In addition to seeing students regarding complaints and other issues, the professional staff has been involved in the distribution of scholarship information and materials to Baruch's most talented students; the distribution of student health insurance materials and the maintenance of documented files for students requesting coverage for dependents in CUNY's GHI student health insurance program. Writing recommendations for students seeking to transfer out of Baruch, those applying to Law, professional, and graduate schools is complete in this office. The work associated with the coordination of the activities of the Bernard M. Baruch College Association and the Bernard M. Baruch Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation is the responsibility of the Associate Dean of Students, including; the review, assessment, and authorization of student groups to participate in off campus events.

We continue to collaborate with the Office of the Provost in joint presentations to academic departments regarding student academic integrity. This initiative has been extended to evening adjunct teaching faculty through two evening meetings in early March.

The fall recruitment effort for Golden Key Honor Society resulted in over 280 students joining. Golden Key students are once again coordinating a large Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. They currently have approximately 200 certified student volunteers working at ten site locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. Active outreach efforts are being made throughout all locations to inform the local residents of this free multilingual income tax preparation assistance program.

The Baruch Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national academic honor society, that recognizes freshmen who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher after completing between 12 to 29 credits of course work held their annual induction on Thursday, March 17th. Almost 190 students were inducted at that time. President Kathleen Waldron and Associate Provost, Barbara Lawrence were inducted as honorary members.

The Office of Student Development along with Golden Key conducted a Sophomore Recognition reception on March 10th to recognize those members of the sophomore class who have earned cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher. In excess of 235 students attended the event during which Stan Becker delivered the keynote remarks. In addition to seeing students regarding complaints and other issues, the professional staff has been involved in the distribution of scholarship information and materials to Baruch's most talented students; the distribution of student health insurance materials and the maintenance of documented files for students requesting coverage for dependents in CUNY's GHI student health insurance program, the writing of recommendations for students seeking to transfer out of Baruch or those applying to law and other professional and graduate schools. In addition, most of the work associated with the coordination of the activities of the Bernard M. Baruch College Association and the Bernard M. Baruch Auxiliary Enterprises Corporation are the responsibility of the Associate Dean of Students. This includes the review, assessment, and authorization of student groups to participate in off campus events.
Student Support Services
Dr. Kirschner

- The increased reporting of academic integrity violations has placed a serious demand on disciplinary counseling time as each allegation requires a meeting with the student as well as follow-up letters to the student and faculty member. In other disciplinary cases, there are the students with severe psychological disturbances who disrupt classes and wind up in this office. Working closely with the Counseling Center has allowed for quick intervention.

- The Healthcare Center has seen a 50% increase in utilization as a result of increased publicity and outreach activities. We have had five mini health fairs focusing on tobacco use cessation, stress busters, world AIDS day, diabetes awareness and fitness and nutrition. An additional examining room will be added to the Healthcare Center to accommodate the increased demand.

- There have also been presentations to departments and programs, at their request, on handling disruptive behavior and teaching in large sections.

- Scholarship recipient selection will begin in April and the awards made for the fall semester

Office of Student Life
Dr. Aylman

- "Leaderquest," the 22nd annual Student Leadership Training Weekend was held from October 29 through October 31, 2004 at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, New York. Eighty-five student leaders from student government, clubs and media attended the retreat together with staff from the Office of Student Life, the Career Development Center, the Student Services Accounting Unit and the Office of the VP for Student Development. President Waldron and Vice President Sam Johnson attended as well.

- Undergraduate Student Government Elections, are scheduled to take place on April 12—14, 2005. This year, there are 18 contested races on the ballot. Eight positions are uncontested and the candidates have been elected by one vote cast by the Student Election Review Committee. Appointments made by the newly elected student government will fill the balance of the seats on the USG and various committees and boards. The Graduate Student Assembly Elections are uncontested with seven declared winners. The Student Election Review Committee has cast one vote in favor of all nominees who declared their candidacy for GSA.

- Four major Auditorium events will be presented this Spring beginning April 1 through May 13. These include another Shop of Styles Fashion Show that is a charity fundraiser in cooperation with Elle magazine, the African Students Association, the Asian Students Union, the Caribbean Students Association and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. OSL staff will support these large-scale events.

- The 27th annual Spring Fling (formerly known as Street Fair) will return to E. 25th street again this year, weather permitting. This annual rite of spring is sponsored by the OSL. Manhattan Community Board #6 has approved our application for a street closing on Bernard Baruch Way (E. 25th St.) on Thursday, May 5, 2005 from 9 to 5 PM. Free food, games, music will be provided from noon until 4 PM.

- The 40th Commencement Exercises of Baruch College will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Madison Square Garden. OSL will again coordinate academic regalia, commencement tickets and ceremony logistics for either one arena or two theater ceremonies, depending on the fortunes of the Knicks for the balance of the season.

- Senior Yearbook. Lexicon 2005 has completed principal production on this year’s book and plans are to distribute the book before Commencement 2005 to the 750 seniors and graduate students
who have pre-ordered the book. This is the fourth yearbook completed before commencement in a row and the third to be published in full-color.

- **Early Learning Center.** The ELC, located at 104 E. 19th St. has begun discussions about physical expansion of their current location with the management of 225 Park Avenue South. Currently, the facility is licensed for 30 children. An expansion will permit the program to apply for a license to accept more children of Baruch’s students in the future.

- **Freshman Seminar Program.** There are 11 sections of Freshman Seminar running this Spring. Additionally, two hundred students are currently in training to become student peer leaders for the Fall Freshman Seminar program.

- **Helpline.** The peer counseling program, Helpline conducted a “Suicide Prevention and Assessment Training” program for peer counselors this Spring.

**Community Service Projects.**

- **Blood Drives.** OSL sponsored its annual Blood Drives on O.S.L sponsored its annual Blood Drives on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5th and 6th and again on March 1st and 2nd.

- **Tsunami Relief.** The OSL coordinated a number of efforts to raise money for the American Red Cross to aid the victims of the December Tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

- **American Cancer Society Fundraisers.** OSL also organized a team of walkers in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on Sunday, October 17, 2004. The Baruch College team once again raised close to $5,000.

- On April 8th & 9th, Baruch College will host the first CUNY Relay For Life event. This 16-hour, overnight fundraiser will be hosted by Baruch College in the main gym and is open to students, faculty and staff of all CUNY Manhattan colleges. The program is being coordinated by the Golden Key Honor Society and the Office of Student Life.

**Athletics/ARC**

Dr. Eng

**Athletics**

- The Athletic teams have had an outstanding year so far, the most successful (CUNYAC Commissioner Cup points) in the past 7 years. The Women’s Volleyball team finished the season in 2nd place (13-9 overall and 7-2 in CUNY), and made it to the CUNYAC Championship game against CCNY. While we lost in three sets, the team was very competitive in the championship game as well as throughout the entire season.

- The Women’s Tennis team lost in the CUNYAC semi-finals to John Jay but had their best finish (7-3 overall and 6-2 in CUNY) in the last 4-5 years.

- The Soccer team completed a “worst to first” season by winning the CUNYAC Championship Game versus John Jay and automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships for the first time in their history. Having only won three games last season, they finished with a record of 11-4-1.

- The Men’s Basketball team had another solid season winning 17 games and losing 9 games. The Women’s Basketball had their best season ever breaking the all-time record of wins in a season with 21 wins. They had a heart-breaking loss to Hunter College in the CUNYAC Semi-finals.
• The Men's swim team repeated their consistent finish by placing 3rd in the CUNY’s while the Women's Swim team improved one slot up by finishing 2nd in the CUNY Championships.

• The Cheerleading Team returned to their winning ways by capturing the CUNY Cheerleading Championships after a 5 year “drought” (4 years no Championships were held).

• The Men's Volleyball team finished with a 12-8 record and was 12-2 in CUNY. They currently are competing in the CUNY Championships. Expectations are high for the remaining three teams (Softball, Baseball, Tennis) to compete for the CUNYAC Championships this season.

• Overall, Baruch is currently ranked third in CUNY based on Commissioner Cup points and if we finish there at the end of the season that would be the “largest jump” in our history. We finished in 8th last season, but remained competitive and eager to show that our program is on the rise.

ARC

• The athletic facilities continue to be a “big drawing card” for students, faculty, staff, and community. Currently open over 60 hours a week, the Fitness Center, Gymnasiums, pool, and racquetball courts are used to their fullest.

• Memberships and rentals continue to grow each year, as does Summer Camp and the Swim programs. We also continue to receive not only monetary support from the administration, but also their presence at a number of athletic events. President Waldron, the Provost, Deans, and a number of other administrators have been at numerous basketball (men & women), and volleyball matches.

The Counseling Center
Dr. Cheng,
Dr. Kasnakian,

• Returning as adjunct faculty to supervise our interns and externs and to provide direct student services are Dr. Michelle Berniker, Dr. Jairo Fuertes, Dr. Toni Heris, Dr. Elizabeth Merrick, and Mr. Anthony Liotta, C.S.W. Our psychiatrists, Pauline McHugh, M.D., Amelia Armerding, M.D., and Andreas Barrera, M.D., have been instrumental in providing psychiatric consultations and prescribing medication to students already being treated in the center. We also continue to have Dr. Nancy Ziehler from the Calandra Institute as part of our staff.

• Our internship and externship programs continue to attract excellent doctoral and masters level psychology students from both the tri-state area as well as nation-wide. We have doubled the number of applicants to our internship program since last year and continue to expect a competitive group of applicants in the upcoming internship year. Our recent externs and interns have come from Columbia University, Fordham University, Yeshiva University, New York University, Seton Hall University, University of Hartford, George Washington University, and The Florida School of Professional Psychology at Argery. Our interns and externs are present full time and part time to work with our students in the Counseling Center as well as provide consultations to other student service centers such as, Freshman Orientation Seminar, Helpline, Peers for Careers, the Early Childhood Learning Center and the Career Development Center. Our interns continue to excel in our training program. They have consistently handled potentially anxiety-provoking crises with competence and professionalism. Our interns’ commitment to their training and to serve the college is evident in both their ability to carry a challenging caseload and to provide care in individual as well as group psychotherapy modalities.

• The increase in psychopathology among college students nation-wide is also seen at our center.
A significant percentage of the patients our center services present with severe psychiatric disorders that require urgent care. The Counseling Center also continues to treat a noticeably higher volume of students. To address the increasing demand for our service, we have attempted to secure funding from private foundations. With the aid of Kelly Moody from the Office of College Advancement, we are pleased that our efforts have resulted in the approval for a two-year grant from the Van Amerigen Foundation. We hope to use their financial support to expand our services and meet the demands of our students. We are also continuing our commitment to secure funding from both private and public sources.

- In addition to providing individual counseling, the Center continues to offer a variety of services, such as psychological/neuropsychological assessments and counseling groups. These possibilities include learning disability evaluations as well as support groups for international students and students with disabilities. In addition, the Center staff plans to initiate other groups, based on feedback and request. One such initiative has resulted in the developing of a walk-in counseling services program at the international student office. This initiative has broadened our outreach to this special interest group.

- Recent campus-wide screenings addressing issues such as, depression, alcohol, eating disorders and upcoming workshops including Time Management, Stress Management and Test Anxiety are other examples of our continued outreach efforts. To provide continuity of care, screenings are also available throughout the year at the Counseling Center. Our campus-wide Open House successfully brought together students, faculty, and staff as they learned about our services. The Open House was also featured in the Ticker, providing further access to information about our services to students. We are also continuing our collaboration with the Health and Wellness Committee to expand our workshop and outreach efforts to reach a large audience of students throughout the academic year.

- The Counseling Center maintains a page on the Student Development Web Site. This allows students to sign-up and to request particular topics for groups and workshops on-line. We regarded our site as a work in progress, where we modify the content to best serve the changing needs of the Baruch student body. We continue to utilize interactive e-mail for students. This has proven to be especially useful for students who prefer to receive the more private e-mail message than phone message, where other household members may be privy to their participation in personal counseling. We continue to post a referral guide for faculty and staff on our website and plan to have a link to this page on the Faculty Handbook page. We also plan to continue to monitor the needs of the Baruch community to reach out and develop opportunities for coping with the long-term effect of terrorism and continued threats to our safety.

- Finally, we continue to offer in-service training for our interns and externs and for faculty and staff. Some of our recent and upcoming topics include intake interviewing, Psychopharmacology, Suicide Prevention, Diagnosis, Substance Abuse, Group Counseling, Character Disorder, Eating Disorders, Ethics, and Multicultural Issues.

SEEK
Dr. Anselmo

- During the month of January 2005, SEEK freshmen who failed or dropped their math class in the fall semester were required to attend a three week program on "Developing Math Confidence." Students attended daily math tutoring sessions and participated in math anxiety meetings with counselors. In addition, 12 DVD's were developed with the help of BCTC and the CIS Department to help students acquire skills in EXCEL and pass the SIMnet or EXCEL exam, a prerequisite for CIS 2200. for preparation for passing the qualifying exam in EXCEL, the prerequisite for CIS. The 12 hours of instruction will be utilized as part of the SEEK Freshman seminar this spring.
Special Programs of New York State will be hosting the eighth biennial conference of The Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education on March 20-23\textsuperscript{rd}. One member of the staff will be presenting on the development and educational applications of The SEEK Organization on Blackboard site that she manages for our students.

The Program developed a set of benchmarks to guide students in achieving academic, major/career and social/community goals from the freshmen to senior year. The “Keys to Success” booklet includes a yearly self-evaluation and senior biography.

SEEK hosted a workshop on Study Abroad on March 3, 2005. Dr. Richard Mitten, the Study Abroad Director and advisor discussed logistics and SEEK students who studied in Spain, Korea, Japan and France shared their experiences.

SEEK will cosponsor a workshop on budgeting and what students should know about getting credit cards.

SEEK will work host a workshop for perspective SEEK students for Fall 2005 on April 8, 2005.

SEEK will run a Spring continuation of the Welfare Rights Workshop on April 25, 2005. The goal is to create an empower group of students who understand their rights within state and City funded programs.

The spring semester of SEEK’s yearlong freshmen seminar (FRO 2000S) will focus on career exploration and counseling. In addition, special tutorials were included to assist students with Psychology 1001, Public Administration, Economics and Business 1000. A program to lend graphic calculators to SEEK and non-SEEK students enrolled in math 2001, 2006 and 2010 remains in place this semester as well as out laptop lending program.

The SEEK Peer Mentoring Program continues to recruit and train high achieving SEEK students to mentor and tutor other SEEK students. Current emphasis is on supporting students in the freshman year. Mentors work with freshman seminar students.

The Academic Survival Program for Probationary students continues this semester. A panel of students and faculty representatives from the Career Development Center and the Communications Studies Department will discuss major and career options on March 31, 2005.

This year’s SEEK Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 6\textsuperscript{th} and will honor the Natural Science Department in general and in particular two faculty members who have been loyal supporters of our Program and its students throughout the years—Professors Joan Japha and Mary Jean Holland. One of our students majoring in pre-med, Mark Smiley was awarded the United Negro College Fund Meek Scholarship, a prestigious honor that grants the student 425,000 and two paid internships. It also bestows a $10,000 Research grant to the Natural Science Department.