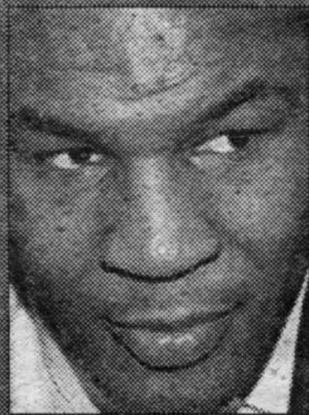


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COPS struggle to contain demonstrators at rally against Gov. Pataki's proposed budget cuts yesterday at City Hall.



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STUDENTS protest at City Hall yesterday over proposed budget cuts.



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POLICE hold off demonstrators with barricades, clubs and tear gas.

Pataki, Rudy hit college officials

By **DEAN CHANG**

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Gov. Pataki put the blame for yesterday's explosive demonstration at City Hall squarely on CUNY and SUNY officials for "waging a campaign of fear mongering and distortion."

"Professors have canceled classes so students could participate in protest rallies," Pataki said. "Administrators have used their taxpayer-

funded resources to engage in partisan politics during working hours.

"It is an outrage to observe such unprofessional and partisan political behavior by professors and administrators who should know better," he said.

Mayor Giuliani also ripped professors.

"To me it is somewhat surprising that I would see teachers and professors leading the

demonstration when these students should have been in class," he said last night.

CUNY officials vigorously denied encouraging the protest, where 60 were arrested and 48 were issued summonses.

"We did not endorse or encourage this. The college presidents did not endorse or encourage this," said Jay Hershenson, a CUNY spokesman. "This is not the method

of communication we like to work with."

Hershenson acknowledged that CUNY officials knew of the rally and learned through the Internet that acts of civil disobedience were being planned as early as three weeks ago.

"We reached out to [Police Commissioner William] Bratton's office," said Hershenson. "That's why there were so many police down there, be-

cause they knew."

But he said it was not CUNY's role to forbid students and professors from participating.

"This is an academic community," Hershenson said. "This is not Philip Morris."

SUNY officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

During the budget-cut rally, professors and students walked side by side, chanting

AT CUNY PROTEST

16 injured in cop clash

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Cops in riot gear clashed with pockets of the more than 8,000 angry high school and college students who descended on City Hall yesterday to protest budget cuts.

The demonstration began peacefully with chants and speeches — but fast deteriorated when some in the crowd tried to march to Wall St. Cops sprayed protesters with mace and clubbed them with nightsticks after an officer was knocked unconscious.

At least 45 were arrested. Five more — and 11 officers — were hospitalized with cuts and bruises.

Mayor Giuliani said the police had exercised restraint. "There were more police officers in the hospital than students," he said. "I'm very proud of them."

Earlier, he had accused students of overreacting to budget cuts that would raise \$2,450 tuition costs by \$1,000 at four-year public colleges.

The cuts are "not an unreasonable thing to suggest," said Giuliani, adding that — compared with private college tuition — CUNY students "still are obtaining an education for free."

He and Gov. Pataki expressed outrage at professors who canceled classes and encouraged students to protest. The students, Giuliani said, "are supposed to be in class today, and they're not — and they're not paying for their own education, someone else is."

He also chided students for misspelled protest signs. "Maybe they should study harder," he said.

Thousands of protesters poured into lower Manhattan, many coming by foot over the Brooklyn Bridge.

They came from community colleges and public schools — students, teachers and parents arguing that the city's education system cannot survive the 25% cuts proposed by Giuliani and Pataki.

Fourteen thousand public school students walked out of classes at 62 high schools as well, said Board of Education officials — though not all of them joined the march.

"Education is a right! Fight! Fight! Fight!" the marchers chanted, "He's mean! He's wacky! His name is Pataki!"

Things turned violent at 2:30 p.m. when demonstrators hoping to march to Wall St. tried to break through a metal barrier at Chambers St. and Broadway. Cops pushed them back and

made several arrests.

Chief of Patrol Wilbur Chapman said the crowd, which had not obtained a protest permit, became a "headless horseman."

"An unauthorized march is dangerous to the demonstrators and the people on the street," Chapman said. "The last thing we want to do is disrupt all of downtown Manhattan for a group that doesn't have leadership."

Ejovi Barden, a student at Graphic Arts High School in Manhattan, said police attacked him with tear gas and that he got caught in a crowd of pushing protesters as they were herded between barricades.

"I had to put a scarf over my face and cover my eyes," he said. "I felt trapped like a rat. A lot of people were rushing and bumping into the police."

"They spend millions ... to hire police for this and they have no money for students," said student Hillel Cohen.

Students marched around the park, followed by cops on foot, motorcycle and horseback. They got to Barclay St. and Broadway and tried to break through the barriers again, screaming, "We have a right to cross the street!"

This time some of them broke through, hurling bottles, books, and even an Army helmet at the officers.

Four cops fell down in the melee — and when one was knocked unconscious, other officers pulled out nightsticks and Mace cans and charged.

In the tumult that followed, cops also went after reporters, despite visible press passes.

Daily News photographer Misha Erwit was Maced, clubbed and then pushed over a garbage can.

By 3:30 p.m. order was restored. At New York Downtown Hospital, Sharline Whitfield, 14, a sophomore at Martin Luther King High School, sat in the emergency room with a swollen knee.

"A cop pushed the barricade into me and made me fall and then he started to hit me in my leg with his baton," she said. "Then he turned around and started laughing at me."

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SUSAN WATTS

SMARTING student is helped away by teacher after she was maced by cops in CUNY protest at City Hall.

for demonstration

anti-Pataki slogans.

"We have a democratic right to higher education," said Steven London, a political science professor at Brooklyn College who helped organize the march. "Pataki is throwing tantrums because people are still resisting him."

CUNY Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds has made no secret of her role in encouraging and applauding students who have conducted peaceful protests

against Pataki's planned budget cuts.

During a press conference last week with CUNY student media, Reynolds repeatedly praised students for "keeping the pressure up" on Albany.

"Everyone in Albany said they were well-spoken, a delight, so assertive. Everyone was very impressed by CUNY students," Reynolds told student reporters. "I urge them to keep it up. The letter cam-

paign is working.

"This university is really at a pivotal point in its future," she said. "We have to keep this up for two more weeks, so we all have to get our second wind."

Pataki said he hoped CUNY and SUNY leaders would "forgo the type of behavior that poisons the climate for an honest debate."

With Doreen Bowens