Bearcat Search begins

BY LILLIAN RIZZO
STAFF WRITER

Starting in January, Baruch will be changing its method of research through online databases. Instead of searching individual databases, the new Bearcat Search will allow students to utilize all the search engines at once. Baruch will be the first CUNY school to implement this new search engine.

Baruch offers over 200 different databases for students to utilize when researching for classes, papers and personal interests. Though useful to everyone, each database, such as LexisNexis or JSTOR, has different ways of being used and searched. The Bearcat Search will save time for students by combining all databases into one.

"Students usually resort to Google because they aren’t familiar with the structure of databases," says Arthur Downing of the Baruch Computer and Technology Center. The search page will be somewhat similar to Google, with one word search box at the top. Underneath the box is a list of the various subjects that can be searched.

Ex-Democrat vies for the Oval Office

BY MIKHAIL SEDOV
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A year after her defeat in the Democratic primary, the seventh term in the U.S. Congress, the outspoken Cynthia McKinney re-emerged at Baruch College as the Green Party candidate for the 2008 presidential election. With some analysts predicting that millions of American jobs will be outsourced in the near future, McKinney gave a message of worry to students: "You can’t even be sure of what jobs will be left in this country by the time you graduate.”

A guest speaker in the 12th annual Dr. Donald H. Smith Distinguished Lecture on Wednesday Nov. 28, the former Congresswoman from Georgia’s Fourth District portrayed the importance of socioeconomic issues in her campaign.

"In just four years our country’s economic condition deteriorated by over $22 trillion,” she announced to a diverse audience comprised of the Baruch community and guests. "The U.S. national debt is estimated to be a whopping $33 trillion not counting ongoing war costs, but adding in all government obligations like Social Security, Medicare and government pensions that are owed” she blamed the high national debt on the "so-called leaders” who spend money on war and "pander to special interests who have hired high-priced lobbyists so corporations and those who know how to play the inside game can win at our expense.”

McKinney recalled a New York Times report showing that 60 million Americans in 2004 lived on less than $7 a day.

A viable solution, she suggested, Business doesn’t have to be boring. Get creative!

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Companies urged to see green

BY SHERRY MAZZOCCHI
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

While the challenges presented by climate change are formidable, they also present opportunity. That was the message Andrew J. McKeon delivered to Baruch students last week. Invited to speak at the college by Sigma Alpha Delta, he said that "Businesses will have to be more like ecosystems” implying the key to success is in innovative new technology, closed loop recycling and renewable clean energy.

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McKeon delivered grim news about the state of the climate. If the use of fossil fuels and other natural resources continues along the present trajectory, our planet will experience higher temperatures, causing extreme weather conditions, a rapid extinction of plant and animal species, melting of polar ice caps as well as land-based glaciers, which, in turn, cause sea levels to rise.

Presenting a series of charts and graphs of average temperatures and CO2 levels throughout history, familiar to anyone who has seen An Inconvenient Truth, McKeon made the compelling case that these forces are now underway. Even starker were photos of melting glaciers and a sluggish Greenland.

McKeon dispelled notions that climate science was a new development, saying the foundations go all the way back to Jean Baptiste Fourier's heat diffusion theories in the early 1800s. McKeon said we have to shed arrogance as well as ignorance about our consumption of fossil fuels and natural resources. "Out of the lessons of nature," he said, "is you don't fool your next. If you do, you destroy yourself. Ecosystems can tell us incredible ways to sustain ourselves for generations."

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McKeon pressures climate change

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Human Immunodeficiency Virus is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. HIV is acquired through unprotected sex, either through vaginal, anal or oral. It can also be acquired through birth or through breast-feeding. If the mother is infected with HIV the virus can also be acquired through sharing of drug use.

There are 33.2 million people who are now living with HIV today, according to UNAIDS estimations, and this number has been growing on a daily basis. About 95 percent of people with the virus are located in developing countries.

"You cannot tell that people have HIV until they are infected," Huang-Cruz assured his audience. He is a senior trainer of the Leadership Training Institute project, which provides assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. Huang-Cruz was diagnosed with HIV in 1999. He made the decision to be open about his HIV status because he has respect for his community and wants his friends and acquaintances to know about his situation. He went on to say that HIV does not define him, he just happens to be an individual with the virus.

According to Molano, the percentage of children being diagnosed with the virus has decreased and it is at present less than one percent. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of December 2002, the percentage of people with HIV is highest amongst African Americans at 41 percent, 38 percent amongst Hispanics, 23 percent amongst whites and less than one percent amongst Asian/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans.

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P2P piracy reprimanded

BY LILIANA RIZZO

On Thursday, Nov. 2, a bill was introduced by the House of Representatives that states universities must now provide subscriptions for downloading music and movies.

This bill will be the one to stop the peer-to-peer piracy that is now widespread around the nation. If universities fail to comply with this new bill, they face a threat of losing financial aid for students.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 is concentrating mainly on the revenues of the movies and music industries, which have recently suffered due to downloading programs such as Napster and Ruckus.

If colleges refuse to act in accordance with the new bill, federal aid, such as Pell Grants and loans, will be taken away.

Recently, the University of Maryland, Stanford University and Yale University have signed the bill to test out the program. However, if the bill is successful among students, it may mean an increase in tuition costs. Due to this, other universities have been hesitant to make a decision.

This bill will greatly affect low-income students who rely on financial aid to help them receive an education.

The Motion Picture Association of America supports this bill because it could potentially reverse the decline in their revenues. They claim that universities are overreacting to the bill and it should be at least tested.

According to their press release, released on Friday, Nov. 9, “The Act would reform and strengthen the nation’s higher education programs to ensure they operate at the best interest of students and families.”

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Fall '07 Encounters released

BY MICHAEL WURSTHORN

Encounters released their fall 2007 literary magazine last Thursday in the multipurpose room, as scores of undergraduates received the first copies of the publication.

Students and faculty flipped through all 122 glossy pages filled with fiction, poetry and photography as they dined on wine and cheese. Even though the venue changed from the 14th floor conference center to the multipurpose room, the atmosphere remained the same for students who enjoyed the magazine and the speakers.

Editor-in-Chief Dmitry Omelyanenko, felt that the reception proved to be a great success as “people were more engaged than last semester.” Omelyanenko considered this issue to be a great success as the magazine and the speakers.

The audience settled in as various works of fiction and poetry were read. Lisa Chien gave Omelyanenko a playful slap as she read her creative piece, “Unsentimental Love Poem.” Chien’s work reflected the story of a blank marriage filled with disgust described the miserable union between these two “lovers.”

Following the intermission, Helpline volunteer Walei Sabry, read “Angelic Perversions,” a poem describing his choice of Hell over heaven, saying that “angels hide in their filthy habits,” and “Reason is substituted by faith.”

Sidney Harman Writer-in-Residence, Sigrid Nunez, introduced the winners of the Fall 2007 Fiction Writing Contest: Johan Guzman was given first place, each recipient was given a monetary prize.

Guest speaker and author Peter Cameron read the beginning of his book The Weekend, a brilliantly written novel about three friends who come together on the anniversary of the death of a person who shared a special connection with each of them. Cameron read his narrative with passion, which kept his audience hooked throughout the reading.

Nunez invited Cameron to discuss his career. “For a long time when I was publishing novels, there was no interest from the film world in my books,” said Cameron. “All of a sudden that changed and people suddenly became quite interested in them.”

The Weekend was his first book-turned-movie, but it did not prove to be very successful. Cameron explained how he enjoys being a writer because it’s a solitary endeavor whereas a movie is a huge collaboration restricted by the resources at your disposal. “You don’t need to get $2 million to write a book, and if you want to have a crowd scene you can have a crowd scene,” said Cameron.

Students were given a better understanding of the world of writing during the Q-and-A session that followed Cameron’s reading. Many questions focused on how to succeed as an aspiring writer.

Spring 2007 Editor-in-Chief, Natalia Diaz felt that the magazine has improved under the leadership of Omelyanenko this semester. “I think the staff has grown a lot and the need of the death of a person who

Masq’d Night at Baruch

BY SOPHIA AHMAD

Baruch College’s chapter of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society hosted a charitable event on Nov. 15 in the Vertical Campus with the help of Golden Key, the Italian society, Phi Eta Sigma and WBMB.

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Latoya Niles, a freshman and member of the planning committee said, she “was able to get to know so many people because of this event.”

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Hakesher lights up

BY ALBERT NAKASH
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Hakesher Magazine threw in its fall 2007 Release Party on Tuesday, Dec. 4, the first night of Hanukkah, "the festival of lights. The event started with the release of the December issue and ended with spiritual Israeli music. Baruch President Kathleen Waldron, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Ben Corvette and Director of student life Carl Aylman, were also in attendance. Rachel Koppyer, moderator, said, "It was an amazing event. I really had a lot of fun!"

The night started off with students flipping through the pages of Hakesher Magazine. The first speaker, Veronika Lacktman, spoke about the wonderful opportunities in Israel and urged her fellow students to study abroad. As the event continued, the time to light the first Hanukkah candle approached. Rabbi Stolik from Chabad, who is very involved with Baruch Hillel, led the services. He gave the honor of lighting the first candle to President Waldron, "the blessing during the lighting."

VERONICA LACKTMAN, SPEAKER

Hakesher founder and current editor-in-chief, has played a significant role in creating this magazine. She came to Baruch realizing that a huge aspect of Baruch Hillel was missing, and with that she decided to create Hakesher Magazine. Two and a half years later, even Rosenhine was surprised by the success of the magazine. She later commented that, "The turnout was really great, which to me represents the fact that Hakesher has grown beyond what I had ever imagined. It was a really amazing feeling seeing all these people in one room celebrating its existence together!"

Rosa Koenig closed the event with a speech. Afterwards, the crowd enjoyed the rest of the night with food and games. Jack Strou, magazine contributor and copy editor, said, "Hakesher has become more than just a group of writers and editors. Hakesher is a family. The release party in the multipurpose room was in house."

Hakesher Magazine thanked all the financial co-sponsors Baruch Bearcats, Jewish Business Leaders, World Zionist Organization, Hasbara Fellowships, Zionist Organization of America, David Project and IF Impact.

Baruch passes the test

BY MAREK MERY
STAFF WRITER

The majority of Baruch students are not cheaters, according to an anonymous and independent survey conducted in November. Of 174 random students who were asked the question, "Have you ever cheated on a test at Baruch?" 70 answered "yes" and 104 answered "no." Of those who revealed that they have cheated, half cheated on two tests. Almost half have only cheated on one test, and only nine students surveyed have cheated on three or more tests.

The first half of the survey on cheating sought to find out whether students cheated on tests. The other half of the 16-question survey dealt with plagiarism of papers and projects. Although only 40 percent of students admitted to cheating on at least one test, 75 percent of those who have never cheated know someone who has. However, only 10 percent of those who have never cheated have ever helped anyone else cheat on a test. Only one out of every five, where one is equivalent to having asked a friend for advice on a test that the friend took before, and five is equivalent to having used any kind of cheat sheet. Baruch was a surprise of all of the students who have cheated labeled themselves as one "a 10 students described themselves with a "two," five with a "three," three with a "four," and only two students with a "five."

When asked to list the subjects that they and other students are most likely to cheat in, the most frequent subjects were mathematics, accounting, economics and history. Mathematics and accounting dominated as the subject in which students were most likely to cheat, 75 percent of the students surveyed chose either one of those two categories. The second part of this survey, which dealt with plagiarism of papers or projects, sought to find out whether students plagiarize, how often they do so and how many people they know who have plagiarized any or all of a paper or project. Only 24 percent answered that they have ever plagiarized any portions of a paper or project. Of those, three said that they had plagiarized only once, and the remaining respondents claimed that they plagiarized "too many times to count." Of these students who are admitted plagiarists, all of them know five or more people who have also plagiarized in papers or projects. forever, all of these students who have plagiarized still feel that Baruch does a good job of preventing cheating and that the punishment for cheating is normal. Additionally, among the students who have never plagiarized, 60 of those are aware of someone who has plagiarized a paper or project. Of these 60, the majority answered that they knew five or more people who have plagiarized and slightly less than half answered that they knew only two people who have ever plagiarized.

When asked what students thought about cheating on a test, 75 percent answered that the punishments were normal, 15 percent thought they were too harsh and 10 percent thought they were too easy. Only 10 percent of students surveyed believed that Baruch is doing a good job of preventing students from cheating.

The survey shows that only 40 percent of those surveyed have ever cheated on at least one test, while only 14 percent of students have ever plagiarized at least one paper or project. Students are well aware of the academic honesty policy at Baruch, and knowledgeably violate it at times. The exact number of those who chose, have cheated, or plan to cheat will always remain unclear and difficult to pinpoint exactly. But behind the closed doors of classrooms and lecture halls, the majority of students respect the integrity of our college and work diligently and honestly to constantly improve the growing reputation of Baruch.
Good parenting? Fat chance?

CHRISTOPHER ESPEJO

It is usually during this holiday season that we hear controversy concerning what we can and can’t do to celebrate. Baruch College is no exception. While most of us don’t really take notice of them, the Office of Student Life decorates the second floor lobby every year. Believe it or not, several years ago they used to have a traditional Christmas tree. It wasn’t long, though, before the administration claimed there must be a separation of church and state, and this Christmas tree constituted a “religious public display.”

First of all, Christmas trees have, for some time, lost any religious connotations they may have once had. They are an American tradition that is nothing more than decoration that brightens people’s moods. Secondly, I find the argument in light of what happened on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Where was Baruch’s separation of church and state when President Kathleen Waldron personal- ly came down to light a menorah for the start of the Jewish holiday? As part of the festivities of the event will make their way to our wealthy Jewish benefactors. What happened to “religious public display” when, for several wealthy Jewish benefactors? What happened to “religious public display” when, for several years the administration demanded that the Pulaski statue be covered with a banner that reads “Stop my sister from not the 14-pound Chinese baby that hit head-

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A rat runs by. Did you notice that what one bumper sticker is to your right, a pool of vomit is to your left; a dying family member is to your right. A way. A city ruthlessly rips us away from them, because it needs our values; our integrity level of the society. Furthermore, the years spent living here transforms humans into melodramatic, frustrated and lonely beings. Just as the city is ruthless, deceiving and often treacherous, so are the people that spend at least a few years here. Even though these characteristics of a city would inspire some attempt to fight back, all efforts are futile. New York City traps us and never lets us go. In my opinion, we all have been deceived into believing that these commodities are indispensable and that the sole meaning of life is financial profit. Despite the deception, however, New York is hard to let go of. On one hand, it may be just another trick of the contemptuous city, similar to the songs of the sirens in Homer’s ancient epic The Iliad, the city attracts us. On the other, we readily may “heart NY” for its uncompromising laws that challenge us every day, or may-be we just have no other choice but to stay here, because this is as good as it gets.

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I have seen no evidence to suggest that anyone uncomfortable with a female or Black candidate as president would be any more open to them being vice president. Believe it or not, even those who live outside of New York are aware of the basic principle that the vice president’s primary duty is to assume the presidency in the event of something happening to the president. As far as the vice president slot being a needed stepping stone, a very similar argument was made several decades ago on the basis of John F. Kennedy’s religion, that is, made today on the basis of candidates’ gender and race. As we all know, Kennedy did not need to be preceded by a Catholic vice president to win the election.

One should also look at the “viability” of those Republicans. The frontrunners are comprised of a Mormon, a gentleman whose favorite pastimes include extramarital affairs and dressing in drag, an actor who can’t stay awake long enough on the campaign trail to do a decent Ronald Reagan impersonation and a guy who thinks the earth is 4,000 years old.

These superb candidates are currently in pitched battle with each other, trying to persuade voters that they are the one most capable of leading the U.S. into the next ill-advised war, and making Mexicans vanish into thin air. I have no problem with white males, in fact, I happen to be one myself. However, there is no reason why we should not give Americans the chance to prove that they are really ready to look past the gender or race of a candidate. Considering the Democrats’ recent success in electing white male presidential candidates and the success of our current white male president in governing, I couldn’t imagine a better time to expand the pool of applicants for the job.

I heart/hate N.Y.

Ilia Kolosov

Dems: U.S. is ready

Aaron Shapiro

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By Alan Zeng

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BUSINESS EDITOR

TOP TEN ARTICLES

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On Thursday, Nov. 29, The Financial Women’s Association Mentor Program at Baruch College held their last luncheon of the fall, titled “Organizational Savvy.” Christine Birnbaum, a FWA mentor and director of human resources at New York Life Investment Management, led a panel of three business professionals who discussed their personal experiences and advised students about understanding an organization’s unique culture and learning behaviors that help professionals avoid the traps of office politics.

Sheryl Spanier is the owner of Sheryl Spanier and Co. Spanier has been assisting executives in entering and exiting careers and organizations for over 20 years. Her career began in the 1960s when she went to work everyday full of ideas and energy. Spanier recalled a critical “ah-ha!” moment when her boss said to her, “I play baseball, you play basketball. For us to get along you need to know basketball.”

Janice Won is founder of The Institution Strategies Group. She is a diversity strategist and consultant for recognizing championed enterprise-wide diversity initiatives in a global Fortune 100 company. She advocates for the importance of leadership in driving diversity agendas in corporate, research and non-profit sectors. Janice’s “ah-ha!” moment was when she was working at a firm that went through four mergers. As a result of the mergers, she was placed in a managerial role and had to understand how the organization worked in order to recommend ideas and implement change. Won spends considerable time speaking to people and recommending policies to employers.

Susan Marie Sobre- pena is an analyst in NYL-DM’s Real Estate Group. She joined NYLDM in July directly from the army. Sobrepena graduated from West Point and received an M.B.S. from the New York Institute of Technology with an M.B.A. Sobrepena served in Afghanistan as a company commander in the United States Army where she was trained to fly helicopters. Sobrepena was also the recipient of a number of awards and medals. Sobrepena ad- vised, “You have to know that you don’t know everything but know who to ask.”

Birnbaum asked the panelists to share their thoughts on how students entering the workforce can help make the workplace less political. Spanier stated that it is very important to observe and adapt. She advises students to be aware that it is just a game. If you know the rules of the game, you play it, and leaving the game doesn’t work. She also mentioned a book by Marshall Goldsmith titled, What Got You Here Won’t Get You There.

An important lesson that Won learned during her company’s merger was to listen. “If you sram- ble the word listen, it is silent,” said Won. “You need to find an individual who can mentor you. Knowing what you know before may not work at the new firm, so you have to make that assessment,” added Won. As an Asian-American woman, Won recalled thinking a lot about her values. She thought about Asian cultural values, saying, “Having different values, you can keep your values, but you need to adapt as well.”

Birnbaum then asked how your values be set creatively.

TO SET UP AN APP

BY MARIANE SOBERNA

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a freshman or sophomore planning your career opportunities, there are numerous available to freshmen and sophomores at the Baruch as well as around campus. Here are a few suggestions:

Attend workshops

Throughout the semester, SCDC offers numerous workshops that can assist you in preparation for your future job. These workshops include résumé and cover letter writing, creating a professional image and interview preparation, among others. The list of the workshops and dates, times and locations can be found in the SCDC office, NVC 2-185.

Schedule a résumé review

You may feel that it is too early or that you do not have enough experience to have your résumé reviewed. But becoming familiar with the process will help you when it’s time for an internship or other job.

Attend a mock interview

You may have heard that interviewing comes up right now, but by attending a mock interview, you can be better prepared for the future. A mock interview, conducted as a real interview would be, and you also get feedback on your performance at the conclusion of the interview. It is also recommended you contact your career interviewing workshops, both back on-campus and off-campus, to schedule a mock interview.

Become familiar with STARR search

STARR Search is the place to go for internships. Find the link located at SCDC’s website, baruch.cuny.edu/careers. Once there, your username is the same as your Baruch e-mail address. Your password was emailed to your Baruch Webmail address over the summer. If you accidently deleted it, you can click “forgot password” and it will be sent to your Webmail address.

Network and networking events

Representatives from various companies are often present on campus. By attending networking events and corporate presentations, you gain a better understanding of the industry, your role in it and working in the future. It also gives you an opportunity to talk to your company’s representatives.

Join a professional organization on campus

Becoming a member of a professional organization is another way of getting a better understanding of the industry of your choice.

Get involved in leadership activities

If you are a freshman or a sophomore it may not be easy for you to find leadership shops, but at this time, you can develop your leadership skills.
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IBC INTERVIEW SERIES: SALES & TRADING

BY LARRY LLERENA INVESTMENT BANKING CLUB CORRESPONDENT

In this issue, the vice president of alumni and professional relations, had the chance to speak with Paul Benjamin, a Baruch alumnus, who is currently involved with UBS in their prime brokerage division. Benjamin was able to shed light on sales and trading, as his experience at UBS and passion for trading makes him qualified to speak on the matter.

What exactly is prime brokerage?

Prime brokerage is the division of an investment bank that helps hedge funds raise money. It frees up a money manager from the more time-consuming tasks involved with running a hedge fund.

Did you take any steps early on to gain an edge in this competitive business?

I opened a few accounts to trade on my own. Experience is definitely your best teacher when it comes to trading. It teaches you to cut out the emotions when it comes to trading. People sometimes get their emotions caught up on their hard earned money, which is a bad habit that is easy to fall into. I also took it upon myself to learn as much as I could about the business on my own outside of school. Knowledge is key.

What is the S&T culture really like?

There’s definitely a great deal of competitiveness and it’s a very fast-paced environment. In comparison to investment banking, where a deal may take weeks, in trading, everything changes by the minute. I would also say that it is a meritocracy. If you are making money for the firm, you will move up fast, if you don’t, it will be harder to last in this business.

What can I do to improve my chances of someday landing in trading?

Coming from Baruch, and especially if you are a finance major, it is crucial that you keep up on the markets, but more importantly have a strong opinion about what’s going on, and where it’s going. In the very elitist world of trading, people will want to test you right off the bat to see if you are the real deal. A good idea, specifically for trading, would be to learn what options are, what a derivative is — any extra bit of knowledge that you can gain on your own can do nothing but help. Also, make sure you articulate the answer to “Why trading” as that is a question that is bound to come up in any trading interview. Along the lines of what I was saying earlier, you want to have a strong opinion about everything you say. So, if they ask why you want to be in a commodities group instead of another group, you have to have a good answer as well. You want that edge, regardless of what your career path is. In this cyclical business, you could get laid off tomorrow. So, it’s important to do whatever you can to prepare for an interview and to stay a cut above the rest.

Making the transition: backpack to briefcase

Writer Lindsey Pollak presents her book and the lessons it contains.

BY AISSATA CAMARA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Undergraduate Student Government, in partnership with the Starr Career Development Center, hosted the annual “Making the Transition: From Backpack to Briefcase” event on Tuesday, Dec. 4, on the 14th floor of the Vertical Campus. This event usually held in the spring is a great way for students to learn new tips regarding their future.

The speaker was Lindsey Pollak, a renowned writer and public speaker. She recently published a book, “Getting from College to Career: 90 Things To Do Before You Join The Real World.” She gave the attendees tips on ways to increase their chances of landing their dream job and ways of networking in the industry of their choice. Pollak believes that students should constantly take actions toward reaching their career goal. She recommends keeping a career notebook that lists actions taken toward these goals. Pollak also gave tips about going to interviews. She told participants that the best way to make a good impression in an interview is to know about the industry and the company you are interviewing for. She told us that company executives love prospective employees who act and behave in ways current employees do. She also told participants that it was imperative to keep their online profile clean. She mentioned, “You need to think of your online profile as a movie and give it a PG-rating.” She believes that keeping your online “clean” is necessary because executives do searches on their prospective employees.

Students that attended “Making the Transition” felt that Pollak was inspirational. After the event, she was kind enough to sign copies of her book and network with students at the end of the event. The Starr Career Development Center urges students that are having trouble with their career or just want to improve their interview skills to come to the SCDC for help. Pollak’s book is available in all major bookstores.
Students get a lesson about non-profits

BY ALENA BUAKAEW
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With the holidays approaching, many of us find ourselves rushing to get presents for our loved ones and friends. At the same time, the joy of this holiday season reminds us to give back to the less fortunate.

The spirit of giving back to society influenced the theme for the panel discussion that took place on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

The Ticker readers are probably familiar with a unique project taking place in Professor Aebe Tawil’s “Principles of Management” class. Interesting and important topics for college students such as “Ethics in the Business World,” “Women in Business,” “How to Succeed” and “Creativity” have already been addressed in previous discussions. So when my fellow group member Jennifer and I started thinking about how to impress our classmates, we decided that leaders from non-profit organizations were our best bet.

Non-profit organizations and their unique management characteristics such as fundraising, budgeting, accounting and public policy are rarely mentioned in business school programs.

First, principles of non-profits contradict the main missions of other organizations. Non-profits are organized under rules that forbid the distribution of profits to owners.

Unfortunately, when students are deciding which career path to take, they do not take into consideration the opportunities offered by the sphere of nonprofits, thinking that working for this type of organization is “unprofitable.”

To change the archaic perceptions many Baruch students may have about non-profits, we invited four speakers representing different spheres and fields of the non-profit world.

James Krauskopf, a distinguished lecturer at Baruch College’s School of Public Affairs, Robert Hawks, vice president for business affairs and treasurer of the Cooper Union Advancement of Science and Arts, Ruth Miller, executive associate for Engineering Information Foundation and John Wong, the head of markets lateral recruiting at Merrill Lynch, joined us for this remarkable discussion.

The credential lists of our guest speakers were so impressive, that the first question asked was why they chose to work for non-profits. The panel agreed that in choosing one’s career, the question of compensation is important for only so long.

To be truly happy with one’s job, one has to believe in the goals of the organization, be passionate about it and strive to make it better. John Wong explained, “Being lucky to have a successful career on Wall Street for 15 years, I always wanted to find the way to give back.”

This opportunity came with the APEX mentoring program to help Asian-American youth overcome the challenges they face.” As they say, if you enjoy your job, you will never work a day in your life.

Working for a company that is trying to make a difference in the lives of others is extremely rewarding, because at the end of the day you can feel good that you’ve added value to your life, influenced others and attempted to make change.

The leaders of these organizations have to learn to be extremely effective managers working with limited resources, unreliable funding and high rates of personnel turnover.

But our guests agreed that all the trouble is absolutely worth it, to be a part of the exciting venture of giving back.

So, if any of you feel up for a challenge, it is the perfect time to conquer the nonprofit world. The statistics of recent years show that non-profits are becoming more popular, and along with that, come a greater need for the leaders who can manage them.

Krauskopf enthusiastically noted, the future of non-profits is “bright, great and challenging!”

Business students are striving to conquer corporate America and to succeed in the business world. The experience and knowledge obtained in this sphere can become extremely valuable and even a competitive skill in the market place. It is an exciting time to be a part of any great venture aimed at improving society.

Non-profit panelists in Professor Tawil’s Principles of Management class.

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Leonardo Da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” may also be a musical masterpiece, according to musician and computer technician Giovanni, Maria Pala.

More to Da Vinci than meets the eye

**Features**

**ADHD drug does more harm than good**

**BY STILYANA STEFANOVA**
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It was July and a 23-year-old short brunette walked into the medical office in Midtown with sunglasses on, wearing a scarf around her neck. A month after, the medical receptionist began receiving multiple calls and messages from her, filled with desperation, hopelessness and depression. The woman — for confidentiality’s let’s call her Helen — was begging to refill her Ritalin prescription again. It turned out the medication was the reason she signed up to see the internist, for confidentially let’s call her Helen — was begging to refill her Ritalin prescription again. It turned out the medication was the reason she signed up to see the internist, for confi dentiality let’s call her Helen — was begging to refl eet it again.

Running on Ritalin: A Physician Reflects on Children, Society and Performance in a Pill. "My job is to relieve suffering and Ritalin, in a short term will ease suffering." A TIME Magazine cover story from Nov. 30, 1998 points out that the benefi ts of the medication are gone as soon as the medication wears off. Children need constant reinforcement through behavioral therapy, which is very expensive. However, a data released by the Drug Enforcement Administration shows that pediatricians write more than 50 percent of the methylphenidate prescriptions. According to the Physician’s Desk Reference Family Guide to Prescription Drugs, the drug should not be prescribed to anyone experiencing anxiety, tension or agitation because it can aggravate these symptoms. If abused, it can lead to tolerance, dependence and psychiatric episodes. Misuse may result in serious, possibly fatal heart and blood pressure problems.

Ritalin, or methylphenidate hydrochloride, is central nervous system stimulant. It is used to treat attention defi cits hyperactivity disorder, which is recognized in im-

*pulse* behavior and inability to pay attention. In clinical studies, it produces behavioral, psychological and reinforcing effects similar to cocaine. Mental health profession-

als are the only ones who have the knowledge and expertise to treat ADHD patients.

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Does Ritalin have a positive eff ect in ADHD treatment? Clinical trials, that looked at the eff ects of the drug, show there are no long-

term benefi ts. Moreover, psycho-

-pulmonary side eff ects. Harsh drug treatment may actually turn out to be un-

ecessary.

**Art masterpiece may also be musical**

**BY ANGELA CURRI**
**SENIOR STAFF WRITER**

Leonardo Da Vinci’s master-

pieces have fascinated and en-

thrilled people for centuries. Beautiful, enigmatic and created by a genius, his works have led to countless conjectures of hidden meanings and codes, most recently in The Da Vinci Code.

But a new discovery has broken away from the traditional conspira-

cy theories and interpreted Da Vin-

ci’s “The Last Supper” in a unique light, as art within art. Giovanni Maria Pala, an Italian musician and computer technici-

an, has found a musical component to the painting. In his book Da Vinci’s Codex (The Hidden Music), he reveals how he discovered the sacred hymns and text by ascribing musical signifi-

cance to the paintings’ Christian symbolism.

Pala drew the fi ve lines of a mu-

sical staff across the painting, and then marked the loaves of bread on the table and the Apostles’ hands as music notes. He also decided that the piece should be played in 3/4 –

time, hinted at by the placement of the Apostles in groups of three.

What fi nally allowed Pala to make sense of the music was the idea of reading it from right to left — Da Vinci’s own writing style. Suddenly, he had a complete musi-
cal piece, like a soundtrack to the painting. “I couldn’t believe my ears when I played the music,” Pala told Discovery News. “It sounded really solemn, almost like a requiem.”

According to Pala, the 46-second “Hymn To God” sounds best on a pipe organ, the instrument used for spiritual music in Da Vinci’s time.

Da Vinci himself was an ac-
mplished lyre player and an art-

ist who loved to hide riddles in his work. So, it does not seem so far-
latched that he would set a secret musical piece within a painting.

But the code did not end there. Pala also noticed after studying “The Last Supper” that the posi-
tions of the notes created odd sym-
bols that resembled ancient cunei-
form script when drawn together with lines. What resulted was ac-

tual, meaningful text.

Other Luigi Orlando, a biblical scholar at the Antonianum Pontifi-

cal University in Rome, deciphered the writing into a sentence written in ancient Hebrew: “bo nezer uvaah”, which translates, “with Him conse-

cration and glory.”

“The Last Supper” has long been the subject of great controversy, not only because of these mysterious codes, but also because of its vul-

nerability. For this work, painted in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Da Vinci experi-

mented using multiple layers of oil and plaster instead of the conven-


tional method of painting frescos.

Unfortunately, this made the paint-

ing extremely susceptible to damp-

ness and it soon began to decay. As a result, it was painted over many times thereafter.

In an attempt to remove this over paint, a restoration went too far and destroyed some of the paint-

ing.

“The Last Supper” has survived countless threats, including other questionable cleanings, the abuses of Napoleonic troops in 1796, and a bomb in World War II. Yet this new discovery is certain to give rise to even greater interest than the his-

toric painting has already inspired. But the greater mystery is what the code reveals about Da Vinci him-

self.

“A new fi gure emerges — he wasn’t a heretic like some believe,” Pala told the Associated Press.

“What emerges is a man who be-

lieves, a man who really believes in God.”

**By Julian Bergman**
Thousands still suffer

BY REBECCA FORBES
SUNDAY STAFF WRITER

In today’s society, human rights issues are more important than ever because violations and abuses against human rights still occur. Even though the Declaration exists, people from countries all over the world are affected daily by poverty, civil war and mass genocides.

On Dec. 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document that outlines the numerous liberties held by each human being in the world community. Two years later, the Assembly passed a resolution that made the 10th of December of every year after Human Rights Day.

A year after Human Rights Day was established, Uganda had been besieged by a brutal armed conflict since 1986, when President Yoweri Museveni came into power. The conflict exists between the rebel Lord’s Resistance Army led by Joseph Kony and the Ugandan government forces. The LRA has mainly launched its violent attacks on civilians, villages, businesses, homes and schools. It is believed that the rebel group is composed mainly of abducted civilians who have been forced to become soldiers and that the group had been, until recently, supported by the Sudanese government.

The Ugandan army commenced an offensive against the LRA in March 2002, known as ‘Operation Iron Fist’. Since then, the LRA has increased its attacks against civilians. In addition, Ugandan government forces are also said to have committed many abuses including arbitrary detention, torture, rape and sexual assault. In July 2004, both sides of the conflict went under investigation by the International Criminal Court Prosecutor.

One of the most widely publicized examples of human rights abuses has been in Darfur, where violations have been occurring on a massive scale since 2003. Human Rights First notes that civilians are victims of mass killings, rape and burning villages.

In 2005, the International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur, appointed by the UN, found that crimes against humanity and war crimes were being committed by both the government of Sudan, and the government supported military group, Janjaweed. It was also noted that rebel forces against the government had committed war crimes.

This information led to the UN Security Council’s decision in March 2005 to refer the case to the ICC. In June of the same year, the ICC Prosecutor announced he was opening an investigation into the situation.

The Government of Sudan has taken little action to end the crimes in the area, so the people of Darfur continue to be the victims of attacks.

Sudanese suffer some of the worst human rights violations documented by the UN.

Ab class participants strengthen their core in a side plank.

BY JOSSELY MARINEZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It’s that time of year when presentations, papers and studying for final exams may wear you out. What’s a better way to release all that stress in an activity so rewarding such as exercising?

The benefits of exercising include making you more productive and improving your psychological well-being by reducing depression and anxiety. Overall, many would agree that exercising not only makes you look good, but also feel good.

So, instead of hopping on that train after your 3:45 p.m. or 5:25 p.m. class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, stop by Baruch’s fitness center and take advantage of the free abs and total body fitness class. This class is given every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Northrup Hall is a crowded group who attends and receives a full-body workout from instructor Elman Isakov. Every minute is used effectively from squats and jumping-jacks to push-ups and crunches. The music is very upbeat, which contributes to the excitement of exercising. It is a great way to start off the day and have fun with exercising and meet new people who may become your workout buddy.

Isakov is aiming to continue the classes during the winter intersession and spring semester around the same time. Any changes will be displayed on the door and front desk of the gym. There is still some time left before finals to recharge your battery through these fascinating workout classes that are of no charge. Be sure to wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for the occasion. Don’t forget to bring a towel and a bottle of water because you will definitely need it. Consider in your future endeavors Baruch’s ARC facilities and exercising classes today to attain a healthy mind and body.

McKinney riles Baruch

is the creation of an environmentally-friendly job program that invests in Americans and provides that all “new construction in this country incorporates green principles of carbon neutrality or zero emissions.” Some of new jobs, she added, can come from “building manufacturing plants here in the United States for green technologies that are already being utilized in other parts of the world.”

While opposing President George W. Bush’s tax breaks “for the wealthy,” McKinney called for tax breaks that hire and train unemployed and under-employed Americans, as well as for companies and individuals who want to go “green.”

She stressed, however, that “immigration is not a labor policy. The current situation of people risking death to get into the United States takes advantage of the fact that we don’t have an international labor policy that uplifts and protects the rights of the world’s workers wherever they are employed.”

The fight for social justice seems to run in McKinney’s blood. She recalls sitting on her former patrolman father’s shoulder at the age of four as he rallied against workforce injustice.

The former Georgia State Congressman Billy McKinney started his career as a child-grandson of the first Black police officers. But he wasn’t allowed to wear a uniform in the police headquarters, nor could he arrest Whites who were observed committing crimes.

Refusing to put up with discrimination, Mr. McKinney protested alone “because all the other Blacks who were on the force, all 11 of them, were afraid!”

Like her father, Ms. McKinney became an outspoken advocate for the African Americans.

“Why is it that unarmed Black men are still being gunned down on America’s streets?” she asked the Baruch audience. “And specifically, how many times will Mayor [Michael R.] Bloomberg pronounce the word ‘tragedy’ instead of just reigniting the NYPD?”

“While our country is now the incarceration capital of the world, the Innocence Project earlier this year announced its 200th innocent released after spending 25 years in prison for a crime he didn’t commit.” The typical DNA exoneration case hasn’t changed much over the years, she said, referring to the organization’s Co-Director Barry Scheck. “It often involves a sex crime allegedly committed by a Black man, in which the White victim is often the only witness.”

“I wish for the young people who are here today that if I could send you off into a better America and to a better world,” she told referring to students and youth. “But something strange has happened to our dream, the American dream, Coretta and Martin’s dream,” she continued.

“For our beloved country is now contorted, distorted, twisted, disfigured,” McKinney said, “And are you prepared to do about it?”

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Freshmen learn to serve

BY NASTASIYA KOROLKOVA AND CLAIRE LUI
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In addition to scrambling through the Vertical Campus to get to class, hustling to buy textbooks, and a million other adjustment concerns, a key experience in every Baruch student’s first year is the Freshman Seminar. But freshman year for the Class of 2011 is different.

This year, incoming students learned the value of service.

“Service learning is a teaching and learning experience through which the students learn and develop by designing, organizing and participating in a meaningful service experience,” said Veronica Ingram, assistant director of student life. “We decided to incorporate service learning into Freshman Seminar because we wanted to give the freshmen a sense of what it means to be a Baruch citizen.”

Community service had never been a component of Freshman Seminar and adding this to the curriculum helped meet the changing needs of the entering students.

“We did not see a component that encouraged civic engagement and social responsibility. This is an area we felt that we needed to encourage the participation of our entering freshmen,” explained Shadia Sachedina, student affairs coordinator.

As part of the Service Learning Project, students were encouraged to sign up for a community service assignment where they worked with their student leaders to give back to the community.

“I really enjoyed helping out,” said Shelley Marshall, who participated in setting up for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. “I really learned the value of lending a hand.”

The Service Learning Project heightened the sense of civic responsibility with some students requesting more activities.

“My class felt that they had done something productive and useful for their fellow New Yorkers, and several students indicated that they were interested in doing the project again,” says student leader Sheneze Adams.

The project not only brought students outside of Baruch College, but exposed them to the Baruch neighborhood. It also allowed students to interact with each other and their student leaders outside the academic environment.

“What I liked about the project was that it gave my students and myself the opportunity to get to know each other outside of the classroom.”

Most importantly, it allowed new students to take part in campus life.

“We were able to hang out and see each other as being a friend and not a student leader to the students,” said USG’s vice president of Campus Affairs, Harry Melo.

In addition to the Service Learning, other changes greeted this year’s freshmen class. Students were provided with a Freshman Seminar textbook which was used in conjunction with the program. The 12-week course also focused considerably on academic success strategies by dedicating two weeks to academic advising as opposed to one week.

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For one night, hundreds of students will come together and pull an all-nighter. This is not your usual all-nighter for an exam or a term paper, however.

On this night, students will take a one night stand against cancer!

This night culminates weeks of fundraising on behalf of the American Cancer Society. For one night, teams of students will walk around the gymnasium, enjoy musical entertainment and participate in athletic events. They will eat, dance, laugh, and perhaps, shed a tear, as they celebrate those who have conquered cancer; remember those who have lost their battle and fight back against this disease.

A night like this, comes with no regrets... unless, of course, you are not a part of it!

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The Killers’ talent left behind in dust

By Shelly Ng

November 10, 2007

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The Killers’ latest release, Sam’s Town, is another nod to the past — to their first album, Hot Fuss, and before that, to their eponymous debut, Sawdust. As the Killers have matured, so has their sound, and the result is a hodgepodge of genres that can be enjoyable if not entirely coherent. While the Killers’ debut album was cohesive and well-rounded, their latest release seems to lack any real focus or direction.

The first track, “15 Step,” is a nod to the past with its references to radiohead’s “Creep.” However, the rest of the album is much more eclectic, with songs ranging from rock to folk to electronic. While the album does have its moments, it is overall a disappointment compared to the Killers’ previous efforts.

The Killers have always been known for their catchy hooks and anthemic choruses, but on Sam’s Town, they seem to have forgotten how to fine-tune their sound. Many of the tracks feel rushed and unfinished, with little attention given to the songwriting. The result is a collection of songs that are enjoyable in parts but lacking in overall cohesion.

While the Killers have certainly evolved as a band, their latest release seems to lack the same energy and passion that characterized their early work. It is a shame to see such talented musicians squandering their potential on an album that fails to live up to their previous standards.
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Chump to champ in *Shape*

BY VICTOR CHU
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Is it possible for a glasses-wearing, nervous wreck to become a cool, attractive womanizer in a matter of weeks? According to Neil Labute’s *The Shape of Things*, it is.

*The Shape of Things*, directed by Brian Rhinehart, which played from Nov. 13-17 at the Bernie West Theater in Baruch College, is a story about art, seduction and the art of seduction. *The Shape of Things’* movie rendition in 2003 was rated “R” for some sexuality and starred Rachel Weisz. The Baruch version was well executed and a respectful tribute to Labute’s script.

The set favored minimalism: there was a mirror as the backdrop, two walls and simplistic props were set in the middle. It looked good, but it was a little funny to see the actors themselves move the boxes and props around during the scene changes. However, the scarcity of props let you focus on the characters.

The play revolves around Adam, played by handsome, wide-eyed Joel Ney (*Dr. Faustus: Occult Remix* directed by Ed Lingen and *Blade to the Heat* directed by Thom Garvey). Ney was believable and you could see a certain honest soul in him, reflecting Adam’s persona. Adam is a hopeless young student who works as a security guard at a museum. Always seen with a pair of grotesque eyeglasses and wearing a gelled comb over that suggests non-existent balding, Adam exudes a total lack of confidence. Yet underneath the horrible visage, he is actually an ugly duckling — a hidden prince. But it takes more than him to unravel the goods inside.

Evelyn, played by the sultry, pillow-lipped Alinca Hamilton, is the answer. Adam randomly meets her in the museum, and attempts to ward her off because she comes too close to exhibits. Ney explored his interaction with her in a nervous but entertaining way; it was engaging and truthful. In playful banter of words, the foxy Evelyn promptly seduces the innocent Adam.

Ney effectively conveyed Adam’s desperation with his gestures of apprehension when speaking with the controlling Evelyn, uttering weak words like “But …, “ “Maybe you should ….” His composition was easily dissected by Evelyn’s piercing wit and female suave. Being nothing more than helpless, Adam reluctantly agrees to have her phone number permanently spray painted on his blazer. Adam can’t help but fall in love with the vixen; his body language is full of submission, anxiety and self-doubt. How can he not believe that this sexy girl actually likes him?

Evelyn’s physical make over of Adam marks the initial stages of his transformation. He becomes more confident and does things with more conviction, no longer wearing the battered up blazer. Ney effortlessly delivered this style with quicker speech and bolder actions. Although proudly sleeping with Evelyn in a bed on stage, we could still see the honest and neglected soul that inherently resides in his character. Perhaps is Ney’s frowning eyes and despairing brow that showed the honesty.

Evelyn, sly, quick and manipulative, shows her final project in front of class. She reveals that transforming Adam into a big shot was actually a college art project. Adam was nothing more than a guinea pig and she admits that there was no love. No love at all. In the end, Adam, walking around limp and depressed, finally puts on the old blazer. We can easily see that the play wraps up in a satisfying way, even though not on a happy note.

Ney’s character shows the wilder range, from chump to champ and back. His performance was on spot, displaying distinct ways of carrying himself. It’s not easy to play technically two characters but Ney accomplished this task quite well. Perhaps next time, I would like to see Ney as an evil antagonist or a person suffering from mental retardation.

Overall, *The Shape of Things* was an enjoyable play, although it seemed longer than it should have been. There were a few scenes that dragged out, but they didn’t affect the whole play negatively that much. The casting was interestingly well done, and the directing was well thought-out. Considering what seems to be a low budget production, it was quite worth the effort. It turns out that the things in the play were in good shape.

**Evelyn (Alinca Hamilton) and Adam (Joel Ney) in a close embrace.**

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USG VOICE

Sean Perryman, VP of Legislative Affairs

This Semester, I have helped to increase Baruch’s visibility and relevance to legislators. I held a voter registration contest that included both clubs and learning communities. The opening ceremony featured speeches by State Senator Liz Kreuger and City Councilwoman Rosie Mendez. As a representative of Baruch College, I always bring up issues important to students. Some of the events I have attended are the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus and the Meet the Community event held here Baruch College. I have co-sponsored inter-faith initiatives like the 9/11 remembrance ceremony. I helped Baruch’s Director of Chaplaincy create a website for Baruch’s Catholic students. I represented the school at the University level by helping to include student needs into the CUNY Compact. Some of my plans for next semester are to invite more legislators to campus. I want to help with cultural celebrations like Black History Month. Also, spring semester I will make at least three trips up to Albany to lobby for student needs.

Trung Trung, VP of Academic Affairs

This Semester the Baruch Campus Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) put up an email address to address all student inquiries. BaruchAcademicAffairs@gmail.com. We compiled a list of eligible student representative candidates to be seated on committees. In promoting College Development and awareness, the AAC along with Sigma Alpha Delta put together the “Presidents and Deans Reception”; an event that allowed students the opportunity to voice out concerns affecting them as student to the major decision makers in the college Administration. Our first student only Academic Affairs Open House was launched in the fall semester. The impact on students for the event was successful. We plan to have more frequent open house events in the spring semester. The Academic Affairs Committee of the Undergraduate Student Government held an event titled, “Making the Transition from Student to Professional,” which addressed concerns of students. Our target audience was students within their Junior and Senior year, who are preparing for internship and entry-level positions. In the upcoming Semester the AAC aims to Develop Direct communication between AAC members and faculty (emailing college V.P.’s and deans directly) and seat students on to college committees once a request is expressed. Our Goal for the year is to seat a minimum of 20 college committees with student leaders and active students.

Harry Melo, VP of Campus Affairs

This year the Campus Affairs Committee was able to host numerous events. The first event titled “Baruch Social” was geared towards unity and friendship among the many Baruch students. The social was able to bring students of all ages in a room and make new friends through icebreakers and games. We also held two parties: Blackout and FreakFest (Halloween). To promote health and wellness, USG worked with the Baruch College Health Center to host a Health Fair on campus with various insurance representatives to promote the importance of health, wellness and insurance. In celebration of Thanksgiving, we hosted the Thanksgiving Luncheon where we were able to feed over 400 students. The success of these events couldn’t have been possible without the collaborations of clubs and organizations. We also co-sponsored Black Students Union’s first event titled “Spoken Word.” The club was already working on the event with fellow clubs but asked for our help and we were there to assist. Next semester, Campus Affairs is planning on hosting similar events and will continue on working with clubs and organizations. We would like to leave details of the events secret for the time being but if you enjoyed the events this semester look forward for even bigger ones next semester. It is possible that next semester we will host a Business Week and discuss Leadership. Looking forward, we hope that we will be able to host more Roundtable meetings to listen to issues and concerns from the students and inform you on what USG is working on.
Comfort food at a comfortable distance

n Stylish footwear for a rainy day

BY ROSSETTE PICARDO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

So, I don’t take the omni-present gray skies as a grave warning while I make my way to work. I overooked my cute, new Wellington rain boots and instead donned my ever-so-comfortable Nine West “Flingy” gray suede ballet slippers. Fate has a wonderful sense of timing. Just as I am stepping out of the subway and onto 23rd Street, the skies open up into a fresh storm right above me and I’m ill-advised slipper-wearing.

Admittedly, you, fair reader, may avoid this fashion slip by paying more attention to your trendy local weatherman. I, however, have all too often seen people wear slipperers on rainy days. As a thrifty shopper and all-around sensible observer of fashion trends, I would like to give you some practical, money-saving advice on what you should (and should not) wear on a rainy day.

First of all, avoid suede and leather on a wet day. Suede shoes and boots are renewsing: “no-suedes should be reserved for dry weather only. The texture is very sensitive to humidity. As soon as they get wet, the suede becomes tough. The color washes off or becomes darker. Take it from me, my slippers were a light heather gray to a crusty camel-ish grey in hours.

Another is another weather that should be avoided. It is much more resistant than suede. I recall in days of yore, when a tough beating, the leather becomes water-marked and may wrinkle. Yes, there are products to make your leather pumps waterproof, but keep in mind that the difference between a light drizzle and a category one hurricane is not large when it comes to vague or erroneous weather forecasts.

If you have a really nice pair of leather shoes, consider treating them with a protective water repellant to keep them looking as good as the day you bought them.

Comfort food at a comfortable distance

BY MARIANE ST. MAURICE COPYEDITOR

With finals hovering over every student’s mind, many are thinking of the hours they will be spending in the library, buried in books and class notes. It will be a stressful time and may cause some of us to seek comfort in things like food.

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They start things up with breakfast, which is served throughout the day. The plain pancakes, an alluring option, the 24-hour diner is likely to leave feeling full, with that filling in your student’s mind, many are thinking of the hours they will be spending in the library, buried in books and class notes. It will be a stressful time and may cause some of us to seek comfort in things like food.

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Feast on Parisian food and antiquities at Belcourt

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BY OLEA CAPFLI
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At the newly opened Belcourt restaurant, guests get the chance to experience old-world Paris through both food and sight.

This East Village restaurant dishes up Parisian cuisine with influences from the Mediterranean, complete with authentic French dishes from preserved rabbit legs, to lamb burger, to octopus with pickled carrots.

While the East Village is known for its edgy atmosphere and perva- sive bars, guests of Belcourt will immediately melt into the restaurant’s old-world Parisian atmosphere. The restaurant is meant to repli- cate a Parisian gastropub, which is historically known as a bar offering high-quality food.

The goal of Chef Matthew Ham- ilton’s menu is to take traditional European dishes and add interest- ing, unexpected twists to them, thus delivering guests a distinctive experience. Belcourt serves lunch, dinner and brunch.

Offering the intimate space is beautifully decorated with antiques imported from France. Majestic hotel gates greet visitors at the front door. The interior of the restaurant is brightly lit with large deco style windows that extend from ceiling to floor. The seafoam green and white seafoam green and white

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Pork Belly $18

The pork belly is juicy and has immense flavor. The sauce is light and adds a little richness to the pork. The tempura-coated fritters are served with a side of crunchy and delicious. Another great entree is the slow roasted pork belly and sausage ($18). The pork belly is done surprisingly well, which is a rare feat for restaurants. Not only is the portion size generous, but the skin is exceptionally

This season, get a flu shot

COLD WEATHER ...

By Marina Sotibeava
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Cold weather not only forces us to think of being dressed warmly for the season. It also forces us to think of health issues that are associated with the winter time.

One such con- cern is avoiding becoming affected with influenza, more commonly known as the flu. Of course, an easy way to prevent in- fection is by get- ting vaccinated. But who should really get vaccinated and where can they do it?

The flu is dangerous because it is airborne: one can be infected by being in close contact with somebody who is already in- fected. Because there is a four day incubation period, one can be out in public places without being aware that he or she may be infected.

Among other symptoms, suf- ferers may experience fever, cough and headaches. Unfortunately, un- like for other diseases, where one vaccine is enough for a lifetime, in order to be protected from flu, one must get vaccinated every season.

Flu vaccine also comes with side effects that include achy, low grade fever and swelling where the shot was given.

The flu and complications from it can be deadly and there are some age groups to whom flu virus may be especially harmful. These in- clude children under the age of five and adults over the age of 50. Seniors also constitute individ- uals of any age who suffer from

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Muslim Student Association and Bangladesh Student Association
2nd Floor Lobby (NVC)
9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Kabalah 101
Jewish Student Alliance
Room 3-240 (NVC)
12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Skinny is Out
Lambda Pi Upsilon, Sorority Latinas Poderosas Dintadis, Inc
Room 3-210 (NVC)
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Stress Relief Workshop
CSA, PhiEta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Delta
Cafeteria (NVC)
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A Discussion with Ahlam Hassan
Women in Islam
Room 3210 (NVC)
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Bake Sale
American Humanities
2nd Floor Lobby (NVC)
12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chinese Learning Program
United Chinese Language Association
Room 9-175 (NVC)
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Sigma Beta Rho Wishes You Good Luck on Your Finals
Sigma Beta Rho
2nd Floor Lobby (NVC)
12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bearcats vs Messiah
Women’s Basketball
Main Gym B2 Level (NVC)
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Composite Photo Shoot
Alpha Phi Delta
Room 2-125 (NVC)
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Epsilon’s Holiday Toy Drive “Toys for Tots”
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First Day of Finals
GOOD LUCK!
Teams compete for Johan Santana

BY WILLIAM BATTAGLIA
STAFF WRITER

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” Forget Christmas. For all you Major League Baseball fanatics out there, this is your time. We find out who’s leaving and who’s staying.

Now, Joe Torre has traded in the “Big Apple” for the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” for either the “Big Apple” or “Centerfield”.

The New York Mets, who recently beat Tom Glavine and return to his old stomping grounds in Atlanta, have a huge void to fill within the starting pitching. However, if given a contract that will cost Mets general manager Omar Minaya stated, “It just doesn’t make any sense for us.” Perhaps the Mets will sit back and watch the Red Sox and Yankees throw punch—es — I mean money — around to acquire Santana’s services and get the cheaper, and nearly as effective alternative in Oakland Athletics, starting pitcher Darvish Haren or Baltimore Orioles’ starting pitcher Erik Bedard.

So, you get the point. He’s good. Real good. Now comes the tricky part. He has one more year left in his contract, and he is expected to make $13.25 million next season and has a no-trade clause. However, if given a contract that would trump the ridiculous offer given to underachiever Barry Zito last season (7 years for $126 million), you better believe Santana is bailing out of the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” for either the “Big Apple” or “Brave town.”

The New York Yankees, on the other hand, are pressing the issue by offering several trade packages. Initially, they offered one of their young starting pitchers Ian Kennedy along with centerfielder Melky Cabrera and another top minor league prospect. However, with the Red Sox entering the Johan Santana Sweepstakes, the Yankees have had to ante up by grudgingly throwing in Phillip Hughes, a pitcher deemed “out the table” the past two seasons by Yankees GM Brian Cashman.

Perhaps this is a game of poker that the Yankees and Red Sox are playing as they do every off-season. A few years ago it was A-Rod. Last year it was Dice-K. Now it’s Johan.

With the Red Sox winning two of their last three, with the Yankees losing two of their last three, what better time than now to have the first edition of The Ticker Sports Fantasy Fix.

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After a time-out, Baruch came back strong, with senior Phil Schatz, junior Mike Dietz and freshman Tammir Farid, helping to close the gap, eventually getting the team back in the lead. In the final minutes of the game, the lead kept going back and forth between the teams like a bouncing ball. Stockton began stalling when they were ahead 67-65 and, despite a falsely rung buzzer, managed to hold on until the end.

Looking back on the game, Baruch easily pin-pointed its mistakes. Head Coach Ray Rankins admitted that though the team scored very well, "We were careless with the ball." The players saw the second half as lacking energy. "It took so much energy to get back [from that fac] and eventually you run out of gas. We just ran out of gas a couple of points short," said Schatz, who has been a consistent force this season. Kunkel added that the team played well in "spurts" but lacked consistency.

By their first conference game, the Bearcats were prepared, ready and excited. They brought to John Jay’s court an energy that rivaled that of the wild crowd, and started off strong, with senior Laurence Smith scoring the first two baskets of the game. Although the Stockton game had started similarly, this one would unravel differently. Baruch got a hold of the lead and never let go. With the Bearcats easily pulling ahead, the game grew infuriating for the Bloodhounds, who raked in fouls, by half time, Baruch was leading 52-29. "The first half, we played unbelievably," said Dietz.

The thinning crowd present for the second half witnessed the Bloodhounds’ comeback, during which they brought the gap down to nine points. "We got casual late in the second half," says Rankis. But Baruch regained its focus just in time to bring the game to a close with a score of 84-74.

Though most players agree that the team got too comfortable in the second half, the bigger problem they face is the high rate of turnovers the team suffers from. Some blame it on this year’s young team, but Hillaire finds no excuse for the team.

"We’ve had enough games, we’re not a fresh team anymore. We’re young but not fresh, and there is no excuse for turnovers. This isn’t high school anymore."

With a tough schedule lying ahead, the Bearcats will need all the focus and energy they can muster. Everyone is positive though, that the team will improve in due time. "We’re right on the bridge of breaking out into being a really good team, we just need to shave a few more things,” said Kunkel.

"The Bearcats manage to redeem themselves after a tough start this season."

**BEARCATS CLAW THEIR WAY PAST BLOODHOUNDS**

*BY ROSELYN GENAO  STAFF WRITER*

Considering it was their first conference game of the season, the women’s basketball team did not do too poorly. In fact, they pummeled John Jay College and neatly tucked them away on their own court with a 90-40 victory last Tuesday.

The Bearcats sealed a 25-10 lead at the beginning and kept it throughout the game, leaving the Bloodhounds panting in the dust. "We executed the way we were supposed to execute," said sophomore Katelya Davis, who was among the leading scorers that night with a total of 12 points. For the first time ever, everyone on the team played, bringing different talents to the table.

This year’s Bearcats have a good number of returning players, coupled with rookies that have already made impressive debuts. John Jay suffered as a result, with only one returning player and an overwhelmingly young lineup.

In her rookie season, Monique Salmon led the visiting Bearcats with 18 points, seven steals, six rebounds and four assists. According to Salmon, the Bloodhounds were not playing at Baruch’s level and they weren’t ready for the competition.

The senior tag-team, comprised of Naesha Tyler-Moore and Chrisee Paradise, each had a solid evening as well, followed by senior Karlie Whipple and rookie Awa Hillaire, who scored nine points each.

"We’re a tough team and we work together. If one makes a mistake, everyone else will make it for us," said Salmon.

Reflecting back on Tuesday’s match, Idelissa Lluveres said, "I thought we played really well. After the loss with Lehman [last year], we are trying to go out and play the best we can no matter who we face." Lluveres echoes Salmon’s statement and believes that John Jay is not a team that can compete at Baruch’s level.

The focus, in turn, is on Lehman, the defending champions, and possibly the Dolphins of the College of Staten Island.

"Now it’s our job to show the entire conference that last year’s win was a minor technicality," added Davis. Behind this bold statement is an even greater degree of humility. The Bearcats learned a hard lesson last season when their defending championship title was snatched from them by Lehman.

With two victories down in the conference, the Bearcats are confident in their capabilities, and are anxious to take on the more aggressive teams in the CUNY Athletic Conference.

They are scheduled to face off against the Bloodhounds once more later in the season as both vie for a chance at this year’s title. Until they meet again, John Jay will have to fill up their tank with enough gas to keep up with these cruising Cats.