Baruch Bookstore: An Investigative Report
Taking A Look Inside

By JIM HEDGES
The Baruch College Bookstore has been under scrutiny since its "new" opening in August 1973. Now located in the basement of 360 PAS, it provides books and supplies to thousands of Baruch students each semester. During the course of the last two months I have conducted my own investigation into the operations of the bookstore.

In my first three visits to the store in the name of my investigation, I tried unsuccessfully to track down Mr. Silver, manager of the bookstore. When I finally caught up with him, I was referred to his immediate superior, Mr. Allen Golden. Mr. Silver had stated that he had been instructed by the "higher-ups" to steer all reporters to them before answering any inquiries.

The bureaucratic game remained alive while I had to make a number of visits and call to Mr. Golden's office before being granted an appointment. By this time, I had three pages of questions burning through my notebook and I didn't know where to begin.

Mr. Silver, Bookstore Manager (TICKER photo by Richard Rodriguez)

and the installation of preventive measures to stop a problem which doesn't exist. However, in the course of my investigation, I talked with students who openly admitted ways in which they had "ripped-off" the school bookstore at one time or another.

People have been caught red-handed, but if those I talked to have gotten away with it, then exists very good possibility that others are getting away with it. Methods employed by students are ingenious and a few could ramble on for hours about the technique behind getting free books.

A major question put to Mr. Golden was as to the truth to the rumor that the bookstore has a reserve account of more than $90,000. He stated that there existed a bookstore reserve account to be used for emergencies. According to Mr. Golden, the account, which was started in 1968, now has a balance of somewhere around $80,000 and change. The $80,000 is not in monetary value but in inventory.

The need for an emergency fund is a practical consideration, however, that figure does seem a little out of proportion.

The store does not cover a very large area in 360 PAS as most people know, but at the beginning of each semester the intake is quite substantial. Since it is not an independent-operated store (it is run by Baruch College), the store should not have such a high markup on its books.

A question pondered by many students is 'why doesn't the bookstore buy back and sell used books?' Sigma Alpha has been very successfully and students are attracted more to bargains at a time when the average new textbook costs no less than $10.00. This adds up to a lot of money spent on books that you will use for only one semester. When I put the question to Mr. Golden, he really didn't give a substantial answer to satisfy my inquiry, however, I did say that he too had vendible books could be sold for the

Basic Grants

By Richard Rodriguez
The U.S. Office of Education, Basic Grants Division, has notified this office that it does not have sufficient funds to permit colleges and universities to meet their full payment of Basic Grants. We have been assured that this is only a temporary situation and additional funds are being sought from Congress, Appropriations Committee.

You are receiving 1/4 of your scheduled Basic Grant award at this time. The balance of your Grant will be paid to you as soon as we are authorized the necessary additional funds.

An announcement will be carried in your campus newspaper as well as posted in conspicuous areas advising you of the exact dates for you to pick up the remainder of your Basic Grant.

The Financial Aid Staff at your campus, as well as the Central Staff, regret the inconvenience this may cause you and hope that you can manage your student budgets until more Basic Grant funds are approved. Unfortunately, neither the University nor your college has the ability to alter federal student aid resources to make up the difference.

Wingfield's War Against 212

By Richard Warren
"The 212 Social Work Community Center" shows signs of life despite President Wingfield's attempts to kill it. "President Wingfield has slashed our funds, manipulated and lies in an attempt to kill this program," said an understandably angry Morny Mintz, 212 Supervisor.

This program once had 200 volunteers (professors, interns and ran 50 workshops. At the

Smoking In The Boy's Room

By RICHARD WARREN
On Tuesday, February 23, 1976, there was a fire in the 11th floor men's room at Baruch College's 23rd Street Building. The damage was small; it was minimal damage to the floor and lights.

The fire was extinguished by three security guards, Lt. Williams, and Officers Pepper and Barkley. The fire department was not called in, but almost everyone in the building left with the sounding of the fire bells.

Security Chief Max Linden was understandably angry over the fact that he was one of the last to be notified. Mr. Linden reminded the 23rd Street Security staff of the procedures for such an emergency, which were forgotten due to the infrequency of such an event.

Mr. Linden says he believes the cause of the fire was "probably a lit cigarette dropped in a garbage can," but is not definite at this writing.
Vet's Voice
By John Reid
Vets, now that you're back from your two-week vacation, the VA wants to make sure you are aware of the benefits and programs they offer. One such program is the Veteran's Educational Benefits Program. This program provides education benefits to disabled veterans, including those who were not in the service during the Vietnam War. The benefits can include tuition assistance, books, and other educational expenses. Interested? Visit the VA website for more information.

Sing and Drink With The Seaman's Institute
The good times are rolling again at The Seaman's Institute, and we're planning another great evening of music and merriment. The event will take place on Saturday, March 4th, and we are accepting reservations now. For more information, call 123-4567.

The Story Story
I made a vow when I was eleven that I would never give up on my dreams. And today, I can proudly say that I have achieved my goal. This is not to say that it was easy, but with hard work and determination, anything is possible.

Handicapped Help Themselves
On February 20th, the Baruch College Alliance for Self-Defense announced the launch of their new program, "Handicapped Help Themselves," aimed at providing self-defense training for those with disabilities. The program will offer classes in various martial arts and self-defense techniques. For more information, contact 123-4567.

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Tryin' To Get The Feeling (Arista)
By Jim Hedges
Barbara Mandrell has struck gold with each outing and "Tryin' To Get The Feeling" is no exception. Her albums get better with each release, and this is another fine offering. Mandrell is a true master of her craft, and this album is proof of her talent. It's a glorious collection of songs which will entertain tirelessly.

The Veteran's Bank Credit Program provides a one-time grant of up to $500 to help veterans with the purchase of their first home. Veterans who have served on active duty and have a VA loan or VA guarantee can apply. To apply, visit the VA or contact a veteran service organization. Be sure to have all necessary documentation ready when you apply.

The Good Time Loving, Sea Dog, Good Time Loving, Sea Dog. The Seaman's Institute presents a night of music and merriment on Friday, March 10th. The event will feature live music, food, and drinks. For more information, call 123-4567.

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**Tributary Masterpieces At The Met**

by Larry Washabaugh

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is currently exhibiting "The Tribal Art of Africa" which has received critical acclaim from the art world. As you enter the exhibit, you are greeted by a large African mask that dominates the entrance hall. This mask is typical of the classic Greek art, with its serene expression and physical perfection. It is made of wood, with a majestically beautiful design that commands attention. The museum is open from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM daily, except for Mondays. The entrance fee is $25 per person, but there is a free admission on the second Saturday of each month, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**The Art of Raphael Soyer**

by Bob Lipson

Raphael Soyer was born on September 19, 1899 in Boston, Massachusetts, and is considered one of the most important American realist painters of the 20th century. His work is best known for its attention to the working class and its social issues. His paintings often feature scenes of the New York City skyline, and his work has been exhibited in museums around the world. He is also known for his murals, which often depict scenes of the city's streets and subways.

**Do Your Studying At The Movies**

by Linda Pacheco

Do you find it difficult to focus on your studies? Are you looking for a new way to study? Look no further than the movies! The Tickertape Film Society is hosting a series of film screenings that will help you stay focused on your studies. The series will feature films that are relevant to your coursework, and will provide a fun and engaging way to learn. The first screening will be held on February 24th at 7:00 PM at the Student Union. The screening will feature "The Shawshank Redemption," a film that is sure to be a hit with college students.

**Monty Python Live!**

by Laura Rodriguez

Monty Python's Life of Brian is a classic British film that has become a favorite among audiences worldwide. The film was released in 1979 and has since become a cult classic. It tells the story of the life of Brian, a simple man who becomes a leader of the Roman resistance against their rule. The film features the signature Monty Python humor and has become a favorite among audiences of all ages.

**Mirror On The Self**

by Bob Lipson

The program at the Center for the Arts started with the film "The Shawshank Redemption," followed by a discussion led by Dr. John Songer Sargent, the most well-known art historian in the field. The discussion was about the role of art in society and how it can influence and shape the world. The program ended with a visit to an exhibit of the work of Charles Wilson Peale, 1779-1860, who was a prominent American painter and scientist. The exhibit features some of his most important works, including "The Wyd Jet Sisters," a painting that will always remain a masterpiece of American art.
Intramural Sports At Baruch

Wingfield's War Against 212

The Crimson Crusader

In the month of February, the college community has been aware of a student strike against the policies of the Student Center. Questions about the strike have multiplied. What is the origin of the dispute? Why does the Student Center remain closed? Where does the strike lead? These questions have received little attention in the college press. Today we propose to answer them.

AT THE STUDENT CENTER, February 1976

**The Strike: A Response to the Student Center's Policies**

In recent weeks, Baruch College students have been involved in a strike against the Student Center's policies. The strike began in response to the closure of the Student Center, which was due to a dispute over the funding of the center. The strike was called by the Students Union and was supported by a majority of the student body.

The strike continued for several days, with students occupying the Student Center to protest the closure. The strike was eventually resolved through negotiations between the Students Union and the administration.

Despite the resolution of the strike, questions remain about the future of the Student Center and the policies that led to the strike. The strike highlights the growing dissatisfaction among students with the administration's handling of student affairs.

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The First Amendment

In today's society, the First Amendment is often cited as a means of protecting freedom of speech. However, this protection is not absolute, and there are instances where the government can limit speech.

One such instance is when the government imposes restrictions on speech in order to protect public safety or order. For example, during times of war or national crisis, the government may restrict speech that could be perceived as不利于 national security.

We must also consider the role of the government in regulating speech to ensure that it does not interfere with the rights of others. For example, in cases where speech may incite violence or扰乱公共秩序, the government may limit such speech.

The First Amendment is a complex and nuanced area of law, and its application depends on the specific circumstances of each case. As we move forward, it is important to remain vigilant in protecting the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.

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**Olympic Update: Figure Skating and Skiing**

**Figure Skating**

In figure skating, the most recent event was the 1976 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in Greensboro, North Carolina. The competition featured both men's and ladies' singles, pairs, and ice dance events.

**Skiing**

In skiing, the focus was on theStdStringalonalom races. The event took place at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. The competition featured men's, women's, and combined races.

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**The New Chairperson At The U.S.S.**

BY RICHARD RODRIGUEZ

The chairperson of the Student Union of the University of Southern California (USC) had been vacated since the fall when the previous chairperson, Charles A. Derben, resigned. The position is a vital one, as it represents the students' interests and concerns.

A new chairperson was recently appointed, and the student body is urged to support him. The new chairperson's primary responsibilities will be to represent the students in negotiations with the administration and to organize events that will benefit the student body.

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The Baruch Bookstore

In recent years, the Baruch Bookstore has faced criticism for its pricing practices. Students have reported that the prices are often higher than those of other bookstores in the area.

In response to these concerns, the bookstore has taken steps to improve its pricing. The new pricing model includes a flat fee for each book, which is based on the number of pages and the type of book.

The new model is expected to benefit students by providing a more transparent pricing system. The bookstore is committed to offering fair prices and will continue to monitor its pricing practices to ensure that they are competitive.

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**Collegiate Camouflage**

Collegiate camouflage is a growing trend in the world of collegiate sports. With the rise of the athletic department as a major source of revenue for many colleges, it's no surprise that schools are looking for ways to increase their visibility and appeal.

One way in which colleges are trying to differentiate themselves is through the use of unique and eye-catching camouflage patterns in their uniforms and apparel. These patterns are often based on the school colors or mascot and are designed to create a sense of pride and team spirit.

Collegiate camouflage can also be found in the form of logos and emblems on athletic gear, as well as in the design of the playing field itself. The trend has even extended to the food and beverage options offered in the stadium, with many colleges offering food items that incorporate the team's colors or mascot.

As the trend continues to grow, it will be interesting to see how it will evolve and how it will impact the overall experience of collegiate sports fans.
**XII Winter Olympics In Review**

by Scott Lustig

The XII Winter Olympics once again went to the Soviet Union, winning a total of 27 medals, half of which were gold. The United States ended up with a total of 10 medals. Sheila Young, who was our most successful athlete, winning "An Olympic Variety Pack"; a gold, silver, and bronze medal. Bill Koch astonished everyone at the Olympics by winning a silver medal in the 30 Kilometer Cross-Country. Cindy Nelson also surprised the galleries and contestants when she won the bronze medal in the Women's Figure Skating event.

Other outstanding performers for the United States were: Dan Immelmann - Bronze medal Men's 500 Meter Speed Skating; Peter Keller - Gold medal Men's 1000 Meter Speed Skating, and Colleen O'Connor - Silver medal - Women's 500 Meter Speed Seating, Fiere Gross of Italy - Gold Medal Men's Slalom, - Men's Slalom, and Piere Gross of Italy - Gold Medal - Women's 1000 Meter Speed Skating event.

CUNY - SUNY Basketball Match

The second annual CUNY-SUNY Legislative Basketball Classic will be played at SUNY, Binghamton, Tuesday, March 23, 1976. The contest will be between the best eligible seniors of the City University of New York and the City University of New York. The contest will feature the best eligible seniors of the City University of New York. The contest will feature the best eligible seniors of the City University of New York.

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**Big Fire Boosts Statesmen**

by Bruce Meyers

The Baruch Statesmen have been selected by the two coaches and the State University Athletic Association as the coaches of the championship team of the State University. The coach of the championship team of the State University Athletic Association will be the coach of the championship team of the City University. The announcement was made jointly by Scott Charney and John Steuer.

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Statesmen own their victories to the basketball excellence of five players: Frank Matos, Scott Charney, John Steuer, Jim Bignell, and Maurice Vega.

On February 4th, Matos made it possible for the Statesmen to beat Old Westbury (72-66) by scoring 19 points with 11 rebounds and 6 assists. Matos is by no means the only contributor to Baruch's win streak, as Charney proved on February 7 when he scored 20 points and had 14 rebounds. This enabled Baruch to beat John Jay by a score of 61-52. Both these games were well played by the Statesmen but the game that most exemplifies their improved playing ability was the February 10th game against Mercy which was a stunning victory for Baruch. In that game Baruch scored 115 points, which was the second highest total in the school's history. The high scorers of the game were John Steuer with 22 points and Jim Barrett who scored his 17 points in only 12 minutes. There were also four other players in double figures while Maurice Vega tied the school record for assists in a game, with 11 points.

Although Baruch lost to Brooklyn in overtime and to CCNY by a score of 67-64, they came back to beat John Jay 59-56 with Scott Charney once again supplying the scoring power for 16 points.

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