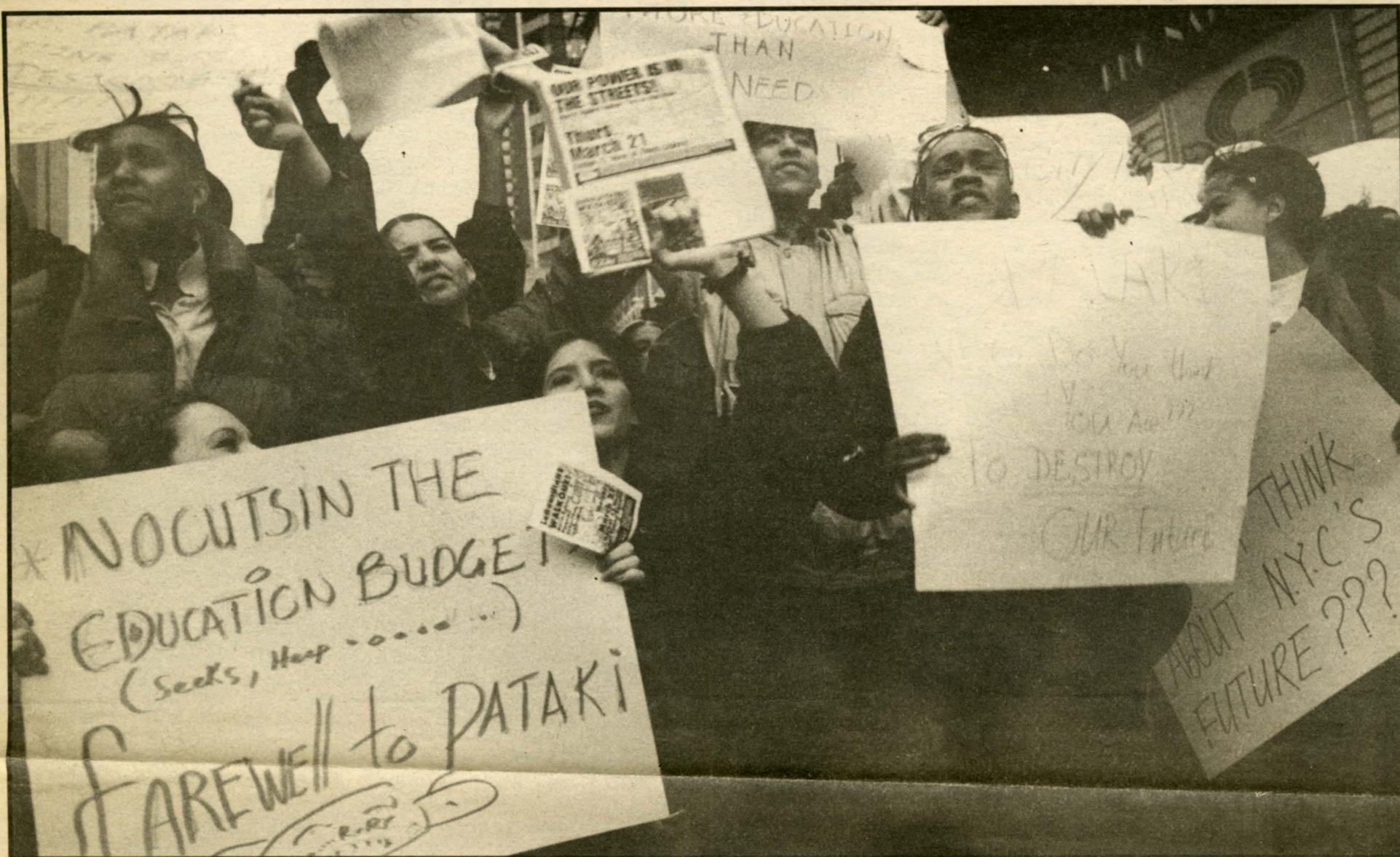


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A view of part of the crowd at the March 21 rally.

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Students Rally Against the Cuts

BY MARIA SCHIRO WITH CHRIS EBEL

On Thursday, March 21, approximately 800 Hunter College students, faculty and staff assembled at Times-Square to gather for a noon-time rally against the Governor's 1996 - 1997 proposed budget cuts to the City University of New York system.

Under stormy skies the march culminated in a rally at Madison Square Park on 23 Street and 5th Avenue. The march was sponsored by SLAM! (Student Liberation Action Movement) and endorsed by many student groups including those at Hunter, City College, the College of Staten Island, the Graduate School, La Guardia Community College, Baruch College and the New School.

Marchers carried banners and continued on Lexington Avenue to East 25th Street, the site of Hunter College's Brookdale dormitories. With the exception of heavy rain showers, which began at about 3pm, the rally was enjoyed by all who attended. Unlike last year, the police who manned the route of the march, did not make any attempt to restrain or confine any of the respectful and considerate marchers.

"The rally was very encouraging for all of us. It showed that it is possible to mobilize CUNY students on very short notice and in spite of very poor weather conditions to demonstrate against the Governor's proposed higher education budget," said Diana Fryda of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). ■

Barnes & Noble Under Fire Over Pricing

BY MARK BENTFORD

"It's about time the students have more of a say in their bookstore" said Tami Gold, a Hunter communications professor questioning the pricing policy at the Hunter College Bookstore.

In a recent interview, Professor Gold said that she is very upset over the sharp increase in the price of a book she is using for her Television Production I & II classes. The required text, "Modern Video Production," is published by Harper Collins, and is currently being sold at different bookstores for different prices.

Gold said she ordered the book

last December, but that the order never arrived at the bookstore. When students complained they couldn't find the book at the Hunter bookstore, she called several booksellers to see where it was available. Two bookstores had the book: Barnes & Noble on 18 Street, and Coliseum Books on 57 Street.

"It was very inconvenient for students to travel all over the city to find a book, so I ordered 20 additional copies from the school bookstore," Gold said. "I was surprised when I found out that some students paid \$45.00 while students [who bought the text at Hunter's bookstore] paid

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EDITORIAL

Beyond the Sensation of the Month

By: Jennifer Lee

There are flyers celebrating events in honor of Black History Month or Women's History Month blanketing the school, but do they really do any good? Certainly many of them are worthy and real opportunities for learning and entertainment. One should take time out to recognize figures from a multitude of backgrounds and histories. But why limit the efforts to twenty-eight to thirty-one days per year? Respecting someone's heritage cannot be done within the narrow space of a month and then forgotten. The lessons we may learn from a lecture or a poetry reading need to be carried out on a day to day basis.

There are no easy answers and no simple route to a quick grasp of any culture. While the basis of the phenomenon—to demarcate a particular month

and promote awareness for people who have not traditionally been represented adequately, is good, one needs to get beyond the one-hit flavor of the month.

Similarly, the rally on March 21 is already history, but it is not a dead end for students who may have become politically aware, as a result. Rather it is a potential starting point for all of us to learn more about the political process and how we can initiate change.

If you are interested in learning more about Black Studies, Women's Studies or Political Science at Hunter, we have fine departments offering a variety of classes on subjects to further your studies. Many may be taken to fulfill distribution requirements. The point is to think of the events as appetizers, you haven't even gotten to the main course, yet.

NEWS

3-D One-Shots Defined

BY CHRIS EBEL

At a recent Hunter Urban Lecture Series program sponsored by the Urban Affairs Department, New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi took issue with Mayor Giuliani's budget priorities. Hevesi, the main speaker at the gathering, gave a lecture called "The Fiscal State of New York City", in which he described his concept of "3-D one-shots."

A former professor at Queens College, and currently an adjunct professor at Columbia University and Fordham University Law School, Hevesi described 3-D one-shots as "delayed deficit detonators...that solve today's budget problems by taking substantial revenues or savings from later years or by transferring huge costs to the future." Hevesi was referring to Giuliani's practice of selling city-owned assets to close budget gaps, and singled-out the Mayor's attempt to sell the city's municipal water system to a private concern for \$2.3 billion. "The Mayor is selling precious assets for quick cash to balance the budget. I rejected the deal because it is an illegal financial gimmick... and the New York State Supreme Court agreed with me, and on March 1, declared the deal illegal."

Another example cited was the Giuliani Administration 1995 attempt to sell off WNYC, the municipal radio station that was started during the LaGuardia administration and provides an award winning line-up of talk radio shows, as well as the City's only access to National Public Radio broadcasts on 820 AM, and commercial-free



Comptroller Alan Hevesi

photo by: Marla Maritzer

classical music on 93.9 FM. Intense lobbying efforts, in which Hevesi was involved, persuaded the Mayor to sell the radio licenses to the WNYC foundation, thus preserving their commercial-free status, however the WNYC television station, New York 1, was sold to the Dow Jones News Service last summer, and will soon change to a financial news network.

Hevesi also spoke on the current financial crisis that the city is in the midst of, intensified by the reduction of state and federal funding under the Pataki Administration and the Republican-controlled Congress. One of Hevesi's ongoing initiatives is to eliminate waste and fraud in city government. "Every dollar wasted because of mismanagement or fraud is a dollar less we have for health care or education." ■

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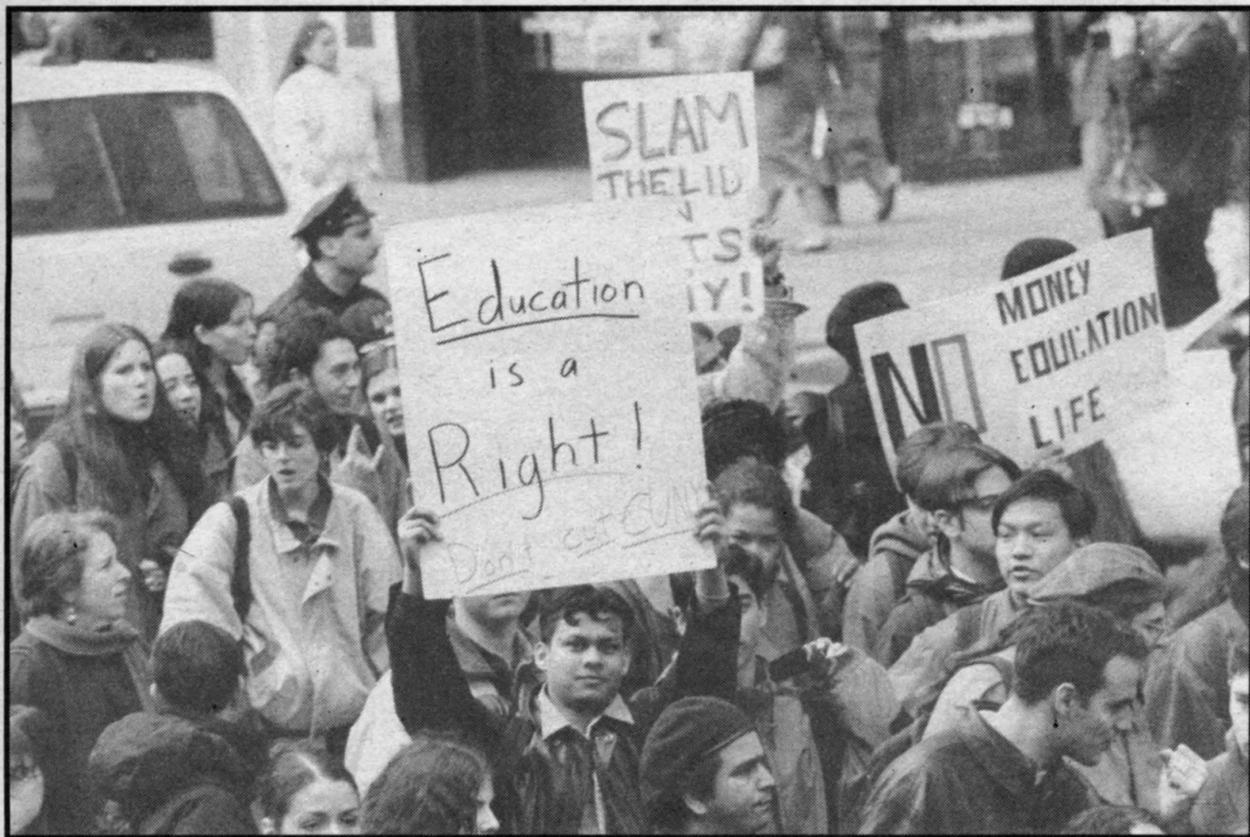
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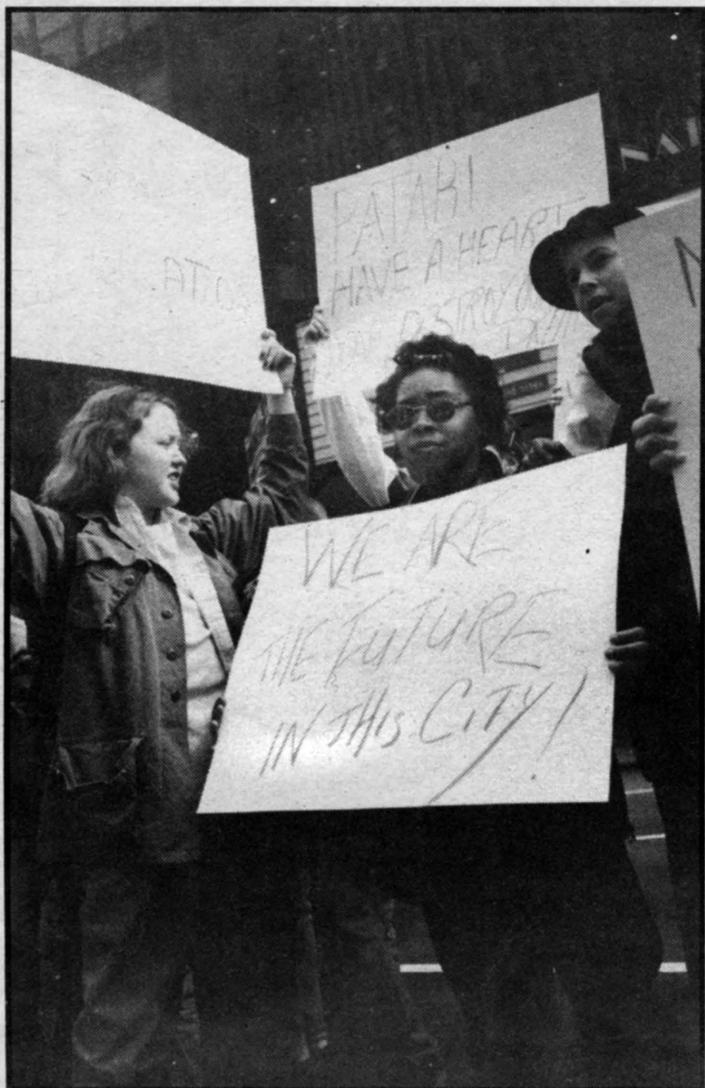
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