CUNY Trustees Pass Standardized Testing Requirements for All Remedial Students

Vote Comes Days After Mayoral Bid to Force Adoption of Same Requirement Fails

By Shan-san Wu
News Editor

In a vote held Monday, the CUNY board of trustees implemented a standardized test that CUNY students currently enrolled in remedial reading and writing classes will have to pass before being allowed to register for regular college courses.

However, according to CUNY chancellor and former Baruch College president Matthew Goldstein, individual campuses will be allowed to set different passing scores for the test.

Baruch students enrolled in remedial courses will be required to take and pass this test.

A number of faculty and students who attended the meeting voiced the decision by the board of trustees and noted the measure could possibly force students who would and could succeed in college out of CUNY undergraduate bachelor degree programs. Opponents to the test also argued that students should have to prove themselves academically in order to graduate, not in order to enroll, according to the New York Times.

The decision comes only days after Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's bid to implement these same testing guidelines and establish more stringent academic standards for CUNY was dealt a blow last week when a judge ruled that it would be illegal for the city to withhold funding for CUNY if campuses refused to implement the testing guidelines.

The ruling, handed down by Manhattan State Supreme Court Judge Michael Stahlman, was the result of a lawsuit brought against the city by a CUNY student and prevented the city from using budget measures to force CUNY to set academic standards.

Without the ruling, the $88.2 million earmarked for CUNY's remedial education programs would have been withheld unless testing procedures were implemented by this week.

Apparantly, an appeal of the supreme court decision by the city will not be forthcoming. A spokesperson from the city's legal department noted last week that if the CUNY Board of Trustees voted to implement the remedial standardized testing policy, which they did last Monday, an appeal would probably not be necessary according to the New York Times.
Edward James Olmos Speaks at Union Square Bookstore

By Shan-san Laugh News Editor

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Edward James Olmos had Friday evening.

Highlighting what Olmos called "a book that was a long time coming," the book-signing presentation began as he read from the podium for the color photo cover of the book, simply to be an 8th Latino.

"It's a compilation of black and white photos selected from 40,000 images of contemporary American-Laureate life," Olmos said, "we are not going to proper.

The book is a celebration of the story of the Latino Publishing Company's reputation by letting your peers define its 'stories,' "I'll put it in the words," Olmos said.

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"If you don't think that this is a glass of water in the desert for a culture of 40 million people, then you have another thing coming to you." 

Olmos' most remarks in Spanish, drawing even more applause and a call of approval as he did so. "For those of you who are Spanish-speaking," he continued laughing, "I will return to monolingualism. But such as bilingualism."

In perfect English, Olmos noted that Olmos then began as a call for the recognition of diversity to graphs selected from 60,000 images. (News Editor)

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Booksellers Want Their Share of Baruch Textbook Market

The new kid on the block, Shakespeare & Co. Bookstore, also "quickly and efficiently get local students their textbooks," according to its owner. As for service, Betty Chan, a junior, says that B&N is the best. There are more clerks on hand to help students find textbooks, at a lower price than the Baruch store, she explains.

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Challenge me.

By Que-Que, Features Editor

The Four Mosquitoes of the Apocalypse

It is anything but joy, however, for the residents of New York City, Montgomery County, and Washington D.C., who consider themselves victims of the four mosquito species that have infested the region. In fact, scientists from the New York City Health Department estimate that the four species could join the ranks of the region's most dangerous pests.

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If His Lips Move, then He’s Lying

Have you ever heard a snake hiss? Well, we are almost certain that it would probably sound like Herman Badillo at a press conference. In his recent statements in support of standardized tests as a condition of entry to CUNY, he has shown how adept he is in the art of antipodiums and calling it precipitation.

This testing should be called what it is, not a raising of the bar, but a bar, period. In a public institution designed to give everybody the chance to educate, students should prove that they are worthy of graduation. It seems that the trustees don’t even want them to enter. The exam may be a bar to entry for many.

Well, at least Badillo can rest easy knowing that those kids “from the hills of Mexico and the Dominican Republic, who have never been to any schools” won’t be able to get in. Well, at least Badillo can rest easy knowing that those kids are adequately prepared for college and the solution he offers is not a raising of the bar, but as a teacher, I feel a special sense of his challenge lies entirely on his own shoulders. He

said that the notion that lowering the bar will somehow help minority students... is an insidious form of racism. “It seems that the trustees have been so busy trying to set their standards that they forgot to look at the students they are trying to help minorit”

Badillo has said, “The notion that lowering the bar will somehow help minority students... is an insidious form of racism.” Anyone who falls for this rhetoric is suffering from an insidious form of guilt. Badillo admits that students are not being adequately prepared for college and the solution he offers is not preparation, but exclusion. As usual, the remedy is always to address the effect and not the cause.

Badillo also said that students who failed the Freshmen Skills Assessment Test have not received the academic preparation they need to succeed in college. And “a student that is not prepared for college will not be successful when presented with college level work.” Hmmmm, somebody should tell these students with GPA’s of 3.5 and better that they have to start off in remedial classes that they are not supposed to be successful, according to Badillo, and they must start flunking immediately.

You know how the mayor and his cronies are never wrong.

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Despite these concerns, semiconductor stocks have been performing well, as sales of computers, networking equipment and cell phones has caused global chip demand to surge after a turnover year, which has left many producers with reduced capacity to handle the increased demand.

Inventor Semiconductors Corp. (Nasdaq: INTC) showed signs of increased demand, as the company surpassed Wall Street on Sept. 9, reporting net income of $47.1 million, or 60 cents a share for the quarter ended Aug. 29. The earnings included a one-time gain of $48.4 million, with earnings before the gain coming in at a loss of $1.3 million, or less than one cent per share.

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By Kenyatta Piesos
Sports Editor

With about two weeks of Major League Baseball left, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are tied for home run supremacy, each with 68. Last year at this time, McGwire hit 65 home runs and Sosa hit 63. Though it is this critic's opinion that both players have distanced the age-old tradition that is baseball by taking two different drug supplements for muscle enhancement and performance (see: The Ticker, 9/2/98), it is still warming to see that those two are still battling each other while maintaining a friendship that has brought added respect to baseball.

Now that both have tied the hom run race has just begun and it is clearer than ever who will hit the most. Last year, McGwire hit 70 home runs and Sosa hit 65. This year should be Sosa's year except he has already started to falter as the race winds down. Since both players are in that vague category of quasi-role model, perhaps tie this year would be more fitting.

Fans want to see more home runs and hopefully they will not be disappointed. While Sosa now holds many fans propitious sentiments, McGwire cannot be ruled out. Neither player wishes to finish second because history has been very cruel to the runner-up. It would not be for a few shorts weeks if either player would be considered great athletes. But as it stands, perhaps the message they must promulgate to fans across the world is that even in failure or possible defeat it is possible to wade above the rest. Perhaps fans can be reassured if they remember that McGwire and Sosa only want to be the "best" and that this drive to excel, which incidentally is partly a phenomenon created by instinct, society, and the press, can propel people to seek all accusations to achieve. All things considered this has been another momentous year for baseball.

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HOMERUN RACE FINALLY BEGINS

SPORTS BEAT

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Dimitrius Underwood of the Miami Dolphins was found bleeding Sunday from a self-inflicted neck wound on a street in downtown Lansing, Mich. No further information is available. He is listed in fair condition after undergoing surgery.

* Kansas-Jama Carter, Cincinnati Bengals' No. 1 draft pick in 1995, dislocated his right kneecap Sunday at Carolina. He is not expected to play for the rest of the season, which would make it the third time that he has suffered season-ending injuries.

* Team USA amazed the greatest comeback in Ryder Cup history to win the tournament for the first time since 1993.

* The NFL fined Saints safety Chris Hewitt $7,500 for a helmet-first hit on San Francisco quarterback Steve Young.

* A man was charged with disorderly conduct yesterday for jumping out of the stands at County Stadium during a Milwaukee Brewers game when tackling Houston Astro Rick Fielder Bill Spiers.

* The Bulls yesterday hired the retired Texas-Ri Post coach Don Haskins as a consultant.

* The Piston signed free agent guard Pooh Richardson who had spent the last five years with the Los Angeles Clippers. His career averages are: 11.1 points and 6.5 assists per game.

ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY

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Last Week's Record: 7-5 Overall: 14-10
Last Week's vs. Spread: 6-6 Overall: 13-11

NFL

Jets (5.1/2) vs. Denver: The Broncos aren't going to go 0-4. The Jets aren't going anywhere with Mirei' at QB.

Eagles (9.1/2) vs. NFL: Time to erase memories of the Washington debacle—By pounding whoever the Eagles run out at their QB this week. Giants.

Buccaneers (even) at Falcons: Atlanta is crippled by injuries at QB and RB. Chandler is one hit away from the DL. Ravens. Saints (—1) at Bears: Curtis Enis is on the way to a breakout year. Nagging injuries to the RB Dirk traded his entire dream for aren't going to hold if he keeps on taking 15 NFL hits per week. Bears.

Rams (13.1/2) at Bengals: Vermeil has found the answer at QB. Conlet still looking for KJ-Jama. Rams.

Cardinals (+7) at Cowboys: Cardinals (+7) at Cowboy: Minnesota's offense has been in a season mode for the past three weeks. Most is due for an explosion. Expect Tampa to try and pound Albert with confidence in Diller fading. Expect Atlanta to get stuffed. Vikings.

Jaguars (+3) at Steelers: Jacksonville bounces back this week with a win at Three Rivers. Is Kordell the answer at QB? Jaguars.

Panthers (+8 1/2) at Redkins: Panthers have skill at all key offensive positions. Enough skill to hold off Washington. Panthers.

Chiefs (+1) at Chargers: San Diego defense too strong in sunny southern CA. Chiefs without Schottenheimer lose focus and identity. Chargers.

Bills (even) vs. Chiefs: With Steve Young out, the Niners still roll O'Donnell. Eddie George has power but he looks like he may lose a step of speed. San Francisco.

Raiders (13 1/2) at Seahawks: Raiders on a mission to erase memories of last season's winter collapse. Troy Wheatley on a mission to erase all doubt of his ability. Seattle still adjusting to Holmgren's new system. Raiders.

Bills (+4 1/2) at Dolphins: Marino and Johnson are finally working as a team giving Miami a true balanced attack...something they haven't had in more than a decade, Miami.

Pick of the Week: Patriots (12 1/2) at Browns: Big picks too confidence-robbing shadow of Parcells . is emerging into the best QB in the league. Browns could lose by 30.

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