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Minority law school enrollment declines

BY SOPHIA AHMAD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new website created by the Society of American Law Schools in conjunction with Lawyering in the Digital Age Clinic at the Columbia University School of Law documents an alarming decline in the number of African-American and Mexican-American students enrolling in the nation's law schools.

According to Columbia's website, www.lawyeringindigitalage.columbia.edu/civilrights, African-Americans and Mexican-Americans are being underrepresented in the country's law schools.

The site showcases comprehensive graphs and charts and a summary of the best legal practices with regard to the "equity protection clause" of the 14th amendment to support this assertion.

The site is intended to raise awareness to the performance of minority students, namely those of Mexican-American and African-American backgrounds, on the LSATs and in undergraduates.

For over 15 years, American applications for Mexican and African descent have demonstrated steady increases in their LSAT scores, as well as average undergraduate grade point averages, referred to as UGPAs.

The average LSAT score for African-Americans was 143.8 and 150 for Mexican-Americans, out of a possible 180.

Although the LSATs and UGPAs of law school applicants are not the only factors that constitute admissions decisions, they hold a considerable amount of weight, regardless of the university that the candidate applies to.

The site affirms the fact that measures should be taken to ensure that members of both ethnic groups are given a chance to enroll and pursue careers in law and beyond.

The proliferation of law schools around the country has not aided African-American and Mexican-American enrollment in America's law schools.

Between 1992 and 2006, new and existing law schools have expanded.

The site's creators believe that the increase in law schools has not increased the number of applicants from either minority group.

Instead, the enrollment of each group in law school since 1992 has steadily decreased about 9 percent.

These statistics leave many with questions as to why admission to law school for members of the two groups is not made easy. The universal issue is of equality, and not diversity, under the law. For those concerned, the site recommends steps.

This is an important call to action. The website alludes to the most relevant case which is that of Gratz v. Bollinger in 2003, in which a white applicant claimed he was de-admitted to the University of Michigan due to the policy.

The Supreme Court ruled that race plays an important role in promoting higher education diversity, which therefore helps society at large.

Unlimited riders face fair hike

BY MEHRAN HARTRAMPH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Amid widespread opposition from elected officials and commuters, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority is poised to hike fare prices.

A move approved by 12 of 14 board members of the MTA is scheduled to take effect March 2. Although the base fare for buses and subways will remain the same at $1.50, it will cost 50 cents more to purchase a weekly MetroCard, while those with monthly passes will face the rate hike.

Monthly MetroCard holders will have to pay an extra $5 per month while weekly MetroCards will be a dollar more to purchase. Railroad commuters are looking at an average rate hike of anywhere between 3.7% and 4.25 percent. Moronics entering the city should expect to pay about 3.8 percent more.

Furthermore, the increase of more than 100 elected officials to explore alternatives rather than raise prices had seemingly little or no impact in the MTA’s decision-making process. Citing an impending $1 billion deficit, the MTA maintains that such a move is a necessary one — albeit unpopular.

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g is t a t i o n h o w v a s it to help them want to help states Gene Rus- sianoff, chief at- torney for the Straphangers Campaign.

From a stu- dent perspec- tive, coupled with ever-rising costs of living, the re- ality of paying an additional $60 a year to get to class is a sobering one. However, it’s simply another expenditure that need be accounted for among many others for Baruch students.

Baruch professors and fac- ulty members who prepay their transportation via a commuter benefit programs can pre- sumably be expected to pay slightly more as well. Individuals enrolled in a commuter benefits program can enjoy the benefit of paying for transportation before taxes are taken out of their paychecks.

Throw in the fact that train delays, service disruptions and dirty train stations are still a prevalent occurrence and one quickly wonders where it is this $1 billion deficit truly hails from.

General sentiment, courtesy of the recently introduced Rider Report Card survey, reveals the more-often-than-not disren- franchisement of commuters.

The average grade for subway lines was a “C.” The low- est grade — a “D+” — belonged to the W, while riders of the No. 6, train not- ed short wait times and relatively clean platforms as to when they line was de- serv- ing of a class-lead- ing overall grade of “A.”

Illustrated by Edward Wu/The Ticker

America’s youth politically engaged

BY JANA KASPHERKIEWICZ SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Washington, DC — With New York presidential primaries just around the corner, the city is abuzz. Political folk from the ever- present campaign have been flocking to the area, making the MTA a major campaign ground, and thousands, or riders willing to purchase a weekly MetroCard, would be a dollar more to purchase. Railroad commuters are looking at an average rate hike of anywhere between 3.7% and 4.25 percent. Moronics entering the city should expect to pay about 3.8 percent more.

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To the students, faculty, administration and foundation trustees of Baruch College,

I and my family wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the students, faculty, administration and members of the Baruch College Fund for the outpouring of love and sympathy extended to us at this sad time. My wife and I had always appreciated the opportunity to serve the college and we have been amply rewarded by the appreciation and recognition we received from everyone at Baruch. It has been gratifying and inspiring to repay my debt to my alma mater. The Newman family has enjoyed a relationship with the college that goes back some sixty years, and I look forward to its continuing well into the future.

Thanks to you all from the bottom of our hearts,

Bill Newman and family.
Adjuncts demand compensation

"For the cost of a Christmas tree, Baruch could do the right thing and pay its adjuncts what they are due!" One supporter even donned a Grinch costume as if to showcase the "stealing of wages."

The professor noted that about 15 supporters showed up including graduate students and doctoral student adjuncts. However, as far as faculty, he was the only one present. He credits the lack of faculty involvement to a number of reasons, but highlights apathy. "A lot of adjuncts work full time in other industries and teach at night, not having much time to work on information systems" during the day, he said.

Baruch adjuncts and Professional Staff Congress (PSC), the CUNY union, made an attempt to contact President Kathleen Walstrom in November and implore her to change the policy. However, another unsuccessful attempt was made in December, he said.

The professor indicated, "Adjuncts are the migrant workers of higher education" because they are hired and fired on the "whim of the university." The decline of the higher education "systems" during the day, he said.

In the interest of educating students on this issue, the professor stated that about 50 percent of courses are taught by adjuncts.

According to her, "It was interesting but really was a lot to work from scratch, a lot of the work, including the website was my work." The website, InternPower.com, links students, supervisors, school advisors and companies together in one forum, promoting an unprecedented exchange of ideas and information between the groups.

For students, the forum provides a space to share internship experiences and advice between veteran interns and students searching for their first internship. InternPower is poised to ease this process greatly for students and companies alike.

Internships can be gateways to countless opportunities for students, and are stepping stones for beginning and furthering careers. By making it easier and less overwhelming for students to procure an internship, InternPower is also making it easier for students to excel in their internships. Cahn has another goal in mind as well to help students market themselves and apply the knowledge they gain from internships to the real world.

InternPower has also recently hit the social networking site Facebook, in the form of a group. The new group on Facebook, which was also So's idea, is aimed at aiding students in finding, procuring, and excelling in their chosen internships.

As the program and website grow over the coming months and years, they will certainly be priceless tools for interns and firms.

Joint effort creates InternPower.com

Oriana So, freshman at Baruch College, is not your average student. A member of the prestigious Macaulay Honors College, an intern at prominent resource center for business strategy, Presentation Excellence, an active member of the student networking group Al-SEC and a distinguished gymnast, the marketing major has more going for her than just intellect.

While what So already has on her plate is enough to make many students want to pull their hair out, she has taken her involvement at Baruch even further.

So recently helped establish a program called InternPower at Baruch in conjunction with Baruch professor Jerry Cahn, of the Management Department and CEO of Presentation Excellence. When interviewed for the internship, Cahn asked So if she wanted to head a project he had in mind. Cahn had hosted hundreds of interns before and his idea was to have them network with one another and with supervisors and companies in order to improve the experiences of everyone involved.

So and Cahn set to work on establishing the program at Baruch. According to her, "It was interesting but really was a lot to work from scratch, a lot of the work, including the website was my work." The website, InternPower.com, links students, supervisors, school advisors and companies together in one forum, promoting an unprecedented exchange of ideas and information between the groups.
Youths are ready to vote

with many students wherever he goes, Sen. Edwards is reaching out to young people online, through social networking sites. He is not the only candidate taking advantage of Internet resources such as Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Many of the candidates have profiles on all of these sites and often come up with creative ways to utilize them to their advantage.

It is not just the existing internet services that are being utilized during this primary season. New services are being created as well, like the Harvard’s Institute of Politics “No Vote, No Voice” web-based program. “No Vote, No Vote,” NoVoteNoVoice.com, is designed to make the election process easier for students by enabling them to register to vote and get news and information about the candidate and campaigns.

Making election process easier for youth can drastically change the youth turnout. States and legislatures that have allowed Election Day registration have increased their voter turnout by as much as 14 percent. CIRCLE, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, reported that “other laws that seem to increase youth voting are: early voting at convenient locations and voter registration at state motor vehicles agencies. In states that mailed sample ballots and information about polling places and extended polling place hours, youth turnout increased by about 10 percentage points”.

Overall this year, the youth voter turnout has deviated from the past elections. According to the CIRCLE, the youth turnout rate in Iowa rose to 13 percent in 2008 from 4 percent in 2004 and 3 percent in 2000 and in New Hampshire the youth vote increased from 28 percent in 2000 to 43 percent this year.

“Younger Americans are doing their part, registering to vote, paying more attention to issues and politics, and now turning out in Nevada and South Carolina,” said CIRCLE Director Peter Levine. “Now it is up to political leaders to reach out to younger Americans and run campaigns that address their issues and concerns.”

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Baruch has implemented a new webmail system which boasts 5 GB of space, a lifetime account, mobile access, and virus protection, among other features. Log in to find out more.

An MBA and MS information session will be held Feb. 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Newman Conference Center, seventh floor.

Hear representatives from Zicklin Graduate Program, Graduate Career Management Center, and Graduate Admissions as well as speak with faculty from each department. Light refreshments will be served prior to the event.

The USG elections fee and constitution referendum and petition review deadline is Feb. 14.
Stop the sky from falling

Separation of 5th and fact

On Dec. 10, 2007, an opinion piece written by Christopher Espejo was published, calling the “Separation of menorah and tree” the author argued that since Baruch allowed a menorah in its lobby, a Christmas tree should also have been placed.

Espejo starts with the premise that Christmas trees no longer have a religious connotation. Well, from the perspective of some, they still do. After all, Christmas trees are named the way they are to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

However, to strengthen his argument, Espejo brings up Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday, and asks why the president of Baruch College was present at a Hanukkah ceremony in the lobby. He adds, speaking of this event, “I’m not really sure how to explain the menorah to the students to stay indoors … but residents here are wrong to wrongly interpret what happens on campus. At the same time, it is important in order to respect diversity to not misunderstand and misinterpret anything that happens on campus.”

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Remembering Hasan Zaman

Hasan was an extraordinary person...
ED ‘08: the candidate for students

BY JANA KASPERKEVIC
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Among the many red, white and blue candidates who have planned all over Manchester, NH, a few black and gold ones stand out, those that say “ED in ‘08.” Interestingly, ED is not a new candidate or an old one. Rather, it is an issue that hits close to home for every student — education.

The major priority for ED in ‘08 is a stand on the issues relating to it. “I think education is something very close to everyone, not just parents and students because it is the root of all other issues,” Cara Girolimino, a freshman at the University of New Hampshire and volunteer for the ED in ‘08 campaign in Manchester, explained that the campaign does not back any specific candidate, but rather encourages them to start talking about education and take a stand on the issues relating to it. “The major priority for ED in ‘08 is to make sure that voters cast their vote with education in mind.” She added.

“Tough to distinguish who is really supporting ED candidates’ campaigns during this election, it is tough to distinguish who is really making the difference — the candidates or the delegates,” Mortensen said, it really is just the attention that these delegates bring to their respective candidates that might make all the difference.

ED ‘08 is the successor to the 2006 STAND UP Against Poverty campaign.

Strange but true
compiled by lisa eustachie-wich

Walied needs a new wallet

While working in his family’s deli in Harlem on New Year’s Eve, Walied Abasdi discovered that he won big — after selling himself a lottery scratch-off ticket. The 22-year-old will take home $10,000 a week (about $6,500 after taxes) from the $20 Win for Life Spectacular.

A new green for your diet

A Brooklyn family found a tiny frog “comfortably nestled in the leaves of organic lettuces” purchased from a local food store. Yemenite Brei- chbinder, 39, described the hopping critter as being no bigger than the tip of her pinky and named him “Curious.” The family and their 7-year-old daughter brought the frog to Sean Casey Animal Rescue to be put up for adoption.

Make that a double order

Turns out oysters aren’t only good for your love life — they may hold your next family heirloom! Mike McHenry of New Jersey got the shock of his life when he cracked into what he thought was an oyster shell while dining out at Russo’s Ristorante in Washington Borough. Instead, he revealed he was a pea-sized pearl. Though the pearl may not be worth much because it’s misshapen and discolored, McHenry plans on keeping it on his bar as a souvenir.
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!

www.baruch.cuny.edu/stulife
Watch for More Details in 2008!
Financials face stormy ’08 outlook

BY ALI A. KHALIQ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is all over the news these days the dollar is “falling.” Those Concerned Capital economists, who mistakenly get are now equal to their and their counterparties in dollars. The British pound now equals two dollars. This is a troubling signal for credit-card related companies such as Capital One and American Express. I would like to be careful on value-traps although many stocks are trading relatively multiples and above-average yields. Can’t help but wonder if the dividend cut may be the leading cause of what is happening in the sector such as Select Sector S&PDR Financial ETF (XLF). Outlook: Negative

A Tough Year for the Dollar

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The dollar declines; not all bad

BY ARI JARIA BUSINESS EDITOR

Despite the slump in the housing market, widening credit spreads, and high food and energy prices, the U.S. stock market (Dow, Nasdaq and S&P 500) managed to post gains in 2007. With an eye on a slowdown in the U.S. economy and the housing market, which has been souring, the British pound now equals two dollars. This is a troubling signal for credit-card related companies such as Capital One and American Express. I would like to be careful on value-traps although many stocks are trading relatively multiples and above-average yields. Can’t help but wonder if the dividend cut may be the leading cause of what is happening in the sector such as Select Sector S&PDR Financial ETF (XLF). Outlook: Negative

Health Care

The health care sector is generally viewed as a safe haven for investors during economic downturns because it is considered a necessity and can reduce discretionary spending, health care is typically a necessary expense. A stock worth watching is large-cap health care Humana Inc. (HUM), which has risen 12 percent YTD. Bank of America Securities analyst Joseph France recently raised his price target on Humana to $85 and increased his 2008 per-share estimates to $5.50 from $5.40 per share. France said the company is historically conservative with its Medicare guidance, noting it has beat its initial annual estimates by an average of 35,000 members since 2000. The government pays insurance companies for taking on the risk of covering the health needs of elderly patients. Outlook: Positive

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Mixed market forecast

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The top performing industry YTD has been gold stocks, as reflected by the Dow Jones U.S. Gold Mining Index that gained 6.62 percent. While the long-term outlook for industrial metals such as aluminum and industrial zinc and copper is still favorable due to a global infrastructure boom, the global consumer demand of gold can weaken consumption.

In contrast, the demand for gold has been trending upward driven by favorable supply-demand fundamentals and high interest in the bullion’s ability to hedge against inflationary impacts on the economy and sliding U.S. dollar. John H. Hill of Citibank Investment Research has kept his gold price target of $1,000 mark this year.

The basic ways to invest in gold is through ETFs, streetTRACKS Gold Shares (GLD) and gold equities. My top pick is Barrick Gold (ABX), which is the largest producer in the world with an expected 2008 production of 8.3 million ounces. Citi has a 12 month target price of $62 for the stock.

OUTLOOK: Positive

Agriculture

There are two main drivers in supporting high grain prices: rising income and increasing demand for animal protein from emerging markets. Furthermore, global demand for cleaner biofuel is also on the rise. As a result, agriculture-related stocks, such as the world’s largest fertilizer maker Potash Corp., seed maker Monsanto and agricultural equipment maker Deere, rallied nicely in 2007.

Although their growth story and fundamentals remain intact since the bulk of their growth comes from outside the U.S., these stocks have plunged along with the broader market. I view this as a buying opportunity at a reasonable valuation for long-term investors. There are two ETFs that investors can conveniently choose to ride the long-term agriculture boom. The first one is Market Vectors Global Agribusiness ETF (MOO), which attempts to replicate the performance of the DAXGlobal Agribusiness Index, which is comprised of companies worldwide engaged in the agriculture industry. Another way is through agricultural commodities ETF Powershares DB Agriculture Fund (DRA), which tracks the��度全国农产品期货价格 Index. It holds only corn, soybeans, wheat and sugar futures, split nearly equally in the four.

OUTLOOK: Positive

Kiva.org is a not-for-profit organization that provides micro loans to the poor in developing countries. Since its launch in November 2005, Kiva.org has reached over 20,000 people in developing countries through more than $18.7 million loaned by users during the past two years. The personal connection to the borrower is what makes Kiva.org such a rewarding means of giving.

In essence, Kiva.org shows that lending can be just as altruistic as well. Kiva.org also gives certificates — a great big day idea that can help a Ugandan businessman buy three hybrid cows for his farm or a Urugaian woman open a laundry business.

BUSINESS SITE OF THE WEEK: KIVA.ORG

What is Kiva.org?

Kiva.org is a non-profit, online entrepreneur development organization empowering individuals to self help themselves out of poverty.

BY EMMANUEL OYENTIFL

Kiva gives individuals the opportunity to act as a personal banker to the poor in developing countries. High Kiva.org users can lend as little as $25 to business owners, whose picture and business profile are featured on the website. During the tenure of the loan, usually six to 12 months, users are sent updates from the businesses they’ve sponsored. And, as the borrower repays the loan, users get their money back.

They could solve their problem by doing it themselves. If they only had a clue.

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Any advice for students?

You have everything you need to create a successful life and career right in front of you. Nothing can stop you but yourself.

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Fidelia discusses her initiatives

So we always start with the question, “What does our client need?” This client-centered mentality has provided strong direction for us. And since I am naturally customer-oriented, people appreciate the relationship that I share with our clients. I believe our philosophy has proven both beneficial and highly effective.

Having a great culture attracts great people, and I am currently fortunate to belong to a culture I admire. I noticed that nearly everyone attending was a friend throughout my career.

Not only have I been able to work with people who are smart, talented, hardworking, and who believe in doing it right, but I have been fortunate enough to shape a long-term career by working in various divisions across the Firm including various charitable projects. Everything I love, I can do right here at Lehman.

What inspired you to become a leader?

As a leader in 1994, we wanted to maintain Lehman Brothers Partnership Solutions Group. Our vision was to create an environment where a diverse team of professionals could work together to provide the highest-quality investment banking services.

Lehman Brothers has grown significantly since we went public in 1994. We wanted to maintain a culture that was open to all employees. We have provided leadership opportunities to employees for creativity, and we have offered many different roles in this environment.

Now we have a diverse team of professionals who have been with us since 1994, and we have been able to provide leadership opportunities to employees for creativity, and we have offered many different roles in this environment.

Which skills do you continue to develop in your career?

My genuine passion for people has allowed me to build relationships with others and mentorship in my colleagues. We received a career path. The support created by such accomplishments as a child in Haiti.

I came to a point in my career when I wanted to find a way to incorporate diversity and inclusion into a commercial platform. To do so, we started a relationship management group focused on building business opportunities for women and minority-owned firms. With senior management support, we created something sustainable: PSEG has been able to create partnerships between many of our clients and various business areas at Lehman Brothers, Our vision is to extend our success in the U.S. to regions globally.

I helped create and brand Women’s Initiatives Leading Lehman (WILL) and Lehman Employees of African Descent (LEAD). Can you describe the impact that these employee networks have had on your career?

Lehman Brothers has grown significantly since we went public in 1994. We wanted to maintain a culture where everyone could participate in our mission. The first one is Market Vectors Global Agribusiness ETF (MOO), which attempts to replicate the performance of the DAXGlobal Agribusiness Index, which is comprised of companies worldwide engaged in the agriculture industry. Another way is through agricultural commodities ETF Powershares DB Agriculture Fund (DRA), which tracks the印度全国农产品期货价格 Index. It holds only corn, soybeans, wheat and sugar futures, split nearly equally in the four.

OUTLOOK: Positive

Details of S&P 500 operating earnings by sector can be downloaded at standardandpoors.com, Art Jahja is a research analyst for Baruch College Portfolio Management Club and can be contacted at Art_Jahja@yahoo.com.

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Plastic dreams of an era

n Keith Edmier retrospective at Bard’s CCS Hessel Museum

BY JACQUELINE CHANCER ARTS EDITOR

For most, childhood is just a phase that one looks back upon with wistfulness. It leaves the fountains of maturation. For others, childhood is a living, breathing reality that will forever consume them. American artist Keith Edmier is a resolute preacher, the Billy Graham if you will, for that latter class of individuals. Though nearly 40 years old, Edmier has made a living carving out of plastic the very remnants of his kinder years.

From Evel Knievel to Farrah Fawcett, Keith Edmier has elevated his boyhood idols to the realm of high art. Much like his gargantuan “Sunflower” (1998) and “7 Douze Roses” (1998), whose life expectancy is a season, Edmier has also opted for colorful polyurethane and dental acrylic, from the days he worked in a dental office, in his life-sized human sculptures. The artist refuses to let them die, whether it be vegetation or memories.

Often classified as a “sentimental realist,” Edmier is keen on recreating childhood emotions and memories. His piece, “Jill Peters” (1997), is a tribute to his adolescent sweetheart. Her juvenile physique and virginal whiteness evoke a warm remembrance of our inno- cent first crush. Similarly, “Beverly Edmier, 1967” (1998) is a life-sized replica of Edmier’s mother during the year of the artist’s birth. Within the translucent tuxedo façade, one can see little Keith inside Edmier’s bur- geoning abdomen. She also wears the Chanel suit Jacki Kennedy wore the day the president was assas- sinated, capturing a true 1960s feel.

Growing up in the mid-west, Edmier began his artistic career in Bremen Town Estates, a suburban community of Chicago, which he would later replicate in his instal- lation, also on view, entitled “Bre- men Towne” (2006-7). He was al- ready an avid sculptor by the time he moved to Los Angeles, where he worked on films while enrolled at the California Institute of the Arts. He would later leave school perma- nently to assist Matthew Barney in New York.

Edmier’s “Bremen Towne” is a frightening look at architecture and design in the late 1960s and 700s. A cacophony of green and sunshine yellow are reminiscent of the older “New York” city subway cars. Vinyl shag rugs and a plethora of zebra prints, one feels as though they are watch- ing an Austin Powers flick. The instal- lation is so much more than a place Jill Peters or Beverly Edmier might live in; it is a physical repre- sentation of the artist’s hippocam- pus (the area of the brain dedicated to processing memories), in which he will forever remain.

Perhaps the most disturbing element of the exhibition is the artist’s undying obsession with Far- rah Fawcett, the untarnishable wet dream of the artist’s youth. From photographs to sculptures, the ex- hibition is very much a homage to the blonde bombshell. After dis- covering her feather-haired indul- nation was an artist in her youth, Ed- mier approached Fawcett and the two have collaborated ever since. Together, they have carved life-like nudes of each other in a style evok- ing the great Rodin, in whose huge portions of the raw rock remain, surrounding the figures.

The retrospective is more like a walk down memory lane rather than an art exhibition. Though our own personal history may not be on display, the sculptures are more of a starting point for us to reminisce. When looking at “Jill Peters,” I see the crush of my grade-school years, similarly, when looking through “Beverly Edmier, 1967,” I see my own mother. Keith Edmier’s sculpt- ures may appear foreign and evoke a completely individualized emo- tion for the artist alone, but his art strikes a chord with all who view it.

Under the Radar is still worth finding

BY FRANK MARZULLO STAFF WRITER

The Under the Radar Festival may be getting a bit unwieldy. What began as a Brooklyn talent showcase in 2005 has hit Manhattan, doubled its size and invites over a dozen foreign troupes. At least the ticket price is still refreshingly low, the cost of a movie and popcorn.

The greatest movie characters, especially the villains, contain traits that we can sympathize with, if not relate to. From Stanley Kowalski to Darth Vader, there is always some- thing soft underneath the layers of grit and steel. We don’t get that in No Country, we are left only with the knowledge of what happened but not what it all meant. But may- be there’s something wrong with the critics can’t be wrong, can they?

No room for Old Men

BY STEPHEN CHAN STAFF WRITER

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The duration of the film covers the chase, peppered with raw (and creative) violence, with attempts at philosophizing about the nature of good and evil in the world. Much of the praise for the film centers around its lack of soundtrack and dialogue, and Bardem as one of the best screen villains in recent memory.

But me, the frequent silence called too much attention to itself, replaced by little more than run- ning, hiding and stone cold stares by the entire cast. The main char- acters are tough men living tough lives, which is fine except that we should be allowed to see beyond the thick skin and clenched fists, into what makes them so tough. Instead, we get two inept entertainers, one programmed to kill, the other to avoid being killed.

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George Carlin, center, with Danny Lobell, far left, and members of Comical Radio.

**Comedian George Carlin laughs with Lobell Show**

**BY ANDREW SCHULZ**
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

On Dec. 6 comedic legend George Carlin graced the campus of Baruch College to appear on Comical Radio’s The Danny Lobell Show.

The Danny Lobell Show is broadcasted by WRBB 87.9 FM on the third floor of the Vertical Campus. The interview, which is available at ComicalRadio.com, was memorable as Carlin dished out his strong opinions on the war, religion, being an artist and even the possibility of him becoming president.

The Comical Radio crew, who are usually known for their dry remarks, listened intently as Carlin offered them veteran comedy advice. “If the jokes work Friday, work Saturday, but don’t work Sunday, it’s the audiences’ fault” Carlin remarked on how crowds can affect a performer.

Carlin later expressed how proud he was to be an artist who writes his own material. He said in his career he noticed a transition from performer to writer. He said, “I am a writer who performs my own material.”

Carlin also cleared the record on his feelings about hatred: while he appears to hate everything, it is not the case. “I don’t hate anything. You have to actively live it out and that is a waste of time,” said Carlin.

On politics, Carlin said he would never run for president. “I could never be president because there is a waste of time,” said Carlin. “You have to actively live it out and that is a waste of time. I am a follower of Aries Spears, Pablo Francisco, Richard Lewis, Demetri Martin, Janeane Garofalo and Jackie Mason.

The Interview, which is available at ComicalRadio.com and in the near future include Chris Rock, Famke Janssen, Paul Thomas Anderson, who brought the world to tears with his winner of The Ballad of Jack and Rose. For his cold, heartless stare. The performance as a false prophet, a manipulative preacher who leads his flock through the Third Great Awakening. There Will Be Blood is as striking as its title sets out to be. It is a truly unforgettable performance that will have you thinking about the most mundane aspects of your ever so comfortable life. How much blood was spilled so that you could heat your house without wooden logs?

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Clean up the crap

BY JENNIFER SINGH

Uninstalling useless programs requires two precautions: identifying which are safe to remove and cleaning up the Windows registry. While the “Add or Remove Programs” tool in Windows usually hides the taskbar icons, many new programs come pre-installed with many useless applications, commonly referred to as “craplications.” Some examples are Internet toolbars, trial software and bloatware software like RealOne.

If you’re one of the few who finds yourself walking out of the house each morning struggling to find your way out of the house without tripping over your bags, or who are sick of carrying a wireless e-book reading device that seeks to lighten the bags of reading aficionados everywhere.

BY WAYNE CHENG

There’s no telling what city or country you’ll be in if you find yourself walking out of the house each morning struggling to find your way out of the house without tripping over your bags. Many people object to carrying a wireless e-book reading device that seeks to lighten the bags of reading aficionados everywhere. What about the Kindle, which allows the user to change the text size for their comfort. The Kindle includes a built in dictionary, the ability to make notes, highlights, light annotations and anywhere.

Mend a broken heart

BY YANNIA BENZAOUI

A major breakthrough in stem cell technology was achieved only a few months ago when two research groups, one in Tokyo, Japan, and the other in Wisconsin, simultaneously discovered that pluripotent embryonic stem cells developed in Japan simulate those developed in the U.S.

Scientists can now create stem cells without causing a moral uprising.

Amazon.com seeks to Kindle e-book

BY WAYNE CHENG

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Achilles’ heel lies in the fact that even though stem cells are able to regenerate and continue their experimentations with cell lines, they are derived from human embryos. This is a new form of stem cell therapy which allows them to differentiate into different cell types, but also obliterates moral objections.

Scientists Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University and James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, practically reversed the aging process of the body. Instead of producing skin cells from embryonic stem cells, they reprogrammed skin cells into the latter. This not only accomplishes pluripotency, which allows the cells to differentiate into different cell types, but also obliterates moral objections.

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As foreign entities, they also pose the possibility of being rejected by the body and thus can force the patient to take immunosuppressive drugs.

In a short phone-like fashion, the Kindle also possesses a built in dictionary, the ability to make notes, highlight, light annotations and anywhere.

Taking into consideration the drawbacks of the Amazon Kindle, the potential of the device is still too large to ignore.

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Leisure

Bookbags for every major

BY COSETTE PICHARDO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Big, heavy bags abound all over the Baruch campus. They run over your feet, they take up elevator space, they are heavy, annoying, unattractive and in the long run they cause severe back disorders. Not to mention your family members start calling you “the bag lady.” Take it from me, bag lady extraordinaire. Like you, I thought a rolling backpack would be a great solution to running around the city.

On the first day of class, however, as I am making my way out of the classroom my professor stops and asks me, “Are you heading to the airport?” “No, professor,” I replied. “This is my book bag.”

This is just a small example of the many trials and errors I have experienced throughout my educational career. After a long semester of carrying, pulling and “accidentally” kicking my book bag, it was time to analyze causes of Baruch campus, I decided that this semester I would give myself the gift of light.

Now you too can free yourself from the restrictions of regular book bags. Feel the fun of carrying a light back pack with all of your essentials for less. After going through numerous websites or “webmalls” as I will call them — I would like to share with you six of my favorite bodacious handbags that are both good for your pockets and for your body. I should like to note that these are my favorites because they are functional enough for the everyday girl and accessible enough so that it doesn’t kill your pockets. I am thinking of the working college girl, not Barba- ra Milicent Roberts a.k.a. Barbie. I am also aiming at things that will last for more than three months of rigorous use — sorry, Chinatown.

For my first choice I would like to recommend Isaac Mizrahil’s Swagger Tote Bag. This is a wonderful option for us renaissance woman. It’s large, it fits your notebooks, textbook and even laptop. It has an inside pocket — excellent for pen organization, and the small pockets in front serve as great key space. Oh, and this is going for $39.99. Check it out on Target.com.

Option number two — Vehicle Large Day Bag with Chain. This is very cute and very comfortable. The straps are thick enough so as not to dig in to your shoulders and the design is classic. The only downside to this bag is that you might not be able to fit your textbooks. If you have time, make photocopies of the pages you need to study, copy from or read for class. These will make a snug fit in your cute little satchel and take a whole lot of weight off your shoulders. You can find this duffle/ tote at Asalam.com.

My third pick is Forever21’s Art Faux Leather Satchel in grey. Its lovely color is fresh enough for the springtime and cool for the winter. This will surely fit your Mac. Where will you get it? Check out Forever21.com.

My fourth choice is the Notary tote, from Royy. The design is pretty chill and large enough to fit everything you need. What I like most about it is that it looks just as good at school as it does on the beach. Get this at BeckerSurf.com. If you’re willing to go over $50, please check out this page. It has a lot of fun stuff.

As for the fifth choice, this gray metal ring hobo, is great for school and for late night hangouts. The metal rings show durability, but also add a fancy touch. The studs on the handle put a bit of “punk” on a fancy bag. The size makes it convenient to fit almost any textbook. This hobo bag features a fully lined interior and a cellulose compartment. It goes for a very affordable $25.88 at Forever21.com.

And, last but not least, is the JaxSport SuperBake Punky Houndstooth Backpack. Who better than JaxSport to suit your higher education needs? Who better than JaxSport to have too much in it, you don’t even feel it. JaxSport, known for their bookbags gives a diverse choice of designs and has a reliable reputation for being very well made and face it, in college, you hardly use as many notebooks as you did in high school. This design is fun, purposeful and can be found at Tillys.com.

So, there you go, six wonderful choices along with five really good websites. With these affordable and attractive choices, it makes it easy to create your own style. Hopefull- y, I don’t see too many luggage incidents this semester.

n New websites provide more than just teacher ratings

BY LUBA BOGOPOLSKAYA
STAFF WRITER

We all know the beauty of Rate-MyProfessors.com. One or two friends can recommend a professor they think is good, but that can’t be compared to hundreds of comments left by various students on one of the most popular websites that grades professors. Of course, depending on the situation, one source might be more reliable than the other, and vice versa.

Currently, RateMyProfessors.com lists 1,772 Baruch professors, some of which have received feedback from more than 150 students. It is the most up-to-date quick reference for anyone attending college. Recently, students have been concerned with the possibility that some negative comments cannot be trusted any more. Rumors such as professors rating themselves and some students purposely leaving negative feedback to scare away others and therefore have a better chance at getting into a good class themselves have become the rule rather than the exception.

When using RateMyProfessors.com users are aware of the other similar online tools, but they do exist. WhoToTake.com, Pick- ProfessorsPerformance.com are the lesser known websites that serve the same purpose as RateMyProfessors.com.

WhoToTake.com has been around since 2001, but it still has a long way to go to catch up. It has a single rating for an English class out of all the subjects offered at Baruch. It is also not as easy to navigate since it separates classes into areas of interest (for example, business includes business, economics and other subjects), rather than divid- ing classes by their specific names. Another negative is that there is no search bar to allow you to search for a professor by his or her name. ProfessorPerformance.com was created in 2001 as well, but looks like it never quite took off. Only eight of Baruch’s professor’s have been evaluated. As of now, neither of these two websites can be that much of help during registration time.

Facebook-affiliated PickProf.com shows a lot of potential. It is better organized with fewer annoying ads than RateMyProfessors.com. In addition, PickProf.com offers extra tools such as schedule planner, grade histories for the professors, and book exchange. The bad thing about this website is that you have to register.

When it’s time to register, regu- lar users of RateMyProfessors.com know that the website can be bur- dened with heavy traffic. Sometimes a page won’t open for more than just a few minutes, making it impossible to make a quick decision.

Although it is one of the easiest websites to use, it has become less reliable. By adding more feedback on the other websites, students will not only help the website, but also help themselves find a better way of getting all the information they need.
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Feeling SAD is hormonal

BY TAHEERA TIM KEE
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORRESPONDENT

Unusually fatigued? Grumpy? Lazy? Craving sweets? Lacking motivation to do simple tasks? Do these symptoms persist and become increasingly exacerbated in the winter months? If so, then you may have a case of SAD. Not sad as in melancholy, but SAD as in Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD is a condition that plagues many young people, particularly women, in their early 20s and consequently may affect their personal relationships, as well as their work and school performance. It’s a feeling of hopelessness that can’t be shaken, a simple lack of desire to do anything requiring more than minimal effort and a tiredness that is unjustified. These are all symptomatic of the body’s involuntary response to the change in available sunlight.

The phrase “sunny disposition” used to describe a person full of mirth and glee is not without truth. According to research, the sun and our exposure to light have a marked influence on our mood. SAD has been categorized as a sub-type of depression in the American Psychiatric Association’s DSM IV. However, the disorder manifests itself as an atypical form of depression where sufferers experience increased appetite and increased shenanigans, as opposed to the loss of both as commonly associated with clinical depression. The following is a list of symptoms identified by MayoClinic.com as the main indicators of SAD:

- Depression
- Hopelessness
- Anxiety
- Loss of energy
- Social withdrawal
- Oversleeping
- Loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed
- Appetite changes, such as a craving for foods high in carbohydrates
- Weight gain
- Difficulty concentrating and processing information

Why do these symptoms occur? The main external factor that facilitates the onset of SAD is the lack of sunlight. As mentioned before, some research indicates that sunlight affects us chemically. It is shown that exposure to sunlight maintains our levels of serotonin, the chemical that, when excessive and therefore results in daytime lethargy, irritability and moodiness. Similarly, serotonin is a chemical in the brain that, when found in unnaturally low levels, causes affected people to be more depressed as it functions as an regulator of anger, mood, sleep and appetite. Research has shown that people’s serotonin levels tend to dip in the winter months, especially affecting residents in the northern states where some links have been made to sun exposure.

So what can be done to combat SAD? The most popular SAD treatment is light therapy where candidates are exposed to artificial light in daily sessions. This artificial illumination mimics outdoor lighting and attempts to regulate the circadian rhythm, white concurrently improving levels of melatonin and serotonin. While this treatment has not been clinically approved by the FDA, SAD sufferers have demonstrated marked improvements in their dispositions. Because SAD is a form of depression, prescriptions of anti-depressants are sometimes given to those who are the most affected by the disorder. Some of the prescribed medications are Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac, which attempt to balance the chemicals in the brain that affect our mood. However, the effects of the anti-depressants sometimes take time and improvements are not always immediately noticeable. Finding the most effective medication is the challenge to be faced.

If you’re experiencing the “winter blues,” know that you’re not alone and that it’s definitely not uncommon to feel less than 100 percent in these cold months. If you feel especially debilitated by your lethargy or depression, it is imperative that you seek professional help to improve your functionality.

For any additional health questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Baruch College Medical Center at (646) 312-2040 to make an appointment. You can also discreetly contact the Baruch Counseling Center at (646) 312-2155 if you suspect that you may have SAD.
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Senior Bearcats honored

BY TIMOTHY PETROPOULOS

For most Baruch students, winter break is a chance to relax and celebrate the holidays with your family. For others, it is a chance to fit a full semester of learning into a two and a half week intersession course. For the Baruch swimmers, it was business as usual.

When I asked Jessica Penaherrera, captain of the women’s swim team, how she found time to stay in shape during the winter, her response was, “It’s business as usual. For the Baruch swimmers, how we found time to stay in shape during the vacation, she responded, “It was business as usual."

Penaherrera broke her own school record while taking first in the 100-meter fly.

The Baruch men and women both found time in their busy schedule to defeat Mount Saint Mary over the break. The meet held special significance to the swimmers because it took place on Senior Day, the last home game for the seniors. When talking about her feelings on this day, Jia Feng described the mood as “hitter sweet,” realizing that she would never swim in Baruch again, while also savoring the victory.

The road to the CUNY Athletic Conference championship continues with three games left — one in conference — before the championships begin on Thursday, Jan. 31. “We are looking towards winning the CUNY championships for the first time in school history,” said a confident Penaherrera. “It’s going to be hard to win, but it will be harder to beat us.”

Bright future for “gentle giant”

Phil Schatz is no ordinary Baruch student. Besides being one of the tallest people to roam the halls of our campus, 6 foot 9 inch Schatz has been on the basketball team for four years and is one of few majoring in biology.

Nicknamed the “gentle giant” by team manager Joseph Cafarelli and "amiable Saint-Bernard" by Head Coach Ray Rankis, Schatz has been playing basketball since the third grade, and hasn’t stopped since. This perfect match of an athlete with his sport originated quite simply: “I was bigger than everybody else, so they told me to come and play,” the senior recalls.

Despite his height, Schatz admits he wasn’t very skilled at first due to his lack of coordination. But by the time he was in middle school he had improved, and his perseverance led him to play a high school game in the Baruch College gymnasium. It was that night that he was recruited by Coach Rankis, and the following year he joined the ranks as a Bearcat.

Now in his final year on the team, Schatz is enjoying every minute, designating this season as the most fun of all. “The first two years we had better records, but the team was not as close. This year, we have a really good atmosphere,” he says, adding that the chemistry affects the team’s performance in a positive way.

The end of his career as a Bearcat also marks the nearing of graduation and the beginning of the “real world,” to which Schatz is not looking forward to. Though he plans to get a job after college, he has not begun a job search. He says that is something he will focus on once the season is over. “That’s why we need to win the conference; we need to keep the season going and delay the search,” he laughs.

This New York native wants to get a job in a science-related field to then be able to attend a medical or specialty school. His reasons are simple: he’s always lived in the city, most of his family lives in the area and he can’t see himself doing business. Biotechnology was always a subject he liked, and after taking a pre-calculus class, Schatz realized that there was no way he would be taking any more math classes.

His interests in books, research and reading and understanding things rather than memorizing everything reflect Schatz’s personality, described by Cafarelli as soft-spoken. Though he tends to be quiet, Schatz has been one of the consistent forces on the team, especially this year. He predicts that winning the conference title is a good possibility for his last season, provided the team comes together as it should and the younger players gain experience.

With the “gentle giant” on their side, the Bearcats have a good chance of making that happen. Looks like Schatz’s job search might have to wait a little longer.
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Hall of Shame: Mitchell Report names cheaters

BY STEFANIE SPARACCO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For those of us who eat, sleep and breathe Major League Baseball this past off-season has been nothing short of a disappointment. It seems as if talk of trade rumors and contract clauses has taken a back seat to updates and inside information about the latest player busted for steroid use. At this point in the game, it’s safe to say that the infamous performance-enhancing drug scandal has finally hit rock bottom.

On Dec. 13, a 409-page report was released to Commissioner Bud Selig targeting the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by MLB players.

The “Mitchell Report,” named after its investigator, former U.S. Senator George J. Mitchell, also included a controversial list of former and active players accused of using such substances. This list was made possible with the crucial cooperation of personal trainer Brian McNamee.

McNamee, who was also the strength and conditioning coach for the Yankees and the Blue Jays, claims he was able to acquire and/or inject a number of players on Mitchell’s list with steroids, amphetamines and human growth hormones. Conclusively, he was responsible for giving up the names found in the report.

The player that has been interrogated the most by the sports media is one of allegations of illegal steroid use has been Roger Clemens. With seven Cy-Young Awards tucked on to his resume, it may be considered somewhat suspicious that Clemens was still able to compete at the major league level at 45 years old. But perhaps his phenomenal 23-year career is just that, a phenomenon.

Since the report has been released, Clemens continues to deny any allegation that he was injected with performance-enhancing substances by McNamee. There is no doubt that Roger Clemens has earned his spot on MLB’s list of all-time greatest pitchers. According to the Mitchell Report and the Mitchell Report, though, what is doubtful is the honesty and fairness behind the journey that allowed him to be part of such a distinguished list of professional players.

So what happens to the players on Mitchell’s list that put up record breaking numbers and had monumental seasons that would have paved their way to Cooperstown? According to Roger Clemens in his “60 Minutes” interview, “I didn’t play my career to go to the Hall of Fame or worry about all that.”

I beg to differ. It wouldn’t surprise me if in a couple of years there are more asterisks in the Hall of Fame than visitors. And what about the players who weren’t included in the Mitchell Report but very well should be? Is it fair that they get away without being scrutinized?

In the event of all this nonsense, I can only hope that my question will be answered sooner than later.

When will Major League Baseball stop being America’s favorite soap opera and jumpstart its effort to becoming America’s favorite pastime once again?