PSC Retrospective 1990s

THE WELFARE FUND



An undated photo of Welfare Fund officers David Allen, Irwin Yellowitz and Sam Ehrenpreis, all of whom helped shape the direction of the fund during this period.

THE BELLE ZELLER **AWARDS**



Belle Zeller, President Emerita, presenting a scholarship award to **Baruch student Anthoula Katsimates** in December, 1992.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ORGANIZING

Community colleges urge unified voice

by Trudy Whitman From a lectern draped with a blue and gold "Save CUNY" banner, a series of addresses, ranging from scholarly to passionate, were made on March 21 at Borough of Manhattan Community College to an audience of over 200 attending the first CUNYwide community college conference. "The Power of Community Colleges: Organizing for Change" was an outgrowth of a forum held at LaGuardia Community College in 1996. The conference was organized in response to draconian budget slashing and continued political assaults on the university, but in its planning stages, no one realized just how timely the program would be. In the weeks leading up to the conference, Governor George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and others leveled fierce attacks on CUNY's community colleges. In her welcoming remarks, confer-

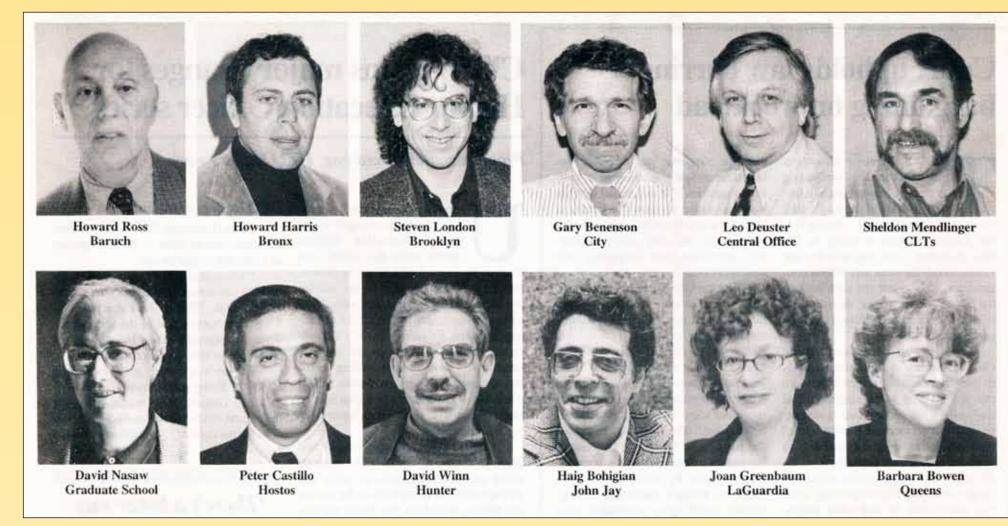
ence co-chair Anne Friedman, associ-

associate professor of social sciences



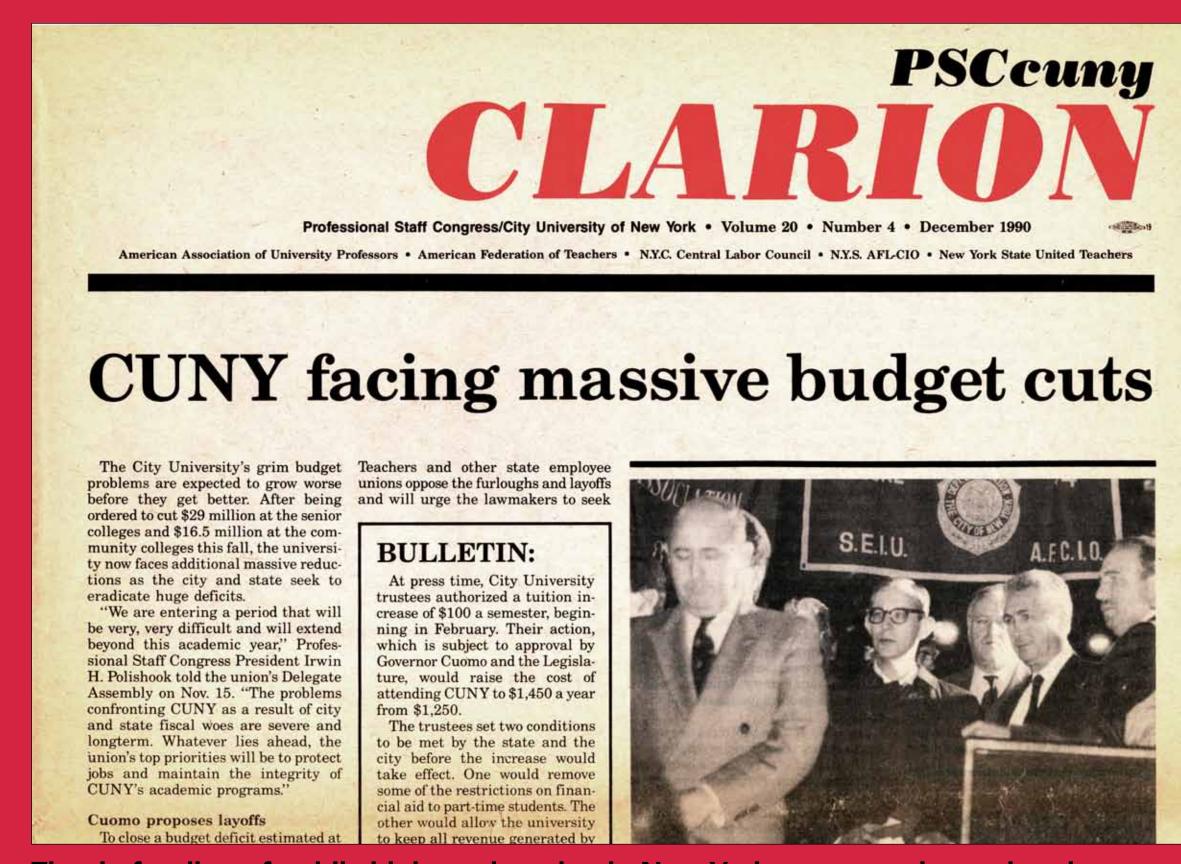
Anne Friedman (left) and Lorraine Cohen (right) are the key organizers of a community college conference in April, 1997.

ELECTED CHAPTER CHAIRS – 1999



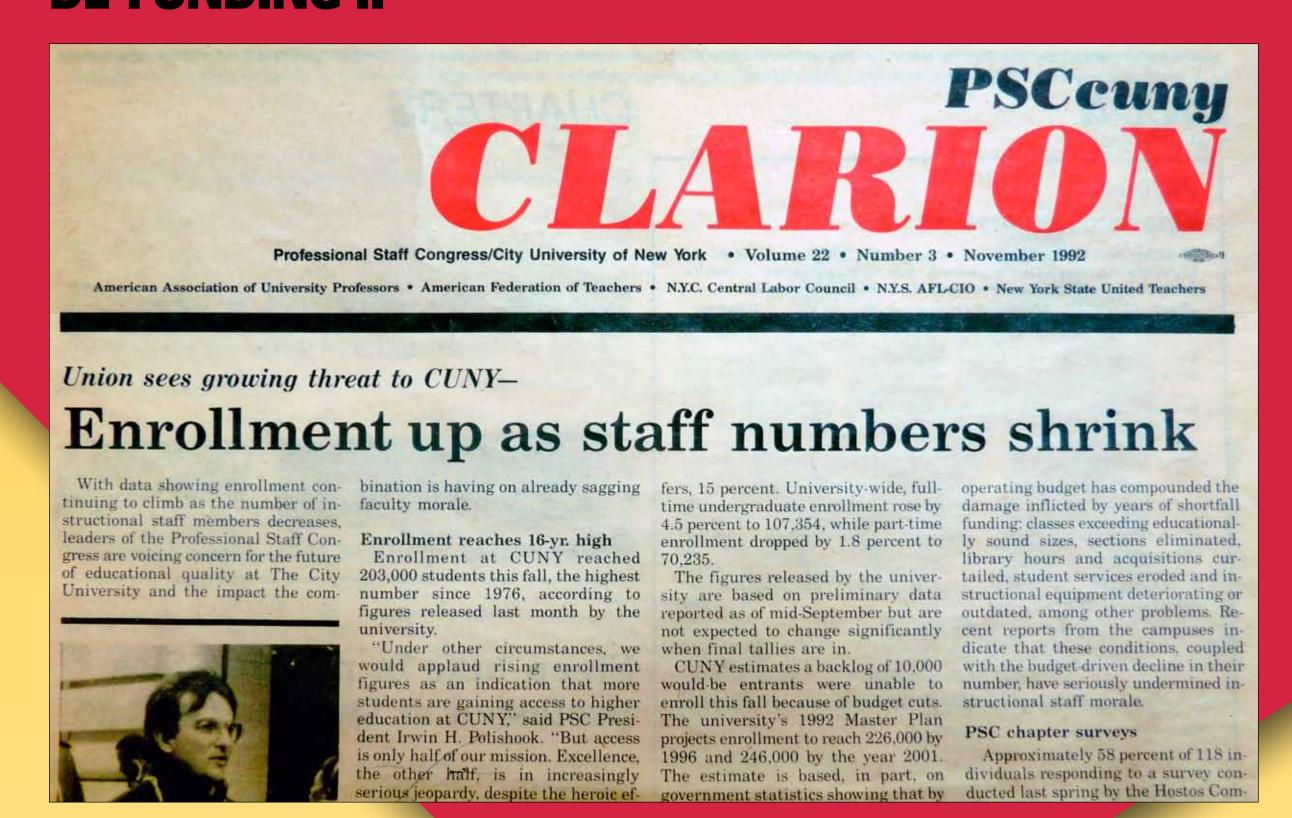
Chapter chairs elected for three-year terms in April, 1999.

DE-FUNDING I



The de-funding of public higher education in New York state accelerated under **Governors Mario Cuomo and George Pataki.**

DE-FUNDING II



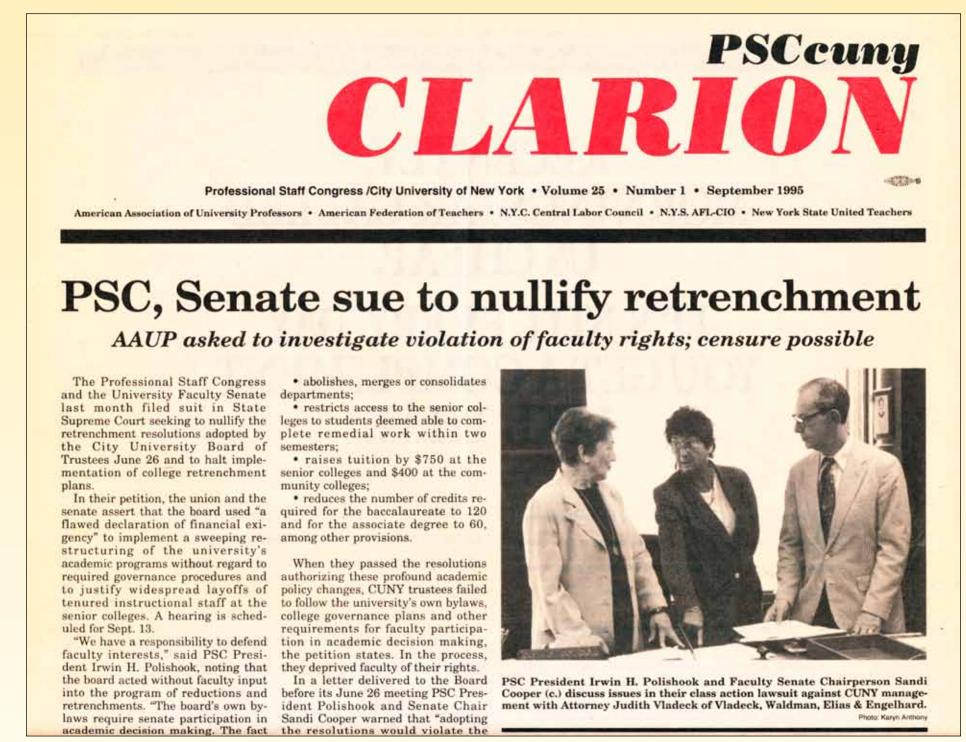
In the nineties, enrollment increased and staff lines decreased as CUNY per capita funding diminished under Cuomo and Pataki.

DE-FUNDING: THE FIGHTBACK



The PSC joined forces with the UFS and progressive legislators to fight the budget cuts.

POLISHOOK ET AL: THE LAWSUIT



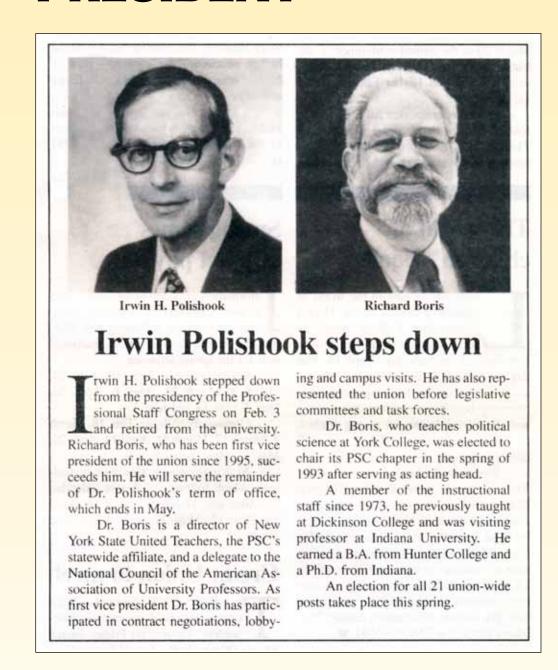
The PSC and UFS joined forces in a lawsuit in August 1995 to reverse the BOT's June 1995 retrenchment resolutions.

POLISHOOK ET AL: THE AFTERMATH



In 1996, a state Supreme Court judge vacated the BOT's 1995 retrenchment resolutions. On appeal, the decision was reversed. But CUNY and the PSC entered a settlement agreement, part of which is a basis for the 2012 Pathways lawsuit by the PSC.

POLISHOOK RETIRES, **BORIS BECOMES PRESIDENT**



Irwin Polishook retires after 24 years as President of the PSC.