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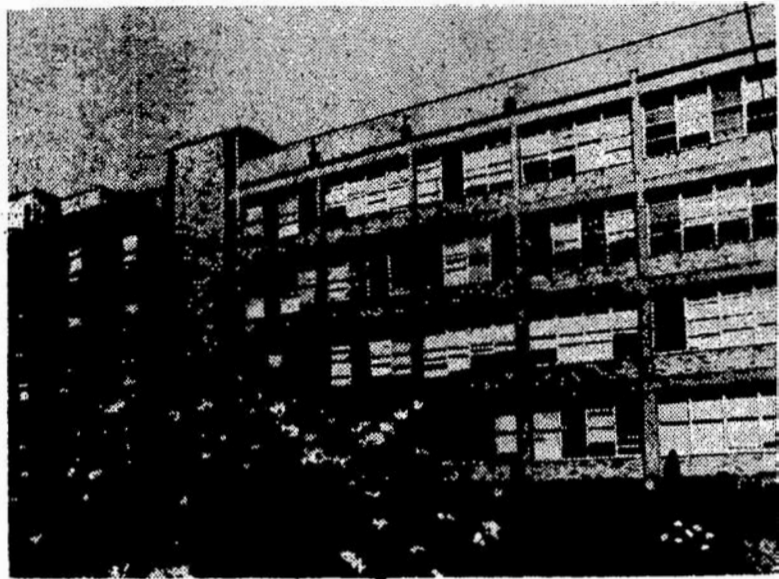
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## Central-Brooklyn H.S. To Close At Year's End



— YUPR  
Yeshiva University facility in Brooklyn: "decreasing the deficit."

Dec. 13 — In an effort to "consolidate educational resources," the Board of Trustees of Yeshiva University High Schools has announced the closing of the Brooklyn High School for Girls. This news came in conjunction with the announcement of the purchase and renovation of a new facility in midtown Manhattan which will serve both the students of the Brooklyn school and those attending the Manhattan High School for Girls. According to Mr. Sam Harstein, Director of the University's Department of Public Relations, the consolidation will "decrease the

deficit and increase the quality of education."

### The New Building

The new facility, which will be occupied as of September 1, 1979, is located at 38th Street and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. The project will be a "\$3 million proposition, roughly, even more . . ." according to Mr. Harstein.

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## Various Issues Are Raised At Student Council Meeting

DECEMBER 6 — At the Yeshiva College Student Council meeting today, a proposal was approved to broadcast the next Council meeting live on WYUR. President Golombek related that he had been approached by members of WYUR regarding this matter, and suggested that the Council allow them to broadcast the meetings. The Council unanimously endorsed Mr. Golombek's recommendation and the measure was approved.

### Lobbying For A Lobby

President Golombek said that he and Secretary-Treasurer Schneier were the guest speakers at the board meeting of the Yeshiva University Women's Organization. The President reported that he and Mr. Schneier had requested the women to subsidize the building of a student lounge in the Morgenstern lobby and to sponsor a shuttle service for Yeshiva and Stern College students between the campuses. It was reported that the ladies were quite amenable to the suggestion and would contact them in the near future on the status of the proposal.

President Golombek explained the present crisis between WYUR and Stern College Student Council. He proposed the appointment of Student Court Justices Cherna and Kurtzer, as well as himself to a mediation board. The council moved to accept Mr. Golombek's proposal on the condition that a Council representative be included on the mediation board. Mr.

Noach Simon, Junior Class Vice President was appointed to represent YCSC.

### Game Room Lounge

Mr. David Nagel, chairman of

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## New Guidance Program Features Faculty Assistance To Freshmen

By LOUIS TUCHMAN

A new guidance program called the Faculty Don program has been instituted in Yeshiva this year to help freshmen in their acclimatization to the YU community. The program involves informal meetings between first-year students and members of the faculty who are specifically assigned to assist these students. There are nineteen faculty members involved and each will be asked to assist eight students.

**Familiarization With University**  
The faculty Dons will help the students by listening to their problems, complaints, aspirations, and questions. In addition, it is hoped that the Dons will serve as "traffic managers" who will tell the students where to go for help that they themselves cannot provide. In a letter from Dr. Paul Connolly, Academic Guidance Counselor, and Dean Daniel Kurtzer, who are directing the program, the Dons have been requested to familiarize themselves with the services offered by the various departments of the Yeshiva. As Dean Kurtzer explained, "If one of the students tells his 'Don' that he needs a loan quickly, the 'Don' should know that

the Alumni Office offers interest-free loans to students of Yeshiva."

Another hope of the participants in the Faculty Don program is that friendship between students and the faculty will grow as a result of the increased contact between the two groups. The organizers of the program purposely allowed for flexibility and informality in the program so that students can approach faculty members who are not their Dons through Dr. Connolly, who is administering the program.

It is hoped that this new inter-relationship between the students and faculty will help eliminate some of the confusion and alienation that some freshmen feel upon entering the University. In the past, students have complained that in their first year they did not know enough about school

## Dean Monrad G. Paulsen Of Cardozo Law Resigns

DEC. 17 — Monrad G. Paulsen, Vice President of Legal Education and Dean of Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva will be leaving YU as of July 1st. President Lamm has accepted Dean Paulsen's letter of resignation "with deep regret," and a Search Committee is being established immediately to find a successor.

Dean Paulsen was chosen in 1975 by the late Dr. Samuel Belkin to take on the task of establishing a law school at Yeshiva University. The Cardozo School of Law has enrolled over 900 stu-

dents since its inception in 1976, and is currently preparing to graduate its first class in June.

### President Lamm Comments

President Lamm has stated: "The entire legal profession, and especially the student body at Cardozo, will feel even more indebted to [Dean Paulsen] as they realize the superior legal education which distinguishes the school."

In his letter of resignation, Dean Paulsen stated: "I came to Yeshiva charged with the task of setting up a law school. . . . The Cardozo School of Law is now firmly established . . . it promises a very bright future."

He also stated to The Commentator: "My resignation is based on totally personal considerations . . . too intimate to go into."

Having left the University of Virginia three years ago, Dean Paulsen will return to his professional chair there. "The years at Yeshiva have been among the happiest of my life. I do, however, look forward to the time when I no longer bear the respon-

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Dean Paulsen: "The years at Yeshiva have been among the happiest of my professional life."

## Dean Karen Bacon Appointed As Acting Dean Of Sciences

DECEMBER 11 — Dr. Norman Lamm announced the appointment of Dr. Karen Bacon as interim University Dean of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, thus filling the vacancy left by Dean David Finkelstein's resignation effective January 1, 1979. Dean Bacon, who will continue in her capacity



— YUPR  
Dean Karen Bacon: "assuming a tremendous burden."

as Dean of SCW, realizes that she is now assuming a tremendous burden but explained that she would not have accepted such a position knowing a priori that she would not be able to execute with efficiency her duties in her new capacity.

Dean Bacon will be assisted with administrative work at Stern by Mrs. Chaya Orlian and in the University deanship by Lenny Brandwein, both of whom, Dr. Bacon feels, are quite competent and will make her task a bit more bearable. Furthermore, she feels that the faculty is concerned and will take an active

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## Submarines Surface At YU Trying To Get More Green

By ARI KLAPHOLZ

There's OPEC, Amtrak, and Tic-Tac. What's HoPaC? Many bewildered students asked themselves that question last week when they noticed dozens of signs in the hallways saying "HoPaC is coming." Well, the mystery has been solved, as many YU stomachs can attest to.

HoPaC stands for the HOAGIE PLANNING COMMITTEE, which last Wednesday night sold over 270 hoagies, or, in a more refined term, submarines, to YU students. Adorned with tomato, pickle, onion, oregano, spice, lettuce, and of course a few slices of haloncy (under cafeteria hashgacha), the hoagie was a sight to be seen. It stood an awesome six inches in length, two inches in width, and two inches in height, and only the toughest of the YU men could handle it.

Initiated by Joel Yaffa, Stuie Wiernerman and the JSS Student Council for Special Events committee, HoPaC was created to

help secure funds for JSS for future activities and extra-curricular events. "Many other colleges run late coffee houses," Stuie Wiernerman said, "so we thought that it was worth the try." At \$1.75 each, over 270 tried it, turning the event into a satisfying success (for both parties involved). The JSS council would like to sponsor other such events in the future, and is hoping for financial support from the Student Council. "We could provide coffee and doughnuts every night for midnight snackers," said Stuie, "but the funds must be available for such an undertaking. It was encouraging to see a healthy response. After all, they do it all for YU."

## Central-Brooklyn H.S. To Close

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In a letter sent to parents of students in the High Schools, the trustees stated that the facility in Brooklyn will be devoted in its entirety to serve the Brooklyn High School for Boys. This will enhance the Torah spirit and environment of the Boys' school and allow it to compete in a changing neighborhood. However, reports that negotiations for the sale of the building to Prospect Park Yeshiva are in progress would not be denied by the principal of Brooklyn High School, Stanley Bronfeld.

In response to reports that the Boys' school would be closed down, Mr. Harstein stated that YU is "committed to maintaining

a High School for boys in Brooklyn." But in the eventuality that the building is sold, "there are other locations, other options." Rabbi Bronfeld commented that he would not object to the selling of the building and that "another facility can be found."

The new, combined girls school will offer a co-op program with Stern College and more elective courses. It is felt that there will be no problem with girls from Brooklyn attending the school in Manhattan. A similar program for the boys with the Manhattan Boy's School appears unfeasible, because, according to Mr. Harstein, "logistically it can't be done."

## Annual YCSC-SCWSC Shabbaton Success; Interesting Discussions Highlight Event

By BARRY TOKAYER

DECEMBER 11 — A hundred Yeshiva College students participated in a Shabbaton at Stern College this past weekend together with 200 students from Stern College.

The theme of the Shabbaton was described by Paul Glasser, Associate Director of Admissions, who said: "Only at Yeshiva could there be a gathering of young men and young women on Shabbat totally involved in a

Torah experience with a program dealing with societal change vis a vis our synthesis philosophy." Addresses by Student Council Presidents Naomi Miller and Zev Golombek were delivered to the students. Featured guests included Dean Daniel Kurtzer of Yeshiva College and Dean Karen Bacon of Stern.

The Friday night presentation revolved around the topic "How Does Society Cope and React to Change?" The panel of speakers included Dean Kurtzer, who dealt with the area of government, Dean Bacon, who spoke on scientific research, Dr. Stephen Bacon in the field of psychology, and Rabbi Asher Reichert, Director of Brookdale Residence Hall, who dealt with change in relation to halacha.

The Shabbat afternoon discussion was better able to involve the students, as the theme was "Life at Yeshiva and Stern — Coping and Reacting to Change." The discussion, scheduled for an hour, lasted over an hour and a half. The comments from the floor continued as both Deans and student leaders Zev Golombek, Naomi Miller, and Ira Tokayer were extremely informative, helpful and sympathetic to student opinion. On Saturday night a movie was shown, and ice cream and refreshments followed.

The reaction to the Shabbaton was extremely positive, as the weekend was well planned and well organized. "Hard work by many people helped make it the successful event that it was," said Zev Golombek. "But the real success was that many people participated in the program and enjoyed themselves."

## Dean Monrad G. Paulsen Of Cardozo Law Resigns

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sibilities and burdens of university administration." Replacement Search Committee A 14-man Search Committee is now being formulated to find a successor for the distinguished Dean. The committee will include Dean Paulsen's colleagues in the administration and the Cardozo faculty, representatives of the University family, as well as members of the legal community. President Lamm has asked Dean Paulsen to serve as the committee's Chairman.

The leaving of the Dean has prompted speculation concerning the possible consequences of the resignation on the newly founded law school. Dr. Michael Hecht, pre-law advisor of Yeshiva College, stated: "He gave us prestige . . . he will be hard to replace."

Positive Attitude

Dean Paulsen, however, stated: "The strength of Yeshiva is that it is not dependent on any one man, and therefore my leaving will not be detrimental to the university." He has also assured President Lamm that he will be available to assist the university

in any way needed in the future.

The Dean was very committed to the students in the undergraduate divisions. Said Dr. Hecht, "At a recent Open House, Dean Paulsen was quoted as saying: 'I am not ashamed to say, as Kingsman Brewster, President at Yale, once said, we give preference to our own.'" The Search Committee, it is hoped, will consider how the new appointee views the relationship between Cardozo School of Law and the rest of the university.

Dean Paulsen expressed his hope that his successor's relations be as well as those between himself and the central administration these past few years. He wrote President Lamm: "Your personal support and cooperation has been a source of great comfort."

President Lamm has taken this opportunity to announce Yeshiva's intention to confer an honorary degree upon the departing Dean at the forthcoming commencement exercises in June "in recognition of the services (Dean Paulsen) has rendered to the legal profession, and to the university in particular."

## Phi Beta Kappa Letter

The following is the long-awaited Phi Beta Kappa letter in its entirety, released by the Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Committee of Yeshiva.

19 July 1978 — I regret to inform you that the Committee on Qualifications of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa has voted not to approve the application of the Phi Beta Kappa members at Yeshiva University for the establishment of a chapter. However disappointing this news may be to you and your colleagues, please be assured that the Committee's decision is not intended to reflect adversely on the overall strength of the University. Clearly Yeshiva has a long tradition of excellent students and distinguished faculty; and the new and dynamic administrative officers are moving with determination to evaluate the total operation of the University and to take whatever steps may be necessary to strengthen it.

The primary concern of the Committee on Qualifications, however, is to evaluate the quality of the programs of liberal studies in an applying institution and the institution's capability, current and prospective, of supporting the programs effectively. In this connection, the Committee noted several problems at Yeshiva University — many of which were identified by the Presidential Planning Commission. The Committee is aware, of course, that in response to the Commission's recommendations, in October 1977, President Lamm announced a major restructuring of the University and the appointment of five new administrators. It is obviously too early, however, to determine the impact of this reorganization on the University and to judge whether it will resolve the problems in question.

One matter of concern to the Committee, as it must be to the University, is the increase in the annual attrition rate (students who left during or at the end of the semester or the year for reasons other than graduation) during the past few years. There is an apparently related decline in the number of graduating seniors: at Yeshiva College from 217 in 1973 to 164 in 1977, and at Stern College from 105 in 1973 to 83 in 1977.

The curriculum is weak in certain areas, notably in foreign languages other than Hebrew — for example, classical languages are offered by only one member of the faculty for both undergraduate colleges; and at Stern one full-time faculty member, assisted from time to time by a part-time faculty member, provides all instruction in French language and literature. As the Presidential Planning Commission has noted, there are conspicuous omissions of standard disciplinary specialties in almost every department. For example, Stern College offers only one course in economics.

The Committee on Qualifications is aware that the Planning Commission proposed that university-wide departments be established. But clearly there are serious problems entailed in integrating the efforts of departments which have hitherto been autonomous and which are moreover separated by the barrier of distance. It remains to be seen how effectively solutions to these problems can be achieved.

As already indicated, the faculty complement in some departments is inadequate for the number of courses which should be offered for a major or indeed a good liberal arts program. Thus the one member of the Classics Department lists five courses in Greek and Latin and a course in ancient history for the current spring semester at Yeshiva College. There is, moreover, an excessive reliance upon part-time adjunct faculty. For example, the University employs two full-time and two part-time faculty members in French, German and Spanish have one full-time and one part-time lecturer each.

Despite substantial increases over a three-year period, faculty salaries in 1976-77 must be judged to be inadequate. In general, the conditions of employment at the undergraduate colleges fall short not so much of an ideal but of an expected standard. Low salaries, chronically understaffed departments, heavy teaching loads, which allow little time for research, inadequate facilities and equipment, offices shared by several faculty members, all have contributed to the low morale of a number of the faculty interviewed by the Phi Beta Kappa visitors. In fairness it must be added, however, that the visitors were greatly impressed by the dedication of many other faculty members in a time of uncertainty over the future direction the University will take.

It is probably unnecessary to dwell on the University's financial problems. The Committee shares the University's concern about the operating deficit and hopes that steps currently being taken, such as phasing out graduate programs at Belfer School of Science, will achieve a more effective utilization of the University's very limited financial resources.

Yeshiva has resources of another kind — major resources of strength in its long tradition of academic excellence, its new and dynamic administrative officers, its faculty, and its student body. Whether these are sufficient to outweigh the deficiencies which the Committee on Qualifications has identified will be determined in time. Meanwhile, it is premature to predict the outcome of the structural changes effected or planned. Consequently, the Committee concludes, with deep regret, that it cannot at this time approve the establishing of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Yeshiva University.

## Response Of PBK Faculty Committee

While the rejection of the application by the Phi Beta Kappa membership to establish a chapter at Yeshiva University was a keen disappointment to students, faculty, and administration, the committee nevertheless recognizes the validity of the Phi Beta Kappa evaluation of our offerings in the humanities, of the academic environment, and of the state of flux in which the university find itself.

While we recognize the particular strengths of the university in its Jewish studies program, we must acknowledge that this area is not the overriding concern of Phi Beta Kappa.

The evaluation by a society committed to excellence in the liberal arts offers an opportunity for students, faculty, and administration to focus collaboratively on deficiencies which must be alleviated and to work towards the enhancement of programs in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. We must prevent any further deterioration in these fundamental disciplines.

# Honors Requirements Raised After Alternatives Rejected

By JEFFREY S. FRIELING

Dec. 7 — Dean Daniel Kurtzer's proposal to change the present system for earning honors at graduation was defeated by the Senate today. The proposal called for honors to be determined by class percentages rather than grade point averages.

The present system requires a grade point average of 3.4 for cum laude, 3.6 for magna cum laude, and 3.8 for summa cum laude. In addition, as of last year, a student must complete a thesis to graduate summa cum laude.

of honors awarded, Senate Chairman Kantowitz noted, would only drop from 52% to 45%. Dr. Levy, in a letter to his fellow senators, suggested that the award of honors be tied to either performance on a test on general requirements or in the student's major. Dr. Kramer pointed out that his proposal was not exclusive of any subsequent actions to tighten up honors requirements.

At the close of the meeting, the motion was voted upon and passed. It will now be sent to the next de facto meeting of the Faculty Assembly.



Chairman Jeffrey Kantowitz and Secretary Morris Silverman presiding over recent Senate meeting.

Last year's graduating class included 52 per cent who received honors with 12 per cent receiving summa cum laude. Statistics from Columbia University show that 15 per cent of its graduating class last year received honors with 5 per cent more receiving each additional level of honors.

The Dean proposed that honors be given to the top 25 per cent of the graduating class regardless of their grade point index. The top five per cent would receive summa cum laude, the next 10 per cent would receive magna cum laude, and the next 10 per cent would receive cum laude.

Dec. 14 — Dr. Doniel Kramer, Alumni Senator, introduced his motion to raise the required index for honors to 3.51 for cum laude, 3.70 for magna cum laude, and 3.85 for summa cum laude. The proposal was passed by a vote of 8-7.

While most senators agreed that honors requirements should be tightened, many felt that this motion would not significantly lower the number of honors awarded. The actual percentage

## Pharmaceutical Microbiologist Lectures Biology Society On Chemotherapy

By ROBERT NIDE

Dec. 6 — The newly formed Biological Society of Yeshiva College today held its first meeting. Its guest speaker was Dr. David Loebenberg, section leader of chemotherapy at the Schering Laboratories who spoke on "Microbiology in the Pharmaceutical Industry — Chemotherapy."

Dr. Loebenberg, the Society's first guest speaker, began by lecturing on the complex process for marketing a drug in the United States.

**Jobs**

He talked about job opportunities for religious Jews in the pharmaceutical industry. Many research facilities operate on Flexi-time, where employers are required to be present only between 9-11 A.M. and 1-4 P.M. each day. The rest of their employment time can be filled any time they want, since the facility is open all day and night seven days a week. Research facilities are forbidden by law to discriminate against Shomer-Shabbat

and therefore must permit such employees to take off on religious holidays.

A college graduate with no experience can start at a salary of \$12,000 a year, whereas a Ph.D. with similar qualifications starts at \$22,000 per year. Dr. Loebenberg also pointed out that a career in research has an advantage over a career in medicine in that the Shomer Shabbat can set his hours to some extent and will not find his job in conflict with his religion.

**Origins And Aims**

The Biological Society was founded by its Co-Chairman Jack Strohm and Anatole Trakhtenbroit under the guidance of faculty ad-

Different Point of View

## In Response

By NORMAN KINEL

In a recent letter to the Editor, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, a member of the faculty of Judaic Studies at Stern College, found fit to label The Commentator issue of November 8th a "Chillul Hashem in the classical sense of the term," and stated that the Editor, and I would assume the Governing Board in addition, "are destined to give an account for the profanation and desecration of the holy name of Yeshiva."

I have read Rabbi Schonfeld's letter numerous times. On my first few readings I found it almost humorous. However, upon closer inspection, it occurred to me how serious the Rabbi must have been to have written such a letter. The charges made are serious ones indeed, and I would like to address myself to some of them.

Rabbi Schonfeld comments on three specific parts of the November 8 issue — the editorial entitled "Restless," the feature called "Behind the Dorm Doors," and a play review in the "Commie

After Dark" section. I will discuss each of these matters.

Rabbi Schonfeld has obviously misread the editorial. In no way did it "justify" anything. What was asserted was that a lack of adequate recreational facilities at Yeshiva is at the root of the problem. Rabbi Schonfeld states that the answer to the problem of releasing pressure and anxieties is "by hearing words of Torah chachmah." Does the Rabbi really feel that this will be accomplished by attending a Torah lecture? Such a lecture may have infinite value; however, I feel that this is an absurd attempt on his part to "justify" the lack of adequate recreational facilities at YU.

Rabbi Schonfeld's second area of complaint is about the views expressed in the "Behind the Dorm Doors" feature. I have read and reread the column and fail to find anything that could possibly have caused "resentment" among the students of Stern College. The question asked

was, "Would you like to see greater participation by Stern women in Yeshiva College functions, and why?" The responses given were mostly in the affirmative, based on the feeling that there is nothing prohibitive of such activities in our faith and that it would lead to a more normal environment. Rabbi Schonfeld states that the women of Stern College are "not willing to become the object of gratification of 'frustrated' students at Yeshiva University." As hard as I've tried, I cannot understand the terms "frustrated" and "gratification" other than having a sexual connotation. The question posed was not one concerning sex, and the responses did not speak of sex, frustration, or gratification. I'm not sure if the Rabbi is criticizing the question or the answer, or perhaps both, but nevertheless I can not understand how easily the issue of participation of women in the College's function could be confused with sexual gratification.

Rabbi Schonfeld's final complaint is with the review of a play. He calls the play "nothing short of disgrace and immorality." Am I to assume that the Rabbi has seen the play and this is how he arrived at that judgment? Or is it simply the name of the play that prompted the response? If the latter, as always read, one can easily see that the play is not deserving of such criticism. But the merits of the play are not at issue; I have not seen it, as of yet. What is at issue is the right to print a review of any play after it has been deemed worthy of review by the responsible editor. This right must be maintained by any legitimate newspaper.

Rabbi Schonfeld is entitled to his views on Commentator. What disturbs me, however, is that someone who invokes both a teaching and Rabbinic responsibility could so quickly condemn, and render such a devastating halachic judgment.

## COLPA Lawyer Discusses Many Problems Of Religious Jewry

By MICHAEL ALEXANDER

DEC. 7 — Mr. Dennis Rapps, Executive Director of the Commission On Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), addressed a group of over thirty students of the Economics Society in the Rubin Shul.

COLPA is an organization formed by a group of lawyers who wanted to help Orthodox Jews in business by representing them in cases where they felt they had been discriminated against because of their religious practices.

In his address, Mr. Rapps mentioned some of the accomplishments of COLPA. When religious Jews were being hired for Federal government jobs they were told their requests to leave early on Fridays and to take Jewish holidays off could not be honored. Even when they prom-

ised to make up for the lost hours, the government claimed that they would then have to pay them for overtime. Mr. Rapps said that it took over a year and a half for a make-up time bill to pass through Congress, adding that, "People just don't understand our needs."

**Early Exam**

Mr. Rapps then mentioned another recent case in which a New York City Civil Service exam for observant Jews was scheduled to be given on Friday, December 1 at 5:30 A.M.! The regular exam was scheduled for 9:30 A.M. Saturday. COLPA asked the city to give it on Sunday or Monday; when the city refused, the case was brought to court. Even before he heard any testimony, the Judge said "it is inconceivable to me that the Mayor could not make the test so that the applicants don't have to get up so

early." The court ruled in COLPA's favor.

In a third and final case, Mr. Rapps mentioned that a new humane slaughter bill was recently proposed. The law would have required the animal to be stunned before it is slaughtered. The Senate Agriculture Committee which proposed the bill, spoke to irreligious Jews who said it met with their approval. Yet, the religious Jews were not contacted.

Mr. Rapps emphasized that the Jewish community has the opportunity through their contacts and resources to protect their interests. Although we have religious Jews with high positions in law firms and other companies, it is not enough. They should not only use their power and contacts politically, but also have a responsibility to use this power to protect religious Jewish interests.



Rabbi Steven Riskin, spiritual leader of Lincoln Square Synagogue, addressing students during Club Hour on Thursday, Dec. 7.

SOY Chanukah Chagiga  
 Wednesday, December 27 at 8 P.M. — F 501  
 Rabbi M. Fulda  
 Followed by: The Stanley Miller Band — in the  
 NEW BEIT HAMEDRASH  
 Refreshments Admission: \$2 with YU-ID  
 YC AND STERN STUDENTS ARE INVITED

# Tay-Sachs, Carried By 1 In 25 Jews, Still Not Understood By Geneticists

By ALAN BRILL

One of every 25 students at Yeshiva is a carrier of a rare genetic disease called Tay-Sachs.

Tay-Sachs is largely restricted to a well defined segment of the population. Ninety-nine per cent of the cases occur in Jewish families of Ashkenazic background. The odds of being a Tay-Sachs disease carrier, for reasons unknown to geneticists, vary from geographical locales. For example, in Maryland, the rate is roughly one in 32, in New York, one in 27, in Toronto, one in 14. The generally accepted figure is one in 25. The Tay-Sachs disease carrier rate is ten times more common in Eastern European Jews than non-Jews.

## The Physical Aspect

Physically, Tay-Sachs involves a buildup of fatty substances known as sphingolipids in the cells and tissues of the afflicted child. As they accumulate in the child's brain, the sphingolipids clog the function of the central nervous system, causing blindness, convulsions, paralysis, idiocy, and inevitably death before the child's seventh birthday.

Several years ago, Professors John O'Brian and Hintow Ohada of the University of California in San Diego discovered the reason sphingolipids accumulate. They found that Tay-Sachs victims lack a vital enzyme called hexosaminidase (HEX A). Tay-Sachs carriers have only half as much HEX A in their blood as non-carriers. This opened a way to a simple blood test for carriers of the disease and for expectant couples who are both carriers of the disease. Ohada's research showed that it was possible to determine whether the unborn child had Tay-Sachs by analyzing fetal cells obtained by

extracting from the mother's abdomen some amniotic fluid that surrounds the fetus in the womb.

## Genetically Speaking

If a child inherits one Tay-Sachs gene, the child is a carrier of Tay-Sachs disease but is otherwise healthy. If a child inherits a pair of Tay-Sachs genes, one from each parent, then the child is fatally afflicted with Tay-Sachs disease. If both parents are carriers, then there is a one in four chance in each pregnancy that a Tay-Sachs child will be born. At each pregnancy of a carrier couple, 50% of the time the child will be born healthy but a carrier. However, 25% of the time the child will receive two normal genes and won't even be a carrier, and 25% of the time the child will have Tay-Sachs disease.

## Prevention Programs

There is no cure for Tay-Sachs disease. However, there are prevention programs centered around simple diagnostic tests to iden-

tify carriers. In fact, the two rabbis serving the small Jewish community of 2500 in Columbia, South Carolina have announced a joint policy of requiring all couples who wish to be married by either of them to take the standard test to determine whether or not the couple are Tay-Sachs carriers.

The Tay-Sachs carrier test is currently available through the New York Chapter of the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association at the following hospitals in the New York City area: Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn, Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan, New York Hospital in Manhattan, New York University Medical Center, also in Manhattan, John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, Long Island, Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in New Hyde Park, and North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset.

# Students Reopen Dombrov Shteibl

By MOISHE ROSENBERG and MAX MANDELBAUM

The situation was grim for the Dombrov Shteibl after this past Succot. Until then, a minyan had been maintained in their building at 566 W. 183rd St., though sometimes with great difficulty; most of the members had long since moved to a different neighborhood. Now, however, it became impossible to keep up the minyan any longer. Soon, the remaining members of the shul drifted over to the "new" Dombrov Shteibl at 712 W. 187th St., leaving their original building and its accompanying Mikveh deserted.

Many people realized what a shame it was for a shul — a mokom kodosh — to go unused and unkept, but only the Chabad Club of Yeshiva College did something about the situation. Working in cooperation with leaders of the Dombrov Congregation, the Chabad Club laid plans to reopen the shul — to once again offer up the sacrifices of prayer in the Mikdash Me'at that is the Dombrov Shteibl.

# Various Issues Are Raised At Student Council Meeting

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) the lounge committee filed a report on the decaying condition of the game room. Mr. Nagel explained that many machines were malfunctioning, and action should be taken immediately. Messrs. Friedman and Newman volunteered to assist Mr. Nagel in a renovation of the game room.

It was announced that Dr. Miller requested to meet with the members of council. A date of Monday, December 8 was agreed upon. It was explained that the meeting afforded Dr. Miller the opportunity to meet with the student representatives and that Council members would be able to voice their concerns in a mutual exchange with Dr. Miller.

Mr. Richard Horowitz, Junior Class Secretary-Treasurer was

Slowly, the foundation was laid, and the dream became a reality. The shul, which had fallen into disrepair, was renovated. The telephone, which had been stolen in a break-in while the building was deserted, was replaced. Two Chabad Club members, who prefer to remain anonymous, went down to the new shteibl one rainy night to retrieve the old Bimah, Amud, and other religious objects. They toiled for hours in the cold and rain to push, pull, and otherwise coax the Bimah up the hill on 187th St. and back to the old shteibl. (When asked about this, one said, "Yes, it's true — but aside from the holes in my shoes, I'm none the worse for the experience.") Volunteers went one morning to get a Sefer Torah from the new shul, another drained and scrubbed the Mikveh, and then, all was ready. On the morning of November 30th, the first day of Rosh Chodesh Kislev, the doors of the shteibl were opened once again. Now, every morning, a minyan meets there to-daven. It is composed mostly of Yeshiva Univer-

# University Services Department Helps Youth On U.S. Campuses

By JOSH BRICKMAN

College campuses in the United States which do not have sizeable Jewish student populations have generally been left out of the national trend of Jewish and Israeli self-consciousness. Few organizations operated on these campuses arousing and encouraging students to get involved in Jewish affairs and encouraging the concept of Aliyah.

Fortunately, such a program which deals directly with college students has been in operation for the past six years. The American Zionist Youth Federation (AZYF) has always had programs dealing with Israeli topics for people on all levels.

Facilities for students on college campuses, however, were woefully insufficient. Therefore, a special department called the University Services Department (U.S.D.) was developed to deal directly with the campuses. Now, the U.S.D. has representatives and contacts situated on close to ninety college campuses across the nation. The college representative may be anyone from a Hillel rabbi to a concerned student. The program is designed to provide information and inspiration in the fields of social, polit-

ical and cultural activities of Israel, as well as organizing summer programs and tours to the Jewish State. A national office comprising assistants and program directors, administrators, secretaries and regional directors across the country is headed by John Medved.

Consider a typical Jewish student at Berkeley University in California. Coming from a weak non-religious background, he barely knows of his Jewish identity. By turning to a U.S.D. representative, he can receive pamphlets on Israeli ideology, join Jewish clubs, and develop a real desire to at least visit Israel, the focal point of his Jewish identity.

Yotav Eliach, an energetic and charismatic individual, is the regional director of U.S.D. for the New York and New Jersey area. Yotav became very active in Israeli affairs while studying at Brooklyn College and was active in organizing the Express Ride to Washington last year that many YU students attended.

He turned down a teaching job at the Hillel School in Lawrence to take on the responsibility of being regional director both for idealistic reasons and to afford himself a good background for government work in Israel.

Part of Yotav's job entails reading five newspapers daily including: The New York Times, the Jerusalem Post, Ma'ariv, Palestine Digest, Events (a Lebanese paper), and also the Middle East Report that he receives directly from Washington. Representatives on the various campuses function under his direction and organize clubs and cultural events based on Jewish identity and Israel. Joel Salzman (M814) is the U.S.D. representative here at YU. Many diverse colleges as Berkeley, U.C.L.A., Stonybrook, Rutgers, N.Y.U., and Princeton are all involved in the U.S.D. program; students on these campuses can easily find their campus representative.

sity students, but some Ba'alei-Batim occasionally come, too. One of these is Mr. Moshe Lerner, a man who always davened at the shteibl before it moved, and when it did, couldn't bear to see the old building go to waste. Though he usually davens now at the new address, it was largely through his efforts that the minyan continued at 183rd St. It was Mr. Lerner who called together the Chabad Club one day and showed them how to care for the Mikveh, and he who subsequently presented them with the keys to the building.

# Game Room In Furst Hall Is An Overlooked Facility

By LOUIS SHICKER

Everyone says that Yeshiva College does not offer its students enough facilities in which to relax and release some of their frustrations. But could it be that they have overlooked one of the most relaxing places at the Yeshiva? This place is located in the basement of Furst Hall. No, it is not the biology labs (even though some of us may think of these labs as the most relaxing); it is the student lounge, commonly known as the game room.

## Sights, Sounds and Smells

When one enters the room three of his senses — sight, sound, and smell — are immediately stimulated. The bells and bright lights emanating from the fourteen pinball machines, ten of which might be working at any one time, leave one's ears ringing and eyes twirling. One's nose may very well be filled with odors similar to formaldehyde-filled cats escaping from the adjacent biology lab.

Once inside, the student can find many ways to enjoy himself. He can play the pinball machines, the chief attraction to many in the room, and as long as he keeps his eyes on the ball and off the pictures on the machines, he may win an extra ball

or even a free game. But before he can play, he must overcome the problem of getting change. Well that shouldn't be too difficult: he can just change a dollar bill in the change machine. On second thought he better bring his own change; machines are so unreliable.

## Pool Sharks Galore

Another favorite pastime is pool hustling. This is one area in which Yeshiva security men excel. The game room also features a few target practice machines and an air hockey game.

One can clearly see that the game room is fully equipped to cater to a student body of approximately one thousand students (YC and MTA). It therefore serves its purpose by being a place to hang out and relax, especially during those boring classes. So after a rough day at school, take advantage of the school's facilities and become a content and unfrustrated Yeshiva boy. One slight hitch: the game room closes at seven in the evening. Well, back to frustration.

# Dean Bacon

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) role in revitalizing the Natural Sciences departments at Yeshiva.

## Upcoming Priorities

The most pressing current issues perceived by Dr. Bacon are getting through registration, dealing with curricular problems such as the elimination of "not well thought of" courses, and compiling a schedule for next fall. She feels that some of the departments' problems can be rectified by faculty members meeting to discuss the goals and needs of the departments. Furthermore, Dr. Bacon feels that personality problems within certain departments are only exacerbated when there is no direction and goals are unclear.

As Dr. Bacon assumes her new role, a search committee is in the process of being formed. The committee will be composed of a YC and SCW student selected by Dr. Lamm from recommendations by the Presidents of the respective student councils, two alumni, one non-science professor, one AECOM faculty member and an additional five or six members yet to be determined. The committee, once formed, will attempt to find a replacement for Dr. Finkelstein in time for next fall. Dr. Bacon, who seemed enthusiastic about her new appointment, realizes that the students have a great stake in their education and therefore expressed her intention to respond to the students, and work together with them.

# COMMENTATOR OP-ED

## The New American Way?

By STUART VERSTANDIG and LENNY GUTTMAN

Lately there has been an upsurge of neo-Nazi activity in America. Due to liberal interpretations of the First Amendment guarantees of free speech, neo-Nazis have been given a free hand to preach their gospel of hate to the dissatisfied American masses. Recent examples include the US Supreme Court decision allowing the distinguished American Nazi Party to march in Skokie, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago which is heavily populated with Jewish survivors of the Nazi Holocaust. What can we as Americans and Jews do to stop this menace in its embryonic stage? What can we do to educate the masses on the Nazi threat? What can we do to inform our fellow minorities such as the Afro-Americans, and other "inferior races" of the mortal threat aimed at their throats?

Well, we can start by organizing communal and school functions which would open the eyes of people to the sword which is aimed at their and their offsprings' hearts. Many Americans feel that the "fascist" Nazi threat is one of yesteryear and that Nazism as a world force was burnt with the rest of Germany at the conclusion of the Second World War. But, alas, they are mistaken. Didn't they read about Nazi war criminals who have



found safe sanctuaries in South America, Arab lands, or even in the fortress of democracy, our dear USA? Don't they read about synagogues being vandalized with a swastika left as a memento? Don't they realize that bigotry is not new among the dissatisfied American masses? After all, the Ku Klux Klan wasn't exactly an organization that preached brotherly love!

Traditionally, during a period of economic uncertainty radical groups emerge to take hold among the most insecure segments of the population. Scapegoats are found — usually visible minorities. In Germany it was the Jews. In the American South it

was the Negro. Now in America will it be the Jewish American?

The International Committee Against Nazism, which now has a chapter at YU, has been founded with the goal of punishing old Nazi war criminals and avoiding the creation of new ones.

Let us not remain silent at this crucial juncture. We must voice our protest now loudly and clearly in order for us to avoid another repetition of history.

## Intellectual Suppression

By IRA SLOWOWITZ

We often brag of the percentage of our graduates accepted to law and medical schools. On the surface, we look at this as a great accomplishment by the university and the students involved. We have always been taught that doctors and lawyers are on the "top of the ladder." They are the apex of the intellectual community. Yet, when we look around us, we see that it is the writers, historians, philosophers; and political scientists that are the intellectuals of the world.

The goal of the intellectual is to acquire the ability to give over what has been received. Therefore, the philosophy is that a student's grade does not mean as much to him as the material he has gained from the course. A false "A" will not help him in the future.

Solving the problem of the lack of intellectualism in the university can be solved by some major changes in and by the administration. The change of attitude in the administration will eventually make its way down to the stu-

dent body.

The elimination of "pre-med" as a legitimate major should be a first step. The pre-med leaves YU touching a few subjects, none of them in depth, thereby leaving without an intellectual sense of accomplishment. Even in the sciences, he does not delve into them, as would a major in a specific social or natural science.

Medical school is the place in which the future doctor will attain knowledge in a specific area of study. The study of the biological and chemical sciences is what is offered. Upon entering med-school the student loses his choice of widening his intellectual outlook on life. A doctor is a person who not only has to deal with the medical aspect of the human being, but also with the human side. The doctor must be able to relate to all types of people. Knowledge in a wide range of topics gives the patient a sense of confidence in the doctor, and a sense of security for himself.

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## Demanding Respect

By JAY BERNSTEIN

The administration of Yeshiva University purports to be one that cares about its student body. Few students now attending Yeshiva can forget the plethora of freshman - orientation speeches which painted a picture of an administration with the best interests of the students at heart. However, the two quotes from Yeshiva administrators which have appeared in local publications cast serious doubt on the credibility of this image. On November 26, 1978, the Sunday Daily News carried an article on the fiftieth anniversary of Yeshiva College. In it appears the following passage:

As for fear and crime in Washington Heights, Lamm believes it is being greatly exaggerated. He added jokingly, "25 years ago we were beaten up by the church kids, now we are beaten up by the Puerto Rican kids."

It is extremely difficult to understand the point of President Lamm's comment. First, does the fact that only the ethnicity of the muggers has changed means that crime is not a real problem? Second, if this comment was meant to be amusing, those who were victims of the crime wave of last year would certainly not join our President in laughter. Although President Lamm correctly did not overestimate the extent of crime

in the area, one must wonder how in touch he is with reality when a serious issue is shrugged off with a witty comment.

More disturbing was the quote attributed to Rabbi Miller which appeared in The Commentator's November 8th issue this year. Responding to student complaints over high prices in the cafeteria, he said, "If students can afford to take dates to Lou G. Siegel's then there is no need for across-the-board reductions subsidized by the school." This may come as a surprise to Rabbi Miller, but I think it is safe to say that most Yeshiva students do not regularly treat their dates to lavish dinners. Rabbi Miller's remark is a slap in the face to the entire student body, an insult to individuals voicing a valid complaint. Whether cafeteria prices should or should not be reduced is not the issue that I am dealing with; the point is Rabbi Miller's sarcasm belies an administrative attitude which assesses student proposals as unworthy of serious analysis. Rabbi Miller owes the students of Yeshiva College an apology; the same apology which he would expect to be his due if students were to say, "If the administration can afford a limousine, then there is no need for higher tuition."

To expect respect from others, (Continued on Page 9, Col. 5)

## Taken For A Ride

By IRA HERMAN

Sitting on the downtown platform, waiting for the "A," four uptown trains pass me by, and I wonder if perhaps I am the one going in the wrong direction. Finally a noisy old train rumbles to a halt in front of me — at least I perceive it as such. The doors slide open, and I decide to take the risk. I hurry aboard and the doors slam shut behind me.

It is not a rush hour train, and people are unable to fall asleep while standing erect, without the sardine effect that rush hour is famous for. There is a sense of atomism, and after taking my seat, I notice each lonely individual surrounded by his or her own fortress of solitude. We all sit there eyes wandering aimlessly, yet surreptitiously focusing on one another. There is an almost unbearable thickness in the air which fills the car with anxiety and fear. I do not dare start a conversation with my neighbor.

The train, with all aboard, rushes through the darkened tunnel, the blackness broken only by random flashes of red, yellow and green. Suddenly, the shimmering reflection of a train twenty cars long passes us by. The people on board stare blankly into space. I suspect that they do not know what they are doing, nor do they care. A certain lethargy seems to control their dinosaur-like movements. Their extinction seems rather imminent. Just then their train passes out of view, and their darkness is restored to its former state.

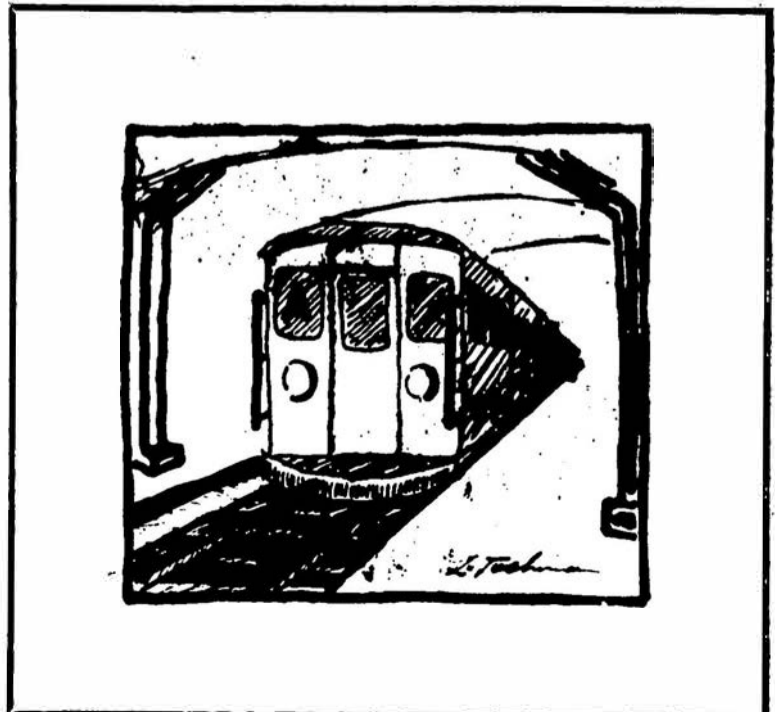
Suddenly, there is a flickering of lights and the hissing of brakes. Complete silence is upon

us. I catch snatches of a conversation occurring to my right. One fellow is saying that he has a bottle of wine in the freezer and a joint stashed somewhere. His friend answers him that he has a cold bottle of beer.

After sitting in complete silence for forty minutes, I assume that the city has finally gone bankrupt! I ask myself — Art Buchwald where are you when I need you? But alas, nothing so heinous has transpired. The lights flash on with a sudden brightness, and the train lurches into motion. Moments later we are again travelling along at a breakneck pace. I really do not know if anyone on board is actually in such a hurry. I for one would certainly prefer to

continue on at a more relaxed and thoughtful pace.

The train pulls into a station, and gradually slows to a halt. The sign designating the street location is obscured from view by an overly large individual. He is certainly more confused than I. He moves painfully across the platform onto the train. As the doors slam shut he trips over some unseen object. He stares up at me, and does not know quite what to say. At the next station we both disembark, and I stride purposefully towards the exit. Unfortunately, the last time I saw my sorry friend he was seated on an uptown "AA" marked "out of service." I then realized how lucky I really am to be going somewhere.



## Reflective

The rejection of Yeshiva College by the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society has left Yeshiva more cognizant of its deficiencies. The evaluation submitted by Phi Beta Kappa served to elucidate areas of concern and points where improvement is necessary.

It is true that at this point in time we do not measure up to their standards. However, the negative response by Phi Beta Kappa is not indicative of the overall quality of education at Yeshiva. To judge our institution solely according to the criterion of Phi Beta Kappa is to overlook the unique academic reality which exists at YC, for the scholastic value of Yeshiva extends far beyond the scope of course offerings and faculty salaries.

Our double program, and total amount of hours engaged in academic pursuit cannot be matched by any other institution. Learning is the keystone of our heritage and the cornerstone upon which Yeshiva is based. Yet our Judaic curriculum was not evaluated by the visitors from Phi Beta Kappa. We are a university where a conscious attempt is made to imbue the total education with an ethical orientation. This qualitative difference, however, cannot be measured tangibly, and therefore, could not but be overlooked by a society who are to judge merely the breadth of our liberal arts education.

It is quite true that YC is lacking in certain areas. We are far from perfect. To pretend to be otherwise is to be self-deceptive and ultimately, destructive. Yet, to focus solely on our problems while not realizing our strengths is to be equally destructive. For the fundamental strengths of Yeshiva extend far beyond the narrowly defined realm of liberal arts as demarcated by Phi Beta Kappa.

## Tense

In recent years, Yeshiva University has seen a steady deterioration in faculty-administration relations. Conflicts over issues such as unionization, tenure, retirement, and salary have led to the demoralization of the faculty and polarization of the parties involved. The unanimous faculty resolution censuring the firing of five tenured faculty members has served to accentuate this growing problem.

Regretably, faculty-administration tensions have begun to affect the quality of education at YC. When faculty are anxious about their jobs and working conditions, their performance in the classroom will inevitably suffer. This dissatisfaction has reached the point where it manifests itself in the form of faculty airing their grievances in the classroom. This practice takes away from valuable class time and unfairly involves students in the conflict.

It is time for all energies to be redirected to the reestablishment of a healthy working atmosphere. Without an immediate amelioration of the present volatile situation, the University will be unable to attract new faculty and the quality of education will continue to suffer. Only an open dialogue and a sincere effort by representatives of the administration and the faculty will rid our University of this chronic ailment.

## Advised

A promising innovation has recently emerged at Yeshiva College. Entitled the "Freshman Don Program," it is designed to aid freshmen by providing them with guidance in the form of a faculty advisor.

This new idea is encouraging and we

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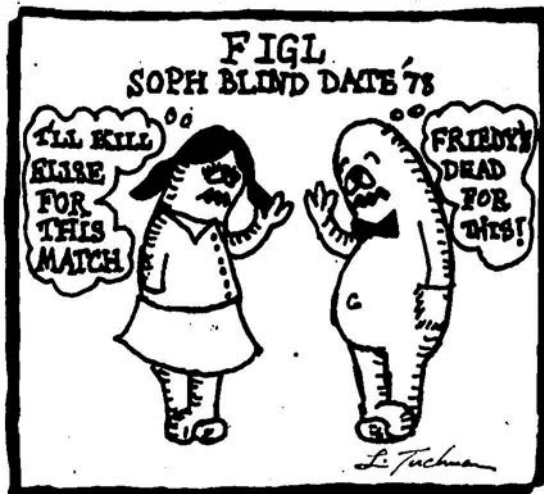
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salute the faculty members who so eagerly volunteered to participate in this necessary service. Too many freshmen form a negative impression of YU early in their first term simply due to confusion and disorientation which, with proper advice, could easily be alleviated.

The faculty has taken a commendable first step in initiating this program. It is now up to the student to ensure its success.

### MASMID NEWS

Seniors can pick up yearbook ad blanks during club hour on Thursday, Dec. 21, or Dec. 28, in the Furst Hall lobby.

If anyone wants to contribute an article to the literature section of the book, bring it to Ariel Fischer, M 318, or Bumy Kaisman, M 226.

If anyone wishes to make a change on their activities card, see Steve Cohen, M 225.

\$25.00 in ad money is due by Thursday, Feb. 15, 1979.

Please mail your proofs back to the photographer promptly.

### From the Editor's Desk

## In Defense Of Criticism

By IRA TOKAYER



A letter received by The Commentator and printed on our last issue polemically stated: "Altogether your issue of Nov. 8 was a chilul Hashem in the classical sense of the term and you are destined to account for the profanation and desecration of the holy name of Yeshiva."

This paragraph has consciously been taken out of context. To respond specifically to all the points in the letter would get us nowhere, for when we engage in argumentative discourse we must be careful to discriminate between controversies which are emotive and therefore semantic in nature, and those which are not. I quote the letter to bring up a different issue. I would like to relate to the very obvious equation of chilul Hashem with chilul shem Yeshiva University.

This parallelism represents an attitude which is quite dangerous. It is reflective of an all too prevalent view that any attempt at being critical of aspects of the university or policies of its caretakers is by the same token a pyrrhonic unholy war against the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and should therefore be categorically and unconditionally stifled.

But, the claim goes, Yeshiva has so many figurative crosses to bear as it represents modern orthodoxy in America; why saddle this already fully laden beast with additional burdens in the form of what has been perceived as an insensitive, overly evaluative undergraduate newspaper?

Yet, it is precisely this attitude which is self-defeating, which will encourage stagnation, and which will condemn us to the complacency which I've defined in a previous column as the curse of mediocrity. Once an institution becomes synonymous with the Deity, analytic evaluation becomes heretical, and those involved in constructive criticism are relegated to the status of apostates. Can a university hope to grow with such dogmatic assumptions about itself?

Prerequisite for any institution's continued growth is the courage to first realize, then combat its problems. I call it courage for good reason: it is not easy to admit to one's own deficiencies. Our natural defense mechanisms cry out against such unkind self-awareness. In order to live comfortably, one must learn to play down his weaknesses and attempt to hide his deficiencies. A university, however, is blessed with a newspaper whose obligation it is to awaken it from its slumbering complacency. Only through this realization will self-betterment be instigated.

When we air the uncomfortable it is because this is the initial step towards dealing with the problematic and eventually overcoming it. We are critical because we regard it as our obligation to Yeshiva, as its newspaper, to identify the issues and to pressure the university into finding its solution. This attitude is borne not out of negativism, as has been crudely suggested, but rather out of, perhaps unjustified, optimism. Cynicism has been perceived as the tool of the idealist; he condemns because of his uncompromised vision of a better reality. The sky becomes his limit and anything less his failure. If we did not believe that YU could be bettered we would not bother screaming into the wind. We are motivated by the vision of the heights to which we believe YU can climb.

As a newspaper, we are compelled to categorically combat this self-destructive image of YU as some form of Deity, not to be questioned or evaluated. YU has come too far to be stopped now by self-proclaimed pragmatists who are satisfied with a pittance of what they deserve. Out of love, not contempt, we will continue to strive, in our limited capacity, for YU's ultimate attainment of its unique form of excellence.

The Commentator is pleased to announce that the winner of the Commentator Short Story Contest is Saul R. Stromer. He will receive 2 tickets to a Broadway play, and more importantly, his story received top billing on page 8 of a very prestigious newspaper. 2nd prize went to Mitchell Feld. We take this opportunity to thank all those who submitted entries.

## GUIDANCE NOTES

The Floating Hospital in New York City is now accepting applications for summer employment. Act immediately: call (212) 685-0193 for information and applications. Opportunities in dental and medical clinics, as well as social service.

Psychology majors: the Guidance Center now has available a copy of Graduate Study in Psychology for 1979-80: information on graduate education in psychology, programs of study, requirements for admission, financial assistance. Must be used in Guidance Center.

Brookhaven National Laboratory will this coming summer employ students who have completed their Junior year with a B average or better. Salary: \$125/week. Deadline: January 31, 1979. Address for applications and information in Guidance Center, Dr. Conolly.

The Newspaper Fund has just published a booklet, "Newspaper Internships for College Students." One copy is available for use in Guidance Center. For your own free copy, write: The Newspaper Fund, P.O. Box 300, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

## A View From The Hills



By DAVID CHERNA

Four years in the uptown campus of Yeshiva College (the rolling hills of Washington Heights) gives one much to think about. It's hard to confine the conflicting thoughts and emotions of a graduating senior; nevertheless I would feel remiss if I neglected to mention my disapproval of the faculty veto of Senate resolutions.

The Senate is a body consisting of representatives of students, faculty, and the administration. Before one of their resolutions can go into effect it must be voted on by the faculty assembly and then approved by the President. One might say that the faculty is a better judge of academic standards than the Senate and therefore must have the power to veto Senate resolutions they deem to be harmful. But how can we put the faculty in a position in which they must vote on an issue which could affect their jobs? An example of this is the issue of Yiddish fulfilling the language requirement. If Yiddish was approved, it is fair to assume that the majority of students would fulfill the language requirement with Yiddish, decreasing the number of students in other lan-

guage classes and perhaps even forcing the termination of one or two of these courses. I am not saying this to question the motives of the faculty but rather to point out a possible conflict of interest. One way to alleviate this problem might be for the faculty assembly to vote on Senate proposals for the purpose of giving their consensus of an issue to Dr. Lamm which he can take into consideration when he decides the issue. In this way, the faculty will be heard and the Senate will be more effective.

Although this is one example of various problems at Yeshiva College I will always look at it from a different perspective. YU is a place where you can walk in knowing very little about Judaism, know few students, and know nothing of what you want to do with your life, yet leave with a great deal more knowledge about Judaism, with friendships that will endure a lifetime, with direction in life (maybe), and with experiences worth remembering. We have Rebbeim and professors; some very good some not so good, but all of them care about the students. Remember, (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4)

## The Silent Majority Speaks

By ORIE SHAPIRO

As I slept one afternoon during a stimulating Interscience Physics course, a thought dawned upon me that took me totally by surprise. I was in fact on the verge of accomplishing a major feat that I had deemed virtually impossible just three short years ago — graduation from the hallowed halls of Yeshiva. The school is the "oldest and largest educational institution under Jewish auspices in America." Actually, I am not an expert on such trivial tidbits but I could not help learn this precious gem, when confronted by the monstrous public relations propaganda machine that probably employs more people than half the faculty.

Rather than listen as the esteemed lecturer spoke of the Maikovski Diagram, I chose instead to take stock of my years in Yeshiva. It was supposed to be a period in which revolutionary changes were to occur, sparked by a new President and team of deans. Yet, as Parmenites once said, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

I recalled how in my first days in the school, I suffered from tinges of nostalgia, dreaming that I could return to my Yeshiva

in Israel and look out over the hills of Judea and view the harvest of next year's crop rather than stay in the Heights of Washington and smell last year's garbage strewn on the streets of our decaying slum. I remembered how I studied Talmud the previous year with great fervor and zeal, yet now I was grubbing in an Art course featuring a unique cross-section of Madonnas. I pondered this transition and rationalized, "What the heck, it's all in the name of synthesis!"

In my first days I set upon a search for appropriate extra-curricular activities. When I saw signs advertising Daf Yomi, I was greatly impressed. How could students with a full double program learn a daf of Talmud a day in their free time? I wondered. But I figured if they could, so could I. When answering the ad, I was asked whether I possessed specific skills. I replied modestly that I could make a leining. Thus the following week my name appeared in some public notice offering my services as a Ba'al Koreh. Only then I realized that our version of Daf Yomi has as much to do with a daf of Talmud at it does with being a daily

(Yomi). I continued my search and came upon a sign featuring masmid. Thinking naively that it was a learning club, I ignored my earlier error and proceeded to respond. At the room, I was greeted by a bareheaded basketball player wearing nothing but gym shorts on a freezing December evening. I apologized meekly for disturbing the guy and said that I thought it was the headquarters for Masmidim. Neither he nor I understood the gaff at that time; but it caused me to become perplexed and I figured that my days at Yeshiva were numbered.

As the years progressed, I learned other unique aspects of the school. For example, the institution greatly resembles Red China; even if you read the wall posters you never know what's going on. I was forced to wage battle with bureaucracies ranging from the seldom magnanimous Office of Student Finances to the seldom present Director of RIETS.

However, I succeeded in adjusting during my years at Yeshiva, where I enjoyed the unique pleasure of learning by the greatest Talmudic sage in the world, (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

## Undignified

To the Editor,

In regard to your article "Cheerleaders" (December 6) we'd like to express our disgust. It's hard to decide whether it's more insulting to the Stern women, to the editor of The Commentator, or to the student body of YC for permitting such an article to be written, let alone published. It is indeed a pity that the author possesses such a low regard for religious women. We'd like to remind you that SCW is a Torah institution, and we expect the same *derech erez* accorded any student of Torah. SCW was not created to be the victim of YC students' frustrations, but was created to add to the dignity and the pride of the Jewish community. If the author feels a need to degrade Jewish women, then we question his identity as a Torah Jew. We hope that in the future, The Commentator will be more selective of its articles, and accord Stern women the respect they deserve.

Sincerely yours,  
Toby Rosenzweig  
Debbie Schondorf  
SCW '78 '79

EDITOR'S REPLY: I'm sorry that you've projected disrespect and contempt for Jewish women into the author's column. Any attempt at satire, I'm afraid, can be misconstrued by those who are overly defensive. I apologize if you feel exploited. However, we should learn to discern humor and learn to appreciate it, for humor is invaluable in that it reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously. As for the disrespect you perceive, perhaps you should reflect upon the remarks of Carlyle on humor, who said "it is not contempt, its essence is love."

## Unequitable

To The Editor:

I have three points to make re-

garding Naomi Miller's letter to The Commentator on Dec. 6. She claimed, "the allocation by SCWSC to WYUR has nothing to do with political consideration." A Council determines their budget by carefully considering their priorities and allocating funds on this basis. One must be terribly ignorant to believe that "political considerations" do not influence the selection of priorities. I realize that Stern's student council has a lack of funds, but due to the unfortunate circumstances, WYUR has not received equitable consideration in the allocation process.

Even with the understanding of their limited budget, the allocation process seems questionable. For example, according to Ms. Miller's statement, the Observer is budgeted \$8400. At a cost of \$600 an issue or \$75 a page, they have only spent \$1800 on three issues this semester. With three weeks left in this semester, and probably one more issue to be printed, they will entail costs of \$2400 for the semester and therefore, a projected \$4800 for the year. To the outside observer, (no pun intended), there seems to be an excess of \$3600.

Finally, I would like to point out that if WYUR does not receive an additional \$600 from SCWSC by Jan. 1, 1979, we will be forced to cut off the tie-lines to Stern College. I have one question: Can anyone justify the printing of an additional issue of the Observer at the expense of closing down WYUR for a full semester?

Joel Mael  
Business Manager, WYUR

## Progress?

To The Editor:

Change. Change is essential for progress. Progress is good, or is

it? Progress is good only if the price of progress is not greater than the gain. When the disadvantages of change outweigh the advantages, is change wise?

We are referring to the Biology Department at Yeshiva College. For many years the Biology department has been the best-run science department at Yeshiva. Now, however, it is in turmoil. As part of the new administration's ongoing "rejuvenation" program, it has blundered again. The Chemistry department is being dismantled with Mrs. Dobkin, Dr. Blackman, and Dr. Levy as the only instructors (and Dr. Blackman might not be teaching here today were it not for the student outcry provoked by his forced retirement). In the Math department, Dr. Lisman was retired and Dr. Ginsberg no longer teaches first year Calculus. The dissatisfaction with the Interscience course is well known. Now it is time for the hierarchy to wreck the Biology department.

Any student who has taken any Biology course at Yeshiva through the years knows Ms. Angela Shen. She has been a fixture of the department for eleven years, teaching, doing research, organizing laboratories, and even cleaning the labs. She does things in lab which would seem to be "work-study" level, yet she does them out of her complete devotion to her students.

This year, a vacancy arose in the department and Dr. Norman Gabelman was appointed by the administration as instructor of Genetics and one General Biology section, as well as head of the Biology laboratories. The labs are in chaos, with labs not prepared in advance and with a "revolving staff." In plain English — they lack responsible supervision.

In past years, Ms. Shen per-

sonally supervised all of the labs with loving care, even though many of these duties lay outside her employment requirements. But alas, the administration has opted for the Ph.D. over the devoted technician. The General Biology labs run by Dr. Gabelman are a shambles, while the Microbiology lab, led by Dr. Tendler with the aid of Ms. Shen, is as sound as ever.

The administration is letting Ms. Shen leave because it is more impressive to add a Ph.D. to its teaching staff than to keep a proven and competent woman whose only fault is not having a Ph.D. Ms. Shen is leaving Yeshiva and we will be losing a mentor and a friend, and the department will never be the same.

Jack Stroh  
Anatole Trakhtenbroit  
YC '80

## Insensitive

To the Editor:

In February, at Madison Square Garden, while the Soviet National Hockey Team faces off against the N.H.L. All-Stars there will be two groups of concerned Jews, many of them YU students, holding two demonstrations, one inside the Garden and one in the street. They will be protesting the spectacle of North Americans engaging the Russians in a friendly hockey match, in a warm and beautiful arena, while back in the Soviet Union three million Jews are being persecuted, suffering a cultural death and forced assimilation in the world's largest concentration camp. At the same time there will be a third group of YU students who under the sponsorship of Club Canada of Yeshiva College will be inside the Garden, not to protest, rather to enjoy a fun

evening out watching their favorite Canadian hockey stars playing ice hockey with the Russians.

The presence at this hockey game of at last count fifty YU students, supporting the fostering of cultural ties between the Soviet Union and the U.S. while Jews are denied this right to their own culture strikes me as the height of callousness and insensitivities to the plight of Soviet Jews. That the Student Council of Yeshiva College has lent a hand in this matter by lending Club Canada \$300 for the purchase of these tickets is even more reprehensible.

Arguing that politics must be divorced from sports will no longer do, as most thinking people have now come to the understanding that it was a grave and tragic mistake for the U.S. to participate in the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Americans and Westerners went to Berlin and applauded the spectacular show put on by the Third Reich, while at the very same time Hitler was planning the final solution for the Jews of Europe.

Russians imprison Jews, Russians torture Jews, Russians deny Jews the basic human rights deserved by all people. Yet in spite of this, a substantial group of YU students (when was the last time fifty students attended a demonstration on a school night on behalf of Soviet Jewry?) will be attending the Soviet hockey game, and by their presence they will be saying that they are really not bothered by the sad situation of the Jews behind the iron curtain, that there is nothing wrong in their playing a friendly game of hockey with the representatives of a government carrying on a cultural genocide against the Jewish people.

YU students should understand that by attending Russian cultural events in the U.S., which, like Hitler's Olympic games, are (Continued on Page 10, Col. 9)

# LETTERS

# Grandmothers, Cranberry Pickers, Ministers' Dogs & Art

By SAUL R. STROMER

My thoughts, as I leave my grandmother's funeral, like those of any mourner's, are of life, death and the deceased.

"Granny" (my own special name for her, my sister Becky always called her "Oma Edna") had a special spot in her heart for me — I was her first grandchild and I was named for her father. She and my grandfather always showered me with love and gave me a zest for life. There'd be nothing more enjoyable, for them and me, than to be drinking Granny's hot cocoa and eating her warm corn muffins on a cold winter's night in February while listening to Grandpa Zeke's tales. Both of them are gone now and my memories will have to sustain me.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Granny's house sticks in my mind as firmly as the pumpkin pie we always had for dessert stuck to my ribs. The mere thought of Thanksgiving brings back memories of family gatherings, warm kitchens, and dining tables laden with delicious and sweet smelling delicacies.

As far back as I can remember Thanksgiving Day was always sunny, happy and hectic. Hectic because my mother was always fearful we wouldn't arrive at Granny's on time and so was always rushing one of us, first me, then Becky, and finally Daddy. Of course, my part in my mother's anxiety was rather large, what with my annoying of the minister's dog Phineas (by seemingly petting him, but actually pulling his ears or stepping on his tail), and my throwing acorns at our neighbor's daughter while she was picking cranberries in their backyard. (The dog died eventually — hopefully not because of me although the Reverend wasn't entirely convinced of that — and I wound up marrying the cranberry picker.)

Getting me dressed in my Sunday suit was relatively simple compared to my firm disagreement with having my hair look like an oil slick by adding a generous, or as my mother would put it, a "handsome" amount of my father's "pomade." To my chagrin, my father

intervened and the argument was settled — on went the pomade.

Becky spent an hour washing and dressing and I could swear, for the rest of the afternoon arranging three ribbons in her hair. Although her hair was geared for only one or maybe two ribbons she toiled with three to satisfy Oma Edna. You see, Oma was a superstitious woman and she believed that three ribbons (symbolizing the trinity) would ward off gray hair. I never understood her superstitions but most of the family — except for Papa — did.

Despite all the hustle and bustle, by four o'clock Mama, Papa, Becky and I would pile into our "Cord Sportsman 812" and start out for Granny's house. During the short ride I managed to pull Becky's ribbons, complain about my slicked down hair and dream about the feast ahead. As we pulled up to the house Grandpa came out to greet us somewhat bleary eyed because of his early awakening to slaughter the turkey. For the first time I noticed that Grandpa's hair was slicked back too and I

began to think being bald might be a blessing.

Entering the house we'd be overcome by the piquant aroma of turkey, stuffing, pie and a whole blend of other delightful smells; and I'd be enveloped in Granny's great big bear hug letting me know I was someone very special. When she hugged me we were as close as two pages in a newspaper left out in the rain. Then, everyone except Mama — she had to put the whipped cream on the pumpkin pie — went into the living room where we found Cousin Marge and her parents: Uncle George and Aunt Mae. Uncle George, riding in the limousine behind ours, is Mama's brother. He runs an apothecary along with Papa, and Aunt Mae takes portraits professionally. Mama busied herself putting cream on the pie and when that task was completed, we were summoned to the dining room to begin the feast.

The table was waiting to be left in disarray. Everything was set so neatly, and situated at areas across the table were various relishes. My eyes were

focused on a fruit bowl which was the site for a competition between Becky and myself. We'd see who could eat the most grapes, but I always let her win; an hour after the competition she realized why. Being famished and hoping that nobody could hear my stomach's cries for food, I rushed to my seat next to Becky's which was next to Grandpa's. Mama and Papa sat on the other side and that was a relief realizing that the distance would make the meal void of confrontations concerning my table manners.

We stood by our seats for grace but I was thinking of the day's events and I almost chuckled aloud thinking of a successful throw at the cranberry picker. Luckily, I controlled myself and responded "Amen" with feigned deep feeling.

After the amens, Granny would go to the kitchen and bring in the turkey, and Aunt Mae would fetch her camera to capture that moment of glee. After a few moments of conversation, continued from the living room, Grandpa would stand up waiting for Granny's entry with a turkey as big as . . . as . . . Phineas, but much more appetizing. Owing to Granny's superstitions nobody but Becky and I looked into the lens although Papa made an attempt to get into the picture but was only partially successful. For some time, the picture, with Granny and Grandpa looking down yet coyly smiling, Mama and Uncle George seemingly involved in conversation — all this being done to avoid the "devil's eye," sat in the family album without meaning much until the photo landed in the hands of an illustrator who drew our portrait which was later to be called: "Freedom From Want." We were Americana.

Leaving a funeral, one thinks of life, death, and the deceased. My life will always be warmed by the memories of Granny's hot chestnut stuffing, happy times spent with her and her own special love for me; Norman Rockwell is dead at 84, and Granny was laid to rest a few hours ago, but she, or more correctly, Becky and I, are immortal thanks to a portrait.

Granny should've looked up!



## Deliverance

By MITCHELL FELD

Horatio Mephist was always unliked by everyone, except by some — and then not for long. It seems that poor Horatio came into this world labeled "unlikeable" and went through life unliked by most, most of the time.

People are funny sometimes, they always enjoy stomping on others when they're down. For instance, there is this old lady in town — a real hag. She says that from birth of Horatio was evil and destined to do bad all of his days. Sounds to me like some old witch's genetic theory. I never held by her views because I liked Horatio; he was my friend, despite what the others — all of the others might say. We were together since we were children. Together we went through nursery school, grammar school, high school, then he went on to the university while I stayed behind and opened up an automobile service station.

Horatio was always looking out for me. In fact, I remember when we were in the sixth grade and I bought a giant six-flavored lollipop for seventy-five cents. Horatio saw the lollipop and, warning of the dangers of its rich sugar content, took it from me. I told my parents what a good friend I had. They became enraged and said Horatio was nothing more than a fake and a confidence man. Pa said I was a fool. I knew he was wrong. I was sure that Horatio was my pal.

Many times my mama and papa would tell me not to hang out with Horatio, that he was using me, that he was selfish, and that they were giving me this advice for my own good. Despite all that my parents said, I still could not

believe that there could be a selfish bone in Horatio; after all, ma and pa were prejudiced because of what they had heard from others about Horatio.

Yes siree, we were some dynamic duo, Horatio and myself. He even wrote to me while he was in college. He was some kind of guy. To this day I wish I could have gone to college with Horatio — that was our plan. We were to go together and be roommates. It's odd how things turn out. I almost had a scholarship to college, you see I was pretty good in the sciences but, I guess not good enough. I remember Horatio was having trouble with school and I would tutor him for hours after school each day and on weekends. That last semester though, I failed physics and lost my shot at that college scholarship. Without a scholarship there wasn't any college for me 'cause my folks couldn't afford it.

I rented a corner gas-station that was just off mainstreet. It was small, it could only hold two cars at a time on the lot but it was a fairly busy street. I knew something about fixing cars from my pa. I would start work at 6 a.m. and close shop at 12 midnight. It was hard work.

My hands became so deeply ingrained with dirt that after washing they didn't look any better, but business grew. I opened a second station on Franklin Ave. right before the turn to the super-highway. I hired a man to work the first station and soon there was a third and a fourth. I had men working for me, my own car, my own house and money in the bank. I opened my fifth station in

Clover Grove, the next town over, when I got a call from Horatio.

He had just graduated from college and had earned his degree "cum-laude." He said he missed me and that he was coming back to town for a visit. You can imagine how thrilled I was to see my ol' buddy again after a four year separation. He came into town by train on Friday morning and walked over to my station on Franklin Avenue. I was surprised at the cool reception he received from the townspeople, most of whom had known him all his life. Probably they were jealous of Horatio's fine education and it's to his credit that he did not allow their inhospitality to dampen his spirits.

We spoke for hours and hours. Horatio was very interested in me and how I was doing. He had me tell him in detail all about my business. We left my office to continue our talk over dinner. Horatio told me how he had majored in business at school and he was sure that he could help ease my work load. I was glad to have him and he started working Monday morning. Horatio pitched in strong and really got to know the books and the business. Before long, he was handling payroll, which took a burden off of me. Soon it seemed, Horatio was running the whole business, paying bills, collecting accounts — he was handling it all, making my life a lot easier.

After Horatio had been with me for five months, he said that I looked worn out, told me to see a doctor and that he would even make the appointment.

Well, I went to the doctor and I'm glad I did. He confirmed Horatio's opin-

ion, that I was overworked and should take a restful vacation. I went to mountain-lake to spend two months fishing, sleeping, taking hikes and just enjoying life. It was a comfort to know that my business was in capable hands.

I returned from my trip and entered my office to find Horatio slumped over on the desk. He looked up at me and I saw the weariness in his eyes. Horatio said, "I had to file chapter eleven. We're finished — the business just died. With tear-filled eyes he put his hand on my shoulder and said "I'm sorry but I did my best, I don't know, maybe it's the economy; things just went bad."

At first I was dumbfounded, but then I felt guilty just thinking of my own welfare and not of my friend Horatio's; he came from college and this was his first job — it could destroy his self-confidence forever. Horatio left for the Bahamas the following day. He told me his doctor told him to leave business or he would have a nervous breakdown. He didn't want to leave me but I convinced him that it would be best.

I started working for Mr. Alexes in his fast-food store. The hours were long the work hard, but at least I had a job.

Seasons came and went and I could not seem to get ahead. Everyday it was the same old routine. I was now living with my mother and father. They blamed Horatio for my troubles, but stopped talking of him. It was during that bleak winter right after the blizzard that my papa developed pneumonia and died quietly in his sleep.

Mama for all purposes died along  
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# Rifle Society Expanding, Planning To Form Team

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 2) to compete in a match by Pass-over.

ments of a course (i.e. credits, hours, etc.), and who will be the instructor. These requirements are easily satisfied.

## Rifle Team In The Works

If the club works out as planned it will become a team by September 1979, and be added to the official YC catalog as a course comparable to other Yeshiva teams. To make the transition from a club to a team, a proposal must follow an established procedure. Approval of the Divisional and YC Deans, as well as an allocation for hiring an instructor are required before the matter can be put before the Scholastic Standings Committee. The Scholastic Standings Committee will be interested in basically three things: who will take responsibility for the team as far as legalities are concerned, how will it satisfy the require-

Colonel Marmorstein, who is a qualified rifling instructor, has agreed to teach the course; since he is responsible for the guns the club already has, there would be no problem as far as legalities are concerned. The credit hours requirement could also be easily satisfied. Anyone on the team would have to shoot and coach for a total of four hours a week for one credit and students taking the course, but not on the team, would have to shoot for two hours a week. This can be done in one day, or split between the two available days. If all goes well, hopefully, there should be a new team in Yeshiva by September 1979.

# Yeshiva Maccabees Regrouping Characterized As Determined

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) The most obvious change was that the offense was moving much smoother, a result of some changes made at an impromptu

practice held the night before. The Macs came out in the second half determined to keep taking it to the Cadets, but the effort was hurt by many fouls on the remaining YU postmen and a poor showing at the charity stripe. The game ended 95-84 in Maritime's favor. Afterwards it was learned the eligibility of one of the Maritime regulars was highly questionable, but the matter will not be pursued. Tops for YU were Harvey Sheff with 27 points, Dave Kufeld with 20 points and 17 rebounds, "Jumpin Jack" Voron with 16, and in his first start, senior Chaim Gettenberg with 10 points.

## The Cold And The Engineers

The next two games proved to be especially frustrating for the Macs since they lost to teams that they were capable of beating. First the Macs went to a cold and dreary Lehman gym where the super-quick Lancers, and a frigid Mac offense put the game in a deep freeze for YU. Once again down at half time by six points, the Lehman full court press and sloughing defense helped put the game in the bag for the Bronxites who won. The triumvirate of Kufeld, Sheff and Varon had 12, 12 and 11 points, respectively.

The night after, the Macs went to Brooklyn where they lost to an improved N.Y. Poly team, normally a regular win for the YU hoopsters. Falling behind by 15 at the half to the pressing pre-engineers and architects, the Macs pulled together for a super second half that just fell short due to fouls and free throws. Leading the Macs were the dependable trio of Kufeld (16 pts, 18 rbs), Sheff (16 pts) and Varon (13 pts).

It is hoped that after some regrouping and self-searching that the Macs will salvage the remainder of the season with some tough play that we know they are capable of.

# Exciting Clean Hockey Matches

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 3) juniors outscored the sophomores 8-6 in a game that seesawed from 3-1 juniors to 4-3 sophs to 6-4

of play included two totally opposite games. The juniors defeated the seniors 6-1 in a defensive masterpiece while the frosh and sophomores played a seemingly goalless game in which Don Israeli's five goals led the freshmen to a 10-8 victory.

Down To The Wire  
In the last two weeks of the quarter, things quieted down a bit. The frosh and juniors battled down to the wire, exchanging goals throughout until 11:53 of the final period of their game when Breslow capped the game with his first hat trick of the season to lift the juniors to a 5-4 victory.

The seniors pulled off a squeaker against the sophomores, coming from a 4-2 deficit in the third period to win 5-4. Eight different players scored in this game — with Joel Mael picking up the first and last senior goals. This game, however, was marred by four fighting minors and three game misconducts. Koolyk and Grife went at it in true NHL fashion in the first (and hopefully only) hockey fist fight of the season.

The final week of the season showed that the 3-0 juniors are not undefeatable. In a close game (although the 8-4 score doesn't imply it) the sophomores showed where 90% of their scoring will come from this season. Litwack scored four times, Resnicow three times, and Koolyk once, while on the other side of the court, four different players scored for the juniors (now 3-1).

The Mael boys from Boston opened the final game of the quarter with three straight goals for the seniors (2 for Barry and 1 for Joel), enough to easily defeat the freshmen who only scored twice all game. Nonetheless, Saks added two more for a final score of 5-2.



Intramural hockey teams in high gear as season progresses under the leadership of Commissioner Barry Mael: "Exciting, clean matches."

# Intellectual Suppression

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The abolishment of subjectivity in the university can only help the thought process of the student. The direct influence of some of the more narrow members of the Yeshiva community is harmful to a person's intellectual growth. The absurd letter from the "concerned student" to Dr. Bayme is an example of this intellectual stagnation. S'micha gives a person knowledge in certain aspects of Yahadut, but does not make the recipient an expert in everything pertaining to Yahadut.

Our motto of Torah U'madah does not mean there cannot be a "separation of church and state." The university administration and student body must operate independently of the pressure and influence of the Yeshiva, in order to be effective. There are certain areas of university life that certain members of the Yeshiva find not to be right, even though they are not against halacha. The term commonly used is that they are not Yeshivish. This term might fit in very well in a narrow goaled institution, but not at the progressive Yeshiva and University that we have here.

With the introduction of objectivity into the university, one more ingredient must be added to attain the atmosphere of intellectualism: the university must be willing to take a drop in admissions in order to add this trait to the university. This trait is maturity, and it is one that is so easily acquired. Age is the prerequisite for maturity. Co-op and early admissions students in the university brings down the average age of the student body. The maturity level is, of course, lowered, too.

Instead of taking advantage of youth by finishing high school, and possibly spending a year in

Israel, the student rushes into college life with high school attitudes still in his head. The grades of the co-op student may equal or surpass those of the regular students, but, in a university, there is more out of a course a student can get than the "surface knowledge" of the course. By rejecting the co-op and early admissions ideas the university will do a service not only to itself, but also to the students.

The potential of Yeshiva University is so great, yet we refuse to recognize our wrongs, thereby suppressing any chance for improvement. We have to recognize the real problems, the ones at the roots, if we are to improve.

# A View From The Hills

(Continued from Page 7, Col. 2) no one works here for the high salaries nor for free use of the tennis courts! More importantly, I truly believe that one could not find a better student body. In my three and a half years here I've seen numerous examples of students pulling together both in times of happiness and sadness. This perhaps is Yeshiva's greatest resource.

It all depends on one's attitude. It's true, we won't love everyone nor every aspect of Yeshiva but the fact is that there is enough room, and enough activities and courses (well, that might be stretching it a bit) to suit every student's needs. We must make the most of college! The same four years pass by no matter what we do and then we have the rest of our lives to look back on them. Will they be fond memories, or regrets?

NOTE: Since I'll be graduating in January I would just like to

take this opportunity to thank my Rebbeim, professors, and friends (especially my roommate Dan) for enabling me to answer this question.

# Respect

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 2) one must show respect to others. If the administration of Yeshiva desires the respect of its students, it would be wise to show the same to them. The pre-mentioned quotes are serious examples of an administrative frame of mind which calls into question the way in which the students are regarded by their so-called superiors. It is not the construction of these remarks which needs changing, but rather the way of thinking which prompts such comments. Students have feelings, too.

# Deliverance

(Continued from Page 8, Col. 5)

with pa because she began to weaken with pa's passing and before spring she too had passed on.

One day as I was having my coffee and reading the morning paper, I glanced upon a small news item stating that a graduate of the local high school was indicted in Florida on charges of real estate fraud. It was Horatio! The article

also said that he had been expelled from college the semester before he would have graduated. I was shocked. Slowly I arose from the table and walked outside and walked and walked. I headed for the old creek where as a child I had spent many hours at play. I watched the geese returning from their long trip south. There would be no job, no work for me today. I watched the birds flying to and fro, making nests and preparations for their new broods soon to come. I was deeply depressed and felt a sick feeling in my gut. I ran through the

woods, past the ancient giant oak which had new green sprouts shooting forth and had once hosted my treehouse. Onward I ran until I left the woods behind me and there at the end of the town I saw the cemetery. A nervousness took hold of me. I felt the sweat rolling down my back and my forehead became beaded with perspiration. I inched forward and lifted with a squeak the old rusted handle of the cemetery gate and entered. Not since ma had died two years before had I been there. I knew exactly where pa and ma were buried. I walked for-

ward without any hesitation, and stood silently in front of their graves.

Then I spoke, hoping they could hear. "Standing here beside your graves I feel that you're here with me. I feel that though you've gone from this world, your love remains. I've been stumbling about life for awhile now — but I won't anymore. I've learned the biggest lesson of my life, something you tried to teach me, oh, it seems like ions ago, but I was too much an idiot to learn then: that I never should have given that six-flavored lollipop to that bastard Horatio."



The JSS Hoagie: "Only the toughest of YU men could handle it."

# Letters To The Editor

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used to cover atrocities being perpetrated in their own countries, they are doing a grave disservice to their fellow Jews in the Soviet Union.

David Kirchenbaum  
YC '80

## Sincerely

To The Editor:

I enjoyed your article "Reorganization" of the Sept. 27 issue of Commentator very much. By the way, according to the Sept. 22, 1954 issue of The Commentator, I was the "senior of all seniors." The Lord willing, I will be 70, this coming July 14.

Every time my memories shift to Yeshiva U, it is as if I were listening to an old familiar love song. Everybody was so kind and helpful to this Klutz.

To get back to the original pur-

pose of my letter, change for the sake of change is not progress at all. Your statement, "To subsume Torah is contrary to our ideals, and to treat it as an anomaly in the tightly-knit university structure is hypocritical," is precious.

I do hope and pray that it is not the intention of the administration to make Torah suffer, in their search for expediency. Once we dismiss that Torah is the permeating factor of the University fabric, we are doomed, and then there would be no distinction between us and any other University.

Torah is not part of our University — it is the University. Just look at the official insignia of the Yeshiva stationery — "the Torah." I think that it was Dr. Carl Jung who cautioned "that we abandon the concept of the 'organization man' which leads to

the tyranny that blankets much of the world." He felt that we should explore and bring to light the true nature of the individual human being, the undiscovered self, the real man as opposed to the statistical man. Otherwise, in the name of progress we will take two steps forward and five steps backward.

Keep punching, have faith, and most of all have courage. "Courage," Hemingway said, "is to act with grace while under pressure."

Very Sincerely Yours,  
Charles Baker  
YC '54

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The internship has been designed as a multi-faceted learning experience with an emphasis upon introducing students to new fields and allowing them to use their individual interests to develop useful skills and abilities. Interns will have the opportunities to become involved with the Museum's education program, research objects from the Museum collection, to plan exhibitions and to create special educational materials. They will also meet with professionals in Museum related areas and make visits "behind the scenes" to New York City Museums.

The internship is interdisciplinary and open to majors from all fields. Interns will meet as a class at the Yeshiva University Museum (185 St. & Amsterdam Ave.) on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. beginning on January 30, 1979.

The Athletic Office has tickets available for a basketball double-header at Madison Square Garden on Monday evening, Jan. 29, 1979. The preliminary game will feature the Championship game of the Yeshiva University H. S. Invitational Tournament. The N.Y. Knick-G.S. Warrior game will follow. \$6.00 tickets are being sold for \$3. For tickets and information contact the Athletic Office, Belfer 110.

## Impromptu Speech Contest

The Dr. Abraham Tauber Speech Club's annual Impromptu Contest was won by David Kufeld and Eddie Lowinger. The nine competitors were given three minutes to prepare a three to five minute speech. Among the topics the contestants spoke about were: "why the audience should buy the Belfer Building," the methods of cheating in Room F501" and "the various foods in the Cafeteria." The winning speeches were David Kufeld persuading the audience to finance his school tuition and Eddie Lowinger describing doctors' waiting rooms. The contest was coordinated by Glenn Winter. A special thanks to Dr. Sterns and Joseph Rothstein for judging the contest. Students are urged to watch the school bulletin boards for upcoming Speech Club events.

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# Seniors Edge Out Juniors In Close Basketball Game; Seniors Lose Second Game In Overtime Period

(Continued from Page 12, Col. 5) basket to narrow the lead to two. Once again the Juniors could not penetrate the inspired opposition, as the Seniors got possession of the ball with ten seconds remaining. The ball went to Mark Taragin, who hit a running layup at the buzzer to cap off a tremendous comeback.

The OT period was the icing on the cake for the Seniors. The Juniors, playing with only five men the entire game were totally drained and just couldn't match the aggressive output of the Seniors. David Ridholtz hit a cheapie to complete an excellent 22 point performance, while baskets by Mike Malka, Mark Taragin, and Aaron Glatt made the final tally 59-55. Mitch Geizhals was high man for the Seniors, also scoring 22 points.

**Rematch**  
In the second game, which also went into overtime, the Juniors were not to be denied revenge on their previous heartbreaking loss.

The first half belonged entirely to the Seniors. A joint effort by Steve Solomon and Mitch Geizhals helped the Seniors jump out in front to a 23-15 lead at the half.

The third period started with the revitalization of the Juniors' play. An important defensive switch to a man-to-man defense, with the substitution of Jay Bindiger and Shmuel Charlop, initiated the Junior surge. Midway into the third period Jeff Seelenfreund, David Ridholtz, and Mike Ackerman, all at once, exploded for points. The quarter ended with the Juniors out in front 33-30.

**Into Overtime**  
The final eight minutes posted a balanced scoring from both

sides. Mike Ackerman concluded a fine eighteen point performance by scoring seven points in the fourth quarter, and David Ridholtz, who as usual played a superb game, added four of his twenty points. For the Seniors, their overpowering center, Steve Solomon, kept the game close. With about one minute left Jeff Seelenfreund hit one of his five baskets, giving the Juniors the lead by two. The next play was a routine clutch basket by Mitch Geizhals which locked the score at 43, putting the game into overtime.

This was the third time the Juniors were involved in an overtime game. After dropping the first two, they finally came through with sweet victory.

Geizhals rose to the occasion and came out smoking and scored seven of his game high 26 points in the overtime period. However, the balanced Junior scorers were just too much, as David Schwalb hit a foul shot to make the final score 51-50; the Juniors finally winning an overtime quarter.

**Seniors Win Close Game**  
In a game that saw the score see-saw back and forth many times, the seniors came from behind to win, in overtime. The game was hotly contested throughout and neither team led by more than five points at any one time.

The first quarter had both teams displaying accurate shooting and tough defense. A red-hot Steve Solomon hit for eight of his eleven points in the quarter to put the seniors up by three, at 18-15.

The juniors came out all fired up in the second quarter. Michael Ackerman and David Ridholtz, who are the number two and three scorers in the league, led

the attack. "Acky" hit for eight points while Ridholtz exploded for eighteen of his game high 22 points in the first half. Mitch Geizhals kept the seniors in pace with the juniors with his sharp-shooting and tenacious defense. The half ended with the juniors leading 33-30.

In the second half the seniors made a major defensive change by double teaming David Ridholtz. The seniors were able to close off the juniors' primary offensive threat, but Mike Ackerman and Jeff Seelenfreund took over. The seniors on the other hand had posted balanced scoring by Mike Malka, Steve Solomon, and Mitch Geizhals as they went ahead 43-42.

The action-packed fourth quarter started with the juniors quickly jumping out in front. Jeff Seelenfreund, who finished the game with twelve, hit for three baskets, and Mike Ackerman completed a sixteen point performance.

**Overtime Called**  
The game went down to the last thirty seconds. The juniors were up by four when Mitch Geizhals cut the lead down to two. The seniors were then able to quickly get the ball back and bring it up court. Mark Taragin hit a running lay-up with no time left and was fouled, but missed the foul shot to put the game in overtime.

In the overtime period, the juniors, who were playing with only five men the entire game, were evidently out of steam. Mike Malka with twelve points, Aaron Glatt with eight, and Mark Taragin with six points all hit baskets in the overtime period. David Ridholtz added a junior basket to make the final score 59-55. Mitch Geizhals was high man on the senior team scoring 22 points.

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## Rifle Club Expanding Plans To Form Team



Colonel Marmorstein coaching the Rifle Team.

By MURRAY WURZBERGER

Every guy in YU is 22. Well, not exactly, but the Rifle Club got under way again this year under the guidance of Colonel Robert Marmorstein. The Rifle Club has been in existence since 1975, when it was recognized by the National Rifle Association. In the past three years the club has been using the facilities of the Kingsbridge Armory. This year, however, due to the closing of the U.S. Reserve Armory which is located at 168th Street and Goethals Avenue in Queens. The equipment (the 22 caliber rifles and ammunition) is supplied by the government under a program for the Promotion of Civilian Marksmanship.

### Organizational Meeting

The first meeting of the club took place during club hour on November 16th. Approximately 35 people, both experienced shooters and prospective shooters were present. At the meeting, Charlie Barax was voted President and Judah Ben-Haim, Secretary-Treasurer. Sunday November 19

was the first time the club went shooting this year. The inexperienced people who came were coached by Colonel Marmorstein and other experienced shooters.

A follow up meeting was held on Tuesday November 28. At this meeting Colonel Marmorstein explained the need for utmost safety at all times in the presence of firearms, regardless of whether it is loaded or not. He explained the proper procedure which is to be followed at the range, as well as how to hold, load and fire the rifle safely. Implied in the lecture was that strict precautions aren't limited to the range. For example, rifles are stored separately from the ammunition; of course both are kept under lock and key.

The next scheduled club meetings are Thursday December 14 and Sunday December 17. After the break for finals and inter-session the club plans to have regular meets throughout the spring semester. Their aim is to improve enough so as to be able

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## Exciting, Clean Matches Are Exhibited By Yeshiva Intramural Hockey League

By JUAN RAMIREZ

Looking back at the first four weeks of play of the YU Intramural Hockey League, it becomes apparent that many changes have been made. The most obvious change has been in scheduling. Barry Mael, Commissioner of the league, has set up a schedule with the students in mind. There are no games scheduled during study week, Judaic midterms and finals, as well as during YC midterms and finals. In order to accomplish this, the year-long season has been divided into four quarters — two each semester: one pre-midterms and one post-midterms.

The other obvious change in the league has been the change in status of Semicha students and Alumni. In past years these players would play along with the Juniors because many students spend their junior year abroad thereby weakening the team. This year, however, students in Israel and early graduates depleted the ranks of all the teams, leading to the formation of the division of Semicha-Alumni players. The only regular players are Judah Koolyk and Zvi Friedman, both members of the 1974 and 1977 Championship teams. Judah is playing with the sophomores along with Jerry Schiff, who was in Israel last year. The junior team, which didn't even make the



Intramural hockey season in high gear: "Exciting, clean matches."

playoffs last year, picked up Zvi Friedman and all of the semi-regular players which include Mark Breslow, Eliezer "Ha-Beam" Cohen, and Abe Katz. The only sad note on the team is the loss of Ira Gross (3 goals, 3 assists), who was finally developing as a fine defenseman. Ira took a leave of absence in mid season.

### Excellent Performance

The season so far has shown much promise, as most games have been close, hard fought and clean. This quarter ends with two matching records; at 3-1 the juniors (first place by five goals) and the seniors, and at 1-3 the sophomores (third place by seven

## Regrouping Incumbent Upon Maccabees After Extremely Poor Showing In Games

By I. W. HARPER

In the past, it has taken YU basketball teams some time to get into full gear after the inception of the season. This year, the start of the year has been especially rough for the Maccabees as they have lost their first seven games, thereby quelling some of the team's pre-season optimism.

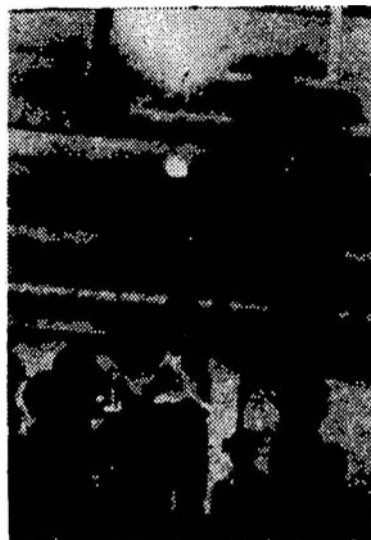
There are many contributing factors to this situation. One is inexperience, something that can only be cured by more game time. Another is the fact that the Macs have not kept up the intensity all game long, which results in falling behind in the first half and playing catch up ball, or playing well in the beginning and falling apart in the second half. A major factor has been the team's awful foul shooting, something that can be remedied by practice and concentration. The Macs also had fewer pre-season scrimmages, which didn't help the rookies cut their teeth.

### Home Gym Opener

After the Maritime tournament, the Maccabees faced Stevens Tech in their home and conference opener. Throughout the first half the Macs could not get the offense rolling, so a good defensive half went to waste as it ended 23-18, in favor of Stevens. As the second half began, the Macs still couldn't generate the points so the margin kept getting wider till the 87-49 final. Only center

Dave Kufeld scored in double figures as he shot for 14 points and had three blocks. Frank "The Buick" Cumsky crashed for 10 rebounds.

The following Monday night



David Kufeld battling underneath for Yeshiva.

the Macs travelled to the sticks of New Jersey to tangle with the brutish Drew U. Rangers. The Macs came out fighting and suc-

ceeded to stay with the tall and strong Drew team till about two thirds into the first half. Some offensive stagnation and numerous Drew fast breaks resulted in a 19 point halftime deficit. The referee's unwillingness to curb Drew's excessive fouling and lane violations did not help the outmanned Macs. This trend continued in the second half as the only good offensive game was received from freshman forward Harvey Sheff who had 24 points in the losing cause.

### Handicapped Team

Later that week Yeshiva played their best game all year as they dropped a contest to the highly ranked Privateers of the N. Y. Maritime Academy. The health condition at school did not make things easier as big man Frank Cumsky was out with a virus and Dave "Koof" Kufeld was suffering from exhaustion. Despite these handicaps the Macs, cheered on by a decent home crowd proceeded to play head-to-head with the Privateers, only being down by one point at half time.

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## Seniors Edge Out Juniors In Close Basketball Game; Seniors Lose Second Game In Overtime Period

By MURRAY LEBEN

In two of the most exciting and action packed intramural basketball games of the season the Juniors were matched up against the Seniors. In the first game the hard luck Juniors were defeated in overtime 59-55, for their second straight overtime loss. Through-

the first quarter, giving the Seniors a momentary edge, 18-15.

### Quick Turn Around

The second period saw a red hot Junior team jump out in front. Mike Ackerman hit three shots from the outside, while their big offensive threat David Ridholtz commanded the Junior attack. Ridholtz consistently scored and erupted in the second period with ten points, giving him eighteen going into the locker room. With the Seniors down, Mitch Geizhals came flying out of nowhere to keep the score tight, with the Juniors ahead 33-30 at halftime.

The third period began with a major defensive change. The Seniors switched their zone defense to a man-to-man defense. By shutting down David Ridholtz, holding him to only three

points, baskets by Mike Malka, Mark Taragin, and Mitch Geizhals pulled the Seniors score up by one basket, 33-32.

The Juniors regrouped and planned out their strategy for the decisive final period. Immediately after the tip-off the Juniors took control of the game. Jeff Seelenfreund, finishing up with twelve points, hit for three baskets and Mike Ackerman, with sixteen points, completed a clutch three point play.

### Signed But Not Sealed

With 1:30 to play, the Juniors seemed to be in control with a six point lead, but Mitch Geizhals quickly closed the gap to four on a twenty-foot jump shot. After the Juniors were unable to score, Mike Malka rushed the ball downcourt. Malka hit a key

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goals) and freshmen. There has been a remarkable average of eight minutes of penalties.

The season opened on September 19th with last year's champions — the seniors — meeting the "green" freshmen. An expected blowout turned into a close game which included two 2-goal exchanges. The seniors scored first and added one to win the game 5-4. During those two 2-goal exchanges both Grief and Tuchman scored two goals apiece for their respective teams.

The second game of the week and of the new season matched the sophomores and juniors. The

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