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Student Center Moving Toward Completion

by Jonathan Bandler

After waiting a year for state and local health boards to act on the issue of asbestos, and months afterward for something to be done about it, school officials now set September 1988 as a realistic date for the opening of the Schottenstein Student Activities Center.

According to Dr. Sheldon Socol, Vice President for Business Planning, the last remnants of asbestos were removed from the building's foundation this past week, allowing the stalled renovation program to proceed. Dr. Socol went on to explain that, barring any unforeseen hitches, the building will become operational next fall with student groups occupying their space in phases according to their location in the building. For practical reasons, renovation is progressing "from the ground up" and therefore it will be YCDS that will most probably be the first to move in because their theater is located on the ground floor.

But what was it that made the target date of this past January an impossible goal? The entire problem was the presence of asbestos, found, for the most part, in the basement oil burner. However, the touchiness of the asbestos issue precludes any swift solution and even prohibited YU from obtaining any building permit while the asbestos remained.

Asbestos was a widely used building material for nearly half a century between the mid-1920s and 1973 when it was outlawed as a potentially carcinogenic substance. Used primarily for fire proofing and pipe insulation, and often found in the heating plants of many homes, schools, and office buildings, asbestos is not, however, hazardous in all forms. In fact only friable asbestos runs the risk of being carcinogenic. This refers to asbestos which is no longer



The engraver of The Revel Commemorative Stamp, now in jail for conspiring to blow up proposed site of U.S. Holocaust Museum, added an unauthorized Magen David to Dr. Revel's beard. (as shown in enlargement)



in its original solid state but rather has decayed or been cut into, allowing certain dangerous fumes to escape into the air.

When the problem was discovered in the Spring of 1986, the only New York laws which dealt with asbestos were the prohibition of building with it and the refusal to grant building permits to any building said to contain asbestos. The laws however, said nothing about what could be done to rectify the situation and in all of New York there was no licensed asbestos removal company. So buildings all over New York sat idly by until a City Code was issued on March 31st of this year. However, only a few companies were licensed to handle the problem and since April there has been a mad rush for asbestos abatement. Finally last week the job was finished at the Schottenstein Center, a year and a half after the basement was excavated and the asbestos discovered.

Dr. Socol explains that funding for the Center, despite the delay, is on schedule, and continued on page 11

Course Catalog Nears Completion

by Jay Stochinsky

The lack of an updated Yeshiva College course catalogue has long been a source of anxiety for students wishing to plan their college career. Since the last catalogue was printed in 1983, a number of changes in different academic programs have occurred. Many courses listed no longer exist, or exist under a different title, while other courses have been added. Also, there have been certain changes in the requirements for various majors. The establishment of the Sy Syms School of Business has aggravated this situation by introducing courses and majors of which little is known. The question thus posed is when will the college produce a new, revised catalogue?

According to Professor Morris Silverberg, the Assistant to the Executive Vice President and the Academic Editor to the Catalogue, the delay of the catalogue is due to late faculty appointments for the Sy Syms School of Business and the lack of information available about the new school.

The new catalogue is expected to be ready on November 1. Much work has been done to revamp the catalogue and to eliminate those redundancies which existed in the continued on page 3

Poli Sci Debate Features Rabbis Berman and Schwartz *Argue Return of Land to Arabs*

by Neil Torczyner

On Monday night, September 14th the Joseph P. Dunner Political Science Society sponsored its first event of the year, a debate between Rabbi Saul Berman and Rabbi Yehuda Schwartz, entitled "Religious and Prophetic Perspectives on Yehudah and Shomron". The debate, which was moderated by Dr. David Luchins, special assistant to Senator Daniel Moynihan, dealt with the permissibility of returning Judea and Samaria to the Arabs in exchange for a promise of peace.

Rabbi Berman, who serves as spiritual leader of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, supports the view that returning land is permissible and perhaps a necessity. Rabbi Berman argued that a cogent argument against his opinion can not be made on the basis of Halacha. The concept of "lo techanen" does not, as some would have it, constrain the return of the land. In fact, this concept allows for the return of land when such an action is deemed to be in the greatest interest of the state.

In addition, although there is a prohibition against selling land to idol-worshippers, the majority of Rabbinical opinions is that Muslims are not idol-worshippers. Rabbi Berman concluded that ultimately the decision regarding exchange of land rests with the Israeli government, which despite its secular structure, is the body made responsible by halachah for the control of the State of Israel.

Rabbi Yehuda Schwartz, who is currently Managing

Editor of the Jewish Press, took the position that return of the land is not permitted under any circumstance. Rabbi Schwartz supported his position with the Talmudic dictum of "Morasha and Nattati". From this it is learnt that if something was given as a gift and it is used correctly, it can then be kept as an inheritance. So too Rabbi Schwartz proposed, if the Jewish people were to give up any of Israel, they would not have another chance to reclaim it. Rabbi Schwartz summed up his position best when he declared "No economic or political causes can justify giving away Israel."

The general consensus among the Rubin Hall crowd of over 200 Yeshiva and Stern College students seemed to have enjoyed the debate. However, many students felt that Rabbi Schwartz failed to address the issue with the seriousness and the academic vitality that is required of a man of his stature. His sporadic remarks aimed at what he perceives as the shortcomings of Yeshiva University students, men and women alike, were certainly unnecessary, as were his continued attempts during the question and answer period to take over as moderator of the event. However, despite the lack of organized rebuttal and effective moderating, the event was a fairly successful attempt at addressing an issue of major concern marked by reputable speakers whose lively debate attracted such a large number of students from both campuses.

Rabbi Lamm Delivers First in Series of Torah U'Mada Lectures

by Brian Allen

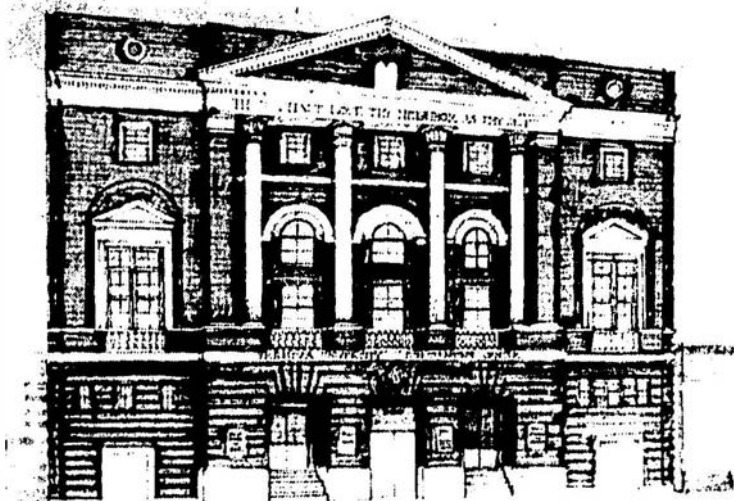
Accommodating the need to define and classify the Torah U'mada concept, Yeshiva University last year organized a program, aptly called 'Torah U'mada project'. The project entails not only defining Torah U'Mada, but also establishing its practical application to the academic life of Yeshiva University. Now in its second and last year, the project, headed by its director Rabbi J. Shachter, brought Norman Lamm, President of Yeshiva University, to address the student body on the topic "Torah U'Mada As A Way to Shleimut".

Over 700 people crowded into Belfer Commons at 8:00pm on September 16th to hear the President speak. Dr. Lamm's primary goal was to communicate that the study of Torah in addition to the study of secular subjects offers a direct

and successful route to ultimate fulfillment and wholeness, namely Shleimut.

Dr. Lamm began by stating "with regret" that Yeshiva University was the only institution which guides its philosophy by the Torah U'Mada concept. Nevertheless, it is this ideal which "defines our mission" at Yeshiva University.

It is easily understood on the grounds of Jewish Law why Jews learn Torah. The Jewish people were commanded to understand the divine revelation of G-d so that they could get closer to Him. However, both Torah and nature are results of divine revelation. For example, throughout the entire book of Genesis, G-d is described as a creator, sovereign in nature, and in Exodus, G-d is revealed to the Children of Israel as a teacher and a leader. These two roles of G-d can also be seen in the words continued on page 4



Sketch of the Yeshiva University Schottenstein Center

Editorials

YCSC: Student Body or Administrative Extension?

That recurring problem concerning the proper role of a student council president has once again arisen, this time in connection with one little-noticed addition to the Yeshiva College Dormitory and Regulations handbook, a dress code. The code establishes accepted garb for the student both in class and around campus. These strictures include the prohibition of shorts, bare feet, and shirtlessness. The Office of the Dean of Students has requested that the council presidents of the four men's undergraduate schools sign a notice informing students of this policy. The result of a meeting on this issue was a decision by YCSC President Michael Levine to release a memo "reminding" students under the YCSC letterhead, which lists the names of the Executive Board members. Mr. Levine contends that this is merely a "continuation of something done in the past... in keeping with good relations with the Office of the Dean of Students" and views it merely as an informational notice. He adds that a similar memo was released last year under the YCSC masthead, though with the names of the Executive Board deleted, a contention corroborated by others, and that it is not therefore a departure from previous policy.

However, THE COMMENTATOR has learned, through conversations with several past student council presidents, that no such meeting has been held in the past, and that according to Jerry Barbalatt, YCSC President 1986-87, any notice released regarding a dress code was done without his authorization or knowledge. In addition, it is interesting to note that this policy has never before been included in the official handbook until this year.

The YCSC's role, or that of any student council, is not to serve as proxy to any branch of the Administration; rather it is primarily to represent the students and their needs to the University. Any release of this nature on YCSC stationery is a tacit endorsement of the policy, merely by granting it the legitimacy of having been conveyed by the elected representatives of the student body. Perhaps the dress code does indeed reflect the mood of our students, yet the YCSC President risks irreparably compromising any future position against the policy should such a consensus develop by the release of the memo at such an early date.

If the Office of the Dean of Students merely would like to inform students of a policy change, is not its inclusion in the handbook sufficient? And if it is not sufficient, then why not issue a release under its own auspices? A rule will remain a rule whether YCSC endorses it or not, so long as it remains on the books. Obviously, the intention is to lend the policy the seal of student approval without having to actually consult the students. If YCSC fails to realize this, it is behaving in a lamentably shortsighted fashion.

Many contend that the whole issue is but a "tempest in a teapot;" the rule cannot and will not be enforced so why raise the question. Notwithstanding the philosophical dilemmas posed by the attempted regulation of student dress in a public area, the Council is creating serious ramifications for the future. Witness the similar situation involving the grading system change last year, when the Senate was forcefully reminded of a vote in favor adopted several years ago and supported by long-forgotten student members that was actually rejected by the Administration, yet was used to justify the lack of a Senate vote this time around. While not a precise parallel, it serves as a useful reminder that today's humorously unenforceable little rule can easily become tomorrow's established precedent.

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of The Commentator
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and a healthy, happy New Year.

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Making the Grade

Remember last year's controversial grade change to a plus-minus system in Yeshiva College? Well, it seems to be developing ramifications beyond those anticipated by most students.

Two Jewish Studies divisions, IBC and JSS, have had to alter their grading scale as a result, not to mention the obvious impact on MYP due to the college core requirements peculiar to members of that division.

IBC has adopted a plus-minus scale and dropped the exclusion option which had allowed the IBC student to exclude one of his courses from his average transferred to YC, though it did still factor into his IBC internal average. These two changes, at least indirectly facilitated by the YC modifications if not a direct result, profoundly affect the IBC student. JSS will also experience change, with the expected introduction of a plus-minus scale presumably making the 3.35 previously needed to transfer an 'A' to YC, for example, no longer sufficient. Unfortunately, as of this date, no precise plan for alterations has been released.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the whole affair, beyond the immediate negative impact on students' averages and their paucity of expression in the entire decision-making process from day one, has been the tardiness in the Jewish Studies divisions in announcing these changes. Since the new YC guidelines were established during the past semester, some effort should have been made to inform the student at the commencement of the term so as to aid him in planning his Jewish Studies course-load. In fact, JSS students have been held in perpetual limbo with no official word as of this week, while their IBC counterparts have fared only moderately better, learning of their fate just prior to the New Year holiday.

Changing the grading system without student participation was bad enough, laxity in clearly developing all of its implications in time for the school term compounds the error and displays an insensitivity, almost carelessness, to the student's position.

Respona

"The University Announces New Van Policy" article in The Commie touched a deeper chord than just the van issue, but perhaps provides the underpinnings for the other Administration positions limiting social events to Stern College.

As college leaders and social planners we are disturbed by the idea of SCW becoming a dumping ground for co-ed social activities. We are insulted by the decision made by the Administration. SCW is part of YU and we too want a "conducive atmosphere" for learning. Maintaining the van service for the men's social life while limiting our women's mobility to utilize the uptown library is shamefully wrong. The decision to hold all social events "meriting the presence of men" down at Stern College reduces us to a social meat market and not an academic institution. We felt neglected before this situation arose, but now we feel constricted and unable to improve the academic atmosphere at Stern College. SCW students will not take themselves seriously if the Administration doesn't take them seriously and establish SCW as a yeshiva with equal standing.

Rachel Pomerance
Vice President, SCWSC
Ilana Komar,
President, Polisci Society

Academic Diligence

To the Editor

I would like to commend Mr. Avi Levitan for his insight and thought-provoking address regarding advanced preparation for exams. The concept of opening a textbook before midterms to avoid the night-before-cram reflects Mr. Levitan's keen sense of stating the otherwise unconceived. Who would have thought to "reserve time for schoolwork," as the author puts it? Such pearls of wisdom, cleverly disguised as an insultingly "simple and obvious solution," leave me wondering how much else in life I've foolishly overlooked (i.e. bringing a notebook to class).

Advice of Mr. Levitan's caliber is all too rare. It is in this admirer's opinion that perhaps our school paper should concern itself less with academic changes and campus activities; Rather, devote much more of its precious space to the genuine enlightenment of its student body audience via such "Dear Ari" advice columns.

Thanks to Mr. Levitan's illuminating pointers, I now look forward to a semester—and yes, a future—replete with newfound academic success.

Eric L. Fier, YC, '89

To the Editor:

The "University Announces New Van Policy" article appearing in the September 15 issue of the Commentator raised some interesting questions as to who authored such a policy and with what intent. The ambiguous title implies that it was a decision made by the 'University' yet the second paragraph introduces the Roshei Yeshiva to the exclusion of the administration and certainly to the exclusion of the Stern administration. The motivation, to create an environment of Torah learning without seeming distraction, is a noble one; however the method employed in achieving this environment is questionable and the expression of this goal insulting. "Many of the Roshei Yeshiva believe that the presence of women on the uptown campus unnecessarily

detracts from the yeshiva atmosphere." In the two years I have spent using the library, attending youth group and newspaper meetings, and studying at Revel Graduate School, I have not encountered the "group of women" mentioned in that sentence, certainly not on the van. Granted, on occasion I have been witness to co-ed gatherings on campus of a purely social nature at Yeshiva University, but those are mostly limited to the 34th street division of which no mention was made in the article.

It is embarrassing to think that anyone would use as a scapegoat for the social problems in this university a vehicle transporting fourteen people. The administration is sorely missing the point. To create a more "yeshivish" atmosphere, the Roshei Yeshiva should concern themselves with the

admission policy and their own positive, more public appearance in influencing students, instead of presenting the image of the man with the big stick but poor aim. The 'van decision' is a petty stab aimed at the wrong audience and reflects a very superficial if not ignorant analysis of the problem at hand.

Dr. Nulman's comment is no bandage for the situation: "The new policy is not a chauvinistic statement but that there are differences between men and women that are now being openly incorporated into University policy". Thank you. Biology is a requirement at Stern College. We're all aware that there are differences between men and women, yet somehow this new policy concerns itself only with the male half of this university.

"That the environment of the yeshiva must be preserved

while at the same time the demands of Yeshiva College must be met." Well, along that line of thinking, I also have a few demands. Even assuming the inane possibility that the van is a factor in the problem, Stern must also be considered a yeshiva in its own right. If anyone has a right to use the van it is those women who need the far superior facilities of the uptown campus. If a yeshiva environment is the goal, then Stern College requires a parallel environment. All things being equal, prevent men from making the trek down to Brookdale Hall. They certainly aren't coming down to use our library. Perhaps then the gross violations of Shmeirat Issur Negiah under the dormitory awning would stop.

Erica Schoonmaker,
SCW, '88

Y.U. President Delivers Torah U'Madah Lecture

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of the Shema. There both names, 'Elokim' and 'Adonai' are used, followed by the phrase "And The L-rd Is One". This expresses the duality of G-d, both in nature and as a teacher. As a result of this duality, two distinct schools of thought arose: That of the Mitnagdim and that of the Hassidim.

The Mitnagdim believed that man relates to G-d through his transcendence. They believed that the eminence of G-d is something that every Jew should be aware of, but that the nature of the world is so complex that it is not available to our wisdom. Therefore Mada, the study of nature and the science of the world, has no plausible rationale for our world.

The Hassidim, whom Dr. Lamm later clarified never expressed such ideas themselves, put their greatest emphasis on the eminence of G-d. They believed that man relates to G-d through many different channels, because G-d is everywhere. According to the Hassidim, man must acknowledge that G-d has transcendence, but that it is impossible to relate to him in this way. The Hassidim believe

that the world is pregnant with spirituality. Thus the study of Mada, the pursuit of knowledge about the world can be an act of great religious value.

The Mitnagdim can, however, view Mada as a Hechsher Mitzvah, a preparation for a Mitzvah, in that such study might enable a person to perform one. Yet, in itself the study of science is not of instrumental value. Therefore, the reason the Mitnagdim did not want to allow Limudei Chol, secular studies, was because the time could be spent learning Torah, itself a direct Mitzvah. Limudei Chol was considered Bitul Torah, a waste of Torah study time.

The Hasidim, in contrast, contended that since the world was created by G-d, such studies as Astronomy and Physics are considered to be forms of intellectual worship of G-d.

After Dr. Lamm presented the two historical positions with regard to secular study, he continued to talk about the "vision that infested the world most", namely, the vision of the Hassidim. In Kedusha it says "Milo Kol Ha Aretz K'vodo," "The world is filled with the spirit of G-d". The Hassidim believe that it is a requirement of every Jew to



serve G-d with all his soul and might. Avodat Hashem, Service of G-d, is not only meant to be done through the formal study of Torah and observance of Mitzvot, but through informal acts as well. Dr. Lamm classified informal Avodat Hashem as all parameters of life, because the presence of G-d is everywhere, in nature as well as in the Torah. All of these forms of Avodat Hashem are Mitzvot in and of themselves.

Dr. Lamm then summarized the Hasidic position as the firmest view of Torah U'Mada. There is no need according to the Hassidim, to justify the quest for secular knowledge on the grounds that it would enable a person to achieve a career in the secular world. Rather, secular study is itself a divine obligation.

Dr. Lamm proceeded to discuss the practical consequences of Torah U'Mada. He explained that the purpose of Mada is not for the pre-professional who simply wants a degree and to learn a little Torah in the process. Instead, Mada enables the Jew to better understand his Creator and his role in creation. Dr. Lamm said that Mada is a form of Talmud Torah and should be studied with Yirat Hashem,

fear of G-d.

Finally, Dr. Lamm discussed how Torah U'Mada could help a Jew achieve an ultimate sense of Shleimut, wholeness. He described Torah U'Mada as an opportunity to attain religious harmony within a scientific secular world. He said that Jewish leaders long ago began trying to bring people closer to G-d. Originally, it was through a medium of intellect, as they attempted to prove G-d's existence. Today the mission of Torah U'Mada is the constant thrust for knowledge in every arena of the world. The broader one's intellectual awareness around him, the higher his spiritual level will be and the closer he will be to G-d. Dr. Lamm ended saying that this was "Shleimut with a wide angle lens".

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previous one. All information about the Sy Syms School of Business will be included. Additionally, changes in descriptions and structures of department programs is to be updated. The reorganization of the YU catalogue is long overdue, but hopefully will serve the students' needs when it finally arrives.

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Y.U. Gets New Faculty in Various Fields of Study

by Asher Wohlmark

This year has seen the addition of a number of new faculty members to the Yeshiva University staff. Joining the biology department at Yeshiva College is Dr. Tina Jaskoll. Dr. Jaskoll is already somewhat familiar with the world of YU for she is an alumnus of Stern College for Women. After completing her undergraduate work, she went on to receive her Ph.D. at the City University of New York. Dr. Jaskoll then served as a research assistant professor and research associate professor in the department of basic sciences at the school of dentistry at the University of Southern California. She has published articles dealing with developmental genetics, pulmonary morphogenesis and craniofacial development in a number of distinguished journals.

Dr. Angela N. O'Reilly has joined the department of chemistry to serve as a substitute assistant professor while professor Martin Goldstein is on sabbatical leave. Dr. O'Reilly received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry last year at Trinity College of the University of Dublin in Ireland.

Prior to her current appointment she taught at Trinity College and University College in Dublin.

The department of history can also boast a new face; that of Dr. Ellen Wolf Schrecker. Dr. Schrecker graduated from Radcliff College and went on to get her Ph.D. from Harvard University. She is the author of "No Ivory Tower: McCarthyism and the Universities" as well as other significant publications. Dr. Schrecker has received many prestigious research grants along with the support of the Organization of American Historians. She will be serving as assistant professor of history.

At the Sy Syms School of Business Dr. Rudolph A. Frisch has been appointed associate professor of Management Information Systems under the "Academic Career Training Program" of the International Business Machines Corporation. Dr. Frisch graduated Sao Paulo State University with degrees in both physics and mathematics. He went on to receive his masters in both civil and electric engineering, and a Ph.D. in computer sciences and engineering from New York University. Dr. Frisch has held

high positions at Lever Brothers and I.B.M.

Dr. Joshua Honigwachs has been appointed associate professor of business law at SSSB. He received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and then went through New York University School of Law. Dr. Honigwachs has taught at NYU as well as the graduate school of business administration at Fordham University.

Another Sy Syms appointee is Dr. Joshua Krausz. Dr. Krausz graduated Brooklyn College and holds an M.B.A. from Baruch College. He received his Ph.D. from the graduate school of the Polytechnic University. This year he will be serving as professor of finance.

Rounding out the new staff members at SSSB is the new assistant professor of accounting, Mr. Michael D. Shulman. After graduating M.I.T., he went to the University of California at Berkeley where he received his masters in mathematics. He holds an MBA from Fordham too. Mr. Shulman taught at the State University of New York and Fordham University before coming to Yeshiva College.

"Exchange" Program Brings Visiting Scholars from Israel

by Mark Scheiner

Every year students from Yeshiva College and Stern College attend yeshivot in Israel. This year Israel is giving something in return. Starting this Spring there will be an addition to Yeshiva University's faculty. Seven noted Israeli scholars will be offering an array of courses on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Mr. Natan Scharansky is slated to become the first Distinguished Visiting Israeli Professor. This title was established in 1986 during the University's Centennial Leadership gathering in Israel. Mr. Scharansky is scheduled to hold seminars at Yeshiva College and Stern College this spring.

Added to the faculty of Yeshiva University for this academic year include such scholars as Dr. Haym Soloveitchik, Dr. Paul Eidelberg and Dr. Menahem Ben Sasson. Dr. Soloveitchik has held the position of the Golda Meir Professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, and was the dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Dr. Soloveitchik is also the recipient of the Gruss Visiting Professorship at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Also joining the faculty this year is Dr. Paul Eidelberg, Professor of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University. Dr. Eidelberg has published numerous books including "The philosophy of the American Constitution", "Sadat's Strategy", and "Beyond Detente: Toward an American Foreign Policy".

Dr. Ben Sasson is the 1987-1988 Arthur B. Kahn Professor in Hebrew Literature at the Bernard Revel Graduate School. Dr. Ben Sasson is a member of the Department of Jewish History at the Hebrew University. He has published on the history and culture of North African Jewry.

The courses that will be given by the guest professors will include topics ranging from the history of Halachah to the essentials of group work, to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

According to YU president Dr. Norman Lamm "Yeshiva University and the State of Israel offer each other a number of strong points. We both continue to benefit from our ongoing exchanges of personalities and experiences."

Let Them Eat Cake

by Alex Wittenberg

The series of changes that have occurred in the YC cafeteria this year have left students with new concerns about its operations after a month of school. While an earlier article in The Commentator attempted to deal with these changes, many questions still remain unanswered.

One major concern was that the cafeteria, supposedly trying to serve the student body as best as possible, was not doing so by closing the Late Night Cafe. Many felt this was unfair to students unable to eat dinner at the normal hours. Jeffrey M. Rosengarten, Director of Supporting Service Administration, explained that the cafeteria is still run for the "good of overall students. While some students used Late Night regularly, it was an overall failure.

Rosengarten states that the cafeteria tries to serve the student as best as possible and as efficiently as possible. Some students argue that this can only be done by maintaining Late Night regardless of cost and by not running the cafeteria like a business as a whole. Management feels, however, that by closing Late Night, overall service will not be hurt. Had Late Night remained open, extra wages needed to pay employees and money lost at dinner would not only take money from other services but would also force more price hikes to pay for Late Night.

Similar logic has been used to account for the closing of the cafeteria at 10:30AM. Business after that hour,

Rosengarten feels is too small to warrant remaining open. In addition, remaining open would make preparations for high school lunch at 11:30 difficult and it would force employees to work when they should have a break. This would require management to pay overtime. Again, the increased costs would hurt service.

As an alternative to the suspended services, vending machines will contain breakfast items, deli sandwiches and beverages. The only additional



Mr. Howard Rosenberg cost to the cafeteria will be for machine rental and electricity. The food will be prepared in the cafeteria, but will not require any additional man power. This will lead to reasonable prices on vended items.

Meyer Cohen, chairman of the student food services committee would prefer that both Late Night and breakfast services remain open. However, he is willing to give the vending operation a chance.

Another question raised is

why there is no meal plan. In the previous article Howard Rosenberg Associate Director of Food Services, explained that a meal plan would limit variety while not lowering prices sufficiently. While no formal study has been conducted, the college has looked into the possibility of a meal plan and found it unworkable. Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University stated that the possibility of a comprehensive meal plan was objected to by students, mainly because all meals are paid for in advance. If a student misses a meal he cannot get the money back. Such a meal plan would only work if everyone participated consistently. However, student eating habits preclude this. Dr. Miller stated that a meal plan with a smaller menu, advanced planning, and high volume purchasing, would be easier and more efficient for the cafeteria.

An alternative plan, which would allow students to buy tickets for a limited menu at a discount, has been seriously considered. This would supposedly give the cafeteria the same advantages without as much student participation needed. However, Dr. Miller knew of no such idea, and felt that any meal plan would not work. He emphasizes that he wants food kept affordable and that efforts to do this will continue.

The turnover in cafeteria management has concerned many. The current manager, Alan Solomon, is reportedly the sixth in two years. Many students wonder why such a turnover has occurred.

Rosengarten says this turnover is a result of an effort to find the best man for the job. The previous managers, while chosen by Rosengarten and his associates, merely failed to live up to expectations. Rosengarten states that Solomon does have previous experience in glatt kosher food service and has a better understanding of kosher tastes and management. With this understanding, the needs of the students can be served best. In addition, Rosengarten continued on page 11

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that plans for the interior of the building have remained intact. "We have a good track record in terms of building projects," he said. "Maybe as early as February or March we'll be able to have a status report meeting with student leaders."

If all works out well, next year's returning students and incoming freshmen will benefit as Yeshiva College expands its main campus in an effort to provide the best opportunities for organized social activity.

Ganchrows Open "Our Family Table"

by Robbin Assil

The closing of McDovid's last semester left a void in the variety of foods available to Y.U. students. This need was quickly filled by the acquisition, and subsequent reopening, of the restaurant by Saul and Jacob Ganchrow.



The present owners have introduced a number of innovations into the operation of the restaurant, which has been renamed "Our Family Table". In addition to conventional fast food, the extended menu will include deli, exotic American food and Oriental dishes. The owners insure that "Our Family Table" will be kept absolutely spotless, all items will be made fresh as ordered and waiting time will be kept to a bare minimum.

Reactions to the newly opened restaurant are generally positive. One student remarked that "Our Family Table" is a "nice restaurant providing good food and good service, even though it is a little expensive". Another student stated that "Our Family Table" has improved aesthetically over McDovid's but the fast food is basically the same, which is okay if one is in the mood for a kosher "Burger King".

The Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

Student Council Report

by Gary S. Berger President, IBCSC

The Student Council of the Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies has recently completed one of the most successful years in its history. This accomplishment will be difficult to surpass, though the present IBCSC governing board hopes to do so.

The year began for IBCSC with a Gemorah sale for IBC students. The IBCSC Second Annual 'Dayline' Cruise to Bear Mountain State Park was planned for Sunday, September 13th. Although the event was rained out, we were still able to distribute IBC t-shirts and painters' caps to many of the sixty people who were scheduled to go on the boat ride. Because this was the last Sunday in the Fall that Hudson River Dayline operated, the event has been rescheduled for the Spring.

In recent years Yeshiva University's Hebrew news magazine, **HAMASHKIF**, published by IBCSC, has had new life breathed into its pages. It is now published as a supplement to the internationally-distributed magazine, **HADOAR**. Current editors, Meir Stauss and Tom Samuels, have several issues planned for this year. Anyone interested in working for **HAMASHKIF** is urged to contact the Editors as soon as possible. Tom can be reached at 568-6854 (M614).

In the works for later in the semester are the IBCSC Class Officers' elections, to be held Thursday, October 21st. Also planned are Rosh Chodesh minyanim and breakfasts each month, the IBC Hebrew Book Fair, several movie nights and speakers, the annual IBCSC Chanukah Chagigah, the IBCSC Shabbaton, a late-night 'Photon' (laser tag) outing, and other events and activities.

Most notable among upcoming events is the IBC Seventieth Anniversary Dinner celebrating the history of complete, well-rounded education at Yeshiva University. Marking the evolution of Teacher's Institute for Men (1917) to Erna Michael College (1966) to Isaac Breuer College (1983), the dinner plans include several honorees, a tribute, several Distinguished Alumni awards, and, of course, a student gift giveaway. The

tentative date for the dinner is February 15th.

On a more serious (academic) note, there seems to be confusion as to the current status (or lack thereof) of the Exclusion Option for IBC students. In the past an IBC student was allowed to exclude one of his courses from the composite grade applied to his Yeshiva College transcript. A memo dated August 31, 1987, from YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld to IBC Dean Jacob Rabinowitz, states that "the Yeshiva College Faculty has discontinued the Exclusion Option effective with the Fall 1987 semester."

When asked for a justification of this sudden, surprising action Dean Rosenfeld explained that since the IBC composite grade (Hebrew Language and Literature) cannot be 'P/N'ed, it would not be kosher for students to partially P/N their grades through the Exclusion Option. The Dean did agree that since MYP students could P/N certain Judaic studies courses in Yeshiva College, IBC students should be allowed to do the same within IBC.

Therefore, should a P/F/N system be instituted in IBC, Yeshiva College would have no choice but to accept a composite that did not include the 'P/N'ed grade. This would have the same net effect on the YC transcripts of IBC students as did the Exclusion Option. The difference would lie in the IBC transcripts where grades of P, F, or N would now be found. This would be a fitting addition to the new letter-grade system in IBC. According to Dean Rabinowitz, the implementation of such a system is plausible but does have its problems. The matter will be discussed and, hopefully, resolved at a meeting of the IBC Student-Faculty Relations Committee. Juniors and seniors are reminded that the ruling does not affect their option to transfer one of their IBC courses directly to Yeshiva College (rather than a composite grade).

The IBC Student Council is looking forward to a very successful and productive year and, on its behalf, I would like to wish the entire YU community a 'Chag Sameach'.

Message From The Dean

by Dean Jacob Rabinowitz

IBC, established in 1917 by Mizrahi as the first "Orthodox Hebrew Teachers Training School" on this continent, has undergone many changes in the intervening 70 years, but much of what it is today derives from the dreams, visions, courage and wisdom of the early leadership of Teachers Institute for Men as it was known until 1966.

From its founders, the famed Rabbis Meir Berlin and Yehuda Leib Fishman (Maimon) and their colleagues, there is a legacy of devotion to Torah as learned, lived and practiced on the European continent, and to the Community of Israel. From earlier Yeshiva Presidents, the revered Drs. Revel and Belkin, comes the consuming dedication to apply the uncompromising spirit and sanctity of Torah to the struggling Jewish community still seeking to transplant itself firmly on "foreign" soil. From its long time dean of 35 years (1922-1957), Dr. Pinkhas Churgin, the subsequent founder of Bar Ilan University, the school draws its pride in, and commitment to, Jewish scholarship in all relevant areas, and its fierce devotion to the Land of Israel, its history and culture. From its then Professor of Philosophy Dr. Norman Lamm the school acquired the dream of providing a new level of professionalism for the modern Jewish educator. Major innovations such as full tuition scholarships to serious students committed to careers as Teacher-Scholars, mandated study in Israel, intensive and very personalized academic and career guidance to those interested in the B.A. in Jewish education—all of these were the creative contributions of distinguished planning committees formed at the instigation of Dr. Lamm, with the support

and approval of Dr. Belkin, and charged with the task of changing a 1917 Teachers Institute into a 1966 Erna Michael College.

This last change was an exciting and stimulating challenge. But, fortunately or unfortunately, it coincided with a remarkable trend which saw an increased willingness on the part of students to devote a number of post baccalaureate years to Talmudic-Rabbinical Study. The B.A. teacher-aspirant, planning a career in teaching, began to disappear, replaced by the Kollel graduate interested, not in the Rabbinate, but in Education. Unlike the B.A. student he looked to a graduate school, such as our Azrieli, to provide him with the professional training to complement his scholarly preparation. The expected EMC Teacher Training constituency was thus never fully realized. And so, responding to this development, President Lamm transformed EMC into IBC in 1982 and the faculty provided a curriculum which veered from emphasis on extensive study, a requisite for the Teacher preparing to teach undifferentiated curricula, to intensive work, a more desirable preparation for the broader population now involved in IBC.

What are we today?

We do have some students in the Teacher Training Program and our tuition scholarship program is still in effect. Our graduates, though small in number, have impacted strongly on the educational scene. We also have students who move from Talmud majors at IBC to the regular Semicha Program at RIETS. But the majority of our students are preparing for other careers, and take advantage of the unparalleled flexibility of the IBC program to learn what

they want to learn and what they need to learn to live as intelligent, productive and contributing lay leaders of the Torah Community. They will register for intensive Talmud Shiurim and study other areas such as, Prayer, Archeology, Midrash, Jeremiah, Contemporary Issues, Ancient History, Medieval Poetry, Kabbalah, Psychological principles in Judaic Texts or any respectable and proper academic enterprise for which there exists faculty and group-size student interest.

In addition to range (widest available Jewish Studies outside of Israel) and flexibility (core requirement is limited; shiur choice virtually always available) IBC has a unique commitment to the Hebrew Language. I believe it is the only Post-Secondary educational institution which seriously attempts to have instruction proceed only in Hebrew. In practice, of course, this is not always realized and a lot of instruction, particularly in those areas where readings are in English, is not in Hebrew but this emphasis adds a vital challenge and dimension. Students find, to their delight, that by virtue of some hard work and honest application they can achieve a most rewarding competency which enables them to study unfamiliar texts independently. They also enjoy the usage of Hebrew in its modern setting, in Israel, and this mastery broadens their personal horizons as well.

One does not know, exactly, what tomorrow's community will need or want, and one does not know, exactly, how to prepare students to fill that need or want. But, given its past history and unswerving devotion to serve students, it is fairly certain that IBC will respond positively, creatively, and beneficially.

Project Sages Brings Students and Elderly Together

by Mark Klein

Project SAGES, Strengthen Another Generation through Education and Service, has a dual purpose: To provide a service to elderly Jews, and to educate students about the aging and the elderly. Run under the joint auspices of the Wurzeiler School of Social Work and the YMHA of Washington Heights, the project is now beginning its fourth year under the direction of Professor Bonnie Beck of WSSW.

The program exists on three levels, high school, undergraduate and rabbinic, and consists of two one-hour weekly visits with elderly people, and a bi-weekly intergenerational activity at the YMHA. While this

is all that is required, many people develop relationships that far exceed these requirements. According to Professor Beck, there are holiday programs and classes for both groups, and some older people have come to their student counterpart's graduation as well as to their homes.

Professor Beck believes that Project SAGES serves much greater functions than those already mentioned. Many of the elderly involved in the program are Holocaust survivors who have rejected religion but would now welcome a religious connection. In addition, Dr. Beck feels that "people tend to believe that once you reach a certain age, you have nothing to offer. There

is a wisdom gained from getting older. Students realize how important it is to contact grandparents not only to pass down heritage, but also to keep them informed of what's going on with younger people."

The project attempts to match counterparts by common interests and in the past has brought chess enthusiasts and chavrutot together. A generous stipend is offered to students involved. Applications are now being accepted, with project SAGES seeking experienced, motivated people willing to make a commitment to helping Jewish elderly. If you are interested, Professor Beck can be reached at 960-0800 ext 830, or 222-4450.



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Belz School of Jewish Music



Belz School Striking A New Chord Among Students; Looking To An Improved Future

by Eric Zaiman

Cantor Bernard Beer, director of the Belz School of Jewish Music, smiles as he sits back in his chair. The voices of Belz students can be heard down the hall. To Cantor Beer, nothing could sound sweeter. Yet only a few short years ago, the Belz School, previously known as the Cantorial Training Institute, or C.T.I., was in serious trouble. "We were in dire financial straits. We were becoming an endangered species," says Cantor Beer. Before Yeshiva University received the grant for the Jewish music school, C.T.I.'s enrollment had dropped to seventy students with only eight full time cantorial students. Suffering from the neglect of the administration and the student body, C.T.I. seemed doomed to extinction. However a one million dollar grant from the Belz family helped the school rebound.

Renamed the Belz School of Jewish Music in honor of the patron, the music school's enrollment has more than doubled, the number of full time Cantorial students has tripled, new courses have been added and new teachers, such as Cantor Malovany and

Cantor Goffin have been hired. "We really have been able to concentrate our efforts on the school's curriculum," says Cantor Beer. He points to a series of new courses including classes in Sephardic liturgical music and Hebrew Calligraphy as an example of the new innovations at Belz. "These courses cannot be found anywhere else in the world. They are unique to the Belz school." In addition to these improvements, the Belz school will also be relocated to the new Schottenstein Center. Occupying the entire third floor, the Belz school and YU music department will have access to such new facilities as sound-proof classrooms, a large lecture hall and a concert hall.

However, beyond all the new teachers and courses, the Belz grant has made an intangible contribution to the School of Music as well. Financial security has generated an invigorating energy among Cantor Beer and his faculty that has affected the students and increased interest in the School and its offerings. Renewed enthusiasm has bred awareness and awareness has bred growing enrollment.



Cantor Bernard Beer, director of the Belz School of Jewish Music.

With the survival of Belz no longer in doubt, Cantor Beer has now redirected his efforts to reshaping the school to better reflect its commitment to the study of traditional liturgical music as opposed to the elaborate music of the real hazzanut. "Our primary purpose is to educate the layman about cantorial music and nusah. We are trying to de-emphasize hazzanut and concentrate on nusahs," states Cantor Beer. He points out that there is an almost "criminal" lack of knowledge of nusah among the lay members of orthodox congregations. The problem, he says, is primarily caused by the desperate lack of cantors within the Orthodox community and the lack of emphasis on the importance of educating lay members in

nusah. Only one out of every ten synagogues retains a permanent cantor. Without a cantor, lay members of the synagogue, many or most of whom have little or no proper knowledge of nusah, are responsible for leading the services. Nusah is being so neglected, claims Cantor Beer, that it is being forgotten by all except a handful of cantors and baale tefilah.

Cantor Beer hopes to respond to these problems in two ways. First, he wants to train Cantors that can adapt to the realities of modern day synagogue music. While a cantor might possess a real love for the elaborate works of the great cantors of past generations, most lay people do not. The Belz school, therefore, seeks to teach professional baale tefilah new and more practical skills before placing them in positions in Orthodox synagogues. According to Cantor Beer, the responsibilities of a modern cantor would include training young boys for their bar mitzvah, as well as training and leading a choir in addition to their normal work as Shaliach Tzibor. Secondly, he seeks to educate the lay people about the vital cultural and halachic significance nusah has in the prayer services. Cantor Beer argues that there are many halachot regarding nusah that they are often ignored in many synagogues. Many tunes are introduced in

the tefilah which, while being pleasant and melodic, are still not part of the nusah and have no place in the tefilot. On a cultural level, nusah is the oldest form of Jewish music and serves as the foundation for all other forms of Jewish musical expression. To merely allow nusah to disappear would be to erase an immensely important and beautiful portion of our heritage.

In an effort to achieve these goals, Cantor Beer has been trying to convince the administration both in the college and in the yeshiva of the need to have certain basic nusah courses part of the core curriculum in both the college and smicha program. At the very least, says Cantor Beer, all students should be required to take a comprehensive exam to test the basic knowledge of nusah and cantillation of the students. Those who pass would be exempt from the requirement of taking courses at Belz, while those who do not, would be required to take a select group of basic nusah courses.

Although Cantor Beer's goal might seem rather unattainable, he is confident and optimistic for the future. With the school's financial foundation resting on solid ground, and heightened student interest filling the Belz school's classrooms, Cantor Beer feels that a new era is dawning. Without question, the music sounds much sweeter at the Belz school these days.



What They Don't Teach You At The Sy Syms School Of Business

by Etel Forman

The economics major is currently one of the most popular majors at Yeshiva University, seeming to attract students with its wide range of topics and practical applicability. By the time they graduate, most students will have taken at least one introductory course in economics.

Prior to last year, the economics department chaired by Dr. Aaron Levine, offered courses as diverse as Corporate Finance and Management as well as the theoretical microeconomics and macroeconomics classes. With the formation

of the Sy Syms School of Business, however, separate departments have been created for finance, business law, management, marketing, and information systems. Thus, this year's economics department has been bared of all but theoretical economics courses.

Aside from two introductory courses, the department offers advanced classes in microeconomics, macroeconomics, money and banking, international economics, public finance and econometrics. One course offered, unique to Yeshiva College, is comparative eco-

nomics systems, which discusses the comparisons between economic theory and halacha. This subject is taught by Dr. Levine who has published two books on the relationship of halacha to business and business ethics.

Economics majors have a plethora of extracurricular activities open to them. Besides the very active accounting society, many students of economics are operational in the finance society, the marketing society, the entrepreneur society, and the economics society.

Students who major in economics have many options open to them after graduation. Many of these students attend business or law schools, whilst others obtain entry-level positions in various fields of business. A small number proceed to graduate study in economics or related subjects.

Michael J. Yalkut, a graduating senior, feels that the economics major has provided him with a solid foundation of economic theory and principles which he can build upon in graduate school. He hopes that "the economics department

takes full advantage of the transfer of non-theoretical economics courses to the SSSB by stressing theoretical economics with strong mathematical analysis."

It is conceivable that the number of economics majors will be dramatically reduced because of the creation of the finance and management majors under the auspices of SSSB. Many students with aspirations to work in business will now be part of the business school; only students with a true interest in economic theory will choose to major in it.

Accounting for Accounting

by Jeffrey Mendelson

According to the Office of the Registrar, the requirements that must be fulfilled for the accounting major far surpass those of any other major. In order to meet the high standards of accounting and business school accreditation, the curriculum for accounting majors requires 63 credits. Yet, the accounting major is the most popular course of study in YU. What would compel a student to choose such a demanding major?

According to Alan Liberman, a graduating senior majoring in accounting, "Accounting gives you a broad knowledge of the financial world because the courses encompass economics, finance and general business."

On the other hand, the course-load tends to obliterate almost all subjects outside the major and the core curriculum. Dean Hecht, Assistant Dean of Yeshiva College is strongly convinced that one should not have narrow intellectual horizons, explaining that "a good course in intellectual history or classics is far more significant than an additional class in business or accounting."

YU students are particularly attracted to the accounting major because of the employment opportunities it affords

them on graduating. Since the start of the accounting program in 1981 there has been 100% placement of graduates. Bruce Abrams, also a graduating senior, feels that the program's success is partially due to the concentrated efforts of the accounting society. The society coordinates lectures, mock interviews, and resume workshops to prepare the students for the professional world. Mr. Abrams firmly believes that accounting has become the best department in the school. However, he suggests that the accounting major could be improved by including placement for summer and part-time employment with accounting firms. Dr. Michael Schiff, Dean of the Sy Syms School of Business, is aware of this gap in the program and is taking steps to resolve it.

Another large improvement that both Dean Hecht and Dean Schiff spoke of was the integration of computers into accounting courses. According to Dean Hecht, "it is a twenty-first century curriculum." Dean Schiff observed that SSSB meets two different guidelines of accreditation: The Accounting Board in Albany, and the AACSB, the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. This double cognizance is important "since we are recognized as a business

school and have proper accreditation for accounting majors to sit the CPA examination."

Last semester when SSSB was founded, a cloud of concern appeared over accounting majors. Students feared that the establishment of a business school might adversely affect the placement record. Although not guaranteed, it seems that the 100% placement will continue. According to Dr. Schiff, this year there are fifty accounting majors and forty-eight scheduled interviews, involving twenty-eight firms including all of the big eight and most of the top 25 Manhattan firms.

The fact that YU graduates are in demand was confirmed to Dr. Schiff when he and Assistant Dean, Ira Jaskol, visited these firms. The purpose of the visit was to determine what the firms were seeking in accountants and how a curriculum could be created that was compatible with the needs of the accounting firms.

Diplomas, too, were a point of concern. Would the business school be accepted by the professional world? Apparently the accounting firms welcome the idea of the accounting major now falling under the auspices of a business school. So graduates should be as much or more in demand than ever before.

Writing Aid

by Yosef Weinstock

School is back in full swing again, and alongside all that's new (the Tenzer Gardens, the additional microcomputers in the library, and the absence of comprehensive van service to and from Stern), routine university life of term papers and assignments will again begin piling up. Even the experienced student may find himself bogged down by the large amount of work engendered by YU's double curriculum. There are, however, students who will face an even greater problem. These students may find that they lack the skills or experience which enables them to write a good paper. They may be freshmen experiencing this problem for the first time, or seniors who have grappled with this problem for three years. Their problem could range from the inability to conceive an interesting topic for a paper, to the more technical problem of being unable to express their ideas coherently. Luckily for these students, the Yeshiva University Writing Center, founded last year under the direction of Dr. Richard Nochimson, has opened up its doors for its second year. Dr. Nochimson stresses that the Writing Center is not only intended to benefit weak writers, but even good writers experiencing specific problems such as organizational or research skills, are welcomed at the Writing Center.

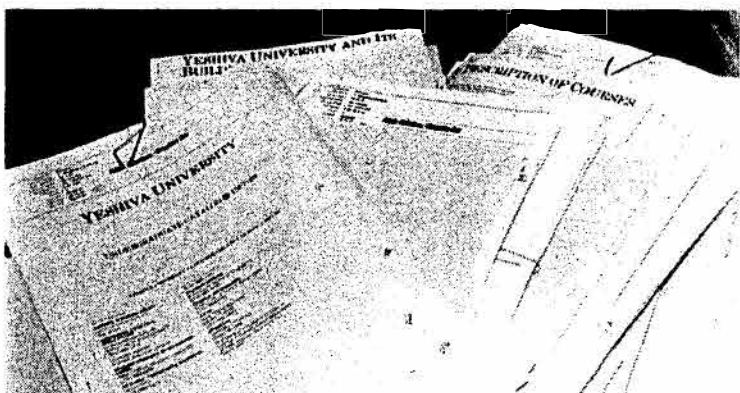
Students who used the Writing Center last year will notice many changes this semester. Most noticeable is the absence of Mrs. Lori Hartmann. Mrs. Celeste Baxter, previously a Writing Center tutor, has taken Mrs. Hartmann's place as Administrative Assistant of the Writing Center. Moreover, the Writing Center now actually looks like a

Writing Center instead of a neglected language lab. The audio booths which cluttered the room last year have been removed, and the Center has been repainted and carpeted. Another development anticipated this year is an increase in the amount of students requesting the services of the Writing Center, as well as an increase in the amount of student tutors. Even last year there was an appreciable difference between the Spring and the Fall semesters. During the Fall semester, twenty two students benefited from the Writing Center, tutored by nine fellow pupils, while during the Spring semester, twenty eight students used the Writing Center, aided by seventeen tutors.

One of the many groups served by the Writing Center is YU's community of foreign students. These students are taught rudimentary English skills so that they can function academically on a university level. Last year, approximately one quarter to one third of the regular users of the Writing Center were foreign students. Another group that will be helped by the Writing Center this year is aspiring medical school students. Dr. Nochimson plans to organize workshops to prepare medical school applicants for the essay sections of the MCAT.

The Writing Center serves a necessary purpose in Yeshiva University. If you are experiencing problems with writing, or if you would like to apply for a job as a tutor, contact either Celeste Baxter or Dr. Nochimson. You can reach either of them by visiting the Writing Center, located in Furst Hall 202, or by calling 960-5290. Remember, it is still the beginning of the year, regular appointments at the Writing Center can make a difference.

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by Boruch Benoff

The beginning of the semester brings about many changes, the most noteworthy being the sudden surge of enthusiasm. It sort of sneaks up from behind you with the worst timing, like at the kotel when the tenth person collecting for Kollel Yehudi asks for money while you are saying Shmoneh Esrah and the only money you have is a twenty dollar bill. Think about it, you walk out of your first class with the attitude which says "This year I'm going to get a 4.0, learn three hours in the Bais Medresh every night, write for every newspaper, d.j. three shows on WYUR, make the basketball team and win the Overall Best Human Being That Ever Walked The Face Of The Earth award." A person infected with this disease spends twenty minutes in Barnes and Noble trying to find the most perfect book (which, one month later he will be flinging from 3a to 2a in the library shrieking "Frisbee! Frisbee!" with the excitement of a three year old).

If, somehow, we could bottle this great enthusiasm and sell it, we'd make millions. I can see the label "First Day Enthusiasm 10mg tablets: take twice weekly during the term or three an hour during finals week. Warning: overdose will lead to donating your net worth to those starving children in Africa shown on Channel 11." Think how wonderful it would

be. You set your alarm for 6:30, force down one of those pills, then whammo! You jump out of bed, learn for an hour, daven Shachris, skip breakfast (because it's bitul Torah), and get to the morning seder at 8:30. Scary isn't it?

Usually this attack of enthusiasm leaves me unscathed and a few days ahead in my reading. Not this year. I was minding my own business, watching T.V. when a commercial for a health spa came on the air. The man was at least 6' 6" with biceps the diameter of my waist, doing curls with 50 lb. dumbbells. He looked into the camera and said "No pain, no gain" (probably all he could memorize as awesome mental capacities were being taxed with those dumbbells). "No pain, no gain eh", I thought, "Boruch, you've got to work out or by the time you'll be 30, you'll be 50." And if this wasn't bad enough, I found a friend to shelp to the gym with me.

We got to the gym, slipped into sweats, "T" shirts and sneakers, and entered the weight lifting room eager to start "pumpin' some serious iron." The weight lifting room is filled with machines equipped with weights so heavy, they have never been budged ever since that guy Samson graduated

from Yeshiva. The most noticeable characteristic about the weight room is the far wall, which is one large mirror. I guess it's to make the room appear more spacious. (When you think about it, it also makes the room appear twice as crowded. But that's another story.)

Well, there we were, ready to work out. Our only problem was that we did not know what to do. My friend approached the guy with the largest triceps and asked him to show us how to work the machines. Following a few minutes of instruction, we got to work. "Three sets of 15 at 60lbs.", I thought, half way through my first set. Commencing my second set I said to myself, "No, one set at 60 lbs. and two at 40lbs." Needless to say, I stopped after my second set (which only contained 13). Next came curling. Now I had observed one of the "muscle men" curl. He stood in front of the mirror, staring at himself work, probably thinking "My arm is so strong." It seemed simple enough. I grabbed a dumbbell with the same numbers (only with the decimal point one space to the left) and began to curl. I stared at my arm as it rose and fell for a few minutes. Then glancing into the mirror, I

thought, "my face is so purple." That was enough curling for me. The bicycle would be my next conquest. I like bikes. In fact, I remember that as a young child, I would ride to school every once in a while. To make a long story short, I rode for seven minutes with a tension setting labeled "Steep Mountain", and subsequently was unable to walk away from the machine for a significant amount of time. By this time we both had our fill of exercise and decided to call it a day. Walking to my room, I felt a little stiff, but "no pain, no gain" made my trivial soreness disappear.

I awoke the next morning in a state of semi-paralyzation. My stomach muscles were fine, enabling me to sit up. My legs were functional in a funny sort of way, I was able to hobble across the room, in a fashion greatly resembling the Hunchback of Notre Dame. My arms, however, were on strike. It was the strangest sensation; imagine having no joint in your arms. I just could not bend them. It changes your whole life. Dressing in the morning becomes difficult, picking up a book is slowly thought out, and putting on Tegillin is placed into the pikuach nefesh category. Actually, the tefillin

aspects are quite humorous. Everyone is surprised by your sudden intense kavanah as you close your eyes and, ever so slowly put the tefillin on your arm. In reality, the closed eyes were just wincing from pain and the only kavanah I had was "Dooooouuuuch!" Washing my hands after breakfast, I was confronted with one of the most horrid sights in my life, for peering out into the mirror was the most grotesque figures: Bill the cat after intensive shock therapy.

This was a time of self reflection (as I could do little else). It was during this time that I came about a most profound yet painful realization. "No pain, no gain." This implies that the only way to gain, is through pain. But (and here's the tricky part), just because you experience pain does not necessitate a gain. And, upon this realization, I commend myself on what a moron I was and proceeded to bang my head against the wall, thus proving my point as I did experience substantial pain and no gain (excluding a small lump on my forehead).

Sure, I guess there is some moral in here somewhere. But I don't really care. It took one week and about a quart of Ben Gay to recover. In retrospect, I'm glad that I didn't work out and become a "hunk", because I'd have to buy all new shirts, yeah, new shirts.

1987 A Year of Scandal

by Elisha Tropper

"Men in great place are thrice servants: servants of the sovereign or state, servants of fame, and servants of business. So as they have no freedom, neither in their persons, nor in their actions, nor in their times. It is a strange desire, to seek power and to lose liberty, or to seek power over others and to lose power over a man's self." -Francis Bacon
1987 will surely be remembered as one of the most scandalous and shocking years in American history. The headlines of even the most respected major tabloids were dominated with startling stories of corruption and deceit like never before. The public was treated to an endless parade of influential figures trudging their way, one by one, through the mud. Previously sacred golden rules were shattered, while an entire new set of boundaries for ethical and moral conduct was established.

A Miami newspaper broke all records for persistency in

investigative journalism, while at the same time engaging in one of the most unethical, though legal, invasions of privacy in recent memory. Even today, a former presidential candidate is still struggling to remove the scars of a media proctoscope that was so deeply imbedded into him, while a model is finding out that there is life after backstabbing roommates, especially with a new line of jeans.

A marine idealist blasted shock waves into the political structure by acting surreptitiously upon his own personal foreign policy, and then dramatically transformed public opinion of himself from a crazed extremist to a heroic symbol of American pride and patriotism. A beautiful secretary was subjected to a week of intense grilling by a board of foaming-at-the-mouth government officials under the scrutinizing eye of an entire nation.

This nation's embassy in the heart of our greatest adversary's capital was found as capable

of containing top secret information as the president was at remaining awake during top level meetings.

A religious empire had the rug pulled out from under its feet by another secretary, this one divulging quite a bit of non-saintly activity on the part of the religions top preacher, while his wife just shoveled on another layer of facial makeup.

A former Miss America and government official was thrust into the spotlight when details surfaced of the influence her private affairs exerted on her official actions.

Television's top leading lady was involved in a bitter divorce with a Swedish rock star (several years her junior), who was demanding a fortune from her, despite the attentive care he bestowed upon his "little flower".

Baseball's most famous pitcher shocked the nation by testing positive for cocaine and admitting to his use of the substance.

Even the world's most famous royal couple got a piece of the action, when published reports described their solo vacations and extramarital interests.

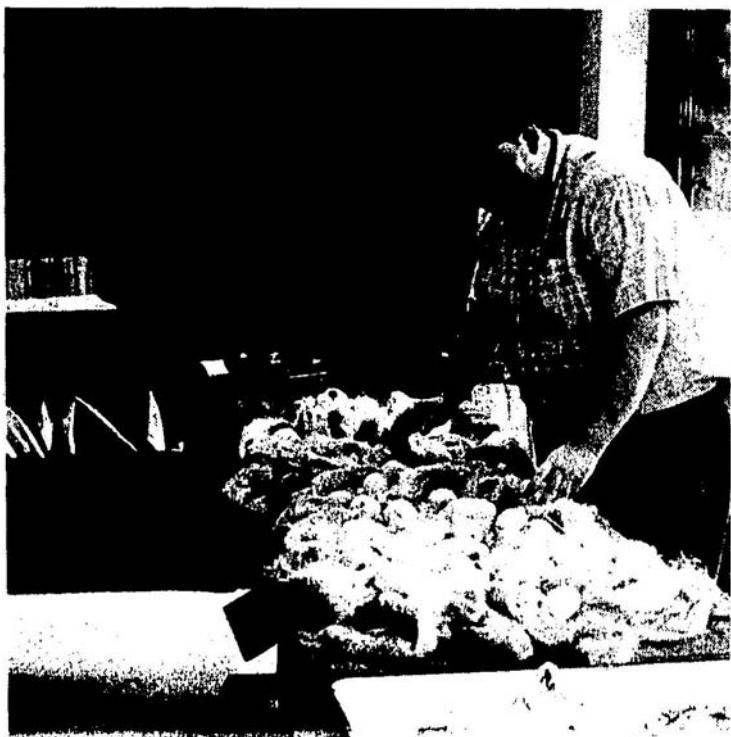
Most recently, of course was the admission of a Democratic presidential candidate (yes they had a rough year) that he committed the grave sin of plagiarism while maintaining a 2.5 index in law school.

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This column contains excerpts reprinted from The Commentator issue of September 22, 1966.

Erna Michael College Established; Offers Degree In Hebraic Studies

Lamm Talks On Creation

Establishment of a pioneer four year college offering a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Education has been announced by Dr. Samuel Belkin. The Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies (which replaces the Teacher's Institute for Men) is a 1.25 million dollar gift donated by philanthropist Jakob Michael.

EMC is the first college in the United States to offer a liberal arts and professional program as well as courses in Jewish education. Students enrolled in EMC will be admitted on a highly selective basis and will attend tuition free. EMC will be a separate entity, and students attending it need not attend YC collaterally, as is presently the case for students in TIM.

Several innovations are planned for the college. Among them are a year of study in Israel for the entire junior class, on-the-job laboratory experiences, a guidance pro-



Mr. Jakob Michael

gram designed to counteract the trend toward "depersonalization" in American schools for teacher

"Man's conception of G-d as the Creator of all life would be enhanced if and when biochemists succeed in creating intelligent life in their laboratories," was the opening statement of Rabbi Norman Lamm, speaking on the creation of life.

Rabbi Lamm is an assistant visiting professor of Jewish Philosophy at Erna Michael College and has recently received a doctorate from YU. He was the founder and first editor of the magazine *Tradition* and is the author of numerous books and articles of Jewish interest.

Co-op Opens Under New Management; Owners Promise Many Improvements



Pre-Registration

The Dean's Office posted a pre-registration schedule last June in order to aid the Registrar's Office in planning the size and number of courses. On registration days, however, one could easily surmise from the many panic-stricken students that little or no modification of courses was done during the summer.

Many courses had too few sections which caused overcrowding and early closeouts, thereby forcing students to reorganize their entire schedules. The fact that the control desk was understaffed and key people unavailable only served to aggravate the long lines and short tempers. To make matters even worse, when a student dropped a pre-registered course, his name was not crossed off the original list. Consequently, many courses were officially closed out when in fact there was room for three or four more students.

If large colleges using IBM registration procedures can run smoothly, certainly a college our size can find a suitable, more efficient procedure.

President Speaks

To the Editor:

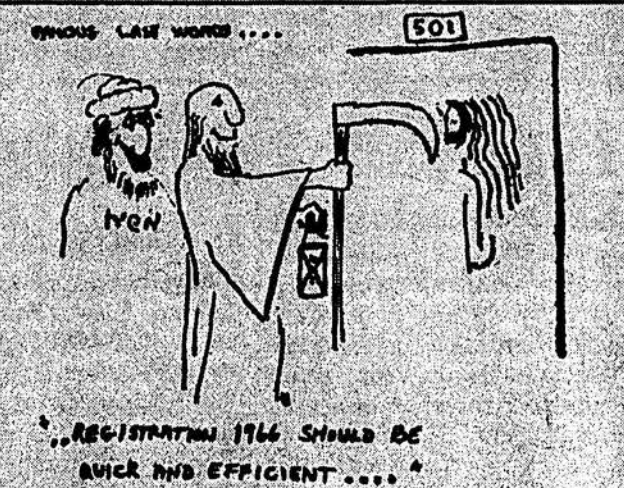
It has become the custom that an article by the President of Yeshiva College Student Council appears in every issue of THE COMMENTATOR. This is the President's right since he represents the publisher — Yeshiva College Student Council.

THE COMMENTATOR and YCSC must work together for the benefit of the entire student body — that is their purpose; the glory of seeing their "masterpieces" in print is not.

It is in this vein that I begin the new year and I hope others will follow suit. There is no need to fill space in THE COMMENTATOR with meaningless and irrelevant articles. Is it not better to print a six or eight page paper which will serve its purpose than a ten or twelve page issue of "jumble"?

I will, therefore, reserve my right for times when the urgency and/or importance of matters dictates that I should exercise it.

Murray Jacobson
President—YCSC



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by Lawrence Stroll

I think it was Guy Lombardo who once said: "Happy New Year". I don't quite think that it was the same time of year but that doesn't really matter. The point I'm trying to make is that we all have problems. Mine center around this article.

I have to make deadlines with only three hours notice. I also don't get my picture printed with the column (Which I'm sure disappoints all you Stern girls). Not of any importance but I am 21 years old and still haven't found a wife. I guess you could say I'm ready for the picking. OK, I'm sorry! I guess I'm pushing my luck with the editors. This, however, brings me to another problem. I'm supposed to be an editor. Well if I don't get my way by the next issue I'll just go home to get me some "Quibbles 'n Bits".

OK, I had a great Rosh Hashanah but now I have to account for my sins. So who do I come to for guidance? My roommate. That's right boys and girls. The person you fear most, the one you can't hide from. This is what he gives me with respect to spiritual guidance: "If it wasn't Aseret Yemay T'shuvah I'd be at a

assumed that I didn't have the lead in the play. In the meantime I really don't mind making noise during the wee hours of the night. Nor do I feel guilty. As a matter of fact I'm the quietest one on my floor. For the past few weeks I've been living a virtual hell. I've got freshmen on the floor who think they're Spuds Mackenzie's parents. I find it difficult to believe considering they don't perform Nature's call near a fire hydrant, drink Budweiser, nor chase the postman.

Sorry for including that last paragraph on Hall Noise but my editors made me do it. Now back to my roommate. Now he is holding a match to the underside of the can of lemonade. He thinks he's Doug Henning. So he's a bit strange. He has four posters and two calendars on his wall. The Calenders are 2 years old, but Won't he be the Smarter if 1985 ever Comes back. The posters are the best expression of who the man thinks he is, but even though he's not quite sure. Here goes: the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Edward R. Murrow, Jethro Tull, and Bruce Lee. That's wierd, but why did he hang them on the ceiling?

I guess when it comes to

“ . . . I am 21 years old and still haven't found a wife.”

ninja flick on 42nd street.” He then calls this a starting point and not an end as he complains about the Country Time lemonade which I just sold him. Sure it's frozen but it's his fridge. It turns out he's an obsessive compulsive but wait a bit on that.

My roommate is in the play this year. He's got this idea that he'll get ten tickets to the show and call up Stern girls with the following line: "You've just won a ticket to this year's play and after the show you will be accompanied to dinner with a cast member of your choice. So long as it's me." So, if any of you Stern girls get strange calls, that's just a warning. Incidentally he's an obsessive compulsive. He takes about four showers a day (I don't even pray that much). I guess all I have to do is pierce his ear and shave his head, and I can start putting him on Mr. Clean bottles. That's not what bothers me though. He just complains that I don't shower enough.

"Croak, croak, croak" There you have it, my lines from the play. Ask anyone on the floor, they've heard it umpteen times. I particularly like to rehearse at 4:00 in the morning. For the past two weeks the dorm counselor thought someone had systematically managed to be choking on a chicken bone the same time every night. He later

roommates, I'm the foremost authority. Last year I went through three of them. Two went berserk, and the third is still being held for observation. It's not that I'm hard to live with, it's just that living with me is hard. I guess you can say I need my own space.

Someone once suggested to me a thought deprivation tank. I was too afraid of ending up like a gorilla or looking like William Hurt. I imagine that wouldn't be so bad. My roommate basically lies around all day staring at the ceiling or reciting lines from Marlon Brando's early days. "What are you rebelling against Johnny?" I cue him: "What do ya got" I guess he likes the simple life.

I knew that the Fast of Guedalia was a bad time to write this article. With less food in me than in an anorexic valley girl, I have had to resort to the breakfast of champions: extra strength aspirin. It's not that I can't stand a little fast, It's just that the lack of food bothers me.

Anyway I'm heading over to McDovids and see if I can get a Big J. I heard the name has been changed since the death of Ronald McDovid, but that's not the issue here. The main thing is why do they call it "J". I find it difficult to swallow a piece of meat named after a 6'5" basketball player.

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Fighter Downed Under Heavy Fire

by Josh Fructer

The Israeli cabinet's decision to scrap the Lavi jet fighter marked the culmination of a fierce debate that had raged within top Israeli and American circles for the past two years. Though painful, the termination of the Lavi project underscored the Israeli government's continued commitment to economic recovery despite difficult choices. As Israeli's premier "home-made" weapons system, the Lavi developed into a symbol of national pride. Its production provided thousands of jobs, spawned new technologies and seemingly signaled Israeli's emergence as a world power. Yet, as costs escalated beyond all estimated projections it became clear to many Israelis that rather than a national asset, the Lavi was becoming a burdensome liability.

The loss of 102 planes during the Yom Kipper War and the reliance on U.S. for emergency replacements sparked interest in the production of an advanced, Israeli made jet fighter. The plane would enable a pilot to successfully attack a target while simultaneously avoiding enemy anti aircraft fire. The original planes were constantly updated and revised until its final version. The Lavi boasted a fancy array of features and systems that promised to make it the jet fighter of the future. Cockpit computers would allow a pilot to analyze anti aircraft systems during a bombing run. A special design bestowed the Lavi with a very low radar profile enabling the plane to evade detection until a short time before engagement. Israel could not finance the entire project alone and in 1984 the U.S. became an active partner in the planes' production.

In 1986, several months before IAI (Israel Aircraft Industries, the Lavi's main manufacturer) unveiled the first Lavi prototype, Dov Zakheim, a defense systems analyst at the Pentagon, issued a report

containing cost estimates that differed significantly from IAI projections. For example, Zakheim calculated that the full run of 300 planes would cost \$20.6 billion as opposed to the IAI estimate of \$14.7 billion. Zakheim claimed that IAI projections were based on erroneous figures. Zakheim disputed the IAI estimate of a \$30 per hour engineer's salary insisting instead that \$49 an hour represented a more realistic figure.

Zakheim's report stirred waves in Israel and received some unexpected support. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim estimated that each Lavi would eventually cost \$82 million in contrast to IAI projections of \$15 — \$18 million per plane. Israeli's State Comptroller, Ya'akov Maltz, in a biting 40 page report stated that "(regarding the Lavi) a great many significant and essential decisions were made with information that was without basis, inadequate, tendentious and lacking proper cost estimates."

These grim disclosures appropriately alarmed Israeli leaders. The Lavi's astronomical costs threatened to undermine Israeli's hard won economic recovery. Prior to economic restructuring Israeli citizens suffered under our annual inflation rate of 400%. Rising costs stemmed primarily from government's inability to deal with budget deficits. Instead of establishing priorities based on need and importance, the cabinet tried to allocate money to nearly every program brought before it. Many services and programs were underfunded, and more often than not the government printed extra money to bridge the gap. Eventually money lost its value and inflation reached intolerable levels. The introduction of sweeping budgetary cuts and a mandatory freeze on spending helped lower inflation to a mere 20%. Ministers were forced to prioritize; important programs would continue to receive funds

while less important ones would be phased out. The Lavi's cancellation reveals a similar acceptance of reality; the government cannot fund every high-tech military project proposed to it and still control inflation. Charles Redman, spokesman for the State Department, pointed out to Israeli leaders that choices must be made, and unfortunately the Lavi threatened to crowd out many other equally vital military projects.

The continuation of the Lavi project also imposed an onerous tax burden on a population already one of the most heavily taxed in the world. Moshe Nissim estimated that the Lavi would cost the average Israeli family several thousand dollars extra in taxes each year. Israel cannot hope to maintain a high standard of living while at the same time spending freely on grandiose projects. The younger generation especially seeks real economic growth and a more affluent lifestyle. The Lavi would make fulfilling such expectations more difficult.

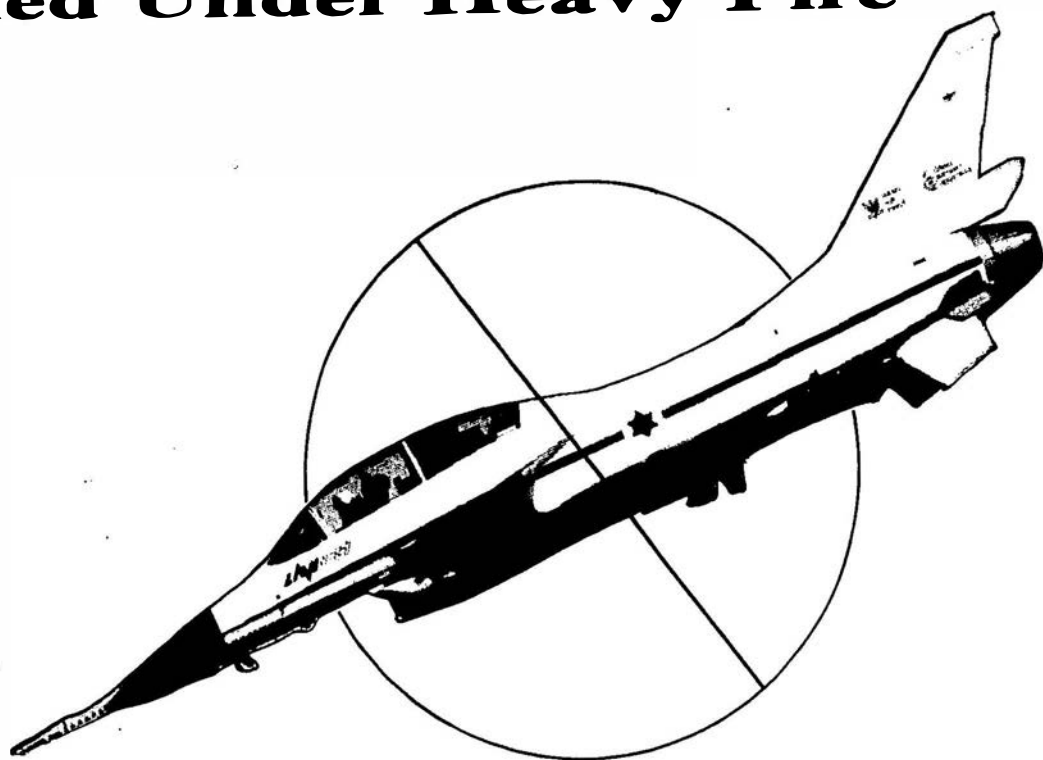
The battle over the Lavi pitted the government against special interest groups. Josef Singer, president of the Tech-

nion and acting board chairman

of the IAI warned that halting production of the Lavi would be "disastrous" in terms of unemployment and decimation of the Israeli industries, such as metals and electronics. Once the cabinet announced its decision thousands of IAI workers gathered to protest the potential loss of their jobs. Yet, the fact remains that concessions from the United States and other military projects will alleviate the unemployment problem. The United States appropriates nearly \$1.8 billion in military aid to Israel each year. While a majority of these funds must be spent on U.S. made weaponry, a significant portion may be contracted out to Israeli manufacturers. In return for cancelling the Lavi, Israel received assurances that the United States would enlarge the sum of money to be spent on Israeli weaponry by \$100 million, thereby spurring production and creating new jobs. In addition Israeli high-tech companies that previously competed unsuccessfully with IAI for talented labor will now be able to recruit the displaced workers. While some workers

may not find satisfactory jobs the problem is not as severe as certain groups would have the public believe.

Israel's perception of the Lavi as a national symbol and the media's fantastic reports of the Lavi's futuristic capabilities made the cabinet's decision a painful one. As Micheal Vlahos, director at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies explains, "It (Lavi) stands as a totem against the depression Israel's feel at the possibility of the United States determining Israeli's fate." Still, economic reality dictated that Israel abandon the Lavi. When European nations, with greater resources at their disposal than Israel, must cooperate to manufacture a new jet fighter, then Israel cannot hope to duplicate the feat on its own even with U.S. financing. While security concerns remain a high priority, the Israeli people, considering their sacrifices, deserve the benefits of a healthy and vigorous economy. It is the Israeli government's responsibility to fulfill these expectations.



The Word From Israel...

by Michael Cohen

In these few lines the staff of THE COMMENTATOR, in conjunction with CLUB ISRAEL's Y.U. chapter, wishes to give the Y.U. student a quick overview of issues in the Israeli news. The Headlines are taken from Israeli newspapers (Ma'ariv, Yediot Acharonot, etc.) published over the last few days. We would much appreciate your comments.

Mike Cohen Pres.-Club Israel
Lior Hod Pres.- Y.U. Chapter

40th anniversary celebrations begin this week, the theme of the celebrations will be the Declaration of Indepen-

dence... Strikes continue as Israel Aircraft workers face dismissals after cancelation of the "Lavi" project... special prayer written by the Chief Rabbinate for the safety and quick return of the I.D.F. soldiers still missing in action (MIA) or in Captivity (POW), includes Druze IDF POW Top Sgt. Samir Assad... 50 Russian immigrants were brought to Israel by a special flight out of Vienna in time for Rosh Hashana... Maccabee Tel Aviv, Israel's Basketball Championship Team fails in semi finals of the International Cup For Champion Teams, losing to Tzibona Zagreb of Yugoslavia after beating the Russian champion handily to get

there... Two youths are attacked outside Ramat-Hasharon by Arabs; While two convicted terrorists escape from max. security prison... Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir calls for an immediate incorporation of a constitution... The latest estimate of population is 4,375,000, out of which 3,590,000 are Jews... Hungary's Premier Karroli Grostch - "There is no turning back, We shall reestablish relations with Israel"... Elitzur Rishon Le'tzion (with Y.U.'s own Joey Eaves!) beat Hapoel Givat Brener in the opener of Israel's Class A basketball league... Eyal Shtigman, Israel's top swimmer,

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Four Win Defenders of Jerusalem Award

by Michael Cohen

Bayard Rustin, Ida Nudel, Shlomo Argov, Israel Eldad, Winners of 1987 Defenders of Jerusalem Award.

The Defenders of Jerusalem award, established in 1983, is presented annually to honor those who "stand up in defence of the rights of the Jewish people". The \$100,000 award is sponsored by the Jabotinsky Foundation.

In announcing this years award Mr. Eryk Spektor, chairman of the Jabotinsky Foundation, said;

"This year's nominees were selected by a broad-based committee of 500 Jewish leaders throughout the world. The

judges for the award feel these four people are particularly deserving of recognition for their extraordinary actions in defense of Jewish rights."

"The late Bayard Rustin was a strong and consistent supporter of Israel and an advocate of greater black-Jewish harmony. In 1975, he organized the Black Americans to Support Israel Committee (BASIC) and over the years urged Arab recognition of Israel as the only permanent solution to the tensions in the Middle East." A scholarship for black students to study in Israel was also established.

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More Word from Israel

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became the first Israeli athlete allowed to compete in Communist China...President Ronald Reagan in his greeting to the Israeli Pres. Chaim Hertzog for Rosh Hashana, calls the Ten Commandments "The Basis for modern western civilization", and wishes Am Yisrael and the whole world peace, happiness and prosperity...Foreign Minister Shimon Peres meets with Russian counterpart Shvardnatze in U.S...61% of Israeli's polled were against any direct talks,

with the PLO, 37% were in favor...Chief of Staff Dan Shomron- "A big army for us today is like swiss cheese, more holes than cheese. I would rather see a quality small army then we can talk about size"...Former Prime Minister Mr. Menachem Begin made a rare public appearance since his resignation in 1983, Mr. Begin joined a committee formed in order to assist in the struggle to free Israel's POW's and MIA's still in Lebanon.

Defender of Jerusalem Award

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"In selecting Ida Nudel for the award" continued Spektor, "we wish to pay tribute to the faith, courage, and spirit of this remarkable woman who is the standard bearer for all Jewish dissidents and a symbol of the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union."

Shlomo Argov, a former Ambassador of Israel to Great Britain, was seriously wounded in London by Arab terrorists in 1982. He was chosen as a symbol of the danger and perils

to which Israeli Foreign Service Officers are exposed in a hostile world.

Dr. Israel Eldad, author, scholar, and philosopher, is one of the principal architects of the State of Israel. "Throughout the years Dr. Eldad has been an advisor to Israel's prime ministers as well as an inspiration to the country's youth."

The nonpolitical, nonpartisan, and nonsectarian award will be conferred on Wednesday, October 28 at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Young Republicans Pursue Ideals

by Eric Zaiman

One of the most important elements of the American political system is the right to free expression of political ideas. The ability to state one's beliefs, to support and work for any cause is an inalienable right that all Americans have. It is with this in mind that the Young Republicans of Yeshiva College enter into the upcoming year.

Among the primary objectives of the Young Republicans is to provide our members with the opportunity to learn more about Republican ideals and to develop their own ideas about what Republicanism is and how it should be defined. To this end we plan to schedule several events that include lectures by prominent Republican thinkers and addresses by influential Republican members of Congress. In addition we hope to attract a major Republican Presidential candidate to Yeshiva and have him address the student body. Finally we

intend to work with the national and local Republican committees as well as other Republican organizations to provide our members with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of and association with the Republican Party.

Today the Republican Party and our entire nation are at a crossroad. We are about to enter upon a new era. It is therefore imperative for those who are interested in the Republican political ideal to become active and express their interest and support. The Young Republicans' membership fee is three dollars. Applications can be picked up at M220 and M425. Payment can be made to David Shemtov (M220), Eric Zaiman (M425), Josh Annenberg, Gilly Yoshor, or Ilan Aldouby. We look forward to your participation in what will be a stimulating and exciting year for the Young Republicans of Yeshiva College.

Price Hikes Top List of Cafeteria Changes

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emphasizes that the higher levels of management, mainly himself and Rosenberg, have remained constant and have provided consistency.

The most important question being asked by students is where the money is going. All data of purchases and sales by the cafeteria are confidential. Many feel this is unfair. Since the prices have gone up, they feel they have the right to know where their money is going. While Rosenberg maintained that confidentiality is normal procedure for all branches of the Administration no reason was given for this. The man most responsible for Financial operation, Vice President for

Business Affairs, Dr. Sheldon Socol, was unavailable for comment, and much of the data remains confidential.

Some information has become available. Rosengarten has stated that a 19% increase in salaries for old personnel alone over the past three years has been a major expense. Some money, placed in "the thousands" by Rosengarten, has been used to purchase new equipment in the kitchen. There has also been increased hiring and an effort to improve overall conditions in the cafeteria. Rosengarten has pointed these increases in spending as enough justification for the recent price increases.

Nonetheless, the actual

Soccer Team Faces Same Problem

Team Hopeful Despite 11-0 Dubbing at Western Connecticut

by Richard Scharlat

This past Tuesday night the Melvin J. Furst gymnasium was filled with the usual sound of bouncing balls. On this occasion, though, the balls were not the kind that get thrown through the hoop, but rather the type that get kicked into the net. Another soccer season has begun at Y.U., this time with a new coach and renewed enthusiasm.

Jack Thelusma, a former University of Southern Connecticut player, has assumed the coaching duties this year. Coach Thelusma has had quite a bit of success in the past, especially at Manhattan's Xavier High School where he coached the soccer team to two straight regional champion-

ships.

Although he feels the team has a number of obstacles to overcome, the coach is generally optimistic about the upcoming season. Coach Thelusma's goal is to have a winning season, and in order to achieve this, three main problems must be overcome. First, the team must approach the game with a more serious attitude. Fourth year player Eddie Gheiler said that many times last season the team was short of players for games. Another major setback the team faces is an inadequate amount of preparation time; the season began after only a few practices. Finally, the most significant obstacle is the lack of a proper soccer pitch. No team can be expected to win consistently

without an opportunity to practice on a full scale playing surface. Until the time that an outdoor field can be used for drills, the Y.U. team will be at a tremendous disadvantage.

As the season opens, look for Gheiler and Danny Student, last year's superstar, to lead the way. Coach Thelusma feels that the aforementioned two and approximately five others will make major contributions.

It is no secret what this team needs to succeed. With proper physical and mental preparation, teamwork, and quality coaching, this year's squad can turn their fortunes around on their the way to a successful season.

Doobies and the Mob Win Opening Games in Intramural B-ball

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kelstein and Philip Schwartz (Chicago) could very well be the key to this team and should keep their temperamental captains in line.

The HOYAS are truly the mystery team of the league. Captains Richard Kirsch and Michael Levine drafted the tallest team, with "Shai Shmelzer" and Alex Rusgo to join Kirsch on the front line. Guards Mitch Gross and Izzy Marcus are very talented but this team will have to prove themselves to many skeptics.

The PIT BULLS are a seemingly talented team but will need outstanding efforts at every position in order to compete in this league. Co-

commissioner Ari Blaine and fellow captain Jonny Silber are joined by Freddie Schwartz and Gerson Levitz, as well as by Freshman Bentzie Shlakman who may play a pivotal role on the team.

The SCORCHERS' captains Lazer Borgen and Bruce Taragin should have an explosive offense with the unpredictable Ellis Malovaney at guard and Ronnie Morris inside. However, the team could be in a lot of trouble if any of their guns misfire.

THE MOB was extremely impressive in their opening game win over the Cougars. Captains Richard Sharlat and David Schiff run a controlled

offense and stifling defense, with Billy Bokor, Darrin Hirt, and Mayer Naiman providing much support on both ends of the court. Sharlat, Naiman, and Hirt all scored in double figures in the opener as Schiff dished off countless assists.

The WARRIORS, behind captains Ely Lebovitz and Steve Moscovitz, have the potential to field a tough team but will need all the help they can get. Mike Stern and Mark Weisman could help Lebovitz inside, and Steve Lax is one of the quickest guards in the league. Weisman was missing from the team's opening game and it showed, as the team managed only 29 points.

Hockey Commissioners Crack Down on League Officiating

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will need a lot of heart and determination to win. The pure talent is just not there. The team lacks a big gun and must rely on the hustle of players such as Joel Beasley and Gary Ganchrow.

The biggest question mark is the DEVILS. This team, led by top prospect Brian Jedwab, is composed solely of incoming freshmen, and their style and level of play is a total mystery.

A positive note is the appoint-

ment of Michael Ratzker and Daniel Herenstein, by the commissioners, as the league's first ever "Referees-in-Chief". They will handle the officiating, which has been a sore point in the league the past few years. "This innovation should add stability to the officiating crew and will help insure a successful and safe, and I stress safe, season," said co-commissioner, Chaim Weitschner.

Unfortunately, a look at the team rosters seems to indicate that the league has only three decent teams. When asked why

there was no draft to alleviate the problem of having some teams in what seems to be a "second division", co-commissioner Steven Weiss said, "Y.U. Intramural Hockey has never had a draft. Our priorities were : keeping last years' teams intact, forming new teams according to class standings, and maintaining a roster size of 15 per team."

Weitschner added that "there is not enough incoming talent to boost every single team. Parity was not enough of a concern to break up a team."



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Yeshiva Sports



Lior Hod (25) leads Macs fast break in 86-87 home opener vs. Molloy.

Macs on Verge of Big Year

by Larry Hartstein

All five starters return from the 86-87 Maccabee team which finished with a mediocre 10-13 record this season adding a year of valuable experience to the rookie backcourt. Add a little motivation in this the coaches' last season. Add a flashy point guard who grew up in the shadow of the Los Angeles Forum. Finally, add lowly Mt. St. Vincent twice to the Independent Athletic Conference schedule.

What do you get? 13-10? 18-5? A conference title and an NCAA playoff bid?

Perhaps, but not likely. Two conference opponents, Western Connecticut and New Jersey Institute of Technology, may just be too talented for the Macs. However, the team could easily finish with a winning record, a feat accomplished by only four Macs' teams in the last 30 years.

The team's major strength is its shooting touch. Last year they hit 51% from two-point range and 41% from behind the three-point line, both fine marks. Forward Ayal Hod (20 points, 9 rebounds), used hard drives to the hoop and spinning layups to unofficially lead all of Division III with 66.5% shooting from the field. Swing man Lior Hod (19 pts., 7 rbs.) bombed away from three-point range with 45% accuracy and promises to let fly even more often this year. Together the Hod brothers accounted for 56% of the teams points.

Although effective from the field, the Macs were meek from the free throw line, shooting only 62% as a team. Only one starter, guard Yudi Teichman, shot over 70% from the charity stripe. A few more hours of practice by each player could mean two or three more victories.

Health is also needed for victories and the team cannot afford to have the injuries that have plagued it in the past. 6'7" center David Harris is out for the season after knee surgery. 6'4" Benji Reichel is recovering from a bad ankle sprain but should be ready when the season begins.

With every injury, team depth takes on added importance. Backing up starting guards Teichman and Jeff Baum are defensive catalyst Donny Furor and steady Marty Shlakman. Also in the backcourt will be the electric point guard from the west coast, David Gottlieb, who will make his long awaited appearance in a Macs' uniform. Full of raw talent, it will be interesting to see how he fares against college opposition. Zev Weiss is back from London to shore up the front court and big Asher Wolmark should do extensive damage inside.

The guards, Baum and Teichman, hope to do damage outside. Last year's rookie backcourt is now the veteran backcourt. Teichman finished strong a year ago as he averaged 16 points in each of his last

four starts. Baum was not a big scorer but didn't let that affect the other strong aspects of the game. A good example was his excellent 84-61 assist to turnover ratio.

With the exception of Baum and Teichman, the Macs turned the ball over far too much last year (19 times per game). Many turnovers were due to carelessness. An old coaching legend once preached, "take care of the ball, treat it like money." They also did not get back on defense consistently enough. These are troublesome mistakes in any ballgame, but mistakes that are correctable.

Finally, this season is not only the last for Coaches Halpert and Gurock, but also for Lior and Ayal Hod as well. They have been integral parts of some of the best teams in YU history and now they're trying to end it on a high note. On November 23rd at 8:00 PM in the MSAC, their quest will begin as the Macs open the 87-88 season against Bard College.

MACS' FACTS: Lior Hod needs 440 points (an average of 19.3 per game) to break the all-time school scoring record of 1500 set by Harvey Scheff in 1982... Lior currently ranks 13th and Ayal, 20th... Coach Halpert's record over the last three years is 35-30... Only one game in Florida this year, not two... All games, home and away, will be broadcast live on 64 AM-WYUR.

Cross Country Team Off to Promising Start Under New Coach

by Avi Berger and

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The Y.U. Cross Country team got off to a relatively successful start under the direction of its new coach, Mr. John Mulligan, (who came out of retirement in order to coach at Yeshiva). Although the team lost its first meet to Pratt, it put on one of its best performances in the past few years. Returnee Victor Fishman and co-captains Avi Berger and Louis Saffran all had personal bests in the five-mile run with times of 36 minutes, 19 seconds, 37:28, and 37:29 respectively. Other team members who competed included returnees Moshe Adler and Moshe Weber, as well as newcomers Yoel Fuld, Jerel Glazer, and David Weinreb.

Coach Mulligan, whose many years of experience prior to his retirement included coaching positions at Power Memorial High School and Lehman College, said that he

is extremely pleased with the performance of the team, especially considering the lack of time in which to adequately prepare the team for competition. He was also pleased that the team members were not at all deterred by the difficult course.

The coach is seeking to train a group of fit men as opposed to just a team of better athletes, and to that end tailors a fitness program to each individual's needs. He is always available and thus can give personal, specific instructions on any aspect of the training as well as advice on everything from diet to sneakers. This attitude has its rewards in the efforts coaxed from the runners.

The team is looking forward to a successful year and invites anyone who is interested in joining the team to attend practice sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights at 10:30 in front of Rubin Hall.

Intramural Hoops Underway

The 1987-88 YU Intramural Basketball League season began on Tuesday night, September 15th, as 16 captains representing eight teams gathered in Morg 805 for the annual league draft. The teams that were formed all have the potential to do well in the league though how well is anybody's guess. Here is a brief profile of the teams and their top players.

The COUGARS are a quick and agile team that may lack the rebounding to close games. League co-commissioner Jon Bandler and fellow captain Harry Zemon will be joined by excellent role players Jon Hecht, Shaye Schindler, Ari Keehn, and Adam Fishman. It should be a great outside shooting, fast break team, though they may not have the structure to play half court offense against some teams. In their opening game, double figures from Zemon (11 pts) and Bandler (10) could not offset the absence of the 6'2" Hecht, and the Cougars lost

50-35 to The Mob.

Despite a communication gap during the draft, co-captains Alan Berger and Jeff Lefkowitz have a team that they feel will win them a championship. The DOOBIES will rely on their outside shooting, as well as the inside play of Douglas Rosenthal and the playmaking of sparkplug guard Yoni Weber, the number 1 pick in the draft. Even without solid swingman Gerson Shapiro, the team was unstoppable against the Warriors in the opening game for each team. Berger scored 18 points and Weber added 14 in the team's 51-29 romp.

The controversially named DUCKS will be a lot of fun to watch though nobody seems to know what kind of game they'll play. Captains Izzy Kaufman and Mark Ziering were very satisfied with their draft, although their prized center 6'4" Dan Yoshor was lost for the season shortly after the draft. Guards Barry Fin-

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Wildcats Prepare to Defend Hockey Title

by Mitchell Nathanson

Wildcats, take notice! As witnessed by the Mets and Giants (and don't forget the Celtics) the task of repeating as champions is not an easy one. Although last year's champs are loaded with talent, hockey, like all other sports, is not played on paper.

The champion WILDCATS remain intact with co-commissioner Steven Weiss and Mike Schreiber once again serving as captains. The offense will be aided by the hustle of

Robert Levinson and the speed of Marc Fries, as well as by the addition of Yechiel Gordon. Stabilizing the defense will be Elliot Rothchild and Moshe Blech.

The Wildcats' strongest opponents should be the RAIDERS, who are led by All-University goaltender Stuart (Duke) Morduchowitz and co-commissioner Chaim Weitschner. Added to the team are members of the now defunct Chiefs, including Mike Mehler, who is always tough in the

corners.

Another strong contending team should be the FIGHTING IRISH, whose top players Shmuel Soffer and Ari Keehn have reportedly spent the past year getting the timing down on their two-on-one break.

The biggest surprise, however, will come from the BRUISERS. No, they haven't added any superstars, but they will be sporting a new look in uniforms and jackets.

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The Tigers - last year's intramural basketball champs.