**Student in academic distress**

A student faces an academic dilemma after discovering the unavailability of some courses for his major.

**BY SABRINA SMITH**

As the semester comes to an end, many seniors are looking forward to venturing on to opportunities outside of campus, but for one student, those opportunities have been put on hold.

Roman Sizykh is a senior majoring in accounting with a concentration in internal auditing. In December, Sizykh realized that he was having problems with the courses he needed to complete the major. After speaking with Dionne Brown, advisor at the Center for Academic Advisement, he was told which courses he needed to take in order to graduate this academic year.

However, when Sizykh attempted to register for summer courses last month, the classes Accounting 4360 and 4361, which were required for the internal auditing major were no longer available, causing a delay in his expected graduation date.

According to Sizykh, Brown stated that the advisement office was unaware of the dropped courses until the week before spring break.

The senior contacted officials within the Zicklin School of Business, the Center for Academic Advisement, as well as other departments, but his situation could not be addressed appropriately.

"This is very frustrating, because I want to have my concentration in auditing and I want to be able to graduate and go out and work," said Sizykh.

He was also informed by Glenn Petersen, chair of the department of sociology and anthropology that the decision to cancel the courses was reached in September 2009 by the faculty, and all students requiring this concentration were informed of the change.

Sizykh said he did not receive any information of such change.

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**CUNY Campaign talks healthy habits**

**BY SABRINA SMITH**

In an effort to continue promoting health within the CUNY community, members of the CUNY Campaign Against Diabetes held an informative event that focused on healthy habits within the CUNY community. The CUNY Campaign talks healthy habits, featuring the organization’s director Lori Mongiello and founder Nick Freudenberg, with about 15 people in attendance.

The Campaign Against Diabetes was created to help reverse the epidemics of obesity and diabetes at CUNY and throughout New York City. The organization is working to fight the epidemic on three levels: making patterns as a class requirement; the posting of calorie and fat content on foods sold in the cafeteria; and a negotiation of food contracts for CUNY as a whole.

Cafeteria food also highlighted the fact that foods, which were determined to be healthy, were sold at higher costs, making it financially inconvenient to pick the right foods to eat.

Some recommendations that the campaign has established for better food decisions include a variety of programming lines including academic competitions and allocating substantial funds to- wards academic competitions and conferences. He confirmed that his allocation patterns would assist in combating unsuccessful productivity in organizations.

The newly established student organizations find this proposition to be beneficial.

"We have both the opportunity and responsibility to avert and make a different outcome," said Ahmed.

Faculty members from LaGuardia Community College, Hostos Community College and City College were also present at the event to give their perspectives and ideas for better eating opportunities for the campus environment.

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** Clubs receive perks with fee increase **

**BY SOPHIA KARATHANASSIS**

This year’s elections results are set to usher in additional benefits for the college community due to the recent passage of the Undergraduate Student Government Student Activity Fee Referendum.

The legislative initiative from the student government included a $25 increased in activity fees, which was in part proposed to assist the Health Care Center with its five-year deficit, expanded towards student organizations.

"USG started out with the intention of saving the Health Care Center," said Shafee Ahmed, chair of finance. "But then we decided that we might as well help out the clubs!"

The supplementary revenue generated from the referendum will provide an increase towards a variety of programming lines including the Office of Student Life, the child care center, athletics department, student media and the University Student Senate.

The passed referendum will issue Baruch’s first student activity fee increase since 2002, and will override the previous loss faced by last year’s USG to approve the same legislation.

According to Treasurer Thabata Ribeiro, tentative figures on adjusting amounts confirmed a net location of $292,000 for student clubs, $180,000 for student government, and $155,000 for the programming board, a former ad-hoc committee to be approved for next semester.

While club budget proposals will be approved on a case-by-case basis, a larger budget pool will lead a majority of organizations to expect an increase from the previous year’s budgets.

"Before we would allocate new clubs at the most maybe $500 for the entire year, but with the referendum that amount will generally double," said Ahmed.

Ahmed also stated that he would place significant focus on allocating substantial funds towards academic competitions and conferences. He confirmed that his allocation patterns would assist in combating unsuccessful productivity in organizations.

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"It’s a double-negative to give more money to the larger clubs, but if the smaller clubs suppose to grow," reasoned Gulam Chowdhury, treasurer of Delta Sigma Pi.
TUESDAY 5/4

The Weissman Center for Interna- tional Business will hold the Mit- sui & Company event “Your Global Business Partner” Joyce Chang, the managing editor of the global heart of Emerging Markets and Credit Re- search, will be the speaker in Room 759 in the 25th Street Building from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

THURSDAY 5/6

The Zicklin Media Entertainment Association will host a breakfast mixer for students interested in connecting with media/entertain- ment, finance and marketing profes- sionals. The event will feature representatives from ABC Television, Microsoft and Goldman Sachs. The event is in Room 759 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Business casual attire is a must. RSVP at http://timeexecutivesbreakfast.eventbrite.com.

The 32nd annual Baruch College Spring Fling Street Fair will take place from 12 to 3 p.m. on East Spring Fling Street Fair will take place from 12 to 3 p.m. on East Spring Fling Street.

On Monday, CUNY and The Daily News began their collaboration on the seventh annual Citizenship Now hotline event.

The event, which was held through Thursday, offered free sup- port on citizenship and immigra- tion issues to people who call the hotline, beginning from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Allan Wernick, di- rector of the Citizenship Im- migration Project, the event is an initiative by the central administra- tion of CUNY and is co-sponsored by The Daily News. The Daily News reported that since the project began, more than 70,000 calls have been answered, and this year’s team of volunteers is bigger than previous years.

“Over 400 people will have volunteered throughout the course of the week, and we will answer close to 50,000 calls from people with all kinds of immigration-related matters,” said Wernick.

The creation of the Immigration Project stemmed from efforts of Jay Hershenson, CUNY senior vice chancellor for univer- sity relations, and Martin Dunn, editor-in-chief of The Daily News, who came up with the idea of start- ing a call-in, where questions on immigration and citizenship were answered.

During the start of the hotline project, the publication issued numbers needed to contact the phone banks for individuals to inquire about their immigration-related concerns, such as applying for citizenship, bringing family to the United States, and immigration benefits.

According to The Daily News, the pool of volunteers was drawn from the CUNY School of Law, the Legal Aid Society, and the New York Im- migration Coalition. Other volun- teers include student advisors and admissions counselors who assist callers who request college infor- mation.

“Many of the callers speak differ- ent languages, and we schedule a volunteer who speaks that par- ticular tongue to assist the person calling in,” said Sofia Carreno, communications director of the project.

For those who miss the hotline opportunity, satellite centers of- fered throughout the year and ap- plication assistance events held on the weekends are other options for obtaining information. According to Wernick, the event is beneficial altogether because callers receive free and anonym- ous advice from knowledgeable individuals, volunteers get to learn more about immigration issues, and some feel they are giving back to the community because they are immigrants themselves.

“This year more and more people want to volunteer and par- ticipate,” said Wernick. “It’s a big success and it’s getting better every year.”

Friday 5/7

CSA, SOCA and WICC will host their 36th annual Cultural Show at 7 p.m. at Mason Hall in the 17 Lex Building. This year’s event, titled “A Dramatic Escape,” will feature Dancehall artist Baby Cham and Soca singers Lil’ Rick and Shayyan Bailey.

CUNY, The Daily News assist immigration

BY MEGAN LAW

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BY KERRI JAREMA

AKTA’S STYLE EDITOR

The Faster Times, an online newspaper that launched in July 2009, is now called online “A rebirth of the newspaper for a new type of world,” has advanced their mission with a new model of investigative jour- nalism. It allows readers to vote for the stories they would like to see taken up by a staff reporter and then gives them the chance to shape the in- vestigations themselves.

Sam Apple, publisher and edi- tor-in-chief of The Faster Times, de- veloped this new model, along with one of the paper’s science writers, Amy Wener. Apple says that the model was inspired in part by Talking Point Mos, a website that has been a well-known source for read- ers to help investigate developing stories in their area by browsing in tips and reading through files and documents that have been posted online. But, while The Faster Times may not be the first to try this method of investigating, they are doing it differently.

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Baruch student addresses issue with academics

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It is assumed that the Internal Auditing track has been dropped due to lack of student inquiry of the subject and recent changes made to the Certified Public Accountant exam. The New York State changed the law for the CPA, which requires to students to now have 150 credits for licensing rather than the 120 that was previously required.

According to Professor Masako Darrough, classes for the graduate study is available for summer registration, but this will not help with Sizyk's undergraduate degree.

"I'm not quite sure why he is having this problem and of course we do not know the details so it is difficult," said Darrough.

Other schools of study were also inquired on the basis of course availability for students.

According to David Birdsell, dean of the School of Public Affairs, all the required material needed for student degrees are offered on a regular schedule and improvements on courses are currently under progress.

"When problems do emerge on an individual basis, we work hard to help students get the courses they need to graduate, arranging independent studies or substituting coursework if necessary," said Dean Birdsell.

A possible solution for Sizyk's problem would be to get in contact with other students who are interested in the concentration and have their requests for the subject directed to the department. Until then, he is hoping for a positive outcome.

Discussion of intercultural business

BY CYNTHIA VIA SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, Golden Key International Honour Society presented a discussion on intercultural communication in the workforce, which featured four panelists invited to speak on their experiences with working in the international environment.

The panelists included Lene Skou, deputy director of the Weissman Center for International Business, Rebecca Merckin, professor of cultural and interpersonal communication, Moshe Banai, professor of management; and junior Gregory Gulyan, marketing vice president of the International Association of Students in Economics and Commercial Sciences, known as AIESEC.

The event, which was co-sponsored by AIESEC and National Association of Black Accountants, touched on various topics of intercultural communications such as the misconceptions among different cultures and how to communicate effectively with people from different cultures.

"What might be culturally accepting to one group may not be culturally acceptable to another," said Sophomore Robert Smith, co-ordinator for the Golden Key International Honour Society.

According to Merckin, American culture is an "individualistic" culture.

"We believe we're separate from our family, where you can come and make it your own," said Merckin. "Unlike, for example, Korea, where you're part of the culture and whatever you do reflects on your family and the people you grew up with."

Skou was born in Denmark, but has lived in Germany, England, and the United States. She attended a law school in Denmark and worked for the Danish government, working on trade policy as a lawyer. After passing the New York State Bar Examination, she started working in the Court of International Trade in New York, as well as the New York and New Jersey port authorities, and later a law firm that focused on global issues.

While working in Denmark, Skou was accustomed to strict rules on document keeping. In the N.Y. Port Authority, she noticed the system was less rigid and each person had his or her own system for verifying documentation.

"I didn't realize it was a cultural thing at first," she said.

"Some cultures avoid uncertainty. So many of these cultures have rituals to make things work the right way," said Merckin.

Professor Banai spoke about working in Russia, Egypt, Australia and China. He was born in Israel and has worked in human resources, banking and education.

While teaching in Russia, Banai experienced a communication mishap. He told the story of a time when a student approached him to help students get the courses they need to graduate, arranging independent studies or substituting coursework if necessary, "I didn't realize it was a cultural thing at first," she said.

The panel discusses proper professional demeanor in an international environment.

"I would say culture is a channel for facilitating experience," he said.

"But the word culture can extend to more than nationality; you can have a personal culture, a corporate culture," he added Merckin.

"I think it's a great deal about listening," Skou said. "What are the right questions to ask without being offensive? Be aware of how you create those conversations and dialogue."
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Bring Baruch Bash back

Baruch Bash, the yearly party that students, especially seniors, look forward to, has been split into two and is now completely different from what it was in previous years.

For the past two years, Baruch Bash was the unofficial prom of the college. Students paid $75 a ticket to spend the night at Chelsea Piers in evening wear dancing, eating, mediating food and taking pictures for their Facebook albums. But, that won’t be happening this year.

Instead, the Undergraduate Student Government used the money allocated for the Bash, which was not decreased this year, to fund two separate events—a free party that will take place in the Vertical Campus and a cruise that gives priority attendance to seniors, but is open to the entire student body. Whatever that will be held on the Upper Deck of the VC directly follows the USG award ceremony and inauguration. While many people have RSVP-ed on the event page, this hardly seems like the final event students are looking to attend. It much more resembles a run-of-the-mill Thursday night event.

The cruise, which costs $50 for Baruch students, hasn’t had the same openings as the Bash, but USG President Elect Tanvir Hossain attributes that to the fact that it costs money. Baruch Bash is something students and graduates await all year. It has been successful the past two years in its role of our last night of fun. However, this year it appears as if the event was moved to the last minute.

The only advertising that has been done so far for the event was a Facebook invite sent out to students affiliated with Baruch. Promotion, which includes fliers, vinyl posters and more, Facebook advertising, is scheduled to begin today. At this time last year, most people already body surfing or taking pictures were preparing for the party. Some people are still expecting the Bash at Chelsea Piers that won’t come.

The desire to create smaller events, instead of blowing the budget on one extremely expensive party is understandable. However, there is little appeal to attending a Baruch Bash held in the VC. If a concern for spending is the issue, there are many less expensive, but equally suitable venues to Chelsea Piers. Offering two mediocre events does not solve the problem.

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USG President Elect speaks out

On behalf of the incoming Undergraduate Student Government, I would like to thank the record 2,300 undergraduates who made their way to the polls over the course of four days in April to make their voices heard. Thank you for placing your trust in us to lead the student body for the year to come.

During the next two semesters, I want to make certain promises that I expect you to hold us to over the course of the coming year.

We will never forget the students we represent and we will always have our ears and offices open to hear from you. We will make the concerns of all students our own.

We will not waste a dime of your money. Every dollar that is spent will be in the students’ interest. Our budget may be small, but that is no excuse to waste it.

We promise to make life at Baruch at least a little bit better for everyone. Whether this means coming to one of our events, seeing an issue resolved through BaruchProblems.com or simply taking advantage of the changes we promised to put in place through a Student Bill of Rights, you will see our impact.

This year you present us some unique opportunities to transform the student experience at Baruch College. The fee referendum does not mandate places or funds for hundreds of student organizations and provides the resources to bring exciting new events to campus.

Students who recently acquired the student housing creates a whole new generation of Baruch students who are ready, willing and able to be engaged members of the college community.

Most importantly, we have a new college president, Dr. Mitchel Wallerstein. He is a talented administrator with a superb reputation for focusing on the students. We are fortunate to be in Baruch at this pivotal moment.

However, we can do only so much. It is only the collective power of all of us working together that we can do what needs to be done. Thus, I invite all of you to get involved in one of the many committees within student government. Our future is bright and infinite — will you help us get there?

—Ben Gutmann

USG President Elect

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No meat on Mondays

Cutting your meat intake can support your health in multiple ways, including reduced risk of heart disease, diabetes, and certain types of cancer, like colorectal cancer. Eating less meat will also allow you to consume more of other foods like fruits, vegetables and grains. Additionally, producing crops for livestock and poultry is a major contributor to the climate crisis.

Although it seems counterintuitive, reducing your meat intake could also help you deal with body weight. According to Support Our Vote, reducing the meat and milk intake in the U.S. can reduce the global production of meat by 50%.

It takes about eight kilograms of grain to produce one kilogram of beef, which means that those who consume large amounts of beef are probably consuming a disproportionate amount of water and land-warming greenhouse gases. This is particularly true in the case of meat consumed in the U.S., which is the largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions from livestock. Approximately 14.5% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from livestock.

Strong Blackwater strong.

On March 31, 2004, a photo of Blackwater personnel opening fire around the U.S. embassy in Fallujah, Iraq was published in The Washington Post. This photo, along with other evidence, showed that Blackwater had been involved in a large-scale attack on Iraqi civilians near the U.S. embassy in Baghdad known as Nisour Square.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government chose to cover up the involvement of Blackwater personnel in the attack, and the company continued to operate with impunity.

As long as Blackwater continues to operate in Iraq, the government will continue to be complicit in the violent attacks carried out by Blackwater personnel.

Have some shame, Arizona!

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The United States' unchallenged use of military personnel from all over the world, these private military contractors are turning a profit on the back of U.S. soldiers. When there are too many contracts, the government has to pay too much for the services of its personnel. Blackwater's use of firepower was completely unwarranted. However, following years of testimony and investigation, no criminal charges were ever brought against the company.

As long as Blackwater continues to operate in Iraq, the government will continue to be complicit in the violent attacks carried out by Blackwater personnel.

Have some shame, Arizona!

In the Business section of the April 19 issue of The Ticker, Vikram Varma, who was recently accepted into an internship at the venerable Wall Street titan Goldman Sachs, said that he would be happy to read articles by players rarely recruit directly from Blackwater. Varma also noted that some of his interviewers had not even heard of Baruch College or the school’s logo, a conspicuous Ivy League sign.
Students must hold their professors accountable!

Loose lips sink academic careers

Most, if not all, Baruch classes start with discussion about academic honesty. For students’ convenience, the college published a reference guide, which can be found online at www.baruch.cuny.edu/academic/honesty.html. It covers subjects such as cheating, plagiarism and academic dishonesty. This document also contains a separate section called “Witnessing Academic Dishonesty.”

According to the document, “If you observe cheating during an exam, or know of students who have any unfair advantage, it is your obligation to report these occurrences to the Dean of Students.” While this document may or may not accurately reflect school’s official policy, it is, nevertheless, the document that all students are instructed to consult for academic dishonesty issues. There are a number of ways to look at this policy. Let’s first find parallels in our legal system. Generally speaking, criminalization does not take place for not doing something. Exceptions to this include non-actions taken together with actions that constitute a culpable deed, or grave omissions by people who stand in a position of personal moral responsibility to act. (For example, a mother starving her child to death).

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Gillespie exposes corporate irresponsibility

BY MAE SCHARFMAN

John Gillespie, author of Money for Nothing: How the Failure of Corporate Boards is Ruining American Business and Costing Us Trillions, spoke on Tuesday, April 20 about corporate integrity, risk management and accountability for improving corporate government.

Gillespie believes in corporate boards, which Gillespie described as “the single biggest hurdle we have in the most recent financial meltdown.”

His book identifies some of the issues that are facing corporate boards, such as CEOs being the lead dog, shareholders not being capable of hiring or firing board members and having an undivided board.

He also said that another problem was board members being shielded and at times benefiting from financial short-cuts of the corporation, while the stakeholders risk becoming insolvent.

According to the author, some responsibilities of a corporate board are to look out on behalf of the shareholders, to monitor and advise the executives...make sure the company does not go off the rails, hire fire CEOs, evaluate the succession of executive compensation, consider and approve the key financial and strategic decisions...then elect the candidates for directors and generally make sure the shareholders own and sustain the company.

A board that performs well will also encourage the shareholders into consideration, including contractors, employees, the environment, the community and the consumers.

“For topics such as the American Financial Stability Act, but despite efforts to minimize the chances of this happening again, Gillespie fears we are in danger of incurring more financial meltdowns if we don’t put corporate boards under the spotlight.”

He said that corporate boards behave in a dysfunctional, cultural nature and often neglect their vested interests, duties and he questioned whether the CEOs and chairmen should be the same people.

According to the author, the CEO chairman relationship should function as a system of checks and balances. When this relationship is taken over by one person, the outcome is domination of the board.

All aspects including the agenda, corporate decision-making, the hiring and firing of its members are heavily influenced and controlled by the CEO.

Another problem facing corporate boards is the lack of diversity. Boards are statistically shown to be comprised of predominately wealthy male businessmen.

Studies have revealed that adding diversity to a board reduces marginalization and “brings tougher questioning, higher standards of performance and accountability to the board, and a greater degree of thinking about other stakeholders,” said Gillespie.

Gillespie encourages boards to obtain other degrees of diversity such as experiential diversity, political diversity and academic diversity.

He argued that making board members more financially responsible will establish more accountability. If board members own money was at stake, they would not be as negligent and would be less likely to commit financial fraud, he said, adding that board members who are responsible for making risky decisions are too often off the hook from litigation as well as financial repercussions.

Millions of Americans risk their money as shareholders in an attempt to save for their family’s futures.

Money for Nothing proposes that accountability for responsible business practices should be mandated not only by the shareholders but enforced in Washington as well.

The Ticker: Tell us a little bit about your background and history.

John Gillespie had been an investment banker for 18 years. I had gone to Harvard Business School before that and then became a chief financial officer for a human service company that operated nationally. The couple of banks I worked for included Lehman Brothers, Bear Sterns, as well as Morgan Stanley.

Two of them are out of business in general, but I had leadership and also management issues.

Did you notice any problems at the companies you worked for?

Yes. As part of Bear Sterns, which had a board that had been there for many years, the average was 15 years that the board members had been on and the board also included three executives that dominated the board and had been there for 20 years. If you had a real outside board with independent people, who would ask tough questions, unlike the culture at Bear Sterns, you probably would have had somebody preventing them from taking on this much leverage as they did. They had 30 to one for each dollar they were borrowing 30, which was twice what it had been 10 years prior.

What types of legislation should government impose to protect shareholders?

We could propose having, which had been proposed a couple of times in the past half century, a cadre of public directors. We call them super directors, people who switch from successful business careers to full-time directors on just a few companies, have term limits, have training and they would be really independent. Maybe even possibly create an independent mechanism for paying them.

We think they should create two training centers that [directors] are required to go to, formed by a consortium of business schools on the East and West coasts. [Directors] have to go for a week every year, or figure out what makes sense. Particularly when they are coming on and learn the basics. A lot of boards have a lot of people...who strangely don’t even have basic knowledge of finance.

The Ticker: What advice do you give to students who aspire to be business leaders of the future, regarding corporate governance?

The advice would be to learn what the problems in corporate governance are and then what the structure should be doing, which is monitoring and advising the employees of the shareholders who are themselves and who certainly the executives of the company are. So learn that orientation.

When I was in business school, I was basically told, don’t talk about corporate governance. It’s starting to be talked about, but it needs a lot more attention. I’m optimistic with things like Net Impact, which I’m a lifetime member of. It’s an organization that looks at companies’ responsibility to society and tries to take into account not just selfish interest but the employees, the customers, the environment, to realize that those stake holders need to be thought about, in part because if they are, that helps the shareholders because the company will be sustainable, and it will grow.

Q: Gillespie shares experiences one-on-one
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The American auto industry’s fierce comeback

BY QUINTON MCDONALD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The ongoing battle between America and Japan to claim the throne of the auto industry is reminiscent of David and Goliath. In the early 1900s, companies like Ford and General Motors dominated the American car industry, only to be conquered by the more conservative Japanese manufacturers Toyota and Honda in the ’60s and ’70s.

Back in the auto industry’s infancy in the early 1900s, the “Big Three” — GM, Ford and Chrysler — were on top of the world and were primarily the only cars available in America.

Back in that time, since auto technologies were not as advanced as they are today and the price of oil was fairly inexpensive, American automakers produced oversized cars with massive gas-guzzling engines. The 1973 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries embargo quickly changed that. The embargo sharply increased the price of fuel, and Americans became more fuel conscious. This left a void for small Japanese and European cars to enter and the fall of the “Big Three” began.

With new competition flooding the industry, the once largest companies in the world were forced to create smaller, more efficient engines and automobiles that did not have the ingenuity to make. As the “Big Three” began to decline in sales, the Japanese automakers began to steadily rise so that in 2007, Toyota officially became the largest automaker in the world, dethroning General Motors’ 77-year run.

However, now it seems America is back, with the recent woes of Toyota, along with many other Japanese automakers, their once legendary reliability is now in question and, according to the former vice-chairman of General Motors, Bob Lutz, “Toyota’s God-like status will never be reclaimed.”

Only when the recession finally hit in 2008, did America’s auto industry become in dire need of life support. With the help of federal aid and government incentives, American automakers have been producing automobiles that are nothing short of perfection. Now, their competitive styling, interior and exterior, fuel efficiency and reliability all rival their Japanese counterparts.

According to Autoblog.com, Ford sales jumped by just under 43 percent and GM by just under 44 percent. The increase in GM sales can largely be attributed to one of its core brands, Buick, which climbed an impressive 76 percent in sales, shedding light on the revaluation of this premium luxury brand. These numbers are also descriptive of how much “dead weight” both Ford and GM had to lose, as they have both been trying their best to optimize maximum efficiency since the recent bailout.

For GM — formally consisting of Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Buick, Saab, Hummer, Pontiac, Saturn, Holden, Opel and Vauxhall — “trimming the fat” meant cutting production of the Hummer, Pontiac and Saturn models, and selling Saab to another automaker, Spyker. Ford too was forced to restructure in order to increase efficiency, selling Jaguar/Land Rover to the Indian company Tata Motors, and selling Volvo to the Chinese automaker Geely.

BY JASON WANG
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Dmitry Kucher, a junior majoring in economics, secured a summer offer at Citigroup in their risk management department last year, despite a faltering economy that has led to less available positions and more competition among students who are all seeking an opportunity upon graduation.

Kucher, a Macaulay Honors College student, described his process of getting the internship as “a major learning experience.”

During the beginning of the process, he learned that the business field he yearned for was lacking positions. “I was interested in obtaining a position in risk management, but I found it difficult that, given the current economic crisis, there was not a vast number of internships being offered,” said Kucher.

Kucher first interned at Bloomberg, where he was exposed to the business world before switching to TD Bank as a credit risk analyst and developed a soundness for risk management.

TD Bank not only introduced him to risk but also strengthened and magnified his highly technical and analytical skill-set. After his time at TD, he was determined to land another position in risk management and expand his knowledge.

He meticulously searched for different internships on the Starr Career Development Center career sections of certain financial institutions and the Vault’s Listing of Top Internships, applying to ones related to his area of interest.

When Citigroup called and granted him an interview in their risk management department, Kucher said he was thrilled and jumped at the chance. He knew this was the career path he wanted to pursue and he was didn’t want to let this opportunity slip away.

To prepare for the interview, Kucher researched the company in depth and met with professionals from the company in the field to have a better understanding and sense of the position and corporate culture. In addition, he utilized the SDCC free mock interview services to assist him in rectifying any flaws he might have.

Kucher wasted no time in perfecting himself and to gain a competitive advantage over his fellow colleagues.

Even after securing the position, Kucher is thinking about the long term. “It is important for students to realize that once they obtain an internship, that the interview process is not over,” he said.

“The whole summer is one very long interview, and probably the most significant one of [the intern’s] life.”

Kucher personally felt that any internship is beneficial towards one’s development. “You learn about your strengths as well as your weaknesses, and whether that field is right for you or not. It’s all about experience,” he said.

An internship in your intended field of study can help students learn whether or not they are embarking on the right path.

“You are learning about yourself as a person and as a professional, where you have goals and aspirations of what you would hope to accomplish in life.”

Scott M. Crowe, Citigroup Inc.

American auto industry’s fierce comeback
Muslim students speak out against burqa ban

BY JANNEKE LOCKHART

An ongoing Supreme Court case involving a Christian student group at the Hastings School of Law at the University of California has been garnering much attention, as the sides debate whether a religious student group’s First Amendment rights protect the right to restrict people who do not share their faith from joining the club.

The group, called the Christian Law Society, said that in order to assert a leader, they must “affirm their commitment to the group’s core beliefs” by signing the national CSL Statement of Faith.

According to a resolution adopted by the national CSL, the Statement of Faith denounces “acts of sexual conduct outside of God’s design for marriage between one man and one woman, which act includes fornication, adultery, and homosensual conduct.”

Hastings, whose policies for student organizations require that clubs not discriminate against students on factors such as religion, race and sex, refused to recognize the club by granting it funding or space.

At Baruch, where there are at least three major undergraduate clubs based on faith, the rules are similar.

According to the school’s Undergraduate Student Senate’s standards, no group, faith or otherwise, is subject to the same rules as every club, according to Carl Ayllon, the director of the Office of Student Life.

Before any club is recognized, it must submit its constitution to Student Life for review and approval. Each club is required to make its activities open to any student who is interested.

씩름 does not have an Undergraduate Student Bulletin, “freedom to learn and explore major social, political, and economic issues are necessary adjustments to student academic freedom, as is freedom from discrimination based on race, religious, gender, social, and economic differentiations.”

The AMS aims to make Muslims and non-Muslims alike aware of the religion of Islam, according to the description on the school’s website. “The club also has no political aims but rather spiritual ones to enrich the lives of Muslims and non-Muslims.”

Malik Taver, who holds a leadership position as part of AMS’s public relations team, says the club is known for its open-door policy for all students. According to members, AMS attracts a wide range of students, many of whom come to learn more about the company, and for the opportunity to learn about the culture and religion.

“As far as we’re concerned, we don’t have a Muslim or a non-Muslim identity, we just talked about that everyone has something to contribute.”

The treasurer of the club, Firuz Kodirov, said there are legal restrictions on who can run for a position in the club. “As long as a person qualifies for the position they can take any example of someone being openly gay for president because such a person would not be considered a good example for the morals the religion tries to teach, according to Kodirov.

Repeated efforts to reach the inter- president for a response, including phone calls, emails and visits to their room, were unsuccessful. An executive board member, David St. Jean, said he was not comfortable commenting on the issue.

Hillel also was not able to comment, but the organization, the largest on campus for Jewish students, is also doing in part to open its doors to the entire school.

In January, the club built a suite outside their office, which they opened all students.

They published a letter in The Ticker Opinion section, welcoming students to the area and highlighting the ways in which they were working to build relationships with non-Jewish students.

“We embrace an open tent philosophy that welcomes Jewish students of all backgrounds and students from other faith and cultural traditions,” the letter said. “We are truly blessed to be part of the most ethnically diverse college in the country and be an active part of the creative and entrepreneurial culture at Baruch College.”

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THE PROUSTIAN PROBE

BY REBECCA FORBES

In the late 19th century, French writer Marcel Proust popularized the concept of answering several questions that were meant to “reveal the personality of the interlocutor.” News first appeared in The Ticker in 2008. It has now returned, with unique questions inspired by the original questionnaire. This issue’s interlocutor is Carol Berkov, a professor in the history department.

When were you most happy?

Easy. When my two children were born. And then, when they moved out to their own apartment.

Who are your favorite authors?

Proust, especially In Search of Lost Time, is my literary icon. Other favorites include Robert Parker, George Eliot.

What do you consider to be the überfeminist?

Hmm … having no vices.

In what country would you like to live?

The USA — but if I had to choose elsewhere, France, especially Provence.

Which do you prefer: wine or beer?

Wine, wine, wine — although Anchor Steam is a tempting summer drink.
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Lopez returns with The Back-up Plan

Jennifer Lopez returned to the big screen after a long hiatus to star in the comedy film The Back-up Plan released on February 24. Lopez plays Zoe, a successful business woman who is unlucky in the matters of love. After losing all hope of finding the right man, she decides to become artificially inseminated — only to meet Stan, a seemingly perfect man who changes everything.

Alex O'Loughlin plays Stan, who meets Zoe while trying to catch a cab and then later runs into him again while accompanying a friend to an open food market. The casting of Lopez and O'Loughlin works great and their chemistry makes the characters’ attempts to assemble a relationship backwork seem entirely realistic.

For the audience, the impression was that the movie must have been quite comical, because the two actors’ timing is impeccable in the comic scenes. They play off each other a lot, making the audience laugh throughout the entire movie.

The film mainly focuses on the humorous trials Lopez’s character goes through while trying to keep her pregnancy a secret, fearing loss and working through her trust issues.

The film is amusing, trying to cover a lot of storytelling in a short time frame, forcing some parts to be cut short. Overall, though, it flows perfectly throughout.

The film’s director, Alex Poula, did a great job at taking a serious topic and turning it into a comedy. Filming the movie in New York was another great choice.

Unfortunately, however, he did not show the case setting. While those who are very familiar with the city will be able to recognize the downtown towns, most of the scenes were shot in studio.

This hour and 38-minute film was funny from the opening scene to the credits, which includes a hilarious Globeetope scene that left me to be desired. It was helpful from adding more to the plot, like extending Zoe’s pregnancy.

Either way, Lopez fans just seem happy that she is back on the screen. During the first week of its release, The Back-up Plan reached second place at the box office, earning $12.2 million.

Museo offers a piece of the Barrio

For a taste of Latin culture and art, El Museo del Barrio in Spanish Harlem is the best fit.

The museum, which was opened in 1969 by minority groups who hoped to preserve their under-recognized culture, combines languages-inspired art from both Latin and Caribbean communities. It now includes exhibitions such as the permanent collection "Voces Visiones," and temporary exhibits like "Phantom Sightings: Art Af- ter the Chicano Movement, " which was the Chicano Movement, " which was begun on March 24 and ends May 9.

El Museo is across the street from Central Park on Fifth Avenue and has a modern façade that stands out from the better known places on Museum Mile. Its glass exterior suggests that it offers a different variety of art, which it does, and fits in well with the diversity of New York City.

Where the actual exhibits begin is separated from the entrance and includes cashiers by large white doors. "Voces V Visiones" offers a multitude of various art mediums, from photographs to paintings to cardboards. The museum includes a lot of 3-D art that literally jumps off the wall. A series of photographs placed on the wall is one of the best parts of the exhibition.

Creator Christina Fernandez created the desecration of an urban neighborhood, filled with washers, graffiti and destruction. The few figures in the photos do not resemble like these objects and viewers will have a particularly easy time connecting to these scenes if they’re New Yorkers.

The permanent collection includes art that dates back to 1200 as well as much more current work. The later pieces, which are from the Caribbean culture, take too little and include archaological pieces. Political posters are also included, which criticize consumers, American culture and the media. Enter Hernandez’s "Sun Mad" fea- tures the familiar Sun Maid raisins ad, except with a skeleton in place of the iconic woman.

The art of the Chicano Move- ment exhibition does not offer as much variety, but it is far more modern than the other exhibits. A yellow vinyl Volkswagon beetle that looks so fragile that a sewer grate can cause it to collapse is one of the major attractions, drawing viewers to it over and over.

Much of the other art jumps off the walls and includes simple drawings that are bright and color- ful. Carolyn Costano’s paintings are an outstanding portion of the exhibit, featuring pieces of multicolored patterns and uniquely drawn people. A wall of cardboard boxes that feature comical and political say- stings stand out. Most people find themselves taking a few mo- ments to read and laugh over mag- ic-markered boxes with phrases like “Get off your trust fund and do something.” “Never mix, never worry” and “Government cheese: 5 miles.” Alejandro Diaz created the "ink on Cardboard" display in 2004 and it is probably the most enjoyable portion of the entire exhibit.

While the art offers a new expe- rience for New Yorkers looking for a new sense of urban life, the security guards of El Museo are a hindrance to the experience. They constantly hover over those appreciating the art and ban them from touching pieces completely. After a while they make the experience feel self-conscious and it definitely takes away from the free- flowing art and style that encapsu- late the exhibits.

Students pay a discounted rate of $4 for El Museo and every third Saturday of the month is free. Either way it is a refreshing experi- ence at a museum and is worth the cheap cost.
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Madonna was all the rage with her tutu skirts and punk rock ensembles, while Prince’s “pirate swing” featured rock ‘n’ roll garments that created a new array of inspired fashion. This summer capture the soul of this neon era of fashion for yourself.

For the ladies, the jumpsuit will be the highlight of the season. Get the “Smoked Denim” jumpsuit from Express ($39.50) and a solid color pair of Keds for a casual daytime look. Turn the piece from day to night by switching to a classy evening look with Forever 21’s “One Shoulder Rosette Jumper” ($29.80). The design is a perfect piece for the evening. For the guys, bright colors are the way to go. Lean towards bright and black Cherry. One of the best.

People’s Pops reinvent a sweet treat

People’s Pops is located in Chelsea Market, 425 W. 15th Street.

Chelsea Market offers a variety of specialty food shops that include restaurants, bakeries, bars and coffee shops. One great new addition to the Market is People’s Pops, a popsicle shop that puts a unique spin on the beloved cold summer treat, has found a way to improve the original favorite, making it 10 times better. People’s Pops products include ice pops and shaved ice made fresh with local fruits and herbs. They are all homemade, which is a large part of their appeal, and they have a lighter and fresher taste than typical frozen desserts.

Set up adjacent to the Market’s water fall, the store is small and has simple set up with an old fashioned chalkboard menu and counter service. At the counter, customers can glance at the many original flavors that are offered for both the popsicles and shaved ice. Some of the flavors include rhubarb, plum, organic cream, cinnamon, lemon and black cherry. One of the best flavors to try is the sour cherry and black berry.

For those who care to be daring, the ‘Acid Wash Straight Leg Jeans’ ($34.90), also from Forever 21Men, will create an edgy, unique look for this season’s trend. Gentlemen should also dedicate a portion of their clothing collection to Michael Jackson inspired looks this season, paying homage to the king of pop.

For the evening, go for a light ic tee will add some pizzazz under a blazer or a custom leather jacket. For those who are simpler, a graphic tee will add some pizzazz under a suit and style the overall look. Finish up with a pair of geek chic glasses for a classic appeal that will nicely round out a stylish 80’s look and make any Clark Kent fan proud.

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An asteroid might not have been the reason for the dinosaurs’ extinction. New research by Dr. Gregory Price of Plymouth University, who has been studying fossils and minerals from Antarctica, shows that a change in the Atlantic Gulf Stream may have led to the wipe out of dinosaurs.

"World’s seas plummeted 9 degrees Celsius from 13 degrees Celsius to just 4 degrees Celsius around 137 million years ago," according to the dailymail.co.uk. The findings were published in the newspaper on April 12 when Price spoke to the publication.

Price and Dr. Elizabeth Nunn of Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany, have been studying in the Arctic Svalbard since 2005.

According to the research update on Plymouth University’s website, the Svalbard is "an area famed for a number of paleontological discoveries, including giant marine reptiles such as pliosaurs and ichthyosaurs." During the Cretaceous period, the area was filled with dinosaurs and had warm, shallow seas and swamps.

While scientists have long attributed the extinction of the dinosaurs to an asteroid or comet impact, this new research reveals that it was a series of environmental changes beginning with a drop in sea temperature in the Cretaceous period that led to extinction.

The Hubble Space Telescope has captured beautiful images of the universe, like the Butterfly Nebula. Over its 20 year mission, the Hubble Space Telescope has performed a vital role in the evolution of modern astronomy. The Hubble is the only telescope in the world designed to be serviced by human astronauts. The telescope has received five servicing missions since 1993.

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The drop in temperatures may have caused the extinction of dinosaurs. "We believe dinosaurs were most likely to be cold-blooded creatures and would have needed the warmth to keep them alive. If they were unable to migrate south, they could have been wiped out," said Price in The Daily Mail. "We believe dinosaurs were most likely to be cold-blooded creatures and would have needed the warmth to keep them alive. If they were unable to migrate south, they could have been wiped out."

There is evidence to suggest that this change in climate can occur again, except less abruptly. According to the Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution, "Abrupt regional cooling and gradual global warming can unfold simultaneously... greenhouse warming is a destabilizing factor that makes abrupt climate change more probable."
HP purchases ailing Palm

The troubled mobile phone maker Palm has found a new suitor: HP. Palm, the maker of the Palm Pre and Palm Pixi smartphones, was recently purchased by HP computers, one of the largest computer companies in the world.

While industry rumors had Lenovo pegged as Palm's buyer, HP swooped in to buy the company Thursday for $1.2 billion. In an HP press release, Todd Bradley, an executive vice president in HP's personal systems group said, “Palm's innovative operating system provides an ideal platform to expand HP's mobility strategy and create a unique HP experience spanning multiple mobile connected devices.”

In the past year, Palm's finances have been shaky. Losing over $120 million since October of last year, Palm's stock was recently devalued to $0. While Palm WebOS garnered positive raves at its launch, the company has had difficulty capturing market share from its competitors, including RIM, Apple and Google.

The merger will benefit both companies. Palm will receive the financial backing of an industry giant like HP, while HP will gain access to Palm's expertise in software design. The acquisition will likely accelerate HP's entry into the competitive mobile phone market.

Some analysts have even speculated that the acquisition will allow HP to create a tablet device that rivals Apple's iPad. HP's other tablet, the Slate, is designed around the operating system Windows 7, originally meant to be used with a keyboard and mouse. By using WebOS, HP could sell users a more touch-friendly tablet device.

"The iPad is built on the iPhone mobile OS, which compares directly with WebOS and Android, not with Windows or Mac OS X," wrote Tony Bradley of PC World. "Palm's origins in the PDA market make its WebOS platform a natural fit for a tablet to compete with the iPad — the evolution of the PDA concept."

However, it remains to be seen whether HP and Palm can grab market share from its competitors.
Playoff time for softball and baseball

BY TIMOTHY PETROPOULOS
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing to CSI, 15-5, for the fourth time in a row in the opening round of the CUNY Athletic Conference tournament on Thursday, the Bearcats stayed alive by defeating City College, 8-5, on Friday in MCU Park in Coney Island.

Baruch must win its next three games of this double-elimination format tournament in order to repeat as champions. One more loss and their season will be over.

After dropping a rain-induced tripleheader to CSI last weekend, Baruch dropped from second to fourth place in CUNYAC, drawing the No. 1 seed Dolphins again in the opening round of the tournament.

“CSI played as a team and did everything right, their pitching was phenomenal,” said freshman Jules Ryan Alonzo. “We didn’t answer when we had chances to. We had opportunities to beat them and we didn’t.”

And the first playoff game was more of the same.

The game was tied, 3-3, going into the bottom of the sixth inning when the Bearcants imploded, allowing the Dolphins to score six runs on six hits and making an atrocious five fielding errors.

“We [...] beat ourselves. That’s what we have been doing all year. In all our losses, we beat ourselves; we make a lot of errors,” said Alonzo. “We have to stay in the game [...] we get down on ourselves when we make a lot of errors and end up blaming each other. We can’t do that [in the playoffs]. We have to play as a team, do all the right things and not beat ourselves.”

Although the loss was a disappointing one, the Bearcats were still alive, and faced CCNY, who lost to John Jay in a 9-8 thriller the day before, in a must-win game.

“CSI shut us down. There are no if, ands, or buts about it. Some teams in a must-win game, we make a lot of errors and end up blaming each other. We can’t do that [in the playoffs]. We have to play as a team, do all the right things and not beat ourselves.”

“We are so focused and determined, we just know we are going to kill it at the playoffs,” said Tepfer. Their pitching staff has proven to be their backbone, with Tepfer dominating the mound and freshman Nicole Flint shutting out other teams.

“I just maintained my confidence and pitched my game, nobody else’s,” said sophomore Joseph Murray. “You want to come back and prove to people that that was a fluke, we are better than that as a team.”

Baruch answered the call in the do-or-die game to stay alive, and in the process sent the Yellow Jackets packing for the season.

Ryan McGuire stole the show on the mound, pitching a complete game, allowing four earned runs and striking out six. Senior David Chestnut hit a solo homerun and four separate Bearcants had multi-hit days, including freshman Peter Dinolfo, who went 2-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs, to keep the Baruch alive another day.

“We believe that on our best day, we are better then any other team,” said Rodriguez. “I just maintained my confidence and pitched my game, nobody else’s.”

Tepfer shut out the competition again in an e-mail about her last shutout victory against Brooklyn College.

Rodriguez feels the combination of their hitting and pitching is what has kept them ahead of the conference and will bring them through the playoffs. “Just ask Flint. When she’s on top of her game, she’s un-beatable,” he said.

Two years ago the Bearcants, the No. 3 seed in CUNYAC, came close to the glory of their first championship against Hunter College. But the Bearcants fell short, 5-4, and the loss has resonated with the remaining players on the team.

“It’s a driving force for those girls because it is unfinished business and a lot we are better than any other team,” said Murray. “We have to play our best, show what kind of team we can be and go out there and prove it.”

With the win, Baruch moves on to face John Jay, with the winner of that game moving on to face Bearcat nemesis CSI for two games on Saturday.

“We are still the team to beat in this tournament,” said Murray. “We are still the defending champs. Don’t get it twisted.”

BY LILLIAN RIZZO
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

They’ve got 11 CUNY Athletic Conference wins under their belts. They’ve held on to the No. 1 spot in the conference for the entire season and made Baruch history. They clinched one of the top two seeds in the championships, but they haven’t finished yet.

This year’s Bearcants’ softball team doesn’t want to cut their history-making season short after having its best CUNYAC record ever. They want to bring the trophy back to Baruch and their confidence won’t let them think otherwise.

“Honestly, whoever it is, bring it on,” said junior pitcher Andrea Tepfer. “We are ready.”

As of right now the Bearcants are scheduled to play whoever wins the elimination tournament between the No. 4 and No. 5 seeds. There is no preference as to which they play because they only want one outcome: Victory.

“I don’t look at seeding. I am happy we are the one seed,” said assistant coach Anthony Rodriguez. “The good thing about this year is that this is one of the better years overall as a cong the Dolphins to score six runs on six hits and making an atrocious five fielding errors.

“If it’s our last, “ he said. “But this team of big hitters and solid pitching exudes nothing but confidence and a lot of those girls still remember it,” said Rodriguez. “It’s like they have a chip on their shoulder and I would feel the same way if it was me. It’s all or nothing at this point.”

While the team had a shaky record in their non-conference games, this is to say the girls aren’t ready.

“I think [head coach Jose Ne-gruns] puts together one of the toughest schedules to prepare for the playoffs,” said assistant coach Penny Weiner. “If you put together a schedule that is weak, yeah, you can go 40-0. But that doesn’t help us.”

The Bearcants will play their first playoff game against Brooklyn College or John Jay.

“We know that all the hard work they put in the season came to life,” said Weiner. “And other schools should be wary about that.”

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Playoff time for softball and baseball

Softball ready for any opponent that stands in their way.

Barrel needs to stay perfect to win second straight title

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Brazilian born Bearcat is an All-American

BY SPENCE PACKER

Pablo Oliveira of the Baruch men's volleyball has taken college volleyball by storm. The junior and captain wins championships, garners many awards, and does it all with a dignified humility.

Oliveira is originally from Brazil. He came to the United States about five years ago. "I came here because of my dad, since he was already in America back and forth. He decided to bring my mom and I for a mom and I for a better education and so I could learn English and have more opportunities."

Once here, he decided that he would give volleyball a try. "I started playing volleyball in my freshman year at Newcomers High School. The Newcomers volleyball coach, Kev Fernandez, is a huge part of who I am today."

He is the one who taught me my first steps in volleyball and introduced me to play for the New York City team in the Empire State Games, then Stellar Club East, and then Creole, where we play the men's national championship.

Oliveira has earned the respect and honor of being a player that he still carries with him today. At the beginning of his college career, Oliveira moved to Hunter College. While there, he helped his team win a CUNYAC championship.

His hard work playing for three clubs and practicing whenever he could made Oliveira a better player and instilled the work ethic that he still carries with him today. At the beginning of his college career, Oliveira moved to Hunter College. While there, he helped his team win a CUNYAC championship and ECAC South. After playing for a year at Hunter, 2008, he decided to come to Baruch. His main reason for transferring was because Baruch allowed him to major in finance. But, he also saw an opportunity to win with the Baruch volleyball team.

"My experience in Baruch has been great and I thank coach Allison Stack for making transferring from Hunter to Baruch so much easier and for having the trust she did this year once she made me one of the captains."

Coach Stack's trust paid off as Oliveira helped to bring Baruch a CUNYAC championship while being named with one of the highest individual honors first team All-

"Being a first team All-American is a huge honor. It's not always about all the hard work on the court. It's also about how much support and belief others have on you off the court," said Oliveira. "This award is for all the coaches I had that believe in me [...], and, of course, the two important women of my life: my mother and my fiance."

As much as Baruch has given him, he has given just as much in return. "He always knows what to say to help pump up the team and give us energy," said sophomore Vincent Cruz.

"Every day we learn something new, and this is exactly how I treat volleyball in my life." - Pablo Oliveira

Junior Men's Volleyball All-American
For the first time in Baruch softball history, the team will head into the CUNYAC playoffs as the No.1 seed, looking to bring home a championship.