



Players and fans alike rise to the occasion

## The Big Mac Attack

By Sheldon Hanau

The Max Stern Athletic Center was dedicated on November 19, prior to the Yeshiva University Maccabees 87-45 rout of Bard College. School spirit that evening was at a new high, and as one student put it, "thanks to Ma:, the Macs are back".

The festivities began with a dedication dinner attended by the entire Stern family, President Lamm, all the YU deans, assorted alumni, and various student representatives. The pre-game tail gate parties around campus included blue and white face make-ups for those who wished, and a second party was held on the outdoor basketball courts where students practiced their cheers.

In honor of the dedication, the gym entrance was adorned with colorful streamers, and the lobby area was enhanced by plants and banners. Tables were set with YU paraphernalia, including: sweat-shirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, and jerseys all bearing the YU logo.

Inside the gym, one could feel the intensity building as game time approached. Painter's caps, pennants, and blue and white pom-poms were given out to fans to add YU color to the scene. Balloons were tied around the running track and a large banner with the slogan "Big Mac Attack" hung from the railing. A three piece band was stationed in the corner, adding a collegiate touch to the game.

The blue and white painted students, led by Menachem Dietcher, sat in a corner section and created a pep rally that spread throughout the gym. The mascot, Mark Weiss, dressed as a Maccabee raced across the court leading his own cheers, among them "the wave". One student put it best when he said, "I guess everyone is making up for the last fifty years". Robert Katz, the PA announcer, said, "Even with the thousand dollar PA system, I still couldn't be heard over the fans' cheering."

As Leonard Stern threw out the

game ball, the bleachers began to shake and the cheering reached a climax when Lior Hod scored the first points. The entire game was broadcast on WYUR. The station was back with Maccabee basketball after a five year hiatus from broadcasting. Veteran announcer David Katz provided the play by play and former Macs player Sholom Menorah was the color commentator.

At the end of the game, noted student leader Ira Press said, "We made history tonight. I hope this signals the beginning of a new dimension of school spirit". Another student exclaimed, "Tonight I am really proud to be a student at YU". Hopefully, this enthusiastic spirit will be maintained for a long time to come.

## Barnes and Noble to Take Over Bookstore

By Harry Lieman

The YCSC Bookstore will soon be reopened under new management. Administration officials realizing the need for the campus store, approached Barnes and Noble with the idea of taking control of the problem-ridden bookstore. After brief negotiations an agreement was reached and in several weeks the store will be opening on a limited basis and beginning next semester on a full-time basis.

The bookstore, originally a student project, was opened in September 1984 with a positive future. It closed June 1985 mainly because of financial troubles caused by the small volume of sales on campus. Under the new arrangement, however, many of the previous problems will be resolved because Barnes and Noble can buy in bulk from publishers whereas the old bookstore had to order books individually. This will enable the bookstore to stock a complete selection of books that the students need, thereby creating greater student patronage.

Both students and administrators agree that the bookstore is an important and necessary feature of the campus. Aryeh Furst, of the finance office, mindful of the joint venture between Barnes and Noble and the Columbia University

Bookstore, approached Barnes and Noble with a similar idea for our uptown campus.

The offer accepted by Barnes and Noble was one they could not refuse. The store will be rent-free and almost all profits will go to Barnes and Noble with only a slight percentage of the gross profits going tentatively to the Student Council. The takeover was expedited to enable the bookstore to be fully stocked for the upcoming semester.

The bookstore won't be run directly from the 18th St. store but rather as a division of the Columbia store. The managers at Columbia will run the Yeshiva bookstore and will be hiring students as assistant managers and employees.

In the past, students complained of the incomplete inventory of texts. Lack of faculty cooperation in the submissions of text lists was partially responsible for this problem. According to Aryeh Furst, "Our interest is to make things work. The key is to get faculty to submit their booklists on time." Faculty received letters a number of weeks ago asking them to submit the names of texts they plan to use. This is the first step to having fully stocked shelves next semester. If shortages do occur however, the Col-

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## Yeshiva's "Model" Students

By Ethel Greenstone

Ten students representing Yeshiva and Stern Colleges attended the University of Pennsylvania Model United Nations Conference (UPMUNC) in Philadelphia over the weekend of November 7-10. This conference has become an annual event for students at Yeshiva.

The Model United Nations Conference offers a realistic simulation of the United Nations. Each participating university chooses a member country and then sends delegates to represent that country on various committees which function according to UN rules of procedure. Yeshiva University, representing Angola, sent two representatives to each of the five committees. Ethel Greenstone and David Schonbrun, assigned to the Disarmament Committee, co-authored a

resolution calling for a possible re-vamping of armament expenditures to a development fund for third world nations. Expertly discussing decolonization, Simcha Weller and Steven Cohen represented Angola at the General Assembly. Stacy Alevy and Barry Herzog were on the Legal Committee, discussing issues involving international law. Sherrill Allen and Reuven Kahane portrayed Angolan policy in the Special Political Committee, a particularly difficult assignment as the committee discussed terrorism and Zionism while Angola is fervently anti-Zionist. Finally, representing Angola on the Social Humanitarian Committee were Suri Schulman and Naomi Levine.

Sessions ran throughout the weekend: Thursday evening, Fri-

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By David Feldan  
In an attempt to enforce the prohibition against having heating elements in the dormitory, the Security Department conducted random room inspections in the Morgenstern Dorm on November 21. The inspection, which began at 11 am on the eighth floor, was conducted by Juan Gabriel, Assistant Director of Security, Manuel Guilan, Security Supervisor, and a uniformed guard. In total, twenty rooms were inspected and twelve items were seized.

Knowledge of the inspection spread quickly through the dorm, in part due to two students who went door to door, warning others of the impending raids. When students heard about the inspection many hid their toaster ovens and hotplates in closets, drawers and trunks, as attested by Mr. Gabriel, "On the third floor everything was in the closet." Most of the confiscations occurred in rooms where students were absent.

Students whose items were confiscated responded with anger and frustration. "We came into our rooms, they (the heating elements) were gone. They didn't

even leave a note", said Chaim Shechter whose hotplate and toaster oven were confiscated. Jonah Kaszovitz, who lost a toaster oven, queried, "I'm upset. Where am I supposed to eat? I can't afford to eat in the caf."

The discomfort was further confounded for Israel Samson, who, when attempting to retrieve his toaster oven from the security office, was told it would not be returned until, "they (Security) actually see the item removed from the University." Students wishing to reclaim their items were asked to sign a written statement saying that they would comply with this requirement.

The Security office was outright in their position. Mr. Greg Vescatel, Director of Security, explained that the heating elements create fire hazards in

that they have an exposed heating element and can cause electrical fire due to overloading. Thus they were in violation of the fire code. Mr. Vescatel emphasized that University Security is not a "law enforcement agency" and that the inspections were a "protective action". He further stressed that inspections, not searches, took place, and only after, "long and adequate notice to students."

Generally, student attitude was forceful yet ambivalent. Charles Finkelstein adamantly condemned the raids saying, "It hurts. It's scary to know that ones privacy can be violated at anytime." Yet, he realized the necessity for Security to insure student safety.

Barry Rozenberg, President of YCSC, assisted students in dealing with the raids both during and

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## Bookstore Reviewed

In the Fall of 1984, the YCSC bookstore opened with considerable fanfare and optimism. Students looked forward to an establishment on campus where they could purchase all of their textbooks and avoid the highly inconvenient semi-annual trek to Barnes and Noble. The bookstore would also serve other student needs by providing school supplies, items with the YU logo and magazines.

In its first year of operation, the bookstore was plagued by several problems. The lines to buy books during the limited store hours seemed endless, while the supply was not. Several books never made it to the shelves, and others were more expensive than those at Barnes and Noble. By the fourth week of the semester, the bookstore was no longer frequently patronized by students. Despite these difficulties, most of the students found the bookstore to be an improvement over the previous situation. Furthermore, since most of the problems were attributed to managerial inexperience, it was believed that the problems would be solved during the second year of operation.

This has not proved true, and the bookstore has still not lived up to the expectations and of 15 months ago. This year the lines did not get shorter, the store hours were not extended and the book supply was even less extensive than last year, forcing most students to make the trip to Barnes and Noble anyhow. The problem of lack of business after the first month was "solved" by simply closing the store for the remainder of the semester.

The bookstore has a major drawback because it is needed primarily for the first month of each semester. If, however, during that one month it cannot fulfill its primary mandate, which is to make all textbooks available during convenient store hours to students at prices comparable to those of book stores downtown, then the YCSC bookstore is a failure. The people that undertake this project should anticipate these obstacles as they once again establish the Yeshiva University Bookstore.

## CORRECTIONS

Dr. Manny Sternlicht was inadvertently omitted from last issue's feature guidance section. Dr. Sternlicht is available for guidance in the field of Psychology between 12:00 noon and 2:00 P.M. on Mondays and Wednesdays. His office is in Furst Hall, Room 326, 960-5326.

Judah Goldscheider's name was unintentionally omitted as the author of the Letter to the Editor entitled "Respect the Law"? in the last issue.

The due date of all entries for the Fiction Contest is December 12, not November 15.

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Hamakom Yenachem Etchem B'toch Sh'ar Avelei Zion V'Yerushalayim

## Editor's Desk

## Perplexed

By Avi Moskowitz

America is governed by the basic tenet of freedom of the press. Neither corporations, individuals nor the federal government are permitted to restrict news publications. It is a privilege that sets us apart from other nations, a privilege that our founding fathers died for. The basic reason for this tenet is to keep all publications free from censor, and to limit influence from outside sources, who, seeking to further their interests, would discolor the facts.

Unfortunately, it is usually these sources who are in the position to contribute and help maintain the constantly increasing costs of publishing. What is more unfortunate, is that this situation exists within our community; without funds from the Student Council, The Commentator could not go to print. In fact, even these funds are insufficient and we must resort to raising additional monies through advertising. The Student Council is in a position of control and we are left vulnerable, weighing each word we print as threatening eyes peer over our shoulders. In return for trickling funds the Council expects positive publicity, and rightfully so, but how can we objectively inform the student body when we live from hand to mouth?

Last issue, the GripeVine, a feature that does just that—allows students to voice their gripes—alluded to the absence of Student Council leadership and activity. Although this problem was addressed only in the form of a cute short gripe, the problem is a serious one. YCSC needed a nudge, and we obliged. It worked—kind of. Soon after, I found a scribble on my desk signed by Barry Rozenberg and Jules Polonetzky, the President and Treasurer of YCSC respectively, requesting to review my financial records. To quote a popular pop artist, "Money changes everything".

YCSC certainly got the nudge, but unfortunately, not the message. Suddenly the Council, seeking to save face, "acting on the students' behalf", merged efforts with Stern to sponsor the annual Chanuka concert. The Council missed the point. The issue is not a lack of events at Yeshiva. In fact, more students attended November's events alone, than participated in last semester's events. We have competent, enthusiastic student leaders, a spanking new athletic facility and a reborn Office of Student Services. The message was and is "Get Organized! Demonstrate Leadership!"

The limbs are there, but the body is struggling. A fumbled "Party for the Perplexed" was organized November 11, just four days after distribution of The Commentator, celebrating the November 13 circulation of the student directory. Obviously, two days notice was insufficient. On the day of the event the student body was notified of its cancellation due to a "delay in shipment of the student directories". Obviously, no one looked in Kenny Siegel's room.

Few will argue that it is difficult to run an organization. But if Yeshiva College is not led by efficient, strong and competent leaders, its apathetic milieu will not be penetrated. Of course, the individual societies can survive on their own, (provided they receive their budgets before the semester ends) but only as fragmented units. The leadership and management must start at the top. The Student Council must serve as a coordinating body, unifying the student societies, determining a common goal and ensuring a variety of events appropriate to all students at Yeshiva. Hopefully the promises we heard last June will not have been "promises (made) in the dark."

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The YU Cafeteria wishes to announce a new program initiating a Fast Food Delight at the Furman Dining Hall, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from 8:30- 11:30 pm. The program has been instituted after deliberation with the food committee on a trial basis. Depending on its success, the program will continue. Any comments regarding this operation are most welcome.



# OP-ED

## Library Loquacity — Reading Between the Lines

By Marty Fineberg

The many improvements in student life, facilities, and the overall aesthetic level of the campus brought about by the university's administrators and benefactors certainly merit praise and gratitude. There is, however, one problem which has been overlooked, thus leaving room for discontentment amid a general mood of complacency. I am sure most of you have had the occasion if not to use, at least to visit, the Pollack Social Hall and its adjunct library. There are several charges that can be leveled at the library's patrons and haphazard array.

As is evident to anyone with serious intentions of getting work done, all too many of those in the library during the evening are there for social purposes. And who can blame them? For many, the library provides a relaxed, informal setting in which to fraternize with or pick up Stern women. Upon the arrival of the Stern van, YC students feel the sudden urge to "work" in the library. This work is often very noisy as it involves conversations with

members of the opposite sex. (Wondering which courses require this type of homework, this writer would like to register for them next semester). No one should be begrudged the opportunity to socialize but there must be another place and another way. Of course, Stern women cannot be blamed for this situation. These noisy disturbances occur with the same irritating regularity when YC students use the library's sophisticated inter-floor communication system: verbally telegraphing lengthy messages to friends on different floors.

Indeed, the library should not enforce absolute silence; a happy medium must be found. The arrangement of the library, however, does not allow for a solution. In light of the persistently high level of noise, one cannot help but marvel at the location of the carrels. These booths, designed to facilitate quiet, intense studying, are placed in some of the noisiest locations. On many floors, they are situated alongside tables intended for group study. Even on floors

where the two are separate, the problem remains as a result of the unique structure of the library. Its terraced floors force one to hear conversations taking place nearby. It is evident that an effective solution must involve the designation of one section of the library where it is understood that no talking will be tolerated. This arrangement can be found in a number of universities, and if YU students care to acknowledge the fact that they have graduated high school, it can be done in their library as well. If this is too much to ask, the only other alternative is to set aside study halls in Belfer or Tannenbaum Buildings to replace those recently converted into dormitory rooms.

As finals draw near, it is important for students to recognize that there is a serious problem of "noise-pollution" in our library. To those whose intelligence affords them the luxury of not having to study, those who are not concerned with academic excellence and those who are simply taking a break, we appeal to your sense of decency: please be considerate of those who are studying.

## You're Sixteen, You're Beautiful . . . and You're in College?

By Aaron Katz

Norman Cousins once said, "The message from the moon... is that no problem need any longer be considered insoluble." It is with this sense of optimism that the ill effects of what is perceived to be a major problem in our university are outlined; namely, the all too tender age of a substantial part of our student body. No solutions are, as of yet, available. The complaints do not emerge out of sheer discontent, but in the earnest hope that helpful ideas will be forthcoming if the problem is clearly stated. The causes involved are diverse, ranging from the Early Admissions Programs and an uninspiring twelfth grade year to a general social trend toward prolonged education. As is often the case, a situation that arises out of numerous factors brings with it multiple consequences that affect all of us, whether or not we chose to take notice. There are primarily two areas that are most injured by this condition of immaturity: the general academic atmosphere and the specific classroom experience.

While current psychology believes that heredity is probably more influential than environment (in its broadest sense), with

regard to one's intelligence, there are few who are willing to negate the importance of the latter altogether. It might even be said that the environment plays a crucial role in spiritual and mental development. The unfortunate reality is that usually the true desire to learn and the respect for knowledge go hand in hand with age and experience. Only as one gets older does he begin to realize the intrinsic reward that intellectual pursuit offers, and while external reinforcements such as grades are still important, they cease to play the almighty role they once did.

While there exists at YU a plethora of clubs and societies dedicated to any number of intellectual pursuits, there is a very basic void within the extra-curricular life on campus. It is true that occasionally it is possible to seek intellectual refuge over dinner in the cafeteria or in the library. All too often, however, we are confronted with a mind set that clearly undermines the fulfilling atmosphere inherent in and vital to a complete Yeshiva University experience. The notion of religious synthesis is an integral component of the philosophy of this university. Why not extend this

ideal to include a secular synthesis of lecture and literature as well?

Another casualty of such immaturity is the classroom lecture experience. Teachers do not teach subject matter, they teach students. Thus it is quite apparent that the attitude of the students plays a major role in the successful transmission of knowledge. It is disheartening to hear so many questions that relate only to an upcoming exam, to the weight homework carries in the grading process, and to the nature of the attendance requirement. More discouraging still are incidents that have occurred in which professors have entered classrooms resembling war zones, complete with flying erasers and hand-to-hand combat. A professor's query regarding classroom misbehavior is answered with the hauntingly familiar reply, "but he started it." Such conduct simply demeans the education that most of us have made sacrifices to obtain.

Bernard Baruch once advised, "Never answer a critic, unless he is right." Hopefully, these thoughts will generate many constructive responses.

## The President Speaks

By Barry Rozenberg

"The Yeshiva College Student Council shall represent the students of YC in all their collective dealings with the administration and faculty of YC and with similar organizations in other institutions and shall determine policy for the student body for all student affairs." This is the statement of purpose of YCSC as defined by the YCSC constitution: Article I, section 1.2.

Article II, section I enumerates the powers of YCSC, which, in summary, include exercising legislative, executive and judicial authority over all student extra-curricular organizations and activities, granting or revoking the charter of any YC student organization, coordinating all student organizations and activities, regulating student elections, providing for the preparation and publication of all student publications, authorizing all student social functions; receiving any petitions pertaining to student council or student body, and administering any funds as necessary for any student council function.

A few years ago student apathy towards extra-curricular activities was rampant. In the last two years, however, it has diminished greatly. With this increased awareness of life outside the classroom comes a demand for events that were outside the normal domain of any particular club or society. As such, YCSC voluntarily took the responsibility of coordinating such events upon itself. While students certainly appreciated this, YCSC was getting itself into trouble. In Jewish tradition, before attempting to correct another's faults, we are admonished to engage in introspection in order to assure that all is in order with ourselves. Last year, YCSC imprudently became involved with this secondary responsibility before it put its more basic affairs in order. As a result, in one way or another, the YCSC which was left to us was in a veritable state of disarray. Records were practically nonexistent; the YCSC bank account was "lost" as well as being involved in a variety of other types of legal problems; its reputation with administrators suffered; and, most importantly, a huge deficit was incurred.

When I was elected student council president, I decided not only to avoid similar errors, but that I would attempt to rectify the damage that had already been done. This, I realized, would involve a lot of time, and, consequently, that the secondary responsibility which YCSC has voluntarily taken upon itself, would have to temporarily be put on hold.

At this point, it is safe to say that YCSC has begun to forge a path "on the way to recovery". We're assembling our records, working with the administration, and strengthening our financial situation, which will, with G-d's help, lead to a balanced budget by the end of the year.

Many new clubs have been formed and they have already run a number of successful events, including the Photography Club, the Finance and Classical Music Societies. Old clubs (including the Computer Science and Accounting Societies) have been running numerous events. The class officers, in conjunction with YCSC, have been running a number of events, including a dynamic speaker who warned us about the potential for a holocaust in America, G-d forbid, and an ice skating party.

Even YCSC itself, although burdened by the enormous task of pulling itself together, has run a few events directly. These included a welcome-back party and events for the freshmen during orientation. We have bought a brand new VCR and are showing movies at least three times a week. We have also, of course, printed the student directory. (Thank you Kenny Siegel and Yaacov Lewis)

The point of this discussion is as follows: YCSC has never been able to begin to lift off its shoulders a major portion of its inherited problems. Consequently, we are now in the position to take upon ourselves, once again, that second responsibility which you've all been writing for us to take: the running of the events which fall outside the realm of particular clubs.

A number of events are planned for December, including the traditional Chanukah concert. This year we will be featuring "Keshet" and "The Pimentas", two of the most exciting bands in modern Jewish music, and our own home-grown band, "Kabbalah".

For YCSC to run successful events, we need to know what it is you'd like to see. Therefore, please give your class officers and members of the executive board, including myself, your suggestions. We are also open to your complaints about any aspect of the university. The executive board has regularly scheduled meetings with administrators and they like to know what you feel so that they can act upon it. But, for us to tell them, you must tell us.

## VendaCards

As a new service, the library is now selling VendaCards for use in the photocopy machines. These cards are available at \$5.00 for 50 copies and \$15.00 for 188 copies (8 cents a copy). Please note that 8 cents a copy with the \$15.00 card is a discount. VendaCards may be purchased in the office of the Dean of Libraries between 2:00 and 4:30 pm on Monday through Thursday and 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Friday. There is a handling charge of 50 cents on the first

purchase of a VendaCard. Please come with the exact amount of cash or with a check made out to Continental Copy Products.

VendaCards are being offered strictly for the convenience of library users. All proceeds are transferred directly to Continental Copy Products. It is hoped that students will take advantage of this opportunity which obviates the need to have the correct amount of change before using the photocopy machines.



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## News Flash

### Growth in the Bio Department

This year the Bio department of Yeshiva University has hired three full-time teachers. They are Dr. Carl Feit, Dr. Allan Burdowski, and Mr. Joseph De Santis. Dr. Feit had been working at Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research since 1975. He has worked as a research associate and has published nearly fifty articles in his field. Hiring Dr. Feit was a major move because he hopes to bring his equipment to YU and continue his research. This will give Bio students first-hand knowledge of Dr. Feit's research.

Dr. Allen Burdowski has previously served as a faculty member at Fordham University, and taught at YU last year as an adjunct professor. Mr. Joseph De Santis worked at the American Museum of Natural History as Assistant Curator.

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean of YC, points out that all three were hired in order to expand the Bio department and the new appointees are not replacing anyone. Dean Rosenfeld added that, "all three are excellent additions to our faculty and we welcome their presence at YU."

### Pre-Med Secretary Resigns

On October 18, Irma Sarfati, the Pre-Med Advisor's secretary, resigned from her position at YU to accept a job with an international investment company. The pre-med secretary plays a significant role in the processing of student applications for medical school. Mrs. Sarfati's responsibilities included compiling and preparing composite letters of recommendation.

Many pre-med students currently applying to medical school expressed concern that Sarfati's departure will have a delaying effect on the preparation of their applications. Dr. Barry Potvin, Pre-Med Advisor at YC and SCW said, "there will be some delay affecting only those students who were late in notifying the office of their intention to apply." He went on to say that the delay "might have a slight detrimental effect, but I don't think it will be too severe."

Mrs. Sarfati left with only two weeks notice. As a result there was no immediate replacement. A temporary secretary is currently working for Dr. Potvin until a suitable permanent replacement can be found by the personnel office.

### Classical Music Society Sponsors Concert

The Classical Music Society made its debut on Tuesday, November 12, with a classical piano and guitar concert in the atrium of the Yeshiva University Museum. The concert featured Jeffrey Swerdlow, a professional guitarist, who played classical Jewish themes. Also performing were Joel Laury and Ivan Ciment, who played selected pieces on the piano from Chopin and Grieg respectively.

The Classical Music Society, which was founded this year by Seth Lutnick, hopes to sponsor many events similar to their first concert in an effort to increase appreciation for classical music among YU students. Lutnick stated that the society "plans to provide a vehicle for students to hear and experience classical music, and also provide an opportunity for those students who play musical instruments to play for their friends."

The society is looking forward



to an exciting year and hopes to become a major force in the effort to enhance the quality of student life on campus.

### Business School - Closer to Reality

According to Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean of Yeshiva College, the concept of a business school at YU has recently been approved by the Board of Trustees, contingent upon the University's ability to raise adequate funds. Subsequent to the approval, a special committee of Yeshiva College faculty members has been formed under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Hyman to establish the course curriculum and graduate requirements for the prospective school. The committee's recommendation for formal accreditation is expected by spring.

Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice-President, stressed that regardless of the outcome, a greater variety of economics and business courses would be offered next year on an undergraduate level.

### Food Services Improve at Yeshiva

By Mark Schwartz

The Yeshiva College Food Services Committee met last week to examine the possibilities for improvement in the University's food services. The committee, led by Dr. Efrem Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, and Howard Rosenberg, Assistant Director of Food Services, includes YC students, and was established in response to increased pressure to improve food services at the Cafeteria.

Many students had requested that the cafeteria extend its evening hours; as a result, the cafeteria is now open for an additional three hours, between 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. At this time, the cafeteria provides "fast food" items such as egg rolls, hot dogs, and hamburgers at reasonable prices. Student response to this innovation has been extremely positive. Howard Rosenberg said that the "utilization of the cafeteria's extra programs will lead to continued services". Dr. Nulman added that "the passing of these new plans need the participation of students to set the path for future operations".

Mr. Rosenberg said that "he welcomes all forms of criticism and suggestions", commenting that given the extensive patronage of the cafeteria by YC students, it is no wonder that it presents such a major source of concern. He added that "although it is impossible to satisfy all the students con-

sistently", he estimates that a vast majority of students were happy with the changes and generally satisfied with the cafeteria services.



Howard Rosenberg

The Food Services Committee is presently considering other ideas for improving cafeteria services. Among them is a "script plan" designed to provide a discount of 15-20% on food purchases. Under the plan, there will be a \$3.50 special item on sale at all times even if it means reducing a higher priced item. In addition, a Sunday fast food service is planned to begin shortly. Plans to set up a "Mini Cafeteria" on the 12th floor in the Belfer Science Building are also being considered. This would serve three functions: greater convenience for graduate school students and faculty, shorter lines in the main cafeteria, and it will provide the students with a greater variety of places to eat.

### Bernsteins Comes Under

By Yitz Jacobowitz

Bernsteins-On-Essex Restaurant on the Lower East Side of New York has been a popular dining spot of YU students for many years. Bernsteins has long been a source of much conflict amongst YU students. The conflict, centering around the reliability of the *kashruth* supervision at the restaurant, has resulted in dividing students into two groups: "goers" and "non-goers". Apparently, this conflict has finally prompted Bernsteins to make a major change.

Until now, Bernsteins had been under the supervision of a part-time, private *mashgiach*. However, as of Friday, November 8, Bernsteins-On-Essex came under the supervision of the *D*, a national *kashruth* service. The change was not made overnight. It started when Mr. Ira Rosenfeld, the manager of the restaurant, approached Mr. Yitz Twersky, YC Computer Science Society President, and told him that he was upset with the restaurant's bad image among YU students. Furthermore, Mr. Rosenfeld wished to speak with SOY President, Mr. Chaim Book, to discuss the matter and see if an understanding could be reached.

Mr. Rosenfeld was especially interested in meeting with Rabbi Tendler, as he had heard that Rabbi Tendler was consistently advising people not to patronize Bernsteins because of existing *kashruth* problems. Through the efforts of Mr. Twersky and Mr. Book, a meeting was arranged for September 23 and held at YU's Main Center. Present at the meeting were Rabbi Tendler, Ira Rosenfeld, Rabbi Spiegel, the

private *mashgiach* employed by Bernsteins-On-Essex, Chaim Book and Yitz Twersky. Mr. Rosenfeld opened the meeting by asking what criteria would have to be met for Bernsteins to be considered acceptable. Accord-



ding to Mr. Book, who has been acting as an intermediary between Rabbi Tendler and Bernsteins, like any other meat restaurant, would have to meet two requirements. Firstly, there must be a full time-*mashgiach* on the premises who is the only one with the keys to the meat refrigerator. The reason for this requirement is the *halachic* problem of *Basar She'nisalem Min Ha'ayin*, which dictates that kosher meat left without a marking on it, without a *mashgiach* on duty, and which is accessible to a non-Jew, is considered non-kosher. In addition, Bernsteins must reveal its meat distributors

in order that every person can determine for himself whether the meat served is acceptable. A list of acceptable distributors was then furnished by Rabbi Tendler. Rabbi Tendler concluded that if the above requirements were met, he would announce from his pulpit that Bernsteins was acceptable. Mr. Rosenfeld immediately began looking for a full-time *mashgiach*. After some searching, he decided to employ the services of the *D*. Mr. Rosenfeld informed The Commentator that he was satisfied with the work of the *D* and their eagerness to cooperate.

Rabbi Rosenbaum of *D* informed The Commentator that Bernsteins has signed a contract to be under the *D*'s supervision and have a *mashgiach t'midi*, a constant *kashruth* supervisor, on the premises. Regarding the type of meat used, Rabbi Rosenbaum said that, "only meats approved by Rabbi Yisroel Belsky, head *mashgiach* of *D*, would be used. Rabbi Belsky personally inspects all meat sources before giving his approval."

Mr. Book has agreed to write a letter giving SOY's approval to Bernsteins. However, he added that he is awaiting Rabbi Tendler's final approval before writing such a letter.

Mr. Book has recently announced the following as the list of meat distributors for Bernsteins:

Grunspecht - Alley Packing only  
Moishe's - Gartner and Harpf (only veal; only Breuer's shechita)

Weiss - Rabbi Lipshitz (only Lubaviche)

Quality Veal - OU only; unwashed and from Paterson, NJ only

# Guidance on the Upswing

By Dev Fogel

Approximately three years ago the formation of a new career guidance program was proposed by Mr. Gerald Shreck. This proposal initiated the revitalization of the then stagnant guidance department at Yeshiva. Since then many improvements have been implemented and new programs are forthcoming during the next several months.

The creation of the Career Advisors Program satisfied the need for practical and efficient advisors in job preparation and placement. Ms. Cynthia Friedlander and Ms. Yvette Finkelstein serve in many capacities as career advisors. They provide workshops on resume writing and interviewing techniques while conducting informative forums about career opportunities, and full, part-time, and summer jobs. They also contact alumni who can inform and employ students. Their advice has been invaluable to those who have taken advantage of their expertise.

Similarly, there is an improved Academic Advisement Committee including Dr. Ginsberg, Mrs. Dobkin, and Mrs. Stearns. This committee apprises students not only about requirements for graduation, but also about those courses appropriate for them academically and personally.

Helping identify a student's academic strengths is another vital service of this committee.

The guidance department, under the direction of Dr. Rothenberg, has stressed integrated services or unity as the key to its development. Dr. Rothenberg accentuates this objective because it will enable students to be advised in several areas without complication and confusion. Members of the graduate schools and alumni are included in this network of career and academic advisors that must work harmoniously to ensure success.

**'the improved guidance department hopes to provide new avenues of growth'**

Dorm counselors act as intermediaries between the students and the administration. These counselors, can advise on religious, career, academic and personal subjects, often having gone through similar experiences.

Dr. Rothenberg hopes to institute a hotline that will aid

students in doubt of their career and academic standing. The space for the hotline has been provided courtesy of MTA. At Stern, an all-night guidance staff is on duty throughout the week. These two programs are just two examples of the changes and improvements in student guidance.

One of the primary problems of the guidance department is its lack of publicity and student awareness. Students are confused when seeking advice. Is the guidance office on the first or fourth floor? What are the hours and whom should I see for what? Do I have to make an appointment or can I walk straight in? These relevant questions will be answered by a letter with a complete guidance listing that will be mailed to students within the next week. This letter provides the information that will direct any confused student to the correct floor and advisor at the proper time to whom they can ask specific questions.

The present guidance department tries to invest in each individual's needs and interests while discovering his strengths. Working together with the student body, the improved guidance department hopes to provide new avenues of growth and self-evaluation to improve the students' professional and academic prospects.

# Centennial Celebration Moves Into High Gear

By Eric Cohen

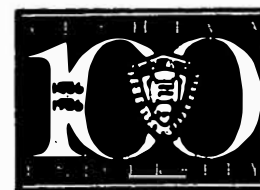
The unveiling of the Dr. Bernard Revel commemorative postage stamp two months ago signaled the beginning of the University's centennial celebration. Since that time a lot has taken place and much more lies in store.

The centennial atmosphere exists throughout the campus as a result of the highly visible centennial logo. The insignia now appears on the cups and trays in the cafeteria as well as assorted signs and publications which are seen around the YU campus. The centennial logo will soon be turning up on other assorted paraphernalia as well.

The University has also scheduled several upcoming events in order to celebrate the centennial. On Sunday, December 15, Y.U. will hold its pre-centennial Chanukah dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. At the dinner, medallions will be awarded to 100 individuals worldwide who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields. Among the honorees is Vice President George Bush.

Other upcoming events include a centennial convocation which is to be held in September, 1986 and will include delegates from Universities around the world. The University also plans to hold

a rededication ceremony for RIETS and Yeshiva College sites. At this event, the oldest living alumnus of Yeshiva University is to be honored. In addition, a centennial film documentary depicting the accomplishments of Yeshiva University will be shown on public television.



Centennial logo

Further centennial plans include a time capsule containing both student and faculty memoirs which will be put into the ground on campus sometime in the spring. Any suggestions for contributions should be given to Ruth Corsun, YU Centennial Coordinator. Ms. Corsun can be reached at 960-5285. There is even an official centennial song. The song, composed by YU students Eddie Reichman and Daniel Lehman, depicts the growth of YU in the last hundred years through the lives of five people in five generations. These are just a few of the plans which promise to make this centennial year a truly memorable one.

# Copy Shop Closing Blamed on the Bookstore

By Steven Fried

Mark Wiener, a graduate of Yeshiva College and RIETS, owned The Copy Shop Plus, a small variety store located across the street from Tannenbaum Hall. He believes that the September 1984 opening of the YCSC bookstore on the same block contributed to the loss of his business, and he wants \$25,000.00 from Yeshiva University for "ruinous" competition (*Hasagos Gevul*). Wiener claims that The Copy Shop had been worth \$25,000.00 to him prior to the opening of the YCSC bookstore. He claims that after the opening his profits were cut in half, forcing him to sell out at a considerable loss. Wiener believes that the bookstore's exclusive rights to sell products bearing the YU logo attracted students away from his store, and that with less student traffic, sales of school and food items declined. Furthermore, he noted that the bookstore

was staffed with work-study students, while he had to pay workers' salaries, thereby further decreasing his profits.

Wiener worried about the problem the bookstore would present for him even before it opened. In fact, Wiener met with Rabbi Miller and Student Council representatives prior to the bookstore opening, and was told by Rabbi Miller what the bookstore would carry. Wiener said of the meeting, "I decided to take 'a wait and see attitude'."

Rabbi Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, remarked during an interview that "the YCSC bookstore didn't sell food and only sold YU emblem notebooks, which the Student Council had carried in the past".

After the opening of the YCSC bookstore, Wiener approached the Rabbinical Council of America and requested that a Bet Din be convened to hear his claim

of *Hasagos Gevul*—"ruinous" competition. He asked that Rabbi Lamm or a representative appear to represent YU. The Rabbinical Council of America suggested that he first meet with a Yeshiva University representative privately to discuss the matter.



Dr. Israel Miller

Wiener recalls meeting with Rabbi Miller and agreeing to a private Bet Din using three YU *Roshai Yeshiva* as *Dayanim*. On

the day of the Bet Din, Wiener claims that Rabbi Miller and the two judges present coaxed him into revealing that he wanted \$25,000.00. Mr. Wiener remarked during an interview, "I really didn't expect to get \$25,000.00, but figured that a compromise could be reached." He also said that after hearing the amount, Rabbi Miller said that there would be no Bet Din, and he advised the students not to take part in any future Bet Din.

Rabbi Miller said of that meeting, "I was just there to help bring about peace. Yeshiva University is not involved at all. The YCSC bookstore is a Student Council enterprise. He (Wiener) wasn't interested in the Student Council. He was interested in YU."

After the unsuccessful meeting, Mr. Wiener again requested a Bet Din from the Rabbinical Council of America, but was refused when Rabbi Miller,

on behalf of YU, denied any responsibility for the YCSC bookstore, and therefore refused to appear at a Bet Din.

Wiener maintains that "Rabbi Miller is ultimately responsible for all Student Council affairs", and wants the University to appear at some type of mediated hearing. Rabbi Miller, on the other hand, steadfastly stated, "We don't think that he has a claim against anybody." He added that "we take responsibility for things that we're responsible for, and we're just not responsible here. We gave students autonomy over the bookstore, and if he wants, let him claim against the Student Council." In general, Rabbi Miller was of the opinion that "the opening of the bookstore wasn't the major reason that The Copy Shop went out of business," but rather "it just wasn't the kind of store that could make it."

# YUR Not For Us

Dear Sir,

One looks to a college radio station to offer that which the fifty-odd other frequencies in the country don't - a taste of the college.

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is dedicated to a reading of *The New York Times* news index and yesterday's stock quotes.

This year - a revolution - a whole half hour devoted to special programming. So then, what does WYUR mean when they say they give us more - more Hebrew and rock? I can listen to that on a REAL radio station if I wanted to hear it.

There's nothing wrong with a music-oriented college radio sta-

tion; however, WYUR should realize that in broadcasting over 50 hours a week, the governing board should extend more priority towards public affairs programming. By servicing the campus community with campus fare, our station could achieve what it desires - a prominent role in student affairs.

Anthony E. Cohen

# Sour Gripes II

To the Editor:

I was dismayed by your remarks concerning YCSC in last issue's *Gripevine*. The comments were snide and obnoxious, which are not necessarily bad traits. However, limiting *The Commentator* to attacking without any constructive content is not what journalism is about nor what I expect from my college newspaper. Furthermore, with only two

issues out in the first six weeks of school, *The Commentator* has no right to be sarcastic, critical - yes (that's what journalism is all about), sarcastic - no. If the editors feel there is a problem with YCSC, certainly a poignant, constructive editorial would be more suitable. I think the *Gripevine* can be an excellent addition to *The Commentator*, if, like everything else in life, it is utilized properly.

David Feldan



# Disco Rabbi Rocks YU

By Benjamin Schmeltz and  
Benzion Fuchs

On Monday night, November 18, Rubin Shul turned into one of New York's night life "hotspots". Two hundred and seventy-five men and women packed into the shul to hear the unique and dynamic Rav Yitzchak Grossman, also known as the "Disco Rabbi". He discussed his innovative and renowned outreach programs.

Rabbi Grossman, a sixth generation *sabra*, born and raised in Mea Shearim, lived an ordinary Chassidic life. His life changed when he came in contact with the Galilean town of Migdal Haemek.

Rav Grossman, Chief Rabbi of Migdal Haemek, and Rosh Yeshiva, of Yeshivat Migdal Haohr, is known as a man who has sparked the light of Judaism in thousands of Israelis as a result of his efforts to bring non-observant Jews closer to their religion.

The evening started with a video presentation of Rabbi Grossman's work. It covers his work in Migdal Haemek and Migdal Haohr. We are also shown scenes of former juvenile delinquents and drug addicts enthusiastically engaged in Torah study. Another slide shows Rav Grossman dressed in his classic Chassidic garb, entering a disco

with its flashing lights and blaring music in an attempt to reach out to non-observant Jews.

As Rav Grossman spoke, his intensity and charisma filled the room. His energetic style of speech and masterful use of anecdotes in both Hebrew and English, coupled with a good sense of humor, captured the attention of all. His thoughts ranged from the Yeshiva and his



Rav Yitzchak Grossman

students to his outreach work as far away as "Disco Hanegev" in London, England. Beth Sirote, a sophomore at SCW stated, "Rabbi Grossman displayed his

charismatic personality and energetic style to me and many others. Although he spoke for a brief period of time, his message shook us all night long."

In addition, Rabbi Grossman stressed the need for Jews to reach out to the thousands of unaffiliated Jews in America. This message left some YU students in a dilemma, as Andre Isaacson, a YP junior said, "It left me in a very paradoxical situation. I felt that every Jew has a responsibility to go out and be *mekarev* people. However, on the other hand, I felt myself lacking the great qualities that Rabbi Grossman has to accomplish this goal."

This event was under the joint sponsorship of SOY, YCSC, SCWSC, TAC, IBC, JSS, SSSJ, WYUR, Finance Society, Dean of Students, The Commentator, and The Observer. The remarkably large turnout of two hundred and seventy-five men and women established this event as the biggest of the year thus far. Mr. Chaim Book, President of SOY, explained, "Tonight's event sponsored by SOY, was indicative of the unity displayed by all student councils, organizations and clubs. The inspiring words of Rabbi Grossman will hopefully motivate us to seek this synthesis which is so important to our Yeshiva."

## Computer Science Shabbaton Stirs Controversy

By David Katz

The weekend of October 26 marked the annual CompuSci Shabbaton at Stern College. The YC members of the society stayed at the Bedford Hotel on East 40th St, where, over the course of the weekend they allegedly engaged in rowdy behavior which included alcohol and possibly women. The YC students were told in advance that it was prohibited to bring women into the hotel, but alcohol had not been specifically prohibited.

According to Mr. Hy Arbisfeld, the general manager of the Bedford Hotel and a YU graduate, the weekend did not differ from any of the other Shabbatons held at the hotel. "There was no monetary damage caused to the hotel," stated Mr. Arbisfeld, "we were the same way when I was at YU." However, an employee of the Bedford who wished to remain anonymous, said that other

guests at the hotel complained about the rowdiness of the YC students. He also complained that students in one room destroyed an entire chest of drawers.

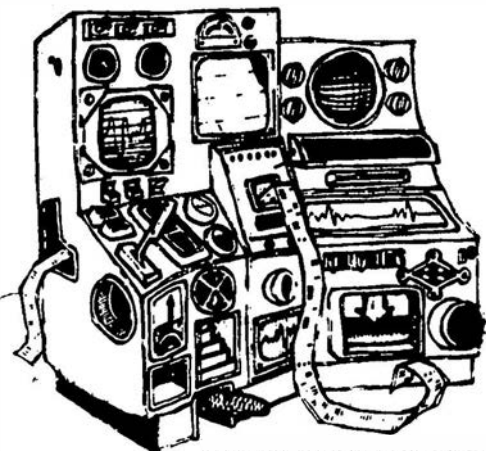
Yitz Twersky, President of the YC CompuSci Society admitted that the students indulged in alcohol and were rather loud, but denied that they brought women into the hotel. He also denied the allegation that the students damaged any furniture. According to Twersky, the only problem was that one of the rooms was left in a state of disarray and the maids refused to clean it. Originally, the hotel wanted the students to pay for the maids to clean the room, but they have not pressed that request.

Tzippi Bernstein, President of the CompuSci Society at Stern College said that this was the second year in a row that excessive rowdiness was displayed at their Shabbaton. She attributed the behavior to the fact that the Com-

puter Science majors form a more closely knit group than most student clubs. Bernstein, however, vehemently denied that there were women in the hotel room. She stated that, "two girls just passed by the hotel lobby and were asked to leave."

Regarding the allegations of rowdy behavior Bernstein said, "From what I know, some guys had beer in their rooms and they jumped around and made a lot of noise." Ms. Bernstein added, "The rowdiness of a few was unfortunate, but it did not effect the Shabbaton as a whole which was extremely successful." Bernstein continued by saying that Rabbi Mordechai Reich, SCW Residence Director, informed her of his disappointment regarding the Shabbaton and mentioned that he is considering asking all clubs that wish to hold Shabbatons to leave deposits. These deposits are to be kept by the hotel management should any damage be caused by the students.

The rumors that there was a "wild party" at the Shabbaton, which ran rampant in YC in the ensuing week, have turned out to be nothing more than rumors. The Bedford Hotel is still allowing YC to use its facilities for Shabbatons, no deposits have been asked for, and several clubs have subsequently held Shabbatons without incident. Furthermore, according to Bernstein, Rabbi Reich has already approved of the CompuSci Societies plans to hold another Shabbaton next semester.



Schottenstein Center

## Progress Continues on Schottenstein Center

By Jonathan Bandler

The newly completed Max Stern Athletic Center with its gym, recreation lounge and weight room has offered added leisure opportunities for YC students. The completion of the MSAC is only the beginning of a revolution in student activities here at YU. In January 1987, Yeshiva University will expand its main campus beyond Amsterdam Ave. by opening the (Frank) Schottenstein Student Activities Center on 185th St. between Audobon and St. Nicholas Avenues. Located in the old Soloveichik Yeshiva, purchased by YU in the spring of 1984, the new student center will replace the present Student Union Building on Amsterdam Ave., which, according to Dr. Efreim Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, has been inadequate for extensive student use. Plans are still unclear for the present student center once the Schottenstein Center is completed.

When the school purchased the site, a student committee headed by IBC President Ram Roth was appointed to plan a layout for the center. The committee worked with the project's architect to draw up the present plan for the center. The basement of the

building will house the YCDS theatre, which will be considerably larger than the present one. The Belz School of Music will be on the top floor and will be available for student band practices and other social activities. The core of the building's usage, however, is an elaborate lounge, decorated with greenery and equipped with vending machines. Student organizational offices will be on one side and the WYUR studio on the other. Roth explained that the studio will be equipped with a large glass window which will allow students to view the actual broadcasting. A speaker system will provide constant entertainment with "live" music from WYUR. There will also be a patio for open air relaxation and special events. In addition, the building includes a shul which occupies the first and second floors of the four story building. It is being renovated and will continue to serve the community.

As of now, the scheduled completion of the center is set for January, 1987, but there is a chance that it will be completed earlier. Once opened, the new student center will further enhance the already improving quality of student life at YU.

## Charney Addresses Political Science Students

By David Plekarz

"Think before you move" and Am Yisroel Chai were two messages that Professor Leon Charney stressed to the Dr. Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society when he spoke on Thursday, October 31. Charney, a graduate of Yeshiva University, former aide to Jimmy Carter, and author of *Special Council*, spoke about recent Middle Eastern affairs. He noted that he was disturbed about Rabbi Meir Kahane, saying "I don't think he represents the ideal that I was taught at Yeshiva University. He has taken the Torah and turned it into a sword rather than a book of ethics."

Professor Charney spoke highly of President Carter as a friend of the Jews. "Lebanon," Professor Charney commented, "was the worst disaster of the State of Israel." Concerning the situation on the West Bank Pro-

fessor Charney said, "The ultimate solution of the West Bank will be where Jewish settlers live together with Arab settlers. The Arab settlers will be confederates with Jordan. They will have full autonomy."

Charney majored in Political Science and minored in Economic History. He played varsity basketball in his freshman year. When speaking of his days at the White House, Professor Charney said, "the only things I ate were kosher. Obviously, I am proud of my background." Charney also attended Yeshiva Elementary School and Yeshiva High School.

Dr. Efreim Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, praised Professor Charney's speech as a most exciting event. "Professor Charney provided a most interesting point of view in reference to Middle Eastern affairs. It was educationally sound and interesting."

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**A Note To YC and SCW Students:** Running a successful organization, especially of the magnitude of the student council, is not a simple task. One must balance the budget, cater to various interests, and act on the students' behalf. In our attempt to achieve these goals we are often faced with conflicts.

It was just such a situation that faced the student councils of Yeshiva and Stern Colleges. YCSC planned a concert to enhance the festive Chanuka atmosphere and to continue a long standing Yeshiva College tradition. Due to a misunderstanding, however, the concert was set for the night following an already scheduled SCWSC event. In a short week already filled with chagigot, schoolwork and family obligations, competition for school involvement would be fierce. When the student councils became aware of the scheduling problem, they realized that both programs could not succeed and that a compromise would have to be worked out.

With a profound understanding of leadership and a fine expression of personal character the SCWSC decided that it would be in the best interest of both student bodies to jointly sponsor the concert. The decision as a difficult one, especially since much time and money had already been invested in their own innovative program.

It is with this in mind that I would like to applaud the SCWSC action and cite it as an outstanding example of what leadership is all about.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanuka. See you at the concert.

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# Some Hard Facts About JSS

By Gabe Soane

For the second consecutive year now, I am serving on the JSS Student Council as class representative. Having heard various student criticisms and compliments regarding different aspects of JSS, I thought it worthwhile to voice a few salient points and elicit responses from the student body.

A most unique aspect of a YU education is that a student may attend college and simultaneously pursue an advanced Jewish education at his own pace and level of ability. Last year, when I came to YU as an Early Admissions student from Yeshiva High School of Atlanta, my curiosity bordered on anxiety when I wondered how I would adjust to the demanding dual curriculum. By enrolling in the James Striar School of General Judaic Studies, I registered for a general spectrum of Judaic courses that did not concentrate solely on Talmud or Hebrew. Although my high school Judaic background was not the most intense, I certainly was not green to the "yeshiva world."

Similar to my diverse high school student body, both my last year's sophomore advanced level shiur and this year's junior advanced class accurately portray the JSS student body amalgam. There are students who previously learned in yeshivot in Israel, others who attended public

school, and those who were exposed to a day school education. Some students are highly motivated in their studies and attend classes regularly, while other talmidim rarely attend or prepare for shiur. Related to this assertion, I notice that a number of students on the advanced levels enter shiurim on the lower levels and breeze through their courses without much effort. This defeats the very purpose of Judaic Studies. While it is true that many students have valid reasons for finding it difficult to constantly feel motivated by JSS courses, these are the exceptions, not the rule.

The fact that quite a few JSS talmidim do not care for their *limudei kodesh* as much as for their college courses certainly does not indict all to be such "grubs" for grades. Still, grade grubbing is a significant problem. Many students only do that which is necessary to attain the coveted "A" and nothing more.

However, some students go a step further and make cheating a deep-rooted problem in most JSS classes. The unfortunate severity of this embarrassing situation was illustrated by some of the students I interviewed. One such student stated that he was offered cash in return for stealing tests. Another spoke of the time when this year, in the middle of a midterm, the rabbi ignored a group of students he caught exchanging answers during their

exam.

Nevertheless, the policies and faculty of JSS are not faultless partners in the problems that plague their school; in fact, many of the students' complaints are valid. For instance, there are those who charge that forcing students to attend classes with a mandatory attendance policy is an immature approach towards collegiate schooling. They resent being forced to wake up early to attend unrewarding and boring classes. At an hour and forty-five minutes long a boring class becomes exceedingly difficult to

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sit through. As a result, JSS becomes a grinding routine without enthusiasm instead of the enriching and rewarding experience it should be.

In addition, some courses have quite demanding workloads.

Meanwhile, the students know that in reality, a JSS course is approximately an eighth of ones total college workload, and many tend to treat it as such. Because JSS courses are usually transferred as four college credits, and if one attains a 3.375 GPA in JSS he transfers an "A" to his college GPA, students will work especially hard in JSS for the course worth the most credit and disregard the others.

Another major deficiency is in the area of teacher-student relationships. In general, one might call these relationships superficial at best, with only a small minority developing close Rebbe-Talmid bonds. Worse yet, quite a few teachers are opinionated and demeaning when addressing their students. These faculty members use the classroom as a forum to vent their prejudices and emotions against the "Conservative" and "Reform" Jews and obfuscate Halacha in the process.

Too often teachers judge students' religious levels superficially and disregard sincerity and personal integrity. Grades are often more a scale of how well the student tows the line of his Rebbe's hashkafa than of academic performance. JSS students from less religious backgrounds have additional difficulty adjusting to Orthodox tenets when rabbis condemn people who may be close to the students, such as family

members.

Hopefully, the issues raised in this article will be considered as constructive aids in remedying the difficulties of JSS. Both the students and faculty members must realize that there are no simple solutions to many of the complex problems mentioned. Yet, improvements could begin immediately if students and faculty would put forth a greater effort to respect one another. Students could also improve JSS academics by acting in a more sophisticated, collegiate manner; Judaic Studies courses would then be more of an enjoyable, intellectual experience, instead of a hackneyed paternal process of teaching the principles of Yiddishkeit.

The faculty as well could act in a more sensitive and attentive manner towards genuine problems and needs of the students. Students need to be motivated and encouraged to continue their spiritual and intellectual growth to be better prepared for adulthood. If the teachers presented their curriculum in a more appealing and organized manner, more students would genuinely want to attend and succeed in their *limudei kodesh*.

Without a concerted effort between the student body and faculty, JSS cannot fulfill its main goal of teaching those with weaker Judaic backgrounds the fundamental principles of the Jewish faith.

## YU Students Help Ethiopian Jews Adjust

By Dov Fogel

Rarely does one find so many men and women who unselfishly devote all of their time and effort to a cause. But in the organization called *Sh'ar Amo* there are such individuals who make up only a small percentage of applicants willing to spend their summer teaching Jewish Ethiopian children and adults a new way of life.

This past summer an unprecedented program was organized by Rabbi Dr. Moses Tendler and sponsored by the Community Synagogue of Monsey. The organization was born out of the lack of Israeli resources needed to educate the new immigrants. Israel's economy does not allow the expenditure that educating the Ethiopians would require. Director of the Ethiopian Educational Program, Steven F. Cohen, selected fifteen volunteers who were to accompany him on their special mission. Fluent in Hebrew and experienced in either social work or Jewish education, these brave pioneers undertook the difficult challenge of teaching newly arrived Ethiopian Jews, most of whom had never sat in a classroom or been educated, to read Hebrew, compute math and adapt to a modern day Judaism.

Although many of the newly arrived Ethiopians are bright and extremely motivated, the job that

was started this past summer is not complete. Several of the volunteers, including Hillel Lichtman and Benji Kramer, remain in Israel for the year and continue to stay in close contact with their pupils who are now attending *Natzeret Ellit*, a religious public school. The program was originated in conjunction with the religious public school and three absorption centers that house the Ethiopians of *Natzeret Ellit*.

The education program was divided into morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning, one hundred and sixty-five children sat in classrooms and learned the basics of Judaism, Hebrew and math for two and a half hours. The next session was spent playing games and sports, listening to music and doing arts and crafts. In the afternoon the adults were taught on a one-to-one basis. One of the trips during the summer was to Jerusalem where the children prayed at the hotel and saw a real Torah made from parchment for the first time.

Before the actual teaching began, the members of the *Sh'ar Amo* participated in a comprehensive orientation that included a lecture given by Chief Ethiopian Rabbi Yosef Hadani. The volunteers also attended classes where they learned basic Amharic (the Ethiopian language) words and culture. Ex-

tensive research was done on Ethiopian customs so that in teaching them the volunteers could build on existing Ethiopian religious practices which conform to modern Torah interpretations.

The feeling of fulfillment, self-satisfaction and pride transmitted by Steven Cohen, director of the program, is enviable. Seeing pictures of smiling Ethiopian children playing with their teachers make this writer wish he were there. There can be no greater mitzvah than unselfishly aiding another Jew.

Applications are now available for next summer's program. For more information, contact Steven Cohen, *Sh'ar Amo*, 2521 Amsterdam Ave., NY, NY 10033 (H.S. room 102) or call (212) 781-2395.



Sarah Goldstein (SCW '85) with a recent Ethiopian immigrant and her child.



Hillel Becker (YC '87) playing guitar before an eager group.



Ethiopian children are introduced to a "modern" sefer torah.



# Student Senate:

## Seventeen Years in Retrospect

Is It Dispensible?

By Lance Hirt

Beginning in June of 1969, when its Constitution was approved by the President of Yeshiva College, and continuing through the early 1970's, rarely was there a front page in *The Commentator* deprived of a headline concerning the proceedings of the student represented Senate. Major issues were discussed regarding school policies, curriculum and student welfare, ultimately resulting in a number of valuable changes in the University. Over the last couple of years, however, student awareness of and about the Senate has declined sharply. No longer do we see articles in the newspaper or hear debates over the radio. In fact, most students approached had never even heard of the Senate, and if they had heard of it, they lacked any conception of its function and goals.

What has happened to the Senate? The scope of the Senate as defined by the Senate Steering Committee in 1969 was to establish a tripartite committee comprised of student, faculty and Administration representatives. They were to deliberate and make policy recommendations on Yeshiva College Academic Affairs. The Senate was given jurisdiction over the academic affairs of Yeshiva College in the following major areas:

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1. Academic Standard, Admissions Policy, Curriculum, and Requirements.
2. Establishing new courses and majors.
3. Determining policy on standards of scholastic performance, student attendance, grading system, and academic honors.
4. Faculty welfare.

The committee is comprised of eight elected faculty members, six students chosen by the previous years Senate, and five administrators, including the Dean of the College. The position

of Chairman is held by either a student or faculty member (rotating each year) who votes in the case of a tie.

Dean Rosenfeld explained that the idea for University Senates arose across the country in the late sixties and early seventies as the desire of students to participate in political debate increased. "They wanted to debate every issue even if a debate was not necessary; therefore, the Senate was established." At YU it turned out to be more than idle debate, and in fact propagated some concrete changes and improvements. The Senate established the University's curriculum and established the A-P-N system, set down academic probation laws, instituted study week and numerous other policies which we benefit from today.

The majority of these policies were instituted during the Senate's first few years of existence. Since then its impact has been vanishing. Dr. Stearns, Active Chairperson of the Senate explained, "I think that in any organization no matter what you belong to, you are active for a while and then you become inactive..." She went on to add that one of the problems with the Senate was, "you have faculty that do not want to serve because they are too busy," and referring to the student Senators, "we get kids who want to be on the Senate because it looks good on their resumes." These two ingredients put together led to a situation where the student Senators were satisfied with remissness while the faculty members were more interested in their cigarettes than listening to students talk about the same issues week after week.

Dean Rosenfeld described the problem more historically. The 1980-'81 Senate initiated a major curriculum revision and the faculty flatly rejected it. He feels this discouraged the Senators and, "the rejection of the revision was in some ways responsible for the quiescence of the Senate over the past few years". He also feels that over all there is a general lack of discussable issues. He claims that this slump in Senate activity is not only being noticed here at YC, but in fact has been found across the country that University Senates as a whole have, "lapsed into dormancy." Dr. Stearns recognized that point at YC, "I think we were kind of apathetic last year but I didn't notice that we had enormous problems to grapple with."

Seemingly there are two ways of viewing the problem. One ap-

proach is to say that the Senate's job has been exhausted; the curriculum is set and the students are no longer as debate oriented. The other view, however, says that the Senators simply have not been fulfilling their responsibilities recently.

A weighty clause in the Senate Constitution states that the faculty assembly and President have the power to veto any resolution of the Senate. This means that the main policy makers are not the students but the faculty. Specific University problems are not brought to the Senate but are brought to the appropriate committees set up by the faculty and administration such as the academic affairs committee. Rather, the goal of the Senate is to allow fair representation of student views to the administration. It should act as Dr. Stearns put it, "as a funnel for every student."

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This is the point where over the past few years the Senate has been faltering. As the Dean and Dr. Stearns said, there are not as many crucial issues to discuss today as there were in the early seventies. This should therefore be the time when the Student Senators should fulfill their role of representing the student's view. "What you need are people who are truly interested and truly listening to students. If the students don't tell you, you are going to go around and make up your own problems," added Dr. Stearns. But how is that possible if the students are oblivious to the Senates mere existence? Does this not logically contradict the goals of the Senate?

Possibly the fact that the Senators are appointed rather than elected has added to this problem. First, an election would assure that every student would at least know who the Senators are and would even want to find out what they do. Also, this would ensure fair student representation rather than ensuring a graduating

Senator's roommate a spot on the council.

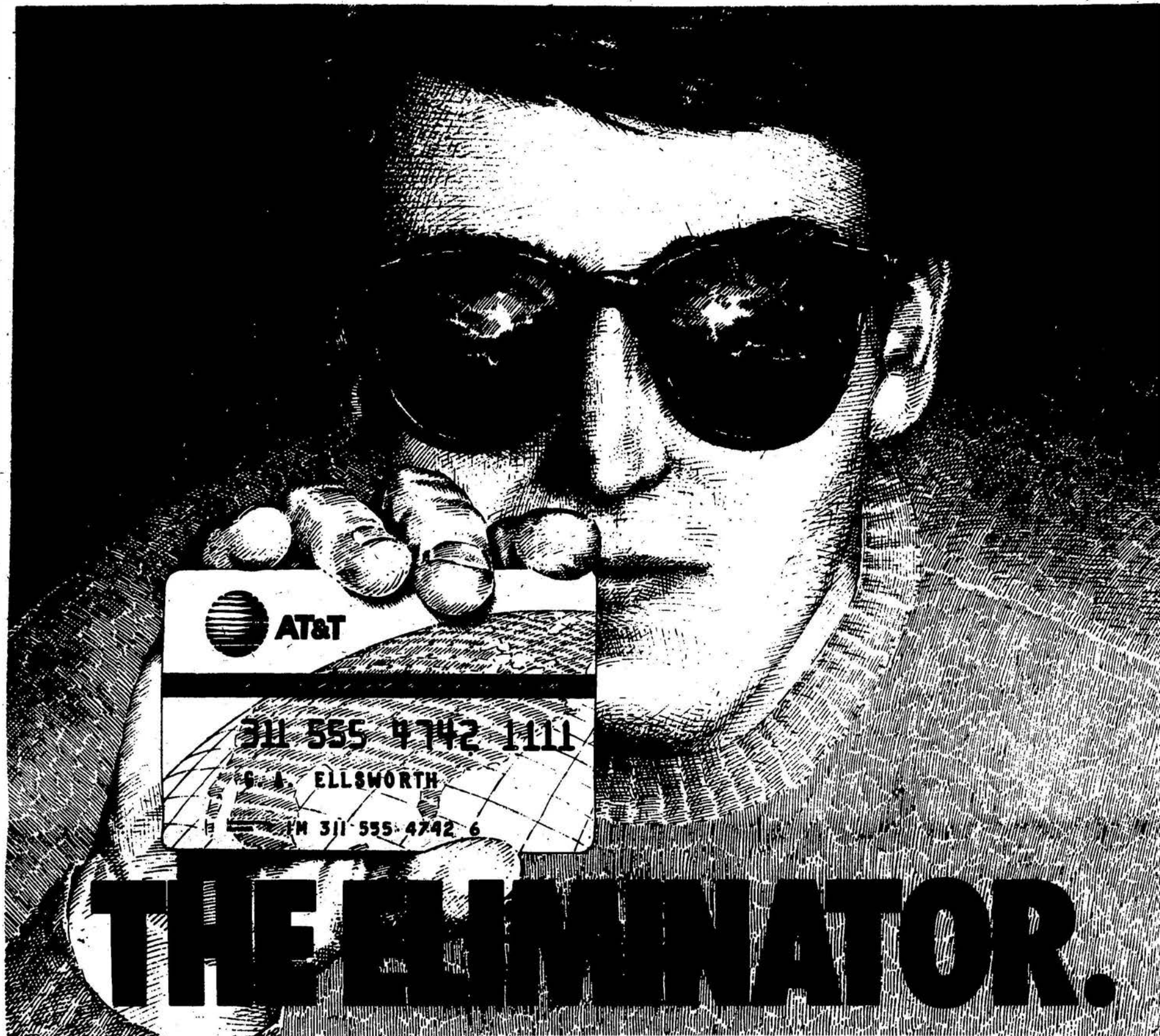
Dr. Stearns also recognized the poor publicity and proposed, "I do think it needs more publicity so that every student knows who his Senator is and where he lives...it should be very strongly written in *The Commentator* that students should know who their representatives are." It is the responsibility of each Senator to make himself well known to the students so they know whom to approach when a problem arises.

"Last year the Senate ended up dealing with phantom issues such as the Pre-Health major," said the Dean, "but no significant resolutions ever came from them". This year, however, the student Senators, lead by Secretary Peretz Hochbaum seem to be making a conscious effort to become more available to the students, "Last year the students on the Senate were there for their resumes, this year we made a decision to avoid that." In their first meeting they proposed future topics for deliberation including: tentative grades, the English composition requirement and the grading system (AB vs. A-, A+). These appear to be legitimate issues and hopefully the Senate will have more success this year than in the recent past.

It remains that the University does not face the same problems and issues as it did during the Vietnam War era. When the entire nation was a nation of debate the formation of a Senate was imperative. But this is not to say that the Senate's role is exhausted. If

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run properly and with adequate student input, the Senate can provide the student body with the capability to have a say in crucial issues and problems which may have a tremendous effect on their college careers.



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## Kristallnacht Revisited?

By Nachum Bane

November 9, 1938 has a special significance to all Jews throughout the world, especially those who experienced and survived that frightful night forty seven years ago. On this tragic night, the Nazi-powered Jew-hating machine took to the streets of Jewish towns and villages throughout Germany and Austria in an orchestrated attack on Jewish religious and commercial establishments, smashing, pillaging and desecrating everything representing Jewish life. That particular night stands today as the symbolic beginning of the implementation of the German's cruel plans; their ultimate and final solution to the Jewish problem.

On November 9, 1985, the forty-seventh anniversary of Kristallnacht, the predominantly Chasidic populated neighborhood

of Borough Park in Brooklyn once again experienced a wave of anti-semitic fervor the like of which had not been familiar to them since the times of the Holocaust.

Fourteen display windows of Jewish stores in a nine block stretch of 13th Avenue were smashed by rocks early Saturday morning. There were no witnesses, no clues, no suspects and no arrests. The entire incident occurred while the predominantly Orthodox residents enjoyed their usually peaceful Sabbath rest.

Many police and political officials have played down the incident as "sheer vandalism". Captain Donald Bromberg, the 66th Precinct's commanding officer claimed that it might be bias, "but there is no evidence to lead us to believe that." Bromberg pointed out that three non-Jewish

owned businesses were also attacked, and that no anti-Jewish graffiti was found on the damaged buildings, no calls claiming responsibility for the attacks were reported, and no synagogues along 13th Avenue were damaged.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind, chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Rights said the rampage was "too well organized and meticulously planned" to doubt the anti-semitic connotations.

Councilman Noach Dear asked the Police Department to coordinate its efforts with those of District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman. He urged that the entire incident be handled with the most serious of efforts and be viewed as an anti-semitic attack, which carries harsher penalties than mere mischief and vandalism.

## Kayama: The Get Solution

By Rabbi Ben Cherny and  
Mark Bane

An effort has finally been made to address the problem of the growing number of halachically illegitimate Jewish children being born (*mamzerim*). In response to calls from Jewish leaders, such as Rabbi Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, the Kayama Organization has been established. Rabbi Lamm and numerous other leading American Jewish leaders, have continually cited this problem as being at the forefront of Jewish communal concerns. The problem addressed is very vivid and very real. Annually, approximately 50,000 Jewish couples divorce without obtaining a *get*. The remarriage rate among Jews is the highest of any ethnic group in this country, and children born of these subsequent unions are, of course, *mamzerim*. Inevitably, the progression of time will allow for the evolution of greater percentages of the Jewish community to be *mamzerim*, as the status of illegitimacy is irreversibly inherited by subsequent generations.

In addition to the enormous personal tragedy that will befall thousands of individuals, Kayama realizes the greater threat to the social unity of the Jewish people. As the numbers of

*mamzerim* group within certain sectors of American Jewish society, halachah-observant families will segregate themselves forbidding marriages to children of families whose parents or grandparents were non-observant. The commitment of the prospective spouse will be insignificant in this decision, as families will perhaps justify an attempt to preserve the purity of their lineage. The *Baal T'shuva* movement will be brought to an abrupt and tragic halt.

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Kayama was formed as an unaffiliated Jewish community service organization, to both promote and facilitate the obtaining of *gittin*. Through the media, public forums, and the involvement of community and religious institutions, Kayama

hopes to encourage all Jewish divorcees, regardless of religious commitment, to obtain a Jewish divorce.

The divorcee is urged to do so both to preserve the social unity of the Jewish people, and to assure that their progeny will be free to marry any Jew they may choose. Kayama is attempting to curtail the development of the "IntraMarriage Problem." In addition to educational campaigns, Kayama has developed a program to facilitate the obtaining of a *get* in a sensitive and expeditious manner. Over the past three months approximately twenty *gittin* have been arranged by Kayama involving young couples who would have otherwise neglected to obtain one. Every week the number grows. To assure that no obstacle stands in the way of the administration of a *get*, Kayama is raising money to defray the cost of a *get* for cases in which the expense will be a final deterrent.

Kayama's efforts are limited only by the lack of funds and communal involvement. Kayama invites all members of the Jewish community to join in its efforts by contacting Rabbi Ben Cherny of the Yeshiva University Kollel Elyon or Mr. Mark Bane at (718) 793-7350, or by writing to Kayama, P.O. Box 4007, College Point, New York 11356.

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## Why Major in Political Science

Dr. Blanche Blank

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There is no distribution of any major resource that is not a political question. Understanding "who gets what, when and how" and one might add "why", is not only the prerogative of political scientists, but the vital personal necessity of every citizen like ourselves in a democratic society. Indeed, citizenship, the only mandated role we all play, is the most persuasive reason of all to major in this discipline. As citizens we share society's benefits and its traumas. We also contribute to these benefits and traumas through our personal choice and behavior. For democratic citizens there is no such thing as political irrelevance. Even non-voting or any other form of political withdrawal is a meaningful and important act. Citizenship cannot be abdicated through passivity.

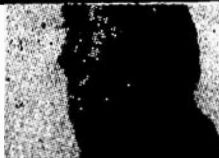
In the Golden Era of Greece political life was considered the highest form of activity. This should still be true if politics were properly understood. No problem at home or abroad will ever be solved without the application of the "science of politics". Not health, welfare, security, not even individual forms of self-actualization, will ever be promoted except through politics. Most of our values and the priorities with which we fulfill them rest on the structure, processes and decisions made in political arenas here and abroad. How can anyone, then, afford not to understand these structures and their theoretical underpinnings?

Finally, for those students who mistakenly view a "major" as the relevant ingredient for career success, let me point out a few things: 1) For most of the world's work, a college major is of no significance. Future employers do not care whether you "took" history, sociology, chemistry or music. They do care if you did reasonably well in your studies (all of them) and, they do care about your intelligence, your communication skills, your enthusiasm and your personality. Therefore, political science is an entirely acceptable major for most opening jobs and for many areas of graduate work. Among the many fields of work that employ the analytic and expressive abilities that are honed with particular care in political science classes are: law, political office, management positions in the public sector, staff positions in legislative, executive judicial and party offices, public relations, polling, research, government and community relations, (most private offices have large offices specifically devoted to this work) foundation management, and many other areas. 2) What should help you select a major are such factors as your own genuine interest in the types of courses offered and your estimate of the professors. Our department, although small, believes that it offers quality. It also offers dedication and enthusiasm. Office hours are religiously observed. A lively club is sponsored. A very interesting internship program has been developed, including permission for our students to join in the city-wide New York internship program with its monthly seminars and opportunities to meet students of other colleges in the area, and to hear from some of the most important practitioners of politics in New York City. Independent study opportunities are easily arranged. Ours is a well-balanced department dominated by our single-minded devotion to our students. We think if you join us, you'll agree.

In sum, you should major in political science if you view yourself as an intelligent, worldly, caring, open-minded individual who wants not only to make a living, but also to live in a world worth living in.

## Why "Require" English Literature?

David Fleisher, prof.



I. I shall begin by asserting a proposition so elementary that no one, I believe, would dispute it, namely; that a cardinal duty of any educational system in any part of the globe is to provide individuals with a knowledge of the language of their neighbors adequate to communicating and supplying their basic animal needs. Physical survival itself is at issue here. Not to possess a command of the language adequate to call out for help or to convey the notion that one is hungry, cold, thirsty, or in pain is to put life itself in jeopardy. True enough, gestures, grimaces, cries will often do, but obviously not under all circumstances.

Once this elementary function of language is mastered, other basic language needs begin to appear. Individuals desire to communicate preferences: not just to eat, but to eat fish rather than meat, vegetables rather than soup, bread rather than milk; and even certain kinds of vegetables, even rye bread or black bread rather than white bread. And beyond these, other basic needs appear: to describe what one has done in the past, what one plans for the future; what one's relationship is to other individuals — they are friends who will protect, enemies who pose a threat.

II. The foregoing uses of language relate to our more-or-less basic physical needs. But man does not live by bread alone. He has a whole range of emotional, spiritual, intellectual needs. Language enables him to grapple with these needs, to communicate them — to himself as well as to others and, in so doing, in part to satisfy them. Where is that language to be found? Every language-speaking people has developed — often over many centuries — a unique language adapted to meeting these basic human needs; unique language tools which reflect the human experiences of a people. A people's language expresses the peculiar genius of that people. Its language has been built up — layer on layer — by its great writers. And — this is crucial — that language cannot at any one era in a people's history (say, the present-day era) be put in the possession of any individual in the same way as a telephone or refrigerator or automobile, which are also the end-products of a long development. Unlike the use of mechanical instruments, the use of language can be taught only through the study of those writers who have cumulatively

transmitted it. Try to imagine, for example, what would be the kind and degree of mastery of Hebrew of an Israeli who had no acquaintance with the Bible! The principal formers of language have been great writers of all kinds — philosophers, statesmen, scientists, literary men — but it is the literary artists who have made the chief contribution.

III. The masterpieces of these men of letters serve to satisfy above all one basic human need of which I have not yet made distinct mention: the need for beauty. The need for beauty is satisfied by a literary masterpiece, not through its "content" alone — its feeling or its thought — but through the mating of "content" and form in an harmonious whole.

The need for beauty, the aesthetic impulse, can be satisfied in a number of other important ways: through the world of nature, for example, and through the fine arts. But the fine arts require as the foundation of their informed appreciation a knowledge of certain technical and specialized matters which lie outside the domain of common experience, whereas every child develops perforce from birth a growing knowledge of his own language, so that he comes to the study of literature with at least some degree, however modest, of preparation. Thus an appreciation of beauty in literature is generally more accessible than an appreciation of beauty of the fine arts.

IV. The case for the study of foreign languages rests, not on the advantage of supplying potential tourists with useful phrases, but on the importance of communicating the unique genius of foreign-speaking peoples. And just as the real mastery of one's own language can come only through the study of its literary masterpieces, so the real mastery of a foreign language can be achieved only through the study of masterpieces in that language. Courses in "Scientific German", "Scientific Russian", "Scientific French" do not serve this purpose. Again, language-training which stops just at the point where the student is barely equipped to undertake the study of a foreign literature imposes a burden without its reward, is like sowing a field and then abandoning it before the harvest. The decline in foreign language study in this country, if it continues, will result in a profound cultural isolation. It is an obvious deprivation and self-limitation to cut oneself off from the unique

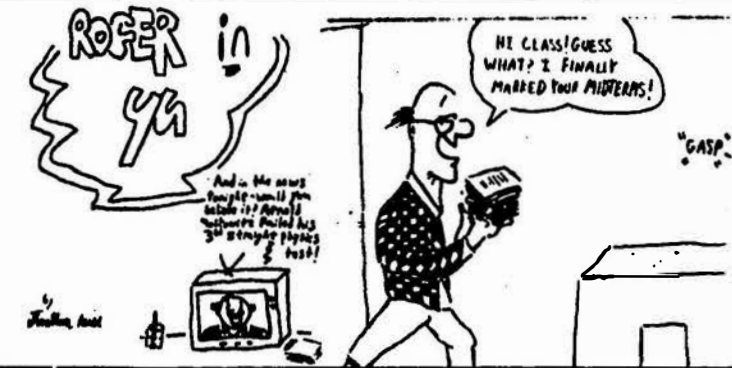
responses-to-life of other language groups and, among these responses, the unique aesthetic quality of their literary creations.

V. The foregoing analysis provides a vantage point from which to evaluate a proposal, now current at this college, to permit, as an alternative to the requirement in English literature, the substitution of a study of world literature in translation.

I should like to make two observations:

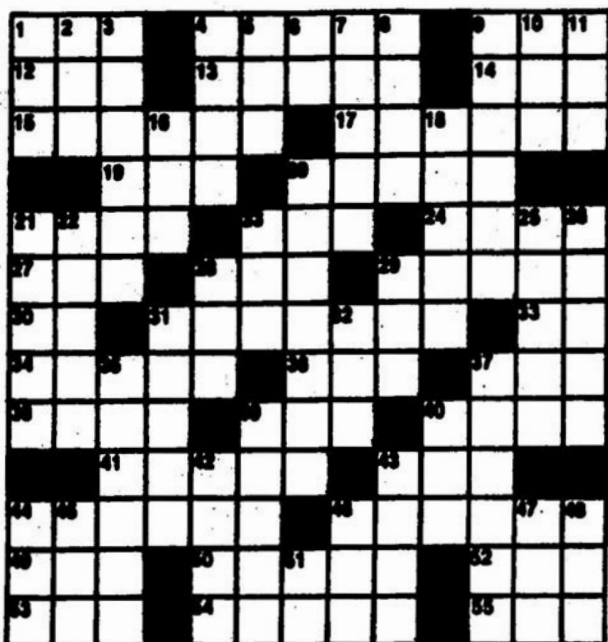
1. The genius of a people, expressed in its language, and above all the aesthetic qualities embodied in its literary masterpieces, are dimmed in translation. Fiction, perhaps, suffers less than other genres, but in poetry almost all is lost. The beauty of a poem is inseparable from its native language, from the native sounds and cadences of that language, form the centuries-old associations and reverberations of its diction and phrases. In "translation courses", even when the instructor is equipped for the task by familiarity with a great poem in the original — and this is seldom the case — it is impossible for him to analyze for his students, ignorant as they are of the language, those devices of meaning and sound in which the aesthetic quality of a poem inheres. Generally, in such courses, the "ideas" and "content" of large works are discussed, but "ideas" and "content" are not literature: the need for beauty is but slightly ministered to. The analysis of a single sonnet of fourteen lines by Shakespeare may well do more for a student's aesthetic experience than a whole semester of literary masterpieces in translation.

2. Should foreign masterpieces be studied in translation? Of course. Better in translation than not at all. Some valuable insight into foreign attitude and experience will be gained. But such knowledge (And, yes, its ought to be "required") cannot substitute for a familiarity with the genius of the people among whom one is to spend one's life. To make of oneself a citizen of the world is the highest aim of education; to make oneself a part-citizen of the world through the study of works in translation is a worthy aim — but not at the expense of making of oneself an alien in one's own community. Especially if — as in our case — our language community has produced a wealth of masterpieces which are the pride of the civilized world.





# Cream of the Crop



By Moshe Orlian

## Across

1. With 46 across, select group of colleges
4. One of 1 across
9. Shade tree
12. Beginner (prefix)
13. Slow dance
14. Knot
15. Football play
17. One of two
19. Ogle
20. Whiter
21. One of 1 across
23. First boat
24. What people do at 1 across
27. Reply to a question
28. Prefix with corn or pod
29. Racist
30. A name to call myself

31. One of 1 across

33. "Quiet!"
34. Ornament Technique
36. Arab garment
37. Shakespearean "For shame!"
38. Standout
39. Sault \_\_\_\_\_ Marie
40. Certain resting place
41. Glue
43. Forbid
44. With 49 across, heavyweight king of 1 across?
46. See 1 across
49. See 44 across
50. Ready for war
52. Partake
53. Nautical "Mayday"
54. Goes through a book
55. B & O, et. al.

## Down

1. Chemical ending
2. Blood Vessel (comb. form)
3. Tyrolean calls
4. Unhappy
5. Darling
6. Kashrut symbol
7. Avenue
8. Diamond
9. Citron
10. Fabricate facts
11. La \_\_\_\_\_, Debussy Opus
16. Hard Drink
18. Lukewarm
20. Personal
21. Inhabitants of Hungtow Island
22. Beside (dial.)
23. Airport Abbr.
25. Fictional Riveter
26. Homophone of 17 across
28. \_\_\_\_\_ Sachs
29. Lingerie Item
31. Lot's father
32. Honest \_\_\_\_\_
35. Rabbit Furs
37. Feel, as cloth
39. Cubic meter
40. Herd sound
42. Permanent reminder
43. Dorm items
44. Sections (abbr.)
45. One of Pooh's friends
46. Guided
47. Defunct Arab org.
48. SAT co.
51. Location of 31 across

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## What's Happenin'



### Caveat Emptor Let the Buyer Beware

By Marty Fineberg and Aaron Katz

Everyone's out to make a buck, usually at the consumer's expense. It is rare that one can go shopping and actually purchase something whose quality is proportionate to its price. Fortunately for readers of *The Commentator*, we have undertaken the task of descrying places where one has a chance to buy something without having to mortgage his dorm room. Also included are places that have earnestly worked to earn the title "the worst", and should be avoided.

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# California: Vacation USA

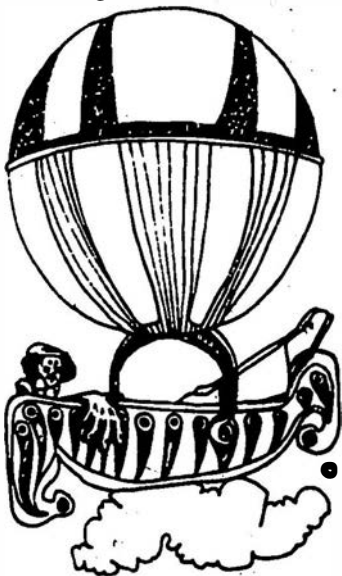
By Marc Paley

Semester break is around the corner and you're confused about your vacation plans. Skiing in Vermont is what you have done for years and the beaches in Miami sound boring. What you need is a vacation - The West Coast - Just think about it!

Vacationing on the West Coast is both affordable and enjoyable. January is a good time of the year to take advantage of some extremely low airfares and car rental rates, while hotels are inexpensive. A round trip ticket to Los Angeles in January is a low \$278.00 on both TWA and American Airlines. An Avis rental car can be as low as \$120.00 a week. In addition, many hotels are affordable at only \$40.00 a night. These expenses shared amongst a group makes the trip even more inexpensive.

Los Angeles has a mild climate in January. The temperature ranges between an evening low of 55 degrees and a daytime high around 75. While the temperature may not be warm enough for an outside swim, the weather is great for sightseeing. Hollywood is a short drive from the big city, and other tourist attractions include the Hollywood Bowl, Grunman's Chinese Theater and Universal Studios. In addition, the famous Studio City in Hollywood gives you the opportunity to view live television shows on the set. Disneyland and two other amusement parks are also located a short distance from L.A., and each offers a full day of fun and enjoyment. Beverly Hills and the famous estates in Bel Air, including the popular Rodeo Drive that runs through Beverly Hills, have some of the fanciest stores in the Continental United States.

The night life in L.A. provides a great deal of excitement. There are plenty of movies and shows to see in addition to numerous sporting events. Basketball fans will enjoy watching the L.A. Lakers and Clippers while hockey headlines the L.A. Kings. Horse racing is also a fun way to spend an evening.



The famous Westwood, located near the UCLA campus in Los Angeles, is similar to New York's Greenwich Village. High class bars line the streets making the area a lovely place to take a friend in the late night hours. In addition, one can drive through the hills and view the beautifully lit San Fernando Valley.

Finding kosher food is not an impossible quest. There are many kosher restaurants along the famous Pico Blvd. in the Jewish section of L.A. Most supermarkets carry all of the basic necessities. Shabbat may cause some problems, although the local Orthodox rabbis will be more than happy to help you find a place for a meal or two.

After seeing all of the sights in L.A., tourists may want to travel to the nearby ski slopes. Arrowhead Lake and Big Bear Mountain provide tobogganing, ice skating, and other winter sports, while the famous Malibu beach with its fancy coastal beachhouses is only a short distance away.

Another short trip can take an interested tourist down the coast to San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico. The renowned California freeways with their redwood trees and scenic views of the Pacific Ocean coastline make the driving pleasurable. San Diego is only two hours away from L.A. and has a famous zoo and Sea World. Tijuana, only 30 minutes south of San Diego offers the opportunity to experience Mexican culture. Though tourist traps are common in Tijuana, one can shop for a sombrero, play Jai Alai and take a stroll through the downtown city. Don't convert your dollars into pesos as you are guaranteed to lose money in the process. American dollars encourage Mexican merchants to do business with tourists.

San Francisco is about seven hours north of L.A. by car and makes for a three day trip. While travelling up the coast, one may also want to stop at the famous Hearst castle.

A trip to the West Coast such as the one outlined above will cost between \$400.00 and \$600.00 depending on the hotel accommodations. Incidentally, an AAA (Automobile Association of America) card provides discounts on various attractions that the diverse entertainment on the West Coast guarantees. Two weeks of excitement is within your reach, so you need not wait any longer.

# Kabbalah

In stark contrast to the lectures and discussions usually sponsored by student organizations, a student band called Kaballah, played to an enthusiastic crowd on Monday, November 18. Students were attracted by the loud Jewish rock band and streamed in and out during the show. Most of the band's songs were original compositions by Mark Skier.

The band is composed of six amateur musicians. Mark Skier, the band's leader, plays bass. Other members include: Izzy Botnick on guitar, Adam Greebler on saxophone and flute, Jeff Schiff on drums, Chanan Posner on keyboard and Kenny Baker doing occasional vocals.



## Toaster Ovens

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after the inspections. He later stated, "The confiscation of toaster ovens by Security presents a major obstacle both to students' convenience and to their ability to economize." Rozenberg added that "The Student Council is actively seeking to reverse the decision or arrive at a suitable compromise." That afternoon anonymous signs were posted calling for a club hour rally and a cafeteria boycott.

Dr. Efrem Nulman, Associate Dean of Students, summed up campus sentiment by commenting, "I think it's crucial for the Administration to be concerned with the safety of the students even though it may somehow cause slight discomfort."

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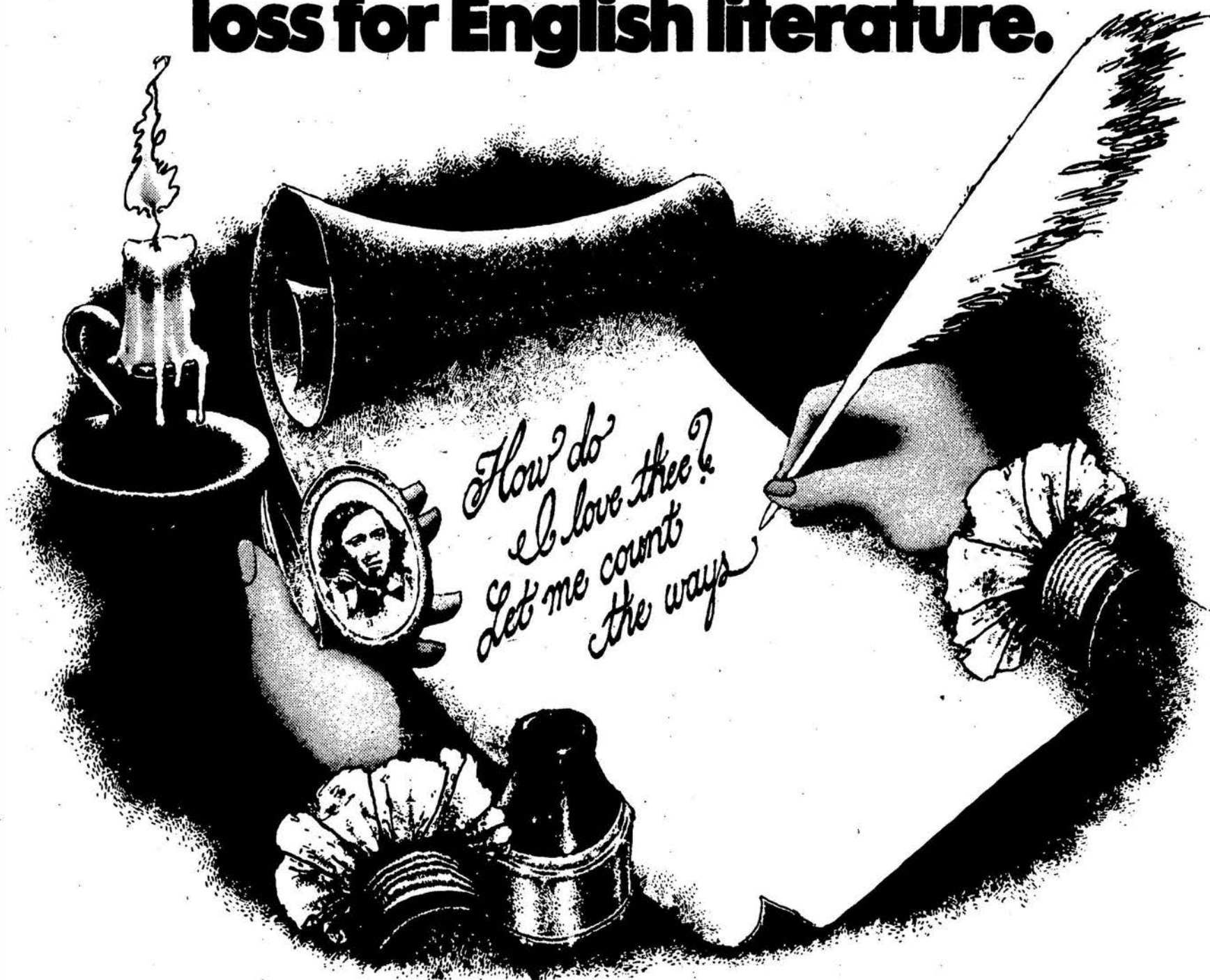
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# Hockey Intramurals Heating Up

By Jeff Slepoy and Avram Schreiber

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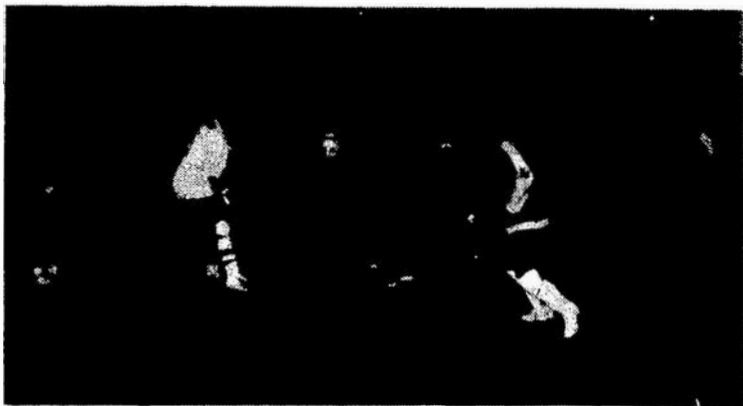
In the first period, the Canadians capitalized on a defensive laps by the Rebels that allowed Daniel Goldberg to score from the slot, assisted by Robby Gross. The Rebels were stopped time after time by outstanding play of Mark Israel, the Canadians' goalie.

In the second period, the Rebels finally managed to put one in the net as Hartley Koschitzky tapped in a short wrist shot, to tie the game 1-1. Just two minutes into the third period Peretz Hochbaum, off the pass from David Prince, unleashed a lethal slapshot past the goalie on the glove side, giving the Rebels a 2-1 lead. The Rebels added three more goals to boost their lead to 5-1 on Peretz Hochbaum's second of the night and two goals by Steve Polinsky.

**REBELS: 8 BARBARIANS: 3**

Peretz Hochbaum scored twice and added one assist to pace the Rebels to their biggest offensive outburst of the year, as they trounced the Barbarians 8-3.

The first period saw the Barbarians take an early 1-0 lead when Mike Mermelstein put home his own rebound from in



close. The Rebels tied the game on Shalom Menora's slapshot that escaped the outstretched right foot of Wayne Feder. Just a minute later the Barbarians recaptured the lead on Yitz Motechin's unassisted goal. David Kestenbaum, on a pass from Steve Polinsky, put the Rebels in front to stay as he snapped a 10-footer past the Barbarian goalie.

**CHIEFS: 4 RAIDERS: 3**

The Chiefs, on the strength of goals from four different players, posted their second triumph in as many games. The Chiefs jumped out to an early 1-0 lead as Menachem Deitcher stuffed home a wrap-around to beat Raider goalie, Stu Morduchowitz. The Raiders, showing no let-

down, came back with two unanswered goals by Jay Weinbach and Ronnie Goldberg. Avram Schreiber, on an assist from Jake Goldstein, knotted up the score again, 2-2, when he scored his first goal of the year. Weinbach scored his second of the game when he wristed home a give-away in the Chief's end. However, Bruce Schneider scored his first career goal on a slap-shot from the Raider blue line to tie it up once again. Semmy "Slick-Stick" Green quickly fixed that for the Chiefs as he won the game by scoring the game winning goal. Kenny Rozenberg shoveled the puck towards Green to the left of "Duke" and Semmy flicked it home to end the see-saw battle.

## Things That Work Out

By Larry Foont

Ever since the opening of the Max Stern Athletic Center, many students have taken advantage of the weight training room in the gym. This column, which will appear regularly in each issue of The Commentator with a tip on weight training, is for all of you dedicated to pumping iron.

It's no secret that all of us are constantly striving to improve our appearance. This can usually be achieved by proper dieting, rest and exercise. Of these three categories, I think that we can all agree that exercise is the most difficult to maintain. Exercise, when done in the correct way can be very beneficial. When done in a careless manner, the result will invariably be detrimental and even harmful.

A common mistake people make when starting to work out is attacking the heaviest amount of weight with everything they've got right at the beginning. This approach very often causes people to quit because they are trying so hard and are seeing very few results in return. Common sense will tell you that this is the wrong way to approach your

work out.

Whatever exercise you are doing, I recommend choosing a weight that you are comfortable with. This doesn't mean you should use an insignificant amount of weight. Select a weight that requires you to use approximately 2/3 of your strength during the first compression, curl, squat or whatever it is that you happen to be doing. Then try ten repetitions and see how you feel. Did you complete all ten? Are you tired? Was it too easy? Did it feel just right? These are questions you must ask yourself. Adjust the weight accordingly. Let your common sense and personal judgement be your best guide.

It is also important to remember to do each exercise slowly and at a controlled rate. Give your muscles a chance to experience this new tension and to develop properly. Doing an exercise too quickly only defeat the purpose, and can result in a pulled muscle.

Following these basic tips will help you enjoy an injury-free workout; results are (virtually) guaranteed.

Nothing can stop you now... except maybe finals!



## Ellmen Look Strong Despite Defeat

By Caleb Freedman

On Wednesday, November 13, the Y.U. wrestling team inaugurated their '85-'86 season in the newly constructed Max Stern Athletic Center. They competed against Haverford College of Pennsylvania, one of the most experienced teams in Division III.

Leon Eisen, the 118 pounder for Yeshiva, won the first match of the evening, starting a 6-0 lead for Yeshiva. The next three matches were wrestled by newcomers for Yeshiva, and experienced wrestlers for Haverford. Although Michael Weiner (126 lbs.) and Jay 'Conan' Nelkin of Yeshiva came out to a strong start, each was stopped by his more experienced opponent. Lenny Holler (142 lbs.) for Yeshiva, endured the full seven minutes against his obviously more experienced opponent, a feat rarely accomplished by a newcomer. Aaron Lapp, the veteran 150 pounder, lost by decision after an impressive 7 minute match.

The 158 lb. weight class was wrestled by Andy 'Jervis' Garfinkel. Jervis wrestled three years in high school and has been

an important asset to the team. However, he lost on a decision. Ari Schwell, co-captain, wrestled at 167 lbs. He was out maneuvered in the last minute of the match and lost on a close 9-7 decision.

The 177 and 190 lb. weight classes were wrestled by Barry Best and Uri Bachrach. Both wrestled aggressively, but lost because of their inexperience. Avraham Witty, a powerhouse wrestler for Yeshiva, took the heavy weight class. The final score was 43-12, Haverford.

Although Yeshiva lost, all the wrestlers tried hard and looked strong. Coach Ellman said after the match, "With the will these guys (the team) showed, if I had three months, we could have taken Haverford."

Another important part of the team's strong showing was the crowd's encouraging participation. In the future, after the team acquires more experience, that kind of crowd could make the difference between victory and defeat.

## Model UN

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day morning, Friday evening, all day Shabbat, culminating with a party on Saturday night. The Yeshiva University delegates were given the option of attending sessions on Shabbat. Commenting on this, Yeshiva College head delegate, Barry Herzog, said, "There were no Halachic problems involved with participation on Shabbat. It was merely a question of individual feeling and propriety." Nonetheless, fewer than half the delegates chose to attend, and all missed for *tefillot* and *seudot*.

There was some controversy about the process by which the delegates were chosen. Applicants were required to submit an essay and be interviewed. In response to one disgruntled applicant who claimed that there was "protectzia-you had to know someone big to get in," head delegates Ethel Greenstone and Barry Herzog stressed that "in addition to hard-core knowledge, the participants had to display a certain style and self-confidence. Although to some the choices might have seemed unfair, they were made only after careful consideration."

**Funding for Delegation**

Funding for Yeshiva's participation in the University of Pennsylvania conference came partially from the Office of the Dean of Students through the special efforts of Dr. Nulman. Additional funding was provided by the Office of the Senior Vice-President, with the remainder being paid for by the Women's

Division of the Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society.

The highlight of the Conference for the YU delegation came when David Schonbrun and SCW head delegate Ethel Greenstone were named the "outstanding delegates" on the Disarmament Committee. In addition, Schonbrun and Greenstone were elected Presidents of their committee of more than fifty delegations, representing such schools as Harvard, Georgetown, Duke, Hopkins and Cornell. Disarmament Committee chairman, Eric Lasker, remarked, "The delegates from Yeshiva represented themselves successfully and actively."

Commenting on the educational experience of the conference which assembles college students from all over the country, Sherrill Allen stated, "I believe that the Model UN is a two-fold experience. Firstly, it's a positive and educational experience for each individual participant. And it's more than just an education in diplomacy, it's an education in the way in which the Torah U'Mada wheels turn, the way we have to combine our secular studies with our religious habits. In addition, it gives the University a positive exposure in the "outside world". Undergraduates across the country, as a result of the Model United Nations conferences such as UPMUNC, respect the YU name. They admire what we stand for. And that's worth every penny that Yeshiva University puts in the program."

## Tennis Tourney

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next 6 points and the match. Ungar said that he enjoyed playing in the tournament but was upset that it had come down to 13 points, especially after he and his opponent had played so hard.

The players enjoyed having the opportunity to play in the tournament, but could have done without the cold weather, which left each of them sore for the entire week. YU's excellent showing, particularly that of top seeded Ben Ungar, makes them a strong pre-season favorite to win the I.A.C.

## Bookstore

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umbia Bookstore will deliver the copies needed within a short time.

The inventory will include more than just books. There is a whole new line of YU T-shirts, sweats, sweaters and caps as well as notebooks and other school materials.

Student input is another key to the future success of the store according to Barry Rozenberg, YCSC President. "A Student Bookstore Committee is being formed as an arm of the Student Council to act as a liaison between students and bookstore management. The committee will take student suggestions and decide on the stock as well as the hours of the bookstore."

Present plans call for the bookstore to be open full time during the first weeks of the spring semester. When the initial rush for books ends it will be open only twice a week.

# Yeshiva Sports

Thursday, December 5, 1985

# The Commentator



## Yeshiva Athletics: A Work of "Art"

By Stuart Goldberg

For the last 36 years, the man who has affectionately been known as "Coach" by Yeshiva students, has almost singlehandedly constructed the university's athletics department. Professor Arthur Tauber has not only been the cornerstone of Yeshiva sports for over a quarter of a century, but he's also the winningest coach in the university's history.

The coach of the fencing team since 1949, he has coached tennis and soccer, as well. In 1942 the 6 foot, 2 1/2 inch Bronx native graduated from New York University as an All American in fencing and a member of the United States Olympic Team. Tauber then went to work as a physical therapist for six years, and later worked as a rehabilitation administrator. Coming to Yeshiva in 1949 as a part time teacher of Personal and Community Hygiene, Tauber saw an athletic program in disarray. The tennis team was virtually nonexistent; there was no soccer team, nor was there a seasonal sports program. He immediately re-organized the tennis team, began and coached the soccer team, and started the seasonal sports program. When asked what his



Professor Arthur Tauber

**'the first priority is academic. I feel that a good student is one who is well rounded.'**

aim is as Director of Athletics, he replied, "I try to gear the program for the students. Our guys have a tough day and deserve a good solid athletic program."

Besides establishing the Yeshiva College athletics program, Tauber has been a key figure in Stern College athletics, as well. Teaching at Stern for over 30 years now, he has taught various courses such as Racquetball, Volleyball, and Yoga. I asked a Stern College student for her opinion of Professor Tauber. Her answer was indicative of everyone who knows him. "I feel he's genuinely dedicated to helping Yeshiva University. It's no snow job, he really loves the school. And he wants to make the program the best he can for the Yeshiva student."

That's a key point - the best for the Yeshiva student. Professor Tauber has no ambition of turning Yeshiva into a Division I powerhouse - on the contrary. "The first priority is academics. I feel that a good student is one who is well rounded. He has the opportunity to study, but also has the opportunity to compete in intercollegiate sports. We hold our own within our own level of competition. Remember we're competing against guys who practice 12 to 15 hours a week. We practice maybe six hours a week."

Over the years there have been a few Yeshiva athletes who have had that Division I potential, but according to Tauber, "Yeshiva doesn't get that athlete with pro potential. Basically because of our commitment to Yiddishkeit. We don't play on Friday nights and Saturdays. Consequently, we miss out on the big tournaments, which deters those guys who have that potential from coming to Yeshiva. But as I've said we're not looking at that type of program, anyhow."

Yeshiva sports have come a long way since the days when they practiced in high schools and played home games in far away places. However, one thing is clear to everyone, Yeshiva sports would be nowhere if not for the "Coach".

## YU Impressive in Tennis Tourney

By Jonathan Bandler

On Sunday, November 3rd, YU's top tennis players braved the cold and windy conditions of Hoboken, N.J. as they participated in the Independent Athletic Conference Tournament, held this year at Stevens Tech. The sixteen player field included, in addition to the YU six, four players from Stevens Tech and three each from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and New York Maritime. Five of the

Y.U. players advanced to the quarterfinals where Jeff Weinberg was defeated by the eventual champion, and Beryl Thomas lost to YU's Ben Ungar. The sixth YU player, Adam Ferziger, lost his first round match, but went on to play in the "B" Tournament where he defeated Willie Shem of Stevens Tech, 6-3, 6-1, for the championship.

In the semi-finals of the "A" Tournament, Mike Luxenberg lost to NJIT's Sanjay Pazel and

Ungar defeated Mickey Aboff. In the Final, Ungar and Pazel played two excellent sets, with Ungar losing the first, 6-7 and winning the second, 6-4. At that point, tournament officials felt that it was getting too dark to play an entire third set and decided to let the tournament champion be decided by a tie breaker. At first, the decision seemed to pay off for Ungar as he took a 5-2 lead. However, he lost 5 of the

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## Macs Off To A Flying Start

By Moshe Orlian

Yeshiva began what promises to be one of their greatest seasons ever with two decisive victories. In the opening game of the Max Stern Athletic Center the Macs jumped out to a 19-2 lead over Bard, enroute to a 39-17 halftime lead and an 87-45 victory. Tenacious defense control of the boards led to perfectly executed fast breaks, which totally overwhelmed Bard. Leading the Macs were Ronnie Schwartz with 24 points, Lior Hod with 17, Ayal Hod, with 13 and Joey Eaves with 10. Lance Hirt (7 points) and Steve Frenkel (6 points) turned in fine performances off the bench as did Moshe Orlian, who had a game high of 12 rebounds.

The Macs' 103-58 victory over Northeastern Bible was much the same. While the outside shooting of Schwartz and Eaves led to 22 and 19 points respectively, the strong inside play of Ayal Hod and Jeff Harris led to 21 and 18 points. Once again Yeshiva opened to a quick lead (17-4) and ran the rest of the way to victory. Noticeable was the Macs fine defense in the face of some



Macs in a Huddle with Coach Halpert

vicious playing by the N.E. Bible Center.

After spending Shabbat in Brookline, Mass., the Macs crossed the river to play MIT. In front of a mostly Pro-Yeshiva crowd, the Macs played to a 19-19 tie after 12 minutes. However, big lapses under the boards gave MIT numerous second chances which went on a 12-0 spurt to lead 40-25 at halftime.

The Macs did not give up, though, and came out playing strongly in the second half, and

managed to cut the deficit to 47-42. The Macs then fell behind by 11 but came back again to within 6 points, with 4 minutes left. With the big men in foul trouble, most of the comeback was accomplished with Eli Davidoff and Moshe Orlian in the game. However, MIT hit their free throws and thwarted the Macs fine efforts, eventually winning 77-64. Eaves played superbly and finished with 24 points, while Ayal Hod scored 14 and Schwartz 12.

## Yeshiva Meets the Press



Joe Rhodes — On His "Basketball Odyssey"

Yeshiva game. It's a special event in the University's history. So I decided to look into it. I found that it was a different kind of story, something that wasn't altogether basketball. It didn't hurt that you guys started the season 3 days early, either."

What Rhodes found was something he had not expected to see. "I was really surprised at what I saw. I don't know what I expected to see. Maybe some very studious looking students dressed in dark clothes. I don't really know. But I was surprised to see students with painted faces, and a packed crowd singing, 'Na, na, na, hey, hey, goodbye.' I'll tell you this though, I

had more fun at the Yeshiva game, than I did at the Czechoslovakia vs. Kentucky game in Lexington. I liked the fact that the Yeshiva team was wearing yarmulkas, and it didn't matter. It made me happy to see that, I said to myself 'This is America.'"

As for the game itself, it really was no contest. Yeshiva led from the start and pulled away by as many as 15 points in the first five minutes. It didn't really matter though; everyone had a great time. The fans went wild, and the press saw a new Yeshiva University. A Yeshiva University with real school spirit.

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