# The Tmmmentator 

## Survey Results: Predictable and Not So

EDITOR'S NOTE: The side but separately," also following analysis attempts to represent accurately the results of our survey distributed to the YC student body in December. Of necessity, the questions were posed in multiple choice format, with some opportunity to prioritize answers and comment or elaborate, in order to best classify broad concepts into definable trends and perspectives. It does not purport to be a scientific study with definitive conclusions, but simply reflects the stated views of the students who responded.

## by Behnam Dayanim

## and J. Katzauer

Completed returns from the Commentator survey, on a variety of issues concerning Yeshiva College, indicate a surprising consensus in some major concerns and a rather troubling polarization in many others. Of the 168 responses, approximately $18 \%$ of the student body, $57.7 \%$ were from MYP, $25 \%$ from JSS, and $17.3 \%$ from IBC, indicating a fairly representative sampling.
Students expressed a clear belief that the term "Mada", of "Torah U'Mada" fame, describes "all types of secular study, encompassing all of the liberal arts and sciences," an answer selected by $67.3 \%$ of total respondents. The idea tha it includes only selected areas of study "in order to answer the disbeliever or doubter," was almost completely discounted, drawing only $2.4 \%$ of responses.
In a related area, a slim majority of $51.8 \%$ of students characterized YU as an "indeterminable mixture...creating neither a well-defined yeshiva nor college." This might well be interpreted as a partial success in YU's pronounced efforts to present a unique alternative to the prevalent conventional models of "traditional yeshiva with college in the afternoon," and "traditional college with yeshiva in the morning," both of which drew little support. However, the definition of ""a yeshiva and college existing side-byshowed some popularity with $33.3 \%$ of responses. This may reflect some disagreement over YU's precise nature and uncertainty whether a mixture of the two entities is advisable or even possible.

Turning to the issue of who directs daily policy involving student-related areas, such as the shuttle van, extracurricular events, speakers, etc., a large plurality of students (36.4\%) believed the Office of the Dean of Students to be the dominant force, with the roshei yeshiva/ rebbeim second with $25.2 \%$. Both groups far outstripped YU's President and Senior Vice President, who each received $10.6 \%$. The most remarkable answer was the small percentage believing student leadership to be the primary decisionmaking force, only $4.6 \%$. This question received the greatest number of abstentions or ambiguous answers in the entire survey, $12.6 \%$, exposing a substantial group of the student body which cannot find its feet amid the bureaucracy. When students were asked their preference as to who should play the role of primary decision-maker in these areas, $37.5 \%$ of first-place votes went to student leadership, an important vote of confidence in light of the disturbing discrepancy between the perceived reality and the students' ideal situation (21.9\% of all second-place votes went to student leadership). The Office of the Dean of Students followed, receiving $24.4 \%$ firstplace and $28.3 \%$ second-place selections. The President and Senior Vice President trailed, receiving $15.6 \%$ and $4.4 \%$ of first-place votes respectively, and the faculty brought up the rear with $2.5 \%$, perhaps indicating a student distaste for excessive faculty involvement in the decisions on student affairs. One other interesting note arises with the relatively low $11.3 \%$ of first-place votes awarded the roshei yeshiva/ rebbeim, another startling example of the difference continued on page 8

## The COMMENTATOR Survey

*Respondents express dissatisfaction with perceived lack of student voice in school policy.
*67\% of the respondents characterize "Mada" as all types of secular study.
*Dress code divides student body.
*63.7\% of students pulled favor co-ed social events on the uptown campus.
*63.9\% of respondents call Morg Mart "worse now".


New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch after dining at 'My Place' on January 7. The Mayor was in Washington Heights for a meeting with Dominican Jews. Also pictured from left to right. Mrs. Honey Banin, proprietor of the restaurant; Ms. Elizabeth Wurzburger, head of the Washington Heights Jewish Community Council Mr. Mordechai Twersky of YU Media relations; and Mr. Ivan L. Tillem, Treasurer of the SCW Board of Directors.

## Separate Senate for SSSB?

by Larry Portal
The Yeshiva College Senate, in existence since the late 1960's, provides a forum where students and faculty can propose modifications which can solve various problems on campus. Though the Senate primarily deals with academic issues, non-academic issues are occasionally discussed as well. The Senate is governed by a constitution which, like the American constitution, has been amended to adapt to the various changes transpiring in subsequent years.
With the recent addition of the Sy Syms School of Business, the possibility of instituting another amendment has arisen. Should SSSB which, in some respects is isolating itself from Yeshiva College, have a Senate of their own? Hiring new business professors illustrates the isolation SSSB is trying to create. Many, including Dean Rosenfeld, feel an additional Senate is unnecessary; a joint Senate, consisting of YC and SSSB members is adequate. Presently, a subcommitee of the Senate is working on this issue. In regards to creating a separate Senate for SSSB, the problems with which they were confronted were of somele notability. For example, SSSB
is an institution for both men and women with SSSB students in Stern College for Women. Therefore, due to the inconvenience, SSSB could not have one Senate incorporating both the uptown and downtown schools.
Alternately, a joint Senate, comprising members of both YC and SSSB, might not be effective either, despite the unity that would result. This can be attributed to the fact that the issues in a liberal arts school are distinct from those in a business school, and since time is a factor, a joint Senate as such would not be able to focus effectively on each schools' issues. In the liberal arts school students, for the most part, are preparing themselves for graduate school, while in the business school, a student's main interest is preparing himself for the working world.
This factor of differing interests in the two schools seems to be of little significance to SSSB Dean Schiff. He believes that students with different majors in a liberal arts school have varying interests as well. One current Senator feels that splitting the Senate in two entities for this reason alone is preposterous,
due to the fact that most issues discussed at Senate meetings concern both schools. The fundamental difference lies in the course requirements, so having one Senate will alleviate overlapping topics of discussion.

Despite the desires of SSSB Dean Schiff and Jaskoll to develop an identity for their school, they strongly believe that all undergraduate students should be united. Since unity is displayed in the Dramatics Society, COMMENTATOR, and other campus activities, there is no reason for it to be discontinued when discussing the Senate.

Should the subcommittee decide to keep the Senate one entity, Dean Schiff would like to see proportional representation. Presently, none of the six faculty members in the Senate are from SSSB faculty, but SSSB faculty have attended Senate meetings. Some time in the near future, Dean Schiff will submit names of SSSB faculty to serve as members of the Senate. Although a decision as to the future of the Senate has not yet been confirmed, most people see few complications in keeping the Senate one entity.

# Gurock Writes New Book on YU History 

by Behnam Dayanim

Yeshiva University's 100 years of history are portrayed in an upcoming book by Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, Libby Klaperman Professor of Jewish History at Bernard Revel Graduate School. Entitled "The Men and Women of Yeshiva; Higher Education, Orthodoxy, and American Judaism", this primarily social history discusses the first 90 years of YU's existence, focusing on the
period from the founding of Yeshiva College in 1928 to the selection of YU's current President, Dr. Norman Lamm, in 1976. The period from 1976 to the present is only addressed in a brief epilogue due to the fact that it comprises what Dr Gurock terms "current events," and covers his own time here at Yeshiva, about which he would feel "less objective and less comfortable" attempting
to approach from an historical perspective. A library sympo sium celebrating its publication is scheduled for March 20 and is open to all students. Drs. Lamm and Gurock, and Dr Nathan Glaser, a major Amer ican Jewish sociologist at Harvard University, will address the gathering.
In order to prepare the book, Dr. Gurock and research continued on page 4

## EDITORIALS

## In Support of Israel

Although no solution to the problem of intense unrest in the West Bank and Gaza appears imminent, Jews the world over, particularly in the United States, must be unified in public support of Israel during its continuous struggle to mollify the situation.

Today, after more than two months of daily rock-throwing and nearly as frequent beatings, the Palestinians and institutions which support them are waging a public relations battle that cannot help but intensify as Jewish individuals and organizations fail to agree on the single best policy which the Israeli government should adopt. However, no matter what side of the ideological spectrum a Jew stands upon, he or she must realize that the security of Israel supercedes ideology. In this the 40th Anniversary of the State of Israel, the top priority is still that the security of that state must never be compromised - not by its government, not by its military, and not by Jews from around the world whose dissent lends encouragement to Palestinian agitators.
A divided Jewish opinion on issues such as Palestinian autonomy or forceful action by the Israeli military, only act to justify negative worldwide reaction against Israel. What Jews must accept is that the policy which the Israeli government eventually adopts will have as its highest consideration the security of Israel's borders. Hence world Jewish opinion should be redirected against the obvious slant in media coverage that never seems to give Israel its due. Unfortunately we sometimes don't either!

## Avoiding Problems

Once again, YU is gearing up for its annual Purim celebrations. Perhaps, in light of recent years, "onslaught" would be a more appropriate description. Every year, SOY holds its chagiga in the main Beit Midrash, attracting a multitude of rebbeim, alumni, and students. Unfortunately, due to its well-deserved reputation as a premier Purim event, the chagiga also attracts hordes of uncontrollable high school students, as well as a number of college students more interested in the social scene outside than the chagiga. Two steps could be taken in advance to remedy the noise, littering, generally raucous and sometimes inappropriate behavior that results.

First, area high school students should be told in no uncertain terms that their presence is unwanted, since the chagiga is not intended for children in that age group, particularly as most do not participate anyway. In the past some schools chartered buses, or permitted their charter, and simply unloaded unsupervised students on our unsuspecting community. This irresponsible and absurd practice cannot be allowed to continue and, if necessary, the administration should intervene to end it.

In order to deal with the large numbers of college students gathered outside Tannenbaum, on the "college side" of the street (called so as the high schoolers tend to move farther away from the Beit Midrash), perhaps a supervised location could be employed to allow students to rest, relax and socialize. As the chagiga is necessarily segregated and all buildings with the exception of a designated rest room are off limits to women on Purim night, this area, perhaps Furst lobby or Belfer Commons, would offer students a respite from the stifling confines of the Beit Midrash besides the frequently frigid outdoors. In order to forestall this rest area from becoming an event in and of itself, no music, refreshments, or the like should be provided; it should simply be a room in which to sit in comfort. This solution would greatly lessen the problems of litter, noise, as well as instances of improper behavior that result when sometimes intoxicated, always high-spirited, students wander the campus.

Both of these options merit consideration before this year's festivities, in order to halt the perennial metamorphosis of the YU campus into teeming chaos, potentially engendering a massive and avoidable Chillul Hashem.


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## OPINION

by Josh Fruchter
National elections normally raise the political consciousness of most Americans. Voters carefully weigh the pros and cons of each candidate and grapple with both domestic and international issues. Jewish voters cannot exempt themselves from this process. As a minority group with special interests we must seek out and support candidates whom we deem receptive to our concerns and requests. Conversely, we must be wary of the campaigns that seem antagonistic to our community. As such, it is imperative that voters confront Democratic candidate Jesse Jackson concerning past statements, associations and actions that appear hostile if not outrightly anti-semitic Should his explanations fail to satisfy we must be prepared o counteract Jackson's cam paign and thwart his political ambitions.
No one doubts Jesse Jackon's abilities as a charismatic speaker and leader. After a strong showing in the 1984 campaign, Jackson parleyed his predominantly black base into broad support among numerous white constituencies. Jackson has addressed and received wild support from large white audiences such as lowa farmers and the Teamsters' Union. Yet, despite his increasing following, Jackson has been riticized for superficiality. While his speeches arouse crowds, his proposals often ack substance and detail. Predictions vary as to how and whether Jackson will convert his expanding influence into olid accomplishment.
However, with Jackson's role as a Democratic power broker virtually assured, the key question for Jewish voters emains Jackson's attitude oward Jewish interests. While in the past four years Jackson has cultivated a more mainstream, middle-of-the-road mage, troubling remarks linger
In 1984 Jackson labeled Jews
as "Hymies" and New York as "Hymie town". Jackson only apologized for his "Hymie" reference when aids persuaded him that the remark would hurt his campaign. Even then Jackson added to his apology a list of difficult experiences he and his family have had with Jews as if to justify his comment with unfortunate, isolated personal encounters. That's like a YU student citing a fight with a Puerto Rican as grounds for hating all Hispanics.

Jackson also refused to renounce the Rev. Louis Farrakhan who openly glorified Hitler and declared Judaism a "gutter religion". If Jackson cannot publicly recognize Farrakhan's unrestrained bigotry for what it is, how can we assume Jackson feels differently?

Among front running Democrats only Jackson calls for a Palestinian state. While Jackson's journey to Syria to free downed Navy pilot Lt. Goodman deserves praise as a successful and worthy mission, his kinship with Syrian President Assad further underscores his ties with the Arabs. As for Israel, Jackson reserves only constant criticism.

Jackson claims he wants to "heal wounds". He has hired Gerald Austin, a well known Jewish political consultant, to act as his campaign manager. In a recent speech Jackson tried to connect with Jewish listeners using this line: "You live in Chicago and every day there's a new parade...One day it's the Chinese New Year, next day it's Yom Kippur." Admittedly a harmless and probably well meaning joke, but c'mon Jesse get your holidays straight. Yom Kippur is a fast not a celebration.
A more serious instance which illustrates Jackson's continued hostility toward Jews is Jackson's response to a question at a California political luncheon. A young black lawyer asked Jackson whether his
elations with the Jews had improved. Jackson replied by criticizing "Jewish support" or the white South African government (perhaps he meant lsrael's trade relations with South Africa) and ended by elling the lawyer "to let the ews speak for themselves," Why do references to Jews or Jewish issues faze Jackson so easily?

Perhaps the most telling example of Jackson's train of thought emerges in a 1979 conversation with Hyman Bookbinder, Washington repesentative of the American Jewish Committee (reprinted from the Nation, Mary Summers, "The Front Runner" Nov. 28, 1987, p.622):
" [Mr. Bookbinder] told him we can disagree on quotas or rights of Palestinians but said, 'Jesse, when you talk of Jewish slumlords, you drive me up the wall...you're talking about slumlords, you're not talking about Jewish slumlords.' He said, 'Well, that's the difference, they're Jews.' 1 said, 'Jesse why do you point out their Jewishness? They're also white, they're all middleaged, they're all men. When you attribute to a group, to a segment of life, bad attributes of an individual or two, you are being bigoted, you are saying Jews are slumlords... Do you get angry when you read stories about black rapists? They're not black rapists, they're rapists. And anytime you and I see references to black rapists you and 1 should get very angry..." It did not register Apparently Jackson confuses stereotypes with reality. Whether consciously or not, Jackson bases his beliefs on long-standing, commonlyheld prejudices which he refuses to evaluate critically.

What most Jews don't realize is that Jackson need not be elected President to significantly damage Jewish interests. Jackson's power looms large enough that a Democratic president could conceivably
owe Jackson a political favor such as a seat on the Cabinet Should Jackson indeed harbor strong anti-semitic feelings his harm to Israel or American Jewry as, say Secretary of State, could prove devastating.
Though some deny it, history has an uncomfortable way of repeating itself. Why ask ourselves in four years, "Why didn't we stop Jackson when we had the chance; why were we so apathetic?" Act now. An organization called CPA has been established to monitor Jackson's campaign. One can get in touch with Congressman Henkins for more information. More detailed information on CPA will appear in the future.

## Features Change

Leonard Gross, YC ‘88, has been elected Feature Editor of the COMMENTATOR, announced Jon Katzauer, Editor-inChief.

Mr. Gross has been a regular contributor in the past and will be working with Josh Annenberg. He replaces Roni Lebowitz, YC '88 who resigned to pursue other journalistic endeavors.

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO ALL STUDENTS

It is to the advantage of all students to periodically list their activities on Student Activity Sheets, which can be obtained either in the Registrar's office (F-125) or in Dr. Nulman's office (F. 104). They are helpful in preparing letters of recommendation and in distributing honors at Graduation.

## TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

SEPT '87, JAN '88, JUNE '88

If you are attending commencement exercises Thursday, June 2, 1988:

1. Have you filed for graduation with the office of the registrar? If your name is not on their computer listing: - cap and gown will not be ordered for you no tickets and instructions will be mailed - your name will not be listed in the commencement program
2. Commencement exercises will be held in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center. Since there is limited seating capacity, all tickets will be distributed by mail only in limited quantities via the computer lists.

## LETTERS

## o the Editor:

Often regarded by some unscrupulous reporters as being mere "protests" or." "demonstrations", within Israel the world has actually been witness o urban guerilla warfare fought by Arab combatants armed with Molotov cocktails, knives, crowbars, and stones. This insurrection is deadly, its targets are Jews and if left unchecked it would wreak havoc upon Israel. Imagine any governmen not responding to such a threat and yet Israel has been condemned for any and every measure it has employed in its defense.
Those who seek to harm Israel must face the lsrael Defense Forces that stand between them and the citizens of the Jewish State. Since Israel's establishment in 1948, he Israeli Defense Forces have assured that the Arab pogroms
of the past, within the land do not recur in our time.
The critics of lsrael have been vocal and they have been heard. Recent surveys on American attitudes toward Israel indicate a decrease in support due to criticism by notables and the press. While those in opposition have had their say, those who stand with Israel must come forth and pioclaim their support for Israel. A) Join the pro-Israel rallies. B) Write letters in support of Israel to your representatives in Congress. C) Write and phone the networks and tell them of your views regarding their coverage of recent events in Israel. Stand up and be counted, Israel needs your support.
Larry Dominitch
Bernard Revel Graduate School

To the Editor
Although life in Muss Hall is usually a thoroughly pleasant and enjoyable experience, there are a few problems that must be addressed. Over the past few months the heat in Muss Hall has been making an incredibly loud and distracting banging, clanging, and rattling noise, making it impossible for some residents to sleep. The water temperature in the showers violently fluctuates several times each minute, presenting a burn hazard, and there is insufficient water pressure on the fifth floor, as the toilets are not always able to clear themselves of debris.
Several students, the Resident Council, and Rabbi Cheifetz have brought this problem to the attention of Mr. Douglas Rogers, Director of Plant operations, but to no avail. Students complaining
o Mr. Rogers and his depart ment have met rudeness and apathy. Letters have not been answered. Commitments have not been honored. The only plan put forth by Mr. Rogers was a request to give him more time to study, observe, and diagnose the problem. This time has amounted to more than a month -- with no solution implemented as of yet.

It is intolerably unfair that the residents of Muss Hall must put up with such disturbances, especially during reading and final weeks, when the noises were particularly severe. If Mr. Rogers is capable of solving this problem and is interested in doing so, he should proceed mmediately to implement a solution. If he is not, he should be replaced with someone who is sensitive to the plight of the Muss Hall residents. Doron Spierer

To all YC Students of Junior Standing: Mr. Robert Katz, Assitant to the Dean of Yeshiva College will be available for Junior credit checks beginning March 1.

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## Gurock

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assistant Shulamit Goldstein, an alumna of Stern College, perused 10,000 student files from 1928 to the present, devising a questionnaire based on the students' applications to YU. Dr. Gurock notes that the application form has remained essentially unchanged throughout the years, except for the inclusion in the 1960's of a question asking the occupation of the mother of the prospective student.

While Dr. Gurock admits that applicants are not always quite truthful in completing the ir applications, he contends that with a perceptive reading much can be determined concerning their own personalities and their preconceptions of YU . He adds that, until the 1950's, YU required three essays for admission to the College inquiring why the student wishes to attend, a description of a typical weekend in the student's home, and a discussion of any unassigned readings a student had accomplished during the previous summer. On one unusually candid a pplication, the applicant stated that ideally he would attend a more intense yeshiva where he could concentrate exclusively on his Torah studies; however, as he unfortunately needed to learn a vocation, he would try to make the best of a bad

situation. The student was admitted.
The importance of this book, in Dr. Gurock's view, lies in its role as a barometer of American attitudes toward Orthodoxy and Judaism in general, and of the changing American Jewish relationship with higher education. For instance, Dr. Gurock explains that the reasons students choose to attend YU depend largely upon the times, from the 1920 's, when the opportunities for an observant Jew were severely 'limited by the inflexibility of class schedules and extracurricular and athletic events conflicting with the Shabbat, to the present day, with institutions such as Queens College that offer extensive credits for Israel study. Obviously, Dr. Gurock continues, these changing situations lead to evolving motivations on the part of students attending Yeshiva. Today, he cites "friendship
patterns, familial pressures," and the unique opportunity to study both "Torah" and "Mada" on one campus as the primary factors in most students' decisions.

Other interesting anecdotes include the years immediately following the death of Dr. Bernard Revel, founder and first President of $Y \mathrm{Y}$, and the ensuing debate over whether to establish a dual presidency incorporating one "President of Torah" and one of Mada, as well as the original plan for the Main Center consisting of four buildings in the style of Tannenbaum Hall facing one another and complete with a football stadium on the site where now stands the Max Stern Athletic Center, a concept reluctantly aborted upon the
advent of the Great Depression. In addition, the book discusses the founding of Stern College for Women and the James Striar School, source of YU's first great basketball players.
Having completed one book, Dr. Gurock is now planning a nother, a "bibliographic dictionary and source guide" to the history of Orthodoxy in America, part of a three volume set dealing with the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform movements within Judaism to be published by Greenwood Press. Dr. Gurock's goal is to create a source of basic material on American Orthodoxy for the scholar of the future. Calling the area of Orthodox Judaism "badly understudied," Dr. Gurock plans to include in the work,
among other items, 100 brief biographies of prominent Rabbis chosen as "exemplars of patterns of resistance or accomodation," the two fundamental orientations that he traces throughout the history of Orthodoxy in the United States. In order to accomplish this monumental task, he hopes to attract interested YU students to research and write profiles for the book, in return earning a byline in the publication and learning more about this important element of our heritage outside of the classroom. It would be fitting, Dr. Gurock concludes, for the definitive history of American Orthodox Judaism to be completed by students at America's foremost Orthodox Jewish University.

# RESEARCH ASSISTANTS WANTIED... 

...for a documentary history on the history of Orthodoxy in the United States. Please contact Dr. Jeffrey S. Gurock, 960-5251.

## Debate 0ver <br> School Calendar

by Neil Torcayner
The Yeshiva University Senate recently voted to start school later than usual next semester. The Senate vote which was passed by an overwhelming 9-2 margin stated that academic year for 1988-1989 should begin on October 16th 1988. This late start would enable Yeshiva University to avoid scheduling school days around the holidays that generally break up the semester.

However, the decision isn't that simple. Dean Rosenfeld who himself is in favor of a late start said that although the Senate has input "it does not dictate the final dicision". The decision is made after hearing the various inputs and considering the various conflicting views. Some of the other views were those of the Jewish Studies department, the Senate at Stern College, and the view of Dr. Lamm.
The Jewish Studies department was concerned that if the semester would begin after the holidays there would be no learning during the month of Elul. The Senate at Stern College voted to begin school early. Also it is rumoured that Dr. Lamm is in favor of an early start. The tentative date for the first day of school next year is August 30th 1988. There will not be an extended intersession but ending school on May 23rd 1989 is being considered. The final decision hasn't been made yet.

# Accounting For Liberal Arts Majors 

by David Wolf
Are you a liberal arts major and wondering what type of job you are qualified for with your degree? Do you have limited job experience? Are you now considering a job in accounting due to the recent down swing on Wall Street? Are you finding that employers want a graduate business degree and graduate business schools want job experience? Well, on Wednesday February 3, a unique and exciting opportunity, which previously had been exclusively for students of lvy League or similar quality colleges, was presented to YU liberal arts majors by the Sy Syms School of Business, that can solve these problems. The olution is the Master of Science in Accounting program at New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration (GBA). Dean Schiff of the SSSB, who was one of the original architects of the program seventeen years ago, and John Barch, director of recruiting for Touche Ross, described the program.
The M.S. in Accounting is a joint program between nine accounting firms (all the Big--Eight firms and Spicer \& Oppenheim) and GBA. Students in the program combine formal graduate study at GBA with employment at one of the nine accounting firms. At GBA the students will learn the technical skills needed to succeed in the business world.

At the same time, the students will put the knowledge they have learned to real life experience as full time employees of an accounting firm.

Before a student can start the program, he must interview with a participating accounting firm to be spons ored. Only after the student receives sponsorship may he proceed to apply to GBA. The program lasts for fifteen months and is divided into three segments. The first segment starts in June and lasts until September. During this summer segment the participant is a full time student at GBA taking accounting courses. The next segment is from September until June where the participant works full time as a compensated employee at their sponsoring firm, and takes courses at GBA two nights a week. The last segment is similar to the first segment where the participant is a full time student at GBA from June until September. All the participants in the program follow the same sequence of courses, and take all the courses together, thus forming a very cohesive group.
It should be emphasized that participants are paid competitive salaries by their sponsoring firms, and even though it is a joint program between the firms and GBA, the participants must pay for the M.S. Degree themselves. All the firms pay the same salary to prevent competition between students for certain firms. Last year's
salary was $\$ 33,750$ for the fifteen months or $\$ 27,000$ annually, and tuition at GBA was $\$ 22,000$. Financial aid is available to those in need.

Upon completion of this rigorous fifteen month program, the participant will receive an M.S. in Accounting. Furthermore, he will have taken enough courses to be able to take the Certified Public Accountant's (CPA) exam. Lastly, the student will have nine months of experience under his belt. Graduates are in high demand and aggressively recruited by investment bankers and other financial firms for their unique combination of a liberal arts background and accounting knowledge

Graduates of the program can take a few more courses at N.Y.U. and receive the more popular M.B.A., which $80 \%$ of the participants have opted to do.

Mr. Barch said that YU's
accounting majors have done exceedingly well in previous years at Toche Ross and feels that the liberal arts majors would do well in the M.S. program. The program this year is being expanded to 75 participants up from 50 this past year. He feels that although in past years the program has been almost exclusively for students of Ivy League schools since they traditionally do not offer accounting courses, he feels that our liberal arts majors would be of equal caliber. All nine participating firms will be happy to consider sponsorship of Yeshiva or Stern students, a feat unmatched by any other college in this area.
Dean Schiff said that the most popular major was economics, but all liberal arts majors are accepted. Mr. Barch noted that the best participant his firm had was a religion major from Yale, who recently enrolled in Yale Law School after three years at Toche Ross.
Students interested in the program are urged to meet with Assistant Dean Jaskoll immediately in Belfer 412 for further instruction on how to apply.

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## JSS Continues to Flourish

by Larry Portal

Approximately thirty years ago, the necessity for a Yeshiva geared solely for Ba'alei Teshuva became apparent. In response to this need, Rav Besdin, zt"l, opened the James Striar School of Jewish Studies. Its main objective was to provide a Jewish education for students with little or no background in Judaic Studies. In subsequent years other institutions with a similar objective have evolved, both in the United States and in Israel.

As with all institutions, JSS has undergone various changes since its inception. One thing, however, that has not changed, is its ultimate goal: To provide a love for learning by all of its students regardless of their academic Jewish Studies background. JSS has accomplished this goal by providing classes covering the basics in Halacha, Chumash and Hashkafa.
When a student shows signs of progress, Rabbi Yudin, current head of JSS, will encorage the student to advance to a higher level in JSS. In certain cases, when a student's progress proves to be exemplary, Rabbi Yudin will encourage him to try a shiur in MYP. Furthermore, with the aid of its student council, JSS shows its students a new perspective in Judaism, one which exists
outside the classroom or any social gathering which is organized by the student council. The events arranged stimulate students' spiritual endeavors back in the classroom.
One of the most obvious changes to emanate over the last few years is the popularity of JSS with students of yeshiva backgrounds. Several years ago in a poll taken in various JSS classrooms, no one responded affirmatively when asked if he had a yeshiva background. This year, of the 223 students enrolled in JSS, three-quarters responded affirmatively to that question. Several JSS students attributed this dramatic change to the fact that many students who are far above the level of JSS enroll to make their workload more manageable. Morcover, even advanced students in JSS take beginner courses for the same reason. However, most of the JSS students with yeshiva backgrounds are enrolled in the more advanced classes that JSS offers. These students argue that their workload in JSS indeed is more arduous than it would have been had they enrolled in MYP. MYP students have one shiur for approximately one-and-a-half hours, while JSS students have three-and-a-half hours of from the other two programs
shiurim. This assertion by JSS students is subject to some dispute.
The MYP student claims that his program is more laborious because the shiur ends two hours after those of JSS. Consequently, his secular classes will end later. Furthermore, Jewish History, Hebrew,

and Bible requirements, which JSS students fulfill in the morning, MYP students must take in the afternoon. In contrast to how JSS students feel about the preparatory shiur, most MYP take their shiur seriously, contributing to what amounts to be a longer and more strenous day.
A separate category includes a group of students who would like a more challenging curriculum than what JSS offers, but which they fail to receive

MYP's curriculum consists only love for learning in the atmo-
of a gemorah shiur plus the three hour preparation shiur which these students do not feel they can endure. IBC, on the other hand consists of a program which is somewhat more intense than JSS. Students, however, are reluctant to enroll in the program since many of the lectures are given in Hebrew. This discussion leads to the following question: Does IBC serve as the intermediate level between YP and JSS? Many students think it does not for the aforementioned reason. Some feel that another Jewish Studies program should be implemented, with the intensity of the IBC program, but with the classes given in English.
Some students expressed a difficulty with develuping a
love for learning in the atmo-
sphere of a JSS classroom. Classes are delivered in a similar fashion to that of secular classes, and thus they are treated as such. Students will aspire to obtain a good grade knowing that the credit will count as much as credit received from secular classes. However, the situation with the Ba'alei Teshuva students is quite different. Due to the fact they have never experienced a Judaic Studies lecture, they are much more enthusiastic about the classes and consequently find JSS more rewarding than students with a Yeshiva background.

Considering the original purpose and intent of the JSS program (i.e. to reach out to the Ba'alei Teshuva), this observation is not surprising.


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## ISRAEL AT 40: UNREST AND UNCERTAINTY

The War on Reality



Israeli Ambassador Presents History of Peace Initiatives
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presented the initial meeting
of its 1988 lecture and film series. Israel at Forty: Pers-
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United Nations Partition Plan



A Moral Israel Should Make a Moral Decision

\section*{by Eitan Gorlin <br> | y Eitan Gorlin <br> In order to put down the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Israel overnment must devise and mplement a political policy hat recognizes the Palestinians egitimate right to selfetermination. This recognition will allow Israel to focus on he root cause of the continuing iolence, the Palestinians issatisfaction with secondlass status. <br> As long as Jews continue view Palestinians as enemies hat have forfeited their rights, he unrest will continue. We must, instead, accept the fact hat Palestinians have the same spirations as any other people. spirations as any other people. ignore this human element in Palestinian nationalism. selves that Palestinians do not mind occupation. For that eason, certain right wing Israeli oliticians have avoided ddressing Palestinian grievanhe P.L.O. Prime Minister hamir would, therefore, like 0 believe that Palestinians ould stop protesting if "the ould stop protesting if "the |
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I am in no way blaming Israel for the present situation. In
fate, , Isarel is being forced to
sulfer suffer the consequences of a
Palestinian refugee problem created by the insensitivity of
the Arab states. Furthermore, we must remember that it was
the Ara states' determination in 1967 to destroy the Jewish
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of those people living under its rule.
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## The PLO: Peace Representative or Instigator



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ritories. We applaud their action and encourage them to continue to press the israeli
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indicate that the situation will become more difficult to resolve
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itself misinformed and narrow minded.
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asserst that the PLO is responsible for the current wave of
violence. We disagree: We
believe that the internal dynamics of occupation are the primary cause of the current
unrest. However, the government's statements regarding the role of the PLO reinforce
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# Commentator Surrey Reflects Student Attitudes 

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between what students see as he actual power distribution and what many view as the proper balance within their individual conceptions of how YC should operate, and indeed the very nature of the school.
As to the students’ perceptions of whom they think of as the "R oshei Yeshiva", a clear plurality emerged in support of "selected, prominent rebbeim from MYP," with $41.4 \%$ of total returns. "Selected, prominent rebbeim from each Jewish Studies division" garnered enough votes for second place with $28.7 \%$. Interestingly, only $13.2 \%$ cited a specific individual as the Rosh Yeshiva. It would seem that students do possess very definite impressions that are evoked by the term "roshe yeshiva", though the lack of unanimity on the subject indicates ambiguity over the exact role and stature of the different rebbeim and structure of the school

Concerning the question of freedom of academic inquiry, an issue that has captured some attention as a result of the controversy surrounding the rescinding of an invitation to an Arab League speaker several years ago and the recent faculty report on academic freedom he results reflect a sharp division among students with $51.8 \%$ registering favor of unlimited academic freedom and $47.6 \%$ supporting some limitations. An even more striking contrast emerges when broken down into different Jewish Studies schools: 69\% of JSS were in favor of unlimited freedom of inquiry, $55 \%$ of IBC, and only $43 \%$ of MYP. Among the areas some would
eliminate from the curriculum at YC, art, English literature and philosophy stand out most prominently, each drawing under $3 \%$ of the total vote and all from MYP.
All of the questions concern ing co-ed events received overwhelming affirmative response, with general co-ed with a defined purpose (i.e lectures, chagigot) leading with support in the $90 \%$ plus range As for purely social co-ed events, such as Welcome Back $85.1 \%$ favored the allowance of such events off-campus, $73.2 \%$ on the midtown campus, and $63.7 \%$ on the uptown campus. This nearly two-thirds majority in the last category assumes great significance as it clearly indicates dissent with current school policy. An mportant consistency appears in the $13 \%$ of respondents who opposed any type of co-ed event off-campus, a percentage that ranks highest among the "nay" votes on that issue, perhaps po inting to unease over ex panding events under the YU aegis to the public arena, rather than a more controllable, private and a ppropriate campussett ing

As for the continued pre entation of movies in the Morgenstern lounge, a matte of some debate during the firs semester, an astounding 91.9\% of all-responses advocated the practice, with $65.6 \%$, including those against the existence of such a practice, favoring the current standard. $34 \%$ were dissatisfied with this standard which allows all movies capable of being aired on network television before extensive editing. Of those unhappy with the standard, $66 \%$ felt it should

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be relaxed, and $27.3 \%$ tightened. The remaining $6.7 \%$ was not clear in its wish. $52 \%$ felt that movies should be shown more than the normal twice per week, and $48 \%$ believed two or less to be sufficient.

When queried about the dress code, a topic of discussion in this paper as a result of its recent inclusion in the dormitory handbook and YCSC's decision to release a memo informing students of the new code, $48.2 \%$ favored the code and $50.6 \%$ opposed it. Once again disparities between the schools become evident, as JSS students by a majority of $69 \%$ to $28.6 \%$ opposed the dress code, IBC by $57 \%$ to $43 \%$, and only MYP support ing the code, $57.7 \%$ to $40.2 \%$. Generally, the trend in question where the three Jewish Studies divisions were in disagreement, was fo IBC to hold the middle view between M YP and JSS, though usually leaning toward JSS
Of course, in many questions there exists no discernible variation bet ween the schools.
$63.4 \%$ of those opposing the dress code said they would favor it if one or more of its stipulations, bans on shorts, bare feet and shirtlessness, wer removed. Of those, over 75\% cited the prohibition on shorts as the offending item.

Turning to food services students seem satisfied with cafeteria service by a vote of $58.9 \%$ to $35 \%$. Less satisfactOry was the opinion of food selection and prices: $43.5 \%$ were satisfied, but $50 \%$ disapproved citing uniformity of selection and indistinguishable menus As for prices, $29.8 \%$ were content, $64.3 \%$ not so. This last figure may stem from the much publicized cafeteria price increases at the beginning of last semester. However, since the release of this survey improvements have been made which may now influence opinions, such as frequent specials and the "Nu-Wave

Express" a fast-food microwaveable dinner menu.

Student opinion toward Morg Mart, operating for the first time under non-student management, was not nearly as favorable. Only $33.3 \%$ of respondents expressed satisfaction with Morg Mart selection, with $59.5 \%$ not satisfied, a significant number citing the absence of orange juice as the major problem. After the release of this survey, the problem was temporarily rectified. As of press time, no orange juice has been displayed since that brief reappearance. In addition, Morg Mart has recently expanded its line of Drake's goods. $40.5 \%$ of students expressed approval of Morg Mart's prices and 51.2\% answered in the negative, notably better than the student verdict on cảfeteria prices. As to service, only $44.6 \%$ voiced satisfaction, with $39.9 \%$ dissatisfied, a remarkable number when vie wed in comparison with the cafeteria's fairly high satisfaction rate and the apparent ease with which students are gratified in this area. Of those returning students who compared the present quality of Morg Mart to that of past years, almost $73 \%$ of total respondents, only $2.5 \%$ thought it better, $33.6 \%$ as about the same, and $63.9 \%$ as worse now than when under student management.

When asked to describe their own involvement in student activities, $22.2 \%$ answered "high", $39.2 \%$ "somewhat", $32.3 \%$ "not very active", and 6.3\% "not active at all". When broken down into individual divisions, IBC and JSS emerge as most active, with $26.2 \%$ highly active and only $2.4 \%$ not active at all in JSS, and $27.6 \%$ highly active and $3.4 \%$ not active in IBC. $16.5 \%$ of MYP students categorized themselves as highly active and $8 \%$ as not active at all. The most frequent reasons for inactivity offered were predom-
nantly lack of time due to the heavy courseload, followed by either that free time was spent earning or simply apathy. Some expressed alienation by what they term administrative indifference to student opinion, or by the perceived existence of tight cliques in student leadership circles.

Finally, when asked to describe any change in the quality of student life here at YC over recent years, $37 \%$ said the qualit y of life has improved, $41 \%$ see little or no change and $22 \%$ feel it has worsened Again, when analyzed according to division, $26.2 \%$ of JSS and $24 \%$ of IBC stated that student life has deteriorated, whereas only $12.8 \%$ of MYP elt that way. On the flip side, $36 \%$ of MYP and $24.1 \%$ of IBC tudents reflected optimism as to the improvement of campus life over the past few years, while only $11.9 \%$ of JSS shared that optimism.

This survey has been offered in hope of understanding our uniquely diverse and yet homogenous student body just a bit more clearly. Some have labeled this attempt frivolous, or without real purpose, yet he purpose lies in the experiment itself and in the inherent mportance of the issues it endeavors to address. While no claim can be made from his, a great deal has been discovered; some assumptions lent more credence, others shown baseless.

Ultimately a school is shaped by its students, thus it must be of interest to know what the students think. If some, upon reading this analysis, find within its conclusions a discrepancy between their view of the ideal and the apparent reality, and this spurs them to create a greater approximation between the two and a better Yeshiva University, then the survey will indeed have made a valuable contribution to our school and its students.

## Rally Calls for Unity in Support of Israel

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dinator, Mark Lefkowitz, was of unified public support for Israel's security needs.
Declaring that peace can only be "with those that accept us" and that the problem in the territories is "Arab intransigence, not Israeli negligence" many speakers struck a defiant note, defending Israeli policy in dealing with the situation of unrest. Michael Miller, the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Board, and the son of the Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University, Rabbi Israel Miller, disclaimed any "schism" amongst Jewish groups, citing instead a "oneness amongs Jews in the acceptance of three basic fundamentals regarding

Israel. That: 1) Israel has the right to exist, 2) Israel has the right to protect and defend itself, and 3) Israel has the responsibility under international law to restore peace to those territories.

Nevertheless, some in the crowd expressed other sentiments, hold ing placards espousing both ends of the political spectrum. Members of the Progressive Zionist Caucus, an organization calling for Israeli security coupled with Palestinian self:determination, distributed fliers bearing the logo of the Israeli Peace Now movement and announced plans for a candlelight vigil next week. Also, a JDO presence could be felt on the
outskirts of the police)protected rally, urging a more militant response to the situation.

Another theme stressed by the speakers was the unique nature of Columbia University in its historic ability to tolerate the free expression of all viewpoints, regardless of orientation. Calling such an approach invaluable to the University and to American society, the speakers condemned the actions of the pro: Palestinian protesters in forcing the cancellation of GeneraljStraschnow's speech. Ironically, Straschnow is viewed by Israeli political insiders as somewhat dovish in the context of the IDF hierarchy.

## The Catalog Is Finally Out

## by Marc Scheiner

After many delays and much the Yeshiva University catalog is out. When one looks at the catalog he or she automatically notices something different about it. Besides the bigger size and color picture on the cover there are many changes that have taken place between the covers.

Dr. Silverman who is the academic editor for the catalog says there are no major changes between this newly published catalog and the previous one. It was this previous catalog that contained the changes. An example he cited was the fact that the number system given to the courses was changed. He insisted the only change was one of design. According to Dr. Silverman the Public Relations department went to a design that is being followed by a majority of universities.

There is no disagreement with the fact that there was a need for a new catalog. Besides the need for revamping the courses that are listed, removing those that are no longer given and adding those freshly offered with the onset of the Sy Syms School of Business, there comes a change in the grading system. The fact that Stern College uses the +,- system and that Stern students will be taking courses at Sy Syms has necessitated the acceptance of the +,- system by Yeshiva College. This is because, according to the State Education Department, no student in the same class can be under two different grading systems. This information has to be placed in the school's catalog.

The only remaining problem is the delay. The catalog should have been out in early September. According to Dr. Silverman there are several reasons for the delay. Firstly, there was no one working on the catalog full time. Also the different sections came from their appropriate departments without any real coordination or order. By the time all the information was received and checked, a delay existed. Furthermore, the Sy Syms School of Business did not hire a dean until last Spring which delayed the relevant information until the summer. The time needed to print a catalog, that is from the time all the information is gathered and checked till printing, is 6 months.
The catalog is supposed to cover a three year period. The school printed 7,500 copies of the catalog which is supposed to be a three year supply. The next catalog is slotted to come out in the fall of 90 .

The school does ask one thing. In most universities, if the catalog is lost, a second copy will cost money. At Yeshiva University, the policy exists that the catalog will not cost any money. For this reason they ask that the students be careful with the copy they have received.

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## YC Senate: Is It Effective?

by Dov Pinchot
Mention the Yeshiva College Senate to a YU student and chances are his face will shift to that prevalent $Y \mathrm{Y}$ sneer, followed by a sarcastic retort, sometning to the effect of, "Oh you mean the proud toothless Senate?" If you press these pessimistic fellows for information on the Senate, they suddenly become shy or charge at you with emotional language in a feeble attempt to veil their ignorance. "The purpose of the Senate? Its structure? What has it accomplished?" Here they are ready with their patented, classic answer: "Nothing!" In order to intelligently answer this last question, information on the previous ones must be examined.
The Senate was established in 1969 to give students an active role in governing the academic affairs of Yeshiva College. One Senator says that the Senate is necessary "because it is the only collective voice of students with the administration and faculty. It is a direct line to the administration." The Senate's Constitution clearly lays out the two-fold purpose of the Senate: to set policy for the college, and to make policy recommendations on matters affecting faculty welfare, such as appointments, promotions, and honors. Among the policies which the Constitution grants the Senate jurisdiction over are academic standards, admis-
sions, curriculum, degree requirements, new majors, new courses, atten dance, the grading system, and student honors. The Senate's jurisdiction is restricted to general policy decisions; individual cases are beyond its scope.
Within the structure of the Senate, all three branches of Yeshiva College are represented: The administration, the faculty, and the student body. This guarantees that each branch receives the opportunity to express its opinion on every issue the Senate discussed. The administration is represented by Vice Presidents Rabbi Israel Miller and Dr. Egon Brenner,

## "The Senate is...the only collective voice of students with the administration and faculty."

Dean Norman S. Rosenfeld, and Registrar Pinhas Friedenberg. The faculty representatives are Senate Chairman Dr. Will Lee, Professor Rebecca Stearns, Professor Michael Breban, and Ida Dobkin. The student Senators are Jeff Paley, Tom Samuels, Kenneth Waxman, Jeff Remer, Avi Pechman, and Zalman Levine.
After an issue has been discussed and debated by the Senate, the voted conclusion may be vetoed by either President Norman Lamm or the

Faculty Assembly (a gathering minus system, was the policy of the faculty). This ensures that no policy is put into effect which would be contrary to the Faculty's or President Lamm's ideas for the direction of Yeshiva College.
But what of the Senate's effectiveness? The only real method of measuring the Senate's effectiveness is to examine the policies and programs which it has introduced.
The highly successful Writing Center was instituted by the Senate. The volatile issue of cheating and plagiarism was thoroughly researched and a strict penalization policy was established in YC. A few weeks ago President Lamm vetoed a proposal for a late start in the Fall. This, after polling and extensive discussion was held by the Senate. The number of issues acted on by the Senate is surprisingly small, especially when compared with the number of items on the agenda.

A deeper analysis must be conducted of the parts and functioning of the Senatorial machine. In establishing policy, the Senators in terviewed agreed that the Senate has been somewhat ineffective. One Senator felt that it has done its duty of reporting the students' sentiments, but that the Senate as a whole has improved little in the school. Descriptions of Senate meetings invariably include the semantic games, diplomatic maneuvering, and Senate filibustering. For example, on the issue of co-sponsoring an amendment to the NCAA Drug Testing Policy (the testing would only take place at NCAA championship events) there was a great deal of back and forth argument whether the issue should even be discussed at the Senate meeting.
Another weakness of the Senate has been the relaxed level of faculty participation. Only Dr. Lee and Professor Stearns regularly attend meetings. A Senator remarked, "If there were more faculty at the
meetings, it would show their integrity for improving the academic environ ment and give them a chance to hear and learn the opinions of the other branches."

The members of the Senate were described by one Senator as "unpragmatic". Another made note of the fact that for as long as he has been a Senator, one administration representative has never attended a meeting.

All things considered, the Senate has become a lobbying opportunity for the students. It gives considerably more hope for problems being raised than for conclusions being drawn or acted upon. A strict reading of the Senate Constitution would appear to grant more influence to the Senate. Still, the Senate has a unique and valuable characteristic: It is the hotline to the school's power.

## Freshmen Go Skating

## by Dov Lando

"The Rink," located in Bergenfield, N.J., a cross between a roller rink and a discoteque received an unexpected surprise Sunday night when 55 Yeshiva College and Stern students filed into its colorfully lit establishment. This sudden influx was a result of the Freshman Class sponsored roller skating event.
The success was the Freshman Class' first attempt at relieving the drudgery of a school week. More events are planned.

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## Macs Continue Winning Streak

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they shot over $78 \%$ ( 89 -of-114) in the last four games. Ayal Hod scored 28 points, Teichman added 22, and Lior Hod had 18 for the Macs. Ralph Marigliano and Greg Koehler led the Lions with 25 and 21 points, respectively.
MACS 69 CMSV 63
It was Saturday Night at the Fights in the MSAC, as the Macs played erratic defense and made a number of turnovers before coming on strong at the end to hold off the Dolphins. The Macs led 2514 midway through the first half but then went $9: 34$ without
a point and trailed at halftime, MACS 68 STEVENS 66 32-29. The Macs finally opened The Ducks' Mike Curry it up with an 8-0 spurt that missed a running one-hander gave them a $56-48$ lead. Ayal with :03 remaining, as the Macs Hod led the Macs with 24 points escaped with a hard fought and 9 rebounds and Teichman conference win in Hoboken. added 16 points. Lior Hod The victory, the team's fourth played an impressive all-around in a row, evened the Macs IAC game with 18 points, 7 record at 4-4. Ayal Hod was rebounds, 7 assists, and 4 steals. the game's leading scorer with Mike O'Donahue, with 1429 points, including 15-of-21 points, led five players in double free throws. He also had 18 figures for the Dolphins whose rebounds. Lior Hod surpassed fans were somewhat shaken 1400 career points as he scored by the dominating presence 18 and pulled down 10 of the bestsixth man in Division rebounds. The victory was the III: the MSAC crowd.

110th of Coach Halpert's career.

C. Daniel Chill, YC 57 and Ari Goldman, YC 71 were the featured speakers at the recent Law/Journalism Career Night, sponsored by the J.P. Dunner Political Science and Pre-Law Societies. Chill, a senior partmer in the firm of Gravhard, Moscowitz, and Goldman, the Religious Editor of the New York Times, spoke to some $70 Y U$ students, giving insight to their respective professions and answering the many questions that were posed to them. The event was coordinated hy' Nathan Diament.

## Taubermen

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against determined Hunter is saturated with a series of fencers. Other Taubermen matches to succeed each other performed below par, allowing Hunter to return home victorious.
Individual achievements this year have so far surpassed all expectations.Beginning fencers have been impressing their teammates with single-minded perseverance, untiring dedication, and tangible improvement. The intimidating strength of Arnon Kemelman (Sabre) and the controlled finesse of Dov Lando (foil) served as examples of the quality of Yeshiva coaching and foreshadowed the careers of these two fencers when each conclusively won his first varsity bout at Vassar; Sheldon Jonas (foil) hinted at the potential of his long reach and tall frame in his victory over an enemy foilman at Drew. From among the veteran fencers, one star has outshone the rest: In a near impossible feat which few Taubermen in Yeshiva College history have matched, Rob Sobel (Sabre) retains an unblemished record of 9-0, opening every match with what his teammates now assume to be automatic win and confounding all opposing fencers with his uncanny and superhuman combination of speed and agility - the NCAA red carpet is already being shampooed in preparation for Rob's post season arrival.
The next few weeks' schedule
with neon rapidity. Most will take place in one of our two home gyms (MSAC or Tannenbaum), and the Taubermen renew their invitation to the YC student body to come visit, spend a novel evening, help relieve the emotional strain at our season's height, and help intensify our enemies' emotional strain at their season's plight.

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## Macs Improve to 12-7

by Jonathan Bandler
Since an impressive 104-66 victory over Molloy at the end of last semester, the Macs have won five of seven games, including a first ever victory in Florida, raising their record to 12-7. The Macs played well throughout the stretch though certain untimely turnovers led to the two defeats while lackluster performances nearly cost them other games. MACS 73 MIAMI CHR. 66

Many alumni and vacationing YU students saw the Macs put on an impressive performance against a Warriors team that had a lot of good athletes but not much structure. The Macs led 42-32 at halftime and needed some tough defense down the stretch to hold on. Ayal Hod shot 10-of-13 from the field and shook off his dismal free-throw shooting to pace the Macs with 25 points. Also scoring in double figures were Yudi Teichman ( 18 pts ), Benjy Reichel (15), and Lior Hod (13). The Warriors were led by the outstanding play of Jim Givens who shot 13of -15 from the field en route to a game high 31 points. W.CONN 93 MACS 87

Back at the MSAC the Macs again posted four players in double figures and almost pulled off the IAC upset before fading late in the game. Dwight Shepard's 27 points led the Colonials who shot well from the free-throw line down the stretch to hold on. However, the story of the game was Lior Hod who led the Macs with 32 points, including 5 threepointers, a team record. Ayal Hod and Reichel each scored 16 points and Teichman added 13 for the Macs who led 50-

46 at halftime and shot an uncharacteristic 21-of-25 from the free-throw line for the game. NJIT 74 MACS 71
In Newark, the Macs led 6965 with $1: 53$ remaining but could not hold on to the ball nor the lead and eventually fell to the league leading Highlanders. The first half ended with the Macs behind 39-33, but instead of getting buried in the second half as they usually do at NJIT, they slowly ca me back. After a Lior Hod three-pointer tied the game at 51, Ayal Hod hit a layup to give the Macs the lead for the first time in the game. Eventually the lead stretched to six before the Highlanders made their comeback. Lior Hod paced the Macs with 18 points while Ayal Hod had 17 and Teichman added 16.
MACS 71 MARITIME 56
In a sloppily played road game, the Macs took a 37-21 halftime lead and held on to raise their record to 9-7. The team continued its hot freethrow shooting ( $22-\mathrm{of}-29$ ) and were led by A yal Hod's 23 points on 8 -of-11 shooting from the field and 7 -of- 8 free throws. Lior Hod and Teichman ( 9 rbs , 5 stls) each had 14 points and Reichel had 12. Chuck Purzner paced the Privateers with 16 points.
MACS 78 MOLLOY 71
In Rockville Center, the Macs were again somewhat stiff and came from behind to beat the Lions. The Macs went to a seldom used man-to-man defense to erase a 35-27 Molloy halftime lead and used more great free-throw shooting to win down the stretch. The Macs' 22-of-28 from the line mean! continued on page 11

## Wrestlers Engage in Battle

## by Joey Eisenfeld

The YU wrestling team began its season on November 4th. Looking back at the team's previous seasons, one could predict nothing but trouble for the team this season.

They lost their first two matches, $34-24$ to Stevens Tech and 51-0 to Kean College. But Coaches Neil Ellman and Nathan Schwitzer encouraged the wrestlers and transformed them into a more than respectable team.

The next two matches were against Manhattan and New York Community College. Against Manhattan Andy Garfink el pinned his opponent in an incredible 35 seconds. Uri Bachrach and captain Mike Wiener also defeated their opponents, but Manhattan squeaked by YU, 29-28. N.Y. Community College wasn't as
lucky. Avi Shatzkes, Andy Garfinkel, Uri Bachrach and Avi Witty led the way in the $30-29$ victory over N.Y.C.C.
SUNY-Farmingdale and Fairleigh Dickinson then landed YU two resounding losses.
But the team regrouped in a valiant 36-22 defeat at the hands of Brooklyn College. Lenny Holler and Uri Bachrach pinned their opponents, but it just wasn't enough. The team had arrived exhausted for the match because its bus broke down on the way. After pushing the bus up a hill and jogging a while before finding cabs, the YU wrestlers, remarkably, still made the match interesting. Thursday, February 4th, the team took on Hunter College. Mike Wiener pinned Dan Beck in less than three minutes. Unfortunately, that proved to be YU's only win.

## Volleyball Macs Spike Sacred Heart

Though it is sometimes not begun to fulfill its potential readily apparent, the Yeshiva University Maccabees consist of more than just a basketball team. There is also a fencing team, a wrestling team, a soccer team, a tennis team, a wrestling team, and yes, even a volleyball team. The volleyball Macs are a relatively new team, having been added to Yeshiva's arsenal only 2 years ago. Yet under the instruction of Coach Omar Vargas, who joined the squad a year ago, the team has already filled with ups and downs.

Sometimes the Macs' play was by securing a victory in one out of the two matches that took place on Sunday, February 7. The Macs beat Sacred Hearl University in two out of three games and lost two close games to Vassar College. In the 2nd Vassar game YU led $7-1$ at one point, but could not withstand the pressure of the Vassar attack and lost the match.

Be Sacred Heart match wa filled with ups and downs.
flawless; passes were on target and spiking was fierce. At other times they seemed to sink into the quagmire of hopelessness, giving up point after point as they did in the second game, which they lost 15-4. In the end, however, the Macs prevailed, led by captain Yehuda Lindenberg and veterans Aryeh Friedman and Todd Baron. Both players and fans are looking forward to a great season.


The 1987-88 Yeshiva University Volleyball Team.

## Taubermen Enjoying Life on the Sharp Edge

by Zalman Levine
The staccato song of slashing steel, the barking ballad of battling blades...yes! The Yeshiva College Taubermen will soon rise to the challenge of Baruch University in their fifth meet of the season. And a busy season it has been, beginning with an away meet - a far, far away meet at Vassar College. In a match teeming with coaches' strategies, and brightened with performances by Rob Sobol (Sabre 3-0), Dov Schwell (Sabre 2-1), and Zalman Levine (Foil 2-1), and led by the Sabre squad (73), the Taubermen fell, albeit retaining shreds of dignity, with an overall score of 16-11.
The following night in a gym resounding with the Poseidonal cheers of a fervent fencingcrazed crowd, the Drew University fencers contemplated the short edges of their swords as they bled over ours in our three round 16-11 knockout victory. Madison, New Jersey, witnessed the winning warring in Rob Sobol (Sabre 3-0), Zalman Levine (Foil 3-0), Robby Zimmerman (Foil 20), Zev Goldblatt (Foil 2-1), and Eric Zaiman (Epee 2-1). The foil squad, inspired by mocking sabre grins and the lushness of the "best squad" luxury van, bewildered and awed its Drew counterparts, storming to an incredible 8-
1.

After a hiatus of a month, the dedicated Taubermen donated one of their relaxing, tensionless, cathartic finalsweek days to the bonewrenching pressures of a fencing meet against Johns Hopkins University and discovered the extent of their relaxation in a 21-6 loss to the Marylandians. Although the MSAC hosted the match, and although dedicated fans did appear, the team lacked spirit; vague returns of coaches' pre-meet greetings foretold disaster, lackluster responses to coaches' mid-meet exhortations clinched catastrophe, and enthusiastic post-meet exits left Hopkins wondering at its easy victory. The night's silver
lining appeared in the guise of Ross Breen (Epee 2-1) and Robby Zimmerman (Foil 21). In Robby's case, one clearly mistaken call - distressingly so from our point of view and admittedly so from theirs stole his third victory and frustrated his deserved undefeated streak.

Hunter College arrived to grease our creaking cogs in the first match after intersession. Their friendly, sportslike attitudes enhanced the spirit of the meet and, as usual, their head coach contributed to the warm ambience of the evening. Only Rob Sobel (Sabre 30) and Ross Breen (Epee 21) struck the flint of fine fencing in their successful bouting continued on page 11

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