Credit Evaluation Methods Gradually Improve

By Linhaiz Reyes
Editor-in-Chief

Hoping to speed up the time it takes to evaluate transfer credits, the Registrar's Office has gradually updated its evaluation method. Even with the addition of an evaluation database, some students may still have to wait about a year to receive their evaluated credits.

The process of credit evaluation begins when a student decides he or she wishes to transfer into Baruch from another college. The student is required to submit a transcript that shows what classes have been taken or are being taken at another institution.

The student's credit information is then sent to the Registrar's Office, where a preliminary evaluation is done. The student then receives a preliminary report on his or her credits at the transfer student orientation. This report is only an estimate of the credits a student may actually attain. It does not mean that those credits are guaranteed. The reason for this preliminary report is to help the new student decide on what classes to take during his or her first semester at Baruch.

Although it might seem like the evaluation of transfer credits could be done quickly, based on the preliminary evaluation sheet, the actual time-frame for evaluating a student's credits can vary greatly.

According to Thomas McCarthy, director of the Registrar's Office, there are guidelines by which credit evaluations are made. Sometimes the number of guidelines can be overwhelming for the person evaluating a student's transfer credits.

Difficulties arise when a student transfers from a non-2-year CUNY program, when they transfer from private institutions and when they transfer from out of state.

After the student's credit information has been sent to the Registrar's Office, evaluators determine which classes are transferable and have an equivalent at Baruch. Unfortunately, this is where the process begins to slow down.

"Until recently the process of evaluating credits has been, by and large, a paper and pencil process," said McCarthy.

Before the database was created and even now, the evaluations are carried out by a person who sits at a desk with both a student's records and a guideline booklet that outlines the courses that could be transferred for credit at Baruch.

According to McCarthy, transfer students outnumbered freshmen 2722 to 1469 this academic year. One would find that with such a large number of transfer students, there would be more transfer evaluators on hand to quickly assess their credits.

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Raffle Winners
Announced as Relief
Effort Garners
Over $2,500

By Genia D. Nolte
Contributing Writer

The raffle drawing for the India Earthquake Relief effort fundraiser took place on Friday March 16 at 6 p.m. in room 1704 of the 360 PAS building. There were five lucky winners.

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Bernard M. Baruch Gets His Way

Bernard M. Baruch Way
By: Charissa Prince-Ferdinand

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has signed a bill co-naming 25 street between Lexington and Third avenues, to Bernard Baruch Way in honor of the contributions that Baruch made to New York City. The mayor stated "The Last Bill before me... would add the name 'Bernard Baruch Way' to East 25 street..."

One sophomore Tania Silver said, "I think it will foster a feeling of pride and community in the students. It could not have come at a better time either seeing that we are getting the new building it may even give us a more campus-like feeling," although the co-naming of the street has not yet received much publicity in the Baruch community.

Adding the Baruch name to 25 Street brings to light the influence Baruch still has in the community long after his passing, while unifying the campus his name adorns.

Bernard Mannes Baruch was born on August 19, 1870, in South Carolina. In 1881 when Baruch was about ten years old he moved to New York City with his family. Eight years later in 1889 he graduated from City College and began working as an office boy. Baruch became fascinated by Wall Street as he ran errands in the area.

As an adult, he married Annie Griffin in 1897 and had three children. In the brokerage business, he became a partner in the established firm A.P. Thoman and Company. He then became president of the New York Stock Exchange from the earnings he made and was making millions by the time he turned thirty.

Baruch had the burning will to succeed and opened Baruch Brothers with his brother

Hamlen Baruch. In 1907 the two brothers bought A.P. Thoman and Company which already had many offices in New York, London and Berlin.

Baruch became an expert on the salient industries and economic resources, which prompted President Wilson to ask for his assistance as the First World War loomed. Baruch was put on The War Industries Board and helped in peace negotiations with Paris.

As the of 95 passed away in 1965 and was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame in 1985.

Guilliani officially recognized Baruch's eventual life with this tribute, something the Baruch community has stood for all along.

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Second stall in women's bathroom: Instead of a lock on the stall door, toilet paper fits the empty space. (Photo/Nicholas Watters)

Morning Announcements, March 6, 2001

USG Report

By Robert Riedes

On March 10, USG (Undergraduate Student Government) President Mark Taylor held a press conference to announce that the Student Senate, the faculty, and the administration have agreed to the reassignment of a full-time faculty member to Director of Student Activities. The USG President said, "I am pleased that the Student Senate, the faculty, and the administration have agreed to the reassignment of a full-time faculty member to Director of Student Activities. I am looking forward to working closely with the new Director and the USG to make this possible." The press conference was attended by President Aron Saggu, Vice President for Student Affairs, and other members of the USG Executive Board.

Planning to Attend Commencement?  
Exercises

If you have not received your Commencement Information Packet in the mail, you may pick it up at the Student Center, Room 101, or the Registrar's Office, Room 1019.

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Technology Improves Evaluation Process

On the campus, at one point Baruch employed five full-time evaluators that number was cut down to two last year because of the CUNY budget and McCarty's efforts. The evaluation process is long and can be tedious. The system they are working on does not allow them to do the research they need to do about the reduction of evaluation. It becomes more complex than expected and needs to be evaluated by an administrative position." The decision was made that the administrative position would be needed and that the evaluators would be needed to do the research. Since this plan was made, there are now three full-time evaluators along with one part-time evaluator, freeing up evaluators with the responsibilities of maintaining the system. The success of the system has the potential to raise the number of students to be evaluated by a factor of 20.

The support from the Baruch community is needed for the success of this event. The Baruch community has agreed to support the success of this event. The success of this event surpasses Beta Alpha Psi's efforts between the organizations. Lee Xu, a student of the organization, believes that the success of the system is due to the cooperation between the organizations. The system is working and the evaluators are working together to ensure the success of the system.

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Student Comment Form

The Ticker and USG would like to know what students think about their professors. We want to ensure the voice of the students is heard by filling out this complaint/comment form.

Name of Professor

Class (include name, date, time, semester, and section.)

Please check one if you know whether your professor works...

Full time _____ Part-time _____

Your name, phone number, and e-mail. (If you wish to remain anonymous, you may do so.)

Complaint

Positive Professor Comments

General school comments/complaints

Please return this form to 360 PAS, room 1531, room 1521, or in the designated comment boxes around campus. Vocal complaints can be made at the student complaint hotline at (212) 802-6790. We thank you for your time.

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Candidates are selected by the Chairperson of the Law Department, who achieved excellence in the Skylight Room (Room 306J).

What IS LAW SCHOOL IN YOUR FUTURE?

• What you can BARUCH Have
• Whether they would
• Why they took
• What they did
• Where they are now

It is tantamount to ask oneself whether a law student might be able to realize that the book is not only a vehicle for a discussion of law school, but also of the law itself. A law student is more likely to be interested in the book if he or she has already learned some of the basic concepts of the law in a law school setting. The book may also be of interest to those who are interested in the law but have not yet attended law school. The book may also be of interest to those who are interested in the law but have not yet attended law school. The book may also be of interest to those who are interested in the law but have not yet attended law school.

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On February 15th, 2001, a fellow Republican lawmaker, who proposed to ban the sale of firearms, was found guilty of murder after the Columbine massacre. In a short time, the Columbine massacre turned out to be a tragic example of an individual killer in the United States.

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“Don’t blame us, blame the administration,”

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America is Ignorant

By David Marzio

We often hear something that we think is new and exciting. It sounds so fresh and exciting that we can't help but believe it. But when we look closer, we realize that the same thing has been said before. It's not original at all. It's just a recycled idea that has been around for a long time.

The same thing happens with technology. We get excited about a new gadget or app, and we think it's going to change everything. But when we use it, we realize it's just a slight improvement on something we've used before. It's not as revolutionary as we thought it would be.

The same thing happens with politics. We get excited about a new candidate or a new policy, and we think it's going to make a big difference. But when we look at the facts, we realize that it's just a minor adjustment to something that's already in place. It's not going to solve all our problems.

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So why do we keep falling for these recycled ideas? Because we're human. We want to believe that we can change things. We want to believe that we can make a difference. And we're willing to believe anything that sounds like it might help.

But the truth is, most of what we think is new and exciting is old and boring. And most of what we think is going to solve our problems is just a minor adjustment to something that already exists.

So the next time you hear something that sounds exciting, don't let yourself be fooled. Look closer. See if you can find the recycled idea that's behind it.

BEAMER BUSINESS

Virginia Ferguson

Trials and...
Two Streaks and a Milestone

The Devils continue their dominance over the New York Rangers, and extend winning streak to 12

By David Martinez
Managing Editor

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By Kenyatta Pious

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM PREPS FOR THE CUNYS

The men's volleyball team has had a tough couple of weeks losing three games in a row. The last two is to CCNY in two games 27-30, 30-21, 27-30 (L) and 28-30 (L). Best to Hunter in four games 25-30, 26-30, 26-30-22 (W) and 15-30 (L); the men then lost to Lehman in three straight games 20-30, 26-30 and 22-30. The Statesmen thought they had received a break by way of a win due to forfeit when they didn't show up for their next game against John Jay. But the men had lost 23 and 20 in 5 and 10 innings of play. John Jay was able to sweep in stunning fashion! The Statesmen thought they had a win due to forfeit but that didn't happen. The men had lost 21-30, 24-30 at CCNY and 21-30, 14-11 at CUNY tournament. The CUNY standings are as follows: Tuesday the 27th 9:30 am game against New Jersey City University is cancelled due to rain. The next games for the Statesmen are as follows: Thursday the 29th away vs Molloy at 3:30 pm, home against Ramapo on Wednesday the 28th at 3 pm and home doubleheader against Farmingdale on Saturday the 30th. Statesmen are played at the American Legion in Brooklyn.

DEFENDING MEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONS IN NEED OF SOME PLAYERS!

Do you have what it takes to compete at a high level? Are you disciplined enough to go through the rigors of one of the hardest and most understated Baruch teams? Can you be a part of a team that has a tradition of winning, including winning last year's CUNYAC tennis championship, without succumbing to the pressure to excel? If so, come out and join the men's tennis team.

SPORTS CONSULTANT

By Kenyatta Pious

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL OPENER POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN

At press time, the women's softball team was slated to begin its season today but had to cancel due to rain. It is not yet clear when the game will be rescheduled. The softball team does have two doubleheaders away games this week against John Jay on Tuesday the 27th against Westfield State University and Wednesday the 28th against Penn State Behrend.

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Or you can also stop by room 1522 at 360 PAs. There will be no limits to what we will enter into this publication, so bring all your sketched or drawings.

Editor’s Note
While I was doing this column, Bob Hope had been doing an excellent job lately on the television transition period of Anchorman control. Bob Hope has contributed meaningful writing and probably the best best editing we have had in ages, and the obituary was short, stream-lined, and beauti­ful. Julie DuBois never stops amazing the readers of the Asylum and the Asylum staff with her art­ful drawings of Adobe Photoshop, which pro­duces the top notch covers that we are producing.

Once again, through the Asylum’s STAFFTALK, we have in stock a couple of words on the publication that many thought would have died nearly a year ago. The Asylum continues to grow in the right direction, and the restless need for excellence has been excellent, so I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your readings, and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. Much love to you all.

Anyone, it’s good to get the content, shall we? This issue’s bottom paper is out of interesting abidance, but for you to be able to check out. Once off, we have a look around national bands, which was a brand new section, and helpful along with rook editor Rob. It’s an awesome read of the times of bands trying to make it. The idea of having love and making a splash in the industry is something that fascinates us all and it always supplies so many different experiences, and points of view. The week to come is a really nice one. Let Jeff and Roll guide you through these bands.

We have another OP-EDs destroyer article in the form of Tribulation’s ridiculous "Ninjas and Omega.” This time, Tribulation attacks Neil’s Tibet writings. Showed a dis­respect.

Our very own Editor in Chief has produced a band with an interesting short story, building upon what we talk well to a tradition of excellent short stories too. Stories is an strong as ever, and the much missed CD Review page is up. Check out all the reviews, and my pen of course.

In the next few weeks, we have a few interesting stories coming your way. Roll up on my experiences on the Opy and Anthony Shaw as a male vocalist. Or check out the up and coming band called “The New Order.”

As always, I guide you through this band growth in an exclusive interview. This week’s weekly horror is the colour of the life, or from that of another kind, the difference in fact and fiction, and as well as its seat and salvation, our fate, and the state.

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Features

Alpha and Omega
By Tribulation - Columnist
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            Contributing writer, Nelly M. Neira, in the Op-Eds section of the March 12, 2001 issue of The Ticker used a quotation that read, "Graham badly, wearing the existence of God," for her piece titled "The Unanswerables." She quoted Graham early on for his pre­

omniousness of the black women over those of his own species. The circum­mstances of Superior Female lead to an important truth about the true potential of the all-black group. This is, in a God that answers prayers.

At any rate, the late great journalist said many other tribulation things in his life, such as, "Blacks are not capable of complex moral or religious beliefs, and therefore, are not capable of being a true Christian." We all know that these are false statements, but nonetheless, are typical of the late great journalist. After all, he was a true Christian, right? Well, it does sound that last right, but it does sound that the late great journalist was coming from a man that has said this statement referring to Negroes.

The first difference which strikes us is that of color. We all know that the black of the Negro resides in the skin and scat­ter, or in the scarase-size; whether it is determined by the blood, the colour of the life, or from that of another kind, the difference in fact and fiction, and as well as its seat and salvation, our fate, and the state.

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Tribulation is waiting for anyone to respond to these writings. Tribulation is out­landish, and wild. Tribulation dares you!!
Metallica's Fades to Black:

By Michael Ferrarola

Arty Code Editor

The band's publicist denies that Metallica Anti-Revival

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UNSIGNED TALENT: Knowa Lazarus
Feel the emotion and soul of Bahamian-resident hip-hop artist

By Rob Hidalgo

Knowa Lazarus is a budding young artist, who is striving for his goal of becoming a respected rapper. Although he was born in the U.S., his roots are firmly planted in the Bahamas, where he grew up and was exposed to the unique rhythm and flow of Bahamian music.

Knowa feels that as a Bahamian, he has a duty to represent his roots and culture through his music. He has been influenced by both the Bahamian and Bahamian music, and he feels that his music is a reflection of the Bahamian experience.

Knowa is currently working on his debut album, which he hopes to release later in the year. He is looking forward to sharing his music with the world and hopes to make a positive impact through his art.

Knowa is a true artist and believes that music is a form of expression and a way to connect with others. He is passionate about his music and is dedicated to creating music that is both meaningful and enjoyable.

Knowa is a rising star in the music industry, and he is determined to make a name for himself. He is looking forward to what the future holds for him and his music.
I want someone... who will buy me flowers
I want one... who would take showers
With me... and... a pool of flowers,
I want one... who will pay my dowries.

I want one... who is just as deep as me... and takes me to sleep,
I want the one who will never creep.
I want the one who will share my responsibility.
I want the one who will give me this capability.
I want the one who will support me this new life.

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The dinner show, a gay-themed show, is just one of the many special events offered by the theatre. The show features five acts, each with their own unique style and repertoire.

Each act is a different aspect of gay-themed entertainment, from drag queens to musical performances. The show is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for people of all sexual orientations.

Overall, this is a wonderful show for people of all ages and is an entertaining and enjoyable experience.
Pantera
Hammerstein Ballroom
Saturday, March 10, 2001
By Israel Tannenbaum
Contributing Writer

It is Saturday night, March 10th, and the Hammerstein Ballroom is ready to explode. Thousands of rabid fans pack the concert hall to the gills, creating an air of tension that continues to mount as the evening's headliners prepare to take the stage.

Finally, at 9:30 p.m., the house lights go dim. The audience erupts into a unison chant: "Pantera, Pantera, Pantera." The night, which had seen three previous bands, Nothing Face, Morbid Angel, and Soulfly perform, has finally reached its most anticipated climax.

The band members make their way onto the stage, one at a time: Bassist Rex Brown, followed by guitarist dimebag darrell, and his brother, drummer, Vinnie Paul. The three of them immediately launch into a song from the band's new LP, Reinventing the Steel, called, "It's Fucking Electric"

Following their introduction, lead singer, Phil Anselmo, swaggers onto the stage and launches right into the vocals. His voice still has the raw power, which has been creating that 'tough as nails' Pantera sound that they have been playing around the world for the past twelve years.

The night featured the band playing many of the songs off their new album such as the Grammy nominated "Revolution is my name," as well as "I'll cast a shadow," a song that Phil dubbed "the newest Pantera classic that we will be begging him to play."

The band also played many classics such as, "Becoming," "Walk," and the closing song of the evening, which comes from their first album, Cowboys From Hell, entitled "Primal Concrete Sledge."

The show's presentation was also quite superb. The lighting served to enhance the music playing, and the presence of a big steel Pantera logo on the stage, served to display how much stature the band has gained in its long career.

The only disappointment in their set, the interior sound of the Hammerstein's audio equipment. The limitations were obvious on songs such as, "...Suicide Note. Pt. 1," where the speed and harshness of the music could not be fully appreciated, and times ended up sounding jumbled and amateurish.

All in all, Pantera put on another super show. The audience was thrilled, and the band was happy to see the fans again. They played a great set, and the fans were definitely satisfied. It was a night to remember, and a show that will be talked about for years to come.

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