

YU STABBING: The Complete Story

by Steven Major
and Dov J. Pinchot

On Thursday night, November 3rd, at 10:25 P.M., a small group of neighborhood youths brutally mugged and stabbed Yeshiva College sophomore Doni Greenblatt. Mr. Greenblatt was rushed by ambulance to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he was treated for a stab wound to his right thigh and was kept for observation overnight. Mr. Greenblatt was discharged from the hospital on Friday.

After extensive interviews with numerous Yeshiva College students and 34th street precinct police officers, THE COMMENTATOR has pieced

together the most accurate account of the events leading up to the attack.

At approximately 10:17 P.M., YC junior Aaron Haber was forced to sidestep a group of five hispanic teenagers, who were attempting to create an altercation on YU's pedestrian mall. The group of youths continued walking toward the Morgenstern Residence Hall and positioned themselves on the building's retaining wall.

At approximately 10:20 P.M., YC junior David Schiff bypassed the group, ignoring their taunts of "Hey Jew, let's start something."

The next confrontation occurred at approximately 10:22

P.M., when the group of hispanic teenagers harassed YC junior Joshua Stern with the strident chant of "Heil Hitler, dumb Jews." As Mr. Stern approached the Morgenstern building, Mr. Greenblatt and YC senior Chaim Hagler emerged, on their way to Mr. Hagler's car, which was located two blocks away on Laurel Hill Terrace.

Mr. Greenblatt and Mr. Hagler turned right onto 186th street and, while heading toward the car, noticed a group of hispanic teenagers approaching from behind. The two YC students quickened their pace. Upon reaching the car, Mr. Hagler entered the driver's side,

at which time the youths surrounded Mr. Greenblatt and began banging on the windshield of the car.

While Mr. Hagler was attempting to start the engine and possibly scare off the assailants, Mr. Greenblatt reports that the group "ordered me to give them my jacket... I looked around and saw that they had a knife... They hit me and kicked me all over... in the lip, the nose. I said to them, 'I'll give you anything you want, just try to back off a drop.'" The youths then stripped Mr. Greenblatt of his jacket and robbed him of his wallet. Mr. Greenblatt felt a strange sensation in his right leg. Looking down, he realized that

he was stabbed. "I was bloody all over," he recalls.

After the youths fled, Mr. Hagler drove Mr. Greenblatt to the police booth at the corner of 186th street and Amsterdam Avenue. Mr. Hagler yelled to the police officer, "My friend was stabbed," at which point medical assistance was requested.

Harassment of students around the YC campus is quite rare. Dean of Students Efrem Nulman states, "This was an isolated incident. In the past few years, YU has been singularly free of criminal incidents. YU security will increase its presence. I am confident that the

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Sculpture and Commons Dedication

by Alex Wittenberg

On November 15th, the annual Yeshiva University Joint Boards Dinner will be held at Yeshiva College. The dinner, the only scheduled meeting of all the boards affiliated with YU, will be highlighted by the dedication of the Flame of Wisdom, the recently donated sculpture by Leonardo Nierman.

President Norman Lamm annually invites all members of the board to this dinner. This group includes members of the Board of Trustees of YU, the Boards of Einstein College of Medicine, Cardozo School of Law, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Stern College for Women, Sy Syms School of Business, Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, Yeshiva University Museum, and Yeshiva University High Schools. Also present will be YCSC President Mordi Leifer, SCWSC President Ora Ruttner, Observer Editor-in-Chief Amy Mehler, and COMMENTATOR Editor-in-Chief Behnam Dayanim.

The meeting is traditionally rotated among the various YU campuses, but in 1986 it was held in Gracie Mansion at the request of Mayor Koch to mark YU's centennial celebration. This year the dinner will be held at the uptown campus to facilitate the dedication of both the newly-renamed Weissberg Commons in Belfer Hall and Mr. Nierman's sculpture.

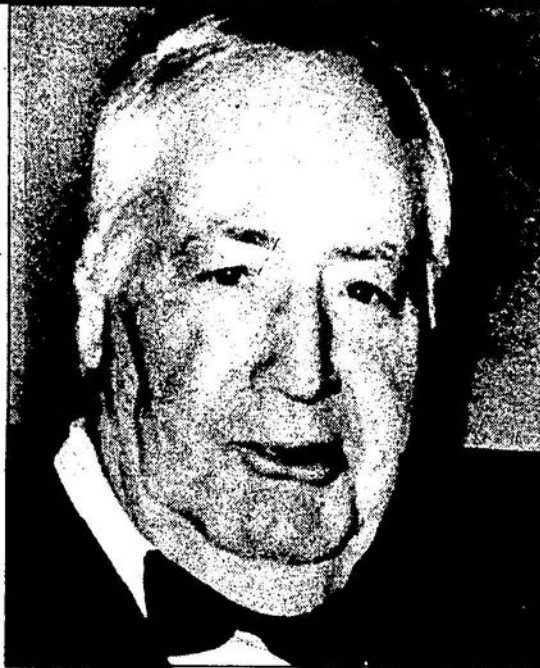
Leonardo Nierman is a noted Mexican-Swedish painter and sculptor with works on display in Israel and at the United Nations buildings in Geneva and New York. He agreed last year to placing his sculpture in front of Tenzer Gardens. In addition,

he donated his services to Y.U. free of charge. The design Mr. Nierman chose was a nine-foot flame cast in stainless steel, a design with no religious connotations.

Initially, Mr. Nierman encountered a casting problem which proved to be quite costly. However, Irwin Friedland, a friend of the sculptor, donated the funds for the casting. Thus the sculpture is entirely funded by private sources, and no money was taken from the schools budget.

The dedication of the Weissberg Commons will follow that of the sculpture. The commons, formerly known as Belfer Commons, will be named for benefactors Gloria and Jesse Weissberg. The commons will also serve as the actual site of the dinner. The dinner will also feature addresses by Dr. Lamm and the Hon. Herbert Tenzer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The dedications and dinner will be followed by a cocktail reception in the museum hosted by Erica and Ludwig Jesselson.

The evening's events are being organized by the Department of Development. According to David Zysman, Vice President for Development, his department is in charge of all fund raising and non-academic affairs. This includes all regular Board meetings, due to the Board's role in planning and development. It also includes dinners, such as this one, and the Chanukah Dinner. Because the Joint Boards Dinner brings the University leadership together, it is one of the most important events of the year. For on this night only, all Y.U. officials get a chance to plan for the future as a unit.



The Honorable Walter Annenberg, (left), former U.S. Ambassador to the U.K. and C. Everett Koop, (right), U.S. Surgeon General, will speak at YU's Chanukah Dinner.

GRE Exam Replaced

by Yechiel Gordon

Each year, graduating seniors are required to take the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) in order to graduate college. This spring, YU will participate in a nationwide project by administering a new form of assessment exam. This project actually was initiated last year but due to scheduling difficulties YU was unable to participate.

Surprisingly, past years have seen YU students score quite poorly on the GREs. When asked to explain this problem, Dean Hecht responded, "It is unfair to compete with other universities for different goals. Yeshiva students use this as an exit exam, not as a means of admission to graduate programs." Dean Hecht went on to explain that with the new test, "our students will be playing on a level playing field."

The purpose of the GRE examinations is to enable a university to assess its curricu-

lum in the various majors and take appropriate steps to improve each major. Among the different majors, a variety of opinions exist as to the utility and format of the GRE exams.

Dr. Joan Haahr, a professor in English, explained that the English GRE encompasses a broad base of courses, especially in Shakespeare and American Literature. Students who have not taken the courses specifically focused upon in the exam find themselves at a tremendous disadvantage. Dr. Haahr also mentioned her desire for more essay questions, since the present format does not sufficiently test students thinking skills.

Dr. Levine, head of the Economics Dept., expressed consternation with the disproportionate emphasis on econometrics in past GRE exams. He feels that the broad option of business courses offered to students in YU actually hurts them when it comes to taking a highly specified test like

the GRE.

In the psychology department, Dr. Adler feels a lackadaisical attitude towards psychology has hurt test scores. "They are not planning to go to graduate school, therefore, they don't take the more difficult courses such as Theory and Systems or Tests and Measurements, that are necessary for passing the exam."

Assistant to the Dean Robert Katz described the goals of the new test. "The Major Field Achievement Test (MFATs) reflect widespread interest...to assist departments in assessing the outcomes of undergraduate education and specific disciplines. This test is designed more for undergraduate analysis than as a determinant for graduate schools. Our embracing of this new test is an example of student feedback working, where the administration is working to find new and innovative ways to help the students."

EDITORIALS

Twin Tragedies

Two recent tragedies have marred Yeshiva's relations with its neighbors. The first, obvious event was the reprehensible attack on YC student Doni Greenblatt by a group of local thugs. This calamity, shocking in its exposure of possible anti-Semitic or anti-YU feelings among some Washington Heights residents, was made more tragic as a result of relentless and sensationalist coverage by the metropolitan press. Regardless of the distinct possibility that the mugging may have been motivated purely by monetary considerations, the media's lack of concern for fact and unabashed attempts to create another Howard Beach in Washington Heights mark a new low point in journalistic integrity.

The second, much less publicized incident involved a YU student shooting his 'B-B' gun through a window of a nearby apartment. Though the as yet unidentified miscreant luckily avoided injuring the apartment's inhabitants, such a display of blatant irresponsibility and disregard for both the welfare of others and the relationship of YU with its neighbors can not be excused.

While these two episodes, occurring so closely together, are undoubtedly unrelated, it is the latter type of easily avoidable action that fans the very fires of hatred that could have led to the attack on Mr. Greenblatt. Those students who are so quick to denounce others should follow that famous dictum, "Look to thine own house" before attempting to condemn that of others.

Student(In-)Activities

Members of the Political Science Society are more cynical than usual this week regarding the purpose and function of their organization. That the society has failed to run a single event thus far this year is bad enough. That the society ignored election night, a night simply begging for a political science function, is embarrassing. Yet the Political Science Society is not the only 'student activities' organization that could benefit from a little more activity. And club officers alone cannot take the blame for YU's often lacking student activities schedule. Apathetic students are equally guilty. It's time students began challenging their clubs and societies, and in turn, Student Council, to create stimulating on-campus events on a regular basis. It's time students began demanding more from their stay at YU than a quick stepping stone to professional success.

Presidential Progress, Presidential Problems

Student leaders habitually approach their annual meeting with Dr. Lamm with a mixture of eagerness and apprehension. Thus, the commendable decision by President Lamm to hold this year's gathering at his home, rather than in a more formal office setting, did much to allay that discomfort.

Yet problems remain. The sheer number of students invited to this first ever joint YC/SCW session, involving both presidents and vice presidents as well as those in positions neither of student representation nor journalistic responsibility, created an unwieldy situation in which many major concerns could not be addressed. For example, the administration's inclusion of the editors of the yearbooks and pointed omission of senators from either school seems inexplicable.

Additionally, Dr. Lamm's disturbing propensity to either sidestep controversial issues, referring them to other administrators present, or to question the premises of relevant queries in order to avoid actually answering them was worthy of a politician, not an intellectual leader and statesman.

While this year's meeting did much to redress the flaws of past practices, much remains to be improved in time for next year's student 'pow-wow' with the President.

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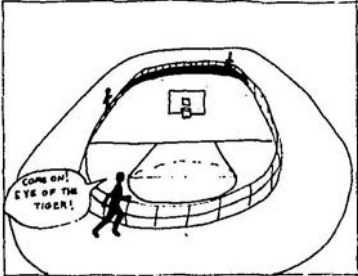
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Guest Columnist: Dr. Israel Miller

Senior Vice President, YU

by Dr. Israel Miller
[ED. NOTE: This article represents the opinion and the impressions of YU Senior Vice President Dr. Israel Miller concerning his recent interview on the television show, "60 Minutes." THE COMMENTATOR will notify CBS News of its inclusion and request an opposing opinion for publication in a future issue. An article describing the "60 Minutes" segment appears in this issue.]

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to be interviewed by "60 Minutes?" It's quite an experience. If you are representing a lobby, it is fair to assume that it is going to be a "slam piece," because the program's operating assumption seems to be that even though lobbying is a First Amendment right, and it is within the law, it must by its very nature be a conspiracy to pervert the public and national interest. Lobbying is another negative "L word." And the picture they paint of your organization and cause will be seen and, in many cases, be taken as a reality, by a far larger audience than has ever heard of your group, an audience said to exceed 25 million.

A fourteen minute segment about AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobby, was broadcast on October 23, and I, as one of its Vice Presidents, was asked to represent the organization on camera.

Here is how they seemed to operate. First, I have been told, the producers construct what is called the "Blue Line," based on some preliminary research, establishing the basic thrust of the show. This includes the case to be made against the subject, the "microcosm" or case example they will use to illustrate it, the individuals to be interviewed on camera to represent the accusation and defense (including the questions to be asked and the answers they are expected to give), and various devices to lend dramatic tension to the material. Then interviews are conducted to find the right people to play the appointed roles, and footage is assembled for editing into the story with interesting cameos. In the program on AIPAC they inserted, for example, a totally extraneous clip depicting Israeli soldiers beating Palestinians.

If you are the subject of all this, you are in a very difficult position. You cannot, as a practical matter, refuse to cooperate, little though you may want to, because it is a "no-win" situation. A visual of you slamming the door would say to many viewers that you must have something to hide. On the other hand, you know before you are interviewed that they will hit you with some detail to embarrass you, because this kind of footage is essential to prove that you are not what you pretend to be, and to generate dramatic tension. They interview you for an hour, but the responses that put you in a positive light in the main end up on the cutting room floor. What they really want is about one and one-half minutes that fit the Blue

Line and satisfy the viewers' craving to see their crack reportorial team perform its weekly magic.

It all seems terribly unfair if you are the subject. In AIPAC's case, for example, Mike Wallace made his case against the organization by wheeling out George Ball, who was an Undersecretary of State more than twenty years ago and has been a severe critic of AIPAC and Israel ever since. He stated, as he has in the past, that the pro-Israel community is inimical to the national interest. I told Mr. Wallace that they interviewed the wrong George. They should have chosen George Shultz. But that bon mot never found its way into the program, for it did not fit the Blue Line. With Ball as the only spokesman from the community of American statesmen, the viewer could only have a very unfavorable and misleading impression.

For dramatic tension, Mike Wallace relied on two items. The first was a shot of Senator John Chafee refusing to talk to the camera. Since the "microcosm" for this show was the Rhode Island Senate race, where, the program alleged, AIPAC is conducting a vendetta against Chafee for his vote in favor of AWACs seven years ago, this footage is meant to show vividly how intimidating we are: even the victim is afraid to speak.

I told Mike Wallace emphatically that there is no anti-Chafee campaign by the pro-Israel community, and that, if a candidate of no particular distinction on our issues were running against him, there would not be much interest in the Rhode Island race. As it happens, Chafee's opponent, Lt. Gov. Richard Licht, has an unusually strong record and position, and this has drawn positive support to him. But the idea of a vicious, negative campaign is essential to the Blue Line, so this is the image that was presented, and Chafee's refusal to talk "proved" just how vicious we are (rather than, for example, showing that the Senator sees no point in getting in the middle of somebody else's mudslinging).

The other drama point was Mike Wallace confronting me, camera rolling, with an AIPAC internal memo containing an anti-Chafee remark, to "prove" that the vendetta really exists and that I am being caught before the viewer's very eyes supposedly trying to cover it up. This was a very peculiar experience. I immediately told Wallace that this memo was written by a person whose name I had never even heard, that it was not a policy document, and that the excerpts Wallace showed me did not represent AIPAC's policy. After the taping it took AIPAC's staff some time to even find the document (60 Minutes declined to provide a copy), and when they did, it proved to be a very minor exchange between two junior members of staff, neither of whom had any policy authority and neither of whom is

Out-Of-State Grudge

To the Editor:
After two and one-half semesters at YU, I feel the distinct need, as a non-New Yorker, to speak out against the insensitivities of the YC community towards the "out of town" contingent. The examples of second-rate treatment are many, and I will get to them shortly, but first I offer a short quiz as proof that the mistreatment is the result of ignorance rather than a concerted effort aimed directly at the non-local segment of the student body.

1. Does Tennessee border Louisiana?
2. What is the average cost of a plane ticket to a Southern or Midwestern state from New York?
3. Is Detroit or Chicago closer to St. Louis?
4. Which city is further north, New York or Denver?
5. Which is further south, Detroit or parts of Canada?

Bonus question: In which time zone is Indianapolis?

While geography is hardly the issue, several other University actions most certainly are.

The late/early start issue no longer concerns most students, except those of us who spent \$250 to fly to New York and increased our living expenses for two weeks of class. Adding to the early start was the Sunday start. Due to the late conclusion of Shabbat during the summer, the out-of-towner was forced to forgo one last Shabbat with family or skip the first day of school while traveling. This one instance is a striking example of the total neglect of the "foreigner" in schedule making.

While no statistics are available, I would venture that many YC students who stay on campus for Shabbat are from outside the New York area. The question should be raised as to why in all other colleges students, whether local or not, remain for weekends while at YU the dorms empty each Thursday night. If more people stayed here for Shabbat, it could even become worth the stay. Is it not embarrassing that Columbia University had 500 people for Simhat Torah while YU could not even put together a minyan?

One last issue is directed toward Admissions. Recently, my father (a YU alumnus and ex-New Yorker) and brother made a trip of some East Coast schools. Only at YU was my brother denied a specific inter-

still employed by AIPAC.

AIPAC tried to convince the producers not to rely on this memo because it did not represent the views of anyone in a position of policy responsibility, but they made it a centerpiece of the program.

From my experience, "60 Minutes" is not fair journalism, but more of a scripted drama, in which the conclusion is already decided before the research is done. I trust it will not have an impact upon the American people's support of Israel. There is too much at stake.

view and told he would have to return when his application was completed. Isn't that what files are for-- to be added to when the occasion arises? Wouldn't the bending of a rule have been more effective than the disillusioning of a prospective student?

Those of us from other areas realize we have chosen YU, with and perhaps because of its location, and that certain hardships come along with this decision. However, the truth remains that we are important contributors to the diversity of the University. As such it is only right that the University begins to see us in this light and take more time to consider our specific needs when major policy decisions are enacted.

Joseph Wolf
YC '90

Microwave Ban

To the Editor:
In the past, the students have customarily been given warnings as to the possession and use of microwave ovens. Often, after these warnings were served, a small number of offending appliances were confiscated. This year, a perhaps overzealous security force has confiscated in numbers far beyond precedent. This in itself would be forgivable as they are only doing what they must feel is their duty. What makes this so vexing are circulating reports from parents of freshmen that during orientation, an unnamed dean stated that microwaves would be permitted this year. If these charges are true, the administration clearly has only two options: Allow microwaves or compensate those whose microwaves have been taken.

The administration has, in the past, argued that the wiring could not handle to strain of microwave ovens. The wiring in Rubin and Morgenstern is not that aged and decrepit and the wiring in Riets is just now being replaced. If this new wiring cannot handle the stress of microwaves, they have no one to blame but themselves.

One possible solution to the power problem is scheduling. If the people on a circuit would schedule their use of non-flammable cooking appliances, the problem of blown circuits would be rare if at all. This has been borne out in my experience as I have yet to see a lone microwave blowing a circuit. With active scheduling, the objection of inadequate wiring could be quelled and microwave ovens could be safely used.

The desire of permitted microwave ovens is not simply a frivolous one. A vast number of students cannot afford to pay the prices that the assorted kosher neighborhood vendors charge for prepared foods. The allowing of microwave ovens would give these individuals options besides prices which they cannot afford and the monotonous drone of cold food. If the administration would take these suggestions into account, it might find itself with a more agreeable student population.

David S. Gerstl
YC '90

Editorial Objections

To the Editor:
The October 25 issue of THE COMMENTATOR featured two articles which I found to contain much arrogance and falsehood.

The editorial entitled "Trash-ing Torah U'Mada" expressed great disrespect for our Roshei Yeshiva. Reprimanding our rebbeim for disagreeing with the University's esteemed President, Dr. Lamm, is uncalled for.

Furthermore, the attitude expressed in this editorial again shows THE COMMENTATOR's insincerity concerning the nature of our institution. Amidst constant calls for intellectual honesty and academic freedom of expression, the editorial board at the same time calls for the suppression of those opinions with which it disagrees. Additionally, the strong suggestion that only certain views be permitted to be heard at the Torah U'Mada lectures is simply hypocritical.

Editor Behnam Dayanim's column was also problematic. His statements concerning gentiles and abortion are incorrect, as can be seen in the seventh chapter of tractate Sanhedrin. The Talmud explicitly states that gentiles are required to enforce the Noahide Laws in their societies. This is the first of their laws, referred to as "dinin."

I hope that more care and respect be shown in future issues.

Avrohom Gordimer
YC '89

Eidelberg Slandered

To the Editor:
As a student of Dr. Eidelberg, I was totally offended by THE COMMENTATOR's editorial (Oct. 25) attempting to defame a former professor in this institution. Firstly, let me begin by saying that engagement in lies, speculative accusations, as well as servility is not a mark of a respectable editorial. Anyone who really read Dr. Eidelberg's articles knows quite well that he highly reveres Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik shlita, and by the same token he rejects the gimmick advocated by the high society rabbis of Torah U'Mada.

The ideology that Dr. Eidelberg adheres to rejects Torah U'Mada; his ideology is also espoused by such Gedolei Yisrael as Rav Samson Raphael Hirsch z'tl, Rav Aaron Kotler z'tl, Rav Yoel Teitelbaum z'tl, the Lubavitcher Rebbe shlita, and Rav Shach shlita, and if these Gedolim agree on a religious matter, it is certainly appropriate of a religious Jew to respect their opinion.

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CORRECTION

A headline in the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR incorrectly identified Dr. Yehuda Don. Dr. Don currently occupies the Ludwig Jesselson Chair in Economics and is a member of the Yeshiva College faculty.

Amsterdam Mall Update

by Larry Hartstein

Any serious restructuring of the mall on Amsterdam Avenue is "a few years away," according to David Guren, deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation.

The D.O.T. is currently reviewing the recommendation of Community Board 12 and has yet to issue its response. Once it reaches a conclusion regarding the community board's plan, the slow process of appropriating funds can begin. "That's normal for a capital budget," said Guren. The community board made its recommendation in May.

Maria Luna, chairwoman of Community Board 12, is working on a different timetable. "By 1989 they should start doing some work there," she said. And Luna finds it difficult to imagine the D.O.T. would reject the board's proposal. "Our recommendation—they have to follow it. Very few times in life has the city gone against the community board."

According to Luna, the recommendation calls for the mall to be rearranged so that traffic would flow in the middle of

Amsterdam Ave. and not on the west side as is the currently the case. Sidewalks on both sides of the street would be enlarged to make room for benches and trees, and the two lanes in the middle would be narrowed. In addition, the plan suggests the implementation of "sleeping policemen," inclines in the road designed to slow down traffic.

Most significantly, the mall would increase in length, extending perhaps from 182nd street to 190th street. Angular parking would be added as well in certain areas. "We cannot recommend the mall as it is now," said Luna.

Although the plan received strong majority support from Community Board 12, everyone at YU is not singing its praises. Jeffrey Rosengarten, YU's colorful director of supporting service administration, while admitting that the central goals behind the creation of the mall would be achieved under the new proposal, opposes the plan. "The way it is now is just fine... It is nicer. It is quieter. There is less traffic. There have been less accidents in the surrounding

area—nothing to be disappointed about," said Rosengarten. He also expressed doubts about the merits of "sleeping policemen." "Do they want police to go flying and break their chassis?" Still, Rosengarten expressed pleasure at the knowledge that even if a new mall might eventually be constructed, the current one is in no danger of being dismantled.

Despite Rosengarten's claim that D.O.T. statistics show a post-mall reduction in traffic of 40-50 percent, it appears that many drivers ignore the signs calling for only emergency and commercial traffic between 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. "There is no real enforcement of the regulations," argued Luna.

According to Officer Douglas McHenry of the 34th precinct, a manpower problem exists. "We got two cops there already. We're not going to stick anybody else extra there." Rosengarten feels the problem is far from acute. "There are citizens who do observe signs. That does still exist in the world."

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Student Leaders Meet With President Lamm

by Behnam Dayanim

On Monday evening, October 24, YU President and Mrs. Norman Lamm hosted a number of undergraduate students representing the major student organizations and publications in their home on the upper West Side. Also present were YU Senior Vice President Israel Miller, Dean of Students Efrem Nulman, and, from his student services staff, Director Zeldia Braun and Mr. Jeff Chaitoff. The meeting continued an annual tradition in which student leaders can directly question the University's President on issues of concern. This year, for the first time, the gathering took place at Dr. Lamm's home with students from both the men's and women's undergraduate divisions in attendance.

A cordial and relaxed Dr. Lamm set the tone throughout the meeting by adeptly answering difficult questions, sometimes through disagreeing with their premises, and referring some of the most controversial and sensitive issues to Dr. Miller. A noticeable example of this latter technique arose when SCWSC Vice President Batya Rozwaski raised the women's long-standing gripe over the lack of adequate athletic facilities and the possibility of regulated use of the men's comparatively extensive Max Stern Center. Dr. Lamm replied that many options were being pursued, pointed out the difficulties inherent in living in midtown Manhattan as well as the commensurate advantages, and stated that the main campus facilities were simply too far away to be practical. Dr. Miller later alluded to perhaps a deeper reason when he declared that "Yeshiva is a yeshiva" and that there are "parameters" by which all students must abide.

Without a doubt Dr. Lamm's

predominant theme was the desperate need for more students to enter fields in education, particularly Jewish education. After asking the assembled students about their future plans after leaving YU, he chided the group for its overwhelming emphasis on the professions and business rather than teaching and communal service. He charged those present with setting the example for the remainder of the students and, returning to his frequently voiced concept of "moderation with passion," declared that to make Torah U'Mada work, the adherent must possess one-half of the dedication to Torah as the Chabad have to the Lubavitcher Rebbe. He implored those present to reconsider their career goals, looking beyond the currently chic goals of wealth and comfort. Pointing to this problem as part of the reason for what many students consider to be inadequate faculty and course selection, he asked how any schools, particularly those dealing with Jewish disciplines, could be expected to attract many outstanding professors and rebbeim if this generation's brightest minds are lost to other fields.

In response to an earlier question posed jointly by YCSC President Mordi Leifer and this reporter, Dr. Lamm dismissed the idea that there has been a drift rightward at YU over the past several years, citing only two differences from his own college days—the cessation of the once popular practice of YU students leaving for the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary for semikha and the increase in "limud Torah" on campus, a phenomenon he attributed partly toward the increased frequency of a year of study in Israel.

Concerning the lack of support among some of the faculty for his Centrist philosophy, as

evidenced by frequent criticisms voiced throughout the Torah U'Mada lecture series, he defended the right of those to disagree as consonant with the values of "tolerance, moderation, and liberalism" embodied within his conception of Torah U'Mada. Dr. Lamm added that rebbeim were much more outspoken against YU's guiding motto in the past than they are today.

When challenged as to the recent administration prohibition of most co-ed social events on the Uptown campus, Dr. Lamm urged student leaders to develop events with an educational thrust to complement the academic atmosphere of the school. When YCSC Vice President Adam Chill objected, claiming that the students sometimes desire events that are purely social in nature, Dr. Miller delineated the new standard as one requiring some Jewish or educational content in each individual event. The Welcome Back Party, formerly held in Belfer Commons, does not fit this description as it is "not related to anything Jewish" and therefore remains prohibited. Instead, in a significant softening of his position, Dr. Miller suggested that a "Rosh Chodesh party" would be acceptable. A COMMENTATOR survey conducted last year indicated that almost two-thirds of the YC student body does favor purely social co-ed events Uptown. The survey drew proportional responses from all three Jewish studies divisions.

In another instance of a relaxation of attitude toward social events generally, Dr. Miller stated that evenings with performers such as hypnotists would be acceptable provided that adequate guidelines were followed to "uphold standards of dignity," in the words of Dr. Lamm. Previously, student leaders had been routinely discour-

aged from pursuing such events by the Office of the Dean of Students.

SOY President Jeff Paley complained of outmoded, "stale" requirements in many areas of the college, particularly Jewish studies, and proposed the establishment of honors courses beyond those offered solely for Max Stern Scholars. He cited a class taught by Dr. Lamm as an example of a rare honors level course and lamented that it had been closed to all except Stern scholars. Dr. Lamm, while calling the overall quality of the faculty superior to that of his day and improving steadily, expressed concern over the problem and promised to discuss the possibility of honors courses with YU's Executive Vice President, Dr. Egon Brenner.

Replying to a query as to growing polarization among students of the various Jewish studies divisions due partly to their lack of familiarity with other schools' rebbeim and the rebbeim's own unfamiliarity with students of other divisions, Dr. Lamm insisted that such a mindset has "been there all along" and is not a new manifestation at YU. Calling such parochialism "silly," he labeled an idea to somehow rotate Judaic faculty among the divisions and perhaps partially amalgamate the schools as worthy of consideration and stated that the recent practice of having a RIETS rabbi teach a course in IBC was initiated for that purpose.

Finally, reacting to concerns raised by Hamevaser Editor-in-Chief Robert Klapper as to the danger of dilution of YU's unique mission as a result of the increasing size of and emphasis on the essentially secular graduate schools, President Lamm essentially stated that YU has already withstood that danger. Successfully co-existing with the

Albert Einstein College of Medicine for 35 years has proven YU's continued viability and vitality. He reassured Mr. Klapper that, though the other divisions' administrative figures may sometimes lose sight of the overriding purpose of the greater institution, he can and does successfully remind them.

Student Senate

by Bruce Schanzer

[ED: This piece is the first of two articles dealing with the function and effectiveness of the YC Senate. A comprehensive perspective by Dr. Will Lee will appear later in the semester.]

The Yeshiva College Student Senate, as described by its Chairman Kenny Waxman, is a "clearinghouse" of ideas and proposals between the students and the administration. In other words, it is a forum for students to air issues to the faculty and the administration. Through this forum many important matters have been resolved.

Over the years Senate resolutions have changed Yeshiva College quite dramatically. The Senate is responsible for introducing the plus/minus and A/P/N grading systems and has procured for the student the opportunity to withdraw from a course. Sometimes the Senate is overruled, however, as in the case of the early start of school this semester.

A more recent issue that has been resolved in the Senate involves the College's stance on cheating. In addition to the publication of a pamphlet that defines cheating and plagiarism and outlines their consequences, a twelve page essay entitled "Cheating and Plagiarism at Yeshiva College: Educational,

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On Campus Shabbat Improvements

An intensive evaluation of the Shabbat experience at Yeshiva College has been initiated under the direction of Rabbi Morry Wruble, a first-year instructor in JSS and a YC alumnus. A questionnaire to be distributed to the entire student body is being prepared, and a new minyan has been established to attract those students disaffected with the present system.

Rabbi Wruble notes with concern what he perceives to be the occasional instance of students routinely not praying with a minyan or eating in the cafeteria on Shabbat. He feels the forthcoming survey will enable him to determine what if anything need be done to rectify the situation and create a "totally meaningful Shabbat" for every student on campus.

Concerned that the price or somewhat exaggerated length of the Shabbat meals may deter some students from eating in the cafeteria, resulting in a loss of Yeshiva-wide ruach and perhaps even the neglect of certain mitzvot such as kiddush, he plans to explore possible avenues toward correcting the problems and increasing cafeteria patronage.

Additionally, he feels that some students may feel uncomfortable or alienated by the larger Beit Midrash minyan. The lack of opportunity for the JSS student, for example, to lead the tefilah or receive an aliyah may create the impression that the minyan is geared toward the "RIETS type" of student

exclusively.

With this in mind, Rabbi Wruble has organized a new Shabbat "JSS and Waiter minyan" in Rubin Shul aimed precisely at that type of student, whether actually enrolled in JSS or engaged as a waiter or not. He feels it will provide the chance for the interested student to take an active part in the services, in areas such as gabbai and shaliach zibbur. Rather than a traditional shiur, such as the one given in the main minyan, he plans to deliver a shorter talk more in the vein of a congregational sermon.

The establishment of the minyan represents a shift in approach for the University, as evidenced by Mashgiach Ruhani Rabbi Yosef Blau's vigorous denunciation of alternative minyanim just last year and his current approval of the concept.

The minyan meets Friday nights at candle lighting time and Shabbat mornings at 8:45 A.M. Rabbi Wruble also plans to establish a "Wake-up Committee," on a purely voluntary basis, to assist those interested students in arriving to minyan on time Saturday morning.

Rabbi Wruble says that, though there have been recent improvements in the quality of Shabbat on campus, "these have not been enough." He declares that YU is committed to "making Shabbat relevant and meaningful to every member of the University."

YU Responds to Death of Police Officer

by Doron Spierer

All of Yeshiva University reeled in shock after the murder of New York City Police Officer Michael J. Buczek on October 18. Officer Buczek, who was assigned to the 34th Precinct which covers Yeshiva's Uptown Campus, was killed by an alleged drug dealer at the corner of 161st Street and Broadway. Although the incident was "completely unrelated" to the safety of the University and its students, according to Kenneth Gallo, Associate Director of Security and Safety at the Manhattan campuses, almost three hundred students shared in the community's outpouring of sympathy and concern when they participated in the Resident

Council's letter of condolence to Captain Mandel, commanding officer of the 34th Precinct. YCSC also plans to commemorate Officer Buczek in the near future.

In a telephone interview, Captain Mandel viewed YU's response toward the incident as "excellent." He felt that "The outpouring of love and sympathy and good towards the slain officer made us feel a little bit better. We've received letters, cards, and flowers from every group in the community."

Gallo shared Captain Mandel's sentiments, adding that "We [Yeshiva Security] depend upon the 34th and the police in general quite a bit for their

assistance and cooperation in activities related both to the University and the community; the rapport has always been very good." He also mentioned that "He [Officer Buczek] was a police officer that cared, and is missed by both the University and the police. He went out of his way to alleviate problems before they got bigger."

Unfortunately, the crime problem in Washington Heights has already reached massive proportions. It's going to take a lot more hard work on the part of the police, with Y.U.'s and the rest of the community's staunch support, to make any headway in effectively combatting crime in our neighborhood.

Chanukah Dinner Honorees Announced

by David Sheffey

The annual Yeshiva University Chanukah Dinner will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on December 18. The Dinner is the primary fundraising event of each year, attracting the University's most prominent and distinguished benefactors and guests. In the past, speakers as politically diverse as Vice President George Bush and former House Speaker Tip O'Neill, and as controversial as Madame Jihan Sadat, have graced the function. Other dignitaries have included then Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and former Chairman of the

Federal Reserve Paul Volcker.

In addition, selected student leaders are traditionally invited both to serve as representatives of the University's undergraduate student body and to perform a variety of functions needed to create a well-organized affair.

The list of designated speakers for this year's Dinner is an impressive one. The guest of honor, the Honorable Walter H. Annenberg, former United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom, is the principal orator. Dr. C. Everett Koop, U.S. Surgeon General, will deliver the keynote address.

A YU Presidential Citation will be conferred upon the Hon. Vernon A. Walters, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Ambassador Walters is no stranger to YU, having served as the guest speaker at last year's Yeshiva University Commencement in Avery Fisher Hall.

Another customary activity at the Dinner involves the awarding of honorary YU degrees to outstanding public figures and philanthropists. This year's group includes Ambassador Annenberg; Dr. Koop; Samson

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Rabbi Delivers Speech on Moral Questions in Territories

by Jonathan Greenblatt

On October 25, Yeshiva University was privileged to have Rav Shabtai Rappaport speak at its weekly shiur entitled "The Intifada: A Halachic Perspective".

Rav Rappaport, a resident of Jerusalem, is both Rosh HaYeshiva at Yeshivat Shvut Yisrael adjacent to Efrat and an adjunct Rebbe at Yeshivat Har-Etzion in Alon Shvut nearby.

Rav Rappaport began the shiur with two stories. Both occurred recently in the Judean territory. In the first, the Rabbi described traveling to Hebron and encountering a road block. As he neared the roadblock, he noticed several Arabs standing around. With the thought that they might do him harm, he turned around and took another route. "Sometimes they just stand around and laugh at the passing cars," the Rabbi said, "Other times they attack with a barrage of rocks. I wasn't sure what they would do." The second story involved an American settler who saw three Arabs holding rocks running towards

his car. The man felt that his life was in danger and opened fire with his submachine gun wounding them. It turned out that they were running away from several soldiers and they didn't actually mean to harm him. The question arises: Had he killed the three men, would it be considered murder, or self-defense?

Rav Rappaport proceeded to teach through a thorough analysis of various sources how Jewish law deals with such a situation. He concluded that a person may kill only in the event of a definite threat to life, that is, the situation must be classified under the terms of armed robbery. Now armed robbery, as stated in the Torah 'Ba-Bemachteret', is a situation where a thief breaks into a house, even though the residents are inside, with the intent to rob from them and even to kill them if he has to. In such a case, it is beyond a reasonable doubt that the thief is going to kill, and a person may act out of self defense and kill the thief. The problem, then, is: who is given

the authority to classify certain situations as 'Ba-Bemachteret'. From the case of the 'Masor', an individual who reports to the king concerning the financial status of other Jews, we learn that the community is empowered to make the necessary classification. For in the case of the 'Masor' the community allows individuals to kill that man as he poses a danger to many people.

In Israel today, the general policy, or at least that of the army, is to only use live ammunition to deter anyone with a definite intent to kill. The government certainly doesn't condone the acting of those individuals who take the law into their own hands and kill the rioters. When asked, "According to Jewish law, what do you do when confronted by a definitely dangerous situation?" Rav Rappaport answered, "According to Jewish law, you get out of there as soon as you can. You try to save yourself. In the event that you can't get out, however, and you shoot and kill, it's not murder."

AIPAC Attacked

by David Ottensoser

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) was recently the target of a vehement attack before 25 million television viewers nationwide. On Sunday evening, October 23, the CBS News program "60 Minutes" aired a segment in which anchorman Mike Wallace accused AIPAC of wielding too much power in Washington.

As a public affairs committee, and unlike a political action committee, AIPAC is prohibited by federal law from distributing money to candidates and conducting fundraisers. Wallace claimed that AIPAC influences politicians through illegal means. He stated that "apart from lobbying, AIPAC also gets involved in election campaigns by setting the tone, the line, for about 80 pro-Israel PAC's [ED: political action committees] that have given six million dollars this year to a variety of candidates." Essentially, the accusation was aimed toward what Wallace perceived as excessive "Jewish power," potent to the extent that foreign policy is being perverted. Rabbi Dr. Israel Miller, Senior Vice President of Yeshiva University and Vice President of AIPAC, was asked to represent, in reality to defend, the committee on camera.

The thrust of the segment revolved around the forthcoming senatorial race in Rhode Island where the state's lieutenant governor, Richard Licht, is challenging incumbent Republican Senator John Chafee. Licht has received 200 thousand dollars from approximately 45 pro-Israel PAC's. These PAC's have not offered Chafee a penny. Although Chafee has been a supporter of Israel on key issues such as aid to Israel, he has irritated pro-Israel PAC's and voters by his willingness over the years to sell sophisticated military equipment like the AWACS surveillance aircraft to the Saudis and other Arab regimes, as well as by the fact that he has voted against legislation that would have had the U.S. government close the Palestine Liberation Organization mission in New York.

Wallace bluntly stated that AIPAC is focusing on this senatorial contest where Chafee has a poor record concerning Israel, "and they want him out." By presenting Rabbi Miller with an AIPAC memo which seemingly implied that AIPAC wanted "to get the word out" that Chafee should not be deemed the favorable choice,

Wallace intimated that perhaps pro-Israel PAC's are working in conjunction with or are coordinated by AIPAC. That would arguably be a violation of the law. Rabbi Miller replied by informing Wallace that the signature on the document was completely unfamiliar to him, and that the memo failed to accurately depict AIPAC policy.

"60 Minutes" refused to furnish Rabbi Miller with a copy of this memo, nor disclose from whom they had obtained it. However, it was subsequently discovered that the memorandum was written by a junior staff member with no policy authority.

This was but one of a number of tactics used by Wallace and his crew in their attempt to portray AIPAC in a denigrating light. Scenes of the intifada, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, were displayed on the screen during the course of Wallace's discussion on the Chafee-Licht controversy. There had been no prior mention of the unrest on the West Bank during the piece and Wallace continued with his analysis on AIPAC's "involvement" in Senate races while the disturbing footage was rolling. Apparently, it was crucial that 25 million viewers see pictures of Israeli soldiers reacting to rioting Arab youths at that particular moment.

Wallace proceeded to interview several anti-Israel politicians in an effort to demonstrate that even though AIPAC does not make campaign contributions or endorse candidates, their clout on Capitol Hill has reached immense proportions. George Ball, Undersecretary of State to Presidents Johnson and Nixon and habitual Israel critic, ranked AIPAC as the most effective lobby in the U.S. today, "and I would put that ahead of the National Rifle Association."

Rabbi Miller does not think highly of Mike Wallace, his anti-Israel stand, and his journalistic methods. Their original interview was scheduled for Sunday, September 11, the day before Rosh Hashana. When their meeting did occur in Washington, D.C., on Tzom Gedaliah, the two spoke for over one hour. Only nine of Rabbi Miller's quotes were incorporated into the feature, several of which were taken out of context. He is very outspoken in his criticism of the newsmen, saying "Wallace is unfair in his journalism and the program is unfair. It is not a news program but a drama where everything has to fit the storyline."

Rabbi Miller served as President of the American Zionist Council and founding President of the American Zionist Federation. He also acted as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. Rabbi Miller has been a member of the executive committee of AIPAC and has served as its Vice President since 1980.

Pictorial Comment



Yeshiva University Schedule of Events

Comedy Night Success

by Alec J. Stone

On October 27, the Dairy Planet hosted Comedy Night. Over 200 students from both YU and Stern participated. That evening marked the first event of the year that was sponsored by the Sophomore Class.

The restaurant entertained the rowdy crowd with three acts. The patient emcee for the evening was Rick Siegel. After a few remarks to the audience, the

show started with a comedian named Todd Charles. Charles worked with a banjo and did silhouette imitations of animals. Next up was Mike Ivy. A regular at the Improv, Ivy amused the group with his matchmaking and idle threats of unexpected appearances at Stern. The last performance was called The Poster Children. This three man company put on gags such as audience participation, heckling

and tag team dating. According to Sherry Aronson, a sophomore at Stern, "The comedians appeared in order of their talent, from the best to the worst."

Future activities are being planned now for the Sophomore Class. "It would be great if we could get that many people to all YCSC events," said Steve Felsenthal, Sophomore Class president.



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The Rav in Perspective

by Jeff Ifrah

Entering students at Yeshiva University suffer from the unfortunate absence of Rav Yosef Soloveitchik. To most of these students the Rav, while recognized as a great spiritual leader, is intangible. The requirement of objective means to revive the Rav's once all-encompassing influence is nothing short of embarrassing to the Yeshiva World. Moreover, many of these rescue attempts are failing.

Rabbi Blau, Mashgiach Ruhani, who once served as Assistant Principal in the Rav's Maimonides Yeshiva of Boston responds, "His shiurim should be written up and made available. His talks in the 1970's were collected by SOY." While they were far from exhaustive, the Rabbi noted their value and blamed the University for letting it get out of print. The Rabbi suggested public symposiums as another possible means to an end. He noted that "one or two have taken place, but not successfully. There's so much to be made available to people. The institution should be promoting this. Perhaps grants to write up on the Rav should be awarded." The Rabbi also suggested utilizing past students' notes as reference material or reaching out to interested professors.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, who came to know the Rav because of his active participation in Jewish life, attributes the dissemination of that which is known about the Rav to rabbis like R. Herschel Schachter who reflected the Rav's shiurim in their own teachings. But Rabbi Bernstein hopes the Rav will soon be taught in all the fields in which he exhibited expertise, such as Jewish Philosophy. "I would make some of his essays mandatory readings, such as Kol Dodi Dofek (My Beloved Knocks), which is presently one of mine. It is one of the classics of literature."

Rabbi Maurice Wohlgelelnter, better known as the Reb, was the Rav's very first student and part of the ironically small group responsible for bringing the Rav to Yeshiva University. Rabbi Wohlgelelnter claims that present translations of the Rav's work are very good, "but because the text is so difficult it should be taught in a line by line [style of] interpretation, not merely read by students as an assignment. I wouldn't start a beginning student with Ish Halacha or Man of Faith, but I would start with talks he gave as a start...to give students a feel" of the Rav. While the Reb doesn't

feel the talks to be the essence of the Rav's genius, he recognizes it as, "easier material—one cannot jump into the Rav's philosophy."

Rabbi Herschel Schachter, who spent ten years under the Rav's guidance, views things quite differently. "What he himself published was not so great—his Yahrzeit drashot (recited on the third of Shevat, the Yahrzeit of the Rav's father, Rav Moshe Soloveitchik) were published, but those were his notes and outlines" that they utilized. "He was the speech. All his drashot are being lost; it's terrible." R. Schachter did feel strongly about publishing the Rav's tapes. He claims that most of the Rav's work that has been published has been rewritten poorly, mainly because of a lack of understanding on the respective writer's part. "They don't understand what was the main point and [what was] the side thought." Rabbi Schachter pointed to two upsetting, related issues—the lack of motivation to publish the Rav's bibliography and the lack of material representative of the bulk of his work. "Everyone's dancing around the Rav but no one from YU even bothered to publish a bibliography" of all his written works.

"The printed material is not all the best. People should print the representative, not the funny things, when the Rav went off on a tangent. Everyone has quirks. The Rav gave strong shiurim and some were not so special, but [the latter] shouldn't be printed until his regular shiurs are understood." According to Rav Schachter, the Rav was always being asked to publish, but refused. He would say, "They attack me enough—imagine if I would print my drashas!"

"History tends to cheat people (Rav Schachter quoted a late Rosh Hayeshiva of Ner Israel). "The Rav was one such individual because he belonged to YU and Mizrahi. Most of the Yeshiva World boycotted him to such an extent where they won't even copy over his notes in their own name. They used to ignore him as if he didn't exist. It hurt him a lot, but he never spoke about it. They never gave him one ounce of respect", yet "he would never attack back."

"The need for acceptance was very hard (on the Rav), which is very odd." Rabbi Wohlgelelnter quoted an applicable Chazal which says "the greatest hatred is the hatred by the ignorant of the learned."

It is somewhat confusing and simultaneously a reflection of

the multi-colored coat the Rav adorned, that his talmidim differ at times so greatly on the same issues. Rabbi Blau asserts, "The great paradox of Yeshiva is how are all these students of the Rav? They all have different parts. Any pupil who brought himself into the picture could pick up on different aspects of himself through the Rav's all-encompassing presence. [There was] no singular perspective—he was constantly revising. The shiur was always structured differently— which is most unusual since Brisk is very definite. He would entertain



Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik

many possibilities which might have changed year after year."

His shiurim, according to Rabbi Schachter, were always prepared—he would know the direction, but not really all the details. "He'd work that out with the students—he was very creative. Other rabbis give such a complicated shiur they're complimented if they lose their audience after five minutes. Rav Soloveitchik was the complete opposite—he gave it so simply that even complicated issues were understood. Everybody would understand just by the way he read the words."

While Rabbi Schachter, too, agrees the Rav revised constantly from year to year, sometimes even changing his mind on a particular issue, he didn't "really see in the ten years [he] was with him that many people who understood the Rav. Everyone was impressed by his razzle-dazzle but not many understood him." Conversely, the speeches he gave publicly during his father's Yahrzeit for example, were thoroughly comprehended. "He'd always pick a popular topic—Kiddush, Tefillin, Kriyath HaTorah, for example. He'd bring in background, review his lecture and highlight sources. A half-hour shiur was dramatized into two hours allowing full understanding."

Rabbi Wohlgelelnter asserts, "Sparks flew all the time. He was inordinantly handsome, his fierce black eyes pierced you...he hid nothing. He would shout and scream [as] the gemorah came off the page...the Rambam came off the text...he would draw you out... the classic Socratic method. He loved to teach, that's all. He would say if you have to, explain it so a pussycat should be able to understand it, to use the cliché 'as clear as a bell.'"

"Rosh Hayeshiva's", according to Rav Bernstein, "were afraid to let students listen to his drashas. No one else in America (with the possible exception of the Lubavitcher Rebbe who attracts crowds out of obligation) could gather such crowds from all walks of Jewish life. He has superb command of language. I heard him in Yiddish, Hebrew, and English—no one else in his time could deliver a drasha the way he did, in the languages he did." The Rav began instructing his shiurim in English and continued to do so upon learning that a Sephardic student who had been visiting did not understand Yiddish. The Reb added "His classroom was the center of excitement in the Universe."

Rabbi Dr. Solomon Roth, another of the Rav's top students and presently a philosophy professor at Yeshiva, describes the Rav as "charismatic... he contained two intellectual qualities— his knowledge and his memory. Both were superior. He had a sharp analytical mind."

"He was able to combine quality with analysis to create conceptions and because of his wide grasp he could apply them through different concepts which weren't obvious even to the students familiar with gemara. In addition he was fully alive—there was reality when he gave shiur. He saw the sages in front of him—in his class."

Rav Schachter disagrees as to the strength of the Rav's memory. "His memory wasn't his strong point. He couldn't rattle the gemara off by heart. He could, however, quote the background. He had a logical, systematic memory which brought together seemingly unrelated topics. He quoted material already said, but in a much clearer fashion than the original source." Rabbi Schachter further commented regarding the Rav's adherence to traditional ideas. "The late Rav Feinstein has more original things in his Teshuvot than Rav Soloveitchik. The Rav was always tradi-

tional; everything he said appears in past books. He never introduced a new idea. The conclusion would often be different in both philosophy and learning; Rav Feinstein was the reverse."

But wasn't Torah U'mada a new beginning that partially contributed to the Rav's excommunication? Rav Schachter continued, "Rav Soloveitchik never spoke about Torah U'mada...he did speak about it, he said he never wanted to mention it. "Times are different," the Rav would say. But he would never discuss the harmony between secular and religious studies. "He brought examples from psychology but never dealt with how to integrate them both."

Rabbi Blau feels there was no obligation on the Rav to lecture on Torah U'mada. Simply, "the idea came across. He was never campaigning for modern orthodoxy—he never projected it as a movement. He didn't like narrowness, you are what you are, which enabled all to consider themselves talmidim of the Rav. The Rav respected different points of view. He rarely felt he had to push them on others. In a word of narrow specialists and in a religious world...he saw potential in the big world. He always encouraged us to think on our own. He never discouraged our ideas or made us think like him."

Echoing Rabbi Blau, Rav Bernstein ascertained, "We are in America what he is. Centrist's Orthodoxy involved the community. He never wrote off any Jew, Orthodox or non-Orthodox."

Rabbi Wohlgelelnter and Rabbi Schachter both disagree with the notion that the Rav is the founder of modern Centrist Orthodoxy. The Reb explains the Rav's intellect not as one enveloping a secular life rather the Rav's choice of taking "all knowledge for his providence. He did not subscribe to labels. Never in the time that I've known the Rav has he used that term. He always took the halachic approach. Anybody can tell you a thing is forbidden—the genius was he could find a [leniency] no one else could find."

The Reb declares that "he genuinely believed in freedom of thought. He couldn't stand what is today called Da'ath Torah, that is unquestioningly following without Halachic source. He never believed in that kind of...idolrous worship—a

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Nutrition at YU: A Lost Cause?

by Eric Melzer

It has been said that college students generally gain weight during their four years of residence. Is this statement true?

A recently conducted survey revealed that nine out of ten YU students try to monitor what they eat. Reasons given for monitoring food intake included: "Since I've always been brought up in my house as the one who cooks and goes shopping, a balanced diet does mean something," and "I've got to watch what I eat otherwise I will be too fat and what will the Stern girls do?"

Also, Jacob Lieberman, Associate Food Services Director stated, "The menu is made with strict accordance to the nutritional value of the meal. The only exceptions are the theme dinners." When asked if there were any complaints regarding the nutritional value of the meal, Mr. Lieberman said that there were none.

The salespeople at Grandma's Cookies, however, said that they average between nine hundred and one thousand students per day! When asked if they thought that students watched what they ate, they commented, "From what they buy, it sure doesn't look like it."

In addition, when Mr. Lieberman was asked why he thought that there were no complaints,

he stated, "They really don't care too much about diet -- just that the food is cheap."

Although many students said that they try to watch what they eat, some said that they often cannot resist a brownie from Grandma's or nuggets and fries in the cafeteria. How many of the nine out of ten students who said that they try to monitor their diet, are really doing a good job?

Dr. Irwin Greenbaum, Diplomate to the American Board of Internal Medicine, provided some interesting facts. He asserts that "for the average college student who weighs 180 pounds and conducts minimal exercise, the daily intake should not exceed 2200 calories. Two hamburgers is already 1000 calories. Any excess of this results in obesity. Various studies have demonstrated an increased prevalence of many diseases associated with obesity, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, hypertension, gout, and many others. Sensible adherence to the basic food groups with a reduction in calories derived from fats to twenty-five percent or less and consumption of two thousand calories a week via exercise can go a long way toward solving a major nutrition problem of the 1980s."

The COMMENTATOR "On-Site Survey"

1. Have you participated in any organized athletic activity, on or off campus, such as varsity or intramural teams while at YU?
- Yes66% No33%
2. Do you exercise or engage in any type of regular physical activity?
- Yes71% No29%
3. From where do you obtain the majority of your meals?
- Cafeteria:40%
- Room:29%
- Local Restaurant:27%
- Food from Home:4%
4. How frequently do you eat meat (Beef or Lamb)?
- Everyday:25%
- 4 times a week:37%
- 2 times a week:25%
- Almost Never:13%
- Never:0%

This is a random sampling of YU students on campus conducted by Alec Stone. It is not intended as a scientific survey but merely as a candid indication of the feelings and opinions of the student body. Conducted every issue, each respondent's name is recorded solely to prevent duplication of results.

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campus will remain safe and secure."

[On Saturday, November 5th, five Washington Heights teenagers, ages 13-16 were arrested and charged with robbery, assault, weapons possession and aggravated harassment. According to police reports, both the knife used in the stabbing and Mr. Greenblatt's jacket have been recovered.]

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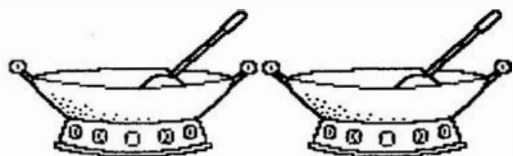
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—RESPONSA Continued EIDELBERG

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As one who respects and admires Dr. Eidelberg, and has actually read every book he has written as well as his last fifty articles, I was deeply offended by some of THE COMMENTATOR's editorial remarks. Firstly, THE COMMENTATOR calls Dr. Eidelberg "vain-glorious." However, the writer of the editorial could not have known Dr. Eidelberg personally (even in his books he never refers to himself as "doctor") or read his book Jerusalem vs. Athens which demonstrates that the author highly esteemed the attribute of Anava [ED: at risk of oversimplification, "Anava" represents the Jewish conception of humility] and clearly proves that the concept of Anava is totally foreign to the humanities. I therefore fail to see how THE COMMENTATOR editorial could have implied that Dr. Eidelberg was a braggart. I have no choice but to wonder whether it was due to the enlightening principles that THE COMMENTATOR editorial had acquired from the humanities portion of "Mada."

The editorial also claimed that Dr. Eidelberg was writing in a "surprisingly unprofessional manner." This statement isn't only an insult to the readers of Dr. Eidelberg's cogent and logical writings, but is also an affront to the academic integrity of a man who gave up a prestigious position in one of America's top universities, not YU,

because he wanted to move to a settlement in the Shomron. Professor Eidelberg is a man of principle and integrity of such magnitude that I've yet to have seen surpassed.

Finally, as a student who had the misfortune to attend one of the most liberal high schools in America and was on the brink of attending one of the most liberal, progressive, and enlightening universities where even the bathrooms and showers were mixed, I understand what bothered Dr. Eidelberg about YU. Firstly, when a God-fearing man like Dr. Eidelberg finds that just a few years ago students in this school had invited a P.L.O. spokesman (may his name be obliterated) to enlighten students with his views of the Arab-Israeli conflict, I can't wonder why Dr. Eidelberg was disturbed. Secondly, as one who found out that among the faculty here there are some professors who are Gay rights advocates and others who publicly claim that there is nothing immoral in committing adultery, I'm not surprised Dr. Eidelberg was alarmed. Thirdly, as one who discovers upon calling the Cardozo library that it is open on Shabbat, I have no doubt that Dr. Eidelberg has few qualms about what he wrote.

Indeed, Dr. Eidelberg writes because he cares about this institution, and because he feels that the student body in this school is such that by holding fast to the Torah it will be able not only to unite American Jewry and rescue it from

"enlightening" relativism and ignorance of its heritage, but build the Israel of tomorrow and bring Moshiach one step closer. Arnon Kemelman YC '89

[ED: The speaker to which Mr. Kemelman refers was a representative of the Arab League, not the P.L.O...]

Hockey Parity?

To the Editor:

In your previous issue, Saul Kaszovitz presented a preview of the upcoming intramural hockey season, focusing on the supposed parity in the league. The parity problem, though, has not really been solved.

According to the article, commissioners Marc Fries of the Wildcats and Geoffrey Miller of the Irish claim that they have spent long hours trying to ensure parity in the league. How can they possibly say this and expect us to believe it? Just a simple perusal of the rosters will no doubt show the imbalance among teams.

Admittedly, it is unfair to assume results that have not as yet happened solely based on the names on each roster, even though all early indications in the first few games point to a lack of parity. The only loss among the Wildcats and the Irish came in a game between the two teams.

The main argument here concerns the way the teams were selected. Firstly, why were the Wildcats and the Irish allowed to keep their rosters from last year while the Saints, for example, were not? Secondly, the

dispersal of hold-over players from last year is very suspect. If Michael Mermelstein is really a "floor hockey legend," as the article states, then why was he added to the Irish? Ari Schertz is one of the best players in the league, and yet he was placed with the Wildcats. It seems that the commissioners did this to maintain the parity between the top two teams, so neither team would run away with the championship. The only parity in this league is between the big two and separately among the small six.

What has happened here is very obvious and so is the solution. Intramural basketball used a draft, and they don't seem to be having too many problems. Why can't hockey do the same?

Shmuel Bulka
YC '90

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source had to always be given. He never considered himself God's policeman. He never once asked me if I prayed Mincha or Maariv, but if anyone questioned Chazal's approaches he would burn."

All of the rabbis shared personal stories which highlighted the Rav's concern for all individuals. Rav Bernstein concludes, "The man was one in many generations. His knowledge was encyclopedic, covering all areas of Jewish and secular knowledge, he was an excellent orator, universally accepted by other religious denominations and by the greatest secular leaders of our time. He was one of a kind—period."

SENATE

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Halachic, Moral, Psychological, and Practical Dimensions" has been written by members of the Senate. It will be placed on file in the offices of the Deans of YC and SSSB to be made available to the YU community.

This issue, as well as others that are discussed in Senate meetings, is recorded in the Senate minutes and placed on each floor of the dormitory in order to inform the student of its progress. The Senate attempts to serve all of the students, but as Professor Rebecca Stearns, YC speech instructor and faculty member of the Senate, states, "the Senate can't know what every student wants," so students should speak to their student Senators in order to direct these concerns towards the faculty and administration.

DINNER

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The Lighter Look



by Jonathan Miskin

Last Sunday I was lounging around my dorm room contemplating my activities for the rest of the day. I stoked the flames playing in my fireplace and considered my options. I could wander over to the sports field and watch the YU Tzahalites in their football match against Southern Cal, or attend any number of fraternity cocktail parties. But I was really in the mood for something a little more exciting. A home show. So, I bought a Times and examined the list of local events. There was an international ice competition at the Rockefeller Plaza skating rink; teams from around the world were displaying ice cubes, spheres, prisms, and cream, and vying for the coveted Golden Ice Cube Tray. At the Fulton Fish Market, expert Theodore Corduroy was running a seminar based on his bestseller "Tartar Sauce: A Salmon's Perspective." And Madison Square Garden was hosting the annual Test Fair. This was for me. I packed a couple of cheese sandwiches and headed down for a pleasant afternoon of browsing at the world's most popular bazaar.

A large banner was hanging outside the Garden; it read "Welcome to the Annual Test Fair — a Project Funded by the Ministry of Education." A security guard stopped me at the door and asked for some identification.

"I'm sorry," I said, "all I have with me is my student I.D. card."

"Perfect!" exclaimed the guard. "That proves you're a student. We don't want any teachers sneaking in here; it would upset the balance of things. Well, good luck. You have one hour. Begin."

I entered the arena and was immediately swept into the hustle and bustle of a busy marketplace. People were rushing everywhere, carrying papers, bargaining and haggling. Booths and displays announced various wares and hawkers competed over the din. Directly in front of me was a stall offering "Pop Quizzes and Surprise Tests" which I approached. The proprietor, a large bouncy fellow, leaned over and addressed me.

"Good afternoon, sir, what'll it be today? An unexpected geography quiz? I can give you the map with all the major rivers drawn on, right down to the creek that runs behind your house. Or how about some cruel trigonometry calculations? Got the sines and cosines highlighted for easy reference, and you'll be getting this surprise test on...ooh, let me see...yup! Tuesday next."

"Hey! How did you know that?"

"Heck, that trig test came in over two months ago."

"Do you mean to say you've got a copy of a test that hasn't been given yet?"

"Well, sure! That's what the Test Fair is all about. We're all selling tests to students to make their lives easier. You can buy future tests, quizzes, midterms,

and finals. You can even pick up homework assignments over there in the corner."

Needless to say, I was quite flabbergasted at the opportunity to buy every test I'd ever need.

A vendor holding a tray of exams sauntered by shouting: "MCATs! LSATs! D-A-Tees! Get your red hot entrance exams right here! We've even got souvenir HB pencils and Harvard pennants. No need for Kaplan's prep courses. Get into the graduate school of your choice without ever opening a book! Veterinary school! Cartography! Taxidermy! They're all here! MCATs! LSATs! D-A-Tees!" Wow!

To my right was a booth where a long line of teenagers had formed and were purchasing this year's SAT test. But what I saw next completely shocked and disgusted me.

On the left stood a plain desk with a sign that said in bold letters: "Origami: \$34.95". Sitting on a stool behind it was a skinny man in a lab coat. I was furious. "How could you? Orgo! The pillar of the art world! The most prestigious and revered course in any college! Do you know that kids today, seven, eight years old, dream of studying origami? They fantasize about turning their useless little paper foldings into beautiful swans and miniature baskets. And what do you do? You reduce this ancient treasure, this last bastion of delicate beauty, to the cheap corruption of lies and deceit! And furthermore, I can't

believe that origami students have to buy a test to do well."

"Hey, even geniuses need a helping hand every once in a while."

"Answer me this: How do you get these tests in advance anyway?"

"Oh, various sources. A teacher gone bad, rough copies found in wastepaper baskets, double agent cleaning ladies. This particular one was memorized by the professor's parrot and bought for a few crackers."

"You know, with all this cheating going on, I'm surprised nobody's selling answers."

Just then someone grabbed my arm and I turned to find a man with an open trenchcoat lined with test tubes.

"Psst, bud," he whispered, "wanna buy a blood test? I got A, O. What's your fancy? I've even got negative for steroids if you're a runner."

I wrenched my arm free and ran towards the door. But just before the exit, a sight brought tears to my eyes. A group of

children were sitting in a circle under a colorful sign that read "Spelling Bee". As I watched, a little girl in a plaid dress and a bow in her hair approached the front and produced a quarter. In return, she was handed a bright blue card with the word 'honesty' printed in yellow letters.

"Stop!" I shouted. "What are you teaching these poor innocent children?"

The merchant stood up. "I'm teaching them to survive in the 80s."

"And this is the only way to survive? To buy and cheat and steal, all in an effort to get ahead? To take every opportunity to achieve? Is this what life is all about, the fastest and easiest route to success? What about education and knowledge? Aren't those important anymore?"

"My dear, young man," concluded my adversary, "you must understand. This isn't cheating, but striving to be the best. Accept it. It's the American way."

Yossi Klavan

"The Shofar of Moshiah," juxtaposed with our YU Kotel in order to symbolize that the redemption will come from YU. Yossi Klavan

"An upside-down drill bit."

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"The Windbreaker." Ron Kastner

"Rocky Balboa." Susan and Daniel Berger

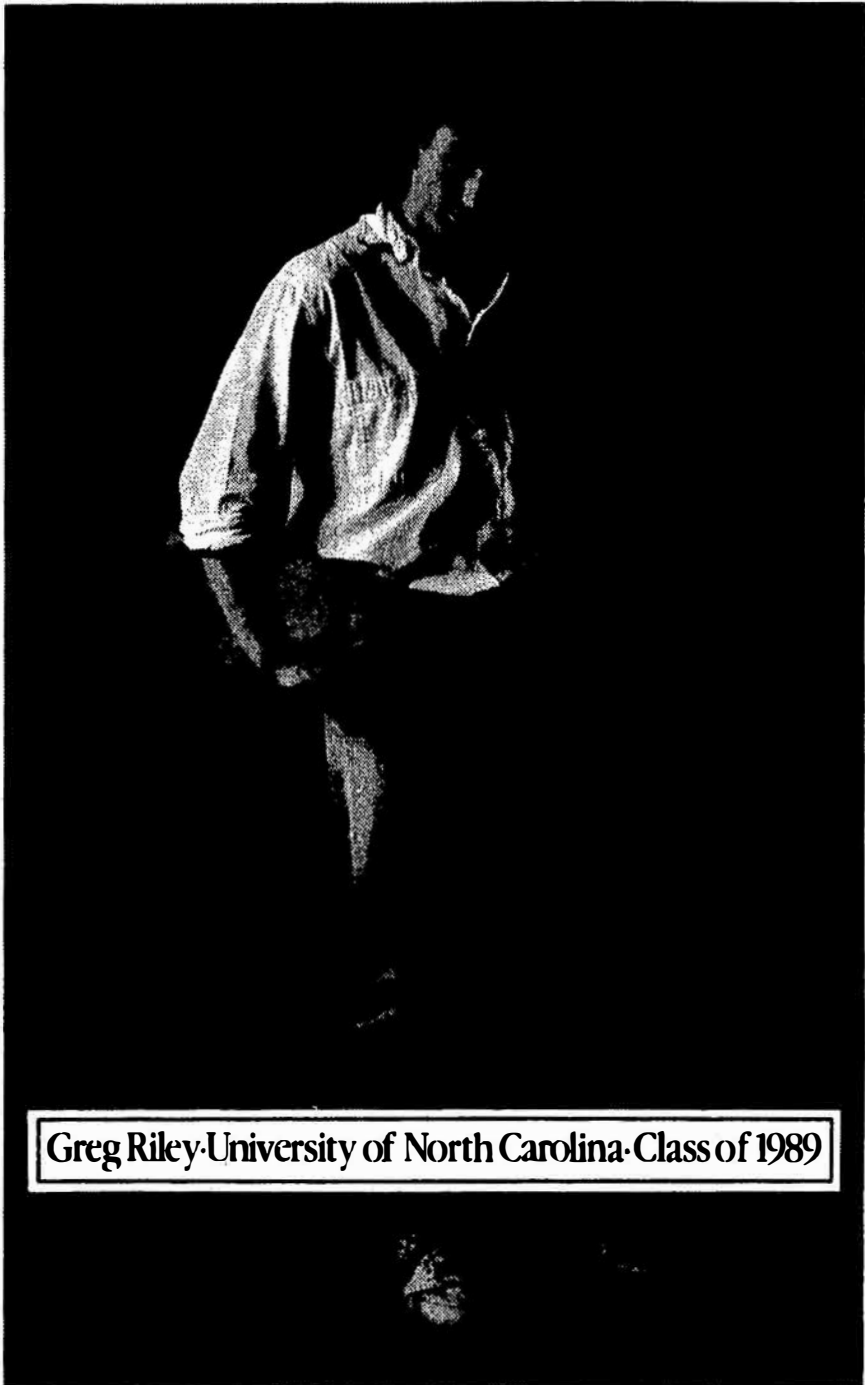
"The letter 'lamed,'" sponsored by Shalom Sesame, or Dr. Lamm.

Statue Speculation

Our request for speculation as to the nature of the newest addition gracing our Main Campus attracted a variety of replies, some funny, some serious, and some seriously pitiful. Here are a few of the best (in no particular order):

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**Intramural
Basketball Report**

by Shmuel Bulka

The intramural basketball league ended its opening week with Team Taragin squaring off against Team Hirshey in a thrilling contest.

The game proved to be the most exciting of the week, but it took a while for both teams to get untracked. The first half resembled a pickup game, with both coaches trying to evaluate their talent. "You've got 15 guys that have never played together and you're just trying to find the right combinations," explained Bruce Taragin.

Taking a 17-13 lead into halftime, Hirshey's squad came out in the second half and seized control of the game. The outburst was highlighted by three straight offensive rebounds, each followed by a basket by forward Seth Cohen. While Team Taragin had occasional scoring spurts throughout the half, a key offensive rebound or a three-pointer by Team Hirshey quelled any uprising. The Hirshey's won the game 53-44, the most offensive game of the opening week. Team Taragin received 16 and 12 point contributions from Pesach Skulnik and Adam Fishman respectively. David Speiser and Jeff Muehlgay combined for 25 points for the visitors.

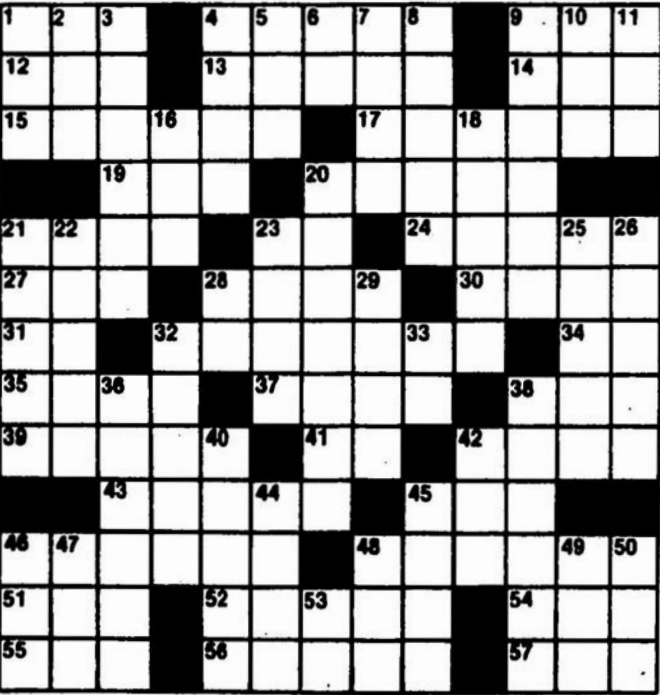
In the first game of the year, Mordi Leifer led Team Gardner to a nine-point victory with a scoring spree late in the second half. Team Hirt stayed in the game early with Dov Goldman tallying 16 points (five three-pointers), including the first four-point play in intramural history. "I felt like Rex Chapman in that game against Villanova," the exhilarated Goldman announced modestly, referring to Chapman's heroics in last year's NCAA game against the Wildcats. But in the end, the absence of big men Asher Wolmark and Reuben Levine proved too great an obstacle to overcome.

The following evening, Team Chelst dominated Team Schreiber/Baker on the boards and pulled off a 40-38 win. Ranon Mann's eleven points and Steven Sandberg's eight led Team Chelst while Ellis Malovany and Eli Leibowitz chipped in 14 and 13 points respectively for Schreiber/Baker. Rebounding help, though, is on the way for this group in the form of imposing center Douglas Rosenthal.

In the second game of the evening double-header, Jeff Lefkowitz' eleven points and Yoni Weber's ten led Team Hartstein to a 38-34 victory over Team Lubetski. Danny Silber pumped in eleven points for Team Lubetski, who hurt themselves with early second-half foul trouble. Team Hartstein spent most of the second half at the charity stripe and remarkable notched only two field goals the entire half.

This year, the league will be using the three-point shot for the first time. The shot might sink a team attempting a comeback but it will also help keep teams in games that otherwise might have been blowouts. Bruce Taragin noted, "With the three-point shot, the game is never over."

Crossword Companion



ACROSS

- 1. Rocks on hilltop
- 4. View
- 9. Piece
- 12. 16th President (abbr.)
- 13. Hue
- 14. High card
- 15. Place incorrectly
- 17. Declared holy
- 19. Over (Poetic)
- 20. Redo
- 21. Sharp taste
- 23. Exist
- 24. Accumulation of body fluids
- 27. Scrap of food
- 28. Veal
- 30. Gr. God of War
- 31. Morning (abbr.)
- 32. Wilderness
- 34. Seventh musical tone
- 35. Cries
- 37. Slope downward
- 38. Irrate
- 39. Entertain
- 41. Direction (abbr.)
- 42. Very strong wind
- 43. Growing older
- 45. Stop
- 46. N. Amer. Indian tribe
- 48. Sell
- 51. Hawaiian food
- 52. German (slang)
- 54. Put

- 55. Saturated hydrocarbon (inf.)
- 56. Glide along
- 57. Before (Poetic)

DOWN

- 1. Scottish cap
- 2. Wide Japanese sash
- 3. Place for relaxation
- 4. Blemish
- 5. Sly
- 6. Elevated railroad
- 7. Part of face
- 8. Remove; rub out
- 9. Sell
- 10. Frozen water
- 11. Spread grain for drying
- 16. Lease
- 18. Aromatic, reddish wood
- 20. Pernous
- 21. Warm thoroughly
- 22. Protective body covering
- 23. Wagers
- 25. Iron
- 26. To one side
- 28. 12th Gr. letter
- 29. Distinct pitch
- 32. Sioux tribe
- 33. Alright
- 36. Small brimless cap
- 38. Sleeveless coat
- 40. Clock clickings
- 42. Fish
- 44. Informer (Brit. slang)
- 45. Take away; subtract
- 46. Mineral spring
- 47. Age; eternity
- 48. Conjunction
- 49. Hearing organ
- 50. Cereal grain
- 53. Community College degree (abbr.)

The first person to submit correct responses to Larry Hartstein (M611) will have his name printed in the next Commentator. Answers will be printed in the next issue as well.

Yeshiva Sports

Wrestling To Begin Nov. 14

Macs Approach New Season With Confidence

by Jerrold Rapaport

Wrestling is without a doubt the most slandered, scorned, and misunderstood sport in Yeshiva University. Wrestlers are fabled to be muscle-bound Neanderthals, and it is commonly rumored that the combined IQ of the entire squad does not even enter the three-digit zone. Yet these are untruths, implanted in people's minds by images of the wrestler as a barbaric Roman gladiator or such dubiously human figures as George "The Animal" Steele.

In truth, wrestling is not a barbaric sport based only on brute force. A great deal of physics are involved; a wrestler must have a complete understanding of center of balance, levers, and fulcrums. Strategy plays a greater part in wrestling than does muscle. Coaches Schweitzer and Ellman of the YU wrestling team are tacticians, carefully detailing methods of attack and painstakingly going over techniques and counter-moves.

As for claims that wrestling is primitive and outdated, let the reader be reminded that people stopped jabbing at each other in formal duels with swords three hundred years ago. There are many people in New York today skilled in physical combat. Just try and find even one person who rides the subways defending himself against muggers with one hand held daintily in the air and the other wrapped around the handle of a rapier. Nor is

wrestling more pointless than any other sport. Can you honestly explain what exactly is accomplished by ten men running back and forth hundreds of times over the same stretch of floor, attempting to shove an inflated ball through a metal circle?

Wrestling is as real a sport as any other, and wrestlers are not an estranged branch of the human race. Most of them walk upright, contrary to what you may have heard, and not one Yeshiva wrestler has ever ripped a limb off of a fellow student — you can check the records on that. Conversations in the wrestling room are varied, and topics range from political and intellectual to religious. And yes, wrestlers really can say more than the famous monosyllabic grunt. Wrestlers have class, too. Just last week a wrestler pulled up a chair for his girlfriend to sit on at My Place. He even apologized to the owner in a most gentlemanly manner for not realizing that the chair had been nailed to the floor.

Most of all, the Yeshiva wrestlers are deeply dedicated to their sport. This dedication is easily seen, for example, in co-captain Andy Jervis. Rarely does one find Andy resting during practice; there seems to be no limit to his endurance.

Still not convinced? The YU wrestling team has its first match on November 14th at Stevens College, and its first home match on November 17th at 7:30.



Senior Ayal Hod heaves in a shot amidst a crowd of foes.

by Mitchell Nathanson

A surprisingly large number of fans came down to get a pre-season glimpse of the 1988-1989 Maccabees. With the season not set to get underway until November 17th, the Macs are preparing by playing scrimmages against unscheduled opponents. The first two exhibitions were played against Seton College and Queensboro College.

New to the curious eyes in the crowd was the enthusiastic playing of young Eric Davis and Gregory Rhine. Their quick defensive feet and ball-handling talents will keep opponents, as well as teammates, on their toes. "Rhine and Davis will both spark this club if they stay with themselves," said co-captain Yudi Teichman. Teichman, Ayal Hod, and David Gottlieb are the heart of this team. The team will rely on Teichman for most of its scoring and on Hod for the rebounding chores.

The lack of height will often force the Maccabees to take the court with a three-guard, and sometimes a four-guard, line-up. After Hod, the burden of boxing out under the boards may fall on 6'10" sophomore Tzvi Himber. Himber does not yet seem ready to play against some of the rather quicker centers of the league, but that doesn't mean he someday won't be. Said Coach Podias, "Himber improved tremendously since the team

opened practice. He's improving every time he steps on the court, and he'll keep getting better." One thing he must do is attack the man at the pivot. Time after time he has backed off with his hands down, a sign of fatigue. He must take advantage of his frame and arm span to alter or block shots inside the key area. "He's improved 1000% in the last three weeks," stressed Teichman. "If he can continue improving at this pace, he will be a big addition in the middle and can help Ayal and myself pull some rebounds."

Another has been David Gottlieb. Gottlieb is one of the few men capable of playing above the rim on par with the taller players. He has skyed to block and deflect numerous dunk attempts from behind. Yet, it will be a long season if he and Teichman are called upon to enforce under the glass. It should be noted that Ayal Hod has been playing, or sometime not playing, with a tender ankle. "Ayal has a weak ankle; he probably shouldn't have played against Seton." Expressing concern, coach Jonathan Halpert remarked, "He wanted to try it out, and he was in too much pain to play the second half. He does need the competition." A healthy Hod could clog up the middle, leaving opportunities for perimeter shooting from Teichman and Gottlieb. "I'll be ready for the opener," insisted Hod, "Watch out!"

The key to this year's team is the outside shot and the speed of the guards. "Unfortunately," cautioned the coach, "this team has the speed to keep up with the others on the schedule. But we don't play a transitional game, and we will get beaten if we fall into the trap of playing a running game. That's what happened against Queensboro."

Yudi Teichman agreed with coach Halpert. "We're not a transition team. We do have speed, to the extent that if we have a fast break opportunity we have to take advantage of it. We can't, however, create our own opportunities by looking to run

it. We have to play our brand of boring basketball. It's boring to watch and boring to play, which means our concentration must ascend to a higher level. The idea of the game isn't to have fun, it's to win. If we play within ourselves, that's what will happen.

The defense will utilize its speed in a 1-3-1 half-court trap. This should create many turnovers if executed properly. Their problem defensively through the scrimmages has been that they are allowing too many scoring chances by not boxing out and pulling rebounds. The apparent lack of height and bulk will force the guards to chase the ball and prevent shots quickly. This was apparent against Queensboro. "Queensboro is as good as any team on our schedule. Their as tall and as physical as NJIT and Western Connecticut," pointed out coach Halpert. Jon Ehrman and Sammy Reichel were very impressive in both the Queensboro and Seton games. Ehrman's all out hustle and animated winning attitude are a pleasure to watch. In addition, it creates many opportunities for easy layups. Reichel has displayed intelligent positioning which enables him to pull rebounds against taller players. Also, look for Barry Finkelstein and Jan Levine to provide outside shooting off the bench.

The team opens on the road against Bard College, followed by the home opener against Molloy. The conference schedule begins December 1st against Maritime. When asked if the team will be ready for conference play, the coach replied "No. How can we? Our practice hours don't match up with theirs. But we'll do the best we can do and hope for the best. We have 16 hours of practice between now and then. How can a team be ready for competition in 16 hours?"

Co-captain Yudi Teichman had a different opinion. "I definitely think we'll be ready for Maritime. I admit I'm not playing full tilt yet. But these scrimmages are giving us a great opportunity to play together. We'll be okay."

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| Dr. Jeffrey Gurock | 4:32:51** | 13,739 |
| Jan Wimpfheimer | 4:37:28 | 14,288 |
| Moshe Adler | 4:38:19 | 14,379 |
| Danny Berger | 4:50:51 | 15,489 |
| Avi Berger | 4:52:47 | 15,650 |
| Moshe Weber | 5:44:41 | 17,758 |

Total number of runners: 23,478

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