Baruch Plans Staff Cuts
Could Cut 120 Professors, 125 Adjuncts

By D.J. Fricke

The Executive Budget released by Governor George Pataki could force Baruch College to eliminate up to 120 full-time faculty positions and 125 adjunct positions with a corresponding reduction of up to 500 course sections affecting up to 7,000 students, according to a "worst-case scenario" described in a confidential impact statement.

The statement, entitled "Baruch College Impact Statement," is a preliminary description of the drastic retrenchment policies the school may find itself forced to enact if Governor Pataki's Executive Budget is passed by the State Legislature in its current, or in a near-current form. The memo may actually overstate the case, because its numbers do not take into account the possibility of a "worst-case scenario" and the corresponding reduction of up to 500 course sections affecting over 7,000 students, according to a budget as contained in the 1995-96 Executive Budget for the State of New York, according to the statement.

In the event that the projected cut becomes reality, "It would clearly involve a lot of people losing their jobs," said Baruch College President Matthew Goldstein in an interview last week. "We are going to do the very best we can to prevent that from happening."

One area in which Baruch, and CUNY as a whole, would be affected by the cuts is the financial aid budget. The memo states that even if all full-time professors and adjuncts are laid off, the college would still need to cut financial aid by $35 million, which would affect 600 students.

Marked confidential, the memo was prepared by acting Vice President for Administration James Murtha at the request of the University Budget Office of the CUNY central administration. The figures it contains are based on a projected $15 million cut to our budget as contained in the 1995-96 Executive Budget for the State of New York, according to the statement.

The document is essentially a hypothesis of how the Governor's proposed $905.5 million operating budget, a reduction of nearly $60 million, would impact on Baruch.

Pataki Calls For Massive Financial Aid Cuts

By Luz Ortiz

Governor George Pataki's proposed budget cut could affect about 67 percent of Baruch students, undergraduate and graduate, domestic and international, who receive some form of financial aid. International students are generally eligible for employment programs or small tuition waivers, while domestic students can wade through the entire gauntlet of aid.

Among the most likely programs to be eliminated or partially cut are SEEK, TAP, APTS, STAP, and CTAP. For those interested, all aid programs are discussed on pages 183-191 of the Baruch College Undergraduate Bulletin.

SEEK, slated for total elimination, is a program which started in 1969 to provide services for students who are educationally and economically disadvantaged; these students are usually minority.

The Baruch SEEK program currently has 1,350 students and 10 counselors, or 135 students per counselor. SEEK students are not necessarily students in need of remedial courses, but rather, students who have some of the lowest incomes in CUNY, many below the poverty line.

"SEEK opened the door; prior to this, there were only a handful of minority students," said Dr. Cecilia McCall, deputy chair of the academic skills department, which administers the SEEK program.

"Now the pendulum is swinging the other way. Resources are being shifted away from African American and Latino students. We're up against an ideology, sticking it to the poor, in order to give the upper and middle class a little tax break."

Millie Vasquez, a SEEK counselor, concurred. "Minorities will not be represented in finance and accounting firms if this program is cut," she said.

SEEK is a special program which, on the financial end, provides the student with a stipend, book allowance and funds to pay student activity fees. These students also receive an additional year of TAP, under STAP, because continued on page three

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Thousands Protest In Albany
By Deirdre Hussey

Thousands of students, parents, alumni, and faculty representing the City and State Universities of New York and independent colleges united in Albany on February 27 for a day of action to protest Governor George E. Pataki's anticipated budget cuts to higher education.

Over 7,000 participated in the effort which consisted of a three hour rally on the steps of the Capitol Building, with speeches from students and education professionals, as well as chants which amplified the protest mood of the rally. The rally was highlighted by a procession of thousands following a coffin, which symbolized the future of higher education in New York.

The event also consisted of daylong lobbying efforts to influence the Governor's budget proposals. A delegation of over 250 people met with legislators in an attempt to gain legislative commitment to the continuation of funding for higher education, particularly financial aid and opportunity programs.

The Pataki budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year is proposing a $151.1 million cut of state aid to CUNY, a $238.5 million cut to SUNY, and an $8 million cut to independent colleges. The proposal also calls for a $99.6 million cut to undergraduate TAP, the elimination of graduate TAP and Aid to Part-Time Study, as well as the elimination of opportunity programs for economically disadvantaged students.

"The Governor's message to those of average means who wish to attend institutions of higher learning is quite clear: forget it," said Eric O'Brien of the Save SUNY/CUNY and Opportunity Programs Movement.

"Under the Pataki plan, the costs of going to New York will find it nearly impossible to afford higher education," said Anthony Giordano of the University Student Senate.

"The vast majority of City University students will reside in New York for the remainder of their lives and that's why state support for CUNY is so essential - investment in the future of New York."

The event was organized primarily by three organizations, the New York Public Interest Research Group continued on page five

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year of TAP, under STAP, because of the remedial courses they must take up front. On the human end, it provides counseling support, sometimes on a very personal level. "If there's an emergency, my counselor's always there," said Wendy Varas, a junior SEEK student. "This program has changed the lives of these students and their families," said Richard Commendore, a SEEK counselor who is the only one in his family to have attended college. "They serve as role models to their communities. For many of them, the counselors demonstrate the college process."

Mauricio Rubio, a graduating SEEK student, attended economic fellowships at Stanford University and Princeton University for minority students interested in earning a Ph.D. in economics.

Counselors Are Valued

"The most valuable thing in this program is the counselor," said Rubio. "I had never heard of graduate school until my counselor told me about it. I am the first in my family to go to college. "No counselor built my confidence, he didn't treat me like I was disadvantaged," said Rubio. He has received scholarships from Harvard, Princeton and Columbia University.

SEEK at Baruch also has an Academic Awards program. This program, funded by private donations from Baruch faculty and staff, awards plaques and small monetary awards ($200) to outstanding students who perform well (GPA of 2.7 and above) and perform community service.

These choices for awards are representative of so many," said Vasquez. "Last year we gave eight awards to students who had GPAs of 3.5 and above." One SEEK alumnus, Li Ping Chong, tried to move Governor George Pataki on a personal level, sending him a letter which read in part, "We voted for you because you trusted us. Politicians say that education is important. If you were to cut these programs, it would make you a hypocrite. If you believe in education as strongly as you cut it?"

The counselor program has many success stories, it also has its dissenters. "Most SEEK students are not prepared for college," said a tutor affiliated with the SEEK program who didn't want his name used. "None of them don't even graduate and would never even enroll," said the tutor. "They're just here to get what they can get. When stu-

dents register for remedial courses, they're also supposed to register for tutoring, but they don't, and the counselors don't even ask. Some don't even know their counselor's names. If they happen to pass a course without tutoring, good for them. If they don't pass the entering exams, they shouldn't be able to come to Baruch. There are those who take full advantage of the program, but there are those that tutor them. I know are not going to make it," he said.

Cuts To TAP

TAP, which will be cut under Pataki's proposal, makes awards ranging from $350 to $2,190 to dependent students whose state taxable income is less than $10,000. Students can receive awards for eight semesters. Until now, Baruch's 4,000 TAP recipients have benefited from previous tuition increases because tuition at Baruch has never reached the maximum TAP award.

"Under Pataki's proposal, dependent students and independent students with one dependent will be eligible for a maximum TAP award of $4,650 or 90 percent of tuition, whichever is less," said James Murphy, director of financial aid. "Those students would have to fund 10 percent of their tuition. Single independent students with no dependents will be eligible for $2,450 or 90 percent of tuition, whichever is less. Those students will have to fund 10 percent of tuition does not go up, and the entire increase if tuition does go up.

Other Programs To Be Cut

Murphy spoke about another potential problem: "The Congressional Budget Committee in Washington is proposing to reduce Perkins loans, SEOG and PWS for the fiscal year (July 1, 1995 to July 1, 1996)," he said. "Those are supposed to be forward-funded one year, so the money has already been appropriated, but Congress wants to cut it this year. They also want, in 1996-97, to cut subsidies to Stafford loans. This means that these students taking home under this program would have to start paying interest while in school instead of after graduation, as they do now. The only good news is, Pataki is going up $40." APTS, also slated for total elimination, was established during the 1984-85 academic year. Murphy said that institutions are allocated funds based on their part-time enrollment. The college allocates the funds to the individual students based on a per-credit-hour. Since CUNY has a large part-time population, it receives almost 31 percent of the total state-wide allocation.

"One-third of undergraduate and two-thirds of graduate students are part-time students," said Thomas McCarthy, director of registration. "With the total elimination of APTS, the entire tuition burden, including any increase, will have to be borne by the student. STAP also began in the 90s and is slated for elimination as well. This benefits those students who are required to take at least six hours of remediation in a semester, up to two additional TAP payments. According to Murphy, this program is "tailor made" for CUNY students, a fact that has not made Albany legislators happy. STAP will also be eliminated.

Students Will Need Loans

With all these cuts being made, CUNY students will have a greater need for student loans. If interest rates begin to accrue as soon as the loan is taken, as is being proposed, students would have to fund a heavy burden during and after their stay in college.

"During past tuition increases, students have not left, but this time one could kill us," said Murphy. "We are committed to helping our students. We will not close SEEK; students flounder; we will find a way to fund them.

"The point the governor is miss–

ing is that we're getting these students into the two-year cycle for little money," said Murphy. "Give everyone an equal chance and they should all achieve equally. If high schools were doing their job, we wouldn't need SEEK."
Demonstrators Picket Appellate Court In NYC

"People Want To Fight" Against Budget Cuts Says USS Chair

By Luz Ortiz

Eighty to one hundred people attended a rally opposing Governor George Pataki's proposed budget cuts, in front of the State Appellate Court on Madison Avenue and 25th Street on Wednesday, February 27.

Anthony Giordano, Chair of the University Student Senate and several Baruch Administration members were present at the event, as well as Baruch andHunter College students and faculty from both Brooklyn and Brooklyn College.

Asked whether he was disappointed at the turnout, Giordano said, "It's the middle of the day. It's cold, but these are the people here. This is just a precursor to Albany," said Giordano, referring to the rally in Albany on Monday, February 27.

"We are here to say no! We say no to cuts without CUNY - we say no to cuts!" At Liberal's words, students and faculty segued into a new chant, "They cut back, we say fight back!" and "The people united, will never be defeated!"

"They talk about the Contract, registered district or the district in which we work," said Giordano, "but this is the contract on the poor of America," said Giordano. "They don't want us to have an education."

"We are here for the contract on America," said Giordano. "We did not come out in support of anyone," said Robert (Bo) Dinkin. This is only the beginning. In March, we are going to say no to Pataki's office in the World Trade Center. We want Pataki to declare a state of "financial exigency" for the University."

"This is not just Baruch. All students, to begin reviewing spending projections. It allows certain units to be designated repayment units," said Goldstein, citing a hierarchical ranking of academic units, which in this case were deciding where to cut, Goldstein said.

Nearly everyone on both sides of the issue acknowledged that some level of staff reduction seems inevitable. Under the heading "Preliminary Assumptions of Required Materials," the memo carries the following conclusion: "A reduction of full-time instructional and academic staff during the fiscal year 2002-2003 will be necessary to meet staffing requirements."

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Impact Statement Outlines Possible Staff Cuts Under "Worst-Case Scenario"

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February 27 the CUNY Board of Trustees unanimously voted to declare a state of financial exigency for the University's senior colleges, allowing them to dismiss even tenured faculty if necessary.

Financial exigency is a legal protocol which allows colleges to eliminate positions of students and staff, chaired by college presidents, to begin reviewing spending. It allows certain units to be designated repayment units.

A state of financial exigency for the University will take effect immediately. The Board of Trustees did not specify individual reductions but did acknowledge that some level of staff reduction seems inevitable. Under the heading "Preliminary Assumptions of Required Materials," the memo carries the following conclusion:

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Anti-Budget Rally Draws Thousands Of Protesters Attempts To Rush Buildings Fail; "Great First Step" Says USS Official

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President Meets With Community

CUNY Budget Cuts Are Top Concern

By Antoinette Coulson

President Matthew Goldstein met with students and administrators in the first of his scheduled "town meetings," and, not surprisingly, the hour was dominated by talk of the impending fiscal crisis facing the City University of New York. The Feb. 29 meeting, however, yielded few answers and even more questions according to some students.

Goldstein, fresh from a trip to Albany, gave what he described as a "clear and precise view" of the effects of a 46 million budget cut to senior colleges and in particular the to Baruch college. According to Goldstein if Governor George Pataki's budget proposal is adopted April 1, the elimination of the SEEK program and the subsequent pullout of additional funds will result in a cut of approximately $6 million to Baruch.

In addition to a reduction in Baruch's operating budget, the University is expected to raise $11 million more than it did last year or be faced with like withdrawal of even more funds. According to Goldstein, if the school can achieve this is by increasing tuition. Such an increase, according to Goldstein, is the only way Baruch's, operating budget, the approximately $6 million to maintain the "mission of Baruch." The cuts will not be cut, he will seek to find a cheaper way to operate and cut the "46 million budget," adding that he could give no numbers as to the percentage of students who will be involved. He also was unable to identify the specifics of the cuts to core sections.

Stressing that his goal is to maintain the "mission of Baruch" as an institution that supports professional programs within a liberal environment, Goldstein informed the crowd that faculty cuts to full time staff will more than likely stretch to a couple of hundred individuals.

Wrapping up the meeting after a little more than an hour Goldstein said that in his opinion the meeting was "convincing!", and he liked the fact that people came together to share their time and opinions. His outlook was not shared by many of the students who attended. One student expressed frustration at what he saw as Goldstein's disregard for the need of Baruch students.

Tracey Young, a transfer student in the School of Legal Arts, said, "I switched from Parsons School of Design to Baruch, hoping to obtain a marketable degree at a reasonable cost, and I'm sure I speak for staff as well as students when I say I feel that our futures are being devalued."

NY Appellate Court Picketed

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all she can to make sure those cuts don't go through," said Davis. "She will be meeting tomorrow with college presidents, state legislators and democratic assemblies to strategize and work against cuts and increases.

Looking around at the small crowd, Baruch College Vice President for Student Development/Dean of Students Sam Weinbaum said, "I don't think people understand the full impact of those cuts."

CUNY Funding

Hearing Scheduled

The rally was held in front of the Appellate Court to emphasize the fact that at 2:00 pm on the same day the court was to hold a hearing Where New York State and the only way to stand trial in a class action brought by students, faculty and staff of the CUNY senior colleges, Weinstein v. Cuomo.

A US press release explained how this lawsuit, brought by the Center for Constitutional Rights, alleges that New York State engages in unconstitutional racial discrimination by funding CUNY senior programs at a lower rate than comparable programs in the State University system, where minority enrollment is 12 percent, while minority enrollment in comparable CUNY programs is 65 percent.

Camille Rodgers, co-chair of the Concerned Faculty and Staff Legal Action Committee, put together the crowd that faculty cuts in State Legislature and Democratic Assembly. "This is the first opportunity we've had to discuss the case in court since it was filed two years ago," said Rodgers. "Each side was given only 15 minutes to present their case. Five judges reviewed the briefs and we should have a decision within the next few weeks.

We hope they uphold the decision to force the State to state their reasons for the disparity between CUNY and SUNY funding."

Join the March for Education!

March 16, 1995

Borough of Manhattan Community College
11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Sign up at Student Life Office: 360 PAS, room 1512 or the DSSG Office: 360 PAS, room 1535.

Baruch students will leave for the March from 17 Lexington Building at 11:00 a.m. Join us there!

Write for Ticker News!

Get involved in your community.

The Ticker
360 Park Ave. South
Room 1522
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Join the March! It's about education! It's about your future!
Pataki Plans Aid Cuts

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"The most recent report by the National Center for Education Statistics computed that, in 1990-91, the national average of resident undergraduate students receiving financial aid was $2,479. ...Allowing for increases in the cost of living, the average financial aid was $3,400 for the 1991-92 academic year. Under the current method, the average financial aid for the 1991-92 academic year would be $3,400.

By Andrew Hellier

Welcome to the March 8, 1996 issue of DSSG's What's Up News Column. As the Spring 1996 semester comes to an end, Day Session Student Government is working harder than ever to serve you, the students. Once again, DSSG has fulfilled its pledge to keep the student voice heard. The following are the most important issues facing this great college.

Governor Pataki has many problems to tackle here at Baruch. In the past week, we have focused almost all of our energy on fighting Governor Pataki's devastating budget cuts to the City University of New York. The NYU Senate has a hard fought and we support all current and former students who have railed against the consequences that these cuts could have. However, the work is not over, 20, or even 100 is not enough. The New York State Government must continue to stand united against this unprecedented budget cut.

Governor Pataki must be sent a strong message that the students of CUNY are against this budget proposal and will not stand idly.

There is an excuse for apathy in Baruch students. Pataki's budget cuts will affect each and every student of Baruch College. Stand up and tell Governor Pataki you are against his anti-education budget — tell him you are AFRO Against Pataki's Budget.

MORE Lobby Day Attracts Thousands

On Monday, February 27, the MORE Coalition organized a student rally in Albany to protest Governor Pataki's massive CUNY budget cuts. The Coalition, which consists of the University Student Senate (USU), Assembly Student Association (ASA), and New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), brought approximately 7,000 students together to the steps of the New York State Capital Building. 

We must rally together and show Governor Pataki that Sounds great, right? Wrong!!! Why? Because only 69 of those 7,000 Baruch students. That's a mere 0.9 percent of the total Baruch student body nationwide. We hope to see you out on Monday, March 27.

In the meantime, take time out to write to The Ticker and express your views on Pataki's budget cuts.

The Cultural Connections show is scheduled for April 27. For more information, please contact the Student Life Office at (212) 802-6790, or stop by our office in Room 1531 of the 360 Park Avenue building. Remember: your money, your education, your future!

Cultural Connections Through Dance And Music Planned

Similar to the workplace, Baruch College has a multitude of students and faculty who are first and foremost United States citizens. These individuals judge us by the standard of the United States. Are students of Baruch College in danger of being perceived as foreigners because of their cultural differences? In this program, we will learn about the Cultural Connections program and its purpose. The program is designed to help our students maintain a strong cultural awareness. Cultural Connections is a program designed to help us understand the perception of our community and to help us understand our own perceptions.

Cultural Connections will include an art and poetry contest open to all Baruch students. All art must be original work and can be submitted in traditional, full color or black and white, and can be in any type of medium. There will also be a poetry contest open to all Baruch students, and the winners of both contests will be announced at the same event. The deadline for both the arts and poetry contest is April 7.

The Cultural Connections show is scheduled for April 27. More information as to the exact time and location will be mentioned in later issues of the Student Life Office. For more information, please contact Ray Marcus at (212) 802-6790, or stop by our office.

Student Leaders Needed

Every spring semester here at Baruch brings a new change in the leadership of Day Session Student Government. This year is no different. The current leadership has decided to step down. As a result, we are seeking a new slate of student leaders to address the various issues that affect the student body.

If you are interested in running, please contact the Student Life Office at (212) 802-6790 or stop by the office in Room 1515 of the 360 Park Avenue building.

Andrew Heller
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TALK ON ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITY WOMEN

The Black and Latino Alumni Association of Baruch College, Inc., will present a talk entitled "Bringing The Gospel to the Marketplace." The talk will feature keynote speakers Fernando Ferrer, Bronx Borough President, and Adam Clayton Powell IV, City Councilman. The discussion will focus on minority ownership of political, ethnic, racial, social, and gender differences in the workplace working together toward economic empowerment and the minority role in the workplace. The talk will be held on Thursday, March 9, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the seventh floor of the Baruch Library and Technology Center, 111 E. 25th St.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Baruch College Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will offer free assistance with tax preparation to city residents. VITA is ready to assist with forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, and associated schedules, as well as New York State forms IT 100, IT 200, IT 201, and IT 214. Bring all relevant documents. Assistance will be available through April 15, Monday through Thursday, from 12:00 noon to 6:30 p.m., at 360 Park Avenue South, Room 2041. The location is accessible to campus locations.

For further information call 447-3672.

ASIAN WEEK CULTURAL ART SHOW

Baruch Asian Students Union is hosting a poem reading for Asian-American Heritage Month. They are currently seeking solicitations of literary works, poems, artworks, photographs, skits, and essays or short stories dealing with Asian perception or experience. Please submit works to the Asian Students Association clubroom or mailbox with your name and phone number.

Submission deadline is March 30. For more information call Priscilla Lu at (718) 697-5789 or James Ten (718) 222-3452.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS PLANNED

The Baruch College Women of Color Network has scheduled events for Women's History Month. The network will host a symposium on Monday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The symposium is open to the public.

Spanish language and American Hispanic culture will be the focus of two events. These events are sponsored by the Women of Color Network. The symposium will focus on the role of the Hispanic American in the world today. The symposium will be held in Room 1038 of the 18th Street building.

For information contact VON Network Chair Aures Santanas at (212) 387-1624.

PARTY FOR FRESHMAN

The Freshman Drop-In Center at Baruch College will host a party for all Freshman. Freshman to the campus will learn what services are available to students, Thursday, March 9, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the 17 Lexington Avenue building.

WORKSHOP FOR SERIES 7/7 NASD EXAM OFFERED

Baruch College's Continuing Studies Program will offer Saturday workshops in preparing students for the Series 7 NASD license exam. The workshops will be on Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in a four week interval beginning April 7. For more information contact Barbara Lynch, (212) 447-3670.

ONE FELLOWSHIP AVAILABLE

The Black and Latino Alumni Association of Baruch College, Inc., will award one fellowship of $4,500 to an exceptional undergraduate in the New York City area who is interested in pursuing graduate studies in public policy. The fellowship is tenable to a semester in a community-based or non-profit organization. The fellowship is open to all students majoring in a junior status or above.

The application deadline is April 7. For more information contact Professor Jerry Mitchell at (212) 802-5986.

MID-MANHATTAN LIBRARY OFFERS POETRY SERIES

A series of readings and discussions with poets whose work is represented in Aloud: Voices From The Nuyorican Poets Cafe, will be presented at the New York Public Library's Mid-Manhattan branch, 455 Fifth Avenue at 40th Street, through June 14. All readings will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the 6th floor conference room. Admission is free.

The reading schedule will be as follows:

April 15: Batter Up: Pentz and Susan Hornik

April 29: Tricia Marie

May 17: Room

June 14: Reg E. Gaines

For more information call the New York Public Library at (212) 221-7876.
Get Involved, Baruch!

The anti-budget rally in Albany on Feb. 27 was, in one respect, an unsuccesful qual. Over 7,000 representatives of CUNY and SUNY converged on the capital to make their points-of-view known. In another respect, however, the rally could have been better. Baruch college was represented by only a mere 67 students, 0.7 percent of the day session student population.

In a commuter school like this one, many of the students have other commitments, like work and families, but the importance of taking an active role in this struggle cannot be overemphasized.

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Because Governor George Pataki, a Westchester Republican, has demonstrated what he can do with public funds: "tax-levy support at a level set annually by forcing us to notify nearly twenty administrative departments, this week, that their employment will end this June. These are valued employees, many with lengthy careers at the City College. We are losing more familiar faces and trusted friends. Just how deep the cuts will be, and which decisions will best sustain our educational programs through these trying times, are not yet fully known. But the decision-making process at the College will depend on wide consultation, with representatives from the campus sectors on the retreatment committee. I hope my leadership will encourage the College to move through a potentially demoralizing crisis with fairness, good sense, and sound educational priorities as hallmarks of that reconstruction.

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Close Encounters Of The Third Kind

By Bennett Mauer

Living in the 90's

"The black dyke's friend sat there while her chick did all the talking." 

Tell me you wouldn't feel all wooed over at this point.

I think she had her eye on me. I knew there was something about her as soon as I saw her. She had an air of mystery and intrigue that was hard to resist.

I should have known better than to fall for her charm. She was just a scam artist, trying to get me to open up and reveal my true feelings. She knew just how to play me.

I must have been too weak to resist her advances. I guess I was just too blinded by her beauty to see her for the false she was.

I thought she was interested in me, but she was only after my money. She wanted me to give her all the cash I had so she could buy her way into my heart.

I fell for her every trap, every single one. I gave her all the money I had and she took off with it, leaving me empty-handed and broken-hearted.

I should have listened to my instincts, but I was too blinded by love. I was too desperate to find love and I was too easily swayed by her promises.

I have learned my lesson the hard way. I won't fall for her tricks again. I won't let her take me for a fool. I'll be more careful in the future.

I hope this lesson is learned. I don't want anyone else to make the same mistake I did. I don't want anyone else to have to go through what I went through.

I will never forget what I learned from this experience. I will always be on guard against scams and con games. I will always be cautious and never open myself up to such people again.
For Your Info

True Lies

By Mark Stephens

When you are confront a comparison to the time you spend at school. All the degrees, ounces, free time and learning you put in would seem like nothing in comparison. You find yourself on your own for the first time. If this is true, then you are absolutely right.

Therel, there is no need for you to be afraid. You are responsible for your own life. You must work hard to achieve your goals. In order to do this, you must understand your responsibilities. You should know that you are responsible for your own actions.

In college, there are three types of teachers...

Each year, 150,000 students graduate from college in the United States. Many of these students have never been in a classroom before. They are new to the world of college. They are new to the world of adult life. They are new to the world of responsibility.

The first type of teacher is the regular teacher. These are the people who teach your classes. They are responsible for making sure that you learn. They are responsible for making sure that you understand the material.

The second type of teacher is the professor. These are the people who teach the upper-level classes. They are responsible for making sure that you understand the material. They are responsible for making sure that you are prepared for the future.

The third type of teacher is the mentor. These are the people who guide you through college. They are responsible for making sure that you are prepared for the future. They are responsible for making sure that you are prepared for the world.

The real deal

You Know You Make Me Wanna SHOUT

By Kevin Degidon

My fellow students, bad news has arrived. Governor George Pataki wants to slash spending on SUNY colleges by 75% and state universities by 50% over the next four years and beyond. This is on top of the 25% already cut by the previous administration. If this happens, SUNY will be much more like community college than a state college and research institute.

In order to finance its budget lawmakers are expected to raise $2 billion over two years and one tenth of that amount by means of a new state lottery. This means that many of your former classmates will have to leave the state for higher education and many of your future classmates will have to leave the state for higher education.

The renovated 20-year-old campus in Albany will have a new name: Pataki University. It will be the new symbol of New York’s educational and economic future. You must work hard to make sure that this does not happen.

Truth or Consequences

Pass the Buck

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In New York, people can be committed to a mental institution without a court order if they are a danger to themselves or others. This means that people with mental illness can be committed to a mental institution against their will.

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Chile, The Fourth Member?

By Mercy Cornejo

The Finance and Economics Society Prepares You
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BY LISA CHARLES

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AIESC RENEWED

For further information on the Finance
and Economics Society, AIESC, and its
exchange program contact its office in
1445, 360 Park Avenue South.  

AIESC works, the local committees find job
opportunities for students of foreign
countries. It is the same opportunity
available for a student at home college to
learn and gain the valuable international
experience that many employers look for.

AIESC is also a strong advocate for
international student independence and
standing. Since it is aware of the
real world, it is steadily becoming a smaller
gap between what is learned in
school and what is actually being
practiced in the industry,” said Seth Finkenstein, president of the newly
formed Latin communications group.

The countries to the south are
gradually suffering from the present
economic policies. Chile is
already a member of the Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation (APEC),
which includes Uruguay,
Argentina, Brazil, and Chile in close cohorts,
and remains, huge. There was
an important decision in
the 1930s. A new member of the
Asia-Pacific region, Australia,
will be making copies of its
existing products, expects 6 to 12 companies
to be making copiers. New Zealand is now
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they don’t own the
relevant D.K.

At some point, an
individual can make
a difference, but not
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the students to join local
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in their fields. They will be
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How do you feel about the proposed $1,000 tuition increase and the budget cuts?

Bobby Vukel 
Sophomore

I feel it’s unnecessary because many students can’t afford tuition with the raise. A lot of students will drop out, it will be much harder for students to come to school.

Cassandra Louie 
Junior

Without financial aid, there are some students who will not be able to finish school, which would be a grave injustice to our future.

Leslie Scotland 
Freshman

I am incensed. I think it will affect me more severely because I am an international student.

Leslie Codrington 
Senior

I think it’s totally disgusting of Governor Palazhi and those who support him. It’s bad enough that we have to pay as much as we do, but then not to offer the classes needed for us to graduate on time is highway robbery. How much more blood are they going to squeeze out of us?

The Student Development Office currently has a letter writing campaign to our assembly persons and senators regarding budget cuts. Please show your support by dropping by the Student Development Office Rm 1702 or the Student Center Rm 1512.
Black Panthers, Then and Now

By LaTasha Pugh
February 17th at Baruch college auditorium on a forum on the Black Panthers. The panel was held in the Celebration of Black...
By Rafael Garcia

Hablamos Espanol? Well, if you do, even if it's just a little bit, here's an event you should definitely look into.

Baruch College's own Professor Elena M. Martinez of the Modern Language Department is the coordinator of "Women and Literature," a conference on Latino Literature to be held on March 18th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Swyard Auditorium of the New School for Social Research. It is located at 45 Fifth Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets in Manhattan.

Professor Martinez will also be one of the moderators of the respective panels along with Francisco Bruno of the College of Staten Island.

The first panel, featuring professors Ana Rodriguez de College of Staten Island, will discuss their own works in the context of the Latino literary production in the United States. This event is sponsored by the Literature Committee of the New School for Social Research, and the Higher Education Program at Parsons School of Design. Most of the presentation will be in Spanish, so some fluency would be to your benefit, although all are welcome to attend.

In celebration of Women's History Month, also to be sure to look for VISIBLE, the Nation's first magazine for Urban Latinos, in association with Baruch College's Women of Color Network and Yolanda Sanchez of the NY Women's Foundation.

The second panel will feature poets, Mercedes Roffe and Carmen Valle, as well as performance artist and playwright Carmelita Tropicana. The participants will discuss their own works in the context of the Latino literary production in the United States. This event is sponsored by the Literature Committee of the New School for Social Research, and the Higher Education Program at Parsons School of Design.

The third panel will feature playwright Carmen C. Laguna of Rutgers University, professors Asela Rodriguez de College of Staten Island, and playwright Carmelita Tropicana. The panelists will discuss their own works in the context of the Latino literary production in the United States. This event is sponsored by the Literature Committee of the New School for Social Research, and the Higher Education Program at Parsons School of Design. Most of the presentation will be in Spanish, so some fluency would be to your benefit, although all are welcome to attend.

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By Harry Vadeck

Every student who has ever had the pleasure of being part of a class taught by Professor Roger Mesznik has said many things but never denied the fact that they worked hard. Professor Mesznik has been teaching at Baruch College for 21 years since 1973. He completed his undergraduate work abroad, and did both his Master's and Ph.D. in Finance at Columbia University. He has officially become part of the Accounting Department for three years after teaching in the Finance Department.

Mesznik said that his goal when teaching a class, which usually consists of sixty students, is to teach students how to operationally use the definitions that they're learning rather than simply memorizing them. For although definitions change with time, their fundamental concept remains the same.

Mary Altman, a junior who had Mesznik for Accounting 2205, said, "Although at first it can seem like an impossible class, you later realize that by simply applying yourself you have the skills to do what you want to do." Professor Mesznik feels that his method of teaching is a good approach, since Baruch students are rarely given the opportunity to defend an argument as part of their class, and when they are given that chance, they usually wind up impressing themselves.

Professor Mesznik's advice for students during the CUNY's foreclosure is "to keep in mind that it is still a good deal for the quality of education that students are getting." Moreover, Mesznik feels that the best way students should go about selecting their classes is to go after good professors. At the same time, students should also try to take a wide variety of courses from different disciplines in the college, rather than concentrating on just a few. "College is about experiencing many different ideas, leaving the concentrated work for the graduate school," he said.

Careers in Music Management

Luncheon Meeting with

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Luncheon Meeting with

John Vlautin
Vice President of Media Relations
Polygram Records
Thursday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.
Room 1202 (17 Lexington Ave.)

Complimentary light lunches will be served.

These programs are sponsored by an Intellectual Enrichment Grant from the Baruch College Fund and by the Department of Music.

For further information, please call the Department of Music at 387-1330.
**Simple Minds Comes Back With New Sound**

By Thomas Camastra

Where has Simple Minds been for the last three years? Many people would reply "who cares?" Yet for the true fans of the group, Simple Minds has been writing and producing new songs. These tunes can be heard on their new album, Good News From The Next World.

It seems that Jim Kerr and Charlie Burchill, the duo who make up the group, have been exploring the "new world," and what they've found was the advantages of having a guitar instead of keyboards. Burchill was the keyboard player for the group's past albums, and is now playing guitar for their new record. The change to guitar makes this record sound different from their past albums.

Many people knew Simple Minds for their 1980 hit song "Don't You (Forget About Me)". The band performed the song for the soundtrack to the movie The Breakfast Club, although they did not write it. (One of the writers of the song, Keith Forsey, co-produced Good News From The Next World.) This was the first time the trio worked to produce its own soundtrack.

The group's last release, Glittering Prize, was a collection of themes from the group's past hits. That record ended the era of keyboards, and included only songs from its previous albums. We now want an album that unquestionably said that this was the first step on a new journey, explains Kerr. All that is history for the Scottish group that started as childhood friends, and has stayed together despite (212) 307-4100.

**"I Killed My Brother" Takes Off-Broadway to a New Level**

By Michael Greene

I feel compelled to tell you about a show I saw last weekend. It was a one-man show, currently running at Alhambra on West 29th Street in New York City. The show will run its run on April 9, 1995.

The autobiographical, 90-minute, one-character play follows the life of a young man whose brother is dying of AIDS. As detailed at the beginning of the play, these two young men had formed a particularly close bond while growing up. Thus, when one brother gets sick, the other brother is left to deal with the loss of his friend.

The play is heart-wrenching, and deals with a number of issues. How society views AIDS patients, euthanasia, and sex for life. The author, Nelson Jewell, has obviously allowed us to glimpse a piece of his own soul with this work.

The 43-year-old award-winning playwright was himself diagnosed HIV-positive in 1986. He has since developed AIDS and has lost 14 white t-cells remaining. Despite his condition, Jewell maintains a speed-of-light schedule and a positive outlook. A divorced father, his goal is to champion the cause of AIDS patients, and to use his voice to speak for AIDS patients.

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Translations

Photographic & Poetic Images By Baruch's Artists

The Great Giant: purple dolphin moon reflected in a blue rippled ocean. I see them from my window through the narrow blocks of widget opalescents dropped into the photography of daily dust and motives.

To wake and no longer see a sun looking in a window with two hundred eyes pecked out with once dead brown back the gold head sleek stacked the broad way whose covered by red. I can no more see the people dolphin moon only in reflection

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Tear into the sky
And reach out
To the heavens.
Dusk gray windows
Hide white, yellow,
Blue, black walls.
Where people come
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Greatest Hits Album Proves Springsteen's Still Boss

By Jason S. Grant

He's back. As all you born between heroes on a last change you drive know, Bruce Springsteen was born to run. This latest step: a record near you. "Born To Run," "Streets of Philadelphia," "Glory Days" and of course, "Dancing In The Dark" - all were sure to evoke crisp house memories in Generation X Rock & Pop fans. Remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s."

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In addition to classic Springsteen of the 90s and the 80s, the collection also has unreleased songs that never hit the mainstream airwaves. It contains four previously unreleased tracks which reunited Bruce with members of his E-Streets Band, who went on separate ways after "Born In The USA." Two of the Boss's more recent tracks, "Murder Incorporated" and "This Hard Land," which were hidden at the album, were released at the album. It's just like the saying goes: "Better late than never!" Springsteen fans will all agree that the heart of "The Boss" music is the lyrics. No one hits harder, more consistently or more recently than Bruce Springsteen. Remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s." Springsteen fans remember those days when Springsteen competed with Michael Jackson's smash album "Thriller" and "Weird Al Yankovic's satirical album "In the 80s."

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In today's world of commercial film, there is an increasing fascination with the serious elements of a and the conflict between the new and the old. The new and the old are often seen as separate entities, but in fact, they are deeply intertwined. This is evident in the film's exploration of the role of the artist in society and the impact of technology on art. The film also addresses the issue of identity and the search for meaning in a rapidly changing world.

However, the film's depiction of the relationship between art and technology is not entirely accurate. While it is true that technology has had a significant impact on art, it is also true that artists have always been at the forefront of technological innovation. This is evident in the film's depiction of the role of the artist in the development of new and innovative technologies.

In conclusion, the film is a powerful and thought-provoking exploration of the role of art in society and the impact of technology on art. It raises important questions about the relationship between art and technology, and the role of the artist in society. It is a film that is sure to provoke discussion and debate among art scholars and technologists alike.

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**References**

A new punk rock band that has hit the scene is called Wool and they sound promising. They are a band from the nation's capital and the quartet then shows their versatility by covering "God Rest His Soul," a cover of Gregg Allman's tribute to the slain Martin Luther King. They took this song to a new limit, doing a soulful rendition of the classic. Another song with a powerful meaning is "Take a Look," which the lead singer says is about his memories of growing up in a fatherless home. These songs combine inspirational vocals with powerful guitar. Wool is a band with great talent and vision and will be creating great music in the future. Their meaningful lyrics and musical advantages over all the other commercial bands out there today. If you want some cool music from an up-coming band, Wool's Box Set is the way to go.
The Statesmen Stats

Upcoming Games

Men's Volleyball
March
Thursday 9 Ramapo College 8:00
Friday 10 SUNY Old Westbury 7:00
Monday 13 Web Institute 7:00
Tuesday 14 Hunter College 6:30
Thursday 16 USMMA 7:30
Monday 20 John Jay College 7:00

Bold denotes home game played in the 6th floor gymnasium, 17 Lexington Ave. (23rd Street building)

Men's Baseball
March
Wednesday 15 College of Staten Island 3:30
Sunday 19 Polytechnic (DH) 12:00
DH doubles-header

Bold denotes home game played at Gil Hodges Field, 17 Lexington Ave., Brooklyn

All times, dates and locations are subject to change. Please contact the Health & Physical Education Department for any possible changes.

Statesmen Wrap Up Another Season

By John Veronis

The statements are close to taking all in last year, but fell short via a crushing defeat, against the Hunter Indians in the CUNYAC first round of the tournament. That game ended the season for the team. They did get better, but the team's lacking of offense during the season was a significant problem. The team's defense was also a problem, but the team's inability to convert leads and win games because of the offense. The season was considered a success for the team, but it was not enough to win the championship. The team's commitment to the game was shown in their performance throughout the season. However, the team did not have enough depth to compete against the top teams in the conference. The team's season was disappointing, but they did show improvement and have the potential to be successful in the future.

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Stateswomen Fall To CCNY In CUNYAC Finals For Second Consecutive Year

By John Voross

For the second year in a row, the Baruch Women's basketball team surprised many by making it all the way to the finals in the CUNYAC tournament. For the second year in a row, the Stateswomen faced the Lady Bears of CCNY for the coveted crown of CUNY. And for the second year in a row, Baruch fell just short of beating CCNY.

Granted it wasn't as close as it was last year, CCNY winning with free throws in the final eight seconds of the game by a score of 41-35, many on the team though the game should have been theirs.

The game was tied at the half at 22. Baruch took the lead via a three-pointer by Tosha Dennis with seventeen minutes to go and led by as much as six points before CCNY came from behind and took control with just over four minutes remaining. In the end, CCNY, who has won a record nine consecutive loss by a score of 59-50.

"I think we beat ourselves," said women's basketball coach Penny Weinger, "I think we should have the game just as I felt last year. We didn't play terrible, we kept the game close but I think that CCNY played just a tad better than us and we didn't step up at times."

Most people thought that the Stateswomen might be eliminated in the first round. But, they rolled over John Jay and won by a score of 48-23. Next, they faced regular season champions, Hunter College (18-7) and pulled off one of the greatest upsets this season by a score 50-46. With about one minute remaining, Tosha Dennis sunk a three-pointer which secured the victory for Baruch and a chance at the title.

"Everybody thought that we would never be here," said Weiner, "we might not even get past the first round. I'm sure everyone assumed Hunter was going to be in the finals against York, and this is exactly what happened last year. We beat Medgar Evers last year and (CCNY) knocked off York. This year we knocked off the number one seeded team, which was the greatest feeling in the world. It was almost as close to a championship game in itself, we were clearly the underdog."

At one point against Hunter, the Stateswomen were down by a margin of 20-9 but had a 20-2 run that spanned both halves. "We just got the momentum," said Weiner, "and we just went on a run where they stopped playing defense and we capitalized on that."

Throughout the season the Stateswomen have been receiving more coverage than usual, mostly because of forward Sybil Smith. Smith has been profiled in such publications as The New York Times and The Daily News for leading all NCAA players in rebounding, averaging about 24 per game. But Weiner doesn't believe that coverage affects the players in a negative. Though Weiner herself might have been distracted occasionally, she gives credit to assistant coach Debbie Howell for helping the team to get to the level they reached.

They posted a 14-10 record during the regular season, 3-3 in CUNYAC with a fourth place finish. "I was pleased with the regular season," said Weiner. "There were a couple of games we were to win, some of the losses were good losses where we played really good but the other team was that much better."

Jordan was the star of the show and Pippen just seemed to stand in his shadow, now its his turn to be in the limelight and he wants to leave. Any team who is in line to win it all already has its share of star players, but then again, maybe Pippen just likes to play in the shadow of greatness. His name will never rise to the same status as Jordan, Magic, or Bird. What makes an athlete great is taking his team from nothing to championship, not hopping from team to team, "with the frequency of a cheap Ham radio," (thank you Mr. Akroyd).

When you're signed to a team, you inherit certain responsibilities to the fans for which you play for. By leaving, Pippen will not only let down the Bulls, but the entire city of Chicago and the countless Bulls fans from coast to coast. True, many fans hop from team to team as Pippen wants to do, but those diehard fans will be crying almost as much as the day Mike Ditka left the Bears.

Come on Scottie, you make millions of dollars in a sport that gained worldwide appeal and all you think of is me, me, me. Why don't you stick it out in Chicago and prove to the world that you weren't just a stooge for Jordan during those three championship seasons.

Something else worth noting is the talk that the Cleveland Browns will sign former Giants star quarterback, Phil Simms. Hata off to the Browns, it's about time somebody realized that despite his age, Simms can still carry his own.

True, Simms will only be a backup for Vinny Testaverde, but he will be playing. Maybe he can even give Testaverde a few pointers and make him into the great quarterback everyone thought he would be in his rookie year. If Dallas could sign Bernie Kosar as a backup quarterback for Troy Aikman, any reasonably sane owner would pickup Simms to back their own field general.

Simms was forced into retirement when he was cut from the roster last year because of the salary cap and his questionable shoulder. So upset was he by the fashion in which he was let go, that he refused a number retirement ceremony. Now he may be able to take the field again and laugh in the face of the dreaded "z" word.