Pataki Bid To Raise TAP Eligibility Bar Fails; Minimum Unit Requirement Remains At 12

By Macollive Jean-Francois
Staff Writer

While some students were relieved to leave school and enjoy the rays of summer sunshine at the end of last May, the New York State Legislature was busy battling the heat inside Albany's chambers.

State Assembly member Edward Sullivan, Chairman of the Higher Education Services Corporation, was busy negotiating the 1999-2000 budget, which was already two months late.

Specifically, Sullivan fought Gov. George Pataki on his proposal to increase the number of credits students are required to be full-time and eligible for the Tuition Assistance Program from 12 to 15. The Legislature insisted on maintaining the status quo and won.

"I feel the same way about the proposal as I feel about Elvis Presley," said Sullivan. "They're both dead." Sullivan and Friends of CUNY, an organization that supports funding for the university, intend to continue actively lobbying to increase funding.

James Murphy, Baruch's Director of Financial Aid, assured that "there's no way [raising credits] could ever happen." He explained that as long as there is money in the budget, the current requirements would not change.

"I thought it was a bad idea," said Dr. Cecilia McCall, a professor in the English department's University Skills Immersion Program who actively lobbied for full restoration of TAP. "[The Governor] has been trying to underfund the university," she said.

McCall explained that raising requirements contradicts Pataki's stance that he is for higher education because students would have had to work in order to pay for school. Subsequently, the number of years that it takes some students to graduate would have increased.

Pataki's spokesperson does not agree. "It was not the governor's intention to punish students who work through college," said Kevin Quinn, spokesman for the New York State Division of the Budget. The desired goal, according to Quinn, was to encourage students to complete their degrees in a more timely fashion—four years.

Undergraduate Student Government President Sara Garibaldi agrees. "I think it's great that the TAP [proposal] did not go through," said Garibaldi. She credited the failure to students' efforts against it.

During the Spring 1999 semester, members of student government such as Karinne Montaque, former president of the Evening Session Student Assembly, were active in motivating Baruch students to sign petitions against the proposal. "I think that it's really good... whenever students decide to get active, they send a strong message that students are getting involved...[that they] won't stand for this," said Montaque.

McCall confirmed that students' activism had a definite contribution to the proposal's rejection. According to Garibaldi, further plans of student activism include a rally scheduled for late September to combat a perceived indifference towards CUNY by Pataki.

CUNY officials support the decision to leave the requirements as they are. "He's in favor of keeping it at 12," said John Hamil, a spokesperson for newly appointed CUNY Chancellor and former president of Baruch, Matthew Goldstein.

Students rejoiced at news of the failed proposal.

"Especially here at Baruch, a lot of students work, so they're already pressed," said AHSEC-Baruch President Nancy Diaz. "If this were the type of school where people just study, five classes would've been okay, but Baruch is not that type of school." Novia Morales, an upper junior, agrees. "It undermines what CUNY stands for," she said. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," concluded Matt Berger.

So for the 1999-2000 budget the State and City adopted on Aug. 12, approximately $57 million of TAP has been restored to CUNY. State wide, the $14.6 million for Aid to Part-

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VP Dan Cryane To Review Present Campus Child Policy: Many Baruch Parents Unhappy With Current Guidelines

By Gernadina Vazquez

In response to complaints from staff, stu­dents, and administrators, Vice President of Administration Dan Cryane will be reviewing the campus policy regarding children on campus.

Lategano began her career with the Giuliani administration as press secretary in 1993, but numerous efforts to publicize the Mayor and commence her teaching career at Baruch. one four-year college that is part of the CUNY stem has opened after Lategano took a long leave of absence was taken during the Giuliani administration. Although Dean of the School of Public Affairs Cristyne Lategano, former Director of communications for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, will be responsible for marketing the magazine, she will earn an annual salary of $180,000.

Lategano's position at Baruch will pay approximately $2,500,000 for the 10-week course. There was also a lot of controversy surrounding Lategano's qualifications for the position of Communications and Urban Affairs. The Daily News reported one anonymous human resource manager who said “If Lategano is appointed to the position, it appears to me that at least some of the qualifications for the position may be met and that we may be in no better position than we were before the appointment of a new communications director.”

As of press time Lategano could not be reached for comment.

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New York Times

Baruch's News Magazine Prepares To Begin Its 22nd Year

By Graceann Hall

As Baruch students settle into another fall semester, the journalism department prepares to publish its 22nd edition of Dollars and Sense (D&S). Founded in 1977, the magazine has seen a number of changes over the years, including a name change to “Baruch’s News Magazine” in 2000. Despite these changes, the magazine remains a popular choice among students who are interested in journalism.

“Dollars and Sense is funded by the Reuter Foundation and written by Baruch students, with supervision from the journalism department. For the fall edition, students will have the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, ranging from feature articles to investigative reports. The magazine is distributed to students and faculty throughout the college and is also available online.”

“D&S is a great value to write for,” said Gabor. “It’s people who are interested in journalism can contribute to the magazine. We are looking for students with a variety of interests and backgrounds to join our team.”

“We are looking for students who are interested in journalism and are willing to work hard to produce quality content for our readers. We welcome students from all backgrounds and experiences,” said Gabor. “D&S is a great opportunity for students who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism. It offers a great opportunity to gain valuable experience in the field.”

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The United States Food and Drug Administration approved laser vision correction at Baruch.

According to Brenda Vercesi, Assistant to the President, the approval is the result of a joint effort between the FDA and Baruch.

"We are excited about this approval," said Vercesi. "It is a significant step forward in the field of laser vision correction."

The FDA approval was based on a comprehensive review of Baruch's clinical trial data, which demonstrated the safety and efficacy of the laser vision correction procedure.

"Our clinical trial results showed that the procedure is both safe and effective," said Vercesi. "We are confident that this approval will allow us to offer this procedure to our students and employees."
Interning: An Open Door To The Future
By Elizabeth Villegas
Contributing Writer

An internship doesn't have to be hardship. When I changed my major from Accounting to Business Information, I thought I had to do an internship in my field of study. I felt I was going to be a waste of time and that no employer would want to take the responsibility for educating me. In my first two professional interviews, I didn't let that deter me from going on an interview at the career fair magazine, The Ticker. The managing editor of The Ticker had interviewed students and professors. He was aware of the interviewing process. I was given helpful advice on my writing. as well as the tools I would need to facilitate interviews. The clients, along with the managing editor, gave me many helpful writing tips and showed me how to write an effective profile articles on them like the magazine. Blashka and I agreed I would begin writing in June of 1998. I had the last office rather pleased with myself, until reality set in and I began to go on my first experience at The Ticker. internship.

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Is USG Still Alive?

The semester is in full swing, so what’s going on in student government? So far, not a whole lot of anything.

We realize that the new USG is still wet behind the ears, that fact will hold water only for so long. Sooner than later, we will see if USG sinks or swims. For the sake of the college, let’s all hope that USG finds its stroke, and in a hurry.

USG’s poor performance thus far raises a question. What exactly made the current USG team the first in a long line of USG teams?

As a whole: they were there. When you went to room 1531, the light was on and there was always someone there to answer your question. Why, so early in this semester, is room 1531 dark? Why is the door locked? Whether or not they received proper training from their predecessors, USG must take the initiative and become a viable student government.

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Quoté of the Week:

“I haven’t heard of a definite rescheduled date for the convocation. [Administrators] probably need time out to figure who to blame.”

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TESTAVERDE OUT FOR SEASON

By Thomas Berk
Contributing Writer

With 6:55 remaining in the second quarter of the first game of the Jets highly anticipated 1999 season, franchise quarterback Vinny Testaverde’s season and the dreams the Jets had of winning the Super Bowl, came to an abrupt end. Bruised and battered after ruptur­ ing his Achilles tendon as he attempted to charge after a Curtis Martin fumble, Testaverde held his wounded leg while 70,000 die-hard Jets fans held their breath, hoping that the team’s most irreplaceable player could find some way to jog off the field.

Testaverde lay face down on the descript­ ible, green, fake grass at Giants Stadium that was responsible for ending his season and injuring Lean Jordan and Jason Ferguson during the Jets 30-28 loss to the Patriots on Sunday. Testaverde slammed his powerful fists against Rick Mirer will replace Testaverde.

Rick Mirer will replace Testaverde. (AP Photo/Matt Brown)

ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY...

By Shan-san Wu
News Editor

Fall means school, turning leaves, chilly weather and... what’s that smell? It’s time for the NFL.

WEEK 2

Jets at Miami: Miami is better coached. Green Bay at Detroit: Favre versus Batch. Fave wins, for now.

Jacksonville at New England: Bradshaw and Katzenmoyer with another close win.

Jacksonville at Dallas: The Jaguars are going to the Superbowl.

Oakland at Minnesota: Raiders with the incredible upset.

Pittsburgh at Baltimore: Steelers confident after annihilating scrubs last week.

San Diego at Cincinnati: Chargers begin life without Ryan Leaf.

Seattle at Chicago: Homefield and Curtis Enis.

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia: Gameplan for Busc this week will revolve around Dung and Flutie, not Dilfer.

Washington at NYG: Giants need to score points on offense to heal Washington.

They won’t score more than Rob Johnson.

New Orleans at San Francisco: Injured Saints get embarrassed.

Cleveland at Tennessee: Could the Browns beat Florida State?

Denver at Kansas City: This used to be Elway versus Montana. back in the good old days.

NYJ at Buffalo: Will Parcells sign Hostetter? (The jet)

Atlanta at Dallas: The last run at the Superbowl for Aikman and Emmitt.

Minners’ Corner

By Jon Minners
Asylum Production Editor

Hey yo! I’m back with another edition of Minners Commentary Corner. the main reason most people pick up this paper is because they can’t stand my commentary. But I guarantee that the Cleveland Browns will get clobbered.

The football season is underway and Vinny Testaverde is out for the season. Don’t knock the Jets out of this yet. Bill Parcells knows what he’s doing. They’ll recover. As for the Super Bowl, I am going to make a bold predic­ tion: I guarantee, and it’s hard for me to do so, but I guarantee that the Cleveland Browns will win the Super Bowl. You heard it here first. Don’t make me have to say I told you so.

The World Wrestling Federation is offering its stock to the public. As an added twist, no one is allowed to trade this stock. Instead, a big wrestling ring will be set up in the middle of Central Park. Shareholders will be torn out of each other to acquire shares. Cool.

In other news, even with Tiger Woods golf still sucks.

The Knicks will win it all because Patrick Ewing didn’t guarantee it.

The Mets have a better team than the Yankees this year. The Braves are losing their glory and the Mets will win the World Series in two years. Look for them to surprise many this year in the playoffs, but lose to the Astros. In late breaking news given to me just before going to press, I have just learned that soccer sucks this week more than last week.

Well, that’s all from me. Feel free to email me with your comments to BadSeed@aol.com. I promise to put your letter in the next issue followed by a statement with me mocking and ridiculing you. That’s all for now. Later...

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

By Kenyatta Pious
Sports Editor

This week saw the resurgence of a tennis icon in Andre Agassi and a coming-out party for the Williams siblings (see picture). Serena Williams defeated Martina Hingis, becoming the Open’s fifth youngest winner in her first Grand Slam victory. She also won the women’s doubles title with her 19-year-old sister, Venus. Agassi played one of the best matches in tennis history, going five sets against seventh seeded Tupa. impossible! Especially with stal­ warts like Peyton Manning, Doug Flutie, Drew Bledsoe and gridiron immortal Dan Marino on the schedule seven times.

With coach Bill Parcells rumored to retire after this season, an unclear situation surround­ ing the status of the team’s ownership and a roster consisting of a plethora of players 30 and older, football pundits believed that the Jets had to win this season. Sunday’s game was supposed to be a celebration of the beginning of a dynamic season. Unfortunately, it might be remembered as the day that the Jets began their trip back to a hapless organization!