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New Staff Appointed

The new Editor-in-Chief of the *Observer*, Rachel Sperling, an incoming junior, has announced many new innovations and plans for next year's paper.

One department which will be broadened next year is the Feature Department. Editors Shira Keller and Miriam Fink are planning an entirely new program of feature coverage. Most important will be a regular column of forthcoming cultural events. It is hoped that this new feature will raise the cultural level of the school and thereby benefit the students. Also to be included are places of interest for those who come from out of town and do not know of the many interesting and educational places to be found in the vicinity. This should be especially beneficial to the incoming freshman, as well as for others interested in music, art, etc. More reviews of movies, and plays, more close-ups on personalities, more cartoons, and articles on existing school situations will also be added.

It is hoped that girls will also submit their own creative writings, including pieces which have been written prior to the coming year. Besides regular assignments, the feature department is open to any suggestions. Students should con-



Rachel Sperling, left, accepts position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Observer* from out-going editor Dvora Minder.

tribute anything which they feel would interest others in the school.

News Editors Sharon Duchan and Naomi Meyer will have a large number of reporters working with them to provide a broader and more complete coverage of the news.

Alice Palakoff and Ellen Frank, the business managers, are working for an increase in the number of ads for the coming year. They would also like to see more girls patronizing the subscribers. Any girls who would like to work in

this department should contact either of these girls.

Other new editors include Associate Editor Gilda Schuchalter, Copy Editors Susan Amin and Rivkah Landesman, Managing Editors Esther Levinberg and Esther Spenciner, Typing Editors Arline Malman and Jeri Smulevitz, the photographers and the reporters all of whom will be working together under the leadership of the editor to improve the quality of the paper and increase the interest of the students in it.

Senior Activities Close Semester

By Faye Greenfield

June 13th, June 14th, June 15th... Stern College for Women is in the midst of final examinations. An anxious hush has descended over the student body. But we may take consolation. Someone here is happy — the seniors! Although Stern's graduates will be busier than the rest of us during final week, they will also be much more cheerful.

Sunday, June 13th will find our seniors attending an annual tea at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Belkin. Monday, June 14th, the scene will shift to the Albert Einstein Medical School where the class of '65's Senior Dinner will take place. This affair has been planned and organized by the executive board of the senior class which includes Judy Schwartz as President, Sylvia Levinson, Vice President, Gale Davis, Treasurer, and Sandra Chomsky, Secretary. Invitations for the dinner were sent out to seniors and their families as well as to faculty members.

This year the guest of honor at the dinner will be Dr. Meyer Havazelet, who is a member of our Hebrew faculty. Featured on the program will be a speech by the valedictorian, Perle Katz Hirschaut and remarks by Dr. Dan Vogel, Mrs. Elizabeth Isaac, the president of the Alumnae Association, and the president of the class. The class gift to the school, service awards, and honors will be presented at the dinner.

Graduation

Finally, June 15th will arrive. The Stern College seniors will officially become the graduates of the Class of '65.

The commencement exercises will be held Tuesday, June 15th at 10 a.m. at Yeshiva University's Danciger Campus together with nine other divisions of the university. Guest speaker at the ceremonies will be Justice Bernard Botwin, who has been a member of the N.Y. State Supreme Court since 1941. Dr. Belkin, President of Yeshiva University.

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Curriculum Changes Effected; Profs And Courses Introduced

By Naomi Meyer

Several new members are being added to the faculty for the coming year. In the Hebrew department, Visiting Professor Shlomo Simonsohn will take over Dr. Eidelberg's duties while he is on leave. Dr. Simonsohn received his B.A. and M.A. at Hebrew University and Ph.D. at London University. His specialty field is that of the Jews of Italy. He will be offering a Seminar course in Jewish History D students and will be credited toward B.R.E. and B.H.L. degrees.

Two new instructors have been added to the English Department — Professor Georgianna Lord and Miss Judith Isaac. Professor Lord received her B.A. at Northwestern University, M.A. at the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. at Ohio State and has been awarded a diploma from the University of Lyon. She has previously taught at Yale, Queens College, and Ohio State. She will teach a course in Romantic Poetry.

Miss Isaac is a graduate of Central of Brooklyn and Teachers Institute for Women. She received her B.A. and M.A. from the City University of New York and is, at present, a candidate for her Ph.D. at Hunter.

Dr. M. Affron will be joining the French Department. She received her B.A. at Mt. Holyoke College, attended the University of Paris, and received her Ph.D. at Yale University. She has taught at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and

at Albert Magnus College. She will be teaching 17th Century French Literature.

Mr. J. Levey will be joining the History Department. He received his B.A. at Brandeis, and his M.A. at Columbia, and is presently a candidate for a Ph.D. there. He is coming to Stern after having taught at Pratt Institute. Mr. Levey will be teaching the Renaissance and Reformation course at Stern.

Professor Roberts, a faculty

Congratulations are extended to Vivian Eisenberg and Ruthie Scheuer who have been awarded grants for next year. Ruthie will study at Yeshiva University's Wurzweller Graduate School of Education, while Vivian will continue her studies at the Hunter School of Social Work.

member at the Graduate School of Education will be teaching Education 12 in the fall.

Professor Goldstein, Professor Friedland, and Rabbi Levine will be returning from their Sabbaticals, while Dr. Eidelberg is taking a year-long Sabbatical and will be in Israel.

Several new courses will be offered next year. Rabbi Levine will be teaching a course in Jewish Philosophy as a Jr.-Sr. A.B. elective. A Soph.-Jr. C. elective in Midrash will also be offered. A new syllabus in Soph. D R.S. has also been added. The year will be divided

between dinim and other subject matter.

After a long interval, Mrs. Hatvary will be teaching a course in Chaucer, which will include some history of the English language as well as literary texts. Prof. Kisch will be offering a course in Baroque music. A Political Science Seminar Course, dealing with American political parties and public administration in the United States, will also be offered.

In the Health Education Department, Folk Dance and Modern Dance have been added to the choice of courses.

Class Officers for 1965-66 Elected

The class officers for the coming school term were elected on May 18 by the new sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Heading the class of '66 will be Vivian Kalish. Adele Levine will aid her as veep and Marsha Kirshblum will serve as secretary. There was a tie for treasurer, but a re-election declared Myra Lee for the position. Next year's junior class will be presided over by Barbara Kagan. Serving in the second spot will be Harriet Katznelson. Naomi Meyer is the new secretary. She is also co-feature editor of *The Observer*. Arline Malman was elected treasurer.

The class of '68 will be governed mainly by commuters. President for the coming year is Rebecca Ull-

Rally Hears Candidates; Student Council Elected

By Harriet Jakobovic

Student Council Elections this year were held on Tuesday, May 11th. Immediately preceding the election, a political rally was held in the auditorium, at which the prospective candidates who were introduced by Vice-President Barbara Hollander, delivered their campaign speeches. The newly elected officers of Student Council for the year 1965-66 are Sue Blumenthal Koss, President; Rachel Vitsick, Vice President; Sue Amin, Secretary; and Zelda Badner, Treasurer.

The new president of Student Council brings to her position a wealth of experience. Sue has been Treasurer of both Student Council and her Freshman Class and has been Big Sister-Little Sister Co-Chairman.

Vice President Rachel Vitsick has served as Social Co-ordinator this past year and has been responsible for many of our forums and socials.

Former Secretary of her Sophomore Class, Sue Amin will be the new Secretary of Student Council. She has also been assistant News Editor of the *Observer* and is presently, Copy Editor.

Zelda Badner, the outgoing President of the Freshman Class, has been elected Treasurer of Student Council.

Following the campaign speeches Barbara Hollander awarded bowling trophies to the following girls: Malka Broome, Carole Fink, Henri Fink, Vivian Kalish, Marilyn Patz Gross, Yona Porush, Roslyn Silovitz and Helene Welgus.

Newly elected student council officers, l. to r. Sue Amin, sec'y; Sue B. Koss, pres.; Zelda Badner, treas.; and Rachel Vitsick, vice-pres.

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We Must Remain

On May 27, 1965 thirty girls now residing in the dormitory, with homes in the New York area, received rejection notices stating that "There is a possibility that you will not reside in the dormitory in the year 1965-1966." In addition, these girls were informed that no definite answer to the problem would be given "before the middle of August at the earliest, and possibly not before the close of the first week of classes."

We must protest the unfairness of this move on the part of the administration for several reasons:

First of all, May 27th was two days after our preliminary college registration was submitted. This gave the girls involved no time to make other plans, if returning to Stern would be impossible because of the traveling element.

Secondly, there are girls involved who must take courses in T.I. at night in order to complete their B.R.E. These girls will find it necessary to return to their homes as late as 11:00 P.M. This is not too advisable, especially in view of the wave of crime spreading throughout the New York area.

In addition, students would find it nearly impossible to keep traveling to the extremities of Long Island or New Jersey. Besides the time involved, the cost would amount, in some cases, to over \$50 a month.

Furthermore, many students dorm because there is a religious atmosphere which, sadly enough, is lacking at home. Is it fair to let the Jewish Education of these girls be forgotten? Can we allow others to put out the spark of a new way of life merely because these girls live closer to Manhattan? Are these girls to lose what they have come so far to grasp?

We realize that there is a lack of physical facilities. However, if the administration would take into account the importance of the atmosphere of the Stern Dormitory to these girls, they would see that either additional space is procured, or that fewer freshmen were accepted who required a place in the dorm.

Outside the "s'viva" of Stern College, there are two things which make it a truly unique school. These are the Religious Studies course and our Orthodox dormitory. Can Stern afford to sacrifice its uniqueness, its raison d'etre, by not allowing these girls to re-enter the dorm? We think not.

Let's Cover Up

In recent months, students have been raising questions as to the appropriate attire for a girl attending Stern College. Though the administration has made it clear through words and actions that there is no school policy on this issue, we feel that a minimum limit should be proposed and enforced.

Sleeveless dresses may be excusable, but clothing in Stern this season has become even scantier. It is not unusual to find many girls sporting sun-backed and spaghetti-strapped dresses on a hot day. We realize that at times the weather does become unbearable and we are in a girl's school. However, there are rabbis in the school and a certain degree of tzneut and respect should be shown before them and the Torah they teach.

Related to this is the serious problem of boys visiting the cafeteria, lounge, and lobbies of Stern College with their heads uncovered. Though we realize from a recent letter in *The Commentator* that some Orthodox factions believe that the yarmulke is not necessarily a "symbol of classical Judaism," it has become an important symbol of contemporary orthodoxy. Moreover our Stern College handbook states in Article XV, Section B that "It is the specific responsibility of each student to see that her male guests wear a head-covering while in the college buildings."

Let us assume this responsibility of tzneut for ourselves and our visitors for the remainder of this year and in years to come.

Present and Future

Students' suggestions and the administration's promises have been made for the future. But the present is being totally ignored.

Although conditions are already overcrowded and there has been no serviceable expansion of facilities this year, or in fact since 1962, plans have been made to accept an even larger freshman class than was admitted in '64. The library is filled to capacity as are the cafeteria, classrooms, and halls. Conditions are so deplorable that a small 2 x 4 room must serve as a music room, speech office, and study hall. This situation will merely be aggravated by the new bell system, which affords the majority of students the same free periods.

The administration's proposed solution is that of the newly acquired annex. However, since its purchase in 1964 it has remained untouched, unrestored. . . . useless

This is the present. We see no signs of any improved immediate future.

Letters to the Editor...



"Sisters, Sisters"

Dear Editor:

Next September when we return to school, close to two hundred new students will join us. Traditionally, to make the college transition an easier experience for an incoming freshman, each freshman is assigned an upperclassman for a "Big Sister." Ideally each "Little Sister" should have one "Big Sister" and vice versa. But is this the case? A study of last years designations reveals girls who had two, three, and even four little sisters, while other girls who wished to volunteer their services had none. Some of the girls who were designated proved to be extremely apathetic since they had been "selected" for their roles rather than having freely volunteered.

With the time for selecting "Big Sisters" fast approaching us again, it is time that a thorough questioning of the present "selection" method be voiced. Every member of Stern College this semester is a potential "Big Sister" for next semester. That some girls shall be selected to advise three and four girls while others are totally ignored, suggests that probably less than half of Stern's current enrollment will be pressed into service to guide a class one and a third times as large as the present population of the school.

The need for some screening is apparent. But when that screening includes the elimination of a class officer as well as other qualified people one wonders whether that screening is based on merit or merely on the basis of which "group" the upperclassman belongs to.

To eliminate this basic discrimination in choosing for next years "Big Sisters" may I suggest that the Chairman of the "Big Sister-Little Sister" Program request volunteers, before making assignments. If a screening on the basis of academic standing is necessary, it should be done with the assistance of a reliable administrative official.

If these ideas were to be carried out, I strongly doubt that we would have more than an occasional "doubling up" of big sisters. In any event a strong group of academically suited volunteers would certainly be more influential than the small group of "volunteered" girls who had to serve so many.

Esther Spencer

Is the Price Right?

Dear Editor:

We would like to see some changes made in the cafeteria situation.

Why is it that on Monday our dinner will cost \$1.25, for example, and on Tuesday, the exact same dinner will be another price? We think a mistake has been made and on Wednesday night we order the same meal again, and lo and behold it's yet another price. (Hint to money watchers — it's cheaper to buy a scoop of tuna, salmon, chopped liver, etc. and two pieces of bread than to buy a ready-made sandwich. Save up to 10¢).

Last year due to limited facilities in the cafeteria, no outsiders were to be served until 1:30. This year, with even greater demands on the cafeteria, this rule is totally ignored. Why?

We realize that with the reduction in the cost of Shabbos meals there would also be a reduction in the amount of food, but why is there a reduction in the taste of food? It is bad enough to have tasteless soup and meat but without some cooked vegetable on Shabbos afternoon, we can't even camouflage the bad taste.

If Stern is on an equal status with Y.U., shouldn't she also have equal rights? At Y.U. for serving one Shabbos meal, a boy will merit two free Shabbos meals whereas at Stern a girl must serve both meals in order to earn her supper and dinner. At Y.U. bread and tea are compliments of Mr. Parker. Why don't we get the same gratuities?

We realize that this semester is almost over, but we certainly hope that these changes will seriously be considered for next year.

Marlene Hochman

B'nai Avraham

Dear Editor:

Over 150 representatives of student councils, youth organizations, and student bodies of Yeshiva and Stern College met May 10 to discuss and plan projects to bring the American Jewish teenager back to Torah.

This meeting was held under the auspices of B'nai Avraham, a service organization of youth leaders under the direction of Yitzhak Rosenberg, Joe Wikler and Arie Strikovsky. The directors stressed that B'nai Avraham is not a youth organization, nor does it in any way compete with any existing organizations. It exists merely to 1) combine the forces of and 2) assist in all ways possible to the extent of its movements and those non-affiliated leaders who are working for the same goals.

One branch of the organization is Inter-Yeshiva Student Council (chairman: George Finkeltsein and Joe Wikler). Its work is restricted mainly to programs to influence the Yeshiva Katana student to continue his Jewish learning. The guest speaker on this topic was Rav Aharon Lichtenstein. He remarked that the high drop-out rates of the Yeshivos Katanos are caused, for the most part, by misconceptions and apathy, and explained that there are problems in Yiddishkeit today that may fall in the realms of Hatzalos Nefoshos in a spiritual sense, requiring

every yeshiva boy and girl to devote some of his time to these problems. Afterwards, a representative of the Inter-Yeshiva Student Council explained the actual work and recent success of this organization.

The Office-Publications branch (Arthur Saslow, Naomi Minder, and Yitzhak Rosenberg) will take care of all office work necessary for the success of the many projects. In addition, a Torah Bulletin and publications on various topics within Orthodoxy will be published to supplement the ones put out by the various youth organizations.

Community Work (Joe Wikler and Meyer Krentzman) has already had much success. A youth conclave was held in Westchester during **Chol Hamoed Pesach** and various **Oneg Shabbat** conclaves and study groups have been coordinated in the Westchester area.

There were further explanations and assignments of projects in the subdivision meetings. Much work will be done before and during the summer. The directors urge anyone interested to contact them immediately.

Arthur Saslow

They Beat Draft, But . . .

Dear Editor,

Sometime in the middle of the cold, winter months the dormers were given the choice between having the air conditioners in their rooms removed or tolerating the draft caused by these air conditioners in order to be able to use them when the weather became hot. We chose the former plan. At last, spring has come and we have finished our term of suffering from stiff necks on cold nights . . . and what do we have? Stuffy rooms. Not only has the current been shut off so that the air conditioners do not work, but we cannot open the windows containing these machines in order to breathe even stuffy air. Worse yet, many girls live in rooms with only one window and, consequently, have no ventilation whatsoever. Living in these rooms is unbearable. Finals will be here soon, and studying is hard enough without the intolerable heat and no air to make things worse. Constant complaints have been presented before Mrs. Giges, and this dilemma has been brought to the attention of Dean Isaacs with no apparent result. Words and promises do not cool us off—we want action and quick relief fast.

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FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

It is my primary responsibility as the outgoing president of the Student Organization of Stern College for Women to report to the student body the accomplishments of Student Council this year. In addition to that responsibility, I should like to fulfill another responsibility I feel to you — I should like to make a few basic comments concerning Stern College in general. Since many of my remarks will be of a critical nature, and since I choose this medium in which to express them, their purpose must be abundantly clear.

I am sure that I may speak for the student body in expressing my gratitude to the founders — and administrators — of Stern College. The idea of Stern College is a great one, and in a partial sense it has been fulfilled in a great manner. However, there are crucial areas where improvement is necessary, and it is these I choose to emphasize. A column as long as this one could be written praising Stern College and its contribution to the American Jewish Community, but most of us are well-acquainted with the praises. And, indeed, for most of us, if we had it to do over again, the decision would be the same — no additional praise is necessary.

The year began auspiciously when, on October 26, Dr. Belkin and Mr. Stern addressed the student body, officially opening our Tenth Anniversary Celebration. At that time Dr. Belkin announced his plans concerning new physical facilities for Stern College. Judging from what we have been told since then, we are assuming the building will be completed by April, 1967. It is imperative that the University place priority on erecting this building in order to provide adequate facilities for the growing number of students at Stern College.

In addition, concerning physical facilities: a sandwich machine was installed in the dormitory, three private phones were installed in the dorm, and (with special thanks to the Dormitory Council) private phones will be available next year to all dormitory residents desiring them; the cafeteria now opens at 4:30 instead of 5:00, alleviating the crowded conditions at dinner time somewhat. Next year, hopefully, a canteen will be added to lessen the lunchtime rush.

The student body of Stern College had traditionally been highly critical of the Jewish Studies Department — and rightly so. It is, after all, the reason for the existence of Stern College. It can afford to be nothing but excellent. In the four years that the present senior class has been here, we have seen many improvements. Still, from the students' point of view the Department seems disorganized with very little coordination among courses. In addition, in certain cases the level of instruction is not one appropriate to Stern College.

Two improvements concerning Limudei Kodesh have been effected at the suggestion of Student Council this year. Until now placement in various levels of Jewish studies had been made according to the student's knowledge of the Hebrew lan-

guage. Beginning next year, knowledge of Religious Studies will be taken into consideration, too, as determined by personal interviews. In addition, a five-year program has been inaugurated to alleviate the frustration of many students, who are unable to do justice to either half of our program. As suggested, the plan allowed the student to extend both her B.A. requirements and her Jewish Studies courses into the fifth year. B.R.E. and B.H.L. candidates would be eligible, as well as those other students taking a minimum of 72 credits of Jewish studies (comparable in number of credits to a B.H.L. degree). Tuition would not be charged, and qualified fifth-year students would be retained as dormitory counselors (under the joint administration of the Coordinator of Religious Guidance and the Director of the Dormitory), and would be reimbursed as such. The plan as accepted applies only to B.R.E. and B.H.L. students, does not allow the extension of B.A. requirements into the fifth year, and does not include the provision for dormitory counselors. It is, however, a step in the right direction. Hopefully, when space is no longer a major consideration, the rest of the plan will be accepted.

Student Council has also suggested the establishment of a major in Jewish studies, to accommodate those girls primarily interested in Limudei Kodesh.

That most important area of guidance has been greatly improved this year. Praises are due to the administration particularly within the area of Religious Guidance for engaging a highly competent Religious Guidance Coordinator. Next year an office of Religious Guidance will be established in order to set up an efficient program. It is imperative that within Stern College a girl with a religious problem — or a problem of any nature — be able to find someone to talk to.

It is the oft-repeated policy of Stern College that each student must be Shomeres Shabbos and Shomeres Kashrus, or sincerely striving toward that goal. (For the first time this year, a compulsory assembly of the Freshmen class was held during the Fall semester. Rabbi Howard Levine addressed the group, clarifying policy.) In order for this policy to be justly enforced, Religious Guidance must be easily available. Obviously, this cannot be a one-man job: Religious studies teachers must be included as a part of this program. In this area, the series of lectures arranged by Rabbi Jacob Rabinowitz this year were interesting, enlightening, and helpful.

In this same vein, improvement is necessary in the manner of interviewing out of town students. Too often the interviewer, an alumna of Stern or a musmach of Yeshiva, does not properly convey to the student the principles and policies of Stern College, nor does he thoroughly sound out the student's attitude towards them. Student Council has suggested to the administration that just as scouts are sent out by the university to observe athletes, representatives be sent out to central locations to interview students in that area.

Academic guidance was improved this year by the important addition of departmental guidance. In terms of vocational guidance a Career Night was held. In order to improve academic and vocational guidance for seniors the administration is considering the distribution of a "senior kit" containing precise information concerning graduate school applications, Graduate Record Examinations, job sources, etc. Student Council has often suggested a four year personalized program. This plan calls for the assignment of each student to a faculty member for academic planning and problem solving.

The library at Stern College has many disadvantages to overcome. It suffers primarily from being overcrowded to the point of making normal use of the library difficult. The staff is to be commended for its improved efficiency this year; we all hope this progress will continue. We can't emphasize the importance of the library enough: what is the basis of a collage if not its books? Hopefully, in the future, when shelf space will be adequate the number of books will increase.

A particularly annoying problem within the library is the noise, a quite natural result of such overcrowded conditions. However, a large contributor to the noise is the use of the tele-



Ruth Scheuer

phone by members of the faculty and the library staff. Student Council has repeatedly suggested that the office containing the telephone be enclosed by full walls. The problem is that there is no window within the cubicle. We suggest that the proper type of air ventilator be purchased. Our opportunity to study would be well worth the expense.

It should be noted that a fifty cent charge for being ten minutes late in returning a book is a bit steep. Then, too, because of our double program, we have fewer out of class hours available in which to do our reading. Therefore, reserve books required for a relatively large number of students ought to be available in greater quantity.

If I may now turn to the area of student activities, I should like to report to you our successes and our failures. Big-Sister Week was well-organized by Sue Harris and Karen Steinman. The one weak event was the tour of the main center, partially because the group was too large to manage well.

The Student Activities Calendar, with the artistic illustrations by Joanie Scarbrough was published on the first day of classes. For the first time each

month was assigned a theme and a pasook representative of that theme. The themes were established by Shaine Friedman, chairman, Torah Activities Committee.

It wasn't long after the beginning of school that the first issue of the newspaper was published by Editor-in-chief, Dvora Minder and Associate Editor, Miriam Landesman with their staff. "The Observer" was printed more often and in better form than ever before. In addition, Dvora established and trained an excellent staff for the coming year, giving to "The Observer" a solid thread of continuity and the opportunity to benefit from its experience for the first time.

The first election campaign in Stern College was held for the Class of '68 elections.

Twice during the year the administration considered eliminating the club hour from the schedule. And twice has the administration consented to extend the program for another year. This annual procedure should not be necessary. The argument rests on the number of students attending clubs. However, co-curricular activities held during this hour (clubs, class meetings, and assemblies) have value in themselves, whether or not a majority of the student body participates in them. Because of their value they ought to be made available to all students — commuters and dorm residents — and cannot, therefore, be relegated to late evening hours. Due to the competent coordination of Sue Koss the club program was decidedly improved with the addition of the debating society, the folk singing club, the chess club, renewal of the charter of the culinary skills club, an improved Yiddish club (led by Dr. T. Solovitchek), and an attempt to inaugurate a series of dramatic workshops. There is not enough interest in dramatic workshops in their present form to merit continuing them next year. It should be noted that attendance at club meetings has improved.

A series of assemblies and halachic seminars was sponsored, and in general, were poorly attended. Speakers covered a broad variety of topics, from a campaign address by Congressman Paul Booksin to a halachic seminar on Dinai Pesach by our own Rabbi Weinberg. It is hoped that the change of time and day of club hour next year will afford more students the opportunity to participate in these activities.

All socials were placed under the over-all direction of the Social Coordinating Committee capably chaired by Rachel Vitsick. An attempt was made to hire a consultant, a professional in group dynamics. The attempt ought to be followed up and the organizational structure ought to be maintained.

With the cooperation of the Yeshiva College S'forim Exchange a Stern College S'forim Exchange was established in the co-op. Chairmen Esther Koenig and Vivian Kalksh managed the co-op efficiently and dynamically, advertising "specials" throughout the school. With the opening of the annex next year the administration will provide a larger variety of merchandise.

The policy of encouraging the

different classes to sponsor class shabbosos was continued. The cafeteria staff accepted Student Council's suggestions of ways to economize and lowered the price of the Shabbos meals from \$3.75 to \$3.25. However, for many girls the walk between dorm and school remains as the reason they prefer to eat in the dormitory on Shabbos. The new dorm, located next-door to the school, ought to improve this facet of Shabbos spirit. Seudah Shelshit was served each week in the dorm under the efficient and able direction of Esther Taub. It ought to be noted that Seudah Shelshit is provided free of charge uptown while here it is not. In addition, we once again invited Dr. and Mrs. Belkin to spend a Shabbos with us, but unfortunately their schedule did not permit it.

The Kashruth Committee of TAC under the capable chairmanship of Perle Hirschaut kept us informed of recent news concerning kosher and non-kosher foods.

Through the efforts of Rachel Vitsick and her committee the davening of Shachrit together in the dormitory lounge was begun, and, most unfortunately, was not continued because of lack of attendance. Attempts were made by TAC to maintain the 1:20 to 1:30 time period to daven Minchah together. Hallel was also said during this time. A major stumbling block was the necessity of using the auditorium as a classroom this year, thus leaving no single room available for our use every day at this time. When Dr. Belkin spoke to us last month on the topic of "Kodesh v'Chol" he responded to a question with the assurance that our new building will most definitely contain a shul.

The traditional Chanukah Girl's Chagigah was held under the chairmanship of Esther Pernikoff, and the tradition of the Purim Girl's Chagigah and all-school singing was revived under the dynamic and creative chairmanship of Esther Mann.

The Student-Alumnae Committee was re-established under the co-chairmanship of Ellen Offenbacher, '61 and Barbara Hollander.

Responsibility for all publicity was assigned to the Publicity Coordinator, Shirley Fink, who classified and organized all bulletin boards in the school — and was continuously patient and cooperative. Concerning the official bulletin board, the administration consented to establish an additional board for daily notices. Shani Cohen maintained two bulletin boards of events of a cultural nature within New York.

The constitution was revised and many amendments were added as a result of the review by the constitution revision committee under the chairmanship of Barbara Hollander.

The program of Trumot Shat TAC was continued under the capable chairmanship of Eileen Klavan. It was highly successful for those who participated, but the number of people participating was unfortunately not large. This system (through which girls with a good knowledge of a particular field of Jewish studies teach those others interested in that field) is one

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Dorm Elections

Elections for the offices of the Dorm Council were held on May 11, 1965. Elected officers for the 1965-1966 year were Pearl Marcus, president, Lenore Wolfson, vice-president, Helene Andrews, secretary, and Mary Jaine Solomon, treasurer. The only contested office was that of vice-president, for which the other candidate was Janice Greenfarb.

To be an officer of the Dorm Council, one must have served as a floor chairman for at least one semester. The president



1964-'65 Dorm Council president Helene Landgarten, hands a flower to her newly appointed successor, Pearl Marcus.

must be a senior. Pearl Marcus is a transfer student from Temple University and served as Dorm Council Treasurer during the past semester. Lenore Wolfson has been floor chairman, as have been Helene Andrews and Mary Jaine Solomon.

Next year's officers feel that much can be improved and accomplished even though our present dormitory site is only temporary. Lenore Wolfson cited the fact that during this past year many conveniences were added for the girls, such as the sandwich machine and the new system of taking extended curfews. Pearl, who has experienced dormitory life in another school, says that she knows what dorm life is and what it should be like. She "wants to make our dorm life as close to that as possible." One of the ideas which will help further this end is an experimental lounge for girls which will be located on the second floor. It is hoped that by setting aside a room in which girls can talk, much of the noise and distraction in the halls would be eliminated.

Another point which was felt to be very important to the new officers was the need for greater spirit among the girls. Pearl was rather disappointed with the turnout of girls who voted in the election and with the lack of spirit that made three of the four offices uncontested. Lenore made an analogy of life in the dorm to life at home. In order for us to be satisfied with it we must each do our share in arranging and constantly improving it. It is the hope of the recently elected officers that the dorm will become more of a home to those that live in it, but the only way that this can happen is through the effects of the dormers themselves.

Congratulations to Dr. Noah H. Rosenblum, a Hebrew professor at Stern College, who recently received a Horeb Award from Yeshiva University's Teachers Institute Associate Alumni.

Who's Afraid of Edward Albee? The Realm of the Absurd Explicated

By Chia Ramirez

After sitting in a relaxed, above-it-all position through a 15-minute introduction stressing his importance as a playwright who is not only "ambiguously provocative" but also alive, Edward Albee sauntered over to the microphone with a smirk and a comment: "Thank you for the introduction, it makes me feel rather posthumous." This, he remarked, is what the critics wished anyhow.

Edward Albee is an impressively good-looking and witty young man. He is also a foremost contemporary playwright whose recent works include, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf?" and "Tiny Alice." That night, May 12, I found myself at NYU's Arthur Vanderbilt Hall where Edward Albee was to lecture. The discussion, announced Professor Bradish, was to be the "odd part of the performance." Mr. Albee chose to answer questions rather than to lecture; that too depended on his mood.

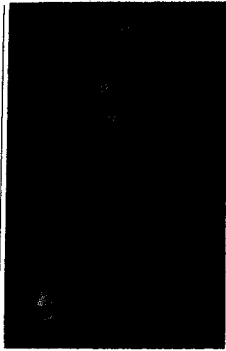
Would he like to say anything about the production of *Tiny Alice*? In answering this first question, Mr. Albee noted that there were so many in the audience and so few at the theater. Yes, his plays are controversial; people stay at home and discuss them—including the critics. The main problem in *Tiny Alice* was created by those who were "symbol-hunting and doing the allegory dance." The play was meant to be emotional; the thought was to follow. The viewers, instead of taking notes, must let the play happen to them. Afterwards they should reflect and ponder that experience."

The theater, explained Mr. Albee, is in a sorry state. There are two kinds of plays (besides good and bad, that is)—those in the buyers' market and those in the playwright's possession.

Unfortunately, our theater falls under the former category. One reason for this is the critics' belief that their function is to review a play according to their readers' taste. The audience, who determines the play's success, relies on this criticism and thus the fate of a production is determined. Our theater is often called an escapist theater where one goes to be taken out of himself and escape reality. Perhaps the audience prefers self-delusion and comfort to excellence and engagement. The theater, ideally, should be a place where the escape and the engagement co-exist.

He was not, Mr. Albee emphasized, always a playwright. At the age of six, he decided he did not want to go to work. From that day until he was 27 he wrote poetry. His poetry at that stage was better. In his teens he wrote two long novels which he now often looks at with awful fascination. At eleven and a half he aspired to become a composer but that ambition, too, was short-lived when he discovered he could neither read music nor play the piano. When he reached 28 and 29 he had gone through poems (the best experience from that was to stop), novels, and short stories, and since essays, requiring no creativity, were out of the question, plays were the only thing left.

When asked if his creativity,



Edward Albee

begins with an image, a recollection, a point of departure or an incident. Mr. Albee monosyllabized, "No." As a matter of fact, his subconsciousness or unconsciousness (he's not certain which) does the work. It is never a "Eureka or light bulb" inspiration. He discovers he has been thinking of an idea. Things develop nicely without his intervention. He tries out his characters to test them and then after two years or so, he sits down at his typewriter to the quick task of writing a play.

Mr. Albee compiled a list of those writers said to have influenced him. Since he had not yet read four of the 25, he did so immediately and found that they had, indeed, influenced him.

Are his plays intentionally opaque? No. "Neither are they unintentionally opaque." If "opacity" is felt, either the thinker is fouled and confused, he is

Campus Provides Romeo and Juliet

By Pninah Krumbin

Having been informed that New York is our campus, we set out to see what it had to offer, and found that there is nothing within the city limits more worth seeing than the Royal Ballet's production of "Romeo and Juliet."

The settings are novel, appropriate, and not ostentatious. The costumes, traditional and colorful, are designed so as not to obscure or hamper the movements of the dancers.

One cannot comment on the choreography of the ballet without also mentioning Serge Prokofiev's music. It seems to have been written with this production in mind and forms an integral part of it. Together with the dancing it succeeds in creating every desired mood and evoking a wide range of emotions. Whereas the familiarity of Tchaikovsky's music would tend to overshadow the dance, Prokofiev's score succeeds in bringing out the personalities of the characters. It is the music also that puts restraints on the choreography, so that it can be sweet without being sugary, funny without being ridiculous, and tragic without being melodramatic. The music blends itself with the ballet in such a way that the viewer leaves the performance with a unified picture of music and dance.

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brighter or intellectually denser than he knows he is, or the subject is an uncomfortable one that the person refuses to recognize.

The discussion progressed in this spirit of lively, literary discussion and sharp wit. All were invited to tea and conversation with Mr. Albee following the program. Sarah Spivack, a freshman at Stern College, took advantage of this opportunity and approached Mr. Albee with a question concerning his omission of Arthur Miller in his list of great contemporary playwrights. Smiling and poised as ever, Mr. Albee admitted this omission with silence and a grin. One critic says of *Tiny Alice*: "The rapture of the philosophical depths has left Edward Albee woefully befuddled, but his innate gift for generating theatrical excitement makes this metaphysical mystery play provocative entertainment." So is Edward Albee.

Graduation Nears For Class of '65

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versity, will preside at his 22nd commencement exercises and will award the honorary degrees following the presentation of the candidates by Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, professor of sociology. The degree and diploma candidates will be presented by the heads of the participating school and divisions.

The honorary degree recipients include: Ambassador Nathan Barnes, permanent representative to the United Nations from Liberia; Justice Bernard Botin, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court; Dr. Mary I. Bunting, president of Radcliffe College on leave to serve as a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission; Francis Koppel, U.S. Commissioner of Education; Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, member of the Executive and head of the Torah Education and Culture Department of the Jewish Agency's American Section; Dr. Willis E. Lamb, Jr., Henry Ford II professor of physics at Yale University; and Dr. Solomon Zeitlin, Horace Stern professor of Rabbinic Law and Lore at Dropsie College, Philadelphia.

On the afternoon of June 15th, 1965, finals will be almost over. And Stern College will have graduated her seventh Senior class.



Dr. Meir Havazelet, guest of honor at the Senior Dinner.

SC Installs New Officers

Incoming Student Council and class officers were installed in a candle-lighting ceremony on Tuesday, May 25. Mrs. Samuel Belkin was guest speaker and installing officer for this, the last assembly of the school year.

Barbara Hollander welcomed everyone and then proceeded to call upon the various class officers to install their respective successors for the 1965-1966 school year.

Ruth Scheuer, outgoing Student Council president, reviewed the highlights of the past year and emphasized those problems and conditions which must be alleviated in the future. Ruthie then led the outgoing Student Council officers in passing on their authority to the new Executive Board, which consists of Sue Koss, President; Rachel Vit-sick, Vice-President; Susan Amin, Secretary; and Zelda Badner, Treasurer.

Newly elected President Sue Koss then addressed the assembly. She stressed the necessity of student participation and assistance in the coming year.

Mrs. Belkin closed the 10th Anniversary Year of Stern College with the formal installation ceremony. She brought greetings from Dr. Belkin and wished all incoming officers much success in the coming year.

T'zeshem L'shalom

A number of students from Stern College plan to spend the coming year in study in Israel.

Hebrew University will play host to five of these girls including three incoming sophomores and two future juniors. The sophomores are Sara Bergman, Vicki Schonfeld, and Shelly Jaskoll, and the upperclassmen include Rosalie Landerman and Liza Wallach. A third junior, Linda Lewis, has been accepted at Bar Ilan University.

"We would like to wish them a 'tzeshem l'shalom u'voachem l'shalom."

A special Bon Voyage to Lisa Krupnick whose family plans to move to Israel next month. We all hope to be joining her in the near future.

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From Our Past President ...

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of the most important functions of Student Council. It has recently been singled out by Dr. Belkin as a strong method of maintaining religious spirit within the school.

The annual blood drive, under the chairmanship of Dvora Minder, was more successful than ever before.

The Secret Sister Program, ably chaired by Sue Amin, provided good fun and strengthened relationships within the student body.

An attempt was made to organize a series of forums, under the chairmanship of Shira Keller, with attendance at each limited to the members of two similar clubs of Stern College and Yeshiva College. A speaker was invited from the field of interest of the club members. Plans called for holding these forums on weekday evenings, once a month, in the lounge of the school building. We did not succeed in carrying out our program as planned. It could, however, be an improvement in both the cultural and social atmosphere of the college. I strongly recommend its maintenance.

Pesach supplies were sold: the selling of wine and matzot was supervised by Perie Hirshaut; the selling of cosmetic and medicinal products was supervised by Naomi Avrutick and Naomi Meyer.

Special programs were sponsored by TAC for Tu B'Shvat and for Yom Ha'atsmaut under the dynamic chairmanship of Shaine Friedman.

An enlarged and improved "Ashes and Sparks," our literary magazine was published last Thursday. Special thanks are due to Rosalie Landesman, Editor-in-chief.

It should be emphasized that the university-wide Tsedakah Drive for yeshivos and antishmad organizations in Eretz Yisrael is still in progress. At Stern its chairman is Eileen Klavan who has revamped the traditional drive here in a creative manner. However, the response of the student body remains a poor one.

Finally, we have initiated a curriculum evaluation in an effort to provide constructive criticism of the total academic program. It will be carried through by the incoming officers and will be published in "The Observer" next year.

Our activities have been varied and numerous, and certainly a valuable part of Stern College. And, too, they obviously cost money. At this date we are receiving \$10 per year per student. It is interesting to note that Yeshiva College Student Council receives \$21 per year per student. In addition, their religious divisions' student organization is separate and receives a separate operating budget. Ours is one. Twice during this year this Student Council has had to request a sizeable amount of money from the University in order to cover our carefully budgeted operating expenses. The University has been highly cooperative in granting us these additional funds. However, this temporary arrangement must not become the regular policy. An increased amount per student should be granted initially. We have been assured that definite improvements will be made next year.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the administration for their cooperation in general and for their accessibility in particular. They refer to it as their own "open door policy" — and it's true. Our discussions have been frequent, lengthy, and fruitful.

It has been my privilege this year to work with a very special group of people, the members and officers of Student Council. These columns only partially catalogue their accomplishments. I thank them each for the many hours of time spent on ideas that sometimes worked and sometimes didn't, and especially I thank them for their efforts, which were creative, persistent, and always sincerely offered.

As our business is concluded, it begins again. We are all sure that it will continue and improve under the very competent leadership of Sue Koss and the members of the Student Council of 1965-66. From all the outgoing officers to Sue and all the incoming officers, Mazel Tov and best wishes for a successful year.

Dancers Dwell in Dorm

Living in the Prince George Hotel, instead of the usual college dormitory, has its merits despite the fact that they are few and far between. One is never quite sure of what to expect. Therefore, when



Performers Keith and Suzanne Martin.

we went down to the hotel coffee shop for our nightly coke, we were unprepared for what we saw. In the coffee shop, were young men, sporting Beetle haircuts, seated next to some pretty girls. Staring at them surreptitiously, we concluded that they were British chaps, apparently tourists. Just then, one of their group passed by walking in fifth position. A little amateur sleuthing, quite popular these days, proved rewarding, for we discovered that these fellows were artists of the Royal Ballet and were staying at the Prince George during their engagement at the Met.

We sat next to a young couple and introduced ourselves to Keith and Suzanne ("with a zest please!") Martin, who are both artists of the corps de ballet.

Mr. Martin told us that he began training at the Royal Ballet School at the age of nine and admitted that practice was rigorous, time consuming, but that the results were rewarding. "The dancers are usually picked from the age of seventeen on and generally retire in their thirties." Both he and Suzanne have performed with Nureyev and have greatly enjoyed it.

We asked them about their working schedule and were informed that they dance for forty-eight weeks of the year and then go on "holiday." Suzanne told us that rehearsals for this engagement began about two months in advance. "The troupe tours all parts of the world, and in fact," Mrs. Martin

First Observer Dinner Held

The first annual Observer dinner, attended by the old and new members of the staff, was held at Dairyland Restaurant, on Monday, May 17.

Before the meal actually began, the outgoing editor-in-chief, Dvora Minder, and her associate editor, Miriam Landesman, were presented with corsages by the members of the staff. Dvora then expressed her thanks to the entire staff and wished the Observer success in the future. Rochel Sperling, the new editor-in-chief, then thanked the old staff for a job well done and wished the several seniors present luck in all of their future endeavors.

At the conclusion of the repast, Elisa Krupnick, one of the members of the staff, was presented with a cake in honor of her forthcoming "Aliyah" to Eretz Yisrael. A bottle of wine was also opened in honor of the occasion.

The atmosphere was gay and congenial. Due to the dinner's huge success, it is being planned as an annual event to culminate the school year.

Editor Sums up Year; States Hopes for Future

By Dvora Lee Minder

It is difficult for an Editor to summarize nine months of news articles, editorials and features. Perhaps it is better to review the aims of The Observer projected at the beginning of the year, and to evaluate the fulfillment of those goals.

The most newsworthy event of the year was the Tenth Anniversary celebration of Stern's existence. From October the student body looked to the administration to reveal plans for the "new Stern College." Ten years without a dormitory of their own was enough for the students.

Early in the school year Dr. Belkin spoke at Stern and announced that there would be new facilities within two years. There followed a long period of waiting until the location of the new dormitory, library, lounge, etc., building was announced and a picture of it shown. These two events brought forth the plans for the "new Stern College."

Stern the Step-daughter

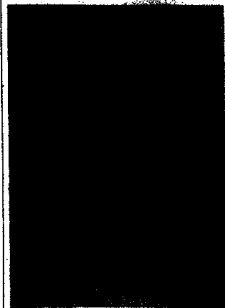
But the hope of seeing a new Stern building spring up this year is waning since no ground has been broken. Once again the Stern girl is a step-daughter in the whole Yeshiva University family. Divisions of Y.U., younger in years than Stern, have acquired expanded facilities. Yet Stern merely acquires more floors for its dormitory in one hotel or another. It is ironical that one of the only really unique divisions of Yeshiva University, i.e. Stern College, the only liberal arts college for girls with Torah instruction, has so many growing pains. The library has become another lounge because of its location and crowded tables. The student lounge is overcrowded and meals in the cafeteria are barely digestible amidst the pushing and noise.

No matter how the bell schedule is changed, Stern students will suffer until a new building goes up. At the Annual Alumnae dinner, Dr. Vogel said the new building is not a matter of "if" but rather a matter of "when." We ask "when" once again.

This year, however, has brought

signs of improvement in one area — the dormitory. Primarily through the understanding and aid of Mrs. Giges, Residence Hall Director, there are unlimited extended curfews for seniors and a sandwich machine in the television room (the latter installed by continuous pressure from the student council.) Mrs. Giges has always listened to the plight of dormitory girls and tries her utmost to make the hotel seem like a dormitory.

As an ultimate solution to the telephone dilemma, Mrs. Giges



Outgoing editor Dvora Minder studies the layout of an Observer.

and the dormitory council have persuaded the hotel management to allow the Dormitory Council President, the Student Council President and Observer Editor to have private phones this year. With this lead, they proceeded to convince the hotel management to allow all girls wanting private telephones to install them next year — on an individual cost basis.

One goal yet unachieved in the dormitory is a room for The Observer. For the past several years the newspaper has been "dummed up" in the Editor's room — on the floor. In addition to the inconvenience of such conditions, the Editor's roommate is made to suffer sleepless nights. With the addition of another floor in the dormitory next year, I strongly urge the dormitory supervisors to grant The Observer a room of its own.

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Teaneck Hosts Stern Shabbat

Teaneck, New Jersey, was the setting for a delightful Stern College Weekend held on May 14th and 15th. Those who were able to attend enjoyed the gracious hospitality of their hosts and also, the pleasant surroundings.

After being met at the Congregation B'nai Yeshurun by their hosts, the girls were transported to their homes. Friday night services were held at the shul for the girls.

Shabbat proved to be a beautiful day and the entire Congregation was dotted with Stern girls. The Rabbi of the Congregation, Rabbi Macy Gordon, paid special tribute to Stern College. He cited our tenth year of existence and noted our unique role in the Jewish and secular community. A special Kiddush followed the services.

During the afternoon the girls returned to the shul for a Panel Discussion on President Johnson's "Aid to Education" Bill. Rabbi Wolosh, of Yeshiva University's Community Service Bureau, spoke for the affirmative side, while speaking against the bill was Mr. Jacob Leiter, outgoing President of the congregation.

Following the discussion, the entire group reconvened in the shul for Minchah Services and Shalosh Seudos, which was tendered by the Women's Auxiliary of the Shul. A Perek Class was then conducted by Rabbi Gordon. Maariv Services and Havdallah followed.

Havazelet Discusses Talpiot

If we examine the contributors to the Talmud, we see that the Jews of almost every nation have participated in its formation. The Mishnah was written in Eretz Yisrael and the Gemorrah in Babylonia. Tosphot was German and Rashi came from France, while there were many Chachomim who came from Poland. There is one major nation lacking in Hebrew literature — that of the United States.

In the course of this statement of affairs, Dr. Meir Havazelet pulled from shelves of the library, the nineteenth volume of Talpiot. Dr. Havazelet, who is a member of the Hebrew Department at Stern College, went on to explain that Talpiot is a collection of works of varied scholars of our time and of recent generations. Its publication under the direction of Yeshiva University, started approximately twenty years ago and up until today, nineteen volumes have been distributed. Rabbi Samuel Mirsky of Y.U. serves as editor for the works, while Dr. Havazelet has been assistant editor for the past four or five years.

The title of the work Talpiot is very interesting and a propos for the content of the publication. The Gemorrah breaks down the word "Talpiot" into two elements — "Tal" which means hill and represents Jerusalem and "piot," meaning mouths. This can be further interpreted to mean that when one opens one's mouth to ask a question, one looks to the hill or Jerusalem for direction. This is a symbol of unity. Similarly, explained Dr. Havazelet, the volumes of Talpiot attempt to create unity among the people of this generation and in generations to come, for without unity, Judaism cannot survive.

It is also interesting to note that on the title page, under the work Talpiot, we see written "Halachah, Agadah, Musar V'Yehadut" which serve as the three foundations of Judaism.

The format of all of the volumes is the same. The first, and largest section of the book, is dedicated to works or extracts of works of some of the leading representatives of Judaism of our times. The second

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SSSJ Jericho March to D.C. In Unity Effort

By Lenore Wolfson

On May 20th, Lag B'Omer, Jewish students from colleges and high schools in the New York area, joined with students from Baltimore on a Jericho ride to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the ride, the second in a sequence of two Jericho programs, was to unite the separate chapters of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, in an effort to gain national and governmental attention.



A college student blows a shofar at the site of the Jericho march in Washington.

The day's activities included a visit by a special delegation to the Russian Embassy, a conference with a representative of the State Department, a symbolic Jericho march around the Soviet Embassy and a rally at Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House.

A special delegation consisting of Rabbi Steven Riskin, Mr. Jacob Birnbaum, and Glen Richter, conferred with First Secretary Mishkov of the Soviet Embassy. The delegation requested that the Soviet government allow the Soviet Jews full rights as stated in the Soviet constitution, which are presently being denied to them. Mr. Mishkov denied the facts presented before him. The significance of their meeting stemmed from the fact that this was the first time that a student organization was granted a serious and unemotional interview with a responsible member of the Soviet Embassy staff.

The groups also met with Mr. Stearman a representative of the State Department, to indicate to the administration of our government the action we consider important for the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union, which include the use of trade and political pressure in major negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union. Mr. Stearman encouraged the idea of public protest, but he said that the State Department considers such negotiations hopeless. However, last week the House of Representatives did pass

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International Statesmen Play Ball With Politics

By Brenda Siegel

On a Sunday afternoon in Washington, thousands of anxious spectators gathered in the baseball park to witness an important game. The year was 1968, and the game to be played was the first in a new kind of world series. No longer was there to be a United Nations, which had been helpless for years anyway. Instead, a new method had been found for solving world problems. For each conflict of opinion a baseball game between the leaders of the East and those of the West would be played, and the winning team would solve the problem in any way they desired. After years of minor disputes and small wars, the government heads were willing to try anything that would keep them from a major war.

On this Sunday the first problem confronting the players was that of the crisis in the Dominican Republic. For years a civil war had been raging, and troops from nearly every other country in the world had been rushed in to help keep peace and order. The situation had gotten so bad there that it was rated as the world's most urgent problem, and was the first to be decided by the results of a baseball game.

As the game got under way, it resembled any other game. The diplomats, busily munching hot dogs and drinking beer, shouted curses at the umpires and booed the opposition. In the first six innings neither side scored. It was a pitcher's duel as the West's leader, Lyndon Johnson, threw nothing but curve balls, which pleased everyone on his team, and the leader of the East, Brezhnev, used the tricky underhand pitch. For a

while it looked as though the game would go on forever.

Finally, in the seventh with two out, Queen Elizabeth socked a powerful double, followed by a walk by U Thant. Then a walk was given up to Chancellor Ehrhardt, and with bases loaded the tall, strong Texan, Lyndon Johnson, strode to the plate and on the first pitch popped out to the catcher to retire the side.

In the second half of the seventh, Johnson ran into more trouble. Mao-Tse-Tung led off with a single and promptly stole second, third, and home. At this point the West's manager, Casey Stengel, amid cries of "Let's go Mets," slowly walked out to the mound and signaled for a relief pitcher, Lady Bird Johnson. Wearing a bright yellow uniform, gaily decorated with lace trim, with a beautiful matching yellow cap, glove, and spike shoes, Mrs. Johnson struck out Castro, Nasser, and Brezhnev to end the inning.

After an uneventful eighth inning, Charles De Gaulle, who rode to the plate on a white horse, hit a home run in the ninth with one man on to win the game. While the crowds cheered and the television announcers described the highlights of the game, the Western leaders met to decide what to do with the Dominican Republic. Unfortunately, Johnson was not present, because he was making a television deoderant commercial in the locker room. However, he was not needed, as the decision allowing the Dominicans to solve their own problems was reached without him. With this problem solved, the players returned home, eagerly awaiting the next day's doubleheader and another opportunity to solve the troubles of the world.

Let Us Go Then, You And I UP To The 92nd Street "Y"

No one reads the poems of T.S. Eliot like T.S. Eliot did, and no one reads Dame Edith Sitwell's work like she did. However Sir John Gielgud and Irene Worth made a magnificent attempt in a memorial program to Sitwell and Eliot on Sunday, May 9 at the 92nd St. YM-YMHA. The program, which was sponsored by The Deerfield Foundation, was a part of a series which included Jasyn Robards, Jr., Agnes Moorehead, Sir Alec Guinness, Richard Burton, and Claire Bloom.

Irene Worth and Sir John Gielgud, who are currently starring in Broadway's "Tiny Alice," the new play by Edward Albee, read the poems alternately.

Perhaps the most impressive and enjoyable reading of the evening was the Consulting-Room scene from the "Cocktail Party" by T.S. Eliot. At the end of the program, Miss Worth delivered a message from Mrs. T.S. Eliot which stated that the late Mr. Eliot would not have thought a reading of his works complete without the recitation of one of his cat poems. Sir John Gielgud filled this request quite artistically.

Mazel Tov

Engagements: Eva Mandel '68 to Shabai Weiss; Adele Nussbacher '67 to Jules Brody; Jackie Friedman '68 to Howard Warren Goldman '65; Aviva Leiter '67 to Eliezer Kaminitzky.

Births: To Rochelle Landesman Millen, a girl!

The engagement of Miriam Landesman '65, associate editor of the 1965-66 *Observer*, to Leonard M. Sperling recently has been announced. We of the staff would like to extend to them our heartiest congratulations and wish them much luck in the future.

Dvora Minder Speaks

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An area of improvement this year was the field of religious guidance. Both Rabbi Wohlgelemer and Rabbi Rabinowitz have been extremely successful in the new plan for individual guidance. It is sad to note that general personal guidance, psychological guidance and vocational guidance are still lacking. There are still too many girls who need someone to turn to in cases of non-religious problems. Now that the student body has close to 400 girls, it is time to attend to these needs.

A "first" was made this year when Dr. Belkin participated in the Tenth Anniversary Lecture series on Synthesis. By coming before the student body, Dr. Belkin exhibited a personal interest in the Stern girls. His attitude was cordial, but many of the members of the audience were left wondering about the—administrators' views on the growth and goals of the University. The question and answer session showed the beginning of a closer tie between Stern and the rest of the University. It also emphasized that Synthesis must come from within the individual.

In addition to this new channel of communications between Y.U.

Toby Umansky '66 has recently announced her engagement to Eliot Gortvitz. We of the *Observer* would like to wish to Toby, our past feature editor and her fiancé success and happiness in the future.

and Stern, there were improved communications between faculty and students. Departmental guidance aided this development, as did the spurt of faculty interest in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Only when the methods of communication are kept open can there be improvement. Girls should continue to voice their complaints, and compliments, by writing letters. The administration does listen to the views expressed in this manner, especially when the letters are signed. Unfortunately, some faculty members still do not respect a student's opinions, and this situation must change for the sake of the improvement of Stern.

During the year the alumnae received *The Observer* in the mail, informing them of what is happening at their alma-mater. For the first time there was a Homecoming Day although the turnout could have been better. With the growth of Stern, there should be more alumnae participation in the area of evaluation of the school, since alumna opinion is more acceptable to the faculty than student opinion. Alumnae activities can also serve to extend worthwhile undergraduate friendships.

During the past year, *The Observer* aimed at providing an interesting newspaper for the students to read, as well as a "newsy" one. Many thanks are due to my staff who made it possible to carry out this aim and also to come out more frequently than any past year. Looking towards the second decade of Stern College, it seems that *The Observer* will continue to come out more and more frequently due to the pattern begun by my sister, Naomi, last year's editor.

Since I have no sisters to pass on the editorship next year, the responsibility goes to my Associate Editor's (Miriam Landesman) "sister," Rochel Sperling. All I ask is that Rochel use her staff to the fullest. There is a great potential in each of her editors.

To Miriam goes many thanks for her filling in all my unfilled gaps this year. She gets extra credit for doing so much while taking "Gemers." Without Miriam and Shelly Schulman, my roommate and copy editor, *The Observer* could not have been published so regularly. Shelly never refused when she was needed and never got angry for the late hours she tolerated in order to meet the deadline.

Toby, Bryna, Gilda, Sharon, Shira, Sue, Jeri, Naomi, Esther S., Esther L., Ellen and R. L. Slesk-mef, M.D. all helped the cause and will surely do an excellent job next year.

It is gratifying to see the biggest aim of this year's *Observer* fulfilled—the vision of a good staff for *The Observer* 1965-66. And, to Rochel, see you at the Second Annual *Observer* dinner—20—.

Tribute To The Guardians Of Our Ups And Downs

By Sheryl Ashenberg

With splendid wonder I entered Stern College as a Freshman this past September. Here I stood on the threshold of a world of sophistication which opening was up to me. I merely had to reach out to make it mine. This is the feeling that pervaded my entire being when I beheld the exterior manifestations of superiority of this institution of higher learning.

What were the enchantments that filled my soul with delight? There were two: an elevator with operators, and a bulwark of social justice, a policeman.

Just as Stern College is unique, so too are our elevator and its operators. Each one is special in his own way, but one thing that they have in common is their devotion to accommodating the students and faculty of our school. Our first, Mr. Modesto Cospillati, is the strong, silent type. Never does he



Our three guardians, Freddie, Modesto Cospillati and Mr. Pickett.

lift his voice against the horrible conditions within which he is forced to labor. Never does he refuse to take one or even twelve more than are allowed in his vehicle. He is always obliging. We, the students, owe him a great debt of thanks for his untiring efforts.

Our second man of mercy, Freddie, is quite different in temperament. He does not only raise us physically, but he lifts us spiritual-

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New Cour.cil President Calls for Cooperation

By Sue B. Koss

In all the past weeks' election speeches, we have heard many election promises — all made in the best of intentions and spirit. I, too, have my goals and ideals for the forthcoming year in Student Council. But when the year is over, will we look back and see that they've not been accomplished? And if so, will that mean that they were myths? I hope not. For when one is faced with a year that is literally yours, so many ideas run through your head that you almost become dizzy. You aspire to do what is superhuman, to try and change that which is almost immovable. Yet you do not think of it in these terms: you only know that it needs doing — and you want to do it. I am not estranged from this; I want to make this year a memorable one for everyone. I have the impurities to be separated and thrown away: I want Stern College to stand up, or be noticed for what it should be—an Orthodox college, where an Orthodox girl can pursue a college education and get a degree that is recognized as being one of worth — as is the case at present.

But I want the other aspect of Stern to also stand out — even bolder: that part is her uniqueness, her Jewishness. It's unfortunate that little emphasis is placed on this part by many of the students; it's regretful that girls come to Stern without the desire for this aspect while so many girls who want this type of education are overlooked; it is a shame that many girls who come here with the desire to learn about Orthodox Judaism are not given the proper basis for an Orthodox life. I hope to alleviate many of these problems. Working with my board and the student-alumni curriculum evaluation committee, these hindrances can be overcome. We've distributed evaluation sheets to this year's Senior class and the results so far have been quite valuable and will be of the greatest assistance in planning next year's program. But we need every-

one's help. Each student must let us know her thoughts on the situation and how she thinks improvement can come about.

We plan to enliven the school, for it's a too-well-known fact that apathy breeds at Stern College. But why? There are students who show that it's not so very difficult to keep up with the double-program and extra-curricular activities. Even when activities are planned during the day, such as guest speakers and assemblies, the attendance isn't too much better than at forums held at night. Even though club attendance rose this year, it wasn't a startling phenomenon. And yet it couldn't be because the clubs weren't interesting. Just look at the protests raised when it was proposed that they be terminated. Just what is it? I haven't figured it out. If you have the answer, or even a suggestion on how to combat the apathy, please let me know. My phone number is 568-3263, or I can be reached through the school mail box. Anonymity will be safeguarded — but it's not necessary. I speak for my board too. We are always ready to listen to you.

As for myself, I can only promise you a listening ear and a willingness to help. As for you, well, you too have capabilities, which I would like to see be put to use for Stern College. We all know that there are phases that need improvement, but we cannot do the work alone. We've been elected to lead you, not to substitute for you. Let us know what you're interested in and how you would like to participate in Stern extra-curricular life next year. Just stop us in the hall, drop a note in our mailbox, or call us on the phone. And you'll see that after participating in school functions Stern will be just a little more valuable and dear to you — as it is to us.

On behalf of my board, I would like to extend a hearty "yashe koach" to the outgoing board, and to thank them for leaving us with a good start. I also want to thank the student body for electing us to office.

Talpiot . . .

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ond section contains excerpts from important and relevant speeches while the last part of the volume contains book reviews.

The nineteenth volume, which was shown to me by Dr. Havazelet, follows this plan. At the beginning, we see articles by such well-known scholars as Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, z.l. Rabbi Samuel Mirsky and Rabbi Joseph Kapah. Dr. Havazelet's article entitled, "Rambam and the Geonim on Custom" is part of his thesis on the Rambam. In this article he attempts to fill the gap between the time of the sealing of the Gemorah and the period of the Reshoinim.

"Devir," the second part of the book, includes selections from three lectures, one of which is a section of the speech "The Rabbinic and its Tasks in the Diaspora," by Rabbi S. Z. Zevin, which was presented before a committee of rabbis in Europe. In this speech, Rabbi Zevin points out the six major elements which will determine the future of our people.

The twentieth volume of **Talpiot**, which is presently in print, will be dedicated to Rabbi Chaim Heller, one of the greatest Biblical scholars of our time. Since he was an important contributor to the first publication of **Talpiot** which appeared nearly a fifth of a century ago, this choice is a very appropriate one.

There are nearly five million Jews in the United States and until the appearance of **Talpiot**, we had no real Hebraic publication which we could call our own. The future of Judaism depends upon the Hebraic works which we put out. Shall we be like the assimilated children of Philo, or like those of his contemporary Hillel? The choice is in our hands. It is up to us to decide.

Lichtenstein Concludes Anniversary Lectures

By Sharon Duchan

The concluding lecture of Stern's Tenth Anniversary was held on Tuesday, May 11, 1965, when Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein discussed the topic, "Torah—Thesis and Synthesis."

Dr. Lichtenstein outlined his task as one of portraying an ideal and examining an institution in light of this ideal.

Synthesis, he defined as "a fusion of two elements in a union greater or better than either single one considered singularly." He explained how the Torah U'Madah synthesis can be construed in various ways, one being on a pragmatic and extensive basis, where it may be argued that this synthesis is necessary today for Parnasah. A second basis is more philosophic and intrinsic. Here we see Madah as a direct supplement to the study and understanding of Torah, for many parts of Torah we wouldn't understand without general knowledge. One may also view general culture as a complement and extension of Torah. A question arises here as to whether this claim is valid because our sages say that the totality of value and spiritual meaning is to be found within Torah.

"The answer," Dr. Lichtenstein states, "is sought and found by brief reflection on what we understand by the term Torah. Torah contains that which we understand as Torah—the written and oral law. In addition to this, it also includes the fifty provinces of wisdom we find discussed in Rambam's commentary and the ideal of 'right and good.'"

This raises the question of how Man knows what is right and good. He answered that Man must try to judge which goals our Torah is trying to promote and observe and read about the be-

havior of the children of Israel.

Dr. Lichtenstein suggested that it is important to recognize that Torah serves us in two capacities. It is a "body of the very highest knowledge given to human capacity to comprehend and is a frame of reference for all knowledge and a perspective to confront all wisdom." He stressed the major qualification that Madah can only acquire the characteristics of Torah if it is "placed in a context and governed by that context." Such a relationship does not happen easily or often, Dr. Lichtenstein asserted.

Dr. Lichtenstein then returned to the original argument, whether this claim of synthesis is valid and, indeed, possible. He asserts that it is because "Torah, in the narrower sense of the word, may be said to constitute its thesis, but Torah stands in relation to it in a broader sense—not only as its thesis, which then becomes part of the broader synthesis, but as the synthesis itself."

Dr. Lichtenstein continued that "at the practical plan, the conjunction of Torah U'Madah persistently confronts us as people of an institution which has taken this ideal of taking Torah as its thesis and producing it as its synthesis." It calls for one to be on his religious and spiritual guard and to consider it an ideal toward which to strive and work.

"Similarly," Dr. Lichtenstein concluded, "we should regard Torah not as a thesis, but as a synthesis which allows us to get the fullest out of it."



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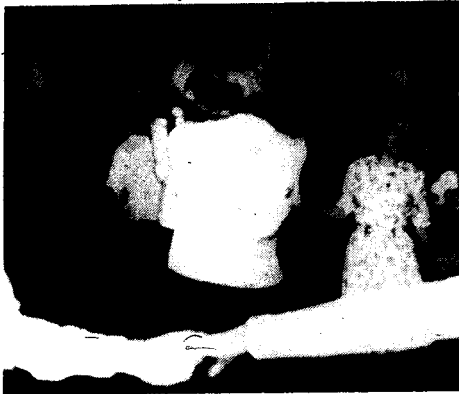
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Torah Activities Committee News

By Shaine Friedman



L. to R. Janet Lefkowitz, Sharon Duchan and Miriam Landesman celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut in dorm lounge.

During the past few months, many have asked what is T.A.C. and what are its functions. T.A.C. is a committee of student council, which works together with students and administration to enhance the religious atmosphere in the school.

Many varied activities were planned during this past year by T.A.C. under the leadership of chairman Shaine Friedman, including a Tu B'Shvat party, Chanukah celebrations, and a Yom Ha' Atzmaut party. On Pesach, wine and matzoh were sold through T.A.C. Many questions in kashrut were referred to the kashrut committee, the members of which turned to the proper authorities for answers. Hallel and Mincha services, although poorly attended, were arranged. T.A.C. also worked closely with the religious guidance counselor helping him to set up appointments.

The Shabbat atmosphere was enhanced both in the dormitory and in school due to the efforts of the Shabbat committee. Decorations, divrei Torah, signs indicating time of Shabbat and the parsha and Shalosh Seudot were planned by this committee. A Parshat Hashavua sheet was printed in order to familiarize girls with the content, of the parsha.

Ethel Pelcovitz, an education major and a candidate for the B.R.E., has been appointed as chairman of the T.A.C. for next year. She hopes to continue and extend the work done in the past year by this committee.

Jericho March . . .

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a resolution encouraging the President to act on behalf of the Soviet Jews. The State Department for the first time did not oppose this resolution. It is possible that it will soon have a more positive attitude towards this action.

Immediately after this discussion, the entire group assembled at Lafayette Park and proceeded to the Soviet Embassy. After a ceremony, during which the shofar was blown as a reminder of the Biblical march around Jericho, the entire group marched around the embassy three times.

The program concluded with a rally at Lafayette Park, at which the script "Appeal to the Conscience of the World" was presented. Congressman Farbstein of New York, a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, attended the proceedings.

This was only one of a series of programs being presented on behalf of Soviet Jewry. June 3rd, the "Big 24," an assemblage of Jewish adult organizations, is sponsoring a Madison Square Rally. In addition, SSSJ programs are being planned for summer camps with a special focus on the coming Geulah March to Washington on October 21st, which will include delegations from all over the country.

Dorm News

In the behalf of all the dormitory students, we would like to thank the Dormitory Council for their many accomplishments of the past year. Some of the improvements can be seen this year. Many of the improvements of this year's Executive Council will be seen in September.

Our lounge next year will have in it a ping-pong table and a variety of leisure games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, and Checkers.

Freshman in the television room may remain there until 1:30, instead of returning to their rooms at their curfew time of one o'clock.

Private telephones in the students' rooms will be available next year to all those dormitory roomers who request them. It is suggested that all those who are seriously interested in having a private phone should submit their requests to Mrs. Giges in writing.

Next year there will be a girl's lounge in the dormitory. The details of this have still to be worked on.

In the case of lateness, a room campus is given only after one-half hour. Demerits will be given for minor latenesses.

A girl may leave the dormitory until 10 o'clock on weeknights and 11:30 on Saturday nights.

Again we thank the Dormitory Council members: the floor chairman second floor, Janice Greenfarb and Mary Jaime Solomon; third floor, Arlene Sherman and Helene Andrews; fourth floor, Lenore Wolfson and Arleen Osband; fifth floor, Bella Salit and Vivian Kallish; and sixth floor, Barbara Kagan and Phyllis Shuster.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the members of Executive Council: Rochel Spelling, secretary; Pearl Marcus, treasurer; Marlene Hochman, vice-president; and Helene Landgarten, president. Helene, especially, devoted much of her time and a great deal of her effort to make these improvements possible. Thanks!

Dormers Help In Celebration

A Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration, sponsored by the T.A.C. and Dorm Council, was held in the dorm lounge on Thursday, May 6. The program began with a reading from G'vilot Haish by Rachel Eldod. The girls present were thrilled by the words of those who themselves fought to conquer the land. This mood was enhanced by the dramatic story told by Shaine Friedman of the plight of one chaluiz. Musical entertainment was provided by Arlene Fruchter, Janet Lefkowitz, Esther Mann, Barbara Hollander, Judy Rosenberg, Bea Halpern, and Gilda Schuchalter who sang a medley of Israeli songs. Spirited singing and dancing followed. True Israeli flavor was added to the evening by generous servings of felafel.

Commuting, A Warm Pussycat

By Ruth & Sue Amin

Commuting is:



—Leaving the house at 7:30 in the pouring rain with an umbrella, boots, and raincoat, only to find that the sun is shining in New York.

—Leaving the house at 7:30 on a bright, sunny morning, only to find that it is raining in New York

—Walking up at 6:30 so that you'll get to school on time and finding out that your first class is cancelled

—8:30 classes

—Having to ask the dormers how to get somewhere by subway

—Rush hour no matter when you leave

—Hopefully listening to WOR on snowy mornings

—Meeting your favorite teacher on the train

—Grabbing for a pole and getting something else

—Trying to get off the train when 25 people are getting on

—Missing a train that your pocketbook didn't

—Reading True Confessions over an old lady's shoulder

—Missing dorm chagigas

—Only one housemother

—No 7:30 sign-in

—Great!



Romeo and Juliet . . .

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Juliet, danced by Jane Seymour, is the embodiment of frankness and sincerity. Although this is her outstanding quality, one can also detect her bittersweet awareness of the growing seriousness of her situation. Needless to say, her not-to-be-equalled grace, seen at its peak in the death scene at the end of the ballet, can only add to her youthful charm.

Christopher Gable portrays a reckless and impetuous Romeo. He is able to display his talent in scenes that range from those that are full of the exuberance of young love to those that portend the tragedy of untimely death.

The duel scene between Mercutio and Tybalt, danced by David Blair and Desmond Doyle, respectively, is especially effective. When Tybalt inflicts the lethal wound, a gas escapes from the audience. Mercutio remains his roguish self until his death. His lightheartedness even to the end is in direct contrast to Tybalt's ponderous demise.

Also memorable is Gud Larsen as Juliet's nurse. One can almost hear her squeaking in a shoes-and-corset concerto as she waddles across the stage.

The Royal Ballet's "hour upon the stage" will certainly be remembered long after it has left these shores.

Guardians . . .

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ly to the veritable heights of the realm of merriment with his good cheer and bubbling personality. I cannot express what exhilaration he brings to me and others at the end of a long, tiring day. Do we realize that invaluable psychological effect this unrewarded personality has on the woman of Stern College?

Last, but not least, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Pickett, our Interstate guard. There he stands armed at the hip to protect us from any evil force that may invade our hallowed halls. This man, smiling and seemingly jovial, is always prepared for any unfortunate mishap that may befall us. He is careful, not only with major infractions, but with even such a minor thing as the invasion of our privacy by outsiders. How can we ever repay him for such kindness and devotion?

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