BARUCH STUDENTS STRIKE!

START OF CUNY BOYCOTT TO PROTEST FEE INCREASE

BOYCOTT CLASSES TODAY

AUDITORIUM RALLY TO BE HELD TODAY AT 11 SHARP!

THE ENEMY:

CHANCELLOR
ALBERT BOWKER
The Striker

Yesterday's strike by the students of Baruch was a heartbreakening event. It proved that there are students in the 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 exposed the character of Robert Clifton Weaver, our beloved president. When asked by students whether he was acting in behalf of the students of CUNY, we were supposed to serve. Once again Bobby boy has not acted in behalf of the students of CUNY. We advocate of tuition in CUNY. Two days ago the Eve was a heartwarming event.

The issue of the fee increase, as was mentioned in the Sunday Telegraph, was raised at the Democratic National Convention, and the President of the United States was asked whether he would speak out against any increase passed. However, he wasn't 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 opposing any increase, but that if an increase was passed, he would carry it out.

When asked why they wanted a strike, the students gave a long list of complaints, ranging from overcrowded classes to inadequate facilities. They asked the students to pickets and to barricade the halls and elevators. Their action forced the elevator operators to shut down all elevator service.

There is a long, hard road ahead of us, but with hard work and togetherness, we will succeed. Right on our side, Student Power and Student Solidarity! One thing to remember — just staying home is not the same as striking. We're doing pickets and people to stage sit-ins. To demonstrate is to strike, to stay home is to consent.

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 may be.

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. C.)

The Baruch Strike

Students Together

Friday, April 17, 1970

The Bernard M. Baruch College
17 Lexington Avenue, New York 10010

"Love is something, if you give it away, you'll end up having more."

By John Schurkoff

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 a outgrowth of a rally that was held in the auditorium at noon to protest the proposed increases in the general fee from the S55 they pay now to the proposed S186. Speakers addressed the rally, telling the students that the reasons behind the increases is to raise the cost of education, through higher and higher fees, and also that the students were being made to pay for Mayor Lindsay's Open Admission Program.

Several of these 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 at the he stormed out of the auditorium, followed first by a few and then all of the students there. As the crowd reached the elevator, the elevator starter's chair. As the crowd reached the elevator, the elevator starter's chair, the students blocked the entrances to the elevators and also the doors, and the main lobby.

Several students addressed the gathering, 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.

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With their demands for Weaver to take a position of action, the demonstrators called for the President to do something about overcrowding and physical conditions throughout the university.

President Weaver then went to his office with about 18 student representatives to further discuss the students' demands. He also attended the meeting.

At the conference, the President would not take the stand that the representatives from the New York State Legislature also attended the meeting.

"Weaver's statement to the press was: "If all I can prevent is high fees increased. If there is any other solution that is preferable to our 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, would speak out against any increase and that he would speak out against any increase.

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 20 at 11 AM in the auditorium to plan a further course of action. Police were present last night at the rally, but they did not use force to disperse the students. However, there were several arrests made.

Many students came from the Day Session to support their evening colleagues. As a result, the number of students in the auditorium swelled to hundreds.

NOTICE TO THE FACULTY

I hope you can join us on Friday. If not, try and keep an eye on the situation. If you can, please come. It's only fair. If you can't come, please let me know. I'll be there.