Gay and Lesbian Panel Discusses Queer Issues

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On Feb. 7, members of Baruch’s gay and lesbian community hosted a discussion on the issues affecting the Lesbian/Gay Bisexual/Transgender Queer movement (LGBTQ).

Professor Alisa Solomon, executive director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, welcomed the audience of approximately 50 people to “imagining the Future,” the title of the event. Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Milyum Kim also greeted the guests.

The panelists, well-known members of the gay and lesbian communities, were Kerry Lobe, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Robert Vasquez Pacheco, director of Community Education and Organizing for the Audre Lorde Project and Michael Waner, author of The Trouble with Normal: Sex, Politics, and the Ethics of Queer Life.

The purpose of the serious but congenial discussion was to address Homophobia and to open discussion on the issues affecting the gay and lesbian community.

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Baruch Faculty Recruitment Fails to Reflect Most Diverse Student Population in America

By Macollvie Jean-François
News Editor

In light of the low rate of faculty members who are not white, students and professors have expressed their opinions on the college’s efforts to recruit more Asians, blacks, Latinos and others who are not white.

Other Baruch members are criticizing Baruch’s seemingly lackluster recruitment efforts. The percentage of professors labeled minorities has risen only 8 percent since 1990. Their numbers currently total 14 percent of the faculty and managerial administrators.

“They’re not doing enough.” said Arthur Levin, chair of the Black and Hispanic Studies department.

“They’re just not doing enough.” said one Latina adjunct. “It wasn’t any big effort—it was an emergency.”

She explained that although her curriculum vitae (resume) had been sent over a year and a half ago, she did not even receive a letter of acknowledgment.

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Opening Ceremonies for Celebration of Black History Month

Feature Music, a President and Great Black Women in History

By Macollvie Jean-François
News Editor


The fourth annual Donald H. Smith lecture, named in honor of one of Baruch’s first black administrators, opened with a song and dance by an African troupe. Drums added to the richness of the performance by providing a rhythmic background.

Soon after, Rashidi commanded the stage with his pictures. While going from slide to slide, he offered explanations of each picture. Their places of origin, cultural significance and other relevant information was relayed in a clear, witty manner throughout civilization and antiquity and other relevant information of great kings and warriors.

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CUNY Puts More High Schoolers In Its Classrooms

Cooperative effort between Board of Education and CUNY

By Shan-san Wu
News Editor

In what appears to be a response to the phase-out of remediation policies at senior colleges that allowed students to attend CUNY despite unsatisfactory scores on placement exams, the city’s Board of Education and the university will spend $20 million over the next three years to increase the number of high school students participating in a program that exempts them college-level preparation classes at CUNY according to an announcement last Tuesday.

This program, officially known as College Now, is designed to give students at city high schools a taste of college-level classes and to increase the overall preparedness of incoming CUNY freshmen.

Published statistics indicate that nearly 40 percent of city high school graduates attend CUNY and that they account for more than 40 percent of the university’s incoming freshman class every year.

Approximately 13,000 high school juniors and seniors currently participate in the College Now program from 100 high schools around the city. Program classes are taught by CUNY professors and adjuncts before and after regular high school hours.

According to the New York Times, the expansion, which came about as a result of a cooperative effort between city Interim Schools

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Students Gather to Discuss Critical Issues Facing Gay and Lesbian Community

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diverse issues concerning the future of the gay community. Kim, who has come of a girl who came out, declared "GALA" is here to educate and empower the gay students of Baruch.

One issue is the difficulty of overcoming all the different homophobia groups. According to the panelists, the groups are separated due to an issue of propaganda they have received. Students were separated by their gender and gender roles who have received the stereotypes attributed to them.

This lecture is a beginning step in solidifying the ties between the different groups of the movement.

Rashidi met Blacks who admitted that their ancestors had been enslaved from Africa for over 200 years. The Australian government did not recognize those enslaved individuals as human beings until 1807. Currently, the percentage of original Black Australians is less than two due to the whites' violent colonization techniques.

One woman photographed was one called "Queen of the World." She provided to many orphaned children. From the South Pacific, Rashidi moved north to the arctic poles, the Americas and the Arctic. The three details were the regions of the world where Europeans were first discovered by the people of Africa.

Rashidi's description of a group of outcasts around communities and by the gays and lesbians who have accepted the stereotypes. According to the panelists, the groups are separated due to the beliefs projected by heterosexuals living in surrounding communities.

During the presentation, the students were captivated by the pictures Rashidi provided to many orphaned children. One picture that stood out was that of a black woman sitting on a chair, eyes closed, holding her cane under her chin. For Rashidi, "The Black Saint" mostly because of the care she provided to many orphaned children.

"We were taken out of Africa," said Rashidi, "but we took some of Africa with us.

"We don't look just at America but we look at others resemble Africans in Nigeria. One though their numbers total more than the combined populations of England, France, Belgium and Italy.

Some of the girls have blond hair while others resemble Africans in Nigeria. One photo was that of a Black woman such holding rifles with angry facial expression. Rashidi explained that these people are tortured, burned, raped and murdered daily for the slightest criminal offenses such as taking bread to keep from starving, or for reasons at all.

"It's about choices.

The conference proved effective in relaying to the Gay and Lesbian community about the slow gains and setbacks during the movement. Rashidi noted that the Black Madonna and Child. Rashidi brought the presentation full circle by bringing back to Africa. The lecture spoke of black goddesses such as Mut and Hathor. One picture that depicted looks of surprise from some young spectators was that of a Black Madonna and Child.

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"How problematic is it going to in the future?" asked Robert Vasquez, referring to the low-turnout of people who live queer lifestyles.

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Disparity Seen In Ethnic Makeup of Faculty, Student Populations

Baruch College, Board of Education Team Up to Increase College Prep for City Kids

"Can you write your name on this piece of paper?" one of the teachers asks me.
I try but I can't. I couldn't believe how dumb I felt. I can't even write my own name when I'm SEVEN.

"You have to go to kindergarten because you don't know how to write your name.
I feel like someone punched me in the stomach.

-Anonymous

(Above) The experiences that shape the leaders of the next generation. (Below) The school is self-sustained on the 16th floor of 111 East 15th Street. (Middle Right) Students moving into a special day of school education, the Baruch High School takes up the entire 16th floor of the 111 E. 15th Street building and has been in existence since 1997.

The school is related to the fact that the school does not offer grades 7th and 8th to come here, says 9th grader Alex Appel, who already plans to go to college.
"I heard a lot of good things about it and that's why I decided to come here. I like a lot of homework though."

Other students filtering out of the 11th street building on Tuesday say the Baruch High School is "very strict" and "a lot of homesickness."
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That's all for now. Stay tuned for more updates from the Baruch College community.

Becoming a regular donor is the best way to support the American Lung Association. You can donate online at americanlung.org or call 1-800-LUNG-600. Thank you for your support.

See you next time!
Once upon a time on January 28, 2000, through the organizational efforts of the Golden Key National Honor Society, a group of 25 Golden Key members, Baruch students and friends got together and went on a trip to Lake George for a weekend of fun and skiing.

It was a beautiful, sunny weekend and the area had enjoyed a healthy snowfall during the previous week. Consequently, skiing conditions at Gore Mountain were wonderful and the view from the slopes was breathtaking.

For most it was the last weekend before classes started. For Arnold Zelaya it was the last weekend before leaving for an internship in Slovenia.

All in all, this was a successful trip! hope you can join us next time!

Jennifer Ding

Isela and Arnold

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Jason Chen, Richard Nacin, Arif Khan, Arnold Zelaya, Jennifer Ding, Chuck Situ, Isela Barbero, Enrique Souza and Lucas Souza

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Golden Key:
Skiing into the new semester

My hero! Chuck Situ (right) saved the day when he filled in for a last-minute cancellation. While everyone was boarding the bus outside the 26th Street building, Chuck stopped to chat with Richard Nacin (left) and Arnold Zelaya after buying his books for the new semester. It didn’t take much to convince Chuck to throw caution to the wind and go away for the weekend on a moment’s notice — without any luggage or anything!

These guys don’t need a map!

Jennifer Ding

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You've seen the few ads on TV. You've heard the voice on HOT 97 telling listeners to apply to Baruch College. But that's only for students.

Who will teach these students from different backgrounds? White professors can't relate to their experiences, understand their languages, and who might even ridicule them, de facto or in fact (look that up).

The percentage of Black, Latino, Asian, and other non-white students far outweigh the number of professors from the same groups. Could it be that there aren't enough people with those skin tones educated enough to actually teach whatever they know at the school? Or is it that institutions of higher learning aren't making enough of an effort to recruit educators of different hues.

The facts prove that in New York City, the majority of people who attend colleges, work and live in the city are immigrants. That means they keep this city running 24/7. They're small-business owners, doctors, brokers, lawyers, managers, security guards, sanitation workers, au pairs (look that up too), artists, and techies.

How then can it be so hard to find those same people and pay them enough to teach future generations? In a decade (that whoOOIIEEE years, Baruch only hired 8% more than it had in 1990 and that's still less than 15%. The percentage of white students is only 28%.

You don't have to major in math to figure this one out.

Why is Baruch cutting down on faculty in the Black and Hispanic Studies Department? Does replacing full-time faculty with adjuncts make the school more “efficient?” Where does all the money that they're not paying full-time professors go anyway?

Studies Department? Does replacing full-time faculty with adjuncts make the school more “efficient?” Where does all the money that they're not paying full-time professors go anyway?

The man asked me what I wanted to include. I said, “Everything.” I wanted to include everything I knew, anything I knew that was important to me getting a BA. The only thing that will ever stop me from getting that degree is who I am meant to be. Everything else is unimportant. I just want to be the person I have always been.

I was hired by the Norwood News. They loved my resume and how much I knew about the field of psychology. Nothing else mattered to them.

I went to get my resume done professionally. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published. However, when appropriate, names will be published.
Before Baruch Would Sweep the Dust Under the Rug
-- Speaking Out on Accreditation.

Did you know that ten years ago the president of Baruch College resigned when the college's accreditation was threatened? The Middle States Association, which accredits colleges in the northeastern United States, had found that Baruch's programs were not up to academic standards. The college was given two years to improve, and if it failed to do so, it would lose its accreditation.

I arrived at the Annual Donald H. Smith Lecture about 20 minutes early. The lecture was to be given by Brother Rashidi, a well-known African-American historian and writer. The lecture was titled "In Search of The Original Strong Black Woman." I had heard of Brother Rashidi before, but this was the first time I had heard him speak.

The lecture began with a slide show of images from African history. These were images I had never seen before; images that had been long hidden from the world. I was ashamed to realize that these were images of the birthplace of civilization, the home of our ancestors.

In the lecture, Brother Rashidi explained that Africa was not the "commander and chief" of her people, as many have been led to believe. Rather, Africa was the home of the human race. An African museum had been established in Egypt, and it contained the known remains of the human race. An African museum had been elected into the United Nations, and it contained the known remains of the human race.

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By Kenyatta Pious
Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team has finished first in the north division! Congratulations! The Statesmen finished strong, defeating their last two opponents: Staten Island (78-67) and Brooklyn College (80-62). The Statesmen have an impressive 16-8 record.

Last issue (Volume 77, Issue 2), we had a call to arms to defeat Baruch’s nemesis in Staten Island and the Statesmen did just that! The win is probably Baruch’s biggest win in recent team history. Baruch had never beaten Staten Island on Staten Island’s home court before.

The Statesmen shot almost 50% from the field and had only 10 turnovers for the game. The other outstanding stat is that Baruch shot 67% from the free-throw line. As was harped on, the Statesmen are almost invincible when they limit turnovers, get to the free-throw line and shoot a high percentage from the free-throw line.

On the individual front, Leonard Mitchell had his best game of the season with 33 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks. Lou Pento did not have the kind of game that he should have with four rebounds and six points. Cohen added 10 rebounds and six points and Brooks added nine points. In the rout, the Statesmen were able to rest some of their starters which is always good before the CUNY tournament. The team continued its fine play as it only had 14 turnovers, but the team struggled from the free-throw line.

The Statesmen appear ready and primed for the CUNY tournament. With the return of Coast Guard Oliver Verzosa, the Statesmen should be unstoppable. The CUNY’s start this Saturday, but it is not yet clear who the Statesmen will play in the first round. Chances are the team will square off against Medgar Evers.

Every year is a new opportunity and the Statesmen have the second best rebounder in the league, Lou Pento (10 rebounds/game), the fourth highest scorer and fifth best shot blocker in Leonard Mitchell (19.3 points and 2 blocks/game), not to mention the fifth best assist leader and number one area leader in Verzosa (3.8 assists and 3 steals/game). Every year should be an improvement from the last and since the team made it to the CUNY championship last year, this year is when, when we take the CUNY’s. The team’s best quality is that it has more cohesion than last year’s team.

Again, individual talents mean nothing if they are not incorporated within the framework of making the team win! As was stated, the REAL SEASON BEGINS IN THE PLAY­OFFS. Get your team jerseys on, support your team! For more info on games, contact Ralph Soriano, (212) 387-1274.

Baruch Ends Season in First Place!

By Joe Minnors
Arts Editor

Hey yo! A lot of things are happening. So many people are doing. We even had the first rapper to die of natural causes. Makes us Undergrounders happy to be alive. Well, another day, another dollar. So’s pretty damn cool. Also, someone tell me if I have an annual column, and I didn’t even write it.

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The Statesmen could have improved on their accuracy from the three point line. Hitting the three is one sure way to open up the middle for Trevor Brookins as well as strengthening the ability to blow by defenders who will, undoubtedly, further faked out once the three ball is hit by Baruch.

In the win against Brooklyn College, the Statesmen had even more scoring as five players were in double figures: Brian Corke, 10 points; Cohen, 12 points; Tsioliosian, 10 points; Thomas, 12 points; and Mitchell, 13 points. Pento added 10 rebounds and six points and Brooks added nine points. In the first half of the second half, the team’s other guards, Trevor Brookins, Perry Tsioliosian and John Alesi added some good minutes.

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CUNYAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Len Mitchell

The forward just keeps raising his game to new heights, notchings career highs with 33 points and 15 rebounds in the Statesmen’s 78-67 win at Staten Island last week. For the week, the just named 1999-2000 CUNYAC All-Star averaged 19.3 points and 9.3 rebounds. He’s currently fourth for all time on the Baruch list with 1491, which puts him 17th on CUNYAC’s chart.

EDITOR’S SPEWAGE: Recently, I have received a lot of complaints about my coverage of the women’s basketball team. It has been brought to my attention that perhaps I am too harsh on the teams. Moreover, I have been told that I should not report the scores, especially the really bad ones.

First, let me say that I have never been harsh on any team and if I come across as harsh, it is because I am trying to be the extra coach that teams do not have. I believe that a good women’s basketball team is not only report, but also discreet information and offer analysis as to what can be done by teams. I know from personal experience that when a team reads it that said it did not perform to my expectations, it will want to rectify the situation. This has always been and continues to be my only hope whenever I report that a team did not fair well. After all, I am perhaps the biggest pro-Baruch sports fan that.

In regard to not reporting scores, I have to say that I shall never be the one to cover up that one of our teams is not doing well. I am in the business of being honest. It is a part of the body about our school. How can I do this if I am relegated to lying to my audience?

It is unfortunate that the women’s team is losing! I have supplied ample reasons why the losing is occurring and why, indeed, it should be expected as was done this year (Volume 77, Issue 1). I have also cheered the teams when it went and pointed out that the team can and should build off of its win. I even went so far as to here Staten Island but because I felt that Staten Island should have behaved like every other team that has beaten Baruch by just running up the score when it was already ahead by sixty points (Volume 77, Issue 2).

These actions speak not of a man, but of a man who seems to be able to prove (a) that Baruch has student-athletes who maintain a sense of class and dignity even in defeat (b) Baruch always has teams that can be better than they are, even when teams have glowing records (c) that student-athlete is one of the most underappreciated segments of the Baruch student body, that Baruch student body is often missed and (d) there are still a lot of changes to be made to better accommodate the student-athlete.

I cannot consciously prove these things without some sacrifice. But, I do not see anything wrong without keeping in mind that I have to better the plight of my brethren at Baruch, where applica­ tion, and that I have to speak up. The TRUTH is that Baruch IS the best! Yes, I think this is the case. If I have made a mistake some time now I have been the “Voices clamatores in desertis,” the “voice crying out in the wildness.”

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