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Brooklyn Plan Shelved

Baruch College has started an Ethiopian fundraising program, part of a CUNY-wide effort to raise money to help the millions of famine victims in Ethiopia.

"I am calling on the entire University community to make a concentrated effort to aid the millions of Ethiopians who are facing starvation in the worst famine in memory," wrote Joseph S. Murphy, chancellor of CUNY, in his letter to Joel Segall, president of the college, asking Segall to start a charity drive. Murphy, who is a former director of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, asked Segall to appoint a coordinator for the accounting and collection of the donations. Segall appointed Henry Wilson, Jr., the dean of students, as the coordinator.

Wilson, in turn, asked certain faculty members to participate in the charity drive. The faculty members who are collecting donations are Seth Lipner, assistant professor of law, and Susan Locke, associate professor of psychology. Jane Hornburger, assistant professor of education, was available until the January 25. Locke has collected $500 so far.

Richard Akuettey, the executive vice-president of the Day Session Student Government (DSSG), is heading the student drive. Akuettey explained that the bulk of the fundraising will be centered around a campus $1.00 drive, and a party at the Underground. The $1.00 campus drive will consist of donation boxes distributed at all of the campus buildings. Akuettey said that students who want to donate more are encouraged to do so. Checks and money orders should be made out to Africare. Akuettey said that "volunteers are needed to man the tables," and do other work. The party at the Underground will probably be in late April. Akuettey added that there may be other fundraising functions.

The library on the seventh floor of 155 E. 24th Street is undergoing a renovation that will increase the reading space by at least 200 percent, according to Professor Stanton Biddle, the chief librarian. The renovation started in early December last year and is expected to be completed soon.

Additional reading space was obtained when the Library Technical Services, originally on the seventh floor, was shifted down to the fourth floor. The rooms vacated by them are being converted into student reading space. Carrels (individual reading booths) will be installed into these additional spaces. The chief librarian's former office on the seventh floor library will also be converted into three group study rooms. These group study rooms are enclosed so as not to disturb the ordinary library users. Work on these rooms will start after the renovations on the additional reading space have been completed. Students will have to book these rooms in advance, in order to use them.

The library, in order to upgrade their service, has asked IMSG, the contractor who supplies and services the copying machines on the seventh floor reference library, to provide the library with dry copiers. They have agreed and two will be installed this summer by April. The rest of the old copiers will be slowly replaced by dry copiers, which make much better reproducions, said Biddle. Baruch does not get a commission from leasing IMSG install the copying machines in Baruch. All the profits go to IMSG. The library is presently looking at the kind of contracts other colleges are using. IMSG also owns and services two microfilm machines that make copies located in the sixth floor library. Baruch owns and services the third, which is newer, cheaper and easier to operate. Such microfilm machines, which cost $6,000 each, will be slowly and individually procured in the near future because they are too expensive, Biddle said.

Biddle said that contrary to students' misconception, books and periodicals can indeed be brought out of the sixth floor reference library for copying purposes, if students are dissatisfied with the quality of the present copying machines. They should go to the head of periodicals, or the head of references to get permission to take out the books or periodicals, and should be prepared to exchange their ID for the period the book or periodicals are checked out.

The library under renovation

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The long dormant proposal to move Baruch College to Brooklyn has damaged the development of the school, according to Joel Segall, the president of Baruch College.

The proposal, which is included in the Baruch College Master Plan, forced the college to lease space on a short-term basis and prevented the acquisition of any new buildings. Segall said that it was "only recently" that Baruch had been able to acquire buildings. The proposal was incorporated into the Baruch College Master Plan in 1968, when, as part of the overall expansion of CUNY senior colleges, Baruch was spun off from City College of New York (CCNY).

According to Norman Storer, president of sociology and anthropology, the original justification for the move was to "revive" the Atlantic Terminal area of Brooklyn. Storer also suggested that the plan was a "political football" during the administration of then-Mayor Abraham Beame.

The college, which pays approximately $10 million a year in rent, has "learned about as much as we can," according to Segall, because "the board (CUNY trustees) doesn't like it." In June 1985, according to Segall, the lease for several floors in 360 Park Ave. So., will be up for renewal. Segall refused to speculate as to the length of the negotiations but Segall said Baruch would stay because "we have to." The Ticker was unable to reach representatives of 360 or 225 Park Ave. So. for comment.

The move to Brooklyn is still officially part of the Baruch Master Plan, and cannot be removed except by a vote of the CUNY Board of Trustees. Segall said, "I don't know if it's been taken off and I don't much care." According to Segall, "It would be to Baruch's advantage to get it (the move to Brooklyn) out of there (the Master Plan) eventually," but he has decided to take no action on it for the time being.

"I don't see any need to encourage a confrontation," said Segall. Segall said the advice he has received from the office of Donald E. Farley, the vice chancellor of Baruch College, is "to let it alone."

By ErIc Kan

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The Inside Scoops:

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Feed The World

The severe drought that has struck sub-Saharan Africa and Ethiopia has been the focus of international attention in the last few months now. Churches, governments and private citizens have banded together to manage the plight of millions of Africans who face starvation. Though aid has been plentiful, the situation continues to worsen. Thousands have died, and more have been uprooted. Aid, however, may not be enough, and new initiatives have to be found. At the time of this writing, on January 25, 1985, the World Food Program (WFP) was preparing to deliver 6 million metric tons of food aid to Africa. The WFP is a United Nations agency that coordinates global food assistance and is one of the few agencies capable of reaching large numbers of people in need. The agency is currently working in 44 countries around the world, providing food to more than 20 million people every year.

Lost in Space

Baruch College students can benefit a collective right of redress that now the proposal to move to Brooklyn, specified in Baruch College's Master Plan, has been shelved. The college can now focus on the new facilities that are being built on the 26th Street campus. The engineering and science building will be completed in the fall of 1985, and the new library is scheduled to open in the spring of 1986. These new facilities will provide students with the latest technological equipment and improve the learning environment.

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Ronald Reagan Is Not to Blame

By Eric J. Fox

In mid-January, the National Urban League released its biannual survey of the state of Black America. Leaders of the black community probably predicted the resulting media attention to attack the president and his policies. Jesse Jackson, the self-appointed black messiah, has previously condemned the president as "the most dangerous of all the racists," and the liberal New York Times has called the president "an enemy of the black community." This is not the case. There have been many critiques of the president's policies, but the facts show that his actions have been in line with the desires of the black community.

The point is that ethnic groups in America have different perspectives and agendas. Ronald Reagan is not to blame for the problems of the black community. This is precisely because of his long-standing commitment to conservative principles:

- "We are a country of over 200 million people, we are a country of diversity, and we are a country of great economic success. The problem is that when we look at the black community, we see a problem that is not unique to them. We see the same problem in every ethnic group in the United States." Ronald Reagan, "A Message to Our Children and Their Children."

- "I do not believe that the American people are ready to accept a government that tells them what to do, tells them what to buy, and tells them what to eat. I believe that the American people are ready to accept a government that tells them what they can do, but does not tell them what they cannot do." Ronald Reagan, "A Message to Our Children and Their Children."

- "The United States is a country of diversity, not a country of uniformity. The United States is a country of tolerance, not a country of intolerance. The United States is a country of freedom, not a country of control." Ronald Reagan, "A Message to Our Children and Their Children."

These are the principles that guide Ronald Reagan and the policies that he has pursued. These principles are not only consistent with the desires of the black community, but with the desires of every ethnic group in the United States. This is why Ronald Reagan is not to blame for the problems of the black community. This is why Ronald Reagan is the best president that the United States has ever had.
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TICKER TAKES
Placement
Office Moved
The Office of Career Placement and Planning is being moved from the Dean of Students office to its new location on the 13th floor in the Pershing Square Building on Monday, Feb. 11. The move will allow for better communication this semester, according to Baruch College officials.

"We think this college can do a lot better than it does in terms of placement," said Joel Segall, president of the college. Segall and the office have worked with the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education would have to get their own counselors to serve their students.

Responding to charges that the counseling office was being moved because placement statistics have improved at the same time last year, Segall said, "I've seen statistics of increasing number of firms 460 firms plus here;" but he added, "We are doing a better job of opening up these figures. What I would like to see is a graduating student inter-viewed four to five times by firms."

Student
"Abused"
A Baruch student was "sexually abused" last night in an 8th St. residence building by two hoodlums, as reported by John F. McLaughlin, director of campus security.

The incident occurred at 10:30 p.m. in a second floor classroom. McLaughlin said, McLaughlin declined to name the victim because "of the nature of the crime," but said he felt no need for name protection.

Several other students were in the room when the victim was raped. The victim said he was white male, in his 20s, with glasses, medium height, black hair and a mustache.

McLaughlin said that the suspect, "a white male, in his 20s, with glasses, medium height, black hair and a mustache," has been identified and is being questioned by the security department and that the security department worked extensively with the 13th Precinct on this case, and that he was "proud" of their work. Mr. Segall, however, was quoted as saying that he has been degraded by human abuse. Natural disasters, such as the drought, are not only confined to the African countries. It is a natural disaster that is caused by mankind's ignorance and neglect.

In addition, Segall cited the distribution of Baruch's new student handbook which features a new chapter on "Ethiopia." This chapter was written by Baruch's own students, as reported by the Daily News. Segall said that the suspect, "a white male, in his 20s, with glasses, medium height, black hair and a mustache," has been identified and is being questioned by the security department and that the security department worked extensively with the 13th Precinct on this case, and that he was "proud" of their work. Mr. Segall, however, was quoted as saying that he has been degraded by human abuse. Natural disasters, such as the drought, are not only confined to the African countries. It is a natural disaster that is caused by mankind's ignorance and neglect.
Ivonne Rudorfer will leave her home in Washington Heights early this morning to make her eight o’clock class. Ivonne’s first semester has been filled with both positive and negative experiences. A graduate of Bronx High School of Science, Ivonne chose Baruch because, “it has the best reputation in business.” The fact that she won a full scholarship also influenced her decision. When she found out about the award she was ecstatic. “I was proud of myself,” she said.

Before coming to Baruch, Ivonne also had certain perceptions of what college life would be like. “I had ideas from television, of college with dorms.” Her perceptions did not match her experiences. “I thought people would be closer, and a lot of people would be together. There would be events.” Baruch’s lack of a campus bothered Ivonne a lot. “Because that’s the way people get together. It’s harder to meet people standing in front of a building.”

Ivonne tries to combat this by being friendly and trying to meet people. “I guess I’m pretty friendly and can search friendly people out.” Ivonne decided to get involved in school activities and joined Helpline. She wanted “to meet and help others return to school.”

Ivonne felt that most of her professors were good. Her math instructor, Professor Diane Tobias, “was terrific.” However, she had problems with her speech professor. “I had a personality conflict with the teacher. She didn’t like me. She used to look me up and down.” Ivonne didn’t see the conflict interfere with her class work, and ultimately earned an A in speech.

After one semester Ivonne is “leaning towards accounting, but it can definitely change.” She works for a publishing company and puts in 7 to 14 hours a week, but feels it doesn’t interfere with her school work. Although she has been academically successful in her first semester she wants much more out of college. “I don’t just want academics. I also want fun. There are no lounges or places where you can really hang out.”

A piano-playing preacher and a teenage exhibitionist. Despite these obstacles she chose Baruch because she “heard it had a really good program, a good reputation.” Joyce candidly admits, “the tuition was much lower than Pace and N.Y.U., and also a few of my friends were going there.”

Joyce had certain visions of what college would be like. “I heard it was a business school, and I wanted to go to school in the city.” A lot of people I know went to Queens (College).” Joyce, however, wanted a change of pace.

Joyce felt that college life would be difficult. “I thought it was going to be really hard. You’d have 12 chapters to read a night and they (professors) would demand so much of you.” But she also thought she’d have fun. “I’d meet a lot of people. I knew I was going to make friends.”

After her first semester, Fran has a different outlook. “This semester was easier than high school. It was a bit easier than expected. Teachers don’t bother you about things. It’s your own fault if you do badly.”

Ivonne felt that most of her instructors were fine. “Albright I loved,” Joyce adds, “the way people get together. It’s harder to meet people standing in front of a building.”

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One thing that bothers Joyce about Baruch is the lack of a campus. “I don’t always feel part of the school. In high school everything was under one roof. Baruch is a little bit colder. It bothers me. It’s harder to meet people. What’s missing is a school atmosphere.”

Joyce feels that she has learned a lot in her first semester. “I understand myself more, and other people more. In history I learned what made people tick.” She was also happy to find a play presented on campus. “I went to see Scapino and it was a good production. I brought my family to see it.”

The positive points, however, are also tempered by some negative ones, especially in regard to the campus. “If I went to a private school I’d expect a campus. I don’t want to switch now.” Joyce adds, “I’m happy with the teachers. But you also want fun. There are no lounges or places where you can really hang out.”

Freshmen
Learning to commute through rain, snow, sleet and gridlock.
Trying to make friends in a school devoid of a campus.
Overcoming homework, professors and cafeteria food.
Three freshmen tell it like it is.
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Second, you should think about your career. For some of you, this might mean continuing your education or starting a new job. For others, it might mean taking on a new challenge or exploring a different field. Whatever your goals are, you should set them early and work towards achieving them.

Finally, you should think about your health. Taking care of your physical and mental health is crucial to your success. Make sure you are eating well, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep. This will help you stay healthy and productive.

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Music: One Critic’s Sampling of New and Unusual Bands

Hanoi Rocks

In 1984, yet another band with members who were not only unformed about the do-it-yourself ethic but also had never even attended the U.S. market. But don't confuse Hanoi Rocks with Boy George, Anachronistic or David Bowie because the boys in the band defy classifications to any other music fan. (Look at Andy McCoy proclaiming himself, "Hanoi Rocks!" near the end of the album.) And if you've ever attended two bands in the same venue at a press conference held at CBS in November.

The wild concerts occurred just prior to the five members of Hanoi Rocks perform- ing two gigs in New York City. On this first U.S. tour, the band played at the Ritz in New York City and then at the Ritz opened by the house band in New York City. The second one, which took place before the final show of "Two Steppers From The Move" on CBS Radio. The end of summer extended a new band before the season done. The fan club is a fantastic development.

The album has a heavy metal feel to it and the first few songs sound like best-.. The Ritz show was not as bad as some people anticipated. The familiar tunes of Baby Driver were quite a help to a group of video screen to immerse themselves for an hour or so.

The Ritz show was exciting because you didn't have to watch at all. The opening act was very screenng: a mild show with piano work and some words. Fortunately, a tragic car accident involving the frontman caused the show to be cancelled.

The band's videos are great and imaginative. Though the band's management has yet to produce an album, the band is doing a great job. The album is a pleasant change of pace and will definitely check them out.

Frankie Goes to Hollywood

Unless you've been living under a rock, you've probably had your hands on the 12-inch single of "Frankie Say Relax." The 23-year-old singer from London and his band, none of whom are actually Frankie, have managed to draw a tremendous amount of publicity behind the band's image. The band has been described as "the new David Bowie" and "the new Roxy Music." The band has been plagued with bad publicity campaigns by their record company, Island, and a tremendous amount of publicity behind them.

The Answer: Frankie Goes to Hollywood

Frankie Goes to Hollywood have been in the news lately, but not for the reasons they've been in the past. The band has been plagued with bad publicity campaigns by their record company, Island, and a tremendous amount of publicity behind them.

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Baruch TKOs Lehman
Three Technical Fouls Lead to Statesmen 89-72 Win

By Brian Feinblum

The Baruch Statesmen basketball team upset 89-72 on Jan. 26th, blowing out a team that had beaten them by 15 points in their last meeting. The surprising slaughter of Lehman was due in large part to another event that took place on the court at Xavier High School, home of Baruch’s basketball team. There were three technical fouls called on the Lehman basketball coach, Norman Lefkowitz, all within three minutes. A relatively close game became blown wide open. Baruch also hit all 10 foul shots granted by the referee and never looked back.

Up by five, 67-62, Baruch gained possession on a loose ball foul charged against Lehman. This was the green light for Lefkowitz as his opinions were voiced a little louder than usual. Baruch was granted four technical foul shots at 3:52 left in the game and coach Chris McLeod connected on all four to push their lead to nine. But Lefkowitz wasn’t through yelling. At 2:58 left in the game and his team down 71-62, he called a technical foul on his own team.

As the referee turned away to avoid the rampaging coach, Lefkowitz charged him incessantly. His destiny was apparent. He vehemently argued until he saw that the only one getting sacked was him as they tossed him out of the game that had now turned into a circus. Baruch’s Fernandes, playing in his first game, forged their lead to 19 when he sank two free throws to make the third and final technical foul.

The game was very close up until the time Lefkowitz allowed his frustration to play a role in the outcome. Baruch trailed by as many as six with 7:56 left in the first half. But the Statesmen took the lead at 5:45, 42-22, when they scored eight straight points. They closed out the first half with a surprising six point lead, 38-32.

Baruch seemed to play an aggressive game but didn’t force it as much as Lehman. They played fundamental ball, passing it around until someone was open. Usually, Lehman was foul happy in the second half and Baruch capitalized on the foul shots.

Coming into the game, coach Rich Rankin was looking to get an end to a dismal five-game losing streak. He added up our record since we were 7-7 in the first half of the season,” said the coach “and we’re 4-23. Maybe it’s me.” But the coach is not to blame. Five of his 12 players are inexperienced freshmen, two players just joined him in midseason and his 6’3” 220-pound solidly built center Reinhart Schmuck has been out for 10 games due to torn ligaments in his right leg. It is the same ankle he injured last summer that prohibited him from playing on last year’s 8-17 team. Even the schedule works against Baruch. They play 17 of 25 games on the road and their eight home games aren’t even played at Baruch. They are played at Xavier High School on 26th Street.

“We took Xavier for recruiting and seating purposes,” said Rankin. “But we could only get the gym on those eight occasions.” There were five cheerleaders at the West 16th Street gymnasium, but there was enough entertainment supplied by Baruch’s slaughtering of Lehman and of the gynastics of the Lehman coach. Only a few relatives and friends of the players showed up to witness the slaughter of Lehman. “I’d like to get a three or four piece band in here,” said Rankin, but I’d settle for just a drummer to liven things up here and make the game a school event. The students would want to be a part of it.”

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Swimming Upstream at Baruch

By Orest Mandy

Being one of the newest athletic teams at Baruch is bad enough. When you add inadequate facilities and student apathy to the equation, the situation is just about nauseating.

Baruch’s swim team, in its second year of inter-collegiate competition, has to work harder this year. Their poor record is not a reflection of the members’ abilities or the coach’s inadequacies, says George Johnson, a member of this year’s O-4 team. It is, according to Johnson, a reflection of the school’s administration, and its attitude towards the team. He said, “Baruch’s never going to be competitive unless they (administration) put something into the program.”

Although Baruch, according to Johnson, has a handful of "quality swimmers," they don’t have enough to be genuinely competitive. Romain Pissi, the swimming team’s co-founder and captain, agreed with Johnson. He said, "we are competitive individually, but we haven’t had the depth to win as a team."

Case in point: On Jan. 26th, in a three-school match among City College, Lehman College, and Baruch; Baruch led Lehman by five points going into the final event. Not being able to field swimmers for the 400 yard freestyle relay, Baruch didn’t compete. Lehman thus accrued points simply for participating, overtaking Baruch’s lead completely, and defeating them handily.

The problem is clearly not due to a lack of talent, according to Johnson. He said, "we have more quality swimmers than Lehman has." The problem seems to stem from the insufficient practice times allotted to the swimmers. Baruch’s own pool in the basement of the 23rd Street building is five yards shorter than required. "It’s a pain," according to Johnson, "no bigger than some urinals I’ve seen." This forces the school to rent out Hunter College’s pool, which is located at their Brookdale Campus on 26th Street. The pool is only available to Baruch three times a week which, according to both Pissi and Johnson, is "not enough." The 10 swimmers Baruch has also have a hard time attending the top meets, "we just can’t get there in just days before their Jan. 26th meet saw only seven swimmers attend. The problem is therefore clearly defined: too few swimmers swimming too few yards.

According to Johnson, "Baruch does 9,000 yards a week, at Georgia Tech (where he attended) we swam that in a day." He added, "if Baruch improves on practice times, we could win the CUNY championships." Although a few of Baruch’s swimmers swim five days a week on their own — Pissi, Johnson, and Nobora Martinez — to get an adequate workout, according to Johnson, you should practice in a competitive environment. That is, with other swimmers of equal or better abilities.

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