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The CUNY Dilemma

Over the past several years the City of New York has been in the uncomfortable position of having to borrow many millions of dollars in order to continue providing essential services to the citizenry. City taxes have not, to put it simply, been sufficient to meet the financial demands imposed.

The City does not now, nor can it, repay the loans it has taken out. So, in order to maintain its credit rating with the state, the federal government and other lending institutions, the City refinances the loans. That is, it pays the interest and attempts to reduce the principal sum. This is called, in the language of high finance, "debt service." The "debt service" of the City of New York presently stands close to one billion dollars.

In addition to debt service, the City has lost millions of dollars in tax revenues from corporations which moved out from the City to Long Island or to New Jersey. Thus, what is referred to as the City's tax base has been steadily

shrinking. Not to be ignored is the tremendous bill the City must pay for its uniformed services... police, fire protection and sanitation, among others. Add inflation to the economic fire.

Thus, this year, when the Chancellor of the City University, Robert J. Kibbee, presented a budget for fiscal 1975-1976 of \$699 million, the Mayor of the City of New York, the Honorable Abraham D. Beame, blanched and fell over. The Mayor, after consultation with his economic advisors, then decreed that Chancellor Kibbee would have to shave approximately \$14 million from his budget. With the loss of matching funds supplied by the State of New York, the total disaster amounted to \$28 million. It was now Chancellor Kibbee's turn to blanch and fall over.

The Chancellor then requested that the chief executive officers of the 21 units of the University prepare "impact statements" on what

their shares of the \$28 million cutback would do to each of these institutions. At this point it appeared that Baruch College's share of the distasteful pie would range somewhere between \$1.07 million and \$1.5 million.

The financial situation has now been altered somewhat. It now appears that the budget cutback will have to be on the order of \$6 million. Again, considering the loss of state matching funds, this figure rises to \$12 million.

There is an additional problem in that the Chancellor has recently ordered an increase in the University's accrual rate. That is, the percentage of the budget which is specifically allocated but not spent. This figure now stands at 7 1/2 percent.

As far as can be determined by TICKER, few of the University's institutional heads have released the so-called impact statements. The ostensible reason for this is that no-one is quite sure what the final figure will be on the cutback.

Baruch's Problem

While Baruch College President Clyde J. Wingfield has yet to release to the student press the "impact statement" he has prepared, here is what can be expected if the budget cutback is as severe as some observers feel.

• Denial of reappointment to a substantial portion of adjunct faculty.

• A "freeze" on the hiring of personnel for lines made available through attrition.

• A limit on the number of credit-hours available for registration by upperclassmen. The figure being discussed is twelve credit-hours.

• Cutbacks in the ranks of professional non-instructional

staffing. This would affect counselling divisions.

• Curtailment in the operating hours of ancillary services such as the library.

So far, President Wingfield has indicated that no irreversible steps are being taken or are contemplated. The President indicated that he does not feel that the measures he may have to implement will seriously hamper college operations.

Dean of Students, Roy R. Senour, Jr., has predicted that, should serious cutbacks come to pass, student services provided by the Department of Student Personnel Services should not suffer too badly.

The Dean has indicated that preparations are underway to reorganize staffing requirements so that essential offices could continue to operate.

Whether or not Baruch College must shave its \$27 million budget in order to meet fiscal demands imposed by Mayor Abraham D. Beame, the College still faces the loss of approximately \$0.9 million because of an increase in its accrual rate. Accruals are funds which are allocated for specific purposes but which, due to changes in management, educational programs or other unforeseen factors, remain unspent.

Who Started It All

A foretaste of what may be in all our futures arose last week at Staten Island Community College (SICC). SICC President William Birenbaum announced the following actions in the wake of the budget austerity program announced by Mayor Abraham D. Beame:

*Limit on all student schedules to fourteen credit hours per term.
 *Cancellation of the priority registration program.
 *Absolutely no Friday or Saturday night classes.
 *No new student enrollment.
 *Cancellation of over 250 class sections.
 *Minimum limit on class

size to 20 students except in the case of remedial courses.

*Reduction in the length of the Science Lab period by one hour.

*Closing of the college library on weekends.

*Increase in standard teaching load from twelve to fifteen hours.

*Reduction of Miniversity budget by \$15,000.

Staten Island Community students, up in arms over what they perceive as an attack under a convenient guise, last week staged a demonstration at City Hall Plaza. In effect, the SICC students are demanding a total reversal of President Birenbaum's actions. In a special issue of the

student newspaper, the DOLPHIN (November 25th), SICC students charged:

"With their recent introduction of the depression panic, in what may be an attempt to prepare America psychologically for another war, the powers that be have evidently convinced the bureaucratic N.Y. BHE hierarchy of the necessity in cutting back on educational expenses. In view of the alleged shortages of fuel, grain, and sugar, there could be a valid reason for America to tighten its belt and practice a degree of self-control. However, to restrict and stifle the essence of our Society's intellectual growth, is as insane as it is callous."

TICKER Briefs

Herstory

By Peggy O'Hara

Although it does not appear among the course descriptions in the Baruch College catalogue, History 65, **Women in America**, will finally make its appearance this Spring. Professor Carol Berkin will be teaching this course on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Prof. Berkin has provided the following course description:

"An historical analysis of the social, political and economic roles of women in American society; an examination of the ideologies, customs and laws which legitimated her status within that society; and an exploration into the self-image of American women. Emphasis will be placed upon significant women's movements, especially the nineteenth century suffrage movement and the disparate twentieth century 'liberation' movements." Professor Berkin welcomes any questions you may have about this course. The book assignment is available. Her office hours are Tuesday, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Friday, 11:00 a.m.-12:00, extension 4410.

Commercial Spanish

By Nancy Bowker

Although it is not listed in the catalog, a new course called Commercial Spanish I will be offered this Spring for students who are preparing to use the knowledge of the language in a career in the many areas of business and industry. The prerequisites are Spanish 01 and 02 or equivalent. The course will include a thorough review of the fundamentals of the language, acquisition of an adequate commercial vocabulary, and developing familiarity with the forms of business correspondence in the Spanish-speaking countries.

Workshops

The following workshops, coordinated by the Department of Student Personnel Services, will be offered to any student who wishes to attend:

DECEMBER 2, 2:30; ROOM 1750C: Professor Frances Barasch, "Woman's Role Today."

DECEMBER 3 and 11; 1:00 and 10:00 respectively; GYMNASIUM, MAIN BUILDING, SIXTH FLOOR: Professor Helen Belden, "You Can Relax."

DECEMBER 5; 9:30; ROOM 1750 B: Professor Larry Adams, "After Watergate, Does Politics Matter?"

DECEMBER 6; 2:30; ROOM 1750 C: Mr. Lawrence Lasner, "Labor Market Outlook for College Graduates of 1978."

DECEMBER 12; 12:30; ROOM 1750 C: Dr. Ron Aaron, "The Student and the University."

DECEMBER 13; 12:30; ROOM 1750 C: Professor Thomas Frazier, "Reviving Ethnic Consciousness."

Clubs & Service

A discussion on HOW CAN ACADEMIC CLUBS SERVE THE BARUCH COMMUNITY will be held on Thursday, December 5th, from 12 noon until 2 pm in the North Lounge. This event is sponsored by the Psychology Society and the Sociology Society. All students are welcome.

Reception

A SOCIOLOGY RECEPTION will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2:30 in the Sociology Department Office in Room 1101 in the 23rd Street Building. Find out about new courses and meet the faculty. All students are welcome.

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12 Noon**

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