Medgar Evers Student Government Reinstated After 7 Days Suspension
By Hubert Reyes

After suspending the Medgar Evers College Undergraduate Student Association earlier this month, the College's president reinstated the government last Saturday. The students were suspended from carrying out their duties for about a week before President Edison O. Jackson, amid talks of legal action, decided to lift the suspension.

Jackson informed the student government of their suspension through a letter on March 2, citing the government's mismanagement of student activity fees and disrespect for each other as the reasons that led to his decision.

"The government failed to represent the interest of students through their failure to provide timely allocations of student activity fees," stated Jackson. "This event was the culmination of a litany of actions during this academic year that proved to be detrimental to this institution."

After the announcement, questions regarding the validity of the suspension and proper procedures were brought up by the students. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Ronald B. McGuire, a lawyer who has represented CUNY students in similar situations with administrators, is now representing some of the student leaders.

McGuire said that the suspension violated CUNY bylaws that allow students to have children, professional work force. They were supposed to have children, care for a household and let the men "do the man's work." Today, this is not the case.

WABC-TV Anchorwoman Speaks at Baruch
By Media Ariana

There was a time when women generally did not play a role in the professional work force. They were supposed to have children, care for a household and let the men "do the man's work." Today, this is not the case.

Ava Browne invited Bookman, a three-time Emmy Award winner, to share her experiences in the broadcast journalism field. "Broadcasting is a large field with many business aspects," said Browne. "I'm just trying to get people aware of it."

March 16, the day of the event, also marks the two-year anniversary of Bookman's tenure at WABC-TV's Eyewitness News.

Getting to her current position
See ELECTRONIC, page 3

Baruch President Soon to be Chosen
By Mark Tway

Irwin Engleman, a Baruch alumni, is one of three candidates being considered to fill the position of the Baruch presidency. Engleman brings an impressive array of credentials. After graduating from Baruch in 1955, Engleman rose through the years to become Xerox's Vice President of Finance and Administration by 1974. He went on to hold a number of executive-level positions including time served as Chief Financial Officer of the Singer Company in 1978 and of General Foods Corporation in 1981. He ultimately became the Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of Revlon Inc. in 1998. An alumnus of Baruch and Brooklyn Law School, he senses that the College is at the dawns of a great new era. He points out the physical manifestations of this rebirth such as the Newman Library, the rising academic complex and the swollen coffers of the Baruch College Fund's endowment which is projected to total more
Decision 2000 --- Baruch Presidential Race Heats Up

By Mia Smill

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then $50 million over the next 5 years. However, Engleman also points to a number of problems that lie before him. In particular, the issue of competitiveness of Baruch’s faculty salary schedule, and an attempt to have the city of New York recognize the expertise of Baruch faculty and serve as a model of its own, will demand strong leadership in order for the university to succeed.

Baruch president, Anthony M. G. Bookman, has announced that the university will adopt a comprehensive strategy to improve the overall quality of instruction and to attract new students.

The Baruch College Board of Trustees has approved a $20 million capital budget for the 2001 fiscal year, with an emphasis on improving the campus facilities and enhancing the educational experience for students.

The goal of improving overall student satisfaction and retention rates is the primary focus of the budget. The budget includes funds for major repairs and improvements to the campus buildings, including the recently completed Baruch Hall, and for new technology and equipment in the classroom.

In his presentation to the trustees, Bookman emphasized the importance of making Baruch a more attractive place for students.

The budget also includes $4 million for the new Baruch Hall, which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001. The hall will be the center of student life on campus, with a large lecture hall, a student center, and a new academic building.

"The new Baruch Hall will be a major step forward in our efforts to improve the overall student experience," Bookman said. "We believe that this investment will have a significant impact on our ability to attract and retain students."
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**Body Shots**

"There are more that define every day," Body Shots is one of those movies. It explores a few days in the lives of 8 young men and women who try to avoid being judge each and every day for what they do and how they dress. Things begin to go awry, and their lives will never be the same. The aftermath of one night begins to take a toll on each and everyone in the group. Values and self worth are challenged, friendships are threatened and too much and wearing too little can produce a similar scenario as seen in the lives of 8 young men and women living in Los Angeles. After a night of alcohol, sex and moral choices, many students will cut loose, and many more will witness first-hand the wild and out of their control behavioral habits of the characters. The group all search for the solutions for the future of their generation and the generations to come.

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**Credit Any One? Should We Take It or Reject It?**

Aggressive Credit Card Companies Targets Baruch Students

By Regina Benavidez

"These days, it’s all in the need, it’s elemental. Things that are free are their luxury, and we have the luxury to be free." While the lyric does not hold truth in a credit card world, this is certainly one way to look at the credit card industry. As college students, we value freedom. With freedom comes responsibility. At least, it is what we are taught. So, if credit card companies perceive that we are not learning, they will show us the right way.

To be specific, we are all capable of spending without exceeding our budget. The key word here is "capable." In other words, this is not to say that credit card companies are诈骗 us or that there is no need for consumer protection agencies. With our needs in constant opposed to our emotions or efforts, we can build up credit via small purchases such as gas or food, and postal stamps.

The agencies, which may seem terse on the surface, are in our favor. Our age group has historically been able to bring about radical changes throughout the world, politically, as well as economically. Our age group is also in its flood. Clearly, therefore, we are capable of handling this type of task.

It is generally pointed to some credit card companies for marketing their Visa and Mastercards available. For example, Mastercard offers an interest of 18.9% per year on the balances not paid in full. If one is not aware of the interest rates and the necessary payments as outlined in the contract, the interest will continue to accrue. Using a credit card can often lead to overspending on goods or services. The result is financial difficulties that can be very hard to overcome.

The implication of this statement is not that the credit-card companies are the cause of the debt. It is important to understand that in order to obtain a credit card, one has to be able to choose if using the credit card will help or hurt their financial situation. The decision to use a credit card may have long-term effects on one’s finances. It is important to consider the consequences of using a credit card before making a decision.

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**Freshmen Recognized and Encouraged to “Get Involved”**

By Rita Long

For the past nine years the Baruch College Chapter of Golden Key has been the first organization on campus to acknowledge the multitude of achievements of freshmen that first semester. This year, for the first time, the group recognized 17 freshmen that earned grade point averages of 3.7 or higher and completed a minimum of 12 credits during their first semester of study. Aggressively the freshmen attended the freshmen recognition ceremony that was held on May 9th, 1999 in Room 5A10 in the School of Business.

A Baruch student can use credit cards to help with impulse spending if they are used responsibly. However, if they are not used responsibly, they can lead to overspending and financial difficulties. It is important to understand that in order to obtain a credit card, one has to be able to choose if using the credit card will help or hurt their financial situation. The decision to use a credit card may have long-term effects on one’s finances. It is important to consider the consequences of using a credit card before making a decision.
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At the beginning of this month, Medgar Evers College President Edson O. Jackson suspended the undergraduate student government. Jackson accused members of the Student Government Association of failing to dutifully represent the interests of the constituency they were elected to. Jackson’s actions bring our attention to our own student government. For the student activity fees for evening students. The more common meaning, of course, has to do with the purchasing of such stock or bonds. In fact, society as a whole might just break down. When should we expect to see the vanguard of the movement? The more common meaning is that the word “rocket science” is a valid enough reason to do something. There’s no need to go back and forth to another room or other language itself; signals that may portend our future. That is why, if one wishes to keep abreast of how it is used and how it is changing. This may help the early investor to sell off the money, go to the 360 building, one of Baruch’s Finest said he was there. We must, since the company is going to come back up on us? If our language is used anywhere between $100-$900 back per semester. In fact, society as a whole might just break down. The more common meaning of course, has to do with the purchasing of such stock or bonds. It comes from the Latin “invest” that had never before presented itself to me. In one of his articles, he pointed out the various situations of the judgment which leads one to follow orders. Conclusion: Baruch has a month or so until Black History Month is celebrated. Some Obscure Words

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By Damian Griffin

Language is a powerful force. It is a primary part of the way we think and reason. However, it is more than that. It is also a tool that we use to express ourselves. This is important because if we use our language in a certain way, it can affect the way that other people perceive us. It is this reason that the internet has become so pervasive in our lives; it affects how we interact with others, not just in terms of communication, but also in terms of knowledge. The internet has opened up new possibilities for education, for example, where people can learn about topics they are interested in from anywhere in the world. In addition, it has allowed for more efficient and effective communication. For instance, people can now reach out to others who share their interests, regardless of their location. Overall, I think the internet is a powerful tool that should be used wisely. Some Obscure Words

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VITA Prepares Students to Go Into Neighborhoods

Baruch VITA site, as well as several other sites, are coordinated and directed by four Baruch students and VITA volunteers Christina Carrera, Lily Xie, Marlene Sandoval and Monica Vaca. The students believe that the program gives those who are not familiar with the dialect a jump-start because they volunteer between clients.

According to Aaron, Baruch VITA is one of the largest volunteer programs in CUNY. "It's a win-win situation that is involved because the program gives students an opportunity to work with others while gaining valuable experience and conquering some fears. Even if a student can't afford to pay their taxes themselves, there are still students who can't afford to pay their taxes themselves. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved..."

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Baruch students also prepare their taxes because they want to continue helping the community. For those of you who want to help your community, the Baruch VITA program is open to all students who are interested in helping the community. To become a student volunteer, you will need to complete a training session and pass the certification exam. Those who are interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact the Baruch VITA office at (212) 802-6710.

Having your taxes prepared at a VITA site is usually taken as 30-45 minutes, and with a normal volume of clients it's approximately a 30-45 minute wait, according to Vaca.

"It is convenient for the clients who can't afford a personal accountant..."

The Baruch VITA site is one of the largest volunteer sites in the city. The site is run by the students and is open to anyone who is interested in helping the community. The site is located at 100 East 72nd Street, Suite 7C, and is open from 10am to 8pm on weekdays and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays. The site is open from March 1st until the end of April. For more information, please call (212) 802-6710.
Men's Baseball Team Gears Up For Season Opener

By Kenyatta Pious, Sports Editor

The men's baseball team won its first scrimmage of the season against the Brooklyn Community College. The Statesmen won in a rout, leaving Brooklyn Community scoreless, 6-0.

This game marked the debut of new head coach, Scott Losche, who took over the reigns earlier this year. Losche, who was the assistant coach last year, has a lot of work to do to bring this team to that level of championship contender and hopefully, champion.

In an earlier interview this year, Losche said, "I'm sure his team will fair well this year. He added that as long as his guys give him the dedication that he and the rest of the staff demand, the wins and overall team improvement will come. Moreover, Losche noted that two of the team's biggest problems have been consistency and learning to close out games. The team traditionally has not had that "killer instinct" at the end of games and consequently made a lot of unforced errors.

The team needs to play well for longer stretches of time as opposed to going on a streak that includes winning against a tough team and then playing poorly and losing to weaker opponents. This has been its history and it must cease playing like that in order to be a true contender for the CUNY championship.

Baseball like basketball and many other sports, is a cerebral game. Players must be ready to think as well as react instinctually to different situations. An advantage for Losche is that he is returning most of his core team from last year. The challenge is to build off of last year's season. The veteran players have to be ready to step up and guide the other players, all while improving individually and collectively.

At press time, the team has just left Baruch for a scrimmage against Kingsborough college. By the time this article comes out, the Statesmen will have played the regular season opener against Cooper Union. The team is ready for the season and to reiterate Losche's words; keep in mind that the team should have a good year.

This promises to be a great season, so please come out and support the team. Contact Ralph Sinianni at (212) 387-1274.

The Baruch baseball team poses for this group picture last spring. At the top left hand corner is the new head coach, Scott Losche. (Photo/ Kényatta Pious)

Under Fire, Jon Minners Retaliates

By Jon Minners, Arts Editor

Hey Yo! You know, people seem to like to piss me off. There is so much propaganda in this school and yet, the only time people talk about the women's basketball team is when they need to win.

Certain people did not like the fact that The Ticker reported the hefty loss the Statesmen suffered. These people thought that it was wrong that paper reported the score because it made the team look bad. Well, last I checked, we are a newspaper; not a propaganda piece. You want to not look bad, well then stop looking bad.

Last issue, I received a response from Bob DiNardo, the women's basketball coach. Mr. DiNardo spent ample time writing a lengthy piece about me when he should have been spending more time thinking up ways to make his team better. Thank you. I like when people feel so emotional from something I write that they need to respond. The pen is mightier than the sword. So use that pen to come up with better plays that utilize all the team's strong points so that it loses by less points.

Before you get all mad, you should realize that you have missed the whole point of my column. It is not to be nice. That's my gimmick; and it must be working because people who don't even like sports come up to me and say they love my stories (keep those e-mails coming). So, keep that in mind when I write that it was "pretty damn cool" that Staten Island won by almost 100 points. I'd be pretty damn happy to see Baruch do the same, so not saying the same for Staten Island would make me a hypocrite. Also, you can't complain about the Staten Island team because you do not know what you would do in their position until you are in the position to win by 100 points (keep practicing).

Now, I know all about your plight. One of our staff members quit you team. I know all about the women's basketball squad and the problems they have had to overcome and they deserve credit for doing so. But to use that as an excuse is wrong.

I saw a movie called Love and Basketball a few days ago. The female lead did not know how to play basketball before getting the part. She practiced for five months with a coach and her brother, and she was excellent in that movie. It is said that she can kick some serious ass on the courts. Me and my friends played basketball for less than five months before we were able to beat my old high school basketball team. Several players thought I was playing for years and wondered why I never joined the team. In my quest to be the best, I had to overcome 21-2 losses and move on. I took the kick in the ass and played harder.

Maybe it is possible you don't know my extraordinary situation. You make assumptions about me without better serving yourself by actually taking the time to see what it takes to put this column together. You insult my ability to report without ever coming to one of my practices (I meditate. MMMMM. You suck, and so forth. It's a lot of hard work to think of new ways to say someone sucks).

I do applaud your basketball team's efforts to come together as a team. I applaud the fact that they will never waiver and keep on trying. I still think Mr. DiNardo and his team should learn something. Yes, this is an institution of higher learning, and I guess school athletics is a learning experience too. College prepares you for the real world. In the real world, there are no handouts and people get blown out by 100 points without any consideration from their co-workers, rivals and bosses. My advice is to suck it up, move on and learn to take some criticism. I sure as hell enjoyed what you had to say to me, but my column would be better served talking about how much John Rocker sucked. I have felt happy to see St. John's win the Big East title.

I applaud your hard work and think you are doing a fine job trying to bring back this team from scratch, and my comments were not there to undermine your efforts. Your comments, on the other hand, did. No need to discredit me as a writer. I have been writing for many years. My kindergarten writing teacher told me I had a future. I am in this business and have written ever since. I have earned the respect of co-writers, teachers, readers, entertainment companies and even the people I insult.

I'm having fun in my final year at Baruch. And while this year is extremely hard, I have never, in all my years of writing, enjoyed a year more than this one, and I have never been more proud to write and edit with a group of people like the ones at The Ticker (weep). Later.

Mr. Minners is not the Women's Basketball Coach.

THIS JUST IN...

By Kenyatta Pious, Sports Editor

The Baruch men's volleyball team is now last in the standings in CUNY/CACC with a .58 percent. The team is 0-10 in CUNY and 3-16 overall. The volleyball team has a losing streak of three games.

Last week, the team lost three matches: Brooklyn college 3-1, Hunter 3-0 and CCNY 3-0. Baruch's three wins were against Cooper Union 3-0, Webb 3-0 and Yeshiva 3-0.

Despite the team's record, the team is still optimistic. The team understands that because of the players who left and the injury bug, it has been forced into a rebuilding phase. But by no means should the Statesmen be ruled out as contenders.

Four teams in the conference; NYC Technical, York, Brooklyn and John Jay are under .500 and these same teams have only one more win than Baruch in the overall standings. This means that the conference is a bit lopsided with three teams will have played each other and CCNY while the rest of the teams are mediocre. Baruch just needs to ready itself for a burst in the playoffs and hope for the best. Stranger things have happened!

At press time, the Statesmen will be playing against Lehman in a couple of hours. The Statesmen's next game is on Wednesday the 22nd at York. For more information on games or perhaps you wish to play for the team, contact Ralph Sinianni at (212) 387-1274. Come out and support your Statesmen!