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## Guidance Plans Unfold

By Tzvi Hirshaut

Dr. Irving Levitz, dean of students, has announced the opening of Yeshiva's first job placement program, and the upgrading of the advisement, guidance and counseling offices, beginning next semester. Ms. Cynthia Friedlander will head the job placement program as the coordinator of career services. Dr. Steven Safier will join the psychological counseling staff, and Rabbi J. Cheifetz will relinquish his duties as guidance counselor and concentrate his efforts on supervising residence halls.

Ms. Friedlander will perform many long neglected functions at Yeshiva. She will provide career workshops to inform students of career options, give individual and group career counseling, and organize recruitment days. One such program has already been organized and is tentatively scheduled for February. Ms. Friedlander will also be

cooperating with various clubs on career related issues and will develop internships and find jobs for students.

According to Dr. Efram Nulman, assistant to the dean of students, Ms. Friedlander has, "a lot of experience and connections," and will prove to be a "real asset" to the University. She has a Masters in counseling from and was a faculty member at Hunter College, and will remain as coordinator of the Tishman Seminars in the career counseling office at Hunter and director of the Communication Services Group in New York, where she provides workshops in career management productivity.

To further bolster the job placement office, the University is considering the possibility of offering a Discover II program. According to Dean Levitz, this self administered computer program would, "assist individuals in matching up their talents, values and ambitions with a variety of career options."

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## Mordechai Plays to Sellout Crowd in Lamport

For the first time ever, the YCSC Chanukah Concert attracted a sell-out crowd of over 1200 people at Lamport Auditorium.

Only problem was that Mordechai wasn't the main attraction. Although extensive publicity campaigns began as early as September, sales were slow up to a week before the concert.

Campus interest in the event was low, and student council members found themselves hawking tickets at downtown restaurants.

classy student event. As expected, accounting society members constituted a sizable majority at the affair, and flyers accompanying some 500 bagels on the day of the show helped to bring in outsiders, many of whom would later either be seated in folding chairs (75), stand (25), or be turned away (50).

An "I Love Mordechai," cocktail party at Stern College was another ingenious publicity stunt. By signing up the Hafta School Choir, the Council picked up an

The council did indeed work hard to organize this event. Decisions and preparation began as early as June, and council members aggressively marketed the concert in neighboring communities such as Boro Park and Monsey. A sizable number of ticket holders were from these areas and as much as 50% of the hall was filled with outsiders.

Some of these people were having their first exposure to Jewish music, and if the reaction was any indication, the experience proved to be an enjoyable one. Gottesman remarked that Mordechai showed tremendous energy and compared him to Bruce Springsteen, all of which made Mordechai acceptable to a modern orthodox crowd.

Mordechai appeared to feel right at home during his second-ever YU performance as the audience joined him in the singing of his popular numbers.

Other extremely satisfied spectators were 75 children from a nearby orphanage, who attended the concert as a result of students and campus organizations sponsorship.

Simmy Weber, concert chairman, and Nachum Segal, local radio personality, MC'd the show which also featured the Neshama Orchestra.

No doubt about it, YU rocked to Mordechai. The bottom line assured, those that missed Mordechai, missed out.



In a novel move, Student Council President Chaim Gejerman approached Ira Lifschitz, Fundraising Director of the Accounting Society and asked the club to run a pre-concert cocktail party. Double that figure when you include Stern and open the cocktail party only to concert ticket holders to arrive at a formula for success.

In effect, the cocktail party served to pay the concert's

added attraction — and 250 tickets.

The result was the first concert to turn a profit, not to mention break even, in many years. Student Council Treasurer Shlomo Gottesman would not reveal exactly how much money cleared, but did allow that the council was surprised at the prospect of actually being in the black. "For the first time in years, we're running this place like a business," he offered.

## WHAT MAKES SOBER KICK?

By Ivan Ciment

"I'm a human being, just like anybody else."

Aw, come on, Prof. Sober. Anybody who can shatter rocks on their forehead, keep Chinese martial arts masters awake all night awaiting his arrival, and admit to possessing clairvoyance has to be a little different.

Yet, the average person seeing Sober walking down the halls in the morning would never sense this, for Sober is then playing the role of professor of Jewish Studies.

Karate and Judaism, side by side, is the self-fulfilling prophecy of Sober's life. In fact, he created his own style of martial arts to blend the two: Tora Dojo. Dojo is Japanese, meaning school, and Tora is the word for Tiger. Not entirely by coincidence, Tora also refers to the Jewish Bible.

Haim Sober was raised as an Orthodox Jew and has spent his entire life in a religious environment. Born 40 years ago to a family comprising one of the oldest Jewish enclaves in the Bronx, Haim Sober grew to see his neighborhood stolen away by criminal elements.

"We Jews were pushed out of parks, shopkeepers were harassed, kids used to pick up their parents at the subway after work and the police were inactive all the while," he said.

Meanwhile, 12-year-old Haim was looking for a job downtown and found one cleaning the floors of a karate school in Chinatown. The next step was inevitable.

"As soon as I saw it, I knew it was for me. Karate was both a good and a bad thing though. I wreaked havoc—there was no time for friends, and high school

suffered. The synthesis of the two worlds I was in didn't come until college."

Haim quickly showed talent and a keen sense of the concept. His teachers saw in him a prodigy, and undertook to push him toward fulfilling his destiny of being a top-rated worldwide martial artist. Judaism was viewed as a conflict and Sober was tormented between his convictions and his teachers, whom he regarded as virtual family.

It was not that the Chinese were or are anti-semitic. The Chinese word for Jew is 'yo tairan', which literally translated means 'good people'. Rather, his teachers were not familiar with Jews and neither it seems, were the Chinese Sober met on trips to the mainland during the last ten years.

Regardless of what his teachers thought or knew, Haim's Chinese classmates were not at all thrilled with the Jew-boy from the Bronx getting special treatment. This jealousy made the fight to the top all that much harder.

In those days, martial arts was not a big business and there were very few schools around, even in New York. Even today, Sober heads the only totally Jewish martial arts organization outside of Israel. The only larger association existing is the IDF. As a matter of fact, quite a few commandos were referred to study with Sober in a program worked out under the auspices of the Jewish Agency. Today, Tora Dojo has a club in Israel, and Sober expresses emotional ties to the Holy Land, and points to his history of Zionist movement affiliations as proof.



"I'm just like anybody else"

— Haim Sober



Sober speaks fluent Hebrew, and is literate in Chinese. This is not as a result of his grandparents' Siberian origin, but because his karate teacher did not speak English. Nine years of formal training allowed for the learning of the language as well as a black belt along the way. The first of three belts he now wears came at 18. "Just as a person possessing a

doctorate doesn't quit when he gets his degree, so did I continue to learn other styles. I knew it would be my life's work," he said.

Eleven years of practice resulted in a highly qualified teacher who got his first job by accident. Yeshiva University students were very nervous about the neighborhood and formed a Karate Club — and asked Sober, an

MTA alumnus, to teach the class. Sober's reputation was getting around.

"Guys in the neighborhood saw the carnage on the ground from those that tried to start up with me, and my corner of the Bronx became almost 'mugless'. Yet, after my first fight, I felt very bad. I went home and cried that

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## Editorial

### Tuna Fish Syndrome

College students are notorious for their poor eating habits. Demanding schedules, laziness, and the high cost of cafeteria food are the main reasons why students do not eat well-balanced meals.

A meal plan is a logical, simple solution which allows students to purchase nutritious food at a reasonable price.

The meal plan would be a pre-paid ticket entitling the bearer to a set number of meals. The meal plan would thus guarantee the students balanced meals at discount prices.

One problem arising from the meal plan is that the additional expense at the beginning of each semester would cause financial hardship. Perhaps, then, the meal plan could be purchased on a monthly basis. Also, because in-town students and out-of-towners require different meal programs, a viable meal plan would have to reflect these differences.

Overall, however, the meal plan is a feasible program, and it has been implemented on college campuses nationwide. The administration is in favor of a meal plan; however, the impetus needed to implement a meal plan must come from the student body. If you favor a meal plan, make your view known to the student council, student senators, and administrators.

### Here We Go Again

In previous years, students were inconvenienced by members of the administration's sudden decision to reschedule registration without providing ample time for preparation. This year, however, members of the administration did not designate the times of registration on the academic calendar, and the students were once again not properly notified. Furthermore, as a result of the administration's imprudent decision in selecting the day after a national holiday for registration, students were not given ample time to apply for directed study or to meet with the Academic Standards Committee, and had to schedule conferences during registration week, causing them to register at a later date. Moreover, seniors registering late now face the possibility of being closed out of many courses required for graduation.

The students have not fully received the benefits of an updated computerized registration because of insufficient notice and improper scheduling. As one member of last year's Commentator's governing board so aptly stated that the members of the administration's insensitivity to student needs has, "fulfilled the students' expectations of a chaotic registration experience and has justified the anxiety which the students have experienced registering in previous years."

### Thank You, Poli-Sci

Last week the Dr. Joseph Dunner Political Science Society yielded to pressure from angry students precipitated by a Commentator editorial investigation and rescinded the membership in the Political Science Society requirement for delegate applications for the Harvard Model United Nations. This requirement unfairly ostracized a large portion of the student body from partaking in an important extra-curricular event.

Success at a Model United Nations requires a delegation possessing communication skills, political awareness, as well as subjective ability to mix comfortably with strangers — which have not been exclusively bestowed upon members of the Political Science Society. The sessions cover a broad range of global issues which, at least, familiarity with other disciplines such as economics, history, psychology, English and the sciences are if not necessary, extremely valuable to the effective delegate. We are glad that the officers of the Political Science Society, with the help of the Commentator, have recognized this fact.

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We wish a speedy שלימה to רמון חיים הכהן בן שרה רבקה, father of Avi Moskowitz, editor.

## Letters to the Editor

### False Advertising

Dear Editor,

It is the duty of the Commentator to awaken the student body to false advertising. About two months ago, fliers were passed out on campus advertising for "Someplace Special", a delicatessen on the Lower East Side. The bottom of the flier read "10% discount with Yeshiva University ID cards". Two weeks ago I finally got the urge to try out this restaurant. Upon paying the check I presented my YU ID card. Thirty seconds later the proprietor was by my side. His opening remarks were "Such a flier and discount never existed!" After I reminded him about the fliers, he replied, "Oh yes, but there was no discount mentioned!" When I jarred his memory a little about the discount, he said, "Oh yes, it did mention a discount, but that was two months ago!" I pointed out to him that there was no mention of the discount's expira-

tion. After a few moments I told him that he had advertised falsely. I paid 100% of the bill and left.

I think you can see it is evident from my argument with the proprietor that honesty may have never been one of his good traits. I will think twice before ever patronizing this man again!!!

David Flukelstein  
Y.C. Sophomore

### Unfair Criticism

Dear Editor,

As I sit on the subway and read the article entitled "Confessions of a Transfer Student," I begin to wonder whether the writer of this article has been at YU long enough to criticize the things he does about our college. Yes, he does do a good job of praising our institution, but his article loses credibility when he states that most classes are small enough for personal interaction with professors, "with the exception of

## President Speaks



By Chaim Gejerman

As the lights dimmed, the curtains rose and the first note of music erupted, one question lingered on the lips of every member of the capacity crowd: Is Simmy Weber the long lost son of Mordechai Ben David? Of course I'm referring to last week's Mordechai Ben David concert. *Neshama* Orchestra was great, Ben David moved his hips in ways yet to be duplicated by modern technology, HAFTR choir was adorable, and although we were all disappointed to find out that Simmy is really the son of Uncle Moishe, fun was had by all.

This year's Chanukah concert, organized by Simmy Weber with the help of Josh Kupchik, was the first successful one of its kind in many years. This can only be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the concert committee. Arranging the event and selling 1,100 tickets was no easy task and involved both student councils and students at Yeshiva College and Stern College. According to Ben David's managers: "The concert was unbelievable, Mordechai was never hotter."

If you weren't able to get a ticket to the concert (it serves you right for not believing us that it was sold out) you can always call a friend who was there. Whether your friends, at Stern or Y.C., you can find the number in the Student Directory. This year's directory, which came out earlier than it has any other year, is a complete guide to both Y.C. and Stern campuses as well as to New York "hot spots," museums, and eateries. Special thanks go to editors: Ronny Gross, Yossie Teitz, Deborah Cohen and Susy Ostry, as well as to the committee members.

That special time of year has arrived where "All Nighters," No Doze, and Monarch Notes are valuable commodities and grubs relish in the splendor of it all. Good luck on your finals and take a break at the Y.C.S.C. "Grubbing Out" party, during reading week.

### Corrections

In the last edition, the registrar's name was spelled incorrectly. It should have read, 'Pinchas Friedenberg.'

The December 13th issue incorrectly stated that the number of students enrolled in MYP during 1981 was 660. The correct number is 360.

In the article entitled, A Childhood Dream — (Comm. 12/13/84), Barry Shapiro wrote for CUE Magazine until it was bought and folded. He then wrote for US Magazine for 2 years.

Also, the name of the actor who Barry interviewed was not Jon Michelson, but Jan-Michael Vincent.



# OP-ED

## Anti-Missionary Cult Club: It's About Time

By Yehoshua Ben-Yaakov.

It is estimated that sooner or later, a typical YU student — or any student on any college campus in America — will come across and meet or hear about a person who is in a cult, or who is a so called "Born Again Christian". For the average Jewish individual these terms usually have no meaning or much interest. But in recent years, the Jewish community of "middletown America" has seen a steady increase of defection from its ranks of Jewish youth into the hands of cults, such as the Moonies, Hare Krishna, The Way, etc.; and Christian missionaries, such as Jews for Jesus, Bet Sar Shalom, Beth Y'shua, etc. Hebrew-Christian missionaries advertise Shabbat services, Pesach seders, and other Jewish traditional events to unwary Jews who probably have never experienced what it really means to be a Jew. In response to such deceitful and pernicious methods, the Anti-Missionary Cult Club of Yeshiva University has been organized on campus to inform and educate the

student body of this evergrowing threat directed toward the Jewish people. During this past semester, under the leadership of the club's organizing committee and Barry Bender, the club has gained the support of SOY, JSS, YCSC, and IBC. Dr. Irving Levitz, dean of students was pleasantly surprised to find out that a club of this nature was formed on campus and expressed his full support for the venture in saying, "if there wasn't a club such as this on campus, I would have started one myself". Dr. Levitz has made himself available in giving ideas and advice to Joshua Jacobovits, the club's secretary-treasurer. With this backing, the club started off their series of events by showing the well attended film, "Ticket To Heaven". The film depicted the true to life involvement of a young Jew in the Moonies. It showed the manner in which the person was brought into the cult, his day to day involvement, as well as his "deprogramming" from the cult. After the film, a short lecture was given by Barry Bender on the mechanics of mind control and the manipulative life as practiced by the Moonies. The club also

conducted a weekly series of workshops on Monday nights, on "How To Refute Missionaries", given by Barry Bender. Those who came were able to take advantage of club members who have had personal contact in dealing with missionaries. In other club meetings, video presentations were shown featuring evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, with an analysis of his methods and style of "preachin' the Gospel". All of these meetings have drawn responses from students on campus. Future events for the coming semester in the planning stages include an in-depth analysis of cults such as the Moonies, Hare Krishna, Scientology; as well as workshops explaining the brainwashing syndrome, deprogramming, faith healing, and maybe even a debate between a Jew and a "Hebrew-Christian"! Anyone who would like more information on any topic relative to the club, or has any ideas which relate to the club's activities, is urged to attend the club's meetings or contact Barry Bender Riets 292, Josh Jacobovits HS 109, Michael Altman Ru 525, or David Slotkin M826.

## News Flash

### WYUR Broadcasts Live

By Ira Press

On Monday evening, December 17, WYUR history was made when the "I Love Mordechai" party was broadcasted live from the Stern College lounge. Phil Listowsky, YCSC vice-president, referred to the station's first live broadcast as a, "highly successful demonstration of WYUR's technical prowess and achievement". The remote unit, built largely through the efforts of Howard T. Konig, director of operations at WYUR, is actually a mini-radio station consisting of two microphones, two turntables, a telephone, and an 8 unit control board which regulates the equipment. The radio broadcast was hosted by Nachum "Stretch" Segal, former WYUR station manager and current host of the WFMU Jewish music show. Featured music included two solid hours of Mordechai Ben David's songs, spanning his illustrious career as a premier Jewish entertainer. According to Mr. Robert Katz, station manager at WYUR, as a result of this success, "WYUR will now be able to emerge from the cavernous depths of the Student Union Building directly into the everyday lives of YC and SCW students." Mr. Katz also feels that the broadcast helped the student councils of both YC and SCW further solidify the link between the two campuses. WYUR's plans for the coming semester include at least one more live broadcast from Stern and one from the YU cafeteria. Says Katz, "These live broadcasts, combined with vibrant programming, promise to make 1985 the most exciting year in WYUR's history."

I wish to convey my appreciation to the students and faculty of Yeshiva University for their kind expressions of sympathy on the death of my beloved mother, Polyxeni G. Stavrou.

Angelica Veas



By Ivan Ciment

Students can expect to benefit directly from much of the \$16 million raised at YU's 60th annual dinner.

Primary benefits for students will come from nine \$1 million grants, part of which will be applied toward acquiring and refurbishing the Schottenstein Center. The funds are also being directed to a new scholarship fund and the addition of a chair in

banking and finance, which may in turn serve as a catalyst toward establishing a new economics course. Finally, the donation of new computer centers for the University's high schools should significantly add to the quality of education at YU.

The dinner, which attracted 1500 guests, was chaired by Mr. Sy Syms at the Waldorf Astoria on December 9th.

## Blood Drive Aftermath

By David Wasserman

As usual, Yeshiva College's semi-annual blood drive was a success, attracting 242 donors, December 20-21. According to co-chairmen Chaim Wizman and Joel Laury, this marked a slight decline from last spring's drive, which attracted 258 donors.

Although the figures indicate success, Mr. Wizman expressed disappointment that even greater numbers of administrators, faculty members and students did not donate. The co-chairmen noted that benefits of the blood drive are reciprocal, in that family members of each person who donates blood are entitled to receive blood free of charge during the year of donation. Mr. Wizman hopes that in the future the blood drive committee will be able to launch a more vigorous effort for this worthy cause.

## Writing Tutorial Opens at Y.C.

By Yacov Balsam

In response to an initiative of the Yeshiva College Senate, a weekly tutorial has been made available for all students seeking to improve their writing skills. The tutorial is designed to help students already capable of handling the English Composition course realize their full writing potential. Unlike the remedial writing course currently offered at Y.C., the tutorial is recommended, not compulsory.

According to Dean Norman Rosenfeld, English tutorials are necessary nationwide due to a downhill trend in students' writing abilities. Noting this tendency, many law schools now offer clinics to supplement the meager writing preparation that some students received as undergraduates.

## Artistic Diversity At Y.U. Museum



Portion of Brit Milah Room. Early American Circumcision. Art of Celebration

By Solomon Schneider

The new exhibit at the Y.U. museum, entitled "The Art of Celebration", portrays a microcosm of diversity among Jews. The exhibit is centered around a town square, which serves as the unifying element, symbolic of Jewish life. Each of the surrounding ten rooms represents a different aspect of Jewish celebration. The Rosh Hashana room is the library of an English family of Sephardic descent, while the children's Chanukah playroom is decorated with an enormous dreidel and an assortment of menorot of both traditional and modern design. Particularly interesting is the dissimilarity of the two adjacent seder tables. The traditional seder table, complete with silver service and fine linens, is strikingly contrasted by a table of young artists in their Soho loft,

with its modern interpretations of the seder relics. The two views of Pesach exemplify the diversity of Jewish custom.

To make room for "The Art of Celebration", the permanent synagogue exhibit has been moved to the fourth floor of the library, but the Biblical Gardens exhibit remains in the museum proper, beyond the main gallery. Additionally, the main lobby will feature a memorial to Sir Moses Montefiore in late February.

Regular museum hours are Sunday, 12-6 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$2.00, for senior citizens and children 4-6 is \$1.00, and for Y.U. faculty, students with ID, and children under 4, the admission is free.

The exhibit, which will run until June, 1985, has been very popular with visitors of all ages. Group tours have already been booked into June.

## New Guidance Plan

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### Counseling Service Expanded

Another area undergoing substantial improvement is the counseling service, which currently employs only two part-time counselors for a total of eight hours per week. According to Dr. Nulman, with the addition of Dr. Safier, a "young and talented clinical psychologist," the number of hours for student counseling will nearly double. At present, Dr. Safier's hours are Mondays, 4-9 p.m. As the need arises, however, his hours will be increased.

Dr. Levitz notes that his office is close to an arrangement that would provide satellite offices of Ferkauf's psychological center at both Yeshiva and Stern. If this deal is consummated, a Ferkauf doctoral student will also be assigned to work with Y.U. undergraduates.

Additionally, Rabbi Yosef Blau, *mashgiach ruchani*, has been appointed director of religious programming.

### Student Input

Freshman Advisor Dr. Abraham Zuroff meets with freshmen to discuss difficulties encountered in adjusting to college life. Dean Levitz and Dr. Nulman, though, wish to expand the counseling program even further. They have already scheduled a 'town hall' meeting for freshmen and transfer students on February 7th, to discuss issues of concern. Moreover, they have been researching the possibility of instituting a peer counseling program, whereby upper classmen would advise their freshman peers.

### Academic Advisement

One area of concern is academic advisement. Dean Levitz, however, explains, "we are aware of the need for increased services in the area of academic guidance and we are working on several possibilities to increase that service, hopefully for this coming semester." Dean Levitz and Dr. Nulman stress that they would appreciate student feedback to facilitate improvement of student services.



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# WHAT MAKES SOBER KICK?



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something like this had to happen. It was so much easier to lose and be angry, than to win and feel responsible. After a while, though, I got the hang of winning," he said.

Folks up in China also got word of Sober and in 1982 he and his long-time student, Phillip Katz, went to China as official guests of the government, and the Chinese Boxing Association. "Boxing" is the Chinese name for martial arts.

What put Sober on the plane though, was his determination to keep the promise made to his teacher before his death in 1966 to visit the teacher's hometown located near the most honored and famous center of martial arts in China. The teacher's family had been part of the Imperial Court.

After demonstrating his stuff before Di Chan, the revered "Boxing Master," he was told that "such high energy" had never been seen in a non-Chinese person. All across the country, the verdicts were coming up roses for Sober.

He had the rare privilege of filming Wan Li Shung in action and was told by his guide that the entire night before his arrival Wan was so excited he could not sleep. Shung is the head of the Fukien Wu Shu Association.

As a result of his visit, Sober was featured in the Chinese version of Sports Illustrated, "Wu Lin" in February, 1984. Even today, monthly letters circulate between him and the masters, comparing notes with each other. Sober is on the VIP list by China, and is constantly invited for repeat engagements.

Fact is, Sober found that his training served him well, and that he had no problem demonstrating his superior abilities before the older, classically trained masters. There is really no way of knowing how he ranks against the younger generation, as modern China prohibits fighting, and "boxing" is more gymnastic than martial art.

Sober has not been ranked in America, and shows no interest in the national karate associations, calling it a sham driven by love for money. The Dr. is not willing to sacrifice the classical aspect for money.

"Most karate in the U.S. is laughable, with mindless full contact and fighting for trophies," he said. Sober takes great pride in the fact that he does not run a black-belt factory and that although his students do not compete in tournaments, one of his students was ranked 8th in the U.S. simply by participating in a Macabiah trial.

Sober also cherishes his students in the classroom and refers to his "hobby" of ancient cultures, which he teaches at the University. Yet, martial arts is his self-declared profession, and Sober's role as a pioneer in the field is not to be taken lightly.

At 40, does Sober have to worry about going over the hill? "No way," says he.

"As people get older, they lose strength and coordination but gain better shape and reaction time. To beat 'em, you have to be really high ranking."

Better watch out.

**FOCUS: That which causes the stone to break**

"KIMI. This is the centralization of the mind of a person's body forced into the body or the mind for purposes of meditation or concentrated focus," says Sober.

Quite literally, this is what causes rocks to explode at the touch of a finger, 300 page books

can "think" your wound away? Not quite, but a sympathetic subject and proper psychological conditions can lead to effective results.

This concept of extending one's energy beyond his body is known as "astral projection" and has been a proven technique in achieving such feats as the High Energy Break (where the rock shatters). Scientific study has found that electrode readings recorded high energy outputs caused by a tremendous centering of energy.

Of course, almost anybody could break a board. The frontier is reached once you have passed the point where brute strength cannot achieve the desired result, and you wonder whether you have the "focus" to break the brick. Sober mentions that some of his students cannot believe some of their accomplishments, yet find that the mind is capable of wondrous deeds.

Students beware, for this ESP

China earlier this year, an agreement was reached with the Grand Master of the Chen Family Style Tai Chi, where alumni from Sober's Tora Dojo organization will be eligible to apply for participation in a summer course offered in China. Those that are referred by Sober will be guests of the Government and will be treated accordingly. The only hitch is the air fare - food, surprisingly is not much of a problem as vegetarianism is the rule. Sober hopes to send his first crop within 5 to 10 years - these things take time, he says.

**Tora Dojo: A Creed Apart.**

In theory, the style involves the principles of meditation and philosophy based on traditional Jewish values. The meditations and breathing exercises follow kabbalistic lines with an end toward the cleavage with G-D as a source of power due to this isolation and meditation.

equally vital elements of his life. Accordingly, the brute will be weeded out in the process.

Early students are more involved in self defense techniques than with philosophy, but by brown belt (the 5th of 6 belts), a more passive approach is taken with a return to fighting on a higher "plane" as one approaches black.

The Tora Dojo association has a membership of about 5,000 alumni with organizational dues of \$40 per month, and presently operates 20 schools in the area and in Israel. The annual exhibition is slated for next month, and usually draws a crowd around 1,000 spectators.

A club operates in Yeshiva University and currently meets five times a week. The Club president is Neal Mitnick, Morg 323.

**Are You A Karate-Man?**

Karate is not for everybody, says Prof. Sober. The average entering student either wants a good workout, is dying to get even, wants to learn self-defense, or was urged by a friend to come on down.

Usually, these people don't last more than two months. If the desire is there, but the discipline isn't, two years is the usual breaking point. By this time, the student has usually reached green or purple belt and comes to appreciate the methodology as a vehicle toward self-improvement besides mastering self-defense.

Karate isn't better than judo or Kung Fu, it's just another vehicle. But as opposed to basketball or soccer, karate also has the elements of religion and methodology which brings tangible emotional benefits as well. Also, a basketball player is over the hill at 40 whereas a karate-man gets better as he goes along.

"Each Kata is a world - it's like stepping into a time machine. It is a mixture of physical, precise motions and learning how to fight, breathe properly, and be in the proper frame of mind. After a while you get into a state. It's like archery of sorts. Every muscle, every tremor is in synch, tune, and harmony with that point on the arrow. You release that arrow... You can tell in two seconds, just by looking at someone, if he is a karate-man. The confidence shows in the posture, the sureness of the walk with a lack of extraneous motion - the body reflects the spirit, and it all comes down to focus."

Thus, the master speaks.



to be skinned and memorized within an hour, and bones to be healed without touching them.

Sober gives credit to this process for helping him recuperate from an operation in 1971 of a critical stomach disease. For all intents and purposes, he should never have walked again.

Sober attributes his abilities partly to birth, but mostly to the fact, "that I was lucky enough to meet the teacher that could bring it out. Many people have it, but it's never brought out. By the early 20's, it's either gone or causing incurable frustration, if not recognized."

Does this mean that Dr. Sober

also extends into the classroom. Sober admits to a keen sense of the direction of the class and says he is capable of "reading" bad vibes. While students are warned of this early in the semester, they often forget but fail to realize that the professor remembers. This "astral projection" may not be up your alley, but since you can never be sure, it doesn't pay to test the master.

Remember, you read it in the Commie first.

**Sober Strikes Black in China — YU Alumni to Benefit**

During Sober's second trip to

Tora Dojo in a practical sense is a mixture of combative Japanese karate with Korean kicking techniques and Chinese boxing movements.

Combining the physical with the metaphysical, Tora Dojo forms usually begin by stepping back, as opposed to stepping forward. This "defender" complex is in line with the Jewish doctrine of aggressor only as a last resort.

The Dojo is open only to Jews, but not necessarily religious ones. This serves as a connecting link with Judaism for many assimilated Jews. The black belt will only go to the person who shows that Judaism and karate will both be

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# CLUB CORNER



**Speech Club**  
President: Ira Lifshitz  
Budget: \$50.00

Speakers and communicators are welcome to a club that fosters and nurtures students in all facets of the communications field. Activities included an Oral Interpretation contest, fundraisers and parties. Learning how to communicate is a must! See Ira Lifshitz (M318) for upcoming contests, lectures, fundraisers and parties.

**Accounting Society**  
President: Judah Wernick  
Budget: \$1,000.00

Accounting majors, ye are lucky! The Accounting Society provides outstanding assistance in every possible way in helping place all accounting majors interested in pursuing a career. Highlights include a distinguished speaker series (5), resume workshops, 22 accounting firms on campus for interviews, parties and fundraisers. Look for a comedy show, a Shabbaton and more fundraisers culminating with the 300 person annual dinner hosting accounting firms at the Grand Hyatt. See the undermanned and overworn Judah Wernick (MB19).



**Economics Society**  
President: David Papier  
Budget: \$275.00

Is business your forte? Finance or economics? The Economics Society is geared for you, offering guidance to those students interested in pursuing a career in money. The lecture series is stimulating and the parties are a blast. Upcoming activities include a Shabbaton, a panel debate, and the prestigious "Economic Mind" — a journal of thoughtful essays on a vast array of economic topics. \$2 - Fee. Contact David Papier (M523).

**Y.C.D.S.**  
President: Hy Pomerance  
Budget: \$3800.00

Enchanting! Exhilarating! Challenging! The world of theatre is ablaze at Y.U., sparking two major stage productions each year, theatre parties, and competition in the various forms of stagecraft. Through these, YCDS creates and experiments, challenging the student body as an audience and the student as an actor or technician. Auditions for the Spring '85 production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as well as theatre parties to "Noises Off" and Yale Univ. are upcoming. A monumental experience!

When I was seven I introduced a few friends into a budding members of a model airplane club. I collected dues and tried to find an idea we could all agree on. When that proved impossible — I guess they liked the idea of "a" club but model airplanes didn't satisfy the "club" idea — I remained the sole member of the club and went on to construct planes from balsa and tissue, with mixed results.

A few years later, I went to a Shabbos club (which meant that somebody's mom was obligated to put out a 3 foot mound of fruit, plates of cake, and an unending supply of soda. This "ones" kept the neighborhood "gang" occupied with tennis and basketball. Later on in life, as I began my graduate education in psychology, I was reminded of the "ones" and the old boys. They were a wild bunch, and it is no small miracle that both the children and myself survived the club unscathed.

Now here I am, the new director of student activities, once again thinking of clubs and how they should be nurtured. I look down the list of YC clubs and realize that they include several varieties of clubs. Some are career-oriented, some academic, some activist, and some recreational. Not all of these clubs have an active schedule of events; in fact, some appear to be nearly comatose, save for their yearly

**Professor Ben Mayer**  
Director of Student Activities

presentation of their list of officers. While it's relatively easy to applaud the active clubs or be disappointed at the inactive ones, I caution myself to first ask the question: "Why is this club not functioning?" Is partial response, my more knowledgeable sources offer "Oh, they're only a 'paper' club... just something to put on an application to graduate school." The "paper" club phenomenon may explain some of the clubs' inactivity, but there are other reasons. Perhaps there are a lack of ideas of how to be a club, or perhaps there is an unconscious wish to develop and creating a program to develop the program. I hope to augment the clubs' usual events with a fresh list of new programs; and, where necessary, to help the clubs carry out their events successfully.

Several weeks ago, Dr. Levitz, Dr. Nulman and I held a meeting to announce the formation of a "Task Force on Student Life" which we hope will serve as a means of stimulating clubs, societies, dorm floor groupings and the student councils to become involved in serving the campus and themselves. The Task Force has the job of brainstorming program ideas and I hope to connect groups

to the ideas. We expect to add an important dimension to programs for students without detracting from the fine work already done or planned by the councils and clubs. We hope to announce these suggested programs shortly and expect that students will want to add suggestions of their own (look for the suggestion box to be located in the dorms). I also take calls (ext. 408) and talk to students (Furr Hall, room 413).

I remember that the famous jurist, Learned Hand, once said that a liberal education meant far more than the lessons of the classroom. I think it's important for all students at Yeshiva to have a "liberal education", and that can include opportunities to: 1: explore new areas of an academic subject not covered in the course, or 2: bring relief and encouragement to others, or 3: develop connections toward a professional career, or 4: experience the fullness of life through social, cultural and recreational events.

That's how I remember my old Shabbos club, my model-builder's club or any of the many clubs I "belonged to". Just as I took parts of my formal education with me in the years that followed, I also packed along my clubs and organizations; they are part of my informal education. And they can be part of what happens for students at Y.U. as well.



**W.Y.U.R.**  
President: Robert Katz  
Budget: \$2,817.00

Music lovers of Y.U., W.Y.U.R. is proud to present 36 hours of star-studded entertainment. Fun is the name of the game. In addition to its novelty, W.Y.U.R. provides an unparalleled learning experience in the communications field. The recent live remote unit at Stern was a first and the fun continued with a Chagigathon and an "I Love Mordechai" party. Keep your ears open for the Appeal for Ethiopian Jewry, regular promotions, and interviews next semester for all interested.

**First Aid Club**

President: Ronny Gross  
Budget: \$250.00

To provide first aid courses and information about health care.



**English Honor Society**

President: Saul Rube  
Budget: \$125.00

To promote awareness of literature through discussion.

**Computer Science**

President: Shalom Kallner  
Budget: \$200.00

To enlighten students about the computer field.

**Karate Club**

Neither rain nor sleet nor threat of finals deter the dedicated members of the Karate club from perfecting their craft. Fifty-two weeks per year, without fail, these committed members train and practice relentlessly, improving mind as well as body. Sparse free moments are spent on parties, fundraisers and exhibitions. If interested, show up at the gym: Sunday, 7-10 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 8:30-10 p.m. \$40. - Fee.

**Math Club**

President: Yan Wolfson  
Budget: \$0.

The Math Club is searching for all math oriented students. It has a dual purpose; to provide outside activities touching upon all aspects of mathematics, and to enlighten the student as to the vast opportunities in math or math-related professions. Selected members of the faculty, including Dr. Lebow in the near future, discuss all related to mathematics. \$2. - Fee. See Yakov Wolfson (R213).

**Sephardic Club**

President: Daniel Bengio  
Budget: \$0.

To expose the university and Sephardic students to the rich Sephardic culture.

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President: Zvi Lando  
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Comedy Club With A Yarmulka

By Eliezer Hammer

Imagine! Going to improvisation or The Comedy Cellar and being able to eat their food and not standing out in the crowd because of your yarmulka. Just think of not being too embarrassed to sit in the front because you are the only observant Jew in the Club. Now you do not have to worry about such trivial matters and you can really enjoy yourself! A restaurant called The Dairy Planet is now staging a comedy show every Saturday night. It is called The Comedy Planet and offers four performers per show, (one at nine o'clock and the other at eleven o'clock). A role reversal has now taken place. The comedian is now the one who reserves the brunt of the jokes and at times feels out of place (unless of course he is Jewish, which he usually is).

The Comedy Planet, located on Broadway near John Street, is situated in a nice and safe neighborhood. A place to hang your coat is provided and protected by security guards. The tables seat four or more people. Although a bit cramped, the seating is comfortable. I was with a party of three and we were seated at a table for six. Everyone was friendly at our table but we could not conduct any prolonged conversation. The Planet is a good place to bring a group of friends, not a person whom you would like to get to know.

The club, situated in the basement, is fully decorated (not like most comedy clubs that are only half furnished). The stage is set up very high so you will not miss a thing. The seats are situated so that just about everyone has a good view. The only foreseeable problem was two beams which can

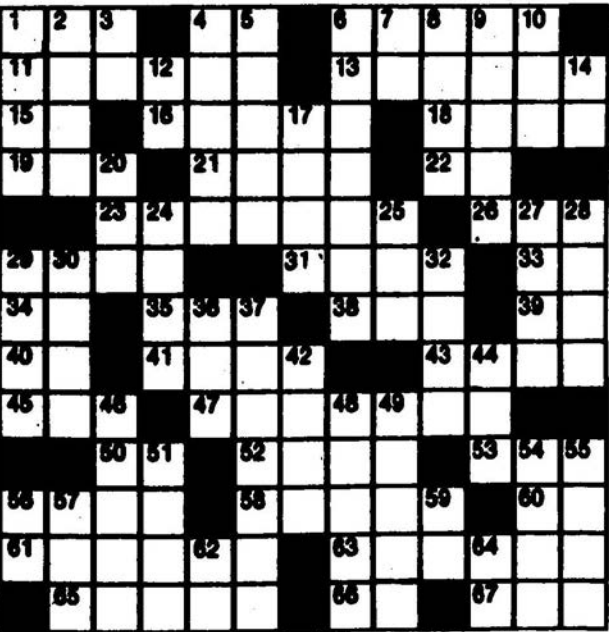
block the view of the stage. I suggest making prior reservations and come on time to ensure yourself a good seat.

The food is all *Chalov Yisroel* with an O.K. *hashgacha*. The prices range from \$4.00 to \$12.00 for a main dish. There is a \$7.50 cover charge and five dollar minimum. The service was quick and the choices of food ranged from soups and salads to souffles and fish dishes. There is no immediate plan to get an alcohol license and for the time being soda, tea, or coffee are all you can drink.

The show started on time and the M.C. was fair (the owners are planning to replace him). Nonetheless, the comedians were first rate. In fact, one of the people at my table had seen two of them a month earlier in a different club. It was an interesting night in that the jokes were, as one comedian put it, "toned down to suit the audience." This was attributed to the surprisingly large middle-aged audience. The owners told me that they intend to try to keep the performers' jokes basically clean.

In many cases, the jokes were on the performers. When the usual question "Who here is from out of New York City?" was asked, a large number of people answered Monsey, (referring to New York). The going joke throughout the night was the chagrin on the comedians face when they saw so many people from Muncie, Indiana! Of course, these were Jewish performers who related well with the audience. The others had their share of mistakes. A typical example of the culture difference was when the performers asked a man's name and discovered it was Mayer. The comedian promptly said, "I ain't starting up with him, he's the Mayor of Muncie." He was not joking!

Commie Crossword



by: Moshe Orlian

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  - Queens diamond
  - of a 1000 Days
  - Scrip
  - Accomplish
  - Aves.
  - Prefix before/hawk
  - Eastern nurse
  - Partners of ladies
  - Double, comb. form
  - Sign of the zodiac
  - Neighbor of 33 across
  - Jewish trouble (coll.)

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Keeping The Spirit

By Yussi Simon

After a week of hunger fasting the hippie pleads for the last time before he collapses

The entertainment is over and the spirit is carried on.

They Said It Themselves

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"I've come out, done my work, in fact done extra work at first base. I think it's paid off and I think they like what they've seen so far. If I continue to do the job that I'm capable of doing then I'll be playing."

Lee Mazzilli, Yankees September '82  
(Mazzilli was traded in December, and is now a sub for Pittsburgh.)

Regarding a question about the All-Star voting process: "When you think of it, it's really fair. The fans deserve to vote because they pay to see us. And let's face it, most of them are intelligent. They realize who deserves to start."

Steve Garvey, Dodgers May 1982

(This year, Garvey was the fans' overwhelming choice for first base even though the Mets' Keith Hernandez was selected by all the writers and coaches in post-season balloting.)

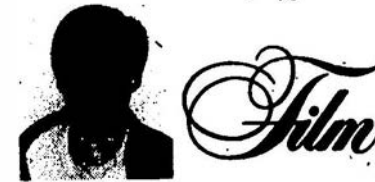
"And so at this juncture, I'd like to introduce to you the Mets starting pitcher for 1983 and hopefully many years to come, Tom Seaver."

Mets General Manager Frank Cashen, at Seaver's return press conference December 1982

Brother's Keeper

By David Rubinstein

This year's best science-fiction movie does not have Sting frolicking about in aluminum diapers, Arnold Schwarzenegger plowing cars through police stations, awe-struck fetus promos, or a \$48 million budget. What it does have is a spaceman whose skin is black (he can regenerate limbs and fix video games with the palm of his hand but is voiceless and thus dialogueless throughout the film), pursued by two spacemen whose skin is white (synchronized Bugs Bunny-villain rejects who know enough of Earth customs to order draft beer on the rocks) through Harlem and the Upper West Side of New York City — and a great title, "The Brother from the Other Planet."



"Brother" is really social-science fiction — the uptown A train, video arcades, city street life are all stronger; drug addiction, prostitution and city street violence all the more horrifying — through the brother's innocent eyes. But it's the "space and space relations" that give "Brother" its humanity and humor. A very white and very lost conventioner from Indiana spends two hours in a Harlem bar confessing to the silent Brother how his dream as a kid was to be "Mr. Cub" — the black baseball player Ernie Banks; a teenager shows the Brother an absolutely amazing card trick on the uptown A and tops it with a greater sleight-of-hand; and he makes all the white train riders disappear at 59th Street. ...

"Brother" plays on the even hours at the Embassy, West 72nd Street. ... Go see "Brother". You'll emerge a more intelligent life form.

Joshua Levine was inadvertently misquoted in the last Commentator "Behind Dorm Doors". The question posed was "What was the most surprising thing that happened to you in YU?" Mr. Levine's answer was "Saul received a 45 on the LSAT".

Behind Dorm Doors

How do you feel the new T.V. bulletin board will affect student campus life?

It gives Phil something to do.  
Ira Lifshitz  
318



I think they are great! They divert funds from other useless Student Council activities.  
Saul Burian  
M627

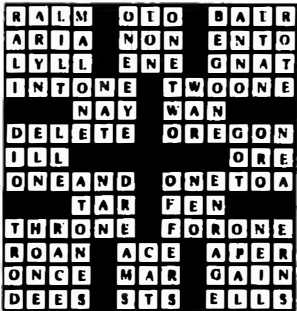


Oh, is that what it is? I thought it was a remedial English program for the guards.  
Jeff Gejerman  
623



When I locate it I'll let you know.  
Jimmy Sitt  
R219

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD OF ISSUE III







## On the Sidelines

### Hats Off to the Bowtie

by: Morey Wildes

The recent New York Mets' transactions bring to mind an argument I had last year with a certain YU concert promoter about whether or not Frank "Bowtie" Cashen, the Mets' General Manager, has done a good job as GM. This individual had the audacity to say the Cashen was not doing very much as Mets' GM. Let me just reaffirm my confidence in Cashen by recounting some of his major actions as GM.

Firstly, Cashen was responsible for the sentimental reacquisitions of Staub and Seaver, designed to add experience and stability to a young Met team. Secondly, he was the main engineer of three blockbuster trades bringing Foster, Hernandez and Carter, three of the NL's best players, to the Mets, catapulting the Mets to the top of the division. The recent additional trades for Heep, Berenyi, Knight and Johnson will round out a solid Met squad.

Yet, the Bowtie's most important actions went on behind the scenes. His development of a high-quality minor league system through the draft and trades has provided the foundation for a first-division major league team for years to come. The drafting of Mets stars Strawberry, Gooden, Brooks and Wilson and of promising minor leaguers Blocker, Christenson, Dykstra, Gibbons and Abner were likewise Cashen's doing. His acquisition of Darling, Terrell and Fernandez (as minor leaguers) has helped solidify the Mets' pitching. Cashen has steadily built up the farm system to the point where he can fill any Mets' position either by digging into the minors or by using his farm system to trade for veterans.

Cashen has also not been afraid to take a chance by dealing or letting a veteran Met go (Mazzilli, Allen, Brooks, Seaver) in order to acquire prospects or even just to make room for youngsters. He has been so shrewd in his dealings, in fact, that very few of those he's traded are now starring for another club. There have been less "mistake-trades" recently than ever before in Mets' history.

Cashen's perception of Davey Johnson's knowledge of the young Mets players' capabilities and subsequent hiring of him as manager demonstrates a certain awareness that a GM must have.

In other words, the least that Frank Cashen has done as the Mets' General Manager is to transform them from a last-place team into a bonafide pennant contender.

Added note: with the end of the NFL season close at hand and the recent playoff elimination of the Giants, I must congratulate the Giants on an unexpectedly good season. Giant fans, like Met fans, have been long suffering and finally got what they deserve — something to cheer about. Hopefully, this strong showing will carry over into next season and hopefully the Giants will go even further in the playoffs than they did this season.

## They Said It Themselves

By Robert Katz

The following are quotes, from the prophetic to the ironic, obtained by the WYUR Sports Staff.

"I understand why people aren't picking us to win the pennant this year. We're missing one or two things. It's been a slow building process, and I think we're very close. I think we might possibly need just one more year."

Sparky Anderson  
Detroit Tigers Manager  
April 1983

(In 1984, the Tigers won the World Series.)

"All I have to do is get Neil Allen into a few more games, restore his confidence, have him a good outing and I think he'll be all right."

Mets Manager George Bamberger  
May 1983

(Two weeks later Bamberger resigned; four weeks later, Allen was traded.)

Q: "Going out to L.A., where you grew up must be exciting?"

A: "Oh yeah, it is. I look forward to the west coast trips, getting to go home to play here. I look forward to a lot of success out there."

Darryl Strawberry, Mets  
May 1983

(Strawberry has hit .125 there in his two years with the Mets.)

"You (reporters) can all just turn on your \*\*\*\*\* microphones and take it upstairs to the fat man (George Steinbren-

ner). I'm just sick of all this negativism, and I don't give a damn anymore."

Rich Gossage, Yankees  
July 1982

(At the end of the 1983 season, Goose left the team.)

"I really don't mind anymore when we lose. The more we lose, the more Steinbrenner gets mad. The more he gets mad, the more he flies in to us from Tampa. The more he flies, the better the chance of a plane crash."

Graig Nettles, Yankees  
March 1983

(Nettles was traded after the '83 season.)

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## Taubermen Go 3-1

By Marc Bessler

The YU Fencing Team, after winning its first two matches, absorbed its first loss, against Hunter College. Even the 7-2 performance by the Foil team (Marc Bessler was 3-0) could not overcome the effect of a 1-8 showing by both the Sabre team and the Epee team. Next, the Taubermen defeated Brooklyn College 17-10; the Sabre team redeemed itself with a 6-3 victory, in addition to the Foil team's impressive 8-1 showing. Marc Bessler posted a 3-0 performance and Ralph Gross 2-0. The team's next match will be its first ever against Johns Hopkins on January 7. Hopefully, the winning ways will continue.

## Those Struggling Ellmen

By Caleb Freedman  
and Stuie Simon

The Yeshiva Wrestling Team led by coaches Neil Ellman and Nathan Schwitzer got off to a slow start this season. The graduation of most of the experienced wrestlers left a large gap in the number of team wrestlers. The bad luck continued with the permanent injuries of the more experienced wrestlers, captain Stuie Simon, co-captain Caleb Freedman and Perry Antelman. The loss of these wrestlers and forfeits taken at their weight classes enabled Stevens Tech and Manhattan College, two powerful teams, to outclass the Ellmen.

The home opener against Brooklyn College was a different story. Ari Schwell (167) easily destroyed his opponent in the first period and Ian Shuman had a quick win as well. Aharon Moshe Roth and Jules Polonetzky both won on decisions in exciting matches lasting the full seven minutes. Beginners Jerry Abelow, Leon Eisen and Joseph Kaufman showed strength and speed but were beaten by more experienced wrestlers. Our Russian bear, Mark Lyakhovsky, also lost in a surprising upset. Two weight classes were forfeited, costing YU 12 points and enabling Brooklyn to win 31-25.

Though the wrestling team suffered a slump, with veterans and the tough beginners, next season will be a strong comeback. The only way this can be accomplished is with the help of students. The coaches have the ability to train and condition; all they need are the people willing to try.

## Close Games for YU Macs

By Moshe Orlan

The Y.U. Maccabees made it three wins in a row earlier this season by defeating division rival N.Y. Maritime 63-61 in an exciting game. At first, the Macs' offense had trouble getting on track and trailed 32-28 at halftime. In the second half, the Macs tied the score four times but could not take the lead, trailing by as many as ten points. However, behind good defense they took the lead 61-59 only to have Maritime tie it up. Finally, the Macs inbounded the ball to Joey Eaves (21 points) who hit a jumper with two seconds left, giving the Macs a stunning 63-61 victory. Ronnie Schwartz's 16 points aided the cause.

The next game against Stevens Tech was much of the same, but without the last-second heroics. After trailing the entire game, the Macs took a 62-60 lead with less than a minute to go. Unfortunately, three Y.U. turnovers led to a 64-62 loss. Joey Eaves led all scorers with 23 points.

In their third league game, against New Jersey Tech, the Macs were totally overpowered as a much bigger and stronger NJIT team powered its way to a 96-91 victory.

The Macs broke their two game losing streak by defeating St. Josephs 71-69. Despite their hot shooting, St. Josephs got into foul trouble enabling the Macs to enjoy a 41-31 halftime lead. The Macs halted St. Josephs comeback with the help of Joey Eaves' clutch foul-shooting and the Macs tenacious defense and captured the victory.

This year's rematch against NYU was reminiscent of last year's "contest." Playing with intensity and working patiently on

## Intramural Playoffs

### Basketball:

By Morey Wildes

The Juniors evened their record at 4-4 by routing the Freshmen 63-46 behind the solid all-around play of Howie Hirt and 16 points from both Nagler and Kuritzky. Slick Bruce Taragin (20 points) and Heshy Muehlgay (12 pts.) led the Freshmen. Next, in a two-part game, Senior B defeated Senior A 42-36 on tough defense and clutch foul-shooting. Simmy Weber (14 pts) and Morey Wildes (12 pts) paced the victors, as Gregg Levine pumped in 20 for Senior A.

The Sophomores ended the regular season in first-place by defeating Senior B 37-23. The Sophs were able to pull rebounds and score down low against a sluggish senior squad, as Lance Hirt (13 pts) and Jay Taragin (8 pts.) were high scorers. Senior B, missing their top scorer, did not pose any problem, though fastbreaking Peretz Hochbaum had 12 points.

Senior A then tied for third place by handing the Freshmen their eighth loss 58-47. Zev Skolnick (16 pts) and Gregg Levine (13 pts) led a balanced attack and again, Bruce Taragin (22 pts) and Heshy Muehlgay (17 pts) dominated the Freshmen scoring. This tie for third place

necessitated a playoff game between the two teams. Senior A crushed the Juniors 55-39 behind the 20 hard-earned points of Gregg Levine. Kuritzky's 14 points were tops for the Juniors.

In the semifinal round, Senior A succumbed to Senior B 58-54 in a punishing game, as bruisers Josh Levine and Dave Schwarcz came through to help hold onto a late lead, despite the team's poor foul-shooting, and stave off the Skolnick (12 pts) - Levine (14 pts) frontcourt duo. Experienced Eli Weber (18 pts), Schwarcz (13 pts) and Simmy Weber (12 pts) guided Senior B into the championship game against the Sophomores.

### Hockey:

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**Freshmen 5, Sophs 1** — With the juniors and Seniors in first and second place respectively, only the final playoff spot, to be decided in this season's finale, was in doubt. Though the Freshmen needed only a tie to win the last spot, they blew past the Sophomores.

In the first period, the Freshmen played inspired hockey, as goalie Steve Brody and defenseman Amsel and Kotch stifled the Soph scoring. Meanwhile, Roni Goldberg scored twice to give the Freshmen the lead. After Soph Schreiber blistered a wrist shot from the slot to cut the lead to 2-1, Littwin made it 3-1 after some masterful play behind the Soph net. The Sophs pressed all out in the third period but were unable to beat Brody, as the Freshmen added two more goals.

**Playoff: Seniors 5, Freshmen 4 (OT)** — After having outscored the Freshmen 41-7 in their three regular season games, the Seniors expected a rout; the Freshmen, however, played above their heads but were defeated in overtime. After Senior Yossie Rothman scored on a wrist shot that hit off Brody's pads Mark Littwin came back on a goal which again involved his quickness behind the net.

The Seniors then scored three unanswered goals, including two that were misplayed by Brody, to take a 4-1 lead. However, the Freshmen made an unbelievable comeback, scoring twice to cut the lead to 4-3. Littwin tied the game with 2:30 left. Senior goalie Neil Krakauer then made two spectacular glove saves to force an overtime. In overtime, Krakauer again kept the Freshmen away, until Senior Jon Thurm broke down right wing and let loose the game winner, which deflected off Brody's pads to send the Seniors into the semester championship game against the mighty Juniors.



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