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## Computerized Registration's Fate Still Uncertain

By Ezra Gelb

Recently, Y.C.S.C. issued petitions in order to protest the reports that the Executive Council of Administrators were considering discontinuing computerized registration. Some students felt the new on-line registration would be dropped in order to save money; others thought the system simply wasn't effective. Hundreds of students signed the petition in the hope that Yeshiva University would maintain all present registration system.

Dr. Brenner stressed that, "The apprehension that Y.U. has made a policy change, is untrue. The possibility of the program not going through is technical and has nothing to do with Y.U. policy." He added that there is no money factor involved. "The cost of Y.U. and Stern undergraduate registration is between \$1.50 and \$2.00 per student which is well within our range. We're all just hoping that the modified system will still work."

Dr. Socol echoed the same sentiment. "Dropping the computerized registration wouldn't be a monetary factor; improving it would be." Mr. Friedenberg spoke of a cumulative record system which would be one comprehensive package, including records and transcripts in addition to registration. "This system would simplify such

activities as transferring credits and would enable records and transcripts to be listed on computerized cards. "Such a package is being researched and it could cost in excess of \$100,00," said Mr. Friedenberg.

When asked about the possible deletion of the precept system, Dr.



Pinchas Friedenberg

Sheldon E. Socol, vice-president of business affairs at Y.U. queried, "How can I comment on rumors? It's hard enough to discuss facts." He added, "If anything, the notion to upgrade the present system was discussed."

Yeshiva University presently is con-  
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## Brookdale Hall Evacuated Following Bomb Threat

By Nell Adler

Oct. 30 — The Stern dormitory was evacuated on account of a bomb threat. At 10:17 PM a call was received by 911 claiming that a bomb had been planted in Brookdale Hall. After the dormitory was evacuated, Rabbi and Mrs. Reich, the head dorm counselors, granted permission for the police to search the basement and lobby of the dorm for any suspicious objects. Subsequently, at 10:47 PM, when no foreign objects had been found, the students were allowed to return to their respective dorm rooms.

In an interview with the Y.U. security staff, Colonel Robert Marmorstein stated that, "It is not unusual for a disgruntled scare, especially during test week. We anticipate it during midterm and final weeks."

The Y.U. security staff specified that it is not common Yeshiva Policy to evacuate a building in the event of a bomb threat. However, the decision was made to evacuate Brookdale in error due to a lack of communication with the

security office. Col. Marmorstein continued by saying that general procedure in the event of a bomb scare is to notify the police and conduct a thorough search without evacuation of the buildings. He stressed that their main goal is not to raise anxiety among the students. A true bomb scare is unlikely in the Stern dorm because it is well protected. It is extremely difficult for a stranger to actually enter the building without being noticed by security guards, because of the layout of the lobby and elevator entrances.

Although bomb scares are far from common in Y.U. facilities, this was not the first to occur on Yeshiva property. One Saturday night last year a threat was received, claiming that a bomb had been planted in the Mendel Gottesman Library. Since the library had been tightly locked over Shabbat, with an alarm system and 24 hour security watch, a real bomb was highly unlikely and the call was dismissed as a prank.

## Erna Michael College To Become Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

The Commentator has learned that the University's Teachers Institute for Men (known since 1966 as Erna Michael College) will be renamed the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies following a major contribution by New York philanthropist Hermann Merkin, who is Breuer's son-in-law.

Teachers Institute was established by the Mizrachi organization of America in 1917. Sixteen years ago, the late Jakob Michael contributed \$1.25 million to name the school in memory of his late wife, Erna Sondheimer Michael, with the provision that the University be permitted to rename the College following his death. Mr. Michael died in

September of 1979.

Dr. Isaac Breuer (1883-1946), who was the grandson of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, was an intellectual leader in German Jewry. Following the rise to power of the Nazis, Dr. Breuer moved to Jerusalem in 1936. There he helped to organize Po'alei Agudat Israel, of which he later became president.

In announcing the name change and the gift, President Norman Lamm noted that, "It seems fitting that a college of Yeshiva University should be named for Dr. Isaac Breuer, who was a Judaic scholar, a leader in the Jewish community and an attorney... Like Isaac Breuer, our students learn the great

ideas of Judaic and secular thinkers, for we offer them the best of both worlds."

Mr. Merkin is president of Merkin & Co., Inc., a member of the New York Stock Exchange. He has been more actively involved with the University for the past two decades as a member of the University's Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of Cardozo School of Law, and the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Mr. Merkin was awarded the University's citation for exceptional leadership in the advancement of higher education in 1968, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1980.

By Mordechai Twersky

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools will conduct an evaluation of the study abroad programs in Israel in the coming spring, it was announced by Dr. Egon Brenner, executive vice-president of Yeshiva University.

The Association, which accredits colleges and universities in the Middle States region, will include in its academic review all of the Israeli programs under Yeshiva University auspices.

The visit to the Israeli institutions is part of an on-going evaluation program by the Middle States Association of study programs abroad. In 1981, the Commission evaluated programs in England and France, and decided to continue with additional program assessments for this academic year.

### 16 Guidelines

According to a policy memorandum written by Dr. Robert Kirkwood, executive director of the Association, sponsors of the study abroad programs, along with the respective foreign institutions of study, will be evaluated in the light of 16 guidelines which the Association will be using during the evaluation process.

Included among the criteria is that study abroad programs should include "clearly defined criteria and policies for judging performance and assigning credit in accordance with prevailing

standards and practices at the home institution; where several institutions are involved with a single overseas institution or in a consortium, a common basis for determining grade equivalence is essential." Another criterion includes the stipulation "that students will ordinarily not receive credit for foreign study undertaken without prior planning or approval on the students' home campuses."

### Interpretation a Problem

According to Rabbi Jacob M. Rabinowitz, dean of undergraduate Jewish studies at Yeshiva University, a problem may arise in the application and interpretation of such guidelines by the Israeli institutions. He explained that the evaluation tools that the American universities use to determine the performance of students may be different from the methods utilized within the Israeli Yeshiva system. A problem would then arise, he said, if Middle States were to hold the Israeli institutions responsible for the "American" interpretation of the guidelines.

The Yeshiva University-Joint Israel program, at its inception five years ago, included only two Israeli institutions, Machon Gold and Beit Medrash L'Torah (BMT). In the fall of 1981, the program was expanded to include 15 Israeli institutions. Currently, there are some 245 students from Yeshiva and Stern College participating in the joint

programs.

### Written Agreement

According to Dean Rabinowitz, Yeshiva University, at the outset of the joint program, drew up a written agreement with each of the Israeli institutions participating in the program. The agreement obligated the institutions to provide the University with information and reports regarding the progress of the students learning there. Dean Rabinowitz indicated, however, that certain institutions "have not fulfilled all areas of the agreement." The Israeli programs therefore, have been undergoing constant review by Yeshiva University faculty, who have been making final decisions regarding credit placement on the transcript, and reserving the right to reject a particular course for a joint program participant.

"The number of credits that are promised to students returning from Israel is not being withheld," Dean Rabinowitz said. "The problem is," he added, "that the faculty must now determine which courses the students may be exempt from as a result of their study in Israel." Dean Rabinowitz was confident though, that any conflict in interpretation of the guidelines would soon be resolved.

Dr. Brenner said that the Middle States evaluation would help the University "by giving its viewpoint on the educational process by expert people outside the University."

## Max Stern Scholar Program Established

by Mark Mazer

The Commentator has learned of the establishment of an annual scholarship program for undergraduates which will be called the Max Stern Scholars Program. Designed to attract exceptionally gifted students to Yeshiva University, the program will offer \$20,000 over the four undergraduate years, as well as a specially enriched curriculum to each student who participates in the program.

Although the details of this uniquely designed curriculum have yet to be worked out, active recruitment is already underway to select the 5-10 high school seniors who will inaugurate the program next fall. (Eventually it is estimated that there will be 20 Stern Scholars each at YC and SCW).

Max Stern Scholars will be chosen on the basis of the exceptional high school

academic record and leadership potential, as indicated by:

- Grade average of "A".
- Superior verbal and quantitative scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.) generally in at least the 95th percentile of American college freshmen.
- Personal essay of 250 to 500 words on a relevant topic (for example, the relationship of Jewish studies to the general academic experience).
- Recommendations from high school faculty and principals as well as communal leaders attesting to scholarship and leadership.

Max Stern Scholars may renew their scholarship status each year if they continue excellent academic achievement — the awards are reviewed annually. In addition, each graduating student who was a Max Stern Scholar during his or her senior year of study will receive a bachelor's degree diploma which indicates this honor. It is hoped that Max Stern Scholars, when they are financially able, will make matching contributions to the fund to enable other exceptional students to participate on the Program and benefit from a Yeshiva University education.

## Y.C.S.C. Meeting Held

By Jay Barbalatt

Nov 3- A general meeting of YCSC was held tonight. Many issues pertaining to the students, as well as to the Student Council, were discussed. The winners of Freshmen elections, Josh Ramanoff, the new President, Jules Polanetzky, the Vice President, and Danny Kaufman, the Secretary Treasurer, were inducted into the office of the Student Council.

The Rally for Anatoly Scharansky was deemed by all as in the interest of the students. A letter from Rabbi Lamm was read stating "I am fully with you in your protest against the incarceration and inhuman treatment of Anatoly Scharansky. . . We are with him be'lev va'nefesh, and you demonstrate that in your public action on his behalf. . ."

A major issue was the renovation of the game room in Furst Hall. The game room being a major source of revenue for the Student Council, will be refurbished. It will be painted, and change machines and more games will be put in. President Avi Schneider stressed future participation of Y.C. with Network, an international

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## Computer Registration Necessary

It is no hazardous venture to say that few of those reporting for registration this term failed to be pleasurably surprised. The novelty of having registration conducted in a well-planned, systematized fashion could not have been less than overwhelming to students accustomed to the old procedure.

The importance of the innovation can hardly be overestimated. Here is not only a question of the mechanical completion of routine work on a more efficient basis. In the proper handling of registration problems lies the answer to more than one problem.

Even more important is the undeniable fact that slipshod registration methods, with their accompaniment of endless worries, grueling waiting, and superfluous red tape to which students were forced to submit did more than a little to impair relations between undergraduates and administration.

If any proof of this is needed, it was convincingly demonstrated by the unprecedented congenial spirit prevalent at the start of the semester. For this accomplishment, the registrar is to be commended. Also deserving of gratitude are those faculty members who volunteered their time to serve in registering the students.

With the proper start made, however, it is not difficult to envisage the emergence of a completely satisfying arrangement of routine administrative work that should terminate, once and for all, what has been one of the sorest spots in student-administration relations.

The preceding excerpts are from a Commentator editorial of December 10, 1937. And today, progress is once again on the march. Just as 1937 saw the advent of a new and better registration system, so 1982 brings with it the promise of an improved system — this time in the form of computerized registration.

As we see it, computerized registration affords both the students and the administration many advantages and exciting new possibilities:

- Determining one's schedule is always a harrowing experience, and finding out two days later that a course is closed out and then having to redesign one's entire program (as was the norm with manual registration) only served to exacerbate the situation. With computerization, however, there is a continuously updated list of closed courses, allowing a student to work around them.
- Students receive immediate written verification

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## Preventive Medicine

One of the foremost advantages of a small school such as ours is the closely knit student body. The meaningful friendships that can be developed over four years here are truly among the highlights of the Y.U. experience.

Unfortunately, there also seems to be a darker side to this congenial environment. In recent weeks two cheating incidents occurred — both partially caused by improper inter-student contact. In one case, students who witnessed the xeroxing of the examinations distributed test questions to some friends. In the other instance, the tests were stolen from a student proctor's dorm room. In addition, last year, there were allegations of improprieties by students who were grading their classmates' papers.

The common denominator amongst these cases is that authorized student participation in the examination process resulted in other students having illegal access to the tests. The preventative action required is very apparent to us. Students should not have any contact with tests — either prior to or during their administration. Specifically, the practice of using student proctors must be eliminated.

It is truly regrettable that there are some who cannot integrate their loyalty to friends with their ethical convictions. But in order to avoid recurring incidents such as these, where innocent students must suffer the anguish of the inevitably more difficult retest, where professors feel betrayed, and where the University as a whole is disgraced, the recommended changes must be implemented.

## Indifference

Anatoly Scharansky's hunger strike and his struggle for the most basic human rights are well known among concerned Jews. Yet how many outside this small sphere are familiar with his plight? The unconscionable lack of general awareness can only be attributed to the absence of mass public outcry and media coverage.

Acute human suffering normally receives extensive public attention. How well we remember the front-page, prime-time coverage surrounding the hunger strikes of Bobby Sands and his I.R.A. compatriots in their protests against the British government. The Scharansky story, however, goes relatively unnoticed.

Just last week, the 44th anniversary of Kristallnacht was observed. On November 9, 1938, the Nazis tested the mettle of world resolve and found it spineless. The Holocaust, which grew partially out of that absence of public outcry will never be lived down by humanity. Our responsibility is to articulate our deep sense of outrage to the media for virtually ignoring the Scharansky situation with its token coverage, and to the world in general for its silence. The lessons of the past cannot remain unlearned.

of their programs.

- Under the new system courses cannot be over-tallied without the permission of the deans. Students can no longer schedule themselves for courses with overlapping time slots.
- The new method is advantageous for the administration too. Course rosters are immediately available, and now complete class lists can be presented to the faculty on the first day of lectures. The frequent discrepancies between the class roster and class size that were the bane of manual registration will be a thing of the past.
- Further developments can only be anticipated from the forward-looking insights of University Registrar Pinchas Friedenberg and YC student Yechiel Corn, who developed the entire program as an honors project.

It has come to our attention that at a recent Executive Council meeting, some administrators voiced sentiments to dismantle the on-line registration program. In the face of the unanimous acclaim that this project has received, to accede to these neanderthal impulses would be a giant step backwards in the University's development.

## Letters To The Editor

### Correct

To the Editor:

I was delighted to see that a reporter from the Commentator was present at a recent Premed Society lecture. However, it is a disservice to your readers to consistently misquote me in your article. While it may be incumbent upon a good reporter to say, "How did I do?" at the end of an article, it is certainly not wise for a medical school applicant to query "How did I do?" at the end of an interview, or he may get a surprising answer ... very....!

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### RIETS Dorm

To the Editor:

The students and users of the RIETS dormitory deserve equality in matters of their personal security and safety.

After 2 AM nightly the only entrance and exit to the RIETS dorm is via 187th St., an area not in view of the security booth. In addition, a visitor to RIETS (such as a student from Morg or Rubin) or the Beis Medrash, who doesn't live in RIETS, cannot get in as a key must be used which is only issued to RIETS residents. I do not object to this policy of entrance at 187th St. by key only with the safety record of the area.

I do, however, object to the following: The front door is closed at 2 AM and the door near the corner of 186th and Amsterdam is closed considerably earlier in the evening.

Why can't this door also be a key access door with a panic bar for exit from inside. At least we could exit in a safer area.

But there is another consideration, the safety. How can only one exit serve an entire building — Is this legal? Were a fire to break out in the Physics lab area, the only exit would be blocked.

Were one to have to escape from the Beis Medrash, he must find his way through the entire Riets building to the 187th St. door. The exit door on the NW side of the Beis Medrash only leads to steps down to a tunnel under the Beis Medrash. This theoretically would be a good escape, but the fence that reaches to 186th St. is locked, thus no exit. RIETS' students don't have 2 exits like those in Morg and Rubin have. Does it take a disaster to wake people up or a surprise night fire inspection to have a safe situation?

Now, in regard to security. Last year YCSC President Elliot Small told us a

guard would be available to open the front door of the RIETS building for the "Beis Medrash people" to exit after 2 AM. After a few weeks we lost this.

Why is it, that after 2 AM, using the Beis Medrash for non-RIETS residents is so difficult? Surely a guard could be stationed and so solve both problems, fire safety exit status and easy Beis Medrash access at all times for all students. I live in RIETS but how about the others in my Shiur who may want to learn here who don't live in RIETS. The following scenario is the only way they can enter. I must be notified when they'll appear by the side door (187th) so I can open it for them. Surely, there must be a better way! I am not asking the impossible, just equality and safety: 2 exits for Riets, equal guard service and the same access to the Beis Medrash for all.

Pesach Leib Kremen  
YC '83

### Breach of Trust

To the Editor:

For the past five years, Y.U. has been faced with increasing incidents of test cheating and test thievery. Now, these events have become rampant and is seriously devaluing the quality of this institution.

On October 26, an Intermediate Accounting test was administered by two proctors. It was a fair test and those who studied the class notes and homework problems would have been guaranteed a passing grade. Everything on the test was explained in class. Dr. Schlessberg, the Chairman of the Accounting Department always welcomes students to his office for assistance. After the test was given, one of the proctors brought the test back to his room. That evening, a person entered the room and stole the test. It

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## Mrs. Stern Honored

Mrs. Max Stern, who with her family has played a major role in the life of Yeshiva University and the entire Jewish community, will be honored Sunday, December 12, at the University's 58th Annual Hanukkah Dinner. Dr. Norman Lamm, President of the University, announced today.

The Dinner, which begins at 5 p.m., will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Park Avenue and 50th Street in Manhattan.

Dr. Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University and a noted economist, will be the guest speaker at the Dinner.

Mrs. Stern is the widow of the founder of Hartz Mountain Corporation, who served as chairman of the board of that company for more than half a century. Max Stern also served on the Yeshiva University Board of Trustees for more than 40 years, including 30 years as the Board's vice chairman.

His gift to the University resulted in the creation of Stern College for Women, an undergraduate division of the University and the nation's first

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## YC SENATE QUESTIONNAIRE

This is a Yeshiva College Senate questionnaire designed to elicit student views on some issues of concern to the College. Please give a few minutes of your time to answer the following questions.

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Standing ☐ Fr ☐ So ☐ Jr ☐ Sr

Jewish Studies Division \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years at YC \_\_\_\_\_

Years Abroad \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Y ☐ N

Are you a transfer student from another University \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Y ☐ N

1. Is the course selection in your major satisfactory? Explain.

2. Comment generally on your major.

3. Have you had, or do you expect to have the opportunity to take a reasonable number of electives during your stay at Yeshiva? Which ones?

4. What electives would you like to see offered at Yeshiva?

5. Do you feel there are too many requirements? Explain.

6. (YP students only) Comment on your YC Jewish Studies requirements.

7. Has course rotation or scheduling caused you any hardships? Explain.

8. Should YC continue the present policy of awarding 32 credits for a year of study in Israel? Explain.

9. What academic problems would you like to see the Senate discuss in the near future?

Questionnaires found in mailboxes and Registrar's office.

Completed questionnaires should be returned to the Dean's office.

## Dr. Sklare To Deliver Speech At Annual Lecture

Dr. Marshall Sklare, prominent scholar and sociologist, will deliver this year's Benjamin Gottesman Presidential Lecture on Jewish Thought. He will talk on "American Jewry: From the First to the Fourth Generation," on December 1, in Science Hall Commons, 2495 Amsterdam Avenue (184th Street) at 8 P.M.

Dr. Sklare is a Klutznick Family Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies and Sociology and Director of the Center for Modern Jewish Studies, both at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

He has devoted his scholarly career to the study of Jewish life. His book, *America's Jews*, is widely used as an introduction to the sociology of

American Jewry. He also is the author of *The Jew in American Society*, *The Jewish Community in America*, and *Conservative Judaism: An American Religious Movement*. and the senior author of *Jewish Identity on the Suburban Frontier: A Study of Group Survival in the Open Society*. He is the editor of *Understanding American Jewry* and of four other volumes on American Jewish life.

Dr. Sklare taught at Yeshiva University's Wurzel School of Social Work and Ferkau Graduate School from 1966 to 1970, and also at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Clark University, and the Princeton Theological Seminary.

He is past president of the

Association for the Sociological Study of Jewry. Currently Dr. Sklare is secretary-treasurer of the Association for Jewish Studies. He earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago in 1948 and the Ph.D. at Columbia in 1953.

The Benjamin Gottesman lecture series was established in 1971 by the Gottesman family on the occasion of Mr. Gottesman's 70th birthday in recognition of his deep interest in Yeshiva University, of which he was long a trustee and benefactor. Mr. Gottesman died in 1979.

Yeshiva University, now in its 97th year, is America's oldest and largest university under Jewish auspices.

## Foreign Students Comment On YU

By Jay Barbalatt

November 16- Many students who attend Yeshiva College are already equipped with, and therefore take for granted, a basic understanding of their surroundings at home, and of the college and Jewish environment that surrounds them. A foreign student, however, who comes to Yeshiva College from another country comes into a new atmosphere of Torah learning and Judaism. I therefore spoke with certain foreign students to determine how they have adjusted to their environments.

I first spoke with Asher Bonsquila. Asher originally lived in Morocco, and then moved to France. In France, Asher simultaneously attended college and Yeshivat Chachmei Tzarfat, which is one of the biggest Yeshivot in Europe. When I asked Asher about the difference between Yeshiva College and the College he attended in France, he stated that in France you learn mostly from a teacher and not a book. He claimed the language to be obviously harder here because the courses are not taught in French. Asher came to Yeshiva College because in France he could not obtain Torah U'mada whereas at Yeshiva he could. He lamented, however, that he had to learn from his own mistakes at Yeshiva as the only real help he received were from his fellow French friends.

I next spoke with Ephraim El-Zayat. Ephraim had been living in Egypt. Ephraim transferred to Yeshiva College from Harvard. This seemed strange to me and I asked him why. He told me whereas Harvard has both Jews and non-Jews, Yeshiva College is unique in that it is an all Jewish school and therefore has a complete Jewish atmosphere. Ephraim also desired to be in New York where there are many Jewish communities and where he could be around Orthodox Jews.

When Ephraim was in Egypt he went to Cairo University, but not to a Yeshiva since there are none in Egypt. His father taught him Hebrew and he is now in JSS. I asked him whether there were any major differences between Yeshiva and Cairo University and he replied "Yeshiva is a self study University where the number of courses are limited." Cairo University meanwhile contains one million students divided into fifty universities. Ephraim also expressed his appreciation that Rabbi Miller's door is always open and the new director of admissions is really making an effort to help foreign students.

I then spoke to Olivier Hoffman. Olivier came to Yeshiva after having taken the Baccalaureate exam in France. He came to Yeshiva because the situation in France was changing both politically and economically. He also came because of the Torah and Madah that is obtainable at Yeshiva. This is now Olivier's second year at Yeshiva, but when he entered Yeshiva he expressed his dismay to me "that no one took care of us, as one indicated the system". Olivier also feels that all foreigners are integrated, not assimilated and that there's a difference in mentality between American Students and Foreign Students. He states he only received help from other French students. Olivier's first two months at Yeshiva were difficult but he is more adjusted now. When I asked him what he would like most, he stated he would like more families to invite foreign students over Shabbat.

In speaking to the foreign students, I detected a general sense of dismay over the lack of integration and help among them, and among the other students at Yeshiva. There was a general hope, however, that over time there would be more assistance given to foreign students.

## Marriage Anyone?

LARRY GREENMAN

The mere fact that you've begun to read this column, implies an interest on your part; and certainly it should. Marriage is a topic for discussion. All of us have spent a moment or two daydreaming about it. Clearly there isn't anything wrong with that.

Unfortunately, while many think about marriage, few take the time to actually "prepare" for it. Some may feel compelled to take issue with this writer about the need for a proper orientation for marriage.

Several months ago, I suggested in this column that a workshop on dating and marriage be implemented at Y.U., so as to give students a proper perspective of events leading up to and including marriage itself. My thinking was, that if we, after four years of rigorous training and development in both secular and Judaic studies were not going to be "prepared" to enter the Jewish community at large in the complete sense, then something was lacking.

To suggest that the university inaugurate a course of study on marriage and its appropriate preparations would be foolish considering the already long list of requirements incumbent upon each student. Therefore, I proposed an informal workshop: one which would give students an opportunity via the use of an appropriate forum to voice their

expectations and express any inhibitions they might have regarding dating and marriage.

With the good help of Rabbi Hirt, the Dean of Communal Services, I approached Dr. Irving Levitz, a faculty member at Wurzel School and presented my proposal to him and asked whether he might consider leading such a



Dr. Irving Levitz

workshop. He immediately consented and began work on drafting an outline and preparing appropriate material. It should be noted that Dr. Levitz received Semicha from Riets, and later earned his Ph.D. in Psychology at Ferkau. Without question, he has managed to "synthesize" his secular and Judaic studies and this, along with his pleasing personality will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this unique workshop.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be: initial relationships during the dating period, crossed signals in those relationships and why they occur, what one should look for in a spouse, and the engagement period. In addition, the workshop will touch on the "give and take" in marriage, relationships with one's family and in-laws, and the role of sex in marriage. The workshop will be given on each of the first four Thursdays in December during club hour, and is open to all students on a pre-registered first come first served basis. Space is limited, and the maximum number of participants is projected at thirty, so if this interests you, please stop by my room in the dorm, M609, and sign up.

There may be those who will still question the necessity of such a workshop. My answer to them, unfortunately not a pleasant one, is the situation as it presents itself in the Orthodox Jewish Community. A tragically high rate of these marriages end in divorce.

While a workshop is not necessarily the remedy to kill the spreading disease, it is surely a step in the right direction. If but one marriage is to be saved from a tragic and undeniably traumatic end, then the dating and marriage workshop will have served its purpose. A simple proposal is now a reality and it awaits only those students who desire to "prepare" themselves and make use of a unique opportunity which can only make dating and marriage a more pleasant and joyous experience. Marriage Anyone?

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# THEN AND NOW

With this issue of *The Commentator*, we introduce a new regular feature, entitled "Then and Now." By publishing these reprints from old *Commentators*, we hope to interject the insights of generations past into the issues that continue to be relevant today. For this inaugural piece, we have selected two items: a letter to the editor from the first issue of *The Commentator* in 1935 and an editorial that appeared on the occasion of the University's fiftieth anniversary in 1936.

## To the Editor:

It is a source of gratification to me to know that the student body sees the need of a medium for expressing and reflecting the thought and spirit of the student through a school publication. I trust that *The Commentator* will serve as a link between the students and the faculty. I hope that the paper will live up to the high standards of achievement of all the other activities entered into by our student body.

May all its aims, efforts and results be crowned with success, and may it become a lasting and increasingly useful organ of expression of Yeshiva College spirit.

Shelley R. Safir  
Dean  
Yeshiva College

## Taking Stock

The Yeshiva's commemoration of its fiftieth anniversary should be an occasion for all of us to take stock, to consider what the Yeshiva has accomplished during the half century of its development and to discover in what respects it has as yet failed to achieve its full purpose.

We believe that the Yeshiva has fully demonstrated that Torah can gain a firm foothold in America. By training hundreds of young American men in our spiritual and legal traditions, thus forming the nucleus for an intelligent Torah-true Jewish community, and by producing leaders to guide American Jewry through the maze of its religious perplexities, it has helped give Torah a definite status in the Jewish life of America.

Moreover, the Yeshiva has attempted as far as possible to perpetuate the great tradition of scholarship of the European yeshivah. It may with pride claim to have served faithfully as the depository of our cultural heritage.

With the formation of Yeshiva College, a great stride forward was made. Torah was to be not an isolated factor but a central point with which were

to be coordinated the streams of world culture. In spite of the fact that as yet we are far from full attainment of this goal, Yeshiva is moving steadily in that direction.

Unfortunately, we have succeeded only in preserving Torah, not in revivifying it. Even to many Yeshiva students, Jewish tradition merely subsists as an inert element in their lives. As a culture, it may be, to an extent, integrated with contemporary cultural forces; as a motivating force it has been impotent. We have not emphasized its contact point with actuality.

Torah will not become a vital factor in contemporary life if merely transmitted to students in schools. It is necessary to begin a project of creative scholarship which will not merely be devoted to the study of the body of Jewish learning and law but will organize and preponderate it with an eye to its application in contemporary life.

Yeshiva must go on, not merely to give courses to students, but to evolve an academic tradition expressing a definite approach and a distinct philosophy. It must develop from a school into a center of Jewish intellectual activity, where professors and scholars will interpret values in terms of this tradition and seek means for their concention.

This, we understand to be the ultimate aim of Yeshiva. We can start at once in this direction if thorough sympathy and understanding is established between students, faculty and administration.

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## Commie After Dark: Monsignor Reviewed

by Moshe Grunberg

Monsignor is the story of John Flaherty (Christopher Reeve), a young priest whose spectacular ascension within the church hierarchy directly corresponds to each successive breach of his priestly vows (although we never do figure out on which side of the spectrum this casual relationship originates).

Flaherty begins priesthood in a rather auspicious manner: he guns down a group of German soldiers, and is immediately promoted to the Vatican. He proceeds to involve the Vatican with the Black market, for which he is rewarded with proprietorship of the Vatican Commissary (Vat Mart?). When this move is successful he expands relations with the Mafia and is soon elevated to Cardinal. In between performing his priestly functions and his criminal dealings he finds time to seduce a postulant nun (which, surprisingly, does not lead to his elevation to the papacy). At the end of the movie, Flaherty is involved in a scandal, which almost brings down the Vatican Bank and disgraces the Vatican. (This may be the only part of the plot that has any parallel in reality; write to Archbishop Marinius, c/o The Vatican, for details).

There are some good things that can be said about "Monsignor". It is director Frank Perry's greatest critical success since "Mommie Dearest". It is also Christopher Reeve's greatest performance since "Superman", which was in turn, second only to his performance at age nine in the McCarter Theatre Company. The movie is based on an interesting premise, which is unfortunately not developed, and it is quite funny, although not intentionally. The

above-mentioned premise is Flaherty's attempt to balance "the moral imperatives of his faith", with the Vatican's bankbook and his personal desires. The scales, however, never seem to balance out on the side of his "moral imperatives".

The unintentional humor ranges from the pathetic dialogue and terrible acting to the sight of Christopher Reeve running in a flowing gown with a cape, (at which point more than one person in the preview audience interest us to "look up in the sky..."). The one other notably comical part of the film is the appearance of the pope who looks like a cross between the late Pius XII (the pope during the period of history covered in "Monsignor"), 'E.T.' and a 'Conehead'.

Students of religion (and anyone seeking justification for seeing this movie) may find its treatment of the Church rather interesting. Flaherty, who manages to break every major rule of his religion during his rise to a high Vatican position, is not the only character in this movie that will make church-goers wince. His fellow cardinals are divided into two camps. There are the 'good guys', who upon finding out about Flaherty's sins suggest, as religious counseling, that he "be more discreet about it". They later condone the Vatican's partnership with the Mafia. The 'bad' cardinals are evil neanderthals, and just to the right of Attila the Hun in demeanor and political-religious outlook. In a bit of humor (unintentional, of course), producer Frank Yablans emphatically denied any assault on the church. "On the contrary," he stated, "the film is an affirmation of faith". Which faith?

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# Letters To The Editor

## Breach of Trust

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was probably a student who did not do well. Subsequently, the class had to take a harder exam.

Three days later, an Organic test was given. However, just prior to the exam, the professor was forced to write a new exam because someone had stolen it and distributed copies to several students. Again the test was much harder.

I know that the Dean is making an attempt to prevent any further test thievery, but it is obviously not succeeding. There is a very commendable procedure and a strict punishment for students who are caught, but when was the last student caught, and what punishment did he receive?

There are students in Intermediate Accounting and Organic Chemistry who know those responsible. However, to my knowledge, none have come forward. I cannot understand why? Those who are serious in pursuing their respective careers are the losers. It has become all too easy for the faculty and the administration to dismiss the ramifications of such events and simply administer another test. Those who stole the test have to take new tests anyway and the exams are usually more difficult.

One of the most important advantages that Y.U. has is its high academic standards. Most graduates are accepted at top medical schools and obtain jobs at top accounting firms in and outside of the N.Y. area. The uncontrollable test thievery and cheating has damaged Y.U.'s prestige. The well respected academic quality of Y.U. will be

greatly diminished if the administration, as the students, fail to resolve this problem. The very fact that this is a Yeshiva necessitates that these activities be stopped. The only way that we can guarantee the future academic quality and prestige that Y.U. has fought so hard to earn is if the students take an active role in eliminating this threat. It would be most beneficial if the administration, the Student Council, and any other interested parties meet and work towards resolving this situation.

Richard Rosen  
YC '84

## Hypocrisy

To The Editor:

A morality campaign was initiated within the walls of Yeshiva College during the week of October 24, 1982. This campaign was directed in opposition to USSR policy regarding the brutal and inhumane treatment of Anatoly Scharansky. The goal of this campaign was to inform the USSR that Americans were aware of the Anatoly Scharansky situation and would not tolerate the immorality of the USSR in dealing with the situation.

The walls of the University were covered with bulletins expressing the students' frustration toward Kremlin policy. Students were urged to telephone USSR representative organizations, political and apolitical, as well as members of the American news media to inform these institutions that Americans care about the situation. The American news media was urged to investigate and report the Scharansky atrocity.

Students were furious at the fact that

the USSR had no respect for human rights. The USSR was accused of dictatorially controlling the lives and property of fellow human beings. There were accusations of the theft of lives as well as theft of property. In a mood of frustration students raised the question of how a government can deal so immorally with the people who comprise that nation.

The morality campaign against the USSR was so successful that the entire student body of the University organized a "Free Scharansky Rally" at the USSR consulate in New York City. Students, Faculty, and Administrators were present to show their support against USSR policy.

During that week, as the morality campaign was gaining momentum, an immoral atrocity was perpetrated within the walls of Yeshiva College. The atrocity was the action of at least one pre-health major. The student(s) managed to steal a copy of the Organic Chemistry examination that was to be administered on Friday morning, October 29, 1982, of that week.

The stealing of the examination resulted in irreparable damages. This selfish act caused fellow classmates to take a more comprehensive and intensive examination. The class was not allocated more time with which to complete the more intensive examination.

The damage sustained by the class, however, was minuscule in comparison with the anguish and disappointment sustained by the Organic Chemistry professor, who stated that throughout his entire teaching career he had never been confronted with this type of situation and that it was "A shame that this sort of thing has to happen in Yeshiva". By stealing a copy of the examination the student(s) shattered the trust inherent in a student-teacher relationship. The professor made the tragic error of trusting his student(s) as mature adults. Due to this error the professor was destined to be hurt and disappointed in response to the action of a selfish and immoral individual.

In addition to the immediate effects of the crime, the students may also sustain a long-range damage. This damage is not only to this year's class but to future classes as well. It is a well established fact that this Organic Chemistry professor has indeed been a true and loyal friend of the students. He has defended student position on the academic structure of the college many a time; whenever there has been a conflict between faculty and students on academic policy, the students always relied on this professor that spends an appreciable amount of time with his students, both past and present, outside of a classroom atmosphere. The students must now hope that the

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## Behind Dorm Doors

In the last issue of The Commentator, we reported that the University planned to lease the site occupies by San Juan Car Service. This week, to find out what should be done with the San Juan store, we take you BEHIND DORM DOORS.....

What should Y.U. Do With San Juan?

Move Stern into San Juan and rent out Brookdale Hall.

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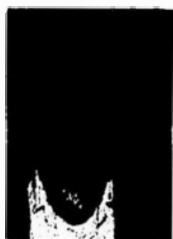
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Daniel L. Lehmann  
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## Annual YCSC Concert Enjoyed By All

Nov 4- The annual YCSC Concert was held tonight before a capacity crowd at Lamport Auditorium. Among the performers were the Simcha Sound Orchestra, Gershon Veroba and the Diaspora Yeshiva Band.

Once the crowd was seated, YCSC President Avi Schneider thanked all who helped out with the concert and announced that the event was being dedicated to Anatoly Scharansky, who was then in the 40th day of his hunger strike.

At that point, the master of ceremonies put the crowd into the concert mood with camp favorites like "Asher Boro," "Umeniach," and Naomi Shemer's "Al Kol Aileh".

The next performance was delivered by Gershon Veroba and his Band, which included "Tex" an acoustic

guitarist. After playing well known melodies and a couple of songs from their new album, Veroba dedicated "Av Harachamim" to camps Hillel, Seneca Lake, and Morasha.

Afterward there was an intermission with refreshments being handled by the "Morg Mart II" store.

After the break, the Diaspora Yeshiva Band was introduced. The general satisfaction with their music was well evidenced by the dancing in the aisles that took place during the performance. The concert ended with a long instrumental which saw Diaspora and Veroba combine for a rare treat.

Another concert was announced for March 3rd 1983. Reye Mehemia and Mordechai Ben David are expected to be featured.

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clear "constant, death," into the hopelessness of their lives. Suddenly, emotions and attitudes accumulate and dying means having to pack all these drifted-in possessions into one, inflexible, oblong box.

The theme is tough, but *The Shadow Box* also manages to pack into a couple of short hours generous amounts of rough, biting humor, wit-filled sarcasm, sheer exasperation, and genuine sadness and emotion. It is a brilliant play destined to evoke the emotions and shake the senses.

There will be eight performances of

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YCSC Meeting

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organization which attempts to unify all Jewish students around the world. Proposals were raised dealing with the future of the building space previously occupied by San Juan's Car Service. Among the many, the most practical suggestions were to permanently install Morg Mart, to expand Copy Shop Plus's operations, and to form a University bookstore. Lastly, an increase in fire alarm drills was suggested, after noting the 11 minute improvement of the last fire drill over previous ones.

Registration

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nected to two computers; one located in the Belfer Building and the other in the Einstein Medical School. The computer at Einstein is to be replaced with a more sophisticated model by January 1, 1983. Mr. Friedenberg explained that Yechiel Corn, a senior who teaches a computer science course at Y.U., is converting the present registration program to work into the new computer at Einstein. The administration has positive hopes that by January, Yechiel will be able to adequately modify the system to fit the new computer. The registrar hopes to institute an early registration period in December while the present on-line registration works. This is to safeguard the possibility of the system not being modified by January 1. Thus, even if an additional three months is required to complete the conversion, students will have at least had their mid-year registration completed. Hopefully, by the next registration period, the system would be effective.

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Mrs. Stern Honored

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undergraduate liberal arts and sciences school for women under Jewish auspices. Mrs. Stern is the daughter of the late Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Moses Avigdor Amiel. Over the years, she shared her husband's vision that "education, and in particular religious education, is the only way to build a better world and an everlasting peace."

Dr. Rosovsky has served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at Harvard since 1983. He is also Walter S. Barker Professor of Economics there. A specialist in economic history and Japanese economic growth, Dr. Rosovsky received an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree from Yeshiva University at the University's Commencement Exercises in 1977. He also delivered the Commencement Address. Two of Mrs. Stern's sons, Stanley and Leonard, are involved in organizing the tribute to their mother. Stanley E. Stern, vice chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, is serving as chairman of the Dinner, as he has for several years and Leonard N. Stern is serving as Honorary Chairman, together with the Hon. Herbert Tenzer, Chairman of the University's Board, and Jack D. Weiler, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Overseers of the University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

English Honor Society Revived

On Thursday, October 28, the English Honor Society was reactivated due to the efforts of its new faculty advisor Dr. Joan Haahr. Drs. Connolly, Taubes, and Weidhorn also attended, representing the English faculty. Approximately two dozen students were present at the meeting.

The first step on the agenda was to elect a governing board for the coming year. Alan Mayer was elected President; David Rozwaski was elected Vice-President, and Bert Rosenberg was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Afterwards there was a lively discussion dealing with ways to improve the English department. New courses were suggested dealing with Political Satire, Literary Criticism, and Modern Literature.

Finally, the functions of the society were discussed. Among them were: a film series; readings of personal works; and round table discussions of selected literary works to be held on a regular basis.

The first round table discussion will deal with Franz Kafka's three short stories: *The Metamorphosis*, *A Hunger Artist*, and *A Report to an Academy*. It will be held shortly after the Thanksgiving recess. Everyone is invited to attend.

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# YU Wrestling—Demanding, But Ultimately Rewarding

By Jack Nuszen

Wrestling is a sport that requires time, devotion and determination. With a minimum of 10 hours per week of practice, the wrestlers have a very demanding schedule. Those who participate are dedicated to the team and the university. Due to rigorous workouts and time requirements, the team is undermanned and lacks wrestlers in various weight classes. Those who have joined the team, display the expertise of well seasoned wrestlers.

The "Ellman" has wrestled with students from schools that devote twice as much time to practice as we do. Despite this handicap, last year the Ellmen tied for first place in their conference.

Last week, the Ellmen wrestled, in an exhibition match with the West Side Y.M.C.A., men who wrestle as a hobby. The opening match saw second-year veteran Phil Tutnauer lose by decision to his older and more experienced opponent. In the next match, another second-year man, Aaron Moshe Roth, was defeated in a close match. After his loss in the first match, Roth returned to

defeat a second opponent.

Wrestling next was co-captain Wayne Brecher. This senior wrestler's previous years' won-lost record proves that he is once again the team's finest wrestler. With lightning speed and unparalleled aggressiveness, Brecher pinned his opponent at the beginning of the third round. The following match saw David Genet lose a tough 7-4 decision, and Pesach Kremen pinned in the first period. In the final match, freshman Stue Simon, who has moved up from the high school team, defeated his opponent.

Co-captain Moishe Kranzler, suffering from a separated shoulder, was unable to wrestle. The team looks forward to his return to the mat and expects a successful season from him.

The coaches were able to learn much about the team's strength and weaknesses from the exhibition match. The lack of wrestlers in all weight classes appears to be the most glaring weakness. But with Wayne Brecher, freshman Stue Simon, and Moishe Kranzler (when his shoulder heals) returning, the Ellmen hope for another successful season.

## Bardakh

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athletic program and head fencing coach at Yeshiva University.

"My English is not so good now," Bardakh said, "but, three years ago, it was almost nothing. Prof. Tauber helped me. He gave me a job as assistant coach. I had to talk to students in English then. That gave me a chance to study and practice with English. I will always be grateful to Prof. Tauber. All my life, I will be grateful to him."

This year, as Bardakh takes over as head fencing coach at the University, Prof. Tauber will serve as his assistant coach.

Bardakh and Prof. Tauber will work with some 50 fencers at the University, Prof. Tauber said.

Since coming to the United States, Bardakh also has taught fencing at Brooklyn College and at several fencing clinics and training centers in the New York City area. He also has taught at special seminars for the United States Fencing Association.

He has opened his own fencing center, Salle Bardakh, in lower Manhattan. The center is located at the Elizabeth Irwin School on Charleton Street. Bardakh also has gone into business selling fencing equipment. He and a partner run Blade Fencing Company, which has offices on Broadway near 72nd Street.

But he doubts that he ever will be able to return to Odessa, even for a visit.

## New YU Bowling Season Begins

The Yeshiva Kegglers opened their season with a victory over the College of Insurance. With Barry Klein's continued high bowling and Scott Borenstein's added scoring punch, the Yeshiva bowlers gained 25 out of a possible 30 points.

In the first game, a low scoring affair, led by Klein's 190, the Kegglers edged out their opponents by a score of 789-774. Rena Weinberger, Mona Allen and Eric Herschman were victorious over their individual opponents to gain points.

The second game saw Klein's 192 and Borenstein's 191 lead Yeshiva to an easy 859-756 win. Borenstein's 245, a league high in the young season, paced Yeshiva in the finale. This score, along with steady support from the other bowlers, gave Yeshiva an 852-793 victory and a sweep of the match.

The Kegglers' season continues with matches with Baruch, Queens, NYU and St. Johns among many others. Home matches are held at the Bowlmore Recreation Lanes at 110 University Place, Sunday at 1:00 P.M.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Hypocrisy

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infantile action of vice individuals does not greatly alter the long and close relationship between the professor and his students.

The perpetration of this crime exemplifies the paradoxical nature of the Yeshiva community in which we live. Students protested deceitful and atrocious actions which occurred thousands of miles away and during that very same period some students displayed their belief in hypocrisy. These students are also guilty of

selfishness, distrustfulness, and thievery, as well as causing emotional damage to fellow classmates and faculty.

The theft of the examination occurred four weeks ago. As in many previous instances, due to the apathy of both student and faculty toward misdeeds perpetrated in our own environment, no one will exert themselves to apprehend the criminals and dispose of them from our Yeshiva society. This situation precisely illustrates the intent of Ralph Waldo Emerson's statement of "your love afar is spite at home".

Daniel Fink  
YC '84

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As in the previous semester, each class will be split alphabetically, and time slots for each day of registration will be posted accordingly. Watch for details.

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The Registrar has announced that all Seniors and Juniors who wish to have their records reviewed may do so by making an appointment with Rabbi Edelstein in the Registrar's Office.

For reservations & further information call (212) 929-1525 days; (212) 243-1222 nights. Or write: Young Israel Collegiates & Young Adults, 3 West 16 St., New York, NY 10011

# Dear...

Larry Baruch

Dear Russell,  
Thank you for being the first National Football League Players Association Representative to step forward and break ranks with the union and its ludicrous wage scale demand. It was a most enjoyable experience to have touchdowns, field goals, and sacks, once again, fill our television sets on Sunday afternoon. Take care of yourself and have a fine season — best wishes to the entire Erxleben family.

Dear George,  
Steve Garvey isn't the solution to the team's problems - albeit he's a talented athlete, but not at a price tag in excess of four million dollars. (Remember, you didn't sign Reggie.) Be intelligent, sign Bannister and Kemp, and don't part with Randolph. Please, look long and hard prior to rehiring Balltin' Billy. Stay the course, keep the ship steady with Clyde King - a cool and calm, educated baseball man. Leave the circus to Ringling Brothers, not the Yankees.

Dear Hubie,  
Ax Sherod. Bench Westphal. Start Tucker. The defense has been outstanding. Where's the OFFENSE? If this discovery isn't made soon the fans will begin chanting — games until Ralph Sampson.

Dear Herb,  
Mazel Tov on the Rangers 7-3 humiliation of the Islanders Sunday night. It was a sight to behold. The team was awesome, as Pav, Mio, and Rogers led the way, while the power play begins to show signs of life. Hope

you can string together a lengthy winning streak.

Dear Ray,  
Over the past few years, violence in sports has emerged as a subject in both journalistic and legalistic domains, on the sports pages, as well as in The Congress. Boxing, a sport which by definition is violence, curiously, has escaped such discussion. Maybe, the time has arrived, after the recent tragedy involving Due Koo Kim, for boxing to examine itself. Retirement may not be such a terrible idea. After all, you have attained you goal, the championship. Be aware of the possible consequences and the fears of a recurrence.

Dear Johnny,  
The Macs seem stronger than ever. Don't be troubled about the loss to Vassar, the team will come around for its conference opener against Maritime next week. Good luck to you and the Macs in your upcoming season - hope it's a winning one.

Dear Stanislav,  
Mazel Tov on your appointment as coach of Yeshiva University's fencing team. After being the center of articles in the *New York Times* and *Jewish Week*, you're a celebrity. Good luck in the upcoming season - hope you still have time to speak to me.

Dear ECAC,  
The ECAC EC AC Holiday Festival was a successful event. The December event is just as promising - participants will include St. Johns, BYU, and Wake Forest.

Weinstein, Larry Lehman, Marc Breslow, Jeff Raskin, Rafi and Haney Kelman will add strength and support to the team.

But the most important addition to this year's team is its new coach, Ray Garfinkle. It is hoped that he will be able to provide the much needed coaching and assistance that will enable this year's team to achieve its most successful season ever.

The team's schedule includes a full complement of matches against IAC opponents, as well as teams from Queens, John Jay and Brooklyn Colleges.

# YU Fencing Coach A True Champion

When Stanislav Bardakh first works with a beginning fencer, he looks for signs that the student knows how to handle the psychology of the sport.

"The ones who are intelligent, who have good psychology and patience, the ones who do not rush things, they have the chance to be champions," Bardakh said.

Bardakh knows about champions. For more than a quarter of a century, he trained champions in his native city of Odessa, in the Soviet Union. There he coached four individual national champions and three national championship teams.

Recently, he was appointed head fencing coach at Yeshiva University, after serving for two years as assistant fencing coach.

"I call fencing physical chess," Bardakh said in a recent interview. "You work to deceive your opponent, to make the move he does not expect."

He also equates fencing with difficult classical music. "Not everyone understands it, and, if you don't understand it, you don't enjoy it," he said. "So much happens in such a short space of time and in such a small space. If you don't understand it, you miss everything."

Bardakh understands fencing because he has been active in the sport since he was a teenager in Odessa.

He was born in 1936. After World War II, he worked in a plastics factory in Odessa, but he also ran around with some boys his mother did not approve of.

"My bad friends," he said. "They smoked cigarettes and they did not listen to their parents always. They were probably no worse than most teenagers in America today, but, in Odessa, in those days, they were bad."

Bardakh was with his bad friends one afternoon when he wandered into a club where people were fencing. He was fourteen years old at the time. It was the first time he had seen fencing.

A coach at the club suggested that he try the sport, Bardakh recalled.

"Listen," he said, "come and try. It is a sport. A very difficult sport." So I tried. The next day I was so sore I could not go to work."

But he had fallen in love with fencing just the same. That coach worked with Bardakh and challenged him to beat everyone in the club. Within a month, Bardakh was fencing in city-wide competition. Within six months, he was in the national finals.

At 17, Bardakh started his coaching career in fencing. Then he served three years in the Russian Army.

"There they have special groups of



Coach Bardakh instructs a YU fencer

athletes. Even in the army, I spent most of my time fencing," he said.

When he returned to Odessa, he continued to coach as he went to school at night. He ended up with a master's degree in physical education from the Odessa Pedagogic Institute.

Even though he is Jewish, Bardakh said he did not experience much discrimination in the Soviet Union, because of his position as a fencing coach.

"I had a good apartment. I was a coach. I got special treatment," he said.

But then his sons became teenagers, and Bardakh started to wonder about their futures. He knew his sons would have difficulty getting into a university in the Soviet Union.

"I saw for my children no future," he said. "It is very difficult for young people to get into universities in Russia, and, for Jewish young people, it is almost impossible."

He explained that all universities in the Soviet Union follow a quota system when they admit students, and most universities only allow Jews to make up less than one percent of their student bodies.

In 1979, the year before his older son was ready for college, Bardakh decided that he wanted to leave the Soviet

Union.

One of his former students, Leonid Dervbinsky, had emigrated to the United States a couple of years before, he said, and had won the U.S. National Epee Championship on two occasions. Dervbinsky had written his former coach about life in the United States, and, even though Dervbinsky had warned him that fencing was not so popular in the U.S. as it was in Russia and, for that reason, Bardakh might have trouble finding a job as a coach, Bardakh wanted to come to America.

"I don't know anything but fencing," Bardakh said. "It is my life. I did not know what I would do if I could not coach in America. But I came for my children."

He applied for permission to leave the Soviet Union with his family. To his surprise, he received that permission less than three months later.

"I was surprised, but then I thought, well, I have no secrets. I am just a fencing coach," he said.

He and his wife and his two sons and his mother-in-law came to the United States in 1979.

Soon after Bardakh arrived in America, Dervbinsky brought him to see Prof. Arthur Tauber, director of the  
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## YU Tennis Looking Good

Last year the YU tennis team enjoyed a very successful season. This year's captains, Avrumi Markowitz and Michael Taragin hope that this year the team will top its division. The team will miss six of last year's departing seniors: Chucky Levine, Richie Schluskel, Gary Rosenbaum, Moshe Bodek, Alan Wilner and Zevi Kain. However, much talent is returning to the team in the veterans, and there are many promising recruits. Returnees Neil Tilson, Eli Shulman, Avrumi Markowitz and Michael Taragin, last year's top players, will be looked upon to lead this year's team. Meanwhile, veterans Baruch

## Macs Lose 1st Game

Nov. 22 - In their opening game of the season, at the Old Westbury Tournament, the Macs went down to defeat at the hands of Vassar by a score of 78 to 70.

The first quarter saw Vassar jump out to an early 8-0 lead, but the Macs came flying back to tie the game, and even go ahead. In the second quarter, Vassar, led by their 6'9 center, began to score at will from the inside and moved out to a 12 point half-time lead. At the start of the second half the Macs cut the lead to 9,

but Vassar stymied the Yeshiva attack and extended the lead to as much as 16 points. The Macs eventually cut the lead to 7, only to lose by 8.

The lone bright spot for the team was Chopper Schrier, who scored 9 points and rebounded well.

The Macs hope to rebound in Tuesday nights consolation game. The Macs begin their conference schedule next Thursday night December 2 at NY Maritime.

### TENNIS

1983		
Wed. Mar. 16	NJIT	Home 3:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 21	Pratt	Home 3:00 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 24	Brooklyn	Away 3:00 p.m.
Mon. Apr. 18	*NY Maritime	Away 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Apr. 20	*Polytechnic	Home 3:00 p.m.
Thu. Apr. 21	John Jay	Away 3:30 p.m.
Mon. Apr. 25	Queens	Away 3:30 p.m.
Wed. May. 4	*Stevens Tech	Away 3:30 p.m.

\*Independent Athletic Conference Match  
Home Matches played at Teaneck Tennis Courts  
665 Front Street, Teaneck, New Jersey

### FENCING

1982		
Sun. Nov. 21	Alumni	Home 2:00 p.m.
Tue. Nov. 23	Vassar	Away 7:30 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 2	St Peters	Away 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 8	Pace	Home 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 13	Pratt	Home 7:00 p.m.
1983		
Mon. Feb. 14	*Drew	Away 7:30 p.m.
Thu. Feb. 17	*NY Maritime	Home 7:30 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 21	Brooklyn	Home 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 23	*Stevens Tech	Away 7:30 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 1	Hunter	Home 7:30 p.m.

Week of March 7th N.C.A.A. Qualifying Rounds  
Week of March 14th N.C.A.A. Championships  
\*Independent Athletic Conference Match  
Home Matches held at Yeshiva University Gym  
2540 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City

### BASKETBALL

1982		
Tue. Nov. 23	Westbury Tournament	Away
Wed. Nov. 24	"	"
Mon. Nov. 29	Bard College	Away 8:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 2	*NY Maritime	Away 8:00 p.m.
*Sat. Dec. 4	*Stevens	Home 8:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 6	Northeastern Bible	Home 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 8	*NJIT	Away 8:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 13	Tufts	Away 6:00 p.m.
*Sat. Dec. 18	Staten Island	Home 8:30 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 21	Lehman	Away 8:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 23	John Jay	Away 5:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 27	Hunter Tournament	Away
Tue. Dec. 28	"	"

1983		
Wed. Jan 5	*Polytechnic	Away 5:15 p.m.
Thu. Feb. 3	*Drew	Home 8:00 p.m.
*Sat. Feb. 5	Thomas Aquinas	Home 8:30 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 7	Vassar	Away 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 9	NJIT	Home 8:00 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 14	*NY Maritime	Home 8:00 p.m.
Thu. Feb. 17	Stevens Tech	Away 8:00 p.m.
*Sat. Feb. 19	Mt St. Vincent	Home 8:30 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 21	*Polytechnic	Home 8:00 p.m.

\*Independent Athletic Conference Game  
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