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## Thriller Rocks World, Brings Kotel To YU

As an important step in the "Israel Presence in YU Program," the famed *Kotel Ha'Ma'aravi* has been relocated on 185th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

The announcement was made by Rabbi Dr. Vice President Israel Thriller after returning from his 97,321st trip to Israel last night. Rabbi Thriller's frequent trips, long a mystery to Yeshiva students, have been revealed as the means by which the *Kotel* was transported. Forty-four pounds of the ancient holy rock were carried to America in the rabbi's luggage on each trip;

Rabbi Thriller gave this account of his thrilling ordeal to our reporter at the El Al Terminal last night:

"Three times a day for each of my 97,321 days in Israel (I am fond of ten day trips) I attended services at the Holy Wall. At the conclusion of each service I would unassumingly step up to kiss the *Kotel*. But with each passionate kiss I bit off a piece of the Wall, secured it in my mouth, and would thusly convey it back to my hotel by the *Kotel*.

"Hence, I eluded the Israeli authorities who attributed the



Rabbi Thriller, disguised in the garb of a medieval Eastern European Jew, up against the wall at the Kotel.

forty-four times 97,321: a grand total of 4,292,124 pounds, the repudiated weight of the *Kotel* (sans *kevitals*).

The *Kotel* will stand as a backdrop to the faculty-administration parking lot behind the Mendel Gottesman Library which will be renamed the Dung Library. Rabbi Thriller assured Student Council President Wise, a long-time worker for Jewish affairs, that the parking lot would be closed Saturdays between the hours of 10 and 12 for prayer. Special parking arrangements will be made for Belfer during those hours, he added.

corrosion of the wall to a Mid-Eastern migration of millard birds, an almost extinct species in Washington Heights, that are also known as 'wall-peckers,' a first cousin of the wood-pecker."

When the plane Rabbi Thriller had alighted from minutes earlier, taxied to the take-off area, the rabbi grabbed his bags and prepared for his 194,643rd security check. When asked if his imminent trip was in any way involved with the "Israel Presence in YU Program," he began to sing, his mouth agape, "High above the Mediterranean River."

## RIETS Rebbeim Restrict Reading; Request Revenues Remunerations

The meeting of RIETS *rebbeim* to solve Yeshiva's problems began with an inspiring in depth analysis of the Yeshiva's soul delivered by its eminent *mashgiach*, Harav Messin. He asked each *rebbe* to forbid his students to listen to radios and to read English books. He pointed out that in Slobodka there were no English books. When the *mashgiach* finished, Rabbi Choleric awakened, washed *naigel vasser*

and moved... that the agenda be suspended in favor of the more pressing problem of *rebbeim's* salaries. Several of the *rebbeim* broke their arms in an attempt to second the motion.

After several minutes, the chairman, Rav Harness, was able to restore order. He first introduced Rav Reuben Pagerman, who spoke on behalf of Dr. Pelican, the *rosh hayeshiva*. Rav Pagerman explained that the school

## Bacon Arrested And Jailed For Impersonating A Dean

### Hershey To Expose Him

Two unidentified students made a citizen's arrest of Dr. Isaac Bacon last week, charging him with impersonating a dean. Observers stated that Dr. Bacon had been walking along mumbling to himself about the immaturity of the student leaders when the arrest was made. The two students have remained unavailable for comment, but it is rumored that they are among those maliciously left off the last Dean's List.

#### Judges' Grudges

The trial is scheduled to begin Thursday, with Judge Samuel Belchky presiding. Prosecuting will be a five lawyer team headed by Miss Sheila Hershey. All five are said to have grudges against the dean's office. When asked to comment on the case, Miss Hershey would say only, "We are going to make sure that Bacon is fully exposed in public."

Defending Bacon will be attorney Morris Silverlips who inherited the case after F. Lee Bailey rejected it, saying that he felt that the case was hopeless. Mr. Silverlips stated that he would base his defense on the contention that "nothing that the defendant has ever done could possibly be construed as the actions



After arrest, cop frisks Isaac Bacon for concealed weapons. Finding him clean, the cop releases Bacon to Hershey for careful examination and exposure.

of a dean."

Rumor has it that the man in line to be the next dean is Isaac Uglier of the Office of the Registrar. Our reporter found him at his desk, twisting screws into a hapless freshman. When informed of Dr. Bacon's plight, Uglier shed a crocodile tear, and resumed his screw-twisting. Questioned about the possibility of his ascension to the position of dean, Uglier stated, "I feel that my efficient and dedicated service to the school has made me tremendously popular with the student body. Anyway, the main function

of the dean is to close out courses, and I've been doing that for years now."

A unique and key figure in the case is expected to be Mrs. Alice Epsom, secretary to Bacon. Both prosecution and defense have indicated that they will use her as a witness. When asked to comment on the case, Miss Epsom would say only, "I'm very busy, won't you please come back tomorrow." However, when our reporter came back he was met with, "Why do you keep coming back every day and bothering me."

## Senate Heads Debate Smoking As Students Cloud The Issue

The 2:45 senate meeting was called to order by Chairman Knishbaum at 2:59 p.m. as he rose to assume authority over the assemblage. Secretary L'il Abner Gruff made it to the meeting by a hairsbreadth, after having been detained by a hoard of aspiring Stern girls, and quietly seated himself to the right of the chairman, carefully crossing

his legs so as not to crease his new bells.

The first item on the agenda was the abolition of a grading system by YC and adaptation of a uniform pass-fail system for all courses outside of Art 69. Tension was high around the YC community in anticipation of the forthcoming momentous senate filibuster. Students packed the meeting, and the room bristled with excitement. Chairman Knishbaum fidgeted nervously with the agenda and shut it off momentarily as he began to read the motion before the body. "Whereas the present regulation...

"Point of order!" shouted Lean Bacon, as he jumped to his feet and fired his water gun at a group of students who were nervously smoking behind him. "This cigarette smoking is an attempt on the part of the students to throw a smokescreen over the proceedings of the senate, and I will not tolerate it."

Dr. Abe Flounder, the parliamentarian of the group, request-

ed permission to "clear the air and deal with the matter at hand," but was ruled out of order by the chairman, as was Lean Bacon. Bacon sizzled as the group of students behind him applauded the chair's decision.

Dr. Ncsey Mosey Tendler then added that since Yeshiva is a religious institution, the senate should consider the fact that smoking of any sort is against *halucha*. He was quickly corrected, however, by Busy Izzy Thriller who maintained that Yeshiva is a secular institution and that anyone should be permitted to die as they choose.

In an effort to divert the senate once again, Dr. Abe Flounder presented a motion to table the motion and send the problem to a newly formed Committee on Senate Conduct to discuss and advise regarding smoking in the senate as well as throughout the entire college.

Heads turned in amazement as once again it was realized that Flounder had fished yet another senate meeting out of the bag.

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## 3:30 . . .

Incredible as it may seem, after spending twenty million dollars building the new Belfer building with its twenty-odd stories, only the first three floors have been opened. The reason is a lack of funds for elevator operation.

THE COMMENTATOR feels that this problem could be remedied by turning the building over on its side. In this way, the elevators would be turned into subways, and could be kept in operation by charging the standard 30¢ fare. Yeshiva would not only be providing a public service but also remedying a dangerous situation involving the other buildings of the campus. In its current state, the building gives every indication that in a strong wind it will tip over and crush Rubin or Furst Hall.

## A.M. . . .

We at THE COMMENTATOR, along with the entire student body, feel the financial pinch present at YU, and sympathize with the administration in their effort to cut back waste at Yeshiva. However, we feel that the university has missed an obvious source of revenue, which could, at the same time, alleviate a pressing problem for all Yeshiva students.

Since the lack of parking has caused untold hardships on students — both for the expense of the constant stream of tickets, and the threat of neighborhood vandalism, we at THE COMMENTATOR feel that the fifth floor of Furst Hall should be opened for immediate use as a parking lot with meters. The benefits are obvious. First of all, students will save class time during the morning classes. Instead of racing down the steps to move their cars, students will

be able to place dimes in the fifth floor meters at their leisure. In addition, the life expectancy of the aerials on the cars of YU students will be lengthened considerably.

THE COMMENTATOR is appalled at the waste of valuable floor space on the fifth floor of Furst Hall, and hopes that this easy plan will be adopted. After all, the senate can always use the old Pollack garage-library.

## We Left!

As reported on page three of this issue, Stern College is moving up to the campus. THE COMMENTATOR applauds the idea of a move, but feels they are moving in the wrong direction. Instead of a move uptown we propose the following change of plans: Stern should stay where they are, the girls should be encouraged to dress casually, and Governor Rockefeller should be invited to an Open House. He will immediately declare the scene a disaster area and will order the disbursing of federal relief programs. With money thus flowing into the YU coffers once again, Yeshiva would not have to resort to a change in campus, but could still retain the idea of a change in venture by abolishing Stern College and in its place incorporating a women's college. Thus our financial and aesthetic crises will have been solved at once.

While THE COMMENTATOR realizes that this would create a period of initial hardship for the girls displaced from the present Stern College, we further propose re-absorbing them into the YU family by re-instituting maid service in the YU dormitories. With these changes, thus, everyone's anger at the proposed move will be vitiated, for there won't be any girls at the uptown campus.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Yearning

### Sennate

To the Editor:

I am a typical Sternlie — vivacious, intelligent — and desperate. I find myself drawn madly to Danny Kurtzer. What should I do?

Alone and waiting

Editor's reply:

Have you tried Kaopectate?

To the Editor:

I have been an avid reader of your paper, but I must ask—why do you always write about the Senate?

Puzzled

Editor's reply:

Because it's the only word we can spell the same way twice in one issue.

# Girls! Looking for an Ideal Mate?

Are you forced  
to go  
begging?

Are you the  
type to wait  
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of men  
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Look For The Sign Of The Outstretched Hand

# Tendler Begins Exodus To Mount Sinai Abode

Dr. Moses Tendler, chairman of YU's biology department, has announced that he will leave Yeshiva at the end of the term and take up residence in the Sinai desert. The reason Dr. Tendler gave for his unexpected



Tendler, after his Jordan ablutions prepares to leave for Sinai.

departure was a need to prepare himself for "a personal divine revelation of the great secrets of medicine and mysteries of G-d's world."

Dr. Tendler expressed anger at a rumor that his retreat was forced by the failure of his "water cure." It was Dr. Tendler's contention that the Jordan River, which cured lepers in Biblical

times, would reclaim their restorative powers if a righteous man would administer them to the sick as the prophets did. Not considering himself Ezekiel's equal, Dr. Tendler thought it prudent to begin his curing with abrasions, dandruff, and an occasional broken limb.

Unfortunately, the experiments failed in front of members of THE COMMENTATOR press who gathered at the Jordan in anticipation of a medical breakthrough. Dr. Tendler's embarrassment and irritation grew as each crooked arm and leg was removed from the water in the same condition in which it was immersed. Then followed the notorious spat with the smirking COMMENTATOR representatives during which the biologist remarked: "Take a good look at me now you *apikorsim*, because you won't have Moses Tendler to kick around anymore!"

Many have interpreted the above statement as a presage to Dr. Tendler's announced exodus into the Sinai Desert. Sources close to the biologist speculate that his hermitage will be situated on Mt. Sinai, but no confirmation or denial of his has been issued. When asked by one COMMENTATOR representative how he hoped to live in the aridity of the Sinai Desert, Dr. Tendler mumbled something about "hitting a stone," and turned from him in disgust.

# Consanguine Cluster Commemorates Clan Consummation Consecration

Yeshiva University will be closed tomorrow on the occasion of the wedding of Abigail G. Twersky to Lionel W. Sar.

Miss Twersky is a niece of Rabbi Twersky of the Stern Registrar's office and of Rabbi Twersky of the YC office of student finances. Rabbi Twersky's (Stern) secretary, who is also his

professor Rav Aharon Lichtenstein. Rav Aharon's cousin, Aaron, a Bible instructor at Yeshiva, and his father, Dr. Lichtenstein Sr., who is an instructor at BTA, will also attend. Dr. Lisman of the YC math department will be at the wedding with his wife, a sister of the Rav.

The bridegroom is a nephew of

# YU Moves Stern Uptown Despite Spanish Protests

## RIETS Leaves

In a historic move, Dr. Samuel Belkin, YU President, announced that beginning with the September 1971 term, Stern College For Women would move her facilities to the uptown campus of Yeshiva College. The move, Belkin assured his listeners, was being taken for financial, not aesthetic reasons.

The announcement set off a flurry of activity at the Washington Heights campus. Puerto Rican and Spanish groups began immediate demonstrations and sit-ins, claiming that the move would further depreciate the already depreciated property values of the neighborhood. As one spokesman said, "Would you want your son to marry one?"

The question of housing the Sternlies was raised, but was soon solved by Jacob Blowzer, groundskeeper, who announced that they would be accommodated in the old Pollack library building. He mused, "The Library was never well stacked anyway; this won't change matters much."

Student reaction to the northward move was mixed. Double Chin, SCWSC President, was angered by the decision. "From my personal experience, Yeshiva boys



Miss Sarah Sternlie, recently voted most likely to remain Miss Sarah Sternlie, discusses proposed YU coeducation plans.

have had a hard enough time feeling free when they come to Stern now; imagine how they would feel with girls on campus!" On the other hand, Morose Sliverman, university registrar, saw little change in the status quo. "After all," he quipped slyly to this reporter, "I've been screwing students for years; so what if I screw a few more?" And after RIETS was queried, it was established that 29% were against the move, 71% had no idea what Stern was.

The last obstacle to the move uptown was removed when RIETS seceded from the University. However, several die-hard

factions banded together and formed the New Student Coalition For *Taharas Hayeshiva*. As Coalition president Jerky Silver put it, "This *apikorsos* move by the so-called leaders of this institution is yet another step to try to drag this university from the sixteenth century into the twentieth. And we'll stop it!" Immediately after his statement, nomadic bands were seen scurrying through the halls, plastering up posters reading, "Don't Knock The Sternlies." It was thus impossible to tell whether they were for the move or against the move.

Dr. Belkin, through his interlocutor, Sham Hartstein, attempted to dispel the rumors circulated by the fanatics that Stern's move was the final break with traditional *halacha*. "Since we at public relations have been picturing YU as a co-ed institution to the incoming freshmen for years, this move will make a clean breast of things."

# Rabbis Meet To Discuss Current Financial Squeeze

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3) usually large bowl of Wheaties for breakfast.

Rav Arnešt rose and asked for a 50% increase. When questioned about his demand, he pointed out that it takes a lot of money to run a country club nowadays. He complained that he couldn't provide a sauna bath and a quiet place to sleep for his students as he had done for the past twenty years.

Rav Hulk interjected that he needed a raise because publishing costs had risen in an inverse proportion to the amount of revenue he was receiving from students to whom he had sent his *sefer*. Twelve *rebbeim* simultaneously asked, "What *sefer*?" at which point Rav Hulk had to be carried out by Rav Messin in the same sorry condition as Rav Paggerman.

### El Dinero

Rav Avigdor Don Tzip then rose and demanded a salary hike because traveling expenses, especially during the school year, had gone up. Rav Dovid Tripshitz quickly replied that he had travelled many times during the school year and had found trav-

elling costs cheaper. He insisted upon a raise for reasons only his beard dresser knows. Rav Nichtenstein replied that Rav Tripshitz dispense with the root cause of the pecuniary problem. Rav Pechter exclaimed, "Yeah, take a shave."

Indignantly Rav Tripshitz threw a left hook at Rav Pechter

Recognizing the controversial nature of the Purim edition, the Governing Board has retained Sidney Shutz as THE COMMENTATOR's lawyer. All suits should be directed to him at 255-5600.

and the meeting broke into a wild melee. As this reporter fled from the scene, Rav Messin was shouting Arabic curse words and Rav Harness was banging on the desk with his shoe and tearing out his hair.

At that very same moment, Rav Israel Pillar was telling ZOY President Peshie Billow that the *rebbeim* were solemnly and seriously discussing the suggestions he had made for improving the *ruach* of the Yeshiva. Believe it!



The Yeshiva clans gather to celebrate their union.

sister, will accompany him to the wedding. Should she be unable to attend, the rabbi's wife, who often substitutes for her sister-in-law as secretary, will take her place at the wedding.

Miss Twersky is the grandniece of the Rav, who will attend the wedding together with his son, Talmud instructor Rav Chaim Soloveitchik, his daughter, Mrs. Tova Lichtenstein of Stern and her husband, Talmud pro-

YC physician Dr. Sar, who will attend together with his sister, Mrs. Zuroff, a secretary at TIW (they are both children of former YC Dean Sar.) Rabbi Zuroff (husband of the secretary) is the supervisor of the four Yeshiva high schools and the principal of BTA.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of THE COMMENTATOR wish the family

YCSC would like to report the misplacement of President Wise. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact his mother.

## Knicks Dealt To YU; Poloner And Pool Go

In a trade which establishes him as a master wheeler and dealer, Doc "Merlin" Hurwitz has swapped the main building gym, Stu Poloner, the Yeshiva College swimming pool, and six tickets to the next intramural basketball contest for the New York Knickerbockers. The team will henceforth perform in the blue and white under the name Washington Heights Mites.

Captain Willis Reed had the following comment about the change: "I'm sure that we can adjust to the extra travelling required by Yeshiva's rotating home court. My major concern is whether or not we can stay with the competition Yeshiva faces. I'm pushing for an easier schedule next year." Bill Bradley had a different problem. "I hope I can stand the sterility of the intellectual atmosphere here," he commented.

Most of the Knicks have attended college but few have earned degrees so the administration plans to consider them as fifth year students. Religious requirements present no problem, Hurwitz maintains, as the Knicks will attend EMC.

There have been some problems, however. Several of the Knicks have had their lives threatened by the head of the Student Coalition. And Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz has complained that he has developed an inferiority complex now that there are people walking around the campus taller than himself.

The big question is what will happen when, at the end of the year, the Knicks "graduate." For this too, Hurwitz has an answer. Says he, "Oh, we'll just trade them off for the Harlem Globetrotters and get our swimming pool back as a bonus."

## Finding It Hard To Get Ahead At Yeshiva?



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## Belkin To Head Off-Track Betting; Goes Off To Prey At Local Track

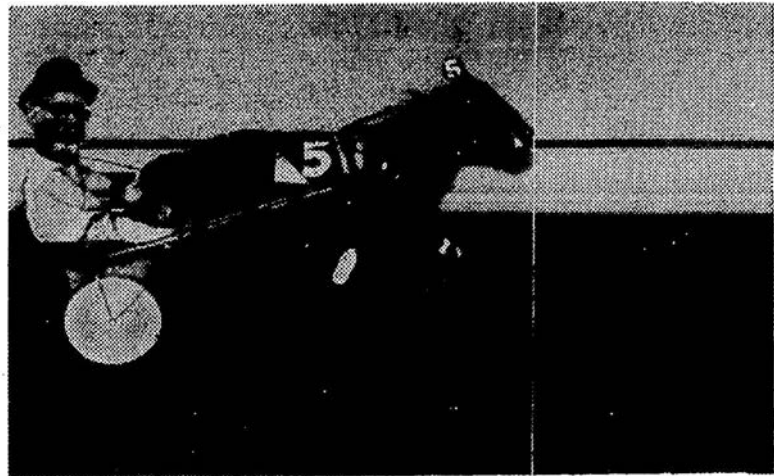
### Sham Leaves To Assist Him

Mayor Lindsay is expected shortly to announce the appointment of YU President Samuel Belkin as head of the new Off Track Betting Corporation. "Sam is the man," said Lindsay, citing Belkin's success as consummate fundraiser and administrator of a thriving educational institution.

When asked his reaction to the appointment, Dr. Belkin was heard to say: "Ich bin verry heppy to run de horses. Dis iz good to be connected wit the horse drack, cause someone told me once that mine institution here, de Yeshiva, is also a lot of drack."

Sham Hartstein, able-bodied sidekick to the President, immediately announced his resignation from YU to join his boss in their new endeavor. "Imagine it," he said, "with the money we make from the betting we can open up graduate betting parlors, then we'll diversify into veterinarian schools, maybe open a horsemen's library. We're rich!"

Belkin, meanwhile, was seen talking feverishly with his chauffeur, Roy, apparently trying to learn as much as possible about horse racing. But later, at Yon-



After publication of his appointment as head of Off Track Betting, Dr. Belkin and his perfectly disguised partner, Sham, surreptitiously leave Yeshiva, where his action had been attacked on halachic grounds. Belkin, the oldest and largest Jewish jockey, demurred: "If dey catch me . . . Sham? . . . Vell, if dey catch me . . . Sham? Sham!!"

kers, Belkin seemed not to have caught on, for when the daily double was announced, Belkin immediately turned to the east and began davening two *shemoneh esrahs*. When told of his mistake, Belkin smiled sheepishly and said, "I thought he said 'daven double'."

At this point, Belkin decided to mingle with the patrons, and so immediately set off for the bar. Over a double martini, two scotches, a rye with ginger ale, and a glass of bicarbonate, Belkin reminisced over his long connection with and sudden departure from Yeshiva. "They was all

so good to me dere, but some grew so fat, like Sheldon Shekel and Isaac Haggel. I needed little people like the jocks here." This reporter interrupted and reminded Belkin that there were plenty of jocks at YU also; Belkin rolled his eyes in confirmation.

Later, returning to Yeshiva, Belkin was greeted with a tumultuous welcome from admiring fans. And privately he exulted to this reporter. "Ectually, dis is only de beginning; soon I'm going to open a dog track. After all, people's always been telling me, 'Yeshiva is good for the dogs.'"

## YU Gets Bundy Money; Drop Rule On Residency

Yeshiva University's long struggle for the sought-after state aid known as the "Bundy money," has finally ended in victory, Dean Isaac Bacon announced recently.

Bacon explained: "As a university which required all its full-time students to attend either Rabbi Isaac Eichanan Theological Seminary, the Erna Michael College, or the James Striar School concurrently with Yeshiva College, we were automatically disqualified as potential recipients of state aid, which according to the Blaine Amendment may not be delegated to a religious institution. However, our new catalogue for the academic year 1971-72 specifically states that a Yeshiva University student is no longer legally required to attend RIETS, EMC, JSS, or YC."

"You see," Bacon continued with a smile, "the Bundy money can only be allotted to students, Jewish or non-Jewish, who 'attend' this university, but the New Meriam-Webster Dictionary (75¢; available at Yale Drugstore, St. Nicholas & 183rd for only 67¢ with student I.D.) defines 'attend' as meaning 'to be present at', which could technically be interpreted as merely residing in the dormitories, since 'attending a university' says no-

thing specifically about being present at its classes."

Asked what, if boys only had to live in dorms to qualify as students, would make the school different from, say, Columbia, Bacon replied, "Well, of course, all our rooms would have *mezuzahs* on every door."

Bacon also explained how the new ruling would affect those students, who preferred to continue their class attendance: "Any student in RIETS or EMC may take no more than 4 credits of Bible concurrently with less than 15 credits of any major subject in YC, excluding Talmud and Jewish History and/or Philosophy as credit towards a degree: If a JSS student wishes to transfer, therefore, at least 12 credits of religious studies (i.e., Talmud, Bible) or Jewish Literature (if a former YC and RIETS student) must remain non-transferable towards a single major in any or all given fields of his EMC studies. However, a student is exempt from this rule if he remains a full-time student pursuing courses only in YC, and who has already reached his senior year by the time the new ruling goes into effect."

The Dean also added that any student who did not comply with the regulations, yet insisted on seeking assistance from the

Bundy money, would be forced to have the word "Yeshiva" in "Yeshiva University" struck from his diploma, thus leaving only the ambiguous title "University" at the top of his degree.

Student reaction to the new policy ranged from total shock to total confusion. Those who more or less understood its implications immediately formed a picket in front of Morgenstern Hall, with signs of protest reading: "We Want Reform — Not Just a Dorm"; "Man Does Not Live By Bed Alone"; "No Rabbi Ever Got S'micha By Staying in Bed"; "Make Rabbis, Not Beds" and "Knowledge of Hospital Corners Will Not Get You Into Einstein."

Student protest later continued to flare when someone pointed out that since living in the dorms was a student's only official claim to being a YU enrollee, this would potentially make Rabbi Joshua Cheifetz the most powerful man in the school. Fighting soon erupted on the roof of Morgenstern, where water-bombs were hurled down on Amsterdam Avenue, while students chanted, "Power to the Pupils!"

Faculty reaction to Dr. Bacon's announcement was as follows: 53% opposed; 38% in favor; 9% Who is Dr. Bacon??

Dr. Belkin could not be reached for comment.