Alumni Day 1999 Features Classes of ‘50, ’60, ’75 and ’90; More Than 100 Students Reunited With Their Alma Mater

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Baruch rolled out the red carpet on Sunday and welcomed back her alumni from the classes of 1950, 1960, 1975 and 1990 for a full day of seminars, food, door prizes and reminiscing in third annual Alumni Day festivities sponsored by the Office for College Advancement.

The over 100 graduates who gathered in the Conference Center of the 151 E 25th St. building were greeted with morning coffee, welcoming speeches and an acknowledgment of the achievements of the classes of ’50, ’60, ’75 and ’90.

The acknowledgement came from Barbara Kent, Chair of the Baruch Alumni Affairs Committee, while the welcome came from Luz Liebeskind, president of the Baruch College Alumni Association, and Interim President of Baruch, Sidney Litzman. The keynote welcoming address, “The Light at the End of the 20th Century,” was delivered by David Pearce Snyder, author, social forecaster and Lifestyles editor of The Futurist magazine.

“Our goal is to bring alumni back after 30, 40 and even 50 years and reintroduce them to Baruch,” said Noreen Hoffineister, assistant director for college development and alumni relations.

Returning alumni, all of whom were issued Baruch CUNY cards for access to Baruch buildings, computer labs and library privileges, and given a small heavy paperweight the shape of an opaque “pet rock,” adjourned to the sky-light lounge of the Conference Center for a lavish buffet lunch after the opening remarks concluded shortly after noon.

“The speakers were all very good, especially [Interim President] Sidney Litzman,” said Vincent Stadler ’60, “I like his ideas for the future of Baruch for the next five to six years and the high GMAT and SAT scores Baruch students have.”

Relatively recent alums from 1990 mixed with alumni in their 60s in a meeting of careers, cultures and generations before breaking up into smaller groups of 10 to 20 people to attend an array of afternoon hobby-long faculty seminars and alumni workshops.

“We have a more diverse array of speakers and seminars this year,” said Hoffineister. “This is the first year we have been able to offer events such as the tour of the National Arts Center.”

Alumni, many of whom were not graduates of this year’s featured classes but who were also invited, were allowed to choose two seminars from a diverse selection. There were titles such as “Brand New Century/Brand New Career,” “Families and Immigrants: A Tenement Building Tells a Story,” “Relax for the Music of Baruch’s Jazz Musicians,” “The History of the Middle East,” and “The World

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Chancellor: Phase Out of Remediation Creates Respect for CUNY

Quickly. "Future students should not have to go through the process of remediation. They should be challenged to take their studies seriously."

Neelon said that failing the CUNY entrance exams cannot accurately determine which students will be successful in higher education.

"The bottom line is money," said Zubock. "We're looking at a cost of $200 million per year to remediate students."

Formerly a professor of English at Baruch, he added, "There's no guarantee that students who complete remediation will be successful in college."

"We want to encourage students to work hard," said Zubock. "We want to give them the tools they need to succeed."

"The decision to phase out remediation was made to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed," he added. "It's important that we provide every student with the resources they need to achieve their goals."
The Sunflower On Her Palm

Part one of a series

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"When I meet you," the Hindu man said, "I am looking at the palms of my hand. I pray to my God or accept my fortune, whichever is my way of life."

"You mean, you are looking at the lines on my palm?" I asked, surprised.

"Yes," he answered. "The lines on your palm can tell me a lot about you."

I looked at my palm and noticed the line of life, the line of intellect, and the line of destiny. The lines were clear and well-defined.

"What about you?" I asked, curious.

"I have a few birds," he said, sitting on top of a tree. "I call them my friends. They bring me pleasure and comfort."

"Do you think they are your friends?" I asked, intrigued.

"Of course," he replied. "I have been raising them for many years."

"And what about your friends in life?" I asked, curious.

"I have many friends," he said, "but they are not as loyal as my birds."

"But do you have any problems with them?" I asked, wondering.

"Oh yes," he answered. "Problems arise in every relationship."

"But do you think you can solve them?" I asked, curious.

"I try," he replied, "but sometimes it is not easy."

"Do you think you have a long life ahead of you?" I asked, curious.

"I hope so," he answered. "I have a lot to look forward to."

"And what do you do with your time?" I asked, curious.

"I spend my time raising birds and taking care of nature," he said. "I also read books and listen to music."

"Do you think you have a lot of friends?" I asked, curious.

"I have many friends," he replied. "They are my birds, my books, and my music."

"Do you think you have a lot of enemies?" I asked, curious.

"I don't know," he answered. "I have not thought about it."
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This utopian dream of education for the people has gradually been scaled back to mean education for those people "we" deem worthy. Who is we? Who is worthy? Not you.

The powers that have wanted to, further, limit access to the schools of CUNY for their own selfish reasons.

They could also make the internal bureaucracy so inefficient that it drives students crazy, but that would only curtail the immigrant enrollment.

They could test, for rather than teach, English language skills which may in fact be obsolete, but that would only cut off the immigrant enrollment.

They could set up a public school system designed to fail, then blame the parents of those people, "we" blame. Children would be forced to prove in a test that they can't even demonstrate.

They could do a great many things, and they have.

Remediation is not the "problem" with CUNY schools. Destroying it is not a solution. It would seem that the people, should be striving towards a greater mass of educated men and women, rather than zealously excluding whoever can.

Chancellor Matthew Goldstein has said that phasing out remediation would create a CUNY with "high goals" and "respect." We say, respect is something you earn, something you get when you give it, not something printed on a piece of paper. For as high goals, we've already got City Hall in our sights.

Do not be fooled, fellow students. The opponents of remediation, those who actually know what they are doing, are not doing this for you and yours. They are not doing this so that you will be healthy, wealthy and wise, so that you can be bought and high standards are raised and the "bar" firmly nailed in place, they cannot raise just tuition, but the least able, as well as those vocational assistants.

Gullian, Badillo, Goldstein, Crew, whoever is listening, is well aware. Education is the only answer. If you think someone is too stupid or too lazy just don't bother to learn them and you and I will be better off. If remediation is failing, give the program more money. Isn't that how you politicians solve your problems - OK, forget more money, how about more thoughts? How about more experienced teachers instead of the novices remedial programs tend to get? How about pre-college curricula? Start by not firing anybody, for a change.

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A Scholarship Symposia will be held on October 14th from 12:45 - 2pm, in Room 4 North of 17 Lexington Avenue. Learn about the scholarship search, the application process, and meet currently enrolled Baruch students who have won highly competitive scholarships.

The Office of the Dean of Students would like to announce a scholarship opportunity from The National Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Awards ranging from $500 to $2500 are granted to full time students of Hispanic parentage. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, have a GPA of 2.5 or above, and have completed at least 15 credits of undergraduate work. Deadline for Applications is October 15, 1999.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

By Jon Minners
Sport Editor

This past Sunday the women’s Cross Country team placed sixth in the CUNY championship at Van Cortlandt Park. The winner of the 3.1 mile race was Hunter followed by Lehman and John Jay in second and third places respectively. Midgard Eves came in fourth and York college came in fifth. Three teams, Brooklyn College, NYU Technical, and Bronx Community College did not score because of lack of members.

The Baruch team did not place as high partly because some of its runners were not feeling well.

The following is a list of the individual results of the Stateswomen: Shakeselia Graham, 21st with a 27:48 time; Penney Tun, 26th with a 28:59 time; Helen Lee, 32nd with a 30:57 time; Melissa Walford, 34th with a 31:35 time; Macolvin Jean-Francois, 38th with a 32:52 time; and Vanessa Carress, 49th with a 33:40 time. The Stateswomen will now compete in the Hudson Valley tournament on October 36th. The Ticker wishes the Stateswomen luck!

The women’s volleyball team won four matches since last Tuesday and lost only one. The team is now an impressive 10-6 overall. The Stateswomen showed their dominance as they defeated Polytechnic in three (15-10, 15-6, 15-9). The Baruch Statewomen, Carla, spikes the ball for a point against CCNY. The Stateswomen won easily in four games. (Photo/Mya Antic)

By Jon Minners
Asylum Arts Editor

Hey yo! I’m getting tired of saying that. I think it’s getting a little cheesy. I need to try to stay fresh and catch phrase has been buried for awhile, since Scott Hall stopped wrestling.

Speaking of wrestling, WCW took the two wrestlers off the air. The group complained that the act promoted gay bashing, since when they arrested the fans booed them, and when they were hit, the fans cheered. All these years, I thought wrestlers were booed for being bad guys. I didn’t know that all those bad guys were really just gay.

Women activists should be happy that a woman wrestler, Chyna, has been given the opportunity to hold a “man’s” title. The WWF Intercontinental championship, a title normally held by men, was won by Chyna on Sunday night when she pinned Jeff Jarrett. She was given the opportunity to wrestle in the women’s division, but said that she was just as tough as the guys and could handle it. Sure, wrestling is fake, but it takes a lot of respect from the men wrestlers to let a woman beat them. Thumbs up to the WWF.

And now, more on wrestling. It looks like the People’s Champion, The Rock, will be one of People Magazine’s sexiest men of the year. Nice to see wrestling more and more in the mainstream. Way to go, Rock. Don’t boo me. I’m not bad.

OK, I’ve been avoiding this. As I write this, the Mets have come back in dramatic fashion to win two straight games from the Atlanta Braves in the NL Championship Series. I am going to make my boldest prediction ever. The Mets will make the World Series. If I were wrong, I promise that next week I will, pick the Yankees to win it all.

You can’t call them the Miracle Mets if it doesn’t come true. They are definitely doing it the hard way. The Braves don’t deserve it. I hate them! I haven’t been this emotional about a “man’s” title. I am concerned. Rocker, Chipper and the whole Braves team can go to hell. Don’t disrespect New York, just because you suck. I might, be honest. Even if you get past the Mets, the Yankees will wipe the floor with you. The Jats and Giants still suck. The Rangers are improving. They just suck a little, now. The Knicks are getting started, and will be great, then suck, be good, then lucky, and when the finals come around, they’ll suck some more. I still love all my New York teams.

Back to the Braves-Mets thing. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job. Their fans get quiet, you’ll know why. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job. Win or lose, the Mets did a remarkable job.