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**Women’s Basketball Seek First-Ever NCAA Berth:** For the third time in team history, the Bearcats will play in a CUNYAC Tournament Final. The team is 0-2, with final losses in 1994 (CCNY 41, Baruch 35) and 1995 (CCNY 59, Baruch 50).

**Men’s Basketball Playing in Fourth Tournament Final:** The Bearcats are playing in their fourth final, and are 1-3 overall in those appearances. They won their lone final in 2000, ironically against York (52-50) at the College of Staten Island. Their losses were in 1982 (Staten Island 83, Baruch 77), 1994 (Hunter 96, Baruch 68), and 2003 (CCNY 84, Baruch 79).

**Tough Schedule Prepares Women’s Basketball:** The Bearcats have played the toughest schedule in their team history. In addition to the always tough CUNYAC slate, they have played against McDaniel (19-7, 79-75 Win), Catholic (19-8, 70-67 OT Loss), SUNY-Farmingdale (17-8, 81-73 Win), SUNY-Geneseo (17-9, 69-59 Win), William Paterson (16-11, 72-68 Loss), SUNY-Oswego (19-6, 80-73 Loss), Wisconsin-Stevens Points (16-11, 68-55 Loss), DeSales (16-10, 78-71 Loss), King’s Point (15-10, 59-57 Win), and Stevens Tech (19-8, 69-54 Loss). Next year, the yet-to-be-released schedule is just as tough.

**Men’s Basketball Ranked #1 in latest NCAA Regional Atlantic Rankings:** In the latest regional rankings, the men’s basketball team is ranked #1 in the region, ahead of #2 William Paterson (18-7), #3 New Jersey City (17-8), #4 SUNY-Farmingdale (19-5), and #5 Richard Stockton (17-8). The men are 23-2 this season against Div. III opposition. The women’s basketball team is ranked #4 in their Atlantic Region, behind #1 Mary Washington (25-0), #2 Richard Stockton (21-4), and #3 Mount St. Mary (22-3).

**Men by the Numbers:** Cheick Fadika needs just one block (165 blocks) to tie the team record for all-time blocks, currently held by Garry Etienne (2000-2004, 166 blocks). Last season, he set the single-season record for blocks with 75, and currently has 70, with at least one block in every game this season...Louie Karis went over the 1,000 career point mark for his college career, when counting both his numbers from SUNY-Binghamton (68 points) and Baruch (935 points) for a total of 1,003. Karis transferred to Baruch from Division I Binghamton prior to the start of the 2004-05 season. For Baruch, Louie is currently the #17 all-time scorer in team history. He is also Baruch’s all-time leading free throw shooter at 85% (182-212)....Robi Davidson broke the team record of three-pointers for one season. Last year, he set the record with 72, this season he currently has 73.
**Women by the Numbers:** Jessenia Marrero is the team’s second all-time leading scorer with 1,503 points. She is also the all-time leader in three-pointers (231), and is fourth in steals (265)…Diane Ramirez is the team’s all-time assist leader with 426.

**Baruch Coaches Honored:** Ray Rankis, the men’s basketball coach in his 23rd season, and Machli Joseph, the women’s basketball coach in his second season, were both named the CUNYAC Coach of the Year on February 18, at the annual conference awards luncheon at the Water Club in New York City. Rankis won his 300th career game on November 26, following an 81-77 home victory over King’s (PA). Joseph is off to a good start in his young career, with a 42-13 record in his two seasons, including a 24-2 record in the CUNYAC Regular Season.