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- ★ **BOYCOTT CLASSES TODAY**
- ★ **AUDITORIUM RALLY TO BE HELD TODAY AT 11 SHARP!**

**THE  
ENEMY:**

CHANCELLOR  
**ALBERT  
BOWKER**





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## The Strike

Yesterday's strike by the students of Baruch was a heartwarming event. It proved that there are students in this school who care about what happens here, and we hope that the spirit of cooperation that was exhibited yesterday continues throughout the long struggle that lies ahead concerning the fee increases.

Yesterday's strike also showed us something of the character of Robert Clifton Weaver, our beloved president. When asked by students whether he would back us to the hilt in our battle against the pro-tuition forces in the BHE, he hemmed and hawed and said only that he would speak for us, but if a fee increase were passed, he would enforce it. This is a clear case of a man who is not willing to stick his neck out to help those who he is supposed to serve. Once again Bobby boy has used his office as something to hide behind.

The issue of the fee increase, as was mentioned in a TICKER editorial two weeks ago, is not merely one of money. Moreover, it is an attempt by Chancellor Albert (Uncle Al) Bowker to impose a tuition system on the City University through the guise of a general fee and to make us pay for Open Admissions. Bowker has long been an advocate of tuition in CUNY. Two days ago the Evening Session Student Council sent a telegram to Bowker, demanding his resignation because he was not acting in behalf of the students of CUNY. We support this move, and we urge the Day Session

Council to send a similar telegram.

There are several tactical errors that should be avoided in the coming campaign. We implore the students to stick to one demand, the opposition to the fee increase, for this is the one issue that can and will unite all the students of the university. To add other demands to this one will weaken our position, and we need all the strength that we can muster. Student Solidarity is the key to our success.

THE TICKER suggests that the following plans be used in connection with the scheduled mass boycott: A mass march on the BHE, with all the other colleges of the university, culminating with an occupation of the BHE's offices. We suggest that President Weaver lead the Baruch contingent, even if he isn't one for physical exercise. If he doesn't, we suggest that he consider resigning.

Furthermore, we urge that students attend the Board hearings that are scheduled for May 25th (pretty sneaky of those guys to hold a meeting after school is out).

There is a long, hard road ahead of us, but with hard work and togetherness, we will succeed. Right is on our side, Student Power and Student Solidarity!

One thing to remember — just staying home is not the same as striking. We'll need pickets and people to stage sit-ins. To demonstrate is to strike, to stay home is to copout.

## The Baruch Strike Students Together

By John Skorohod

Angered over the proposed raise of the general fee, hundreds of Baruchians staged a mass sit-in in the main lobby of the school, at about 1 PM, causing the cancellation of classes for the rest of the day and all night.

The sit-in was an outgrowth of a rally that was held in the auditorium at noon to protest the proposed increase in the general fee from the \$35 they now pay to a possible \$110.

Speakers addressed the rally, telling the students that the reasons behind the increases were to impose tuition on CUNY students, through higher and higher fees, and also that the students were being made to pay for Mayor Lindsay's Open Admission Program. Several of those who spoke made mention that President Weaver was not at the rally. One speaker said that the students should confront Weaver on the issue, and as he said that he stormed out of the auditorium, followed first by a few and then all of the students there. As the crowd reached the elevators, the elevator starter or there. As the crowd reached the elevators, and the elevator starter or students blocked the entrances to the elevators and also the doorways and main lobby.

Several students addressed the gathered throng, urging them to organize in order to fight the BHE effectively. Once again, the students mentioned that President Weaver was still not in the building. This enraged the students, and several of them went to get the President, who was at a Hillel luncheon. Weaver finally came to the rally at about 2 PM.

When asked why he hadn't come earlier, Weaver replied: "I had made a commitment to be with other students of this college, and I couldn't break this commitment to be with you (the commitment was with Hillel). The students weren't too thrilled with his answer.

As he spoke, the President replied to queries as to where he stood on the issues of fees by saying that personally he was opposed to any increase, but that if an increase was passed, he would carry it out.

Coupled with their demands for Weaver to take a position of action, the demonstrators called for the President to do something about the horrible physical condition of Baruch.

President Weaver then went up to his office with about 15 student representatives to further discuss the students' demands. Representatives from the New York Post also attended the meeting. At the conference, the President would not take the stand that the students wanted, namely that he back the students position on fees 100%.

Weaver's statement to the press was: "I'll do all I can to prevent or minimize any fee increases, if there are financial alternatives such as additional public money."

Later in the night, Weaver attended a meeting of evening session students. They asked him also to take a definite stand on the question of fee increases. One again, the President reiterated the stand he had taken with the day students, namely that he would let the BHE know of the students' feelings on the matter, and that he would speak out against any increase. However, he made it clear again that if an increase was passed, he, as President of Baruch, and as an employee of the Board of Higher Education, would carry out such an increase. This didn't sit too well with the evening students, who continued to press this matter with Weaver, but to no avail.

Meanwhile, the student strikers from the Day Session were continuing to barricade the hallways and elevators. Their action forced the elevator operators to shut down all elevator service.

Plans were announced for a rally on Friday, April 17 at 11 AM in the auditorium to plan a further course of action. Phone calls were being made last night by THE TICKER to other college newspapers to plan for a university wide boycott sometime next week. Student representatives were sent out to the other CUNY colleges to coordinate the strike effort. Meanwhile, at Baruch, the boycott has already started, and on Friday it is expected that classes will be cancelled.

Chancellor Albert Bowker  
 Board of Higher Education  
 585 East 80th Street  
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Chancellor Bowker:

I, the undersigned, a student of the Baruch College of the City University of New York, protest the proposed increase of the general fee, no matter how much the increase maybe.

I believe that in a free university system, such as ours, the burden of payment for education should rest with the city and state, and not be placed on the student.

I demand that the Board of Higher Education not pass any fee increase.

I will refuse to pay any increase.

(Sign this, clip it, and bring it to the Box outside the Auditorium or THE TICKER Office, room 307 F, S. C.)

# STRIKE TODAY