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Anti-Police Brutality Speakers Teach Baruchians to Stay Alive

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In response to recent police killings of primarily Black and Latino males in New York City, the Committee Against Police Brutality hosted a Teach-in Against Police Misconduct last Wednesday. Its goal at Baruch was to educate students about how to act when stopped by police.

The Committee invited members from various organizations to speak on the subject.

"Under Giuliani, civil rights and civil liberties have been suspended," said Khari Shabazz, a member of Community Access, Inc. To survive encounters with police, Shabazz advises individuals to stop when asked and cooperate with orders to show identification.

As a former police officer, Shabazz gave several tips of conduct. He tells individuals to explain to officers that they are expected at a location so that the officer will know that others will wonder and try to find out what has caused the delay. Shabazz also suggests that one should refer to the officer by name and get the badge and car plate numbers.

Martia Goodson, a professor in the Black and Hispanic studies department, organized the event primarily in fear for her 23-year-old son's safety. Her concern is customary of many parents' who are afraid that their innocent child will be harassed, beat or killed by police.

"The day I brought him from the hospital, I was thinking of police brutality," said Goodson, who lives close to the Bronx neighborhood where Amadou Diallo was killed in February 1999. "Nothing has really improved."

Goodson shared the dilemma she and other parents face in teaching her son how to act towards such authority figures. On one hand, they want their children to be proud and walk tall, but they also do not want them to be killed for insubordination. One audience member shouted out that telling youngsters to adhere to police rules turns them into punks and makes them lose self-esteem.

Richie Perez, an activist for the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, said, "See badge numbers, remember plates, come back to the home front and then we go to war."

Throughout the six-hour event, stu-

dents, professors and visitors expressed their rage and frustration with police misconduct in the city.

"We're at that point right now where we have no options," said Lumumba Bandle, a representative from the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement. "It's about survival."

Bandle encourages people to get involved in their communities and join organizations to combat racism in the United States, which he deems the greatest violator of human rights in the world.

Most encouraged students to get involved in such activities as the anti-police brutality rally on April 5 at 14th Street Union Square.

The panel represented various organizations concerned with social justice. Among the prominent guests were Jean D. Vernet of the National Coalition for Haitian Rights and Norman Siegel, director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

While speaking on police brutality, many of the guests mentioned other problems which they deem relevant and connected to that issue. Perez, for instance, explained his view that excessive police arrests are a part of the prison-industrial complex because most prisoners are unemployed people who have low levels of education, and they become unpaid laborers. Perez also explained that prison-building is a booming business for suburban towns in upstate New York since prisons provide steady jobs.

Audience members related their negative experiences with police.

One Black female explained how she was harassed for walking through a predominantly White neighborhood.

A Latino told the solemn audience how some police officers once tore down a basketball hoop in his Washington Heights neighborhood without any explanation. "It gives you this perception that these people aren't for you," he said.

As far as correcting the NYPD, most of the panelists stated that there should be a residency requirement for new recruits. Siegel said that there should also be a permanent independent counsel to prosecute police brutality cases, as well as the joint management of the police department by community leaders and city administrators and the intervention of the federal justice department.

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Regan Appointed Baruch President



Newly elected Baruch President Edward (Ned) Regan. Regan was chosen by the CUNY board of trustees last Monday, he was one of three candidates that were being considered for the school's Presidential position.

First Full-Time President Since Matthew Goldstein

By Adam Ostaszewski
Contributing Writer

On March 27, former New York State Comptroller Edward V. Reagan was appointed as Baruch's next president. Regan is the school's first permanent president since the resignation of now CUNY Chancellor Mathew Goldstein in May 1998. Since then, Baruch has been led by Interim Presidents Lois Cronholm and Sidney Lirtzman. Regan, selected by the CUNY Board of Trustees, will begin his tenure on July 15.

Lirtzman supports Regan's appointment. "Mr. Regan is a fine choice to be President of Baruch College," said Lirtzman. "He is very well connected to the political and business establishment of New York and is positioned to maintain the strong fundraising activities needed by the college to maintain the level of quality and excellence which has been built here." Lirtzman continued, "I'm

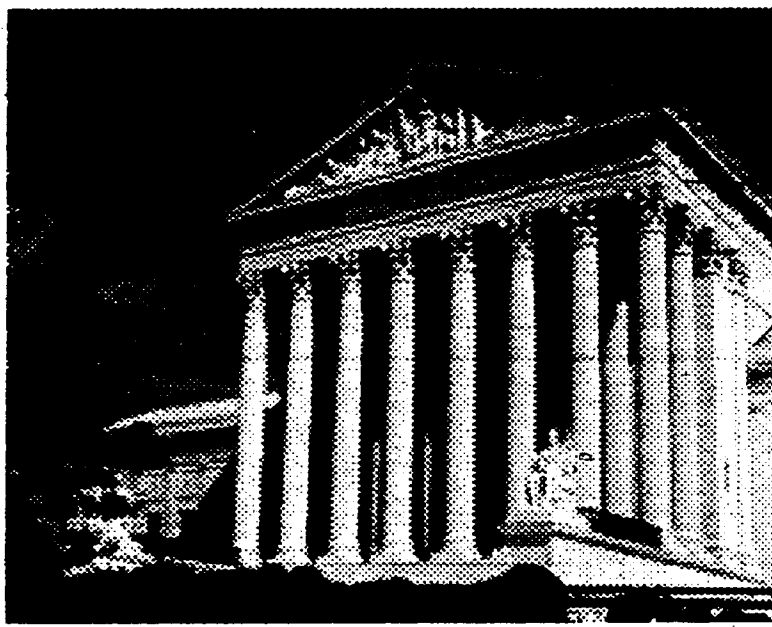
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Supreme Court Decision Assures Funding For University Clubs and Organizations

By Michelle Stern
Guest Contributing Writer

In a ringing affirmation of student rights and academic freedom, the Supreme Court ruled 9-0 on [March 22] that student activity fee funding can go to support a wide range of organizations and activities. The ruling overturns all aspects of the Seventh Federal Circuit Court's decision that student activity fees cannot support organizations or activities that are "political" or "ideological."

This case is an enormous victory! New York Public Interest Research Group and many other



The Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. The Court rules that student activity fees can be used by all clubs and organizations.

organizations worked very hard writing legal briefs to the Court and educating students and others about

the case. In New York State alone 1,175 student organizations, including 60 student governments, joined together in a statement supporting the student activity fee. The Supreme Court's ruling means that student activity fee funding will continue for tens of thousands of clubs and organizations at public colleges and universities across the country.

A copy of the Supreme Court's decision can be reached at www.cam-pusspeech.org.

Stern is the Chairperson of NYPIRG

Computer Glitch Forces Students to Retake Midterms

By Hubert Reyes
News Editor

Due to a minor computer glitch in the Baruch computer system, many students will be forced to retake their midterms. Although school officials refused to comment on the disaster, an administrator, who asked to remain anonymous, confirmed that all files had been erased.

The glitch, which took place last Friday, momentarily shut off all of the servers and reset the computer databases, meaning that whatever files might have been saved in the

database were erased.

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Baruch.

"I had studied for about 30 hours last week," whined Lola Shuey. "It's not fair that we have to retake them!"

After having spent an entire week worrying and studying, students will, once again, have to hit the books in order to retake new versions of their midterms.

Some blame the outdated Baruch systems and others blame the teachers for not being smart enough to save their files on disks, but the truth is that the glitch was not caused by the Y2K bug but by the dreaded APRIL FOOL'S bug.

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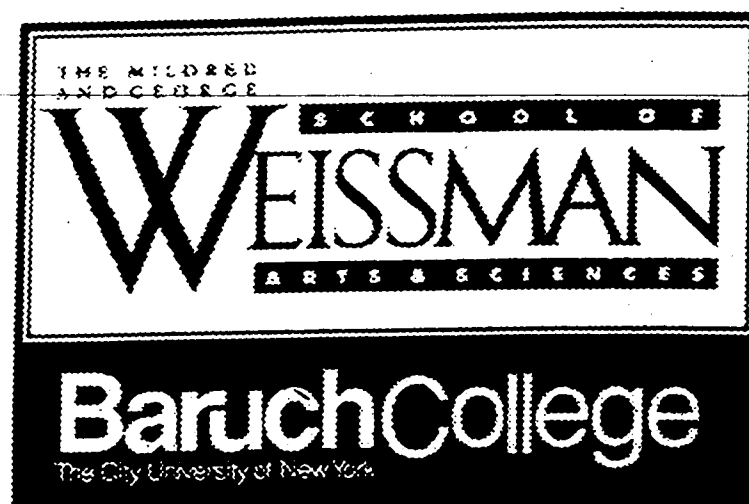
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Regan Assumes Presidential Position Effective July 1

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sure he will provide effective leadership for the college and maintain harmonious relationships with the faculty and students."

Regan's credentials seem to fit the profile of a quality candidate. After earning degrees from Hobart College and the State University of New York School of Law with honors, he served as the Executive of Erie County. He went on to hold the position of New York State Comptroller from 1979 to 1993, during which he managed billion-dollar funds and ran the state's financial operations.

In terms of academic experience, he has held adjunct professorships at SUNY Buffalo, Canisius College, and the New York University Stern School of Business. Regan is currently a Distinguished Fellow at the Jerome Levy Institute at Bard College, and the Chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York.

Regan also presently serves as a director, trustee, or member of Oppenheimer Funds, Inc., the Committee for Economic Development, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, The Brookings Institute, and the Continuum Health Partners. He has been a Trustee of Marymount College and New York Law School as well.

CUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Herman Badillo concurs with Lirtzman. "Ned Regan has an extraordinary background well suited for Baruch College," stated Badillo in a press release. "His distinguished career in government, finance, and education will provide the Baruch student body with exemplary expertise."

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Ronald Aaron points out that although Regan comes in with a predominantly political background, he is by no means inferior to a candidate coming straight out of academia. "The nature of a college president has now changed," said Aaron. "The president operates more externally than internally, trying to raise funds, enhance the school's image, and build its reputation."

During the week of February 28, a panel of 12 students (six undergraduates and six graduates) met separately with the three final presidential candidates, Nicholas Henry, Irwin Engelman and Regan. Although the general consensus within the group was that Regan was best fit for the position, many members doubted that he would be chosen in light of Engelman's strong ties to Baruch. Since Engelman is a Baruch alumnus and current Chairman of the Baruch College Fund, they suspected he might win Goldstein's endorsement. Therefore, many of them were surprised when learning of Regan's appointment and the fact that it was supported by Goldstein.

President of the Undergraduate Student Government Sara Garibaldi expressed her happiness with the choice of Regan. A member of Presidential Search Committee which narrowed the applicant pool to those three finalists, she was pleased to know that he was the students' choice.

"Now it's time for Baruch to start moving forward," said Garibaldi. "I'm really looking forward to it. I think Baruch's in good hands

with him."

Many students feel that Baruch is becoming an exciting place and are very optimistic about its future. Developments such as the unveiling of the new Subotnik trading floor and the opening of the new Health Center are two examples of Baruch's progressive initiatives.

"This college, and CUNY in general, has been working to improve itself over the past several years, and bringing in a president that's gonna be here for several years will definitely bring a needed sense of stability to the school," says Marc Benathan, a junior.

Regan's appointment comes amid a recent array of changes occurring within CUNY. In addition to his selection, the Board of Trustees also chose a new president for Queensborough Community College and expects to soon fill the vacancies for four other colleges. Last month, the Board of Trustees voted to abolish the long-standing unilateral salary structure for CUNY presidents, raising them from \$136,661 a year to as much as \$201,000, thus attracting higher caliber candidates worthy of such a competitive salary.

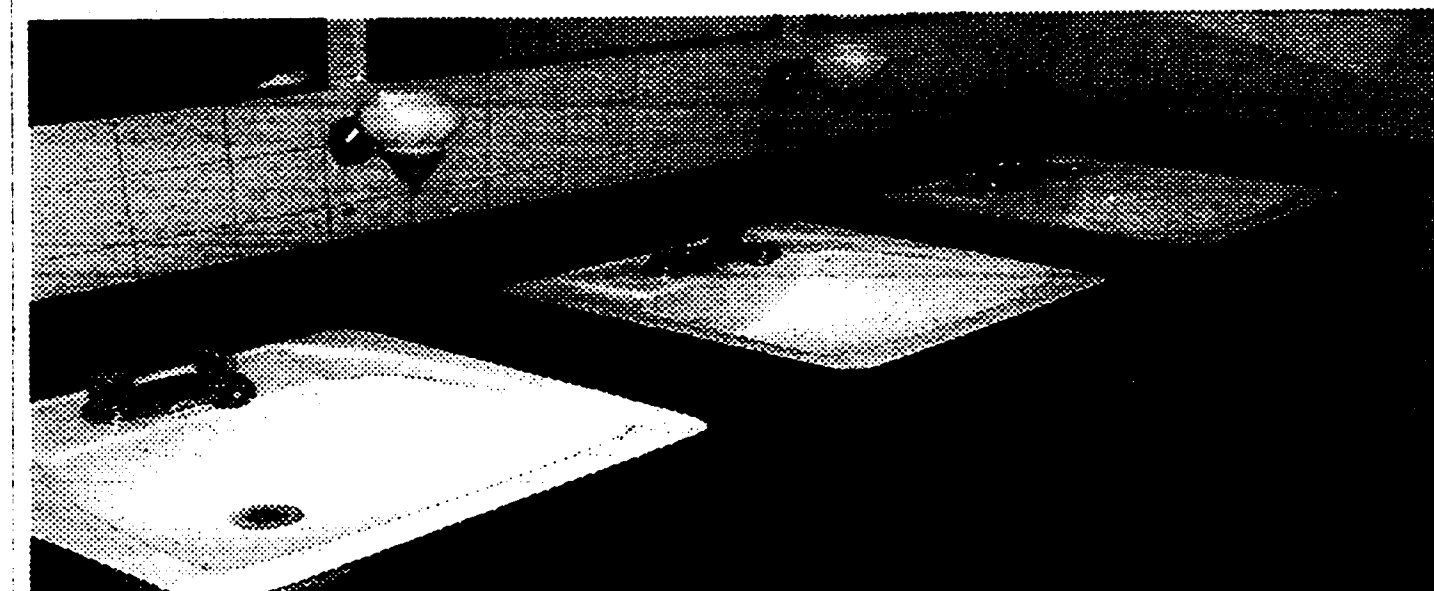
Students Approve of Improving Bathroom Conditions on Campus

By Nicole Lovell
Senior Staff Writer

In the March 1 issue of the *Ticker*, it was reported that the bathrooms of Baruch College were deemed below standards and unsanitary by the students. In an effort to make students, faculty and employees aware, the report was compiled of complaints and comments of students. The overall reaction and response was that the article was long overdue and definitely warranted. Students praised the article in hopes of a change.

Signs of such a change are apparent. A staff that was once considered invisible or slack has reappeared with a vengeance.

"Thank you for the help of the 15th floor bathroom but there are still others like 18th street," said one student in Helpline. "They are trying though because I am here like 9 o'clock in the morning and I see them arguing to make sure the bathrooms are clean."



15th Floor Men's Bathroom at 360 PAS. Although Baruch bathrooms are looking cleaner, students still feel that there is room for improvement. (Photo/Hubert Reyes)

NBC Operations Manager Offers Advice to Aspiring Journalists at Baruch

By Media Ariana
Staff Writer

"Hard work brings success," said Clayton Sizemore. As the field operations manager, he is the pilot of all operations behind the scenes of NBC's news broadcasts.

Sizemore believes passion, drive, soul and dedication are the heart, blood and guts of successful journalism.

Sizemore's hunger and love was brought to Baruch at a Black History Month event sponsored by the Electronic Media Club as he talked to students about his cultivating career.

Sizemore, an African-American male, feels that the hardest job in America is that of being

a black man. "You have to work twice as hard to get recognition, but if you can see it, believe it, you can achieve anything you want."

Sizemore related his experience in the news industry. He stated that the news business is stressful to the point that people are so self-absorbed, they act like robots. However, Sizemore still finds a way to remain calm and collected even in complicated situations. He focuses on other important facets of his life to keep his composure.

"I love my kids, and I love God, which keeps me focused," he said. "Now I am here to give back some of the things I have learned."

College life for Sizemore was a nice bumpy cushion in preparation for the real world. He

Annual Marketing Expo Draws Large Number of Graduating Students

By Tracey Ryan
Contributing Writer

On March 10, graduating students at Baruch College got the chance to promote a very important product, themselves. Twenty companies' representatives attended the Second Annual Marketing Expo, double the attendees of last year's expo. The number of students participating in the event also multiplied as more than 150 students scrambled to the marketing department to register for at least 4 ten-minute interviews with recruiters from such companies as Standard Register, Time-Warner, and Tiffany & Co.

The execution and coordination of this event was conducted by the members of the Business to Business Marketing Society, the American Marketing Association, and Advertising Society along with the guidance of the Career Development Center and Marketing Department. Participants were delighted to be able to talk to companies that are looking for employees in various fields.

"It's very refreshing to talk to companies who want to hire marketing majors exclusively," said Victor DeSilva, a graduating

marketing major. "I've attended a few job fairs and on-campus recruitment events, and the majority of job openings were in accounting and finance."

Sharon Hofstetter, also a marketing senior, agrees. "Some people believe that marketing students don't get as many job opportunities as a finance or accounting major," said Hofstetter. "It's nice to have a fair just for us to prove them wrong." Unlike most job fairs, each student was able to have the attention of the recruiter for at least ten minutes, forming a better rapport than a faceless resume would.

Company representatives were pleased with both the students that they interviewed and the efficiency of the event. First-time attendees said they would gladly come back next year. Those who only signed up for part of the day said that they would stay the entire day for Marketing Expo 2001.

Many students have already gotten call backs for additional, in-depth interviews with company representatives they met with at the Expo. The event gave marketing students the comforting fact that even though there are jobs out there.

A Generation Speaks Through Brokaw's New Book

By Media Ariana
Staff Writer

Tom Brokaw, anchor for NBC's *Nightly News*, was in the Baruch neighborhood at Barnes & Nobles to promote his latest novel, *The Greatest Generation Speaks*, a few weeks ago.

The book is compiled of letters dating back to the World War II era from soldiers, family members and friends who lived and died during the war.

"[This book] has touched a chord in every generation," said Brokaw. It brings back memories for people who were alive then and gives modern youth a taste of life during the Great Depression.

Appearing along with Brokaw were four panelists: Vincent Devito, Patricia Dorf, Herbert Owens and Barbara Peterson.

Each of them read excerpts of their letters to the silent attentive audience. All of the letters exhibited a willingness to sacrifice for the United States, belief in values, and love that can span over continents and waters. The stories are also an indelible experience to learn about. They teach about sacrifice and suffering in the name of patriotism.

Herbert Owens, for example, sought haven in America when Hitler annexed Austria. Owens calls North America "the greatest continent on this planet." After becoming an American citizen, he returned to Austria to fight in the war as an American soldier.

Choosing which letters to use was a arduous task for Brokaw. In fact, Brokaw claims to still receive letters from those hoping for a *Greatest Generation Speaks II*. Brokaw said he might consider a different angle and focus on the Vietnam War for his next project.



The Inheritance of a New President

After years of committees, searching and waiting, Baruch finally has its new president. Chosen by Herman Badillo and the CUNY Board of Trustees, Edward Regan's credentials are nothing if not impressive. Particularly accomplished in both real-world and academic directorship of business and financial interests, he is inheriting a college already described by the media as "CUNY's flagship." But instead of the traditional blender, he'll be receiving a brand-new campus as a housewarming gift. Compounding matters, if the praise heaped upon Baruch by the CUNY Office of University Relations is any indicator, Mr. Regan stands to inherit a school with nationally ranked programs, partnerships with companies like Merrill Lynch and Reuters, and deserving of mention in the same sentence along with Harvard University.

What a difference a Middle States accreditation visit makes. Without a doubt, Mr. Regan is inheriting a college poised on the brink of its renaissance. Our location in the heart of the financial capital of the world, our large alumni base well-placed throughout the city, our diversity and our relatively low tuition all combine to give Baruch comparative advantages compared with other New York City colleges. And thanks largely to the efforts of those administrators who have come before him, and whose plans have only now truly started to bear fruit, the face of Baruch is radically different from what it was only 5 years ago. Interim presidents have done their share and more in directing Baruch to this point; the stewardship of this inheritance now rests with Mr. Regan. It remains to be seen what he can do with it.

Security: First Impressions, Lasting Impressions

Regardless of how you look at things, first impressions are often lasting impressions. People are creatures of habit, forming opinions first, revising those opinions second, and recognizing that the truth usually lies at a point in between. Applied to social relationships, this is not necessarily a problem; when applied to institutions and other inanimate objects with which social interaction can be difficult, first impressions can be troubling and misrepresentative.

According to statistics from the NYPD's 13th Precinct, the Baruch and Gramercy neighborhood ranks as one of the safest and incident-free neighborhoods in the city. According to incident reports (or the dearth of security reports on file) from Baruch College Security, and compared to other Manhattan campuses, which have dealt in the past with murdered security officers and radioactive materials being found in dorm rooms, our campus must rank as one of the safest and most incident-free campuses in the city as well.

Baruch Security deserves praise and respect, not only for its record and the efficient manner in which it ensures the safety of Baruch students and the integrity of Baruch's ever-modernizing facilities, but also for shouldering the additional burdens which come with having office buildings for classrooms. Our elevators require constant supervision, our lobbies need careful management at peak class hours, and the vast majority of Baruch security officers are a credit both to themselves and to our school in terms of their friendliness and professionalism.

It is exactly this sparkling record of safety and this professionalism exhibited by the majority of Baruch security officers which make the exceptions so particularly glaring and worrisome.

First impressions of Baruch should be of a campus aspiring to become the jewel in the CUNY crown, of a campus whose glittering new facilities are matched by the dedication and professionalism of those who make it run.

Instead, visitors to Baruch are treated to the sight of security officers eating spaghetti while on duty.

We have security postings which force officers to stand while checking the ID of every entering student. We have a security alcove in the 18th street building which at times appears to be more clubhouse than representative of Baruch College. We have officers whose body language signals more contempt than respect for passerby. What we have, in essence, is the learned behaviors of a few that are fast becoming a liability to the achievements and professionalism of the many.

Contrast this to the professionalism exhibited by Baruch security officers at the entrance to the Newman Library building and the 22nd street administrative building. IDs are checked by microchip. Security is placed strategically, in dignified posts. Courtesy, not cold indifference, is the rule. And it could appear, to the layperson, that the professionalism of Baruch security just might be directly proportional to the probability of the President, Provost or even Anita Newman herself walking past at any given moment.

Visit a campus building less well-endowed, however, and the demeanor of our security changes. Whether a function of poorly-designed security posts, training, or just prioritization of effort, Baruch security's professional attitude, along with other things, goes right out the window.

Baruch is making strides towards her goal of improving the quality of its offered education and its degree. The \$600 million spent on a new academic complex, the opening of the Subotnick Trading Floor, the elegance of the 25th street building, the reintroduction of academic standards and the professional dedication shown every day by the many hundreds of Baruch employees and security officers all attest to this fact. And it is exactly this progress which makes the lack of professionalism shown by a minority of Baruch's security corps so painfully obvious. The first impressions given by them to visitors, students and all who come into contact with Baruch are misrepresentative and a discredit to the fine work that the vast majority of our Security officers have done, and continue to do, for the Baruch community.

Stocks, Trades and Another Piece of the New Baruch

As our \$600 million academic complex moves closer and closer to completion, it is the opening of the Subotnick Financial Services Center that may end up leaving more of an impact on future generations of graduates. Congratulations are in order to the corporate sponsors of the stock trading floor, to CUNY and Baruch administration members and especially to Interim President Sidney Lirtzman, without whom the idea for the center would never have come to pass. And our gratitude and thanks to Stuart Subotnick, '62, and fellow alumni Bert and Sandra Wasserman, whose generous contributions brought the center to life. Featuring a multitude of hi-tech, hands-on training tools, the center is the perfect complement to the Zicklin school and the perfect addition to a college with such a high proportion of business located so close to the financial center of the world.

Praise for the work in recruiting corporate sponsors for the center, which count Compaq, Nortel, NASDAQ, the New York Stock Exchange and Merrill Lynch amongst its ranks, must also be forwarded, for the most part, to the office of the interim president. What began as a project lacking for sponsorship interest culminated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week which attracted such luminaries as Speaker of the City Council Peter Vallone, CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein and representatives from almost all of the Center's participating corporate sponsors.

According to Director Bruce Weber, the center is part of the "New Baruch" that will help students to compete with their Ivy League counterparts.

May the old Baruch rest in peace.

Quote of the Week:

"I'm sure he will provide effective leadership for the college and maintain harmonious relationships with the faculty and students."

— Interim President Sidney I. Lirtzman on incoming President Edward Regan

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Riots in the Streets

Riots...

I am distraught, as are many, over the recent killings of various unarmed minority males by the police department of our "fair" city, but our emotions must be kept focused. Saturday's funeral procession-turned-protest-turned-riot should make us all ashamed. This will strengthen Giuliani's opposition to the general public's wishes. We also owe our police force more respect than what was given! Policing is one of the most difficult and important occupations in our society. Attacking normal people, who have families, and are ensuring our liberty to the First Amendment will not right the injustices completed by the officers who were, at the very least, negligent.

We must continually show our humanity, clear mindedness and fairness which will make us the better person in situations like these. I would have felt horrible if I were part of the protest, knowing that numerous officers suffered broken limbs, head injuries, and even glass shards lodge within eyes. Violence only begets violence. I'd like to extend my extreme concern, good wishes, and sympathy for all injured in the riots, especially the police officers. Please don't mistake this as an apology to the emotions, only to the actions of the crowd. What will we do when there is no one willing to protect us if we add the fear of the public to the list of occupational deterrents?

Please let's remember at whom it is we must focus our anger: Mayor Giuliani for his unwillingness to, by any means, understand the outcry of his constituents; and the NYPD manage-

ment for practicing bias policies and not providing adequate training for subduing with as little force as possible. We cannot affect the way our opponents handle the issue but we must use what has worked for us countless times: peaceful retaliation such as civil disobedience. Was the only positive achievement by the riots the media exposure? I support Rev. Sharpton's call for federal intervention concerning the police structure. Why? Because I believe we are past the point where we can remedy the problem ourselves. Giuliani has proven time and time again that he cannot be impartial, so we must depend on the Justice Department.

Jorge Ruiz

Sick and Tired...

Baruch Techs Tax Time

Hi there,

With the recent creativity undergone by the Baruch computer lab on the 6th floor/25th Street, students are currently suffering from not being able to have access to individual printers when they need them.

Students now have to circle around the designated printing stations in order to print out their work, and this is truly absurd. This "innovation" slows down the simple task of printing out stuff, and to make matters worse, a lot of

Politics and Stuff:

Stand up and Be Counted --- Giuliani: Sit Down!

By Mark Heron
Columnist

It's funny how Census Day falls on April Fools day. Its make you wonder who is being fooled especially when it comes to the Census. What is the Census? The Census is the process by which the Federal Government counts the population of the United States.

Why bother counting how many people are in the United States? Well, the Founding Fathers in their infinite wisdom determined that the best way to divide up the federal pie is to go out and count each and every single person in each state thereby getting an accurate count and making sure that the resources are distributed equally. I won't mention that non-white persons weren't originally counted as one whole person, but that argument is for another time.

What I am trying to convey to you my readers is that this is a once in a decade opportunity. The Census is done every ten years. If you aren't counted this year then 2010 will be your next opportunity, but why wait until then to be counted.

People the most important event happening this year outside of the Presidential election is the Census. The Census is the process by which your representatives in Congress fight for funding for public schools, hospitals, job creation, and social services. There is a severe overcrowding in the NYC public school system. There aren't enough resources available to give each child an adequate education. We can rectify this situation if we come out in force and represent on paper the numbers we represent. Why is it that Blacks, Hispanics and Asians were under-counted in the last census, and whites over-counted? The City

Council has never had an Asian member. If you don't think political representation is directly related to the Census you are sadly mistaken.

The Census is relatively simple. The forms should already be in your house. If your parents don't want to fill them out, then fill them out yourselves. Often times illegal immigrants think that the information supplied will be used to deport them. This is false. The law states that the information will be used solely for the purpose of determining an accurate count of the population. There are laws on the books that will be used to prosecute individuals who use the information for any other purpose than what is required. Do the right thing, be counted.

With another tragic death of an unnamed innocent man by a member of the NYPD Rudy Giuliani has once again proven that he does not have the ability to reach out beyond his core constituencies. This incident was an opportunity for the current mayor to have reached out to the community who feels that excessive force is only used in their community. Instead of coming out and trying to reassure the community that he will face them and open up a dialogue and discussion on this issue he chose to instead slander a dead man. It seems that the mayor denies that we are all human and as of such, citizens as well as police officers are prone to errors. All the mayor had to do was acknowledge this and try to bridge the gap between the police and the community, instead the chose to vilify instead of heal, Demagogue instead of dialogue. I will say now what one prominent US Senator when running for office New Yorkers deserve a Senatorial seat than we can be proud of. Let him pay in November, I say enough is enough.

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If Baruch is doing this for cost reduction purposes, then the question is clearly, where the hell did all the funding go??? We've been receiving more than enough funding from various sources, so why is the school still acting cheap on the students?!

Also, with the cost reduction policy in progress at the lab, the attitude of the student staff has worsened proportionally. It is not uncommon to find receptionists (or whatever they call themselves) reluctant to exchange stations for students when there are clearly vacancies, just for the sake of busting chops. Something ought to be done about their attitude, and the entire scheme of eradicating private printers is to be reconsidered.

It shouldn't be hard for the people in the computer lab to seek assistance from guys from the management department. Sick and tired of this school!

John Johnson

The Bursar's Office Just Sucks, It Has Nothing To Do With Racism.

Dear Sir,

In the issue of The Ticker dated March 13, 2000, a fellow student wrote a letter entitled "Rocket Science at the Bursars Office" in which the complaint was made about the poor quality of service rendered by those people who worked in the bursar's office. The letter started off quite effectively but then it deteriorated into almost the same kind of insensitive garbage that the writer was complaining about. I AGREE WITH THE WRITER THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE BURSAR'S OFFICE ARE VERY INSENSITIVE AND DISRESPECTFUL.

However, I could not believe that the letter writer went from expressing a legitimate complaint about that problem to one of accusing the people there of racism. To compound matters, the author shows the same sort of racism when the statement is made that the "black lady (old and fat) at the window patronizes every Asian student with her hardly understandable Caribbean accent." This person might not realize it but that statement is one that smacks of discrimination against black people in general and against Caribbean people in particular. Asians and Caribbean people both have accents. So, why not just make the case about the poor service and leave the

racism thing out of it? If one feels that there is discrimination against Asians why not just say that instead of resorting to accusing Caribbean people?

I have to wonder if the person who was being disrespectful was white, if this student would have been so quick to jump on their race. I am a minority student too. In fact, I am from the Caribbean (Jamaica) and I am saddened to see how minorities tend to be so negative towards each other when, actually, we are not each other's enemies. We are all in the same boat. We live in a white man's country and only by uniting against injustice in all forms will we make life better for ourselves. Remember that we, or our parents, chose to come here to live. Come on, friend! The service at the bursar's office sucks but let's not make this into a race thing! Finally, I note that the person felt that The Ticker might not publish their letter. Considering all that this paper has done to speak out on injustices at Baruch, that just shows that this person has some real personal issues to deal with. The author mentions being in this school for four years so far. Four years of college has not made a difference? WOW!

Donovan Wilson

"THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

By Damian Griffin
Staff Writer

Gun control has come into the news once again. It never fails to have some relevance in presidential elections, recent incidents like the latest school shooting in Atlanta have brought it to the fore without any need for a campaign strategy. The talk of legislators is of gun locks and waiting periods, but the more sage of our citizenry have a more radical idea that would truly alter the face of our society: Mandatory Concealed Weapons. Every citizen must possess and carry concealed at least one fire arm at all times. There needs to be some dialog about the age of the carrier and what, if any, training should be given. I can prove, using just two recent incidents that events would have been different had MCW been in place. I will also demonstrate how our daily lives would improve.

In Michigan, just a few short weeks ago, a first grader was shot and killed by another first grader. This would have been prevented had the teacher, as required under MCW for teacher certification, been carrying a pistol (in a shoulder strap, out of student reach) and passed the "Student Disabling Technique," which would have allowed her to shoot and

wound the assailant before he squeezed off his fatal round.

Now take yourself back to a certain vestibule of a Bronx building one evening. Amadou Diallo is attempting to enter his home when he realizes that two large men are approaching him at a rapid, menacing pace. He turns, arm extended, and is murdered in a hail of 41 shots, 19 of which hit him. Lying next to him is a firearm, given to him by the "Welcome to NYC" committee sponsored by Smith and Wesson." Yes, he is still dead, but there is no controversy and no long court battle. The police were correct in their presupposition, as they always will be.

For my own part, I would feel better knowing that I had a .45 under my jacket every time a cabby comes too close to me in the crosswalk, or somebody is rude on the subway. It would be a kinder, gentler NYC with the motto, "Be nice, or you will be shot."

Please, fellow citizens, join us in taking the guns out of the hands of criminals, and putting them in our own. Let us arm our selves for a safer world for our children.

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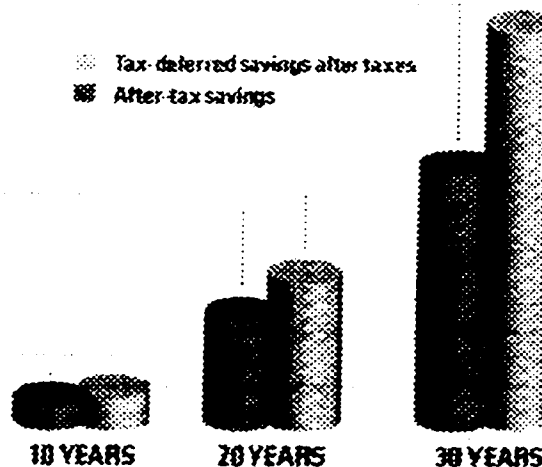
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BUSINESS & Technology

Biz Briefs

Sources: The New York Times
The Wall Street Journal

President Clinton Praises India

President Clinton, on his last day in India, praised the country's economic growth, especially achievements in information technology. In fact, India has long been a major source of brain power in Silicon Valley. However, substantial trade remains elusive between these two democratic countries; India accounts for less than 1 percent of U.S. global investment.

Times Announces Supplement Fund

The New York Times recently announced an endowment fund to supplement its scholarship program. The \$1 million fund from the Starr Foundation, a New York City nonprofit organization, will be added to the Times' current scholarship for high school students. Started last spring, The New Times Company Foundation awards six scholarships of \$12,000 a year to high school seniors who have overcome personal obstacles.

IBM Television Chip In Development

IBM is developing a new chip for television set-top boxes that will allow Internet access directly through the television. The new chip will allow faster Internet access, and will allow for telephone usage while on the net. Users will be able to momentarily stop live broadcasts.

WTO Opens New Talks Without Leader

The World Trade Organization, fresh off its highly-contested trade talks in Seattle, is once again discussing a controversial matter: opening global markets to farm products. Importers and exporters from each side are objecting to a leader being chosen from the opposing side. The talks reopened without a leader.

SEC To Investigate False Internet Warning

The Securities and Exchange Commission said that it would investigate a false profit warning on the Internet search engine Yahoo Inc. The company's message board had a fake profit warning for Lucent Technologies Inc. The warning was designed to look like a PR Newswire release. The fake warning resulted in Lucent shares falling as much as 3.6 percent.

Coca-Cola Appoints Director

Coca-Cola named Juan D. Johnson as director of diversity strategies. Johnson, who is Black, is the second minority named to such a high position in as many days. His duties will include developing and executing efforts to increase diversity throughout Coca-Cola. The company has been embroiled in a racial discrimination suit filed by current and former employees.

Sex Star's Career Not Important

Federal District Judge Kimba Wood ruled that a jury will only be allowed to learn a limited amount of information about the career of the X-rated movie star charged with insider trading. Kathryn Garmon, whose stage name is Marilyn Star, is charged with conspiring with James McDermott, the former CEO of a top Wall Street firm, and Anthony Pomponio, to defraud the stock market out of \$170,000 in illegal profits.

Surrounding Immigrant Businesses Reflect Baruch's Student Population

Growing Immigrant Population Contributes Significantly to U.S. Economy

By Dara A. Abrams
Business Writer

While leaving the Newman Library you can stop in for a bite to eat at Jimmy's Chinese/Japanese Restaurant or pick up a beef patty at Golden Krust's Jamaican Restaurant on your way to class in the 23rd street building. What these and many other businesses in the Baruch community have in common is that they are owned and run by immigrants.

According to *US News and World Report*,

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According to the 1996 *Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service* there are 800,000 to 900,000 legal immigrants and an estimated 420,000 illegal immigrants that settle permanently in this country each

Immigrants are more likely to be self-employed, but recently this has not been the case.

year. It also mentions that the immigrant population is growing rapidly, and has been doing so for the past 20 years, contributing significantly to the U.S. economy. In fact, many people seem to believe that there are more immigrant-owned businesses in the City than native-owned. But is this the case?

The Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C. is the nation's only resource devoted exclusively to research and conducting policy analysis of economic, social, demographic and other impacts of immigration on the United States. It is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1985. Much of the Center's analysis of immigration issues has been carried out according to ethnic, business or foreign-policy interest.

It is the mission of the Center to "expand the base of public knowledge and understanding of the need for an immigration policy that gives first concern to the broad national interest."

In relation to this, Dr. Steven Camarota, the Center's director of research, published a study in January 2000 called, *The Myth of Immigrant Entrepreneurship: An Examination of Self-employment*, which contains detailed research on the demographics of immigrant entrepreneurship within the country.

Camarota mentioned that through his research he found no difference between the proportion of immigrants and native-born Americans who own businesses in the United States.

However, Camarota noted that this may not necessarily be so in the City. He mentioned that a study done in 1964 showed that

immigrants were more likely to be self-employed than natives. However, in more recent times, this has not been the case. Camarota's 1997 study found that there was no significant difference between the percentage of the immigrant population that is entrepreneurial and that of the native-born.

Statistically, the presence of immigrants has no effect on the overall level of entrepreneurship in the United States, stated Camarota. His research reveals that in 1997, 11.7 percent of all adults (including immi-

little difference between the entrepreneurship of natives and immigrants as groups, there are substantial differences between immigrants from different parts of the world. For instance, immigrants from the Middle East, Europe and East Asia have the highest self-employment rates and incomes, while immigrants from Central America and the Caribbean have the lowest rates and incomes. It seems as though education levels and duration of stay in the United States are factors that contribute to some differences between immigrant groups.

grants) were self-employed. This number does not change significantly if the number is changed. There is also no significant difference in the number of workers employed by immigrant and native entrepreneurs when studying the 86 percent of native and 87 percent of immigrant-operated businesses employing fewer than 10 workers.

Immigrant entrepreneurs do not significantly affect the mix of business in the U.S. economy, according to Camarota. Based on the distribution of self-employed immigrants across industries, the types of businesses started by immigrants and natives are very similar. Camarota also stated that although there is according to Camarota. He did say, however, that culture and other factors play an important role in entrepreneurship as well.

Although Camarota's study revealed that New York City has the most diverse group of immigrants throughout the nation, immigrants usually concentrate in their own ethnic neighborhoods in order to live in a culture similar to their own. They usually establish businesses within these communities, and by doing so, experience a lot of customer support from their own ethnic groups, which helps contribute to the success of many recent immigrants.

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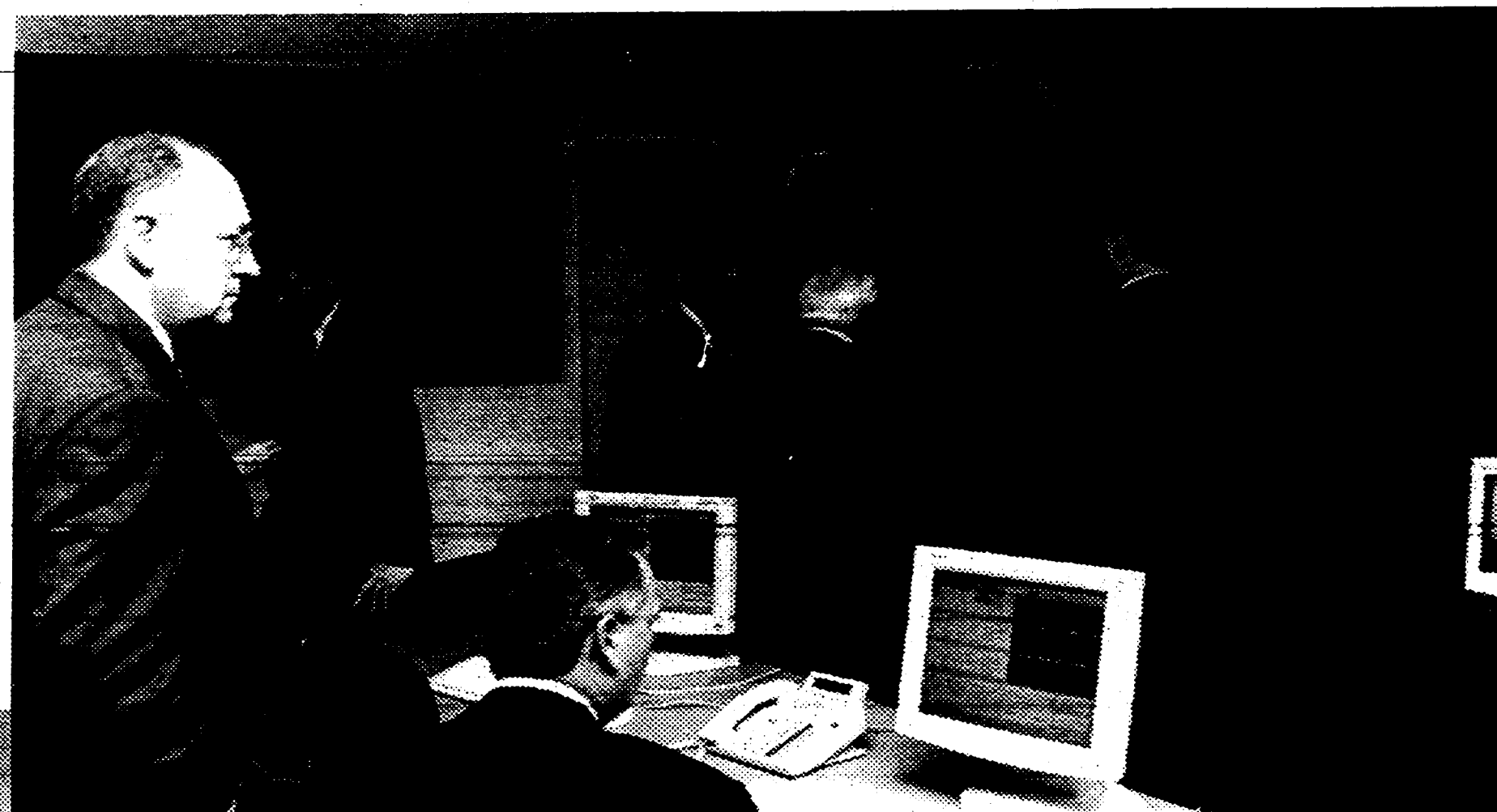
After much suspense and anticipation, the Trading Floor officially opened for business.

On March 28, the Subotnick Financial Services Center located on the first floor of the 25th street building was inaugurated. The Center an assimilated trading floor created for Baruch students to experience the financial markets first hand, has received a lot of attention since it started construction in October, 1999.

The event was attended by representatives from companies of the Center's major contributors, including Compaq, Nortel Networks, Reuters, Sky Tech, Daktronics, Merrill Lynch, NYSE, Gruntal & Company and Nasdaq. Baruch faculty and students were also present.

Although the Center has been inaugurated, it is not yet ready for use. It is scheduled to be completed for use in the Summer 2000.

Among the speakers at the function were Interim President Sidney I. Litzman, Speaker of the City Council Peter Vallone, Chancellor of CUNY and former President of Baruch Mathew Goldstein and the Director of the Center Professor Bruce Weber.



The three main contributors to the Center, Stuart Subotnick and



(Above) Attendees of opening ceremonies for the Subotnick Financial Services Center try out state-of-the-art equipment. The Floor includes six flat-screen computers and four televisions with live feed. (Photo/Davi Rangiratanakul)

(Below) The completed Bert W. and Sandra Wasserman Trading Floor. The Floor will be available to everyone in Summer 2000. (Photo/Baruch Press)

Bert and Sandra Wasserman, who are also alumni of the school, gave presentations as well.

Phil Lynch, executive vice president and national sales director of Reuters, mentioned in an interview for NY1 that it is better if students get a chance to learn about the markets and make the mistakes in school rather than making those mistakes on the job.

Days after the Center was inaugurated students were walking in and out, inquiring about its facilities, equipment and availability. Weber is pleased about all of the attention and curiosity the Center has sparked.

Weber explained that the Center is representing the "New Baruch" because it is allowing Baruch students the opportunity to compete with other Ivy League schools. He also mentions that since Baruch is a state-funded school and state grants can not support the Center, they had to go to Baruch Alumni to get donations.

The contributions for the Center totaled about \$2 million dollars and will cost an average of a quarter of a million dollars annually to maintain.

2000 University Student Senate-Collegiate Merit Awards

CUNY's University Student Senate is providing the opportunity for up to three Baruch undergraduate or graduate students to be selected as recipients of a \$1000 competitive academic scholarship for the fall 2000 semester. Applicants must currently be enrolled for a minimum of six undergraduate or three credits of graduate course work and possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5. One must also have completed between 24 and 96 credits as an undergraduate, or between nine and 24 credits as a graduate student. Applicants must plan to be enrolled for the fall of 2000 semester to be eligible for consideration. An application packet can be secured from the Office of the Dean of Students, Room 1702, 360 PAS through April 18th. Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students by 5pm, Tuesday, May 2, 2000.

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The Ticker Sports

April 3, 2000

Baseball Team On Fire

By Kenyatta Pious
Sports Editor

The men's baseball team is on a roll. The team is now 6-2 overall, 1-0 in CUNY and 2-2 in the Knick Conference.

More impressive is that the team beat rival, Ramapo, 4-3 during this skid. Ramapo embarrassed Baruch last year, defeating the Statesmen in a 15-2 rout. Ramapo was a nationally ranked team last year.

The win against Ramapo was extra special because the team did not play three of its starters. Tom Belmonte, Adam Bottiglieri and Frank Brunner were all relegated to the sidelines due to injuries.

Peter Park stepped up and pitched a complete game. Park allowed only one earned run. Greg Clerkin hit a monstrous homer that was the deciding run.

When queried, Coach Scott Losche simply stated, "As a team we can never be satisfied! We have to continue to build on our strengths."

We do not want to be an above average team, rather the best baseball team possible!"

In the tough double-header against St. Joe's Patchogue, Baruch lost one and won one. In the first game, Clerkin had the game-winning hit once again. Joe Caradonna got the win. Caradonna pitched a great game, considering his bruised ankle. The final score was 5-4.

In the second game, the Statesmen lost a hard-fought game 8-7. The game came down to a "bang-bang play" at the plate. In English, Tony Antonette made a terrific slap down of a ball hit toward third, but the throw was just a little bit late at home plate.

The team is riding an emotional high and should have an exceptional season. At press time, the team is playing against Webb, a team they have already beaten in a double header, 5-4 and 13-0. The team's next home game is on the April 5 against Manhattanville at 4 PM. Please contact Ralph Sirianni at (212) 387-1274 for information on the location! Come support your Statesmen.

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Pitcher of the Week: George Tamayo

The Statesmen senior has endured some tough times and is being rewarded for his troubles with an excellent beginning to his final campaign. A much improved Baruch team is off to a stellar start with Tamayo leading the way. The rightie pitched a complete game versus CUNY rival John Jay, scattering five hits and striking out eight in a 9-2 win.

Tamayo also helped his cause at the plate by going three-for-five with three RBIs. For the season, Tamayo is batting .429 with seven RBIs.

Rookie of the Week: Kevin Clark

The 5'8 freshman catcher has stepped in and provided an immediate impact for the Statesmen. Clark, from Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, batted .500 (6 for 12) for Baruch in a 4-1 week with three runs batted in.

In a tight Knickerbocker Conference win over St. Joseph's, Clark threw out two would-be base stealers to seal the win for Coach Scott Losche. So far this season, the rookie is third on the Baruch team in batting with a .467 average as well as in RBIs with five.

Jon Minners' Commentary Corner

By Jon Minners
Asylum Arts Editor

Hey yo! Rumors, rumors rumors. All there is these days are rumors destined to hurt the sports world if they are true. Hopefully they aren't, but if they are, maybe sports isn't really worth watching anymore.

It looks like US officials want Vince Carter on an American team to get him more exposure on NBA televised games. Carter, heralded as the next Jordan, is seen as the savior of the low-rated basketball season. By pushing this guy down our throats, the NBA hopes to create a superstar that will have us oohing and ah-hing so much that we need to see every game he is in. Of course, bringing him to a US team means more exposure than he is getting on the lowly Toronto Raptors. More exposure means higher ratings; at least in the minds of NBA officials. Now, how will they get this budding superstar to the US is a good question.

Carter is contractually obligated to the Raptors until the 2002-2003 season, but what does that really mean? How many players contractually obligated to a team have stayed with that team? Throw a temper tantrum, choke the coach or demand a trade, and that contract means little. Would the NBA find a way to get Carter off the Raptors? If it means better ratings, you bet they would. What this means is that the NBA will be no better than the world of boxing.

This wouldn't be the last time the NBA was

accused of something. When Patrick Ewing was the #1 draft pick for the Knicks, it was rumored that the lottery was rigged so the Knicks could get the pick. Now why would they do that and then dink us over in the playoffs with stupid officials and dumbass rulings on preposterous fights that occurred in those games? Believe me, the NBA was not trying to help the Knicks.

Now, they may be trying to help Jordan out a little bit. According to the Daily News, the NBA may be trying to rig the draft so that the Wizards, Jordan's new team, can get a high spot in the draft. I can believe that. For years, the NBA has been helping Jordan, ignoring walks, pairings, and fouls so that he can be considered the NBA's great one. Sometimes I wonder how great he would have been if he didn't have the officials in his back pocket and Scottie Pippen helping his ass out.

On to other news. Let's talk about Pete Rose. He made a very interesting point the other day in the news. He said that if he was a drug addict, he would be allowed back into baseball and given three more chances and his rehabilitation would have been paid for by Major League Baseball. He is correct. Blamed for gambling on baseball games, the man did deserve another chance whether he did it or not, and he probably did. Still, everyone deserves another chance. Bet on some games and you are gone for life. Take crack, smoke a blunt or snort some coke, and you are given as many chances as Bill Clinton. It would seem

drug addict would be more dangerous on the field than a gambler and also more detrimental to the game. If that is not so, then possibly, just maybe, a bigot would have a lifetime suspension as well. John Rucker got away with his crap and Pete Rose is denied a chance at making a living at the only thing he knows how to do well, for one mistake. The whole system sucks. The MLB sucks, the players' union sucks, and John Rucker sucks too (you knew that was coming).

In other baseball news, the Mets played the Cubs in Japan. It was the first time a Major League Baseball team held opening day in Japan. The only reason to do this was to make money. Let's hope that this doesn't affect both teams on their trips back. That wouldn't be fair to lose a game because of jet lag. Still, it was a good idea and, hopefully, it will be expanded upon.

Finally, going back to the well once too often, I have decided to say something else about the comments made by Bob DiNardo. This time, I have something good to say. He made a comment about college being an institution for higher learning. When I read in the paper that Barkley was thinking about leaving the Red Storm for the NBA at the end of the year, his comment stuck in my head.

Because of some NCAA probe, Barkley has decided to leave school and go to the NBA with an incomplete education. He is missing out on the higher education he deserves. It is quite possible that he doesn't care for this edu-

cation, but that is unknown, so I have to point the finger at the NCAA. First, they pimp their players and then they accuse and point fingers while the players decide it isn't fair to be used and abused and become easily tempted to take money from various people to play for certain teams or get certain perks. What Barkley and other NCAA players do is not wrong in my book. What is unfair is to make someone's life so miserable that he decides to call it quits and move on, forgetting about his education.

What is sick is that the NBA promotes this. Shouldn't there be some rules put in place that you have to finish college in order to play in the NBA. I don't care about the whole idea that we shouldn't deny people the right to make money in a field they can excel in. What happens when that field disappears? How many players really think about their future? How many make bad investments or purchase everything and anything they can get their hands on until they are broke, wishing they stayed in school and got that education?

Instead of making rules about players accepting money, maybe rules should be set up to make sure an education is more important. College is an institution of higher learning. That should be the case, but when sports takes center stage over an education, we must really sit down and ask ourselves what the hell is wrong and how can we fix it? Until then, we are doomed to a world where people care very little about what goes on as long as they are making money. Later...