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A/P/N Suggested For Some Extracurriculars

By MICHAEL ROSENBLOOM

The Academic Standards Committee passed a resolution recommending a change in the grading policy of certain extracurricular activities. From now on, theater workshop and team sports will be graded on the A/P/N system, rather than the regular letter system currently used. Implementation of the proposal is subject to faculty approval.

The change was recommended, in part, because the committee felt that too many of the students registered for these one-credit courses automatically received A's. The proposal would allow a teacher to give a grade of 'P', thereby differentiating between a mediocre effort and a superior one, without negatively affecting the student's grade point index.

Increased Value

Dr. Paul Connolly, chairman of the ASC, feels the proposed change will increase the value of the marks given by instructors. "A becomes meaningless if everyone excels," said Dr. Connolly. "It's not possible that everyone is superior."

The faculty advisors to both activities do not feel that the change will affect their own grading policies. Dr. Anthony Beukas, YCDS Director, says "It

won't stop me from giving the grade I want to give. I'm not afraid to give a student an 'A' if he deserves it." Prof. Arthur Tauber, Athletic Director, maintains "If guys do the work they'll get credit anyway. I won't give a student a 'P' just to impress someone."

Both Dr. Beukas and Prof. Tauber say it is not their policies to give all A's and that they try to persuade unconscientious students to drop the credit. However, the Registrar's records indicate that over the past few years, every student involved with either organization received a grade of A.

Student Attraction

The Academic Standards Committee doesn't expect these changes to result in decreased student participation, because, as Dr. Connolly said, "The merit of the programs will attract the students." Elliot Small, YCSC President, doesn't agree. "This

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Administration Moves To Bolster Security; Students Guaranteed Greater Guard Presence

By MOSHE GREENBERG and ALAN WILLNER

DECEMBER 7 — At an emergency YCSC meeting held tonight, the student leadership announced to a packed Rubin Shul audience that the university has agreed to most of the recommendations suggested by Student Council to solve the security problems. The

Current Security Situation Engenders Concern, Fear

By MARK MAZER

DEC. 7 — Since the recent rash of muggings of YC students began last Monday evening, at least three more incidents have been confirmed by the Department of Security. However, other unconfirmed reports abound. For example at tonight's YCSC emergency meeting, it was announced that eight muggings occurred in the last eight days. The Security Department is unaware of these accounts, for the alleged victims have not yet identified themselves.

When asked about last Monday night's mugging in front of the high school building, Colonel Robert Marmorstein, Director of Security, explained that the guard stationed in Tannenbaum Hall lobby at the time was locking the classrooms in Riets Hall as he does each night.

Of the four muggings, two took place in front of the High School, one on the north-east corner of

suggestions were accepted by the university today at a special meeting between student leaders and President Lamm.

Lighting

Specifically, stadium lights will be installed, a 24 hour security booth will be erected on 185th st. and Amsterdam Ave., 12 bilingual signs will be posted and the fence will be repaired. In addition, from 3 PM to 2 AM guards will be stationed in front of Rubin, Morgenstern, and RIETS Halls while one other guard will man the booth. Work study students will replace guards in such non-hazardous positions as checking ID cards in Furst Hall and Science Halls. As well, the local police precinct will patrol the area every 15 minutes, while plain clothes anti-crime officers in unmarked cars will watch the campus from 9 PM to 6 AM.

Last week student council held an emergency meeting to develop the proposals suggested. The meeting resulted from an outcry of student concern about the inability of the university to protect its students following a gunpoint mugging in front of the High School building.

Feeling of Insecurity

Ben Kirschenbaum, a student, then articulated what was on most people's minds: students no longer feel safe, even on campus. Many students voiced their grievances and gave suggestions outlining possible actions. The pro-

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Col. Robert Marmorstein

Amsterdam Ave. and 186th street, and one at the rear door to Morgenstern Hall.

The atmosphere of fear, however, remains despite the new security measures put in effect. The situation seems to be improving, as students report that the guards appear more alert and are responding very quickly to all calls.

Yeshiva Launches Advertising Drive In Effort To Boost Century Campaign

By MICHAEL SUSMAN

"We're asking for one hundred million dollars. Is that chutzpah?" This message, along with another, extolling the products of YU and urging support to help continue producing such graduates, was released over the first part of November. Full page ads

bearing these messages appeared in both *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as a host of Jewish publications. This two-week campaign represented a considerable expense, (a single full page ad in the *Times* alone runs about \$18,000) money which the university has arguably gambled. The question, therefore, must be — how good

a gamble was it?

One Hundred Million

"Movement on the campaign," according to Mr. Sam Hartstein, Director of Public Relations for YU, "actually began several months ago. Ludwig Jesselson, chairman of the Century Campaign, wanted to increase the visibility of the campaign, and

a subcommittee was formed. The Century Campaign is, of course, YU's campaign to raise \$100,000,000 by YU's century anniversary in 1986." From the subcommittee came the idea for the ad campaign, the keystone of which, as with any such campaign, was visibility. Ms. Linda Testa, of

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Undefeated Yeshiva Maccabees: 5-0.

— YUPR

Commentator To Sponsor Torah U'Madah Symposium

On Wednesday, December 16, the Commission on Jewish Leadership will present a symposium entitled "Encounter with Modernity — Through Torah Umadah." The symposium will attempt to heighten student awareness of the philosophy of the university and of the practical import of the *Torah U'Madah* experience. Specifically, the symposium will focus on the parameters of interaction between several secular disciplines and, with what has been termed, the sacred traditions of Jewish Law.

The panelists, who will speak at the symposium, represent a wide spectrum of disciplines and perceptions. They are Dr. Morton Berger, Dean of Ferkauf Graduate School; Dr. David Berger, Professor of History at Bernard Revel Graduate School, and Dr. Moses Tendler, *Rosh Yeshiva* at RIETS and Professor of Biology at Yeshiva College. Rabbi Robert Hirt, Dean of the Division of Communal Services, will moderate the discussion.

Commission

The Commission on Jewish Leadership was established last spring at the initiative of Rabbi Hirt in an attempt to sensitize the YC student body to the external as well as internal challenges that confront the modern orthodox Jew. Under the aegis of the commission various academic as well as non-academic programs have been and are being developed.

The symposium is being sponsored by Yeshiva College Student Council, Stern College Student Council, *Commentator*, the English Society at YC and the division of Communal Services. The program coordinator is Rabbi Zev Slivko of DCS.

The symposium will take place in Rubin Residence Hall on December 16 at 8:00 P.M.

The Security Issue

For years we have pleaded and remonstrated with the administration with regard to the sorry state of security at the Main Center. The ineptitude and scarcity of the guard staff and the lack of lighting are no foreign themes to this page. Unfortunately, the administration has consistently paid us scant attention, and has waited for a frightening wave of on-campus muggings and the consequent student council outcry until taking action.

While the administration's negligent procrastination to date is inexcusable, we hope that the promised improvements will be swiftly implemented so that security need no longer remain an issue on campus.

Guilt And Innocence

We have recently seen the advent of Morg Mart, bringing late-night refreshments, school supplies and substantial sales, whose profits go to YCSC. While we appreciate the initiative and hard work of the students who have been running the operation, we must say that YCSC has set a bad precedent by not opening the prospective management of Morg Mart to competitive bidding.

While we note that the rumors concerning improprieties on the part of the managers of Morg Mart are obviously false, we also note that only the honesty of the particular individuals involved prevented YCSC from incurring serious losses. It had better learn its lessons for the future.

Urgency Required

Whatever happened to the curriculum committee? We recall the heated debate over graduation requirements. And we remember last year's formation of a group to make new proposals.

It is now the month of December and the committee has met once. Is it conceivable that the issue has lost its urgency?

Graduation requirements affect every single Yeshiva College student and faculty member. Let's have some concrete proposals from the modifications committee. It's about time they got to work.

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From the Editor's Desk

A Campus Trek

By JOSEPH STURM

Isadore and Irving, my roommates, were incredulous. They could not believe I intended to venture alone, across campus, at night. In fact, they refused to let me out without some means of protection. Their reaction confused me, since a high administration member had recently assured me that the neighborhood was vastly improving, a fact I readily informed them of. "Why in just a few years," I contended, "even the middle class will be priced out of Washington Heights!" Irving merely smiled knowingly, however, as Isadore provided me with the basic instruments of self-defense.

Thus, armed with Irving's crossbow, Isadore's scimitar, a gemarah Shabbos, and the fortifying knowledge that the neighborhood was improving, I set out from Rubin bound for the *Beis Medrash*.

No sooner had I set out into the dark night, though, when a blast of frosty air struck my face and a firm hand grasped my shoulder. "Ya got any money on ya," growled a voice from behind. Fearing a premature and unwarranted termination of my existence, I was about to hand over my wallet, when the voice continued, "you can still get the last few seats for YCDS on Tuesday night." So relieved was I that I was not accosted by a heinous local predator, that I gladly spent twenty-four dollars on eight unneeded tickets.

Cautiously then, I proceeded towards the midway sanctuary of Morgenstern with a firm grip on Isadore's scimitar. Yet I soon found myself face to face with two unsavory looking stalwarts, one of whom removed a large oblong object from inside his camouflage jacket and pointed it at me. Just as I was about to discretely run for my life, I recognized the fellow as an EMC student from down the hall. He was selling hoagies, it turns out, in support of rock-n-roll on WYUR. I gratefully bought seven from him, (Isadore and Irving can pack it away) as my heartrate began its descent from overdrive.

I had reached the corner of Amsterdam and 186th and with each step into the blackness my trepidation grew. Yet I was resolved to continue towards the *Beis Medrash*. Suddenly, though, I was again interrupted by a man who came running up, and in a Hispanic accent inquired as to whether he could borrow \$997.62. He claimed that he had been confronted by four armed men in three piece suits who wanted \$1,000 for the Centary Campaign. They took \$8.33 from his wallet, he said, and told him to borrow the rest. Sympathetically, I gave him my last five, noting that PR men will stop at nothing to get their money.

Then a dash across Amsterdm and I had made it. The crossbow and scimitar were unnecessary; Isadore and Irving were simply overreacting. After all, I successfully completed my trek without incident — though my wallet was emptied anyway. Indeed, the neighborhood was improving.

Thus, with a sanguine leap I bound up the steps, passed the slumping lifeless figure of the sleeping guard, to whom I uttered a cheerful good evening, only to find in place of Tannenbaum Hall a solitary green dome resting on four milk crates.



Letters To The Editor

The Real World

To The Editor:

As I write this letter I find myself in the odd predicament of defending a very unpopular proposal and one which I am not even entirely in agreement with. While reading the last issue of Commentator, I was confronted with two totally divergent views. On the one hand I meet with the view that WYUR is 100 percent in keeping with Yeshiva's philosophy, since we are supposed to be able to synthesize our Torah learning with our academic and career endeavors, and on the other hand I read a proposal by students to put up, literally, a wall between ourselves and the Wuraweller students.

If the goal of our stay at Yeshiva is to learn how to deal with the outside world without losing our commitment to Judaism, then to say that the mere presence of non-Jewish and non-orthodox women on campus is a prelude to intermarriage and a loss of faith is to admit that the goals of Yeshiva are unworkable, that our mission is a failure and that 15 years of Yeshiva education are worthless. I am not ad-

vocating merging the schools or creating an institution with co-ed classes but I cannot find it within myself to run for cover at the first sign of a challenge to my beliefs.

Obviously, the administration must take certain precautions in order to guarantee things such as *Kashrut*. but we should not attempt to wall ourselves off from the real world. Yes, Yeshiva is special, but that is because we attempt to synthesize and not to run away.

Ken Wagner,
YC '82

Faculty Response

To The Editor:

In the November 11 issue of Commentator, Vice - President Egon Brenner is quoted as responding "They simply do not like us" to the question as to why the American Association of University Professors would prepare the report on the summary dismissal of tenured faculty at Yeshiva that appeared in *Academe*.

This response must be faulted on several grounds. It does not define "us"; it smears "they" with unsavory motives and lack

of integrity; and it attempts to portray the guilty party as the victim.

Further, at a university where reasoned discourse should prevail, this unsubstantiated *ad hominem* recrimination by one of the highest academic administrators is an insult to the students who try to ask reasonable questions, an embarrassment to the faculty who try to encourage intellectual responsibility, and a disservice to the university which tries to project an image of academic integrity and refinement. For the sake of truth, the record must be set straight.

At the beginning of September 1978, the administration summarily dismissed five tenured faculty members here at Yeshiva, in an arbitrary manner by denying them their right to academic due process. (Academic due process is the academic version of judicial due process.)

On September 5, 1978, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as an interested party (such as the People of the State of New York is an interested party in criminal proceedings), constituted an "Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Firing of Five Tenured Faculty

Members." The administration, being afforded the very right of academic due process that it had denied to the five fired faculty members, had the opportunity to present its case before this committee. After hearing both sides, this committee reported its findings, adverse to the administration, to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences which unanimously voted a Censure Resolution against the administration at its meeting on October 6, 1978.

On July 11, 1979, after extensive hearings by its Committee on Academic Freedom, Faculty Rights and Tenure where again, as a part of academic due process, all parties had been invited to present their cases, the Senate of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, as an interested party, accepted its committee's report and voted a Censure Resolution against the administration, 63 to 1.

On January 16-17, 1980, an ad hoc investigating committee of the American Association of University Professors as an interested party, visited Yeshiva and again, as a part of academic due process, afforded all parties, including the administration, the

opportunity to present their cases. The report based on this investigation has appeared in *Academe*, 67, 186-195, August 1981.

In each of the investigations, it was concluded that the administration had denied these faculty members their right to academic due process. The administration has had its day in academic court and its case has been found wanting. So far, it has been found guilty by three investigating committees and censured by two faculty groups.

Although one can understand, given this record, the defensiveness of the administration on this issue, one cannot allow Vice-President Brenner to go unchallenged lest we become tainted by our silence.

To whom does the "us" refer? The administration? Surely, it cannot be the faculty who initiated this defense of academic due process nor the students who also need its protection. Nor can it be the university, which is the faculty and students in academic matters.

To whom does the "they" refer? The fifteen distinguished (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Commentator Interview

The following is an interview conducted with Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of both the JDL and KACH movements.

Q. If Israel were to alienate itself politically from the rest of the world — by adopting the radical policies you advocate — could it conceivably defend against a Soviet attack with just helicopters and jets?

A. First of all, there is nothing anyone can do to prevent this alienation. The world wants Israel to give up Samaria, Jerusalem, etc. In the long run, there has to be a confrontation. And second of all, Israel doesn't just have helicopters. Israel has nuclear weapons and chemical weapons. Israel cannot concentrate on a ruinous arms race. Israel has to play hard ball with nuclear weapons. If America pushes, and Israel backs away once, there will be no reason for America not to push again.

Q. Are you saying that Israel should arm itself with nuclear weapons for a final war?

A. Israel should go back and have faith in G-d. That comes first, and if I were the Prime Minister, there would not be a war. Because people would be convinced that I would be crazy enough to use nuclear weapons.

"they're dealing with Qadaffi in a yarmulke"

Q. Put yourself in the position of a typical American. Oil is crucial. You don't want to resort to a nuclear war. America must therefore give in to the Arabs somewhat. In this case, isn't the practical road better than the idealistic road?

A. What America thinks is totally irrelevant to the Jewish faith. We waste our time worrying about what the Americans think.

Q. In 1973, America sent aid to Israel. Don't you agree that Israel does better militarily with American help?

A. No. The reason Israel was bloodied so badly in the first days of the Yom Kippur War was because it sat worrying about America. That is why Israel did not launch a pre-emptive attack. In the 1967 war, we showed what can be achieved.

Q. Many believe that the Camp David accords represent a real chance for peace. There are those who long for an end to the bloodshed — those who are willing to take a risk for peace. Yet your philosophy tends to contribute to instability in the region.

A. If I were Winston Churchill, and this were 1937, you would be asking me the same question. Maybe to really guarantee peace we should give up the West Bank. If we don't, they'll be angry. The question is: where does it stop? The answer is: right here. We give back nothing.

Q. Is it possible that you are too idealistic? We all know that citizen Menachem Begin was in favor of certain policies that Prime Minister Begin could not accept. We can reason that his mind was changed by political pressure. How can you be sure that if you became Prime Minister of Israel, you could "stand up" to America?

A. Menachem Begin is a traitor! He betrays everything. The United States President is not the most powerful person in the world. G-d is. I am a religious Jew — Begin sn't. If I went into Reagan, and was as afraid of him as you are, he'd kill me. But is Reagan thought that Kahane was crazy, that would be good. You can't be

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Roman Holiday

By DAVID KOBER

The year is 54 A.D. and Ronaldius Reaganus Caesar is about to deliver his State of the Empire speech to the Imperial Roman Senate. As the Emperor prepares to enter, all are seated.

Herald: Presenting his most royal majesty, the beloved of the gods, the conqueror of the dread Hollywoodians, the evil Los Angelines, and the animalistic Bonzonians, your most powerful Emperor — Ronaldius Reaganus Caesar.

Reaganus: Patrician colleagues, before I open the floor to debate, allow me to tell you of the flourishing health of our great Empire. When the gods chose me to lead our nation some years ago, I was somewhat apprehensive. After all, Rome was in shambles. It didn't seem possible for any one man to turn things around. The people were in agony; the sick and the old littered the streets. But I solved that problem — I took the sick and the old off the streets. I kicked them out of the city.

Vice-Emperor Bushocles: Excuse me, great Emperor, but . . .

Reaganus: Not now, Bushocles, can't you see I'm busy? As I was saying, after I rid our society of the poor and the helpless who were making life miserable for us all, I concentrated on improving our economic status. If you remember, when I was provincial Governor of Hollywoodia, I instituted a brilliant new policy. When it came time for the citizens to pay their taxes, I gave every household a little present. If a man paid one hundred sesterces in taxes, I gave him back a bushel of wheat. I called it "supply-food" economics. It didn't really do anything for the company, but people were so happy to get food that it took their minds off how poor they were.

Bushocles: Emperor, I really must have a word with you.

Reaganus: Georgius, leave me

alone, I'm speaking! Now, also during my reign, I appointed my consort Nancia to be in charge of the new foster-slave program. When a new slave came to work in our mills, we arranged to have one of the experienced slaves show him the ropes. You know, where to get the best swill for lunch, how to apply salve to lashings, the works. And people say the Romans are inhumane!

Bushocles: Emperor, please, this is urgent.

Reaganus: All right, Georgius, all right! What's so important?

Bushocles: Emperor, your toga is open in the back.

Reaganus: Oh . . . um . . . thank you. My Senators, the floor is now open to free debate. The chair recognizes Edwardes M. Kennydius.

Kennydius: Emperor, I must address you on behalf of many in the Senate who share my concerns. The recent perfection of the sword in battle disturbs us greatly. Man has taken the final step with this terrible weapon. It is clear that nothing will ever surpass the sword in potential for destruction. And yet, Emperor, you don't seem to be the least bit concerned about limiting its production.

Reaganus: Edwardes, the sword is our friend. It protects the weak and helpless. We need the sword to keep the Empire on top. We need it to make Rome great again. The sword and my leadership — together, a new beginning.

Kennydius: You will not reconsider this choice of direction?

Reaganus: Of course not. We have too much money invested in it already . . . um . . . I mean I've given it serious thought, and I'm sure it's the right choice. What is all this endless bellyaching over war, Kennydius? Maybe when we're out on the battlefield, you'd rather sit home and knit uniforms.

(Scattered giggles are heard throughout the chamber.)

Kennydius: (Visibly upset) Then, Emperor, what about your decision not to let women enter the military?

Reaganus: Edwardes, at least I can keep my wife at home — where she belongs.

(Other Senators begin to snicker.)

Kennydius: (Through clenched teeth.) Emperor, what about your expenditure of forty million sesterces to build new bridges for our legions?

Reaganus: That money is totally justified. Armies need good facilities for transportation. Edwardes, you should know better than anyone what a bridge can mean to a man's career.

(Laughter builds again, louder than before.)

Kennydius: For the love of Rome, these remarks must stop! (Stabs the Emperor.)

Reaganus: Et tu, Kennydius?! Can't take a joke any more? (Reaganus falls, under the statue of the great Roman general, Georgius S. Pattonides.)

Keenydius: What I did, I did for all Rome. Let there be no more jokes about bridges, wives, or liberals!

(Senate leader Marc Anthony Bakerius rises to speak.)

Bakerius: Harken unto my words, Senators. What Kennydius does, he does not for Rome, but for Kennydius. Remember, Reaganus himself provided us with a successor. If you recall, some months ago, one of our great leaders from the past was invited out of exile by Reaganus. I am confident that this man will be more wise, more caring, and more honest than all of us. Gentlemen of the Senate, I give you your new leader — Richard Milhous Nixonus.

(The Senate, as one voice, shouts — "Hail to the Emperor, Hail to the Emperor . . .")

Rabbi Meir Kahane Addresses Students Concerning The Apathy Of Jews

By HESHY GLATSTEIN

NOV. 30 — Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, and noted activist on behalf of Soviet Jewry and Israel, addressed Yeshiva College students this evening.

Rabbi Kahane began with comments concerning the apathy and in extreme cases, the hostility, of a large segment of the orthodox Jewish community towards the state of Israel. He attached their position which he believes is contrary to the fundamental concept of *Kiddush Hashem*. He stated, that for thousands of years, non-Jews have looked upon Jews as Godless people and deserving of their punishment to remain homeless. But, with the emergence of the State of Israel, Kahane said, the basic philosophy of the non-Jew disintegrated and the very existence of the State of Israel became the greatest possible *Kiddush Hashem*. He noted that the Vatican has not yet recognized Israel as a sovereign country. This is not due to political reasons, but rather is a problem of a basic theological

nature. The Catholic Church's 2000 year old doctrine of the wandering Jew was proven fallacious by the creation of Israel in 1948. Therefore, Kahane stated, for the Vatican to recognize Israel would be tantamount to denying their basic dogma since the Church's inception.

Orthodox Atheist

Rabbi Kahane also spoke of the emergence of a unique American phenomenon, the "orthodox atheist," whom he describes as being a Jew whose heart is with *Hashem* but whose mind and common sense lies with the American government. He stressed that as Jews we must reaffirm our faith in *Hashem* and not acquire in giving up the remaining portion of the Sinai Desert. To do so, he stated, would be showing fear to non-Jews and therefore a *Chilul Hashem*. Rabbi Kahane concluded

with remarks stressing the importance of *Aliyah* and how it should be an integrated and basic goal for each of us.

The event, sponsored by the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society and the Yeshiva College Democrats, took place in Rubin Shul.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Governing Board of MASMID 1982 Are Proud to Announce That the Yearbook Is Being Dedicated to HARAV HAGAON RAV JOSEPH B. SOLOVEITCHIK SHLITA

Committee Begins Inroads Into Curriculum Revision

By GIL KEPECS

DEC. 3 — In response to last year's rejected curriculum revision proposal, the faculty of Yeshiva College has created a "curriculum committee" to review the present requirements, and submit a proposal to the faculty.

The committee has, thus far, had one meeting, at which they defined their approach to the problem. They intend to develop a curriculum "from scratch," as the chairman, Dr. Aaron Levine, phrased it; a proposal to revise the present curriculum was rejected. The committee will define what a Yeshiva College graduate should be exposed to academically, and will attempt to create a network of requirements that will produce such a result. Ultimately, though, Dr. Levine does not foresee any radical departures from the present structure. The proposal which they create will be submitted to the divisions of the college for consideration and possible revision. Either the original proposal, or a compromise version will then be submitted to the faculty for a vote.

Student input will be provided by the two student representatives. The Yeshiva College Senate has nothing to do with the process, since the committee is a product of faculty initiative. Four faculty members have been appointed, representing each of the four divisions of the college: Dr. Aaron Levine, Dr. M. J. Bernstein, Dr. Aaron Lebow, Dr. Kra, as well as Dean Rosenfeld and students Ken Wagner and Richie Soskin.

The committee operates by "standard operating procedure," meaning that most proceedings are confidential. The confidentiality is, however, modifiable by vote.

Dean Rosenfeld plans to analyze other college curriculums in order to avoid pitfalls.



Eagles And Truths

By YEHUDAH MIRSKY

The question is often asked: Why study art at Yeshiva? It's a good question and deserves careful thought. If you will, then, a few ideas:

Society talks a lot about beauty, frequently to the point of rhapsody, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever," etc. No doubt about it, beauty is nice. But we don't set very much store by it. Simply put, as a category of meaning beauty is morally neutral, to say the least. Goering had a magnificent collection of artworks and Mussolini's son said that he got a kick out of dropping bombs on Ethiopian villages because the explosions looked like flowers bursting in the air.

It would seem that not only is the study of art devoid of moral significance, its very spirit is antithetical to that of Judaism. The repudiation of Paganism in favor of Judaism is a movement from the external to the internal. The pagan's inner life is an almost synthetic relation with the external world around him. Crouching over the hearth, Heraclitus said, "here, too, are gods." In the Pagan

world, the spirit projects itself onto the physical world and engages it in an immediate, dialectical relationship (as is attested to by the understanding of Paganism implicit in the theories of Ludwig Feuerbach, Rudolf Otto and Gershom Scholem as to the origins of religion). Judaism and its relatively dualistic view of the relationship between spirit and matter, moves inward and finds the human conscience to be the locus of meaning in our world. Though profoundly moved by the beauty to be found in the world, the Jew focuses on that which stands behind the sunset and finds its earthly abode in his conscience. John Keats wrote that "an eagle is not so fine a thing as a truth."

And yet, I think that art does have a thing or two to teach us and that it will repay careful, sensitive study. Personally, I subscribe to the view of Ernst Cassirer, the German philosopher who viewed culture as the attempt to create symbolic forms with which we can get a firm grasp on reality. He wrote that "the artist dissolves the hard

stuff of things in the crucible of his imagination, and the result of this process is the discovery of a new world of poetical, musical or plastic forms . . . Science gives us order in thoughts; morality gives us order in actions; art gives us order in the apprehension of visible, tangible and audible appearances." You may ask: What's the point? Read on to where he says, "The depth of human experience . . . depends on the fact that we are able to vary our modes of seeing, that we can alternate our views of reality. Art gives us a richer, more vivid and colorful image of reality and a more profound insight into its formal structure." There you have it.

And art has its expressive, emotive side. There is a school of modern painting which is avowedly expressionistic, but beyond that, so many works of art bear an expressive weight far greater than the sums of their formal parts. Everyone has his or her work, the one that says something special to them. I, for one, am hopelessly in love with Rembrandt's Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer as well as with Picasso's Guernica, two works that are truly wonderful on the formal, aesthetic plane

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Advertising Campaign Initiated To Raise Funds

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the advertising firm of Doyle, Dane and Bernbach, who acted as account executive for the ad campaign, amplified that point further. "Our goal was to reach a more affluent audience for donations to the university," and thus the decision to use *The Times* and *The Journal*, despite the steep price tag."

It is important to note that the recent ad campaign is not, in and of itself, an independent project, nor was it at any point meant to stand on its own. According to Mr. Hartstein, it is "just another phase in the Century Campaign." Within this frame, it is possible to evaluate the actual purpose of the ad campaign, and its successfulness.

Upbeat Tone

Mr. Hartstein warned against a dollar for dollar approach in evaluating the success of this type of advertising blitz. While he "was convinced that down the road the university will get the money which had been invested in the ads back" this was not necessarily the central goal. The more immediate aim, Mr. Hartstein felt, was "to provide a stimulus" for those who had already contributed — to lend an appearance of momentum to the campaign. About \$31,000,000 has been pledged to the university since the advent of the century campaign, and a campaign of this type was deemed necessary to help "the people in the streets" redouble their efforts to gain financial support for the university. Other benefits of the ad, claimed Mr. Hartstein, were hidden — i.e., a person who had already been planning to make a donation to the university

might now decide to increase that pledge on the strength of the ad. Mr. Hartstein also pointed to the upbeat tone of the ads, viewing them as a definite plus. The university, Mr. Hartstein said, is confident both of meeting its upcoming \$15,000,000 debt payment and of its longterm stability; by projecting that confidence to an audience the size of which *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* naturally reach, people would be encouraged to contribute to a growing enterprise, as opposed to a struggling institution.

Ms. Testa, while agreeing that these types of contributions could be expected as a result of the advertisements, asserted that the campaign could pay for itself from direct ad-related contributions. She said YU had informed her that the response thus far has "been very good."

Total Cost

It is difficult to estimate the total cost of the campaign. Since YU missed the deadline for *The Wall Street Journal*, that advertisement along with its \$36,000 price tag is now on hold. Should it be published then virtually the full \$100,000 budgeted for the campaign will have been used. The budget covers the cost of the ads and the agency's fee, as well as reprints of the ads for mailing purposes.

While it is still too early to gauge the exact effectiveness of the campaign, it appears that the gamble was well taken, and that the *chutzpah* to gamble augurs well for the future financial state of the university.

Sephardic Studies Flourishing At Y.U.

By JOEY FRANCO

According to a recent study, Yeshiva University's Sephardic Studies Program (SSP) has undergone a substantial increase in enrollment for the 1981-82 academic year, as well as a general strengthening of the program of instruction. Under the leadership of the program's director, Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels, SSP has developed a substantive and flexible program that offers students a rich and penetrating study of Sephardic heritage and tradition. That the program is a success may be attested to by the large number of Sephardic students who say they feel "right at home" at YU.

Sephardic Expression

The rise of Sephardic expression at YU has been directly proportional to the increase of the Sephardic student population. There are currently 68 Sephardic undergraduates, accounting for roughly seven percent of the student body. This year 34 new students were admitted, double the amount of those admitted last year. YC and SCW combined have a total of 48 new Sephardic students, and 111 overall, a 50 percent increase over last year.

This sizeable increase can be attributed to the heightened efforts made at recruiting both local and foreign students as well as to an increase in the availability of scholarship funds. Students recruited this year come from a number of countries such as France, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, and Iran. Most of the

students are trilingual and some are proficient in four or even five languages. The most popular first languages seem to be French, Arabic, Spanish, and Hebrew.

Generous Scholarships

Many of the students are taking advantage of scholarships designed specifically for Sephardic students. A Maybaum Foundation Grant is awarded to each Sephardic student. Generous scholarships have been made available to students from Rabbinic families as well as to students from less well-off families. In addition, a special scholarship fund has been set up for Iranian students.

This increase in enrollment has led to a strengthening of the curriculum of Sephardic studies. Since its rather modest beginnings in 1964 with a single *Hazzanut* course and two students, SSP has grown into a full-fledged program, offering eight courses per semester and instructing 105 students. YU is the only university in the country that offers a course of study leading to a B.A. in Sephardic studies. Courses are given on topics ranging from Sephardic Communities and The Sephardic Lifestyle in The Middle East. All the courses are officially given under the auspices of EMC, except for those courses which fall under the purview of CTI, such as Sephardic Liturgical Music and Calligraphy. Those courses

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Marvel Comics Enjoy Popularity; Drama And Pathos Emphasized

By VICTOR UREKI

Class is over and Elie Rosenfeld is out the door before the first *Gemara* is closed for the afternoon. He doesn't bother taking the elevator. He tears out of Furst Hall and into the Morgestern Dorm office. He forces his way through to the mailroom and sifts through the packages. "It must be here," he shouts. Suddenly, the package with his name on it catches his attention. He races up to his room and only then can he relax with his treasure. For Rosenfeld, senior from Silver Spring, Maryland, this is no ordinary package. It contains 15 brand-new Marvel comic books, and to Elie, these are as valuable as gold.

Elie is only one of approximately 100 Marvel comic fans here in Yeshiva University. Its 20th anniversary this year, the Marvel Comic company finds itself atop the comic industry with competitors far behind. Since its beginning in 1961, Marvel has consistently appealed to college students all over America with its bold, dynamic and human approach to comics.

With 30 to 35 titles published a month, Marvel sells approximately 5,000,000 comics each month, with an average readership of 15,762,000 (according to a survey released this year). While he is unsure how many of those are college students, Jim Shooter, Editor-in-Chief of Marvel comics, said that the figure is substantial. "A fourth to a third of all the letters received by us are from college students,"

Shooter said. Marvel's appeal comes from their basic policy of a tightly constructed storyline. One casual reader noted that "while the bulk of the comics produced by the other comic companies are excellent light reading entertainment, Marvel places a high value on continuity, social issues and character development." In Marvel, Peter Parker (a.k.a. Spiderman) is shattered by the death of his beloved Gwen Stacy. Captain America faces an identity crisis after Watergate and the Mighty Avengers witness first hand the ravages of racial hatred.

Human Heroes

At Marvel, the heroes are human and down to earth. College students can easily identify with characters who have to hold down a job as well as go to school. Peter Parker's love life (or lack of one) is basically a page torn out of any college student's diary.

"It is better than most other popular media because of the involvement and attachment that one develops toward the characters. It is a lot like a soap opera," one fan noted. "It is a self-contained world of its own," added this fan, expressing the view of many.

Pam Rutt, public relations person for Marvel notes that "Marvel offers real double pleasure-fantasy (both visual and verbal) while preserving the pathos of each individual character. It is a realistic world with noble yet also very human characters."

The three best sellers in Marvel are the Amazing Spider-Man,

the Uncanny X-Men, and Star Wars, each selling about 350,000-400,000 copies a month. According to Eli Krakauer, a sophomore and dealer in comics, Yeshiva's favorites are Daredevil and X-Men. Mr. Krakauer reads comics, but is mainly interested in it as a business. According to him, comics are a very lucrative investment with an excellent profit ratio. "There are about 40 YU students who are very deeply involved in comics and at least 100 who read them casually." Mr. Krakauer said.

Captain Marvel

Pressed to decide on a favorite issue, Yeshiva University Marvel fans come up with a plethora of 'Marvel'-ous classics. "The Thanos war epic in Captain Marvel (issues 25-33) was one of my favorites," Mr. Rosenfeld said. "It not only contained phenomenal artwork, but also introduced very profound and philosophical concepts of war and the meaning of life and death."

The current Daredevil storyline, Avengers issues 89-97 (the Kree-Skrull War), the Death of Gwen Stacy (Spider-Man issue 121), King Kull issue 11 ("By This Axe I Rule"), Marvel Premiere featuring Dr. Strange issue 14 ("Genesis"), and X-Men 133 (with Wolverine alone against the Hell-Fire club) are just a few of those mentioned by Yeshiva students which they felt deserved a "classic" rating.

Marvel's first twenty years have been highly successful but the future is still quite uncertain. While Marvel is selling more

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Y.U. Cafeteria Decreases Losses In Spite Of Inflationary Costs

Many people, when referring to the YU cafeteria, associate Mr. Alfred Parker with the establishment. In fact, his surname and the cafeteria are often used interchangeably when students refer to our dining facility in the basement of Rubin Hall. The connection between Mr. Parker and the cafeteria has even deluded some Yeshiva students into thinking that Mr. Parker owns the cafeteria and makes a handsome profit for himself. In reality, Mr. Parker is a salaried employee of Yeshiva University and this is his twenty-fifth anniversary on the job.

Minimize Losses

Today, as director of food services at Yeshiva, Mr. Parker manages the cafeteria at Yeshiva College, Stern, and AECOM. Because the cafeterias are non-profit entities, Mr. Parker and the administration are in a constant battle to minimize losses. According to Mr. Parker, the annual cafeteria deficit is approximately \$10,000. This is in comparison to 1974 when the cafeteria's losses totalled \$84,000. One factor which has helped the trimming of losses is the increase of catered affairs held on campus. A major factor which enlarges the deficit is the continually decreasing student patronage of the cafeteria. Mr. Parker contends that with each change in prices fewer students appear in the dining room. Another problem facing food services at Yeshiva is the artificially low prices charged for Sabbath meals. The three meals on the Sabbath cost the student \$9.00, while Mr. Parker contends that the actual costs for these meals total \$17.00. "Until the price of a *shabbos* meal is brought to a more realistic level," Mr. Parker contends, "the cafeteria will continue to lose a sizeable amount of money."

Despite the problems of the Sabbath meals, the cafeteria has been effectively reducing its budget every year. At Stern College, however, problems remain

with deficits, still causing a great deal of concern. Mr. Parker claims that many of the women have irregular eating habits which adds to the problem. According to Mr. Parker, "some students are living on a very tight budget. They want to spend for clothing and entertainment

for each meal than the buyer without the plan would pay, many students strongly desire a meal plan. Other students maintain that such a plan may be too confining, eliminating the option of "going to Bernstein's once in a while." The problem would be solved by instituting a partial



Mr. Alfred Parker in his early days at Yeshiva University's cafeteria preparing culinary delicacies.

but not for food. "As a solution to this problem, he proposes that a meal plan be instituted at Stern in the near future. "With a meal plan," Mr. Parker says, "the parents will know that their children will eat a proper meal, and they will have a suitable diet with nutritional balance."

Meal Plan

The notion of a meal plan at YC has been argued upon for years. Because the meal plan allows the participant to pay less

meal plan encompassing five dinners a week. Mr. Parker strongly advocated this plan as a source of increased revenue for the cafeteria. The only remaining opposition comes from the Yeshiva administration. Some notable figures contend that the additional expense of a meal plan for par-

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YCSC President



By ELLIOT SMALL

Of Muggers And Morg Mart

Last Monday night, a frightening incident took place on the steps of Tannenbaum Hall. A YC student was "accosted" by two locals, and, at gunpoint, was relieved of his money. Before he was seriously injured, the muggers took their leave. This incident should hit home since it could happen to any one of us.

Wednesday evening an emergency session of the YCSC was called where approximately eighty students joined the Council in deciding what plan of action should be taken. A second emergency meeting of that evening commenced at 11:00 P.M., and I am quite happy to report that almost 400 students turned out to hear what path the YCSC together with the YC student body would follow. Several suggestions were drawn up, including the installation of floodlights in five major problem areas, and bilingual signs informing people that guards are patrolling the area. A list of these and several other demands was distributed to key administrators in Yeshiva.

As a postscript, a student visiting Yeshiva on Thursday evening was mugged in back of the Morgenstern dorm. The student, having a weak heart, was very upset, and so thoroughly shaken up by the attack that when the police showed up to speak to him, he refused to come out of a locked room. This was the second mugging in three days and that, I feel, is far too many.

We hope the requests and problems aforementioned will be

met and dealt with since these are issues which cannot be swept under a rug. The safety and security problem affects all of us, whether administrator, professor or student. I caution everyone to be careful when outside — walk in groups and, most of all, be alert.

An old fourteenth century quotation states "misfortunes never come singly." In the last edition of the Commentator (November 25, 1981), an article was written concerning the controversy surrounding the YCSC Morg Mart. I wish to set the record straight. Last year, when we first formulated the idea of a "late night snack bar" we were presented with several good suggestions. Yet two major problems remained: What type of goods we should sell and who would man the store. At a YCSC meeting three students approached the Council and announced that they wished to operate the store. They discussed the problem with YCSC at great length and the Student Council felt that their manning the store would be the answer to both problems.

The prices quoted for Morg Mart in that Commentator issue were incorrect. The Morg Mart prices include shipping and handling charges, while the local distributor's as quoted in the Commentator do not. I hope that this clears up the controversy created and I wish the YCSC Morg Mart the best of luck throughout this year and the coming years with, hopefully, no more problems.

I. B. Singer Speaks At Stern Concerning His Philosophy

By GIL KEPECS

DEC. 2 — At the tenth annual Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lecture Series, Isaac Bashevis Singer, the Nobel Prize winning Yiddish author spoke tonight to an overflowing audience at Stern College. He described his development and philosophy as a Jewish writer.

The 82-year-old Mr. Singer, somewhat weak after recovering from the flu, began in praise of Mr. Rogoff, who had been editor of the *Jewish Daily Forward* for many years, and started Mr. Singer on his literary career.

Problems With Misprints

The speaker then read his story "The Missing Line," a tale about the philosophy writer for old Yiddish press in Warsaw whose articles were perpetually plagued with misprints. This was the story of a particularly baffling disappearance of the line "transcendental unity of the perceptions" from the philosopher's article, and its peculiar reappearance in a news article of a different newspaper. Concerning writers — "99 percent die of misprints." The story was told in memory of Mr. Rogoff and his editorial position.

Mr. Singer then began to speak of his childhood in Poland, his family, and his introduction to philosophy and literature. He comes from a home of the "old Jewish faith" and remembers playing with his father's library books while his friends had their

own toys. His first writing involved scribbling with his father's pen — unfortunately on the Sabbath, thus angering his parents. The family then moved to Warsaw. There they confronted the Enlightenment in the guise of his rationalist brother, who frankly argued against religion with his parents. His brother was unable to counter many of his parent's refutations. Isaac grew interested in such themes, and read among many other works *The Guide to the Perplexed* and the *Kuzari*. He was also fascinated by tales of the supernatural. He would tell his friends stories so convincingly that they were once convinced that his father was a king.

Reason and War

His brother was further troubled by the irrationality of WW I though still convinced that reason would win in the world. Isaac saw this as "worship of reason" leading to contradictions.

He told of the Ukrainian pogroms following a cholera plague. He then began to read modern Hebrew and Yiddish works influenced by the enlightenment, as well as Tolstoy, Dostoyevsky, Mopassant, and Poe in Yiddish translations. A Shakespeare translation of the time was marked as "corrected and enlarged" by David Hurvitz.

Singer began to read Spinoza's *Ethics*. The work had a great effect on he who would later pub-

lish the story *The Spinoza of Market Street*. This literary reading was a quest for "truth." Philosophy of the day merely attacked reason, not bothering to rebuild what it destroyed. Mr. Singer contemplated suicide at this stage of his life. He could not systemize existence.

The author was, externally, an ordinary Hasidic talmud student, though others began to suspect that he was not quite so ordinary. He began writing in Hebrew, but, as this was not his mother tongue, he felt inhibited. He had more to say than what was written on paper. He turned to Yiddish.

The Jews and the Polish people never came to terms. Isaac's father spoke no Polish, and he spoke with an accent. In fact, he said, "I speak all languages with an accent, even Yiddish." His brother, having joined the revolutionary movement, began to debate with Isaac as he did with their parents, Isaac taking his parent's viewpoint. His philosophy by now was a combination of the Ten Commandments, mysticism, skepticism and deism. The world consists of only potentialities with G-d as the sum total of all possibilities. He pictured G-d as the great artist, striving for perfection in his work and thus destroying and creating at will — concepts similar to notions in *Midrash and Kabbalah*.

Singer concluded with a more (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

Give A Little — It Means A Lot!

By JOEY BODNER

If you were hospitalized and needed a transfusion, you'd certainly expect blood to be available. But did you ever stop to think about who was responsible for supplying blood for you?

The Greater New York Blood Program doesn't supply blood — nor do hospitals. Only people can produce and supply blood for other people.

On Thursday, December 24th in F501, Yeshiva College Student Council will be running its biannual blood drive. Of all the events run by YCSC, this is by far one of the most important. Traditionally the winter drive has been held at the end of December, at a time when the blood supply in New York is critically low.

Yeshiva is the largest group donor during this holiday season. The large turnouts at past blood drives are a source of pride and acknowledgement to Yeshiva for two reasons: (1) The *mitzvah of hatzlot n'fashot*. (2) The tremendous *Kiddush Hashem* that Yeshiva University is the largest blood donor during the Christmas holiday.

Unfortunately, this year's blood drive assumes a personal note for the Yeshiva University student body at large. A former student of YUHS was seriously injured in a car accident on Erev Sukot. Ami Gregor is a very special graduate of MTA. Upon completion of his studies he opted to enlist in Tzahal rather than enroll in college. After three years in the army he returned to America to visit his parents. It was during that visit that this terrible accident occurred. Ami is presently recuperating at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

In order to show the support of the entire student body, all the blood collected at this year's Blood Drive will be donated in his name. It is our hope that by doing this, we will cover all blood he used and express the wishes of the student body that he have a *vefueh shelaima*.

It is most important that all eligible donors come forth on Thursday, December 24th to donate blood and show their support for a fellow Jew in his time of need.

Letters To The Editor

Faculty Response

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 5) academicians on the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and its investigating committee? Or to the five eminent law professors on the committee from SMU, UC Berkeley, Michigan, Illinois, and Yale? Or to the three renowned consultant law professors from Yale, Harvard and Duke?

In all decency, is it fair for the Vice-President to level an unsubstantiated *ad hominem* recrimination without presenting any convincing evidence?

Ralph E. Behrends, Chairperson for the Faculty Steering Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Mart Prices

To The Editor,

A quick glance at the November 25 installment of "Behind Dorm Doors" indicates that the students feel that Morg Mart is a valuable addition to student life. Yet Commentator sought to endanger Morg Mart's future with an inaccurate, libelous article. I write to you as a former member of Student Council and a concerned student who wishes to see the truth told.

The article is topped by a headline which on its own is a negative judgement against Morg Mart. Then, at the end of the first paragraph Commentator declares that YCSC is not collecting maximum potential profits. The following paragraphs implied that the reason that YCSC

isn't generating higher profits is that J. K. Squared is overcharging YCSC. Commentator quotes prices that seem to prove this point. However, these figures may be inaccurate. The prices that YCSC paid are higher than the list price since this figure included the cost of renovating the room that the store occupies. Commentator also quotes prices obtained from a nearby distributor. These prices, however, are for a volume five times that ordered by Morg Mart.

Commentator should be careful when using the word "never" since it is the official undergraduate newspaper of YC and should show at least some journalistic responsibility. When a newspaper misrepresents the facts in a story, even if the facts are technically true, it must be considered a lie. YC has a long tradition of honor to uphold; Commentator has done little to further this tradition with this article.

Nachum Stone, YC '82
Editor-in-Chief
Hamevaser

Editor's Note: We stand by the accuracy of our story on Morg Mart. The prices printed were checked and rechecked before publication. They represent the wholesale prices obtained from nearby distributors, and were quoted to us regardless of the quantity purchased. These prices are significantly lower than the prices charged YCSC by J.K. Squared. Further, if their prices do include the cost of renovating the room Morg Mart occupies,

this implies that the total renovation charge was divided among each item and was billed per item. If this is in fact the case, it was indicated neither to YCSC nor to The Commentator. It is also worth noting that a member of J.K. Squared read the article prior to publication and agreed that the facts we wrote were accurate. The article published was neither inaccurate nor libelous. It was written to insure that YCSC, our student council, is maximally successful.

Student Loans

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the many students across the state who have contacted my office to express their views on the proposed cuts in student financial aid. I can well understand students' concern after the President's September 24 speech in which he requested an additional 12 percent cut in all domestic programs.

You will be pleased to learn that there were no additional cuts in the two main programs which make it possible for students to pursue a college education — Pell Grants and Guaranteed Student Loans. Initially, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Labor, HHS and Education had proposed a \$308 million cut in the Guaranteed Student Loan pro-

gram. I contacted Senator Schmitt, Chairman of the Subcommittee, and informed him that I could not support cuts which fundamentally affected a student's ability to attend college. The full Appropriations Committee subsequently dropped the proposed reduction in Guaranteed Student Loans. In addition, whereas the Subcommittee had originally recommended a \$215 million funding level for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), I and several other Senators were successful in adding \$75 million to this vital program.

Today, government supported or subsidized student aid is essential to the financing of higher education. In 1979-80, for example, New York State college students received an estimated \$1.6 billion in student aid, of which at least \$1.32 billion came from the State and Federal governments. In New York State alone, over 312,000 students studying full-time received guaranteed student loans in 1979-80. Rest assured that I will continue to fight for student financial aid.

I would again like to thank you for your interest and support for student financial aid. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,
Al D'Amato, R-N.Y.
United States Senator

The Wurzweiler School occupies approximately three floors of the Brookdale Center. There it has maintained the reputation of a small school with closeness among students and faculty. There is a sense of warmth as well as an environment of professional growth in the halls of the 16th and 17th floors. This special experience is an essential component in effective education and graduate-school training.

Beyond the classroom, my two years at Wurzweiler consisted of countless discussions and meaningful relationships with other students, consultations with a concerned faculty, and an overall sense of belonging to the school. I sincerely believe that this type of warmth, friendship and growth will be extremely more difficult to create on a college and high school campus, and thus, the relocation can be damaging. I do not think that secluding Wurzweiler into some Belfer classrooms will provide a similar educational experience. Moreover, the move may be disadvantageous in the long-run to the future of the School and is likely to markedly reduce the number of social-work students.

The college and Yeshiva equally provides a wonderful atmosphere and unique opportunity to develop in many ways. I personally studied at Yeshiva College and found it to be a very valuable experience. However, the goals and outlooks of YC and WSSW and its respective students are different; one might reconsider whether their education must be pursued on the same campus.

Respectfully,
Jay Weinstein, YC '78
WSSW '81

The Commentator accepts letters to the editor subject to revision and abridgement, provided they are submitted typed double space to Morgenstern Room 222 by the Thursday night preceding the publication date. Unfortunately, due to the limitations of space, we cannot guarantee the publication of every letter that we receive.

Singer

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 5) thorough exposition of his philosophy, though these concepts he developed for himself and had had not organized them for others.

The Hillel Rogoff Memorial Lectures honor the name of an early YU alumnus who became editor of the *Forward* and was active in Socialist and Jewish causes. Dr. David Mirsky is the director of the series.

Grad Outlook

To The Editor:

The decision to relocate Wurzweiler to the uptown campus is one which requires greater consideration and review. There certainly are numerous financial, religious, and academic issues involved in this matter, which have stirred many mixed feelings. At this point, I believe that the administration must meet with respect and weigh more seriously the thoughts and concerns of students in regard to this potential move.

As a graduate of both Yeshiva College and Wurzweiler School of Social Work, I do not think that the change will be productive for the students involved.

Eagles

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 3) as well as suffused with meanings, haunted by resonances.

(As for the Art-Pornography question, suffice it to say that I accept Ellen Willis' definition of pornography as that which views the sensual in isolation from the entire complex of human existence, of which it is a part.)

The study of art, then, does deserve a place at Yeshiva. We, who are firmly grounded in the fierce morality of the Torah, who try to see His hand in all the dolgs of the world, can properly balance our eagles and our truths and study art with a full awareness of its limitations and its promises.

A/P/N Suggested

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2) will hurt participation in these areas, because who would participate if they weren't rewarded for their efforts?" he said. "These are to the creative, innovative people, without whom we'd be lacking."

If approved by the faculty, the proposal will go into effect for the Fall 1982 semester.



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Greater Guard Presence Promised By Administration

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) posals included setting up flood lights on campus, demanding more protection from the local police precinct, and student patrols.

Much of the meeting was spent discussing how to approach the administration in order to "get results." Some students expressed concern that the administration would not take anything more than a token action until someone got hurt. Junior Class President Avi Schneider stated that, "At the bottom line, money is the most powerful influence in the university." The student body, therefore, should attempt to get major donors to pressure the administration for more action. Applying Mr. Schneider's principle, another speaker suggested that students should threaten to withhold the money from their tuition that is earmarked for security, unless the situation improves. Other students suggested a student strike, a sit-in in Dr. Lamm's office, or a rally of the entire student body. Some students objected to the latter proposal, but others, pointing out that two years ago such a rally had moved the university to obtain a security van, felt such action could be successful. Many students also criticized what they perceived to be the inefficient utilization of the security guards currently on duty. For example, students felt that a guard checking ID cards in the library is unnecessary. As well, the guard in the high school building should be sitting in the Amsterdam Avenue entrance, not further back in the hall where there is no need to watch for intruders entering through the building's side door being that it is locked at 6:30 PM.

Closed Doors

After the open discussion ended, the Student Council met in a closed door session to formulate a final proposal, which they presented to the student body at a later meeting held at 11:00 PM. Despite the late hour, the Rubin shul was packed with 350 students who openly expressed approbation as the student council presented its program. The Council recommendations included informing YU trustees and alumni of the gravity of the situation, demanding more guards and floodlights, and the posting of bilingual notices of the presence of a security patrol on campus. Mr. Small stated that if decisive action is not taken quickly there will be a student protest rally, and a letter explaining the student body's position will be sent to the YU community. If this

does not result in a drastic change in the status quo, then, clearly, a student strike will be necessary. Mr. Small closed the discussion by reemphasizing that these proposals should be acted upon, as "without the students, what is the university?" The vote resulted in a display of student unity as the resolution passed unanimously.

At today's meeting with student leaders Dr. Lamm expressed deep concern over the matter, noting that he feels for students as if "they were my children." He stated that the school is committed to a policy of maximum security but there is "no such thing as total security." It was at this meeting that Col. Robert Marmorstein, Director of Security, presented his proposals for beefed up protection which were in turn presented to the student body at tonight's meeting.

Sephardic Studies

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) are taught by Rabbi Abraham Ben-Haim, a gifted scribe and Hazan.

Each morning a Sephardic minyan takes place in the 3rd floor Morg lounge and is very well attended. The minyan is anxiously awaiting the arrival of an Iraqi Torah, between two and three hundred years old. The students also enjoy spending the Shabbat in each other's company.

While proud of their own traditions, the students are fully a part of the student body. If they stand out as a group, it is because of their palpable sincerity and dedication.

Marvel Comics

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 5) than last year, it has dropped in sales by almost a million copies a month since 1978, according to Miss Rutt. This is due partly to distribution problems and "comics losing to the electric media."

Price Increases

Some around Yeshiva have curtailed or stopped buying completely due to the price increases. Comics which once proudly declared "All in color for a dime" now bear prices of 60¢, 75¢, and even \$1.00 depending on the size. Furthermore, after 20 years, Marvel comics still face the negative response the word 'comic book' evokes. As one Yeshiva student said, "comics seem like a waste of time in comparison to more standard works of literature."

Jim Shooter disagrees, saying that "comics are an American art form, it started here and there is something about the integration of art and words that appeals to us all." One fan also argued that "reading comic books makes you aware of some of the complexities of human relationships and the conflicts and problems which they generate. By placing them in a fantasy world, the comic helps us put our real-life hang-ups in perspective and deal with them accordingly."

For Elie Rosenfeld there is no skepticism. He opens his package, removes the brightly colored magazines and places them on his desk. Spider-man, Defenders, X-Men, Hulk, Ironman, and a host of others crowd to his desk top. "With super-heroes, I can escape to a world of fantasy where dreams can come true," Elie said.

When it comes to a fantasy, as Jim Shooter pointed out, "At Marvel, we do it better."

YU Caf Decreases Losses In Spite Of Rising Costs

(Continued from Page 5, Col. 3) ents who already are paying exorbitant tuition and dormitory fees will not be tolerated, resulting in a decrease in enrollment.

Another problem that the cafeteria faces is pilfering and vandalism. Petty thievery by students has existed for quite a while. Vandalism recently cost the cafeteria \$200 as a vending machine in Rubin Hall was destroyed.

An alternate method of reducing the deficit would be the elimination of some services. This idea worked at AECOM. Discontinuation of dinner and breakfast services helped Einstein's deficit which once accrued to \$109,000.

Expansion of the Cafeteria

Generation of additional income for the cafeteria is anticipated with the move of Wurzweiler and possibly Ferkauf to Washington Heights. Expansion of the cafeteria has even been discussed, but Mr. Parker maintains that it isn't necessary. The cafeteria seating capacity of 400 should be adequate in dealing with the ad-

ditional students. The only major change in the structure of the cafeteria that Mr. Parker anticipates is the creation of a new area for the dining hall queue. "We need," says Mr. Parker, "a scramble line where you can take coffee and cake and go out." One other problem which Wurzweiler and Ferkauf represent is that of Kashrus. Mr. Parker plans on having a Mashgiach in the dining room to supervise that no outside food should come in.

Commentator Interview

(Continued from Page 3, Col. 2) nice — you have to be crazy. They have to believe that they're dealing with Qaddafi in a *yarmulke*. How come the U.S. doesn't crush Libya? Think about it. We should have a Samson complex — that if we go, we want to take everyone with us. Because remember — nobody wants to go.

GUIDANCE NOTES

● Accounting 1001, 1002, Accounting 1101, 1102 and Computer Sciences 5, 6 will be offered in two five-week sessions during Summer, 1982 if there is sufficient demand. Students who may be interested are asked to see Mrs. Levinson before January 15, 1982.

Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island is now accepting applications for its "Summer Student Program." Stipend: \$150.00/week plus travel; housing available. Eligibility: applicants must have a completed Junior year by June 1982 with better than a B average. Deadline: January 30. See Dr. Connolly (Furst 413).

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will select twenty advanced students from natural and social sciences to work as interns at a radio or television station, magazine or newspaper, for ten weeks this summer. Stipend: \$250/week. Deadline: February 1. "Limited to students demonstrating substantial breadth and depth in their areas of study." See Dr. Connolly, Furst 413.

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Future Looks Promising

By MICHAEL KOSOFKY



In South Carolina they talk about their Clemson Tigers, in Virginia they rave about their basketball Cavaliers. Well, in New York, they will soon be talking about the YU Maccabees. Many people (students included) find it hard to believe that Yeshiva could put together a championship team, yet the truth is, they have three potential champions.

Nobody can dispute our hockey teams' championship status. Last year's thrilling victory against Columbia was the highlight of an amazing year, in which student awareness and pride reached a zenith for Yeshiva University. Expectations for this year's team ARE JUST AS HIGH despite the loss of Ralph Sugarman. Indeed, the hockey team is one of the few places in which student pride is conspicuously evident.

However, this year's fencing team can turn out to be another source of championship potential. Last year's NCAA participant, Jay Zauderer, will be joined by the return of Saul Skolnik, an NCAA participant in 1980. Surely this dynamic duo, joined by the other outstanding fencers under the tutelage of Professor Tauber will present themselves as a formidable foe against the best of opponents.

This year's tennis team can well top off the Maccabees' bid for a triple crown. Last year's team finished a strong second place in their division, missing out on first place by one match. This year's team will be led by Co-Captains C. Levine and R. Schlusel, along with N. Tilson, M. Bodek, G. Rosenbaum and A. Markowitz.

In addition, this year's basketball team is expected to be one of the most successful and exciting in years. Harvey Sheff will continue to make his assault on Stue Poloner's scoring title, only this year he will have the assistance of a healthy Alan Sapadin, along with returning veterans, M. Rosenbloom, A. Greenberg, H. Reinhart, N. Tilson and Aaron Wertheimer. Joining our seasoned cagers will be two outstanding rookies, Joe Eaves and Solly Krevsky. Their resounding 48 point victory over Bard is a solid indication of their abilities.

While this year is mainly a rebuilding year for the Ellmen, they are still expected to turn in solid performances. Returning captains are veterans W. Brecher, P. Kremen, and Ben J. Genet. The Ellmen have always been one of the school's best teams and this year should be no exception.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that while it is true that our teams will not make the cover of Sports Illustrated, they will nevertheless make an indelible impression in their respected fields. In the sports world YU doesn't have to AND WILL NOT take a back seat to anyone.

Maccabees Open Season With 5-0 Record; Joe Eaves Becomes Local Sensation

By R. SCHONDORF

Have the Maccabees finally come of age? If Monday night's 48 point thrashing of Bard College is any indication, the answer is a definite maybe. Certainly, the optimism displayed by the team is something we have not seen since there were three working elevators in Furst Hall.

Harvey Sheff and freshman sensation Joe Eaves are the Macs' new one-two punch. After starting out slowly Monday night, they managed to blow away the star-struck Bard team. Joey found Harvey free under the basket almost every time down the court and with his precision passing, managed to get the ball to him every time. Indeed, he assisted on nine of Harvey's fourteen baskets.

Early Lead

Yeshiva jumped out to an early 5-0 lead on baskets by Sol Krevsky and Allan Sapadin, two of the Mac's quickest play-making guards. Bard, playing its best basketball of the evening, then ran off the next eight points. With the score 12-11 in Bard's favor, it was time for the Maccabees to get the show on the road. With Neil Tilson and Hank Reinhart playing tenacious defense and with Mike Rosenbloom having his finest game ever, Bard could only watch in horror as the Mac's pulled away. The half-time score was 42-20 in favor of Yeshiva.

The Macs began the second half where they left off. Unlike previous years, there was no let-up and the killer instinct remained. Sheff and Eaves continued their dominance while Alan Greenberg took command of the boards. The Mac's other newcomer, Aaron Wertheimer, put in a valiant effort in the short time that he played. The final score of 88-40 was indicative of the way Yeshiva played. They executed well on defense as well as on offense. Bard was forced into turnovers on twenty-foot jump shots almost every time down the court. Nearly every Bard mis-



Yeshiva Mac shooting from the outside.

take was converted into two points for the Macs.

Joe Eaves

Everyone is talking about newcomer sensation Joe Eaves. He comes to Yeshiva from Maimonides High School in Boston, where he received many honors, culminating in being named to the all-city team last year. He brings to the Maccabees his quickness and speed as well as his overall leadership abilities. Even WABC-TV, as well as reporters from New York's three major newspapers came out to see what all the hoopla was about. And they were not disappointed. Joey scored fourteen points and assisted on fourteen other baskets. Altogether, he was responsible for forty-two points! And all this in his first college game!

This year's other major highlight will come in the Mac's 14th

and 15th game. In one of these games, team captain Harvey Sheff will become Yeshiva's all-time leading scorer. Going into this year, Harvey has amassed 1,102 points in 63 games, an unbelievable rate of 17.5 points per game. He is already way above his average this year with his 32 points against Bard College. Harvey is coming off his best year, where he amassed over 400 points. This year, he is even stronger and with Joe Eaves and a healthy Alan Sapadin to feed him the ball, he will approach that total again and maybe even surpass it.

This is the fastest team the Macs have ever fielded. Fans will be able to see the team run with the ball, something inconceivable in the past. The Macs will improve dramatically on last year's record and should have at least a .500 season, if not better.

Yeshiva's Maccabees Romp Over N. Y. Maritime

DEC. 8—The Maccabees, led in scoring by freshman guard, 5' 9" Joseph Eaves, of Hartford, Ct., achieved a stunning 63-53 upset over defending Independent Athletic Conference champions, SUNY Maritime, on Maritime's home court in Ft. Schuyler in the Bronx today.

According to Coach Jeffrey Gurock, "It is the first time that the Maccabees have defeated Maritime in more than a decade."

The Maccabees turned around a 32-25 Maritime lead at the half with fast rebound breaks and superior shooting by Eaves, who scored 21 points and had nine assists, and senior center Harvey Sheff, who scored 14 points, and

grabbed 13 rebounds. Freshman forward Sol Krevsky scored 13 points.

The Mac's defense is given credit for holding the Privateers to 21 points in the second half. The Macs had trailed as late as eight minutes after the half when they pulled ahead 39-38.

The Mac's record is 5-0. They defeated Bard College 88-40 in their opener. Webb Institute cancelled their game with YC.

YESHIVA INTRAMURAL HOCKEY STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	L	GF	GA	P
JUNIORS	4	4	0	30	17	8
SENIORS	4	3	1	25	17	6
SOPHOMORES	4	1	3	14	20	2
FRESHMEN	4	0	4	13	28	0

YESHIVA INTRAMURAL HOCKEY SCORING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	G	A	PEN.	P
1) Hank Reinhart	JUN.	17	6	0	23
2) Ace Israeli	SEN.	8	5	2	13
3) Gary Litwack	SEN.	7	2	0	9
4) Richie Shlusel	SEN.	4	5	0	9
5) Ben J. Genet	JUN.	3	6	0	9
6) Jay Forman	SEN.	2	7	4	9
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Wrestling Season Opens With Difficulty

The Y.U. wrestling team opened their season with a tough loss to Stevens Tech. The match began with Stevens getting three quick pins in the 118, 126, and 134 weight classes. The Ellmen then battled back, from an 18

point deficit, behind Moshe Kranzler's (142) first period pin. Aaron Lapp (150) followed by pinning his man in a mere two minutes. Yeshiva now looking to tie the score, had Ben J. Genet wrestling in the 160 weight class.

Genet came through by easily pinning his opponent. Yeshiva now had a chance to take the lead with two rookies, David Genet (168) and Barry Klein (177), looking for their first victories.

Although both were defeated, they wrestled well and with a little more experience, should prove to be valuable additions to this year's team. Yeshiva now down by 12 points, got a break as Stevens forfeited the 190 pound weight class.

Down by six points, the Ellmen needed a pin in the next match from Andy Cohen. Andy wrestled very well but unfortunately, lost to a seasoned opponent.

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