Students go clubbing

BY LILLIAN RIZZO
NEWS EDITOR

As students crowded the main areas in level 5A of the Vertical Campus, Baruch clubs used free hand-outs to entice each one to visit their table and sign up for a mailing list. The Undergraduate Student Government staffed a table near the main doors, greeting the students as they entered. They had their sign-up sheets ready as they handed out ice cream sandwiches from a large red cooler.

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Baruch crime stats in question

BY MICHAEL WURTHORN
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Five CUNY colleges were singled out in a state audit for failing to report 73 percent of the crimes occurring on their campuses — John Jay, Queens, Baruch, Hunter and Medgar Evers.

The audit, obtained by the New York Post, is still an unfinished draft, according to Mark Johnson of the state comptroller’s office. It said that Baruch failed to report 18 of 19 incidents on its campus in 2006 and 2007.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice topped the list by not reporting 78 of the 107 total serious incidents listed in the audit. The crimes across the five colleges included 42 burglaries, six assaults and one hate crime, according to the New York Post.

Baruch disputes the terminology used by the New York Post, saying that all incidents were reported thoroughly. The state auditors received the incident reports from the Public Safety office and reclassified 18 incidents.

"Auditors looked at all our stats," said Public Safety Director Henry McLaughlin. "They were all reported."

According to McLaughlin, a 26-year veteran at CUNY and a retired NYPD sergeant, the incident reporting confusion stemmed from the Clery Act.

This federal law governs how colleges disclose information regarding crimes on their campuses. McLaughlin says the act is imprecise when handing consequences for crimes such as petty larceny and burglary.

"There’s a certain ambiguity between crimes such as petty larceny and burglary," he said. "We go by our expertise with the (New York State) Penal Law," said McLaughlin.

While the report is not publicly available yet, a copy fell into the possession of Security on Campus.

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BY KETAKEE GONDANE
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Escalators finally getting fixed

TUESDAY 9/29

Students graduating in 2010 can begin making appointments with Baruch College’s Lexicon for yearbook photos. Beginning the week of Oct. 13, students can have their photo taken. To make an appointment, visit OurYear.com and enter school code: 87182.

Baruch students have the opportunity to read once a week with a New York City elementary student. The Everybody Wins! Foundation, founded in 1991, is pairing volunteers with children for reading and conversation. Readings take place mid-day during the week when students have lunch. Over 15 Manhattan locations are available, as well as in Brooklyn and Queens. To volunteer, attend the orientation in NVC Room 3-215, today at 12:40 p.m.

USG Briefs

THE NEWMAN VERTICAL CAMPUSS

The Newman Vertical Campus is finally getting a step-up. CUNY is providing funds to replace the escalators throughout the first five floors of the Vertical Campus.

Work is expected to begin within the next six to eight weeks, according to Jim Lloyd assistant vice-president for campus operations.

“We are optimistic we will begin within the next six to eight weeks,” said Lloyd.

The project will be spearheaded by KONE, a company headquartered in Espoo, Finland. Costs are expected to be completed in two years.

This is not the European company’s first CUNY contract. KONE is finishing an escalator project at BMCC that has also taken about two years to complete.

Pricing for the renovation has not been finalized, but estimates are expected to be less than Baruch’s original escalator renovation plan. Costs are kept to a minimum through KONE’s technique. They plan to keep the current escalator’s skeleton while replacing its parts with a better quality system.

“(CUNY) is still in the negotiation process,” Lloyd said. “It’s a lot cheaper than what we thought it was going to be.”

During the renovation, Lloyd says KONE will only work on one set of escalators at a time - either the up or down set - to keep the other set open for use, minimizing the potential for increased congestion.

According to Lloyd, CUNY’s injection of funds came after seven years of complaints, as students, faculty and staff were dissatisfied with the habitual breakdowns and maintenance being performed.

“They never really worked since they installed them,” Lloyd said. “It’s been a constant source of complaints for Baruch.”

Other sore spots for students include the Vertical Campus’ elevators and their tendency to ignore the call button. The situation, which was recently brought to Lloyd’s attention, is being investigated by Maitso, the maintenance company contracted by Baruch.

Panel discusses Sotomayor’s career

TUESDAY 9/29

Baruch gathered to listen to professors speak on Sonia Sotomayor’s role and career in the highest court system in the nation on Tues., Sept. 29. The event, titled “From the Bronx to the Supreme Court,” featured professors from CUNY’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, the Women’s Studies Program and the Robert A. Friedman Fund, the panel discussed the different issues concerning the new Supreme Court justice and how she relates to “Changes in modern day society.”

The event was moderated by European and Women’s History Professor Katherine Pence. She began with commentary from Professor Halee des Jardins. As a feminist historian, Jardins’ platform focused on gender and the media, and how the media press “deals” with Sotomayor.

Jardins opened her discussion with a brief overview of Sotomayor’s “pioneering status” before the Supreme Court. After obtaining an undergraduate degree from Princeton, Sotomayor established herself as a part of the first group of women to “perform outside of feminine skins.”

Due to Sotomayor’s breakthrough in the more traditionally male fields, the media constantly watched her and others who made similar accomplishments, said Jardins. She added that the media, particularly through press releases, focused on feminism as a way of explaining their gradual success in a primarily male-dominated world.

“Altruism is always the point and this is how people who like her make her acceptable,” said Jardins.

“The reason why I bring all this up is because I think it suddenly reveals the sub consciousness of women’s success, and it always has to be rationalized. We need to define good women better, and as much as Sotomayor is this amazing figure I think she is also a fascinating lens on gender and professional culture.”

Professor Johanna Fernandez, an expert on American history, centered her platform on discrimination and racial barriers, and how Sotomayor’s success is an example that demonstrates the resolution of those issues in American culture.

“The reason why I think [we] are so obsessed and fascinated with The Sotomayors and the Obamas of this time is because so few continue to be in institutions and positions of power,” said Fernandez. “Despite the success of these people, there is still work that needs to be done.”

Professor Clarence Taylor wound up the panel with a discussion about cases reflecting racial discrimination and the important upcoming cases Sotomayor will have to deal with.

“It is clear that Sotomayor is going to examine the facts and make appropriate decisions,” said Taylor.

Panelists discuss Sonia Sotomayor: From the Bronx to the Supreme Court, What Her Story Tells Us about a Changing America.
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Verizon expands their network for Baruch

**BY SABRINA SMITH**

In response to complaints about limited coverage in areas of Baruch, Verizon Wireless has improved call quality and network performance by augmenting their infrastructure to provide cellular service throughout the campus.

According to the company website, Verizon Wireless is the largest wireless communications provider in the U.S. with more than 25 million wireless voice and data customers and nearly four million paging customers.

"Not only was this an inconvenience to Verizon Wireless cell phone users, but lack of cell service eliminates one of the limits on communication," said BCTC’s Michele Epstein, the lead for the project.

According to Technology News, reported that Verizon’s new initiative would allow students to place voice calls, send e-mail, text and view high-quality video through an improved network.

 Epstein said some areas with out service included the basement and second floor of the Newman Vertical Campus, the gyms, fitness center, teaching and non-teaching areas of the horizontal cables connected to repeaters and antennas to strengthen the signal and extend it to areas where there was no signal or a weak signal prior to the upgrade.

"I always thought that Verizon recognized the importance of having cell phone coverage, and my main concern was for people at the college to have better coverage, especially in the event of an emergency situation," said Epstein.

After periodic site visits, testing and survey analysis, the company agreed to update the infrastructure and to offer "ubiquitous service" at no expense to the college.

According to Epstein, Verizon engineers installed vertical and horizontal cables connected to repeaters and antennas to strengthen the signal and extend it to areas where there was no signal or a weak signal prior to the upgrade.

"I think the upgrade of the Field Building at 151 East 25th Street was excluded from the project due to renovation that is still in progress," said Epstein.

The project already completed in August, students can now benefit from coverage throughout the campus in non-teaching areas.

"This project has been a great thing for the college, and it was re-"anted to have a professor thank me for doing my job," said Epstein.

Zicklin Masters student earns grant

**BY MEGAN LAW**

Zicklin School of Business student Roseanna Delacruz received the 2009 Mature Women Grant from the American Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Delacruz is earning her Master’s degree in business administration. Her major is Entrepreneurship Management and she expects to graduate in December of 2010.

According to Epstein, the winners announced means so much to her," said Delacruz. "Many people [from the AAW] put great effort year after year to make this happen and the fact that they are so selfless motivates me to want to do the same for others in my community.”

Delacruz learned about the Mature Women Grant through "The Broker," the University’s weekly newsletter. She submitted an application along with her transcript, and an essay explaining her decision to further her education with a MBA. After five or six weeks, Delacruz found out she won the award.

AAUW is an organization that works towards breaking through educational and economic barriers so that women have a fair chance to succeed.

"I am very excited and grateful that I found out I won. It is a commitment to achieve the goals that I have set for myself," said Delacruz.

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**School in 9/11/01**

**BY GALINA AYBURN**

On Sept. 8th, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani unveiled a plan to educate middle school students about the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The 9/11 curriculum, believed to be the first comprehensive educational plan that focuses on the aftermath of the attacks is expected to be tested this year at schools in New York City, California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kansas.

If successful, the course will be offered nationwide.

In a few years, we will be teaching students who were not even alive at the time of the attacks," said Media Relations Director of the September 11th Memorial and Museum, the executive director of the September 11th Museum.

The organization is behind the development of the 9/11 curriculum, which is partnered with educational materials distributor Social Studies School Service and the Tall Tale Initiative, Government at Quaker College to develop seven lessons plans.

These are based on primary sources obtained from 240 hours of archival research and 60 interviews with witnesses, family members of the victims and first responders.

Learnabout9-11.org, a website devoted to the program, features a short film to be used by teachers as well as discussion questions and sample lessons.

"Instead of textbooks, the curriculum incorporates teaching materials such as videos, lessons and interactive exercises. These include an activity that allows students to use Google Earth software to map global terrorist activity, debates involving the government's handling of disasters, and discussions on the nature of heroism."

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**USG party shut down**

**BY TIMOTHY PETROPOULOS**

The party is over for student government.

At the request of the Office of Student Life, Public Safety officers shut down a party hosted by USG on the third floor of the vertical campus on Thursday night shortly after it began.

The party, co-sponsored by the men’s soccer team and the Caribbean Student Association, took place by the USG offices.

The over 100 students attending the party were forced to evacuate the premises immediately after two public safety officers raided the area.

"Student Life informed us that there was an unauthorized party," said a public safety officer, who declined to comment further.

USG president Tariq Hossain was caught off guard by the announcement that Student Life had decided to shut the party down was under the impression that the event had been approved in a recent USG meeting.

"This event was passed in a meeting in front of Dr. Carl Aylman, director of Student Life and Veronica Ingram, assistant director of Student Life and they didn’t say anything against it," said Hossain. "All of a sudden security comes up to us saying this party is not approved. Carl was [at the meeting] and he had nothing to say against it.

Aylman had a different interpretation of the meeting.

"The party was never authorized in the first place," said Aylman. "There were 20 witnesses. Despite what we said, USG voted [for a party]."

Though Aylman is not against the idea of a party, he opposes the area in which the party was being held.

"[The USG area] is not a bookable space, it is not a reservable area," said Aylman. "First, whenever you have a large number of people [in an area] you need an assembly permit [...] there are no emergency exits [...] and there is a potential for classrooms that can be disturbed. They don’t have the right to have a party any place you declare it."

Last week’s party was part of an initiative started by USG called “Thursday Nights at Baruch.” The plan is to host social events sponsored by different student clubs every Thursday night.

"Thursday nights at Baruch will never be approved by Student Life or anybody else in this college,” said Aylman in response to the initiative. "If he wants to have an event in that space every Thursday, Public Safety will be there to greet him every Thursday."

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Con Ed sparks a new ‘go-green’ initiative with CUNY

By Sabrina Smith
Con Ed helps fund

In light of the growing popularity of the “Going Green” initiative and the demand for sustainability, CUNY has partnered with Con Edison to establish a roadmap to “energy independence,” according to Cooler Planet.

A CUNY study suggests that solar energy is a viable solution to the city’s energy crisis and could supply more than 10 percent of its power by 2030 if the city, state and federal governments work to find new sources of funding and incentives and to “remove barriers.”

The smart grid initiative will also feature a solar roof array at Bronx Community College that will be used to “improve the power grid of a densely populated area.”

According to Smart Grid News, the Department of Energy announced in July that Con Edison would receive $5,631,110 in Recovery Act money to produce a project that would be designed to “demonstrate true interoperability between an energy delivery company and retail electric consumers.”

CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein said that “faculty and researchers will continue to work closely with Con Edison to identify new solar and renewable energy opportunities.”

Baruch College showed up in the list of the five CUNYs that failed to report campus crimes, yet disputes the claim.

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Baruch College disputes New York Post crime claims

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Inc.’s Director of Public Policy S. Daniel Carter, and he reported that nine of the 18 incidents were burglary related. “There has been some debate about (the ambiguity),” said Carter. “But guidance from the Department of Education, says if it’s been thoroughly investigated and if it can’t be determined who took the item from (non-public) location, it should be classified as a burglary.”

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“They have to change some of their guidelines,” McLaughlin said.

“Security on Campus, Inc., a non-profit organization founded by Connie and Ben Clery, parents of act namesake Jeanne Clery, disagrees with Baruch’s Public Safety director. “There are problems on rural campuses as well,” said Jonathan Kassa, Security on Campus, Inc.’s executive director.

It’s important for schools to support crime prevention programs that would reduce crime, support crime prevention administrators to report in a more consistent action.

All three men do agree on one thing though – putting less emphasis on statistics.

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“Th e municipality may not break out their statistics in a (feasible) way for the university,” Janosik said.

Hearing McLaughlin’s case for the ambiguity between petty larceny and burglary, Janosik called it a great example of the act’s confusion.

“It would be great if we can settle on one common definition and cut down on the confusion for sure,” Janosik said. “It poses a difficulty and an additional burden when one jurisdiction defines a crime one way and the Clery Act poses a different standard.”

While Kassa of Security on Campus, Inc. defends the act, he admits that it has not been perfect since its inception. “We have found over the years that there is going to be confusion when you have a law that vast,” Kassa said. “A lot of loopholes have been closed. (Now) the Clery Act is quite clear.

Despite the Clery Act’s problems, Janosik says it is beneficial. “I’ve always said that the Clery Act has done some good things,” he said. “It’s caused college administrators to report in a more consistent action.

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Illustrated by Jou-Man Huang

It's hardly what you'd call joining the rat race

“Life is what happens while you’re busy working,” doesn’t apply to Deloitte’s Cedric Nade. He’s able to work in risk consultation and toward his dream of running the 100 m dash in the 2012 Olympic Games, simultaneously. All thanks to Deloitte’s belief in career-life fit. Catch up with Cedric at www.deloitte.com/yourfuture. It’s your future. How far will you take it?
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the safety of dozens of students. It’s time to grow up.
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CUNY FAKELY ACCUSED

The damning report, unanswered, and by the State
Comptroller’s Office, claims CUNY didn’t report 107 crimes that
happened on five of its campuses, including Baruch.
The New York Post broke the story last Tuesday, saying the crimes
were unreported, not answering why the crimes
were reported, all 107. But the state’s office is claiming
CUNY didn’t report the crimes accurately – which was not mentioned in
New York Post article.
The Clery Act dictates how schools report campus crime, and
has been in effect since 1990, covering every school across the
country. It was written to provide guidelines for schools located
in rural and urban environments. But its wording is flawed.

Problems arise when it comes to the categorization of crimes.
The act says unsolved thefts are to be reported as burglaries federally. But when writing an incident report for the crime,
Baruch’s Public Safety will classify it as petty larceny, in adherence
with the New York State Penal Law. Baruch’s 18 incidents included
begs.
The Clery Act is also vague about off-campus crime. For a school
located in New York City, Baruch College is responsible for
keeping statistics and records of crime occurring on
courses such as 25th Street and Lexington Avenue, even if those
committing the crime are not students. A Clery Act expert, Dr.
Steven Jansisk of Virginia Tech, says that municipalities
may not break down their stats in such a way that is feasible for
colleges and universities.

While the act has been beneficial, it needs to be revised, taking
into account colleges across the country. Colleges should not be
penalized in state audits or in the newspaper over misrep-
resentations. Baruch College clearly did its job, and now it is,
along with Hunter, John Jay, Medgar Evers and Queens, are
said to be “Cooking the Books,” according to reports by
news organizations like NBC.

More care and attention is needed on behalf of the federal
government. The Clery Act needs guidelines with specific refer-
cences to schools in areas with a large population, and better
care is needed when reporting the facts to the public.
Baruch did its job. Now it’s the time for the government to
do theirs.

In response to "Baruch is moving on up":
To me, they would probably not allow it because the courses would
fill up quicker, and people who need those courses would not be able to
take them. For example, if you are a senior accounting major you know that there is
only one section of internal audit, and three sections of financial accounting,
which filled up on the first day of registration. They simply don’t have enough
staff to teach those classes.

In response to "Zicklin denies Double majors":
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If student housing is made available to CUNY undergrads, lets not be
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use the money to fix things in the school, hire more qualified professors, or run
additional student competitions.

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Most students hope to maintain a decent grade point average during college, so they may limit themselves by only taking classes that will help in that process. Sometimes it is easy to forget that not everyone has the luxury to neglect the importance of GPA’s.

It is good to remember that there is much more to the college experience than grade marks alone. We shouldn’t be looking to only deliver the whole learning process. Should we allow ourselves to become academic sell-outs? Just because a particular class is more difficult or not required, should there be a limit?

Sadly, I have seen many of us deal with this type of dilemma and have acted as academic sell-outs. Some people do not see a problem with taking a class that will guarantee them an A. In the “real world” that would be called an investment, so what’s the point of taking a challenging class that may result in a grade you may not be pleased with?

We may just be cheating ourselves. If you’re not using the opportunity to take a course that will actually learn something, just because a particular student gets an A in a certain course does not automatically mean they have learned everything they could possibly have learned in that class. The only way to be sure that someone from the same class with a mediocre grade may actually have a more profound learning experience and actually apply the material to real life situations. Getting a better long-term return.

How do you know if you act in such a manner sporadically or are in fact, a die-hard academic sell out? Ask yourself if you would mind getting a “B” and gain relevant long-term knowledge from the class, or simply get an “A” and not learn as much as you could have.

Although it’s convenient for us to transfer responsibility to the professors and blame their grading methods for our shortcomings, we must be aware that they have different teaching styles, and we all have different learning styles. Why let the student identify what works best for them?

My advice is to do some research before taking a class. Look up the reviews for the courses and sections being offered by the school during that semester, or visit the course’s department and inquire about them; who’s teaching them and what are their qualifications.

Remember that these are just suggestions. In the end, you make the final decision! Having a decent grade point average is vital, but it’s not the only thing.

All students are eventually evaluated on their potential and effectiveness, things one can only acquire when information is absorbed and applied to use. To avoid becoming an academic sell-out, one should focus on developing core skills and perfect GPA, but also on getting involved in extra-curricular school activities. Do those for which you have a real interest, experience, not just to stuff one’s resume.

Once you are in college, people will be looking for your capabilities, “positions” will automatically follow.

I work as a pet care specialist and almost every day I deal with people who are looking to purchase a new pet and an animal they don’t want anymore, or know nothing about the companion they have chosen. I’ve seen people abandon all types of animals.

Some of these animals are ones that people would never think of just leaving on the street. They think that if they leave their animals in public places such as pet stores, then someone will take care of them. Unfortunately, they don’t even really care who that person may be.

I’m writing this because in the last month alone, I have seen such terrible, inhumane, and illegal things done to animals by their owners. I have seen a pit bull owner drive away and leave his dog chained to a dray for a major highway with six lanes of traffic, forcing him to either choke himself to death or escape and be struck by a car. I have found gerbils running wild throughout the pet shop I work in because someone no longer wanted them and they were thrown in a cardboard box, which they easily chewed through.

It was on a recent night I was tending to the reptiles in our store when a man approached me and handed me a full-sized bearded dragon and just walked away. When I yelled out to him and asked him what was going on, he just told me he didn’t want him anymore and continued walking.

People heartlessly abandon animals every day. Would only take the time to learn about animals before they purchase them, they might realize that owning an animal is a commitment that should not be taken lightly. Where do you decide to bring an animal into your life, it shouldn’t be just until you no longer find it cute, or until you fall into behavioral problems or other little personality quirks. Do you know that you purchase a trust for comfort, care and companionship. By simply abandoning your companion when taking care of it becomes boring or impossible, you are betraying the trust that the animal has given you.

While shelters in the United States are already terribly overcrowded, bringing your undesired animal is one in much more humane than simply leaving it alone in a public place. You can try searching for a shelter that has a no-kill policy or a specialized adoption agency.

Most of the time people tend to stop people from abandoning their pets is to get them to think before they purchase, but you can also consider the maintenance of your pet, their personalities, and their life span. Read about your pets and all the things there are no surprises. They should not have to suffer because of being an animal, so you could do.

Recognizing a Gift has you ever felt like screaming at the top of your lungs, “It’s just too much!” Everyone has had those moments where they feel as if the world is crashing down on them because of at least one point or another.

What people don’t realize is that they don’t have to live in this way. There may be entities that can open up their world to a whole series of possibilities. Possibilities I have found and will now share with you.

I’m speaking about those who have a learning disability. Now there are a number of ways to do this. I have a learning disability that may be attached to things that can open up their world to a whole series of possibilities. Possibilities I have found and will now share with you.

People usually fear that they have a learning disability because of the stigma that may be attached. Believe me, I’m right there with you. I felt the same way at first, but then I said what the hell. I really am smart and I know that I can do better.

I have a learning disability. Now am smart and I know that I can do with you. I felt the same way at first, but then I said what the hell. I really am smart and I know that I can do better. If I just had a little extra time on tests, I could very well turn my C into an A+. I got tested for a disability and the results were astounding. It turns out that I have a specific case which did not fall in any particular category. The doctor said that if I wanted to give it a name, it would be dyslexia.

The odd thing was that it only affected the right side of my brain, which deals with logic and creativity. This “dyslexia” boosted the right side of my brain to well above genius, but it also caused the left side of my brain to well above genius, which deals with literal works.

I gave it a name, it would be dyslexia. Since the people buying an item can get free utensils, I figured that I would buy the single napkin for 40 cents and then simply pick up the fork and save myself some money. Again after contemplation I just got back, in line, picked up a napkin and fork, and paid by debit card since I had no cash. The same woman in the suit asked the cashier how much she charged, to which she replied, 54 cents. She gave me a discount because of the stigma that may be attached. Believe me, I’m right there with you.

So I say to all of you that you are afraid to go and ask for help on your own behalf, no one else will. I have shown you the possibilities and whatever you do with them is up to you.

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Baruch College is spearheading an initiative to provide its students with a competitive advantage over schools at the Ivy League level. The Financial Leadership Program is Baruch’s preeminent program for well-rounded students, providing them with training and development for highly successful careers in finance. The FLP is the offshoot of the Wall Street Careers Program, which was started in 2000.

The FLP helps develop student’s different skill sets. According to Courtney May Brilly, financial leadership program manager, the program provides “an accumulation to what careers in finance are like, and we accomplish that by bringing in panel speakers and also different homework assignments.” Reilly said that students learn the industry’s lingo, what the day-to-day life of finance professionals is like, and essential skills ranging from resumes to using Excel.

The FLP’s first semester curriculum includes finance resume writing, Excel mastery, dining etiquette and business communication. The second semester focuses on succeeding in summer internships and professional searching. Students. Students are required to read the Wall Street Journal and other financial publications on a regular basis to build their knowledge and financial vocabulary. Career management workshops and seminars on more advanced finance topics are also given.

Reilly talked about the requirements to enter the program and what students who are not selected can do to remain competitive. Students need to have an interest in finance demonstrated by their coursework, extracurricular experience. Reilly believes that internship experience is “a hallmark of the Baruch culture.”

In order to be considered by the program, a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale is needed. According to Reilly, “this year we had over 150 students. Stu-

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On Thursday, Sept. 24th, the Executives on Campus program had its Fall Career Fair event, “Careers in Banking,” including risk management and corporate strategies. Calli Hayes, managing director and senior credit officer of Leveraged and Structured Finance at Deutsche Bank and a Baruch alumna, and Amy Shang, managing director at HSBC Securities, were the guests speakers.

The executives talked about the banks’ different strategies for future growth and risk management. Shang said that HSBC is looking at three mega-trends — GDP growth in emerging markets, future government regulation and interventions.

In addition, Shang discussed HSBC global strategy and how the bank is looking at markets where accumulation of wealth is increasing. She said, “the growth in wealth leads to an increase in investment products,” such as individuals who tend to put funds aside for the development of their children. HSBC plans to take advantage of those developing opportunities.

Hayes, a senioralised for Bankers Trust (acquired by Deutsche Bank in 1999), spoke about the amount of risk entrepreneurs can take in the current job market.

The event addressed today’s entrepreneurs in banking, since they can “afford to take more risks than companies with systemic risk problems, such as AIG and Citib.” However, Hayes also warned against greed.

Hayes said that greed is good to some extent. She argued that pay is a big incentive to get executives to wake up at 6 a.m. every day. To Shang, passion for what she does is what drives her initiatives.

Shang talked about her passions and how her “experience in consulting and banking” were her strengths. Hayes also said, “I think institutions will be more careful with accumulating capital.”

In addition, Shang discussed how Deutsche Bank determines if a capital mistake. She said, “banks are looking at trans-actions from clients’ perspectives and are committing less of their funds to extended credit lines. She also said that risk is good because it yields returns, but in the future “companies will be more conservative.”

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Students seeking full-time, part-time and internship positions crowded the room in the Newman Vertical Campus.

Campus coordinator partner Cliff Cammock, north east sub-area recruiter Dawn Thompson, and financial services office recruiter Monika Martinez provided students with application tips. “The world has become flat and you need to position yourselves if you are going to succeed,” said Cammock. Cammock suggested that students prepare in order to meet employers’ expectations in a global, competitive job market.

According to Thompson, three key components that will help a good candidate win an interview are preparation, performance during the interview and job acceptability.

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The Starr Career Development Center hosted “Careers in Banking” event, “Careers in Banking,” a workshop to help students prepare for meaningful positions at Ernst & Young. Health care company Abbott Laboratories came on campus on Thursday, Sept. 24th to provide tips for the Career Fair last Friday.

Abbott Laboratories’ employees helped students make the most of their potential employers. “One of the goals [at the Career Fair] is to have brief conversations with each employer,” said Dan Neuwirth, university recruiting specialist at Abbott Laboratories.

Students were encouraged to follow up with employers after the Career Fair. “If you find a company you are interested in, definitely e-mail them to show your interest in the company,” said Neuwirth.

While you don’t have to attend the Career Fair to apply for a position at a company, meeting with a representative increases a candidate’s chances. “At the job fair, you get two to five minutes for a face-to-face opportunity to be more than just a piece of paper,” said Igor Ozerov, Baruch alumni.

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Features

Hair to a new kind of chief

By Lisa Fraser and Rebecca Forbes

Before he was president of Baruch College, Stan Altman wanted to be an engineer.

“I saw a definition once in the Webster’s dictionary that said engineers ‘solve societal problems,’” he said. Always a curious child, he enjoyed weaving together seemingly different ideas into one and finding connections not seen before. It is this creative mindset that he has incorporated into every aspect of his life.

A New Yorker at heart

President Altman was born on Sept. 11, 1940 in the Bronx. His formative years were spent in the South Bronx, where he first experienced how communities can shape a person’s character. A New York City public education student, Altman made the personal choice to apply to Stuyvesant High School.

Upon his acceptance, he embarked on a journey that he noted was “more academically oriented.” He then went to City College, where he received a Bachelor’s of Science in electrical engineering.

A new path emerged for Altman when he graduated and relocated to California to work for North American Aviation. Dealing primarily with their space program, Altman found he was the only one in the group to have a bachelor’s. This realization brought him to Indiana University, where he received a Master’s degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

Altman then began a tour of academic institutions, beginning at City College and moving on to Princeton University and ending at Stony Brook University. His tenure began at Stony Brook where he made the personal choice to attend Stuyvesant High School.

During this time, Altman had some knowledge of and experience with what had been a more antiquated Baruch College. When his focus returned to the school in 1999, he was struck with its transformation. “I was so struck by how much this place had changed,” he said. His first role at Baruch was as dean of the School of Public Affairs. In the course of his time here, however, Altman would make many more contributions to this institution.

One of his biggest roles came in 2005 when, after stepping down from his position as dean, he decided to go back to teaching. “I decided at that point I wanted to go back to my classroom. I had forgotten that I didn’t sign up to be an administrator all my life,” he said. He got involved with the American Humannics Program, a cornerstone of the School of Public Affairs. Initially started 63 years ago by the mayor of Kansas City, the program needed a partner in New York City. They approached the chancellor of CUNY, who then directed them to Altman. Soon, the program was developed and introduced to Baruch. In the last three years, over 100 students have come in and out. It is the only one in the CUNY system and in New York City, and remains the sole active chapter in the state.

“Committed to Service

A major tenet of Altman’s life is the importance of helping others. The president is actively involved with a non-profit called Healing Hearts, which he founded with his wife, Jessica. The president is also the founder of the Humanics Program, a cornerstone of the organization is on prima- ture. And the intent really needs to "articulate what the hospital is doing," said Altman. The major focus of the organization is on primary and acute health care and health education.

Altman believes that, just like education, health care should be a "basic right" for everyone. "I think that it’s a social investment we make as a country," he said. "We’ve made it such that it is an industry. It’s all about making profits, it’s not about delivering health care.”

He feels so strongly about his opinion that he is thinking of writing an op-ed piece which discusses the realities we are facing.

“The real debate isn’t about money, the real debate is about intent. And the intent really needs to be ensuring that people have prop- er coverage.”

More things to come

His interest in giving back and serving the community is rooted in his belief that we are all connected. “I always had a sixth sense that there was something more in life than just me,” he said.

One of the things Altman talks about all the time is the importance of figuring out who you are and using that to help those less fortunate. “I think for me, the whole idea of giving back, the whole idea of service and personal growth is part of a larger community,” he said. “Growing up in a big family you get to understand the power of commu- nities.”

Leaving his mark

Altman’s plans is to create a more close-knit community at Baruch. “I would like to see Baruch more respectful and in some ways, more spiritual, about how we treat each other,” he said. "This is a place where people ought to feel that they can grow as human beings.”

He recently held a thank-you party for the enrollment team and their efforts. A small addition has appeared on the Baruch homepage labeled “Campus Thanks” and he’s thinking about making it a regular feature of the website.

The “question” label holds no significance for him, for him, this is more than a temporary position. It is a job with immense responsibility — one that he is passionate about, prepared for and more than willing to fulfill.

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Altman is transitioning well into his new role. Though he has three phones constantly vibrating, he also finds time to listen to mu- sic everyday because it’s a healing therapy. “I’m having a great time,” he said. “It’s a very different life…my routine is much more focused on representing Baruch..and to try to get people to work with each other.”

Initially having a life centered on the school campus and living in a world mainly based on the physical, Altman’s choice to at- tend Stuyvesant and City College opened up a whole new world for him, ultimately leading him to this point.

“I got into City College and I would never have gotten into college, I couldn’t afford to go to col- lege,” he said. “I always felt that if New York hadn’t given that to me, then my life would have been radi- cally different.”

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President Stan Altman will remain as “interim” president at Baruch College for one year, after which he will return to teaching.

Three Major Objectives

Altman plans to bring about big change during his term as president. He has formulated three objectives as a way of ac- complishing this.

They are:

• Strengthening our relationship with communities we serve locally and continuing our expansion of that natio- nally and internationally.

• Working to get additional property to expand our campus, particularly with residence halls and a student center.

• Continuing to invest in the quality and diversity of our student body and faculty.

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Baruch boasts high graduation rate

**BY MICHAEL WURSTHORN**

Baruch should be putting itself on its back.

Throughout the United States, just 20 four-year colleges can say more than half its students receive Pell Grants and that their six-year graduation rate is greater than 50 percent. One of those is ranked as a large institution by the Education Trust: Baruch College.

The business school received fame for its exceptional graduation rate in 2006 when The Education Trust published an article entitled "Promises Abandoned." This is no small achievement for Vice President of Student Affairs Ben Corbus and his staff, who oversee enrollment and all student services department.

"We have outstanding people," said Corbus. "Everyone's very professional and very driven, like [Baruch's] students." Since 1998, Baruch's graduation rate jumped from 35.5 percent to 59.8 percent in 2007, and continues to climb.

The college also enjoys the highest graduation rate throughout the CUNY system, trumping Hunter's graduation rate throughout the past decade.

"This is no small achievement," said Corbus. "Our students are exceptionally well prepared to graduate." Since 1998, Baruch's graduation rate jumped from 35.5 percent to 59.8 percent in 2007, and continues to climb.

Baruch currently operates the largest summer class program throughout CUNY and has made an effort to spread classes throughout the day, evening and weekends, according to Dannenbring.

"We have activities, sports, internships especially, providing the experience they need to be successful in life," Corbus said.

Guiding Baruch in this achievement has been Corbus, a four-year Baruch veteran, who has seen stats such as SAT scores jump from 1107 in 2005 to 1186, the current average.

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Baruch senior Michael Headley. "I believe that Baruch is even higher and the school has nicked the latter concern. Following an extensive search, Baruch recently hired a new registrar, Leslie Sutton. He came from Harvard Law.

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For women in India, new initiatives offer safety

BY JESSICA ASKOY
STAFF WRITER

From mental and physical abuses to murder for not offering enough dowry at marriage, Indian women have endured daily struggles for many years. However, things are gradually changing as they become a more integral part of India’s social and economic life.

As more Indian women abandon their traditional roles as housewives and enter the work force as counterparts to men in marketplaces, offices and as taxi drivers, many obstacles still prevent them from shattering the glass ceiling.

According to a recent The New York Times article entitled “Indian Women Find New Peace in Rail Commute,” the number of working women in India has doubled in the last 15 years. However, between 2003 and 2007 rape cases rose by 50 percent across the country.

For many, the simple task of arriving at work is a daily struggle. The root of this debacle comes down to one main source: men.

The most popular form of transportation in India is train commuting. On over-crowded trains, many men harass, pinch, insult, grope, catcall and disrespect women to the point where government intervention has been mandated.

According to the article, the taunting and harassment problems, also known as “eve teasing,” are “so persistent that in recent months the government has decided to simply remove men altogether.”

To alleviate the problem, the minister of railways, Mamata Banerjee, has introduced a pilot program with eight new commuter trains exclusively for female passengers, the Times reports. Known as “Ladies’ Specials,” the trains have been introduced to India’s four largest cities: New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta.

To the Western world, it may seem like gender segregation, but for the women of India, it comes as a relief and a sign that things are turning around.

“Segregation sounds backward here, but in a funny way, it works there. Due to all the harassment and intolerance from men, segregation becomes necessary,” said Professor Veena Oldenburg, of Baruch’s history department. According to Oldenburg, the Ladies Specials promotes the cause of women, but also reinforces their vulnerability. However, women throughout India are refusing to be perceived as weak.

The move towards equality does not stop with train commuting. In the poorest regions of the country, many women and girls are victims of abuse and mistreatment by family members and husbands. Girls are often forced to stay home from school and become wives at an early age and many complaints of harassment are often ignored.

In four major cities in India, the government has designated trains for women only.

In a BBC interview, Devi summed up the current situation of the state. “Nobody comes to our help in these parts,” she said. “The officials and the police are corrupt and anti-poor. So sometimes we have to take the law in our hands. At other times, we prefer to shame the wrongdoers.” Gang members are also taught to use a lathi (traditional Indian stick) for self-defense.

According to Devi, the gang’s main point is to uproot corruption and to be self-reliant. It might be working, as things in the region seem to be turning around.

“segments of the state have really changed a great deal for the better,” said Professor Oldenburg. “Trains and ‘pink’ gangs are just more steps toward true equality and things seem hopeful.”

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After a critically acclaimed run in Boston, Evan Brenner’s one-man show "The Buddha Play" has settled into a new home at the Baruch Performing Arts Center.

"The Buddha Play" is Buddha's life story, narrated by Brenner in first-person retrospect. The tale is accumulated from the various Sutras (ancient teachings that were at first told orally and transcribed around 200 B.C.) of the Pali Canon of Buddhist knowledge.

Brenner strips away the exoticism and mystery surrounding the Buddha's status by explaining how the Buddha came to be. Brenner easily distills the simple and elegant truths that the icon made clear. The show sets a new standard for philosophy classes. There is no preaching in this Buddha's teachings.

Humanity is at the core of the play, not complicated rituals or indecipherable philosophies. The Buddha's journey illuminates the Four Noble Truths — existence brings suffering, material attachment and ego bring suffering, one can end suffering, and the path to this.

Nirvana is in the equilibrium between indulgence and deprivation. This is all heavy food for thought, but Brenner succeeds in amusing and riveting the audience. The monologue reminds the listener of the beauty in truth, and the truth that lies at the core of every timeless story.

The show begins with the introduction of Siddhartha Gautama, a sheltered prince who learns about aging, death and sorrow over the course of several days. Attempting to escape the depressing inevitability of death, Siddhartha stumbles towards enlightenment.

The current revival of Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical, playing at the Al Hirschfeld theatre on Broadway, is two and a half hours of hippie nostalgia that takes the audience through the powerful emotions of love, freedom and peace that young people sought in the United States during the Vietnam War.

The show moved to Broadway in March 2009, after a successful run at Central Park's Delacorte Theatre in summer 2008, and the transition from fresh air and open space to a more traditional theatre hasn’t hurt the carefree vibe of the production.

The stage is mostly bare, save for a few well-placed rugs and a small streetscape to house the band. The cast doesn’t seem to need any aids to help them get into character. The "tribe," as the company is known, has powerful chemistry, as they sing and dance, as well as simulate sex acts and protests, and get naked together.

Of course, the members of the tribe are what make this revival unique and extremely successful. Gavin Creel plays Claude, whose journey from carefree hippie to prospective Vietnam drafter is the real backbone of the story.

Creel's performance is inspired, as he brings through Claude's emotional scenes with his parents to the carefree vibe of the production.

Will Swenson, as Berger, is the perfect counterpart to Creel's Claude, bringing even more life to the stage full of hippies. Swenson is charismatic and impish as he performs a lot of the lighthearted moments of the show, especially as he walks into the crowd at the beginning of the show to panthandle, skips class and is sexually promiscuous.

Other stellar castmembers include Bryce Byrnes as Woof, resident bisexual heartthrob whose number on deviant sexual acts including "the fun of masturbation" fills the house with awkward laughter; Caissie Levy as Sheila, who beautifully conveys the emotional confusion of "true love" and the pain of poli brutality; and Sasha Allen, whose stunning voice takes us through "The Age of Aquarius."

The show, which has always been considered ground-breaking and controversial, is perhaps more relevant now than ever. It is not difficult for audiences to relate to the confusion living in a country that is torn by war and ideas of peace and freedom.

The famous aforementioned nude scene is one of the most transcendental moments of the show, as a statement against nudity being more controversial than our fathers, sons and brothers dying in a war that most believe is unnecessary.

"Hair" itself is a show that can almost not be contained. It's significance--culturally, emotionally and for the advancement of musical theatre -- is too big for one stage. As a result, cast members frequently make their way through the crowd of unsuspecting theatre-goers, handing out daisies, dancing with and even asking audience members to embrace them, which most of them already have.

Where does one begin when trying to find Nirvana? Siddhartha first tries ascetic deprivation of material comfort and necessity. Realizing that the light-headedness of starvation isn't what he was looking for, he eschews the life of a holy man and finds the middle ground of meditation.

After experiencing both extreme wealth and poverty, war within himself and with the forces of evil, he finds that inner peace leads to transcendence.

The Buddha remains relatable throughout his story by recounting the mistakes of his youth and the strength he gained from learning his lessons. After all, even wise men can laugh at themselves.

Set against a background of plain paper columns, a single sofa and some scattered books, Brenner, barefoot and dressed in layman's clothes, masterfully uses his voice and earnest eye contact to connect with the audience.

His monologue has the elements of a folk tale. Brenner transports the story to faraway kingdoms with touches of magical realism. By telling the story of a prince who gives up wealth for a higher purpose, battles personal demons, meets ruthless kings and attains wisdom, he says that you must "live like your hair is on fire."

Available to anyone who needs a lift from everyday existential drudgery, "The Buddha Play" runs every Sunday through Sunday until Nov 1st. Discounted tickets are available at Baruch students and staff at the BPAC Ticket Booth, located at the 25th Street entrance to the Newman Vertical Campus.

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“An whole haggle of Hippi” take over Broadway

BY ANYA KHALAMZER
STAFF WRITER

Gavin Creel, Will Swenson and the Tribe bring audiences back to the 60s at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre on Broadway.
Audiences show no love for Aniston’s new film

BY IVETTE OBANDO-ALVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

“Love Happens,” starring Aaron Eckhart and Jennifer Aniston, was released in theaters on Sept. 18. The film centers on Dr. Burke Ryan, who becomes very successful after the death of his wife by writing a self-help book detailing the grieving process and giving seminars to help those who have lost loved ones get their lives back on track. Although he does all this for others, the audience quickly learns that he has to confront a lot of problems and emotions within himself.

Aaron Eckhart plays the main character, Dr. Burke, which is a huge change from his role as Harvey Dent in last summer’s box office smash, “The Dark Knight.” Eckhart is charming, caring, confident, and conveys lots of emotion throughout the film. Unfortunately, Eckhart does not develop his character as much as he could have. The material he is working with does not compliment his acting abilities.

The film begins, Dr. Burke is getting ready to go to Seattle, which is where the majority of the film takes place. He comes to Seattle to give a seminar based on his book, “A-Okay!” During his stay, he meets the hotel florist, Eloise, played by Jennifer Aniston. Both characters have been hurt by love and are trying to find how to move on with their lives. On their first encounter, they are attracted to each other, but Eloise tries to be careful since she has been hurt many times before.

Later the audience sees how Eloise becomes like a guardian angel for Burke. The actors themselves compliment each other well on the silver screen. Aniston has been in several romantic comedies during her career, but this one is a romantic drama. It did not suit her very well. She is a brilliant actress who represents the stereotypical girl-next-door perfectly, but her scenes here did not mesh well with the film overall, and not enough of Eloise was revealed to allow audiences to connect with her.

Brandon Camp makes his directorial debut in this film and it was definitely noticeable. Scene transitions were vague and unfinished. As soon as the film gets on track it’s over, which leaves the audience highly disappointed.

The film only took in $8.4 million in its first weekend, it seems that not many people fell for this false advertisement.

Jennifer Aniston and Aaron Eckhart’s latest take on the romantic comedy, “Love Happens,” happens to be a complete flop.

fun. lives up to their name

BY BEN GUTTMANN
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Nate Ruess, the former front man of The Format, has a new band that appears to have chosen their name based solely on how difficult it would be to write about and refer to them. However, fun.’s insistence on an unpronounceable name is easily forgotten long before the final track draws to a close.

In fun.’s debut album, “Aim and Ignite,” the listener is treated to 42 minutes of auditory joy. Their sound is like a mash up of Queen, The Beach Boys, Paul Simon, ELO and a Broadway production. These ten tracks pull off cheerful without being campy.

Ruess’ songwriting talent shines through on many of the album’s tracks as the strings, drums, piano, and guitars layer and uniquely texture the music. All of this might not be from each instrument in the band’s wide arsenal.

At Last I’m Not At Sea (As I Used To Be)

The opening track Be Calm, fun. produces a song that, though unrepresentative of the whole album, is still a solid effort and leads well into the next two tracks, Better Off and All The Pretty Girls. All The Pretty Girls is the one of album’s strongest tracks, unlike its first single Aim and Ignite which featured every instrument in the band’s wide arsenal.

At Last I’m Not At Sea (As I Used To Be) is another star track. This is one of those rare songs that manages to conjure visions of the band performing it live. It is a testament to how enjoyable the track is as much as fun the band must have had making it.

“the extra long, seven-minute marathon Take Your Time (Coming Home) rambles through all the styles showcased earlier in the album in an elegant summary that does for the album what the period distinct does for the band’s name.

Tied up in a tightly executed package, fun. creates a novel form of pop-rock that doesn’t fade over repeated listen. It is certainly hard to walk away from “Aim and Ignite” without uttering, “well, that was fun.”
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More than a hundred world leaders gathered at the United Nations to discuss climate change last week in preparation for the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December. At Copenhagen, participating countries hope to draft a new set of measures to update the aging Kyoto Protocol. As the Kyoto Protocol, a legally binding agreement between over 150 nations to cut emissions of four greenhouse gases, is set to expire in 2012. Though the United States is a signatory, American legislators have refused to ratify the Kyoto Protocol. However, in his address to the UN, President Obama expressed his support for climate change legislation. “We seek an agreement that will allow all nations to grow and raise living standards without endangering the planet. By developing and disseminating clean technology and sharing our knowledge, we can help developing nations leapfrog dirty-energy technologies and reduce dangerous emissions,” said Obama.

Obama also pledged to double the generating capacity from wind and solar power in the next 10 years, to enact legislation that will increase the fuel economy of cars, to invest billions in carbon-capture technology, and to begin tracking greenhouse gas emissions.

Some, like Koya Chattoyee, head of the World Wildlife Fund’s climate program, have criticized Obama’s speech for lacking specifics. “While other nations announced specific targets and timetables, including China, Japan and the Maldives, President Obama did not address these critical elements,” said Chattoyee.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, global surface temperatures increased 1 °F over the last century, and climate models project that temperatures will increase another 2.0 to 11.5 °F over the next century. British researchers recently published a study based on ice sheets in Antarctica, revealing that some areas are losing more than 30 feet of thickness a year. In Greenland, 81 out of 111 Greenland glaciers are melting at an accelerating pace. The researchers used more than 50 million laser readings of ice sheets from NASA’s ICESat spacecraft. According to US Geological Survey, a total meltdown of both poles would increase sea levels by 215 feet.

Furthermore, a study in the scientific journal Nature argues that Earth’s climate is already outside the “safe operating space.” Researchers claim that the high concentration of carbon dioxide concentration, increasing biodiversity loss, and rapid ecosystem destruction has pushed the Earth’s climate into a state of instability. In an interview with the Discovery Channel, lead researcher Dr. Jonathon Foley stressed that “the most important lesson from this study is that wait and see is a bad environmental policy.” IPCC’s publication, Climate Change 2007, encourages governments to rapidly push energy efficiency improvements in energy supply, transport, buildings, industry and agriculture, as well as improved management of farmland, forests and waste disposal.

“Forget about HD! Televisions are going 3-D.” Electronic manufacturers like Sony and Panasonic plan to introduce flat panel displays that display 3-D video at the end of this year.

Though 3-D films have been available since the 1950s, it was not until recently that movie studios began to produce, market, and really exaggerate 3-D. With films such as Journey to the Center of the Earth (2009), My Bloody Valentine (2009), and The Final Destination (2009) at movie theaters. As a result, electronic manufacturers hope to deliver the same 3-D experience at the theater straight into the living room. The 3-D effect is accomplished by showing two different 2-D images for both eyes that interlace quickly. Viewers wear glasses that merge both images in your mind and trick the brain into thinking that it’s seeing a 3-D image.

Sony and Panasonic plan to price these TVs similarly along the lines of HD models, which range from $1000 to $3000 depending on the size and functionality of the model. Electronics manufacturers like Sony and Panasonic believe that the introduction of these TVs will reinvigorate their sales growth. Consumers who are already 5 years and are expected to get worse. In contrast, sales grew by more than 20 percent last year. These companies hope that 3-D TVs will encourage more people to replace their old TVs with these newer 3-D models, substantially increasing sales throughout the industry.

While 3-D TVs have many advantages over traditional TVS, only consumers can determine if the technology is ready for primetime. One obvious advantage is the added dimension, potentially revolutionizing the viewing experience. Not only would films benefit, sports broadcasts would also be more visually exciting, with football players emerging from the screen. Another advantage of 3-D TVS is that video game developers would be able to create games that are more realistic. Gamers could fully immerse themselves in a virtual environment.

However, 3-D TVS require viewers to wear glasses that some testers have complained cause discomfort and even headaches. Panasonic says that it will take at least another 10 years until TVs would have enough pixels that glasses would no longer be needed. Another question is whether cable and satellite TV providers could expand their infrastructure to accommodate the huge increase in bandwidth that 3-D programming would require.

To determine if 3-D TVS make sense, watch a few 3-D movies in the theater and you’ll find out. It’s not very comfortable. If there’s a HDDTV in the house already, it might be a good idea to wait a few more years until manufacturers work out all the technical issues with the first models and lower prices. Just want to see if television network and video game makers adopt 3-D video before buying in.
Big tech at Gizmodo Gallery

Gizmodo blog rewards New York City readers with a showcase of both old and new technology.

BY STEVE GUTTBINDER
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On Sept. 23rd the popular tech blog Gizmodo opened the doors to the second annual Gizmodo Gallery.

The gallery, which was open to the public at Groupe Boutique in SoHo until Sept. 27th, showcased popular tech gadgets new and old, including the original Apple Macintosh 128k, touchscreen vending machines, a pancake-making machine and the world’s smallest drill.

In one blog post, Gizmodo boasted that the gallery was essentially “the best of Gizmodo, come to real life.”

One of the biggest attractions, in the most literal sense, was a 103-inch 906-pound Panasonic plasma television. The Gizmodo team set up an X-Box 360 and allowed guests to play games such as Call of Duty and the Beatles Rock Band, a gaming experience that the majority of attendees have never seen before.

Gizmodo also helped subsidize a special laser-etching booth that engraved personal images onto attendees’ devices such as Kindles, MacBook Pros and first-generation iPhones.

The Gizmodo Gallery is one of the ways the blog is trying to reward loyal readers. Gizmodo also holds seasonal “meetups” where readers can socialize with each other in person while snowboard-ing or going to landmark areas like Coney Island, where they are given the chance to try out gadgets before they hit the market.

Owned by Gawker Media, LLC and based out of New York City, Gizmodo is one of the leading technology blogs. It features constantly updated content, upgraded commenting sections, a website designed for cell phones, and knowledgeable bloggers.

Since its inception in 2002, Gizmodo has garnered a following of thousands of devoted readers, and is one of the world’s highest-ranked technology blogs by traffic of individual users.

Like many other popular weblogs, Gizmodo relies on advertising content for revenue. Ads are targeted throughout the site, posted in between headlines, and catered to specific articles.

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Fight the dreaded freshman 15

Let's say that you're sitting in a boring class. The class is about three hours long and you haven't eaten all day. Your stomach growls within the first 15 minutes of class, but you're stuck there for another hour until your 15-minute break. You happen to be unfocused, and food is suddenly all you can think about. You attempt to concentrate on the teacher. Within a few minutes of class discussion, the discussion topic goes off on a tangent and suddenly everyone is talking about food. The mention of food only worsens the sounds of your stomach, and at this point, you don't even care what it is that you eat. You have to get some food and get it fast.

This is one example of how we can be driven to make unhealthy choices. According to a research study from Cornell’s Division of Nutritional Sciences, several other reasons include late night eating, eating while studying, emotional eating, in-between snacks, alcohol intake and lack of exercise. These common habits eventually lead to a population of students who gradually gain more weight during college.

Not all students fall under this category, but it is still common enough to gain the popularized term known as the "Freshman 15." Researchers Heidi J. Wengreen and Cara Moncur conducted an observational study to examine the changes in weight and health-related behaviors among college freshmen. Based on their results, people who gained five percent or more of their body weight reported less physical activity. According to Nutrition Journal, they concluded that almost a quarter of students gained a significant amount of weight during their first semester at college.

While keeping a healthy diet in college is not the easiest thing to do, we can still make several changes to improve our eating habits, our physical fitness and our long-term health. But what exactly can we do to maintain a healthy diet, and avoid weight gain?

Find time for exercise. You might not always have time for a full, daily workout, but you can still find several ways to increase physical activity and burn more calories. "You don't necessarily have to change your diet to be healthy," said freshman Yashavi Sinha. "You can just get more exercise. For example, instead of using the elevators, you can just use the stairs."

Unhealthy eating habits and a too little exercise often cause first-year college students to get the "Freshman Fifteen". We all face that certain time where we want to indulge in our favorite foods whenever we don't feel our best. For example, an oversized bucket of Häagen Dazs could help us deal with our stress, but it is not healthy. The better option would be to engage in some physical activity to relieve that stress.

"You should never skip breakfast," said freshman Edwin Huang. "Make sure to eat lunch and eat in smaller portions at dinner time.

Skipping a meal may sound sensible if you want to prevent weight gain, but in truth, it is not the easiest way to go about maintaining healthy weight. In fact, skipping a meal will most likely cause you to overeat at your next meal.

We are bound to slip once in while when it comes to our eating habits. However, we need to keep in mind that many unhealthy choices now come with many consequences. This doesn't necessarily mean that we have to avoid unhealthy foods altogether, but we should at least try to avoid unhealthy habits to a minimum.

Students party like it’s 1920 at the Met

The Metropolitan Museum of art is located on 5th Avenue and 82nd Street.

The College Group at The Met is throwing another after hours event at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for college students in New York City. The event will be called The West Egg on The East Side. As with most of the events they produce, the party will have a theme that students are encouraged to embrace and allows everyone who comes to have some extraordinary fun on a grand level.

The theme for this party will be that of "The Great American Novel." Attendees are encouraged to don attire from the early 20th century. Ideas for anyone to look great at this event include flapper dresses for women and Panama hats for men.

The event will only be open to college students. The group throws these events for the benefit of college students and their interest in the arts. The College Group events at the Met are free and open to both public and private schools, creating an atmosphere that welcomes any student in the area who wants to attend. This brings together college students in New York City who usually lack a campus life and intercollegiate social events that are hard to organize in a metropolitan area.

The intern group is made up of 20 local NYU, Barnard and the Macaulay Honors College at Baruch. These members do everything from marketing to giving tours at the museum during the parties.

Past themed events include a masquerade ball, a toga party, a 1970's disco and a superhero costume party.

The West Egg, The East Side party takes place form 7:00 to 10:00 PM at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The museum is located on 5th Avenue and 82nd Street. More details can be found at www.metmuseum.org/collegegroup and on The College Group at The Met's Facebook page.

RSVPs are required and can be sent to metcollegegroup@metmuseum.org.
The Ticker tells your future

Aries
Mar. 21-April 19
Expect good fortune this upcoming week. You may face tests yet with the proper preparation you easily pass them, as you create your own luck.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22
In order to have a prosperous week you must do two things. The first is you must eat sushi, the second is you must eat an entire bag of M&M’s Crispy, which are currently only available in Europe, Australia and southeast Asia.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Try to drop a bad habit this week. Think of your worst habit and try to rid yourself of it. Do not inform anyone of your pursuit or it will not be likely to succeed.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Do not use the phrase ‘OMG’ this week. For each time you do you will experience a week of Baruch escalator failure, followed by a day of the escalators working, followed by a month of escalator failure.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
A mysterious individual has their eye on you. They do not mean you any harm so do not be afraid. Instead, embrace their gaze and meet it with your own. Do not be afraid to look into their eyes.

Gemini
May 21-June 21
Do not wear pants with small pockets at all this week. They are very inconvenient and will not be able to hold any of your belongings. If you do find yourself in a small pocketed pant be sure to carry a hand bag or man-purses.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Any Virgo who is a virgin will lose their virginity this week. So open your eyes and look around, your first mate may be just around the corner.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Sleep naked all week long. Not only will you find yourself more comfortable, but more rested as well. If you must wear clothes to bed you may only tie a handkerchief around your neck.

Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
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-Spencer Packer
Bearcats stay undefeated in the CUNYAC

Baruch was on the winning side of a 1-0 victory against City College on Wednesday.

BY TIMOTHY PETROPOULOS
SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s soccer team remained undefeated in the CUNY Athletic Conference with a 1-0 win over City College on Wednesday, but lost another out-of-conference game earlier in the week with a 1-0 defeat against New York University.

During the game against Division III powerhouse NYU last Saturday at Gaelic Park on the campus of Manhattan College in Riverdale, the Bearcats put up a valiant effort but fell just short.

The Violets scored the first and only goal of the game in the 14th minute of the game with an impressive goal by Brandon Hintz. Although the Bearcats came close many times during the game, the NYU defense proved to be too much, and they were shut out for the first time all season.

“In the end they capitalized on a pretty impressive goal,” said assistant Coach Dima Kamenshchik. “You have to give NYU credit, we didn’t get as close to scoring as I would like and to. They played a better game and that’s that.”

Later on in the week, Baruch earned a 1-0 victory over CCNY in a CUNYAC match played Wednesday afternoon at field #51 on Randall’s Island.

Like NYU earlier in the week, Baruch scored early and played solid defense down the stretch to secure the victory.

Freshman Brandon Wright scored the lone goal in the 19th minute, which was the shot that proved to be the absolute difference in the game. The Bearcats narrowly out-shot the Beavers 20-19.

“It was an ugly win, we just eked out a goal somewhere and defended for our lives in the end,” said Kamenshchik. “You obviously take an ugly win rather than a pretty loss but never the less we could have done a lot better. At the same time we beat a good team, and that made us feel good.”

The defense was outstanding, with senior Nelson DiBastiano recording seven saves and sophomore Mike Murphy recording one save to complete the shutout.

“They are both playing so well right now,” said Kamenshchik. “[trying to get them both playing time] is a great problem to have.”

For his performances during the last week’s games, sophomore Vincent Cruz won CUNYAC Player of the Week. Last week against Hunter, Cruz scored the last two goals of the game for a 4-0 victory.

“Vinny is a natural Volleyball player and I got to be honest with you, I didn’t expect him to make an impact on this team as quickly as he has,” said Kamenshchik. “He has been lethal with his striking and lethal with his head, he is a double threat. We found a diamond in the rough as they say, he has turned out to be a really solid little player, he is definitely deserving of that player of the week award. We are really happy with him.”
Baruch H.O.Fer passes away

By DOYULAS BUKAUSKAS
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Stanley Barbor, Baruch alumni and Bearcat hall-of-famer, died on Wednesday, Sept. 16th after a long battle with colon cancer.

Barbor was inducted into Bar- ruch’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008 for his performance with the Bearcat men’s soccer and volleyball teams. His list of achievements as a student at Baruch from 1982 through 1986 is impressive.

According to the 2008 induction entry under his drawing in the Bar- ruch Athletics Hall of Fame, “Stan- ley Barbor was the premier athlete at Baruch College. As a four-year soccer and vol- leyball player, Stanley’s athleticism and passion were in full display.”

In his soccer career at Baruch, “his power and speed separated him as an athlete at Baruch College. His list of achievements under his drawing in the Ba- ruch Male Athlete of the Year in 1985. He was named Baruch Male Athlete of the Year in the same year. After graduation, Barbor, who is a native of Haiti, spent part of his life as an influential radio host at Haitian radio station 1190 AM WLIB.

According to a story from his youth in New York, he can remember him as one of the key proponents of music in the New York area. He was the first to have given a voice to the youth in New York when he co-hosted a show with Richard Urbain called “Place au Jeune... every Sunday morning on WLIB.”

CarrabellNews.Net wrote that for about 16 years, he was an anchor on the popular weekly pro- gram Masoom Keryol (Moment Cre- ole), which broadcasts every Sun- day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on WLIB.

The after- noon pro- gram in n ing played com- pansy, prepared and covered culture, education and politics. He com- mented on the broad cast of Carnival from Haiti.”

Barbor’s funeral was held in front of the Baruch and family on Sat- urday, Sept. 19th at Sacred Heart R.C. Church in Cambria Heights.

Barbor’s legacy. While there those who will cite his defense as a weak- ness, criticize his legitimacy as an all-time great, or label his age as the beaming light at the end of his half-of-career; he can now be arguably called the greatest short- stop to ever play the game.

When measuring an athlete’s greatness, we must take into ac- count the era in which they played. Since taking over as the full-time Yankee shortstop in 1996, Jeter has competed in a league loaded with poster boys for steroids. In the ’90s, the likes of Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire stole the American base- ball fan’s awareness when they crammed their records books and images into the history books.

Jeter’s role in the decade was not filled with mile-long home runs, but rather with the responsi- bility of spearheading one of the sport world’s most successful franchises. His role in four champi- onships was not like those of the likes of Billy Martin and Reggie Jackson, on the grand scale of the Yankees’ entire body of work.

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Dancing to his own beat

By STEFANIE SPARACCIO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Baruch is home to some of the most goal- oriented and ambitious students there are, on a large-scale collegiate level. If you look a little deeper, and carefully scan the faces that crowd the classrooms and student lounges of the Verti- cal Campus, you’ll be able to find a student- athlete who exemplifies what it means to be an accomplished individual, both on and off the field.

A native of Peru, Freddy Carrasco-Dance grew up sur- rounded by the game of soc- cer. He recalls at an early age watching his father play on a semi-professional soccer team and considers him to be the driving force behind his passion for the game. “I appreciate that he has always been there supporting me by taking me to [his] games and giving me advice about how to play,” said Carrasco-Dance about his father. “In a sense I grew up with the game of soccer. I was always more involved and inter- ested [in] soccer.”

After playing on numerous soccer teams for his school and in leagues throughout his Peruvian neighborhood, Carrasco-Dance and his family packed up their lives and moved to the United States.

As William C. Bryant High School in Queens, Carrasco-Dance showed off his natural talent by leading his team to the 2004 post-season and recording a hat-trick in a playoff game. He was named High School MVP in the same year and as a senior, Carrasco-Dance managed to score an impressive 25 goals at the end of the season.

Since he transferred from LaGuardia Community College, Carrasco-Dance has made a tremendous impact on Baruch’s soccer team.

In 2007, he led the team with ten goals and was named a Second Team All-CUNYAC and Third Team NSCAA All-Region.

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The big question for any pro- fessional athlete is, “How will I be remembered?” What defining mo- ment of their career will be used to label their larger body of work? For Derek Jeter, it’s the World Series and being remembered as a team-first champion would have sufficed.

However, after passing Lou Geh- rig on the all-time Yankee hit list in the 2005 season, Jeter will add the title of ‘Hit King’ to his already impressive resume and cement his place among all the greats that ever wore pinstripes.

The record- book places Jeter as the all-time leader in singles and home runs. In the history books.

Jeter’s role in the decade was not filled with mile-long home runs, but rather with the responsi- bility of spearheading one of the sport world’s most successful franchises. His role in four champi- onships was not like those of the outspoken star legends, such as Billy Martin and Reggie Jackson, but more like a humble player whose bat and gloves always provid- ed the necessary dialogue.

Of course, there are shortstops that can come close to Jeter’s great- ness. Ozzie Smith and his field- ing prowess greatly surpass Jeter’s highlight reel and Apirio also deserves a title of similar meaning.

However, both of these crowns cannot compare to “The Captain” and his entire body of work.

His achievements are even more impressive when one takes to account being the face of the premier New York franchise. Deal- ing with the expectations that fol- lowing four championships and the disappointments that are evident with the Yankees underperforming the last several years can have a career- altering effect. Yet, impressively, this year has been a career year for the Yankee captain.

Perhaps championship number five looms in October. Even if not, Derek Jeter can still look back on this season and this year as the time when he truly became the greatest ever.
The Men’s Cross Country team had a positive showing in their recent competition, placing fifth. The Women’s team also competed, finishing second.

BY LILLIAN RIZZO
NEWS EDITOR

The men’s cross country team came in fifth place in last Sunday’s Queensborough Community College Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

Agustin Lastra led the pack in the 8k race, coming in 11th place overall and finishing the race with a time of 32:42. Fellow teammates placed not far behind — John Moroni, co-captain, came in 22nd place and Gregory Galker came in 23rd place.

The day before, the team ran in regional non-conference meets on Saturday at Bard College. On both Saturday and Sunday the women’s cross country team also competed in identical competitions. The back-to-back meets were necessary for both teams, since not all runners were able to attend the Saturday meet. Since each team is preparing for the late October championships, running in at least one meet per week is vital.