Conflict Erupts in SPS
Task Force Recommendations Causing Debate

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Informed sources within the Department of Student Personnel Services last week indicated that a controversy has erupted because of possible misinterpretations of recommendations made last Spring by the Presidential Task Force on Student Personnel Services. The Task Force, created by President Clyde Wingfield, was chaired by Executive Vice President Bernard Mitz.

The Task Force had recommended that the Student Activities Division, under the supervision of Dean Roy R. Senour, Jr., be redefined as two divisions: Student Activities and Group Work-Special Projects. The Student Activities staff was to concentrate on the advisement of student organizations including student government. The Group Work-Special Projects staff was to concentrate on the advisement of student organizations, including student government. The Group Work-Special Projects division, has moved its office to the 17th floor of 360 Park Avenue South. He and others indicated that there remains a strong possibility that the "212" Project, long located in the basement at 360 Park Avenue South, will be relocated in the basement at the Student Center, would be reconstituted as two divisions: Student Activities and Group Work-Special Projects.

The purpose of this move, it was explained, is to encourage greater numbers of freshmen and sophomores to participate in 212 programming.

It has become evident to the staff of TICKER over the past week that the facts concerning the proposed relocation are in serious dispute. None of the senior administrators in the Office of the Dean of Students appears to agree with another. One fact is known: No attempt had been made to involve students in the decision-making process, despite the fact that this situation is of utmost importance to a large number of students in the Baruch College community. No efforts were made to inform either the radio station, WBMB, nor any of the three student newspapers of the SPS plan.

These dramatic revelations became clear only last Monday despite the appearance of many students involved in the organization and staffing of the 212 Project since the Student Center opened on September 3rd.

The 212 Project, organized in 1971, maintains a staff of volunteer students who say that the purpose of the organization is dedicated to bringing to the average student that "special feeling that is born and grows when learning or teaching a new skill." These skills fall in a dozen different areas ranging from learning to play a new instrument, to the nature of the syllabi, texts and assignments.

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BHE Grade Report: How Baruch Rates

A newly-released study of the City University of New York's distribution of grades indicates that there has been no apparent overall lowering of academic standards because of the university's open admissions policy. The light-green, 37-page document was prepared by members of the Board of Higher Education Office of Program and Policy Research. The report examined the distribution of grades awarded in 13 of the 20 senior community colleges at the end of the Spring 1972 semester.

In commenting on the report, CUNY Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee said, "To the extent grades are an indication of academic standards, there has been no decline in City University collegiate standards attributable to open admissions."

Open admissions has long been criticized by those inside and outside CUNY as an invitation to educational disaster and the total devaluation of the CUNY degree. Some extreme contrasts found in the BHE document indicated that:

- It was three times easier to fail foreign languages at John Jay as at Hunter College; easier to attain superior grades at Queens as at John Jay College.
- It was three times easier to fail humanities at John Jay as at Brooklyn College; one and one-half times easier to attain superior grades at Queens as at John Jay College.
- It was three times easier to fail social sciences at John Jay as at Brooklyn College; slightly easier to obtain superior grades at Queens as at John Jay College.
- It was three times easier to fail humanities at John Jay as at Brooklyn College; one and one-half times easier to attain superior grades at Queens as at John Jay College.

In explanation, Chancellor Kibbee stated that several of the rated units had been fully independent colleges prior to the expansion of the university. Chancellor Kibbee added that neither he nor the BHE had ever attempted to impose uniform grading practices among the various colleges of the university.

Although interdepartmental comparisons are treacherous due to the nature of the syllabi, texts

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Charter Timetable Set
Deadline is January 31st

Vice-President for Academic Affairs William R. Monat last month released a detailed memorandum outlining the proposed timetable for the implementation of the Charter of Governance—Baruch College approved by the Board of Higher Education on June 17th, this year.

In the memorandum Vice-President Monat indicated that President Clyde J. Wingfield expects the implementation of the charter completed by January 31, 1975. This date is approximately five and one half weeks beyond the December 17th deadline imposed by the BHE action earlier.

The timetable, covering the six significant areas of the Charter operated itself primarily with by-law revisions and the establishment of new academic and administrative organs. Some of the highlights are:

- Revision of the General Faculty by-laws by October 15th.
- New article provision determining the composition of the Graduate Faculty approved by November 19th.
- Resolution of one member-at-large to the College Personnel and Budget Committee by November 13th.
- Resolution determining the composition of the, Academic Review Committee approved by October 15th.

- Revision of the Faculty Senate Charter by October 15th.
- Election of the Executive Committee of the faculties of the several Schools by January 31st.
- Election of the intersessional Student Senate by November 4th.
- Appointment of departmental by-laws by November 15th.

In several of these areas work is already in progress. Prof. Walter (Continued on page 8)
**Conflict On Group Work**

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The University Student House Fund is seeking the approval of the City University College Student Senate (CSC) in order to establish a new fund for student Associates. The Senate has already approved the establishment of the fund, which will provide supplementary funding for the student Associates. The new fund will be used to fund various projects and initiatives that are designed to enhance the educational experience of the student Associates. The fund will be managed by the student Senate and will be funded through contributions from the City University College Student Senate. The new fund will help to ensure that the student Associates can continue to provide valuable services to the City University College community.
For Your Own Good

by NANCY IRWIN

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The City University of New York has opened a new college of nursing and health sciences at Brooklyn College. This new college will offer undergraduate and graduate programs in nursing, public health, and health education. The college is located at 2000 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

CUNY Enrollment Up

The City University of New York added 1,136 students to its fall enrollment, bringing the total enrollment to 50,098, up 2.3 percent from last year. The increase was attributed to the opening of 10 new programs and the expansion of existing programs.

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Chart Racing Deadline

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Nalin (Music), Secretary of the General Faculty, is drafting the necessary revisions of that body's by-laws. It has also been reported that the Graduate Students Association and the Evening Session Student Council are acting to coordinate their respective operations to bring them into line with the stipulations of the Charter. However, the Day Session Student Government, which had all but formerly adjourned its operations for the summer appears to have made no such plans. Prof. Irving Greger (Student Personnel Services) has, however, taken it upon his own initiative to form several ad hoc committees which have been laboring over the summer and through the registration period to prepare the Day Session for the transition. These ad hoc committees are now in the process of writing a new constitution for the Day Session Student Assembly (as it will be known) and designing the structure of a new Student Activity Fees Committee and guidelines for the appropriation of funds to the various organizations sponsored in the Day Session. Despite these feverish activities it appears unlikely that the ad hoc committees will complete their functions by the end of September. If they do they still face the task of having the student body approve their actions. Whether all of this work can be completed in time for the orderly election of a Day Session Assembly and the efficient division of fees remains in doubt at this time.