothing to be searched for. If you want to search, you can, but you won’t get anything because there’s nothing hidden or waiting to be revealed. It is what it is.

By “searching” or “trying to work it out,” you are putting too much pressure on your love. Believe love can never be searched. It always comes to you in its own unique way. If people get out of infatuations and physical pleasures, only then would the doors to love open.

So, my suggestion will be stop searching and start living. Keep your heart open and your intentions honest; soon you will taste love too!

Send your questions to askchandresh@gmail.com

In Reagan’s footprints

Will Thompson repeat the late president’s success?

BY NIR BICHLER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Former Tennessee Senator, lobbyist and actor Fred Thompson has joined the 2008 Republican presidential race—four months before the voting starts. In such a long and competitive race it’s odd to see serious candidates coming in late. But Thompson, 65, is convinced that the time is right.

According to a recent Rasmusen poll, GOP voters see Thompson as the most conservative option among Republican presidential hopefuls. The former senator is tough on immigration, opposes Roe v. Wade and believes in small government.

“Thompson ran because Republican front runners have strong liabilities vis-à-vis the Republican base,” says Dr. Susan Tenenbaum, professor of political science at Barnard College. “McCain has been soft on immigration, while Giuliani has been struggling on social issues and Romney has switched positions during his career.”

Thompson is often compared to Ronald Reagan, one of the most admired presidents among registered Republicans. The comparisons is flattering, but it’s also subject of controversy.

“Thompson and Reagan have both the reputation of being bery, but what made Reagan great is that he surrounded himself with competent individuals,” says Fachner. “The question is ‘could Thompson do the same?’ ”

After announcing his candidacy on Jay Leno’s “The Tonight Show,” Thompson has expressed pessimism that, “People are going to say, ‘You know, that guy would make a good president, but he just didn’t get in soon enough.”

Fachner calls it a “strategic and smart move.” By not declaring himself candidate before, “Thompson has been able to raise money without being the subject of campaign finance laws.”

Thompson is comfortable with the media, which is vital in a presidential campaign. He has appeared in dozens of movies and has played the role of a district attorney in the popular TV show “Law and Order.”

Still, the central question among Republicans seems to be whether Thompson can beat Hillary Clinton in 2008. Thompson is convinced he can defeat the senator from New York, despite recent polls showing the contrary.

Dr. Tenenbaum believes that at this time “there are too many intangibles to draw conclusions.” Clinton, she says, is “highly intelligent woman” who’s “totally prepared.” Evidence suggests that Thompson would have a hard time running against the former first lady.

But Fachner is more optimistic. “Thompson has the chance to define himself to the public while Hillary is already defined,” he says. “This important factor can help Thompson to beat Clinton in case he is nominated.”
Red List Expands

BY SHERRY MAZZOCCHI
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) announced that the threat to animal and plant life is greater than ever before. The 2007 Red List of Threatened Species tallies 41,415 species, of which 16,306 are in danger of extinction. The Red List is widely regarded as the most definitive assessment of species at risk.

One in eight birds, one in four mammals and one in three amphibians are threatened. The IUCN reports that 99 percent of the species is threatened by human activities. Loss and degradation of habitats are the leading causes.

The majority of species at risk are found in Australia, Brazil, China and Mexico. Most of the birds, mammals and amphibians on the list are found in tropical broadleaf forests. Commercial bush meat trade and the Ebola virus have reduced the population of the Western Lowland Gorillas. The decline of the Sumatran Orangutans is due to illegal and legal logging and forest clearance for palm oil plantations.

Corals, newly added to the list, are endangered due to the effects of El Niño and climate change. The Yangtze River Dolphin, or Baiji, is possibly extinct. Its habitat was degraded by overfishing, river traffic and pollution. Large vultures, found in Asia and Africa, have been decimated due to a reduction in grazing animals, drugs that are used to treat livestock and collisions with power lines. In addition, South American and Mexican reptiles were added to the list, including freshwater turtles and snakes.

"The list reminds us of how little attention we pay to the species extinction crisis in our daily lives," said Baruch College environmental science Professor Jason Munshi-South. "An obituary of an actress or minor political figure will make front page news around the world, but the extinctions of even large, charismatic species such as the Baiji are quickly forgotten, if mentioned at all."

Munshi-South said that more science education could change the fate of the threatened species. "The numbers of species on earth, major patterns of biological diversity and the major factors [that] influence ecosystem diversity should be known by any educated person," he said. "Ecological literacy will be key to shrinking the Red List."

The Red List’s findings are published every four years. The IUCN concedes that their numbers are a conservative estimate because the Red List has analyzed only three percent of the world’s approximately 1.9 million species.
Spotlight on internships

Throughout the summer, Baruch students participated in a myriad of internships. From Wall Street firms to Chinese schools, these students represented Baruch with class and professionalism, while exploring various career fields. We asked about their overall experience, job responsibilities and what it takes to get prominent positions. As you may observe, their interests are as varied as their personalities, but all of these students share certain key ingredients, which have led them to early success in their careers.

Credit Suisse
Equity Research
Summer Analyst/Equity Research Associate

Responsibilities:
a. Conduct investigative research on the trucking and rail industry
b. Draft research and earnings notes
c. Assist in expanding research coverage
da. Analyze and build valuation models
e. Create a mock stock pitch to be presented to the Equity Research Department

How did you obtain the internship?
I was introduced to the Firm via networking and got placed there for the summer by Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO). I advise eligible students to apply to the program this semester. Please visit seo-usa.org for further information.

What did you enjoy the most?
I enjoyed the investigative aspect of the job, which required me to constantly think outside the box and read between the lines. This is a reminder that investment recommendations cannot solely be based on financial models. It was also a great experience to get the opportunity to learn and to speak with the top research analysts in the "Street." Lastly, the awesome people in my team contributed in shaping my overall, extremely positive experience.

Any advice on making the most of your experience?
I am very excited to receive the full-time offer last Friday. The key to success is not only to work hard, but also to be a thoughtful team player. Be prepared to take initiatives and walk the extra mile to accomplish them.

Any advice for students looking for the same position?
Continue to network, and be persistent. If you are looking for a position in research, make sure to display intellectual curiosity and passion for the industry.

Other Comments:
Special thanks for dear friends, O2 and Star CDC staff who have been supportive throughout the years.

Olympus Capital Holdings Asia Limited
Portfolio Division
Private Equity Finance Intern

Responsibilities:
- Analyzed and built valuation models
- Collected market data and provided analytical support to periodic fund review
- Assisted in the reporting of fund operations on a monthly basis
- Developed an automatic updated excel tool using Bloomberg for comparative equity analysis
- Maintained fund pipeline databases and improved the reporting processes
- Performed due diligence research on the special chemical industries in the Chinese market and the emerging Carbon Credits Market

How did you obtain the internship?
From Baruch's career services center.

What did you enjoy the most?
People. The professional advice and career tips I received during the internship was extremely helpful to my career development. Experience: Throughout this summer, I had the chance to deal with the aspects of portfolio management, dealmaking processes, due diligence research, clientèle group and a private equity market environment.

Any advice on making the most of your experience?
Work ethic: Learn as much as possible with the focus on giving value to the firm. Passion: Have a positive attitude, willing to listen and have a curiosity to learn.

Any advice for students looking for the same position?
- Interest: Have a passion in learning and developing a career in private equity.
- Network: Network with people who are currently working in this industry.
- Preparation: Try to research the industry.

Other Comments:
- Always ask questions if you don’t understand a problem, do not ask the same question twice.
- Work hard!

ING Clarion Partners
Equity Acquisitions Analyst

Responsibilities:
- Analyze incoming investment opportunities through CF models, conducting market analyses and, if appropriate, preparing Preliminary and Final Investment Memoranda.

How did you obtain the internship?
I obtained the internship through ING BSE. You had to submit your CV and it was forwarded to language schools in China, and if they liked you, they contacted you for an interview. If you passed the interview, you were offered the internship.

What did you enjoy the most?
I enjoyed learning the cultural differences between China and the U.S. and interacting with the Chinese students. I also enjoyed meeting other interns from universities around the United States.

Any advice on making the most of your experience?
To make the most out of your experience, you should put your full attention into learning about the culture of the organization and performing your job at a level that will make you stand out from others.

Any advice for students looking for the same position?
- Don't date the boss' daughter! Just kidding. I think just be yourself, and with that be open-minded. Take on any task, even if it seems trivial, with respect and care. If you treat every task as important, it will reflect in your work.
- Any advice for students looking for the same position?
Brbe people (just kidding again).
- Really, get experience during the school year. It shows ambition and ability to balance multiple important tasks. Also, be able to thoroughly talk about the experience you have acquired. Remember, you are most likely competing against the Ivy's.

Other Comments:
Here's a quick itinerary of programs, workshops and events for students. According to Ingrid Tines, assistant director and career program coordinator, "Heavy recruiting season starts with the fall semester, for many accounting and finance firms recruit for full-time positions in a year in advance. We organize these events to give our students a competitive edge in the job market." Here's just a program sampler:

Senior Startup: A program designed to help students get a jumpstart on their careers. We provide them with information on the on-campus recruiting (OCR) program and strategies on effective job seeking.

This year's strategies were presented by Blair Smith, assistant vice president and relationship manager from Wachovia, Blair. He was attended by the 310 students that attended as "very inspirational," "very entertaining and very educational." At the end of the presentation, some luck students were able to speak one-on-one with Blair, where he gave them some great lead- ership development, career management, and tackle workplace challenges and situations.

Biq Your Accounting Panc- el & Career Forum: A program designed to provide students with the opportunity to interact one-on-one with representatives from Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. They receive information and tips about recruiting, job searching, internships, writing and interviewing techniques, etc.

Half an hour into the start of the event, students were standing outside of the room trying to get a peek of the pan- els, which included Alan Langer of Deloitte & Touche, Tina Monteiro of EY, Nigel Franklin of KPMG and Shari Belgrave of PWC. The follow- ing topics were discussed: How to Market Yourself on Pa- per, Nature of the Job, Industry Wise and How to Market Your- self in Person. The event was a huge success with approxi- mately 400 students attending and networking with the ac- counting industry professionals.

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Spotlight on internships

Roger Gelfand
Sophomore
Bryant Park Capital

Mergers & Acquisitions, capital raising and financial advisory services to middle market firms

Responsibilities:
a. Identify and pitch potential services to middle market firms
b. Actively participate on deal analysis and precedent transaction
c. Conduct comparable company and financial ratios for new and existing clients

Major League Baseball-Commissioner’s Office

Diverse Business Partners (DBP)

Responsibilities:

a. Diverse Business Partners (DBP) is MLB’s supplier diversity program. DBP assists minority and women businesses interested in registering with MLB as potential suppliers by giving them the opportunity to bid on contracts with one or more of the 30 clubs.

b. Throughout the summer I reached out to teams like the Yankees, Mets and the Boston Red Sox to urge their current vendors to register online at mlb.com/dbp.

How did you obtain the internship?

Networking. Attending the Shea Stadium Career Fair helped me meet the recruiters. Also, I am a part of a national organization called Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT) that has a connection with MLB and they helped me get connected.

What did you enjoy the most?

Three things: a meeting with the CFO, meeting Omar Minaya on the field at Shea Stadium and writing my own article for the website.

Any advice on making the most of your experience?

Have at least one meeting with one person everyday. If you do the math, it means five people per week, times that by 12 weeks, and by the end of the summer, at least 60 people in the company will know who you are. It’s called networking to the fullest and taking advantage of every second you are in the building.

Other Comments:

Check out my article on mlb.com/dbp.

Maritza Alarcon
Senior

Major League Baseball-Commissioner’s Office

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DBP Summer and Full Intern

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Luxury without the price tag at Forum

By Greta Capili

Fogger the old days of draft beer and mini-burgers. Today's trendy bars are catering to a more refined crowd and are serving up more sophisticated dishes, comparable to that of a fine restaurant. The newly opened bar restaurant Forum in Union Square is a perfect example of where such nouveau bar food is being dished up.

Upon reaching Forum, one is immediately drawn to its trendy, open atmosphere. Inside, you will find a long bar on the right hand side that is decorated with white, brick-shaped pieces of limestone. On the left side of the restaurant are white, ornate Roman columns, as well as a variety of different types of couches and tables. It all makes for an interesting mix, and the restaurant's name is certainly indicative of the Roman architecture.

According to co-owner Shane Clark, Forum aims to not just serve mediocre bar food, but bar food done well, along the lines of the greatest hits of "bar food." Forum attempts to elevate the standards of bar food and aims to serve two crowds — both your regular unpretentious bar-goers and those looking for something a little classier. The menu changes almost every week to accommodate for the seasonal changes in produce at the Farmers Market in Union Square.

For starters, a great appetizer is the summer tuna rolls ($8 for four pieces). These rolls offer a refreshing taste of summer, as they burst with flavors of mango and mint. The accompanying ginger sweet chili sauce is a perfect complement, as it is spicy and a little sweet.

Likewise, the shredded duck meat with an orange compote ($15) is tender and delicious. Meanwhile, the jumbo lump crab cakes ($12 for two pieces) taste fresh and are dressed with a remoulade sauce that hints of tartar sauce. The Asian coleslaw that tops the crab cakes adds a nice bit of zing.

Entrees may also be ordered in appetizer-size portions, or at their regular sizes. The braised short ribs ($22 for a full plate) are amazingly tender and sit atop a light and flavorful bed of celery root puree. Topping the ribs is a mixture of crunchy, fried parsnip shavings and a ramekin of orange compote with crème fraîche.

As with the rest of the menu, no exceptions are made. Of course, though, the menu is sure to change with the seasons, which is why you should try to make it into Forum again.

Experience delicious and affordable bar food at Forum.

By Lia Eustachewich

Ah, the fall semester at Baruch can only mean one thing: the return of hilarious fashion faux pas.

Everyone’s been guilty of committing a fashion crime, but not everyone is aware they’ve done so. If you find yourself clinging with shame while reading, Baruch guys and gals, just don’t let it happen again.

Female Faux pas

• Chinese plastic slippers. Maybe it’s the cheap price that’s so appealing. Or maybe it’s because you can buy a pair to match every single outfit in your closet. These things are tacky and tasteless, maybe more so than those repulsive Crocs.
• Jeans without pockets. Jeans without pockets look unnatural as, say, a face with no eyebrows — it looks weird but you just can’t just put your hands on it. Do your best to splurge for these precious jeans.
• Those teeny-tiny North Face backpacks. They might be ergonomically effective but in no way can they be used efficiently. What could you possibly fit in there? Five pencils, a wallet and a graphing calculator? A tote bag works better and makes for happy hands.
• Walking advertisements. As college students, we shouldn’t be influenced by the superficiality of the clothing industry. If they’re not paying you, don’t advertise for them. Besides, we’re all too busy to care about the Dolce and Gabbana shirt you’re wearing (that you probably got in Chinatown for $15).• Uggs in the summertime. Uggs are known for their unbelievable warmth and soft sheepskin lining, an essential for the wintertime. However, mix these babies with nearly summer feet, and you got yourself a hot mess, Ew.

Male Mistakes

• Pinstripes. This ultimate fashion error tops the list because it has actually been seen twice this semester. A pinstripe blazer with a pinstripe shirt you’re wearing (that you probably got in Chinatown for $15) did a good job at glamorizing this look, we’re glad to see.

• "Mandals." You know, the walking advertisements. Men wear with buckles and leather straps everywhere? In this case, less is more. Throw on a pair of simple leather thong sandals. (For those of us who abhor the "man-braid" look, we’re glad summer just ended.)
• "Destructed" denim. Jeans without holes cost the same as jeans with holes, or 70 percent less fabric. This used to quality as the rage, not-too-hard-to-wear look, but now just looks grungy and cheap.
• Popped collars. Three Mafia did a good job at glamorizing this trend... in 2006. To pop one’s collar is like saying to the world, "Hi, I’m really pretentious."
By Chandresh Bhardwaj
Senior Staff Writer

If you sincerely meditate regularly, you are bound to face some obstacles. The need to understand these challenges arises because by having knowledge of them, you can enhance your meditation practice. We are filled up with so much repression and frustrations. Unless our mind and soul gets cleaned up, we just cannot move ahead in meditation. It’s like entering into a new house. Before you move in, you need to clean your home and every nook corner of it. When it’s totally clean, only then you move in. The same way, when negative thoughts are out, only then positive energy enters in. Let’s see what challenges you are most probably to come across, and how to deal with them:

Negative thoughts: As you meditate, many negative thoughts will come. Don’t fight against them. If you resist them, they will return with increased energy thus causing greater harm. The best way to deal with them is not dealing with them at all. Just let them pass through. Watch them with calmness without making any judgment. They will go away soon.

Drowsiness: You might fall asleep while meditating. Sometimes, you might wonder if you were meditating or sleeping. This happens a lot in the beginning. If not sleepy, you might face extreme laziness. You need to build discipline to do it daily. If needed, splash cold water on your face to get away with drowsiness. A daily routine of physical exercise is also suggested.

Negative influence: This includes negative people, and basically everything that would distract your peace of mind. It could be some book, music, or a movie. To get rid of these negative influences, try to interact more with positive and uplifting people. Inspiring books, movies, and music also boost up the spirit.

Discouraging feelings: The growth in meditation is always gradual. The success is so slowly developed that sometimes you would want to lessen your efforts or just quit doing it forever. Whenever it happens, remind yourself that only meditation will make you a different person from the crowd. These challenges happen to make you a stronger person. While going through discouragement, I suggest you to meet people whom you think will encourage you to keep going it strong.

Past commingling with the present: Sad events of past may disturb you a lot during meditation. Beautiful memories of lost loved ones might bother you much. All I would suggest is to understand that these memories just exist in your mind. They have no place in your present. Let them go. The more you get stuck with your past, the more you will take to clean your mind.

It could take days or weeks or months for a person to get complete rid of these obstacles though it depends from person to person. There is no way of escaping them. You have to pass through them in order to build a good meditative position. The more patiently you deal with them, the more you will move to higher stage.
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**TUESDAY**

- **25**
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  - Second Floor Lobby (NCB)
  - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- **26**
  - Team Baruch Open House Promotion
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**THURSDAY**

- **27**
  - Team Baruch Open House Promotion
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  - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

- **28**
  - Starr Career Development Center Career Fair
  - Main Gym B3 Level (NCB)
  - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- **29**
  - The A.S.Z. Charity, Tuesday’s Children, Madison Square Boys and Girls Club: First Annual Basketball Event
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Cross Country anticipates success

BY CARLOS RUIZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Women’s Cross Country team has been rebuilding for multiple years. This year, the CUNYAC Championship title seems within reach. What’s so different? This year, the team has many elite runners. Coach Ariadne Mui, a former member of Baruch’s Cross Country team and NYC marathoner said, “In the past, the Baruch Cross Country team accepted almost all runners. This year, we are being extremely selective.” By combining new top caliber recruits with seasoned veterans, the team has high expectations. Coach Mui mentioned, “This year, we are not just running, we are running smart.” By using an aggressive and selective approach, Baruch seems poised to finish ahead of the competition.

Baruch’s fifth annual invitational took place on Sunday morning at Van Cortlandt Park. Led by top performers Erika Russi and Temi Arijeloye, 26:51 and 29:56 respectively, the team finished an impressive second place. United States Merchant Marine Academy (King’s Point) finished in first place on Sunday morning by placing six runners among the top 10 finishers. Major injuries are a setback this season. Jessica Pena-Herrare, consistently a top 10 finisher, has injuries in both of her legs. However, the team has risen to the challenge. Baruch runner Monica Honrade said, “Never has Baruch's Women's Cross Country won the championship, ever. We all feel this is that year. We are hopeful and we are all doing our best to reach our goal.” With that said, look forward to hearing from our lady Bearcats because this is their year.

New recruits join Bearcats

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Women’s Cross Country: The Women’s Cross Country team has been rebuilding for multiple years. This year, the CUNYAC Championship title seems within reach. What’s so different? This year, the team has many elite runners.

Coach Ariadne Mui, a former member of Baruch’s Cross Country team and NYC marathoner said, “In the past, the Baruch Cross Country team accepted almost all runners. This year, we are being extremely selective.”

By combining new top caliber recruits with seasoned veterans, the team has high expectations. Coach Mui mentioned, “This year, we are not just running, we are running smart.” By using an aggressive and selective approach, Baruch seems poised to finish ahead of the competition.

Baruch’s fifth annual invitational took place on Sunday morning at Van Cortlandt Park. Led by top performers Erika Russi and Temi Arijeloye, 26:51 and 29:56 respectively, the team finished an impressive second place.

United States Merchant Marine Academy (King’s Point) finished in first place on Sunday morning by placing six runners among the top 10 finishers. Major injuries are a setback this season. Jessica Pena-Herrare, consistently a top 10 finisher, has injuries in both of her legs. However, the team has risen to the challenge.

Baruch runner Monica Honrade said, “Never has Baruch’s Women’s Cross Country won the championship, ever. We all feel this is that year. We are hopeful and we are all doing our best to reach our goal.” With that said, look forward to hearing from our lady Bearcats because this is their year.

New recruits join Bearcats

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Bloodhounds fend off Cats in OT

Baruch Bearcats lose CUNYAC opener to John Jay Bloodhounds.

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Three weeks into the season and hungry for their first victory, the Bearcats fell 1-0 during overtime at their CUNYAC opener on Sept. 12 to the John Jay Bloodhounds. For Baruch, this match was the chance to score their first victory of the season and make amends for what has proven to be a bumpy start. For John Jay, this was about revenge.

Returning as defending champions, the Bearcats are a clear-cut underdog team. As the season unfolds, the Bearcats need to maintain confidence in themselves and their capabilities. With fresh talent and the return of all-star players, these champs have a promising future. Given determination, execution in key moments and a strong work ethic, the Bearcats will be in good shape to win their third CUNYAC title in four years.

Men’s Cross Country
9/30 - Lehman Invitational, TBA

Men’s Soccer
9/20 - Baruch vs. Hunter, 6 p.m.
10/1 - Baruch vs. Mount Saint Vincent, 8 p.m.

Women’s Cross Country
9/30 - Lehman Invitational, TBA

Women’s Tennis
9/25 - Baruch vs. Hunter, 3:30 p.m.
9/28 - Baruch vs. CCNY, 4 p.m.
9/29 - Baruch vs. William Paterson, 1 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
9/25 - Baruch vs. Staten Island, 7 p.m.
9/26 - Baruch vs. King’s Point, 7 p.m.
9/28 - Hartwick Invitational, 4:45 p.m.
9/29 - Hartwick Invitational, 11 a.m.

Fans not so ‘Metsmerized’ as season continues

BY KELLIE CLARK
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All Mets fans are familiar with the catchy phrases that are used to describe their team. We have all been “Metsmerized” by the “Amazin’s” and we have recently begun to believe that it is finally “Our Team. Our Time.”

But none of these slogans resonates with Mets fans more than the all too popular “You Gotta Believe.” But with the way the Mets have been playing lately we’re going to need to do a lot more than just “believe” if we want to secure a World Series win for New York’s favorite underdog team.

Being a Met fan is not for the faint of heart. Just when it seems like we’re on our way to making team history by clinching the NL East for the second straight year, we lose five consecutive games, put- ting the second place Phillies in a position to take the lead.

So what is happening to this team lately? With the Phillies inching their way into first place, there is no room for slacking off, and if they don’t start stepping up their game, Mets fans might have to end up settling for the Wildcard. So, let’s recap the horrifying disappointing performance that the Mets showed during their five-game losing streaks against the Phillies and the Nationals.

The Mets went into their series against the Phillies with their “magic number” at 11 and the possibility of reducing that number by two for every win against their NL East rivals.

But of course, getting closer to clinching was not in the cards for the Amazin’s. Instead, the Phillies embarrassingly swept the Mets yet again, allowing them to close in on first place.

The series in Philadelphia was one for the record books, but not one that the Mets will want to remember. In the third game of the series NY tied the clubhouse record by being charged with six errors. The last time they had so many errors was on Sept. 13, 2002 in a game against the Montreal Expos. They also tied the clubhouse record in the second game of the series when they used eight pitchers who gave up a disappointing 11 walks.

Amidst all the disaster the Mets faced in Philadelphia, David Wright reached an important milestone when he hit a solo shot on Sept. 16, and became the third player in Mets history to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in one season. Too bad for Wright that the home run failed to win the game.

Then, the Mets headed off to Washington to play the second worst team in the NL East. As the division leaders, this series should have been the Mets’ chance to sweep and gain a stronger lead over the Phillies.

Instead, New Yorkers were disappointed once again when the Nationals took the series by winning its first two games. By the last game, the Mets were finally able to end their five-game slump and clinch the National’s 8-3.

Will the current Division leaders take the title once again, or will they fall short to the Phillies and settle for the Wildcard? I guess Mets fans will have to do what we do best, believe.
Voxtrot's first EP, Raised By Wolves, was released in July 2005.

Voxtrot and Arctic Monkeys in Central Park

BY KEN K. TSÉ
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Filmed nearly two years prior to its Sept. 21 release, Andrew Dominik’s The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford is an attempt at turning a Western action movie into a Western drama. Adapted from Ron Hansen’s novel of the same name, Jesse James follows the months between James’ last train robbery to the day of his assassination by Robert Ford, as well as his aftermath.

Audience seeking intense Western action scenes like wild shootouts and gun-slinging duels will be disappointed by the film’s slow pace and lack of action. Remember, it details James’ last year after he gave up a life of crime.

However, the film replaces high-end action scenes with scenes of tense drama. The plot is tied together through a series of visits James pays to each member of his former crew, suspecting each one of betrayal. All the while, James is the object of Robert Ford’s admiration.

Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck are arguably the best parts of the film. Pitt combines some of his best qualities into creating Jesse James. To create a captivating Jesse James, Pitt projects on to the screen the tortured soul, the psychopath and the tough guy — all of which come out naturally thanks to Pitt’s previously similar roles. Casey Affleck’s portrayal of Robert Ford over indulges in Ford’s admiration for James that borders on homoeroticism — think Matt Damon as Tom Ripley in The Talented Mr. Ripley (1999). Ford spends the first half of the film hovering over James like a groupie. The second half is spent in animosity for James due to James’ rejection and mocking of Ford’s “admiration.”

The scenes are slow and transitioned with unnecessary fades to black between every scene. One can break down the film into eating scenes, talking scenes and one robbery scene. The only soundtrack to the film is a single melody, played non-stop. If that is supposed to create the feeling that the film is a bad-lad of Jesse James and Robert Ford, it does a poor job. Pitt and Affleck have little screen time together, and when they do, they are the best parts of the film. However, overly abused as the fade-to-black effect are the scenes of clouds changing as an indication of the changing seasons — a tacky move that cheapens the look of the film. The narration provided by Hugh Ross is distracting and serves only to fill in gaps in the film. The scenes of inter-rogation contain the most suspense the film provides.

Audiences should not come into the film with any expectations of Western action because the film is about the man behind the sensations and images. This is about the “real” Jesse James. “The film offers an intimate portrait of these two men [James and Ford] and the world around them that humanizes the legendary outlaw and exposes his vulnerability” said producer Jules Daly in a press release.

We’ve seen the old Westerns and we’ve seen the glorification of the gunslingers. This film takes us a step back and allows us to see their world through the eyes of a spectator. If you’re looking for action, watch 3:10 to Yuma, but if you’re looking for drama, go for The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford.

Brad Pitt (left) and newcomer Casey Affleck as Jesse James and Robert Ford, respectively.

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It’s strange to think that one can find something so reminiscent of the days of the ’70s in our modern metropolis. Attending the Voxtrot/Arctic Monkeys show in Central Park on Wednesday, Sept. 5 truly reawakened that earthy, peace-loving, artsy vibe.

The crowd, having arrived early, decided to relax, enjoy the weather, sip some beer and mingle. A look at the crowd filled with hipsters, couples, artists, fashionistas and SoHo trendsetters made it apparent that this would be a memorable night.

The first band, Voxtrot, an indie/ pop rock ensemble from Austin, Texas, opened with the song “Intro- duction,” off of their new self-titled album. The crowd listened and re sponded enthusiastically with all sorts of head nods and foot-taps. With three extended plays (Raised by Wolves, Mothers, Sisters, Daughters and Wives, Your Biggest Fan), and one full-length self-titled album, they had plenty of songs to choose from during their hour-long set. While the band performed, the crowd, once sparse, became full. Voxtrot played several songs from their oldest EP, Raised by Wolves, and ended with an old single “The Start of Something.” Fans clearly adored them; old and new albums, the band’s feel good music absolutely set the stage for the madness that was soon to come.

After waiting almost an hour for the Arctic Monkeys to set up, flashing lights accompanied by loud riffs, applause, screams, and heavy gui tar filled the park. The band opened with the song “I Bet You Look Good On The Dance Floor.” The crowd energetically mouthed each lyric, paying attention to the rhythm of the music. The lights flashed and an ecstatic energy overtook the park.

The band played various hits from both their albums, Favorite Worst Nightmare and Whatever People Say I Am, That’s What I’m Not, including “Mardy Room,” “Fakes Tales of San Francisco,” “D is for Dangerous,” and “Old Yellow Bricks.”

After the band played for roughly an hour and a half, the show began to draw to an end. The band’s lead singer, Alex Turner, made several jokes about his next visit to New York and his expectations to see the same faces.

Seeing both Voxtrot and the Arctic Monkeys live was an amazing experience. Combining two bands with similar yet different sounds helped create an exceptional vibe that truly helped bring life to Central Park’s Rumsey Playfield Stage. If either of these bands are on tour in New York again, do grab tickets if you can — they sell out fast!
The Piper revisited

BY FRANKLIN CHO
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After a strenuous tour in support of their 1966 album Revolver, Britain’s most prominent pop rock group, The Beatles, settled into Abbey Road Studio to record Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.

Right next door, a lesser-known psychedelic rock band, led by guitarist and vocalist Roger “Syd” Barrett, was brewing lyrical whimsy and sonic excursions into what would blossom into Pink Floyd’s debut album The Piper at the Gates of Dawn.

Forty years after the “Summer of Love” in 1967, Pink Floyd commemorates their debut effort by issuing re-releases of Piper, which now include re-mastered stereo and mono mixes, and a rarities disc with alternate studio takes, B-sides and singles.

The Piper at the Gates of Dawn showcases an indispensable display of Barrett’s guitar work and quirky lyrics about scarecrows, gnomes and bicycles. Nevertheless, along with the catchy childlike pop tunes, the album includes longer avant-garde instrumental, such as “Interstellar Overdrive” and “Pow R To H,” which set a precedent for Pink Floyd albums to come.

Furthermore, thematic content within the band’s lyrics such as existentialism in “The Scarecrow” and inspirations from biblical adaptations in “Take Up Thy Stethoscope and Walk” and the book Ching in “Chapter 24,” would be mainstays throughout the band’s history. The harsh and raw experimental sound derived from keyboardist Rick Wright’s dissonant organ work, tape editing and sound effects strikingly captures the hallucinogenic experience, making Piper the staple for Britain’s psychedelic and progressive rock scene of the 1960s.

Even for the radical fan who has already devoured the original recordings, the bonus tracks featuring the adventurous singles from 1967, such as “Arnold Layne” and “Apples and Oranges,” along with hidden gems from original recording sessions, will make this release worth the wait.

Though Piper is not Pink Floyd at their most polished and distinctive level, it is an insightful look into what set the band in motion from their infancy.

Unfortunately, Syd Barrett would eventually succumb to mental deterioration and ultimately depart from the band. However, this golden achievement set the bedrock for what would become one of music’s most successful and popular acts. Shine on you crazy diamond.
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