Curricular Guidance Set to Merge as One Unit

By David Blanks
Editor-in-Chief

An initiative to improve student services at Baruch College by consolidating curricular guidance was discussed recently by Interim President Lois C. Cronholm and members of the president's planning committee on academic advisement and orientation.

As part of the implementation of Cronholm's Five Year Academic Plan, the curricular guidance offices of the Zicklin School of Business, the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Public Affairs, will be combined to form the Academic Advisement Center, which will be located on the 10th floor of the 15th Street building.

At a meeting in the presidents' office, Cronholm, James Murphy, director of undergraduate admissions, and chair of the planning committee on academic advisement and orientation, and Audrey Williams, head of curricular guidance for the Zicklin School of Business, who will head the new unit, outlined the plan to consolidate advisement.

According to Cronholm, the Academic Advisement Center is that they will not be enough staff members to provide "quality advice" to the students. According to a press release provided by Williams, the Academic Advisement Center will include a director, an assistant director, ten advisors, one coordinator of orientation, eight CUNY CAPP assistants, eight peer advisors, one administrative assistant and eight college office assistants.

Currently, each school has its own distinct curricular guidance unit, and each has their own "unique approach to delivering service." The Weissman School of Arts and Sciences offers holistic guidance, which extends services from basic advisement, to career planning and counseling. The model followed by the Zicklin School of Business seeks to provide basic information to the larger number of students.

According to Murphy, the new facility will be operational within two months. Buildings and grounds will handle the students, "not in the same building." The location was chosen due to its proximity to the SACC center.

"This is a way to provide better service to all our students," using Cronholm. According to Cronholm, the biggest complaint of business students is academic advisement. The major complaint of business students, in fact, is that the business school is overwhelmed by the number of students they receive.

Williams described the current advisement system at the Zicklin School of Business as an "intrusive approach to advisement."

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Rehabilitation Phase-Out Passes, Again

By Bryan Fleck
News Editor

Students and faculty packed the Mainstage Theater at LaGuardia Community College on Monday, Jan. 25, to protest the Board of Trustees vote to phase out remediation. The Board voted 10-5 in favor of the proposal.

The turn out was large, considering that the meeting was held while CUNY was in intermission. Baruch College was represented by DSSG Vice President, Druvesh Bechu, and ESSA President, Karrine Montague, both of whom protested the vote. "I personally feel that their should be some sort of remediation," said Bechu, who himself had math remediation.

Despite several warnings that anyone disrupting the proceedings would be subject to removal and arrest, chants and screams of protest came early and often. "Keep admissions open, stop the war on CUNY!" was the chant that opened a floodgate of protests during the beginning phase of the meeting.

The chant began during a moment of silence for Leon Goldstein, the long time president of Kingsborough Community College who passed away Jan. 8.

Students and faculty continued their boisterous protests, often cutting off Chairwoman Anne A. Paolucci in mid-sentence, with chants such as "Education IS a human right," and "1-2-3-4, CUNY needs an open door." The noise level made it virtually impossible to hear what the trustees were saying.

Five people were arrested, including Bill Crane, professor of psychology at City College. Crane, a central figure in the court injunction that held up the original vote last May, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct after refusing to move from the front of the auditorium.

The vote came after several attempts at compromise failed, including a proposal by trustee James P. Murphy. Murphy's plan would have allowed for one semester of remediation for writing, but would not allow reading or mathematics remediation.

Murphy based his proposal on Statistics which show that the Writing test is the hardest for CUNY students to pass. More than 50 percent of CUNY students were born in a country outside of the United States.

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**Undergraduate Student Affairs**

A group calling themselves "The Taking Initiative" has made some political statements by taking them to the face of such people as Bill Gates and Richard Frazier, recently picked on the wrong man. Three Republicans held an open meeting after San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown was arrested and thrown into jail. They passed charges against those who disagreed in policy in his opinion.

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**Explosive Data**

Information gathering and large endowments has allowed Harvard University to use as much as $21.6 million over the next five years to create a "transformational" program. Notable amongst its plans is a new academic unit to study the workings of genius, "a hot scientific challenge." The program was made possible due to: an anonymous

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Distinguished Author Tony Kushner is 1999 Sidney Harman Writer-in-Residence

By Jon Minners

Tony Kushner’s work, including Angels in America, has been honored by the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress. In addition, Mr. Kushner has been a Poet Laureate of the United States. His work has been translated into over 25 languages and has been produced in over 70 countries.

Kushner’s March residency will offer students insight into the creative mind.

Kushner’s work has been widely praised for its innovative approach to storytelling and its exploration of complex themes. His plays, including Angels in America and Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, have been performed around the world and have earned him numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

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Writing Class Turns Around With “About Faces” Project

By Jon Minners

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Seniors Receive Crash Course on Corporate Luncheon Etiquette

By Leon B. Gilson
Contribution Writer

Have you ever been invited to a business luncheon with a potential employer and were nervous because you didn’t know what to do or how to behave? Would you know how to deal with a napkin on your lap at a formal function? Did you admit to experiencing a bit of nervousness at a luncheon? She never wants to be embarrassed if she misses the fork or drop food all over the floor during luncheon... What do you do if you are invited to a business luncheon or a formal event where you are seated across from someone you know? Here are some tips on how to act in a realistic environment.

Bridget Davis: A Star In Our Midst

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The Brooklyn Eagle's Bridget Davis, a senior on the Baruch College women's tennis team, was named to the Women's Tennis Association's All-American Team recently. Davis has been playing since the age of 13 and has worked hard to achieve her goals. She has been a consistent performer in the women's tennis tournament, winning several matches and establishing herself as a top player. Davis' dedication to her sport is evident in her determination to succeed, which has earned her a place on the All-American Team. Her hard work and commitment to her sport serve as an inspiration to her teammates and the Baruch College community.

CUNY Leader Dies At Age 76

In 1975, Newton left CUNY to serve as vice chancellor of Long Island University C.W. Post campus. Long Island University was created the David Newton Award by Excellence in Teaching, which was the first to 10 years, and has been given annually to teachers at the university. Dr. Newton was born in New York, attended New York University, and was a member of the New York University faculty for 10 years.

As a New Yorker, born to Polish immigrants, Newton served in World War II as an army unit that trained the troops. He returned to the United States to attend New York University from which he received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

Mr. Newton also served as dean of Adelphi University's College, vice president for faculty and staff relations at Adelphi and special assistant to the president until retiring last August.

Newton was buried January 12th at Calverton National Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, his sister, and five children.

Donations to the David Newton Award for Excellence in Teaching should be made payable to New York University Development Department 790 Eastern Blvd., Brooklyn, New York.
Who Chooses the President?

By Bryan Fleck

With the historic impeachment of President Clinton by the House of Representatives, we are now in the beginning stages of selecting a new president for the United States. On December 7, 1998, two representatives from both parties introduced a new bill to ban the impeachment of the president in the House of Representatives. While the debate was lively and passionate, the final vote was 232-195 to strike the impeachment of President Clinton from the ballot. The vote was determined by party line, with 195 Republicans and 71 Democrats voting to strike the impeachment of President Clinton from the ballot. The result was a historic and controversial decision, with some arguing that it was necessary to protect the due process rights of the accused, while others believed it was a violation of the Constitution. Despite the will of the people, those who oppose the impeachment of the president are still fighting to remove him from office, and the debate continues to this day.
Only you the reader can let us know if truly the "original" Haitian Sensation. I mean changes, there will be less artistic expressions. Two Left Feet, DX Files, Third Eve page. That's right, you heard it here due to a recent editorial vote that the reader should be aware of. Due to these oppressive measures - a grand misinformation campaign. Welcome Back People! I hope you enjoyed your winter break. Mine was eventful to say the least. Once I got back I found myself in endless conversations where I spoke to several people who told me they went home for the holidays. I wish I could have done the same but such is life. So, my friends are around naked in theinned isle and having fun in the Caribbean I got ran around naked on the beaches of the Afrikan psyche. But on the same but such is life. So, as my friends observed the zombie-like faces of Baruch students who are prisoners of a1 17 Lexington Ave. (23rd Floor)
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Market Indicators Deceive Many '98 Performance Not So Rosy

By Dev Gertuzov

Business Editor

At the close of 1998, investors were fried out of the market. After all, on December 31, the S&P 500 index had formed the S&P 500's largest annual loss since 1971.

The S&P 500 is calculated by summing the 500 common stocks as of December 31, 1998, and then dividing this total by the sum of the 500 common stocks as of December 31, 1997.

Furthermore, anyone well diversified in the technology sector could have reap at least an S&P 500 or more on their money. While we had a few rough patches during the year, the blue chip S&P 500 proved in its resolve during the bear market.

But why isn't it? Behind the 26.5 percent gain for the S&P, there is a totally different story occurring in the broad stock market. Many investors didn't achieve the S&P's return, and some ended the year with losses, despite the fact that the S&P's return was almost three times the historical norm.

The distinction between the S&P and the broader marker is caused by the bias the S&P gives to large market cap stocks. This is the highest level of underperformance since Solomon began tracking this statistic.

In fact, research by Solomon indicates that a whopping 76.1 percent of all common stocks underformed the S&P 500 in 1998 by more than 15 percent. This is the highest level of underperformance since Solomon began tracking this statistic in 1971. In only four years since 1971; 50 percent or more of all common stocks underformed the S&P 500.

Furthermore, never has the level of underperformance of the broad market, but only of a few stocks that were the biggest perhaps, not so good for the broader market. Not until this year, that is.

It cost nothing to be nice, and growing these people who want money is not bad. Gertuzov speaks with certainty; after five years in the business he feels he knows what consumers want, excellent customer service is one key that keeps people coming back. Using word of mouth as a valuable tool, Gertuzov is counting on satisfied customers to spread the word and become regulars of his shop.

To give you an idea what the over-performance of the market is, let's compare the S&P with the total return of the broad market.

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A LOOK BACK AT Z100'S STELLAR BASH

by Kim Ping Koo

Welcome to one of the most hyped and anticipated radio concert events ever! The radio station 100.3 PMZ100 hosted their annual charity concert, the Jingle Balls concert, at Madison Square Garden on December 17, 1998. It featured a lineup of ten singing artists, including fresh faces and more established artists. Tickets sold out in five minutes, leaving many fans desperate to see their favorite acts.

The concert kicked off at 7pm on the roof of the venue, with a little swaying action from the Brian Setzer Orchestra, who did a great job warming up the crowd. To keep the audience entertained during the band changes, different DJs came onstage to hype up the crowd, and introduce the next act. Z100 was also armed with special guest announcers such as Arsenio Hall, Donnie Wahlberg, and Larry King, who unfortunately did not sing for us. Wait, I lied, they taped us with a few lines from "That Thing," but that's ok, there were plenty of other artists there!

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by Adam Coozer (Coozer@juno.com)

This fall, I was offered a gig as a roadie for the Toasters on their nationwide tour. I had work and school, but I couldn't go pass up the opportunity to go on an all-expense paid trip around the country for two months, and get paid for it too! So I took the semester off and went. I had some notice at Moon Records and hit the road: Boston, Charlotte, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Columbus, St. Louis, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Seattle, Portland, Eugene, Santa Monica. I went through Alburneque, Phoenix, Austin, Tucson, Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, New Orleans, Gainesville, Orlando, Miami, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Charlotte, Detroit, Chicago, and New York. I bought drugs, ok. It was the rock and roll life. Luckily, I kept a diary which gave me a wealth of material for my publication Hit Cookin' Magazine and for this paper. I'm only printing a couple of stories in the Ticker, so if you want more, email me.

Day 29: Houston, TX

She came over to my table and looked at the buttons and we started talking. Then we started dancing. Then she gave me a neck massage and soon we were making out. We had sex in the car, she wanted me to stay the night and she kept me company through out the show.

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Sci-fi and Teenage Gore
Fans Can Applaud "The Faculty"

By David Lo

Oh, no, here we go again. Another one of those teenage slasher flicks. Where did they come from? Like a bad rash that never seems to go away. Yeah, I have to admit, this was running through my mind when the preview for "The Faculty." But this new release from the brilliant mind of writer Kevin Williamson ("I Know What You Did Last Summer,"") has all the ingredients of a Williamson cliché: young and upcoming actors, Harvard University-like dialogue for teenagers, a great soundtrack, and most importantly, an inventive plot.

The pairing of Williamson along with director Robert Rodriguez ("Desperado,"") is like teaming up Robert DeNiro and Jack Nicholson at the peak of their career. Herrington High is the where most of the film takes place. There is a sci-fi element, with two sets of identical characters in Herrington. First there is Casey (Drew Barrymore) playing the kid in high school who always gets her lights punched out and her hunch stolen. Zeke (Josh Hartnett - "Halloween II") portrays the bully who supplies drugs to the younger crowd in school. Delilah (Keri Russell - "Dazed and Confused") is the popular girl, with a music depressive lover. Finally, there is Marybeth (Laura Harring), who plays the Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz," and acts all cute and perky.

But it's when Casey and Delilah unwittingly witness Nurse Harper (Chandra West), a young and limited role, being accosted by the body snatchers that everyone begins to figure out what is really happening to the faculty. Soon the entire student population is enslaved and brainwashed, all except for Casey's clique. It's up to Casey and her fellow troops to march on and destroy the aliens.

To our surprise, Zeke's special batch of crystal meth can infect and kill the aliens. The way out of this sticky situation is to find the mother alien and inject her with a dose of it. Meanwhile, the aliens manage to slowly take Casey's friends and turn them into aliens too. The ending is a real shocker, it was a complete turnaround from what I expected.

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The Seasons of Love
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I SEE A STRAND OF YOUR HAIR ON MY PILLOW AND AS I SHAKE
IT OFF...

MY PILLOW BEGINS TO WEEP

REMEMBER THAT DARK NIGHT WE PLAYED HIDE AND SEEK IN THE
PARFYE WHEN I FOUND YOU, YOU WERE CURLED UP NEXT TO A TREE
FAST ASLEEP
I WAS THE TREE
LOVE FOR ME IS TO WALK TOWARDS THE FARTHEST POINT I CAN SEE
BY NATURE OF CONCEPT IT WOULD BE ONGOING
I WAS AUDACIOUS TO BELIEVE I COULD KEEP YOU
YOU ARE AUDACIOUS TO BELIEVE YOU CAN FORGET
FOR IF WE DID LOVE AND WITH YOU LOVE GREETED ME EVERY
MORNING
THEN MEMORY WILL BE YOUR ENEMY ON YOUR FUTILE JOURNEY
NEVER
BUT I DO QUESTION YOU WHY
AND YES I QUESTION MYSELF
I REMEMBER YOUR INFATUATION WITH THE LIGHT AND SO TONIGHT,
BEFORE I TURN MY BACK AND WALK TOWARDS MY PILLOW I FLIP THE
SWITCH
I KNEEL AND PRAY FOR YOU I AM RELUCTANT TO GO TO MY
PILLOW INSTEAD I CROUCH AND BLOW ON MY KNUCKLES

-KENTATTA PIOUS

DISTURBANCE

Think as though you're above advance
come to class and don't give others a chance
because you've taken an introductory course
you shunt the answer with no remorse
although we're trying to participate
you find a way to use our fate
written theories and concepts you imitate
but in truth and in fact you irritate
prior reading you use as your tool

FOR IF WE DID LOVE
you find a way to test our fate
but in truth and in fact you irritate

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The greatest of all time, Jordan, who has captured 6 NBA championships and 5 MVP awards, announced his retirement from professional basketball. Jordan is widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

"I have played my very best basketball for the Chicago Bulls. I believe I am ready to take on another challenge, but this time it will be a challenge in the business world," Jordan said in a statement.

The announcement comes two days after the Bulls were eliminated from the playoffs by the Pacers. Jordan leads the Bulls in scoring, assists, and steals, while also ranking among the league leaders in rebounds.

Complimentary By Jon Minners

"I am excited to be able to help building an online presence for businesses. By developing a strong online presence, a business can reach a wider audience and improve their visibility," Minners said. "I am looking forward to helping local businesses get started on the right foot and grow their online presence."
The Baruch Basketball Team Goes Undefeated

By Kenyatta Pious
Sports Editor

As the books are opened and the door of the gym swings open, fans are reminded that not all of Baruch's students were resting over the break. Not only were they not resting, but the Baruch basketball team continued to pound on helpless victims while remaining undefeated at 15-0. Moreover, the basketball team is now ranked 16 in the nation. The team is off to the best start in college history!

It is not altogether surprising that the Baruch basketball team has harnessed its talent into a bulldozer of an attack. As stated in the November 12, 1998 TICKER issue, Baruch has a unique opportunity to take the CUNY championship if all the players act out their designated roles. At the beginning of the season, coach Rankis asked each player what he believed his skill level and best assets were. Then Rankis told each player what he expected and hoped. Perhaps each player, as the season progressed. Among Rankis' concerns were the playing time for his veteran and young players and the number of shots that some players would now have to take. With so much depth, it was clear that players like G Scott Holloway and F Joe Liberato would have to play less, but maintain or exceed the status quo in terms of production on the court.

What has happened is truly remarkable! Holloway has responded by his continual annihilation of defenders, averaging 17.5 ppg (third in CUNY), and Liberato has finally become the four dimensional player that he has always been capable of. Liberato is ranked in four different CUNY categories: eighth in scoring (14.1), fourth in assists (3.8), first in steals (2.3), and 10th in rebounds (6.6). Liberato was additionally named to the Columbus Multimedia player of the week listings. For the week of January 25, Liberato and Holloway were named co-players of the week.

C David Thomas has a moment to stretch and smile for the camera.

The most impressive aspect of the basketball team is that it is no longer a two player team. Opponents must now face tenacious defense from Frosh G Oliver Verzosa. Verzosa has been key in setting the up-tempo style that Baruch has learned to manipulate. Verzosa is not alone in his defensive wits. F Leonard Mitchell has a helped spark the basketball team's fast breaks. Pento is a little erratic at times, but he can shoot the long trey and provides Baruch with yet another player that can push the ball up the court.

The lack of ball handling has been a problem for past Baruch basketball teams, who had to rely on one or two players to handle the rock. This year teams are confounded when and plays some of the best defense in Baruch history. As soon as the game begins, the Statesmen assume their press which is routinely a two-one press. Baruch has speed, agility and a scrappy player, loyal to its defense. Once steals are made, players scramble up the court and are rewarded for the hustle. This is one of the least selfish players in CUNY, and the individual player work ethic is a pleasure to watch.

This is not to say that Baruch is perfect. The team still suffers from unnecessary turnovers and travel lapses, where the team will go scoreless for what appears to be an eternity. All things considered, this is the one year that Rankis can say to team that the CUNY title is within reach. It is not an easy game. How far the Statesmen go is entirely up to them. There is, and this must be repeated, no contender that can match the Baruch basketball team. This analysis is offered with a few assumptions, and it is only when these assumptions occur; the team continues to play up to its potential. Jordan does not return to the NBA, and by so doing, confuse the mindset of the players.

On a serious note, this is a gifted basketball team that must win CUNY!! The Statesmen remind me of the Kentucky Wildcats two years ago. Rick Pitino, then coach of the Wildcats, found it hard to contain his players, which is exactly how Rankis has become. The parallel also applies to both teams' energetic style and that other players will roam and fill positions. What teams are discovering is that they cannot press Baruch because another player will bring up the ball. Mismatches abound, when in some cases a taller player is forced to defend beyond the key and the quicker Baruch players blow right by the defender knowing that other players will roam and fill the lanes. It is no wonder that the team is outscoring opponents by an average margin of 20 points.

One can certainly make the argument that Baruch always had a Jordan. In the Sean McGee and Gerald Thomas era. The greater difference outside of the new players is that the basketball team believes it can win anything. As a kid playing in the junior leagues, you are reminded to have fun no matter what the outcome of the game. But the only way to have fun is to simply win.

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