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YU President Norman Lamm with Surgeon General C. Everett Koop (left) and Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg (right) at convocation prior to dinner. photo by YU Public Relations

## Over 800 Attend Chanukah Dinner YU Raises \$84M

by Behnam Dayanim

Yeshiva University held its 64th annual Hanukkah Convocation and Dinner last Sunday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. This year's event, annually the largest single fund raiser of the year for YU, raised approximately 84 million dollars for the University's sixteen undergraduate schools, graduate divisions, and affiliates. Over 800 guests attended the dinner in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The ceremony boasted dignitaries from over twenty countries, ranging from equatorial Africa to the Far East, most of whom were United Nations ambassadors in attendance to honor the United States Ambassador to the U.N., the Hon. Vernon Walters. Ambassador Walters, a recipient of a YU honorary degree and the featured speaker at last year's YU Commencement, was scheduled to receive a Presidential Medalion for his long friendship to the University. However, due to pressing diplomatic duties abroad, he was unable to attend, and his deputy at the U.N., Ambassador Herbert S. Okun, accepted the honor in his stead.

Additionally, the U.S. Surgeon General, a former Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and six prominent philanthropists were granted honorary doctorates by YU President Norman Lamm. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop delivered an address at the academic convocation, conducted with the requisite formality of a cap and gown procession, and Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg was the featured speaker at the dinner.

Dr. Koop, introduced by Dr. Lamm as one whose "intelligence, initiative, and insight have elevated the office of the Surgeon General," focused on the future of medicine and public health in the next century. Relying on what he called "knowledge to some extent and imagination a great deal," Dr.

Koop cited three areas of possible "significant change."

He first discussed the relationship between ever improving technology and health. Dr. Koop predicted that, as the scope of medical technology narrows to deal with problems of lesser magnitude than in the past ("systemic or developmental anomalies"), and as public ambivalence toward life extending practices grows, there will be a "greater reliance upon the relatively 'low-tech' experience of personal decision-making in regard to health." Dr. Koop stressed that a large part of this trend will also stem from the realization that the four biggest health problems in contemporary society, "heart disease, strokes, accidents, and even cancer," can only be fully prevented through personal lifestyle regulation.

Dr. Koop also discussed the changing relationship between patient and doctor and the possible dangers of public intolerance toward those perceived as deliberately engaging in unhealthy behavior. Dr. Koop stated that, with changes in health care and demography, the old-fashioned closeness between patient and physician is disappearing to be replaced largely by "self-help" groups. The Surgeon General extolled the efforts of these organizations but cautioned against excessive reliance on them at the expense of legitimate medical care. Lastly, he noted with approval public intolerance of unhealthy lifestyles, singling out the steadily decreasing numbers of smokers. Nevertheless, he warned against unreasonable prejudice, citing as an example the proliferating belief that "the most willful miscreants in our society today are people with AIDS," due to the fact that 90 percent of Americans consider homosexuality "unsavory."

Ambassador Annenberg delivered a brief address in which he

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## SSSB Establishes \$20,000 Scholarship

by Alex Wittenberg

The Sy Syms School of Business has become the beneficiary of a new scholarship program established by Yeshiva University. The Jacob Burns Merit Scholarship Program, already instituted this year, will serve to attract superior students to the business school. At least three students who meet the criteria will receive an initial \$5000 scholarship, with the possibility of annual renewal and up to \$20,000 toward a bachelor's degree over four years. This fall will be the first time incoming students can apply for the scholarship.

The Burns Scholars Program will operate in the same manner as the Max Stern Scholars Program. Incoming students will apply for the Burns Scholarship at the same time as they apply for admission. In order to qualify, students must have an A

average in high school and superior scores on both halves of the SAT, usually the 95th percentile or higher. Students must also be committed to receiving a B.S. from the business school.

A selection committee has the responsibility of winnowing out the absolute best students. The committee, which includes Director of Admissions Judy Paikin, Associate YC Dean Michael Hecht, SSSB Dean Michael Schiff, and Rabbi Ephraim Kanarfogel, will make its selection based on a variety of factors, including leadership potential and the ability to work with others. A personal essay, which applicants must submit, is reviewed by a member of the English Department. Communal work is also considered. All applicants will be interviewed by at least two committee members.

Currently, three juniors, YC

students Gad Dishy and Evan Bart, and SCW student Sheryl Strauch, are the only recipients of Burns Scholarships. These three students were not incoming students, but were awarded the scholarship as part of the school's desire to make use of the program. All future recipients will be new recruits. The major goal of the program will be to bring exceptional applicants, who might otherwise go elsewhere, to SSSB.

The program was established by the Jacob Burns Foundation. Mr. Burns is a major New York attorney who has been among YU's friends for many years. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Cardozo School of Law, and is also on the Board of Directors of SSSB. Additionally, Mr. Burns is a founder of the Einstein School of Medicine and a Benefactor of the University.

## Assistant to Dean Resigns

by Larry Hartstein

Assistant to the Dean of Yeshiva College Robert Katz has resigned in order to accept a position as director of academic affairs for Bar Ilan University. The move will be effective December 30, and the search has begun for a replacement.

Mr. Katz, 23, has held his current position since June of 1987 after earlier serving as assistant to the Dean of Students. "Basically I'll be serving as Bar Ilan's liaison in North America, the United States and Canada. My main responsibility will be recruitment. It's a marketing position. I have to go out there and try to enroll as many students as I possibly can across the U.S.A. and Canada in Bar Ilan's one year program," he said. Katz graduated from YU in 1985 and then earned an M.B.A.



Asst. to YC Dean Robert Katz at Baruch College, concentrating in marketing.

YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld now faces the task of finding a suitable replacement quickly. "I have no idea. This came as a surprise to me, in mid-year, and I really have not thought about it."

While Mr. Katz has not yet departed, some students are already finding it hard to imagine YU without him. "Robert's definitely going to be sorely missed around here. He's almost an institution here. His personality will be missed. He's great with the students. Everyone loves Robert," says YC senior Gary Ganchrow.

After dealing with hundreds of students for over a year and a half, Mr. Katz offers some free advice: "I would tell them that before they come in to the next person's office, to prepare and do background work on the question that they're asking. I found it very difficult to answer generic questions such as 'I'm a sophomore, what do I need to take?'"

Mr. Katz plans to assume his new duties on January 9.

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# EDITORIALS

## An Ineffective Senate

The YC/SSSB Senate accomplished disturbingly little during the first semester of the year. This body, which includes representatives from the administration, faculty, and student body, could and should serve as a catalyst for new ideas and means to improve this institution.

Instead, it appears that the Senate has dissolved into little more than an heirloom, an echo of the Sixties generation that demanded its voice be heard at the highest levels. Today's administration, as well as an uncomfortably large number of professors, seems to regard it as little more than an irrelevancy.

The Senate's semester-long debate over teacher evaluation is a case in point. No method for yearly evaluation of a professor's classroom performance exists at present. As a result, excessively lenient, undemanding, and simply incompetent professors are allowed to feel quite secure with their efforts.

The student senators' proposal for evaluation was politely heard and subsequently limited by protectionist faculty members to an optional form for teachers to peruse for their own benefit.

YU, like any other university, is not perfect. The Senate could be the ideal forum for sincere and responsible discussion and enactment of improvements. All of its members, not just the students, should share that common goal and work together in that spirit.

## Out in the Cold

YU: the comforting family, the warm community. Such is the image Yeshiva tries so vigorously to project. Yet, in this bitter New York winter, YU throws its hapless YC students to the mercy of the swirling winds and arctic cold promptly at midnight (1 A.M. on Thursdays and Saturdays).

Any male student who happens to find himself downtown beyond the appointed hour and wishes to find inexpensive and comfortable refuge in the lounge of Stern College finds himself denied entrance to property owned by the very institution which he attends. And the student unlucky enough to have remained until the closing minutes discovers the true meaning of "the boot" as he is summarily and regularly given it by an administration more concerned with appearances and image than the welfare of its students.

To argue that it appears improper for male and female adults to be socializing beyond some arbitrary hour seems a bit absurd when compared to the inconvenience and danger posed by this policy. Exposing students to the streets in the early morning is simply irresponsible. Those unwilling to spend inordinate amounts of money for a warm, safe place to chat have no alternative.

An easy solution to the problem lies in closing the back lounge at the currently enforced times, but allowing the front lounge to remain open at all times. This would permit the administration to continue expressing its somewhat paternalistic viewpoint regarding YC-SCW social hours by denying YC students access to the lounge with the vending machines, television, and piano.

THE COMMENTATOR hopes that it does not take an unfortunate incident such as the stabbing of a nearby student late at night to engender some real concern. A school that prides itself on a feeling of caring should, on occasion, exhibit some.

## Top Ten Gripes

It's the end of the semester, and in that spirit THE COMMENTATOR has compiled a list of commonly heard student grievances that somehow never get remedied.

David Letterman-style, here they are:

10. The one-day reading week enjoyed by JSS and IBC students between Jewish Studies finals and secular examinations.
9. The noticeable lack of a permanent television in any of our student lounges.
8. The puzzling paucity of microfilm machines in the library, particularly as almost everything has been transferred to microfilm.
7. The poor placement of the volleyball net at the end of the gym, preventing fans from seeing the games at a good angle.
6. The striking infrequency and poor publicity of movies in the Morgenstern lounge.
5. The previously discussed yet still pitiful physical condition of Morg. lounge.
4. The administration's strange refusal to acknowledge that YU students stay up late to study by closing the library at a ridiculously early hour.
3. The annoying insistence on having noisy engagement parties in the dormitories (instead of the attractive and newly dedicated Weissberg Commons) and intensifying their frequency during midterms to keep down YU's inflated G.P.A.'s.
2. The mysterious fact that the same salad provided by the same Food Services department costs almost twice as much at the Main Center as it does at the Einstein medical school.
1. Well, there is no number one. You see, this is the last issue of the term and we'll be a little bit gracious. After all, we still have another semester.... Wait a minute, how about the Registrar.....

THE COMMENTATOR regretfully announces the departures of Jonathan Katzauer and Mitchell Nathanson upon their graduations, as well as that of Joshua Fruchter who will be studying for a semester in Israel.

*We wish them all the best.*

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## From the Editor's Desk

by Behnam Dayanim

At the end of my first semester as Editor-in-Chief of THE COMMENTATOR, I have become aware of a number of misconceptions that circulate around YU regarding the scope and methods of journalism at Yeshiva. The first poses a perennial topic of conversation and debate among YU students, faculty, and administration, most recently having been ably discussed in these pages by Coordinating Editor Barry Kaye (Nov. 22). The second area, dealing with method, seems to me to present a more difficult problem. Given that the parameters of journalism have been established (and demonstrated to be near non-existent), one must understand how a newspaper is supposed to operate, particularly here at Yeshiva. Much of the confusion regarding method arises over editorial policy and execution, and the perceived lack of "sensitivity" on the part of THE COMMENTATOR.

The purpose of an editorial is to criticize. Historically, the press has served as a check on the powers of government, monitoring its activities and refusing to allow its failures to go unnoticed and unrectified. In an editorial, the paper attempts to delve beyond superficial events and arrive at conclusions regarding the underlying circumstances and the motivations of those involved with the incident under examination. Certainly, we can and do offer approbation to success; yet, given two topics, one in need of correction and one that is not, we almost invariably choose the one that is lacking. To ignore the flaws in order to praise the strengths presents far greater dangers than does the reverse. Hopefully, we do neither, but the inherent proclivity toward the "negative" should be understood and recognized as necessary.

Editorials purport to represent no absolute verity about the world and its inhabitants and should not be taken as such. They simply reflect the deliberate opinion of the editorial board concerning a particular issue. Sometimes (we hope and expect often) they are correct, and sometimes they are not. The advantage inherent in the editorial is that those who write it generally are better informed of pertinent facts and developments regarding the issue under discussion than are most. The editorial writers' senior positions on the paper require an interest in University events and access to those from whom answers to the necessary questions can be obtained. That is one major reason why editorials almost never deal with issues unrelated to YU, for from there our area of "expertise," if you will, ends, and, barring extraordinary circumstances, we possess no more privy knowledge than does anyone else.

One other significant article of faith, to which many at Yeshiva adhere tenaciously and mistakenly, asserts that THE COMMENTATOR, due to its attempt to adopt a journalistic standard at YU, must somehow balance this credo with a leavening of sensitivity to personalities and issues. Regrettably, I also occasionally fall into this mode of thought as a result of my own emotional impulses. The key error within this remarkably appealing construct traces back to the fundamental dynamic between authority and media. A journalist must, by definition, distrust authority to some degree in order to do the job properly. This does not rest comfortably with those whose entire mindsets have been trained to respect authority, an important element in a conservative-oriented 1980's America and an even greater one in an Orthodox institution such as Yeshiva. Furthermore, the purely practical problem of determining the appropriate degree of sensitivity makes any attempt at a coherent policy impossible. What may appear overly sensitive, even ingratiating to some, frequently seems irreverent and insulting to others.

The answer lies in responsibility, not sensitivity. The journalist's duty lies in presenting the story accurately and completely. There are no "sacred cows" about which nothing may be written; any issue of importance or concern to the readership becomes viable "copy," in journalistic parlance. Due to the volatility of this mission, magnified a hundredfold here at YU, the paper must remain scrupulously fair and, outside of its editorial columns and responses, rigorously objective. While we may not always achieve this goal, that is for what we always strive.

To label us a "fifth column" misses the point. To call us ignorant or unmindful of halacha also points to a lack of comprehension on the part of the critic. The purpose of a newspaper is to report. For better or for worse, Yeshiva University has a newspaper, and its name is THE COMMENTATOR.

## "And Justice For All?"

To the Editor:

I take great exception to the letter written by Michael Raskas and Shukie Grossman entitled "Kangaroo Court" [Dec. 6 issue]. I question the factual validity of their argument, their method of criticism, and most of all, their motivation.

As far as methodology, I find the approach taken by these individuals to be quite childish. As a student body, the Student Court's entire purpose is to serve our fellow students. Like any student organization we are not flawless, nor do we claim to be. We are merely trying our best to ensure that all students receive a fair trial by their peers--individuals who are aware of all the temptations and unwritten rules of dorm life, and also can take these factors into account when giving judgment. As such, we greatly appreciate constructive criticism, if it helps us to better serve the needs of our fellow students. This letter, however, did not consist of well-intentioned criticism, but of the vindictive grumblings of two disgruntled individuals.

In regard to validity of argument, there is little to discuss--there simply is none. These gentlemen complain that the Court was "unaware" of its own hearing procedures because it did not swear in the official representing the Office of Residence Halls. Unfortunately, it is obvious that it is the defendants themselves who did not deign to read the hearing procedures they were given days before the hearing. Had they read these procedures, they would have noticed that it has always been Court policy to swear in only the defendant and/or witnesses. Furthermore, they decry the fact the decision was granted five days after the trial instead of two. Again, wrong! As listed plainly in the hearing procedure form, the Court has often used five school days as the timetable for granting decisions.

Thirdly, they complain that only three judges were involved in the decision. Although I wonder where this information was garnered, it is once again, wrong! As mentioned in our judgment, the finding of guilt was UNANIMOUS. All justices agreed beyond a reasonable doubt that these individuals had committed the potentially harmful and injurious act with which they were charged. It was only

the matter of punishment that was not granted by all five justices. "Only" four were able to attend our meeting. Amongst the four, the decision was again unanimous.

Finally, and perhaps most troublesome is the question posed to me by a classmate: "Do you really think these individuals would have written this letter had they been found not guilty?"

I leave that judgment to you.  
David Aidelson  
Chief Justice, Student Court  
YC '89

## Food Service

To The Editor:

As members of the Food Services Committee, we must respond to the uncivil attack by Mr. Wittenberg in his letter to the editor in the Dec. 6 issue of THE COMMENTATOR. Key factors which were omitted from his article must be vocalized. Mr. Wittenberg, what choices have been eliminated from the lunch-time sandwich menu? Cream cheese? Lox spread? How can you berate this elimination given your abhorrence of fatty, cholesterol ridden dairy products?

Serving pizza and falafel has been a welcome addition to the lunch menu. These items represent a move by the cafeteria to cater the students' wants. You say there should be fish. There is always a fish item. You say there should be pasta. There is often pasta. You say there should be three to four choices. This is ridiculous considering most student feedback states lower the number of choices and keep prices down.

For dinner, it is unlikely the government would allow a cafeteria to serve a steak which is 70 percent fat or a stew which is 35 percent fat. Your alternative to fried potatoes, Mr. Wittenberg, a greasy potato knish, an equally appetizing personal choice; less fattening-not so. Furthermore, the nutritionist with whom the cafeteria consults would disagree that there is an "ofttimes, unhealthy array of choices."

In your letter, Mr. Wittenberg, you mention a series of articles in THE COMMENTATOR about the cafeteria. In those articles, it is stated that there is a Food Service Committee, listing its members. This committee was established as a liaison between the students and the management. We are shocked and aghast that you write a public letter lambasting us or the managers. The managers continue to hold their doors open to suggestions and criticism, without which nothing can be accomplished.

Last year, there were students' complaints that the cafeteria offers chicken too often (every day, in fact). Soon after, chicken was offered two to three times a week. Then, there was a bigger outcry that chicken wasn't being offered. Catch 22. But this shows that the managers do listen to the students' input.

At this juncture, we would like to apprise the student body of the committee's successes.

Last year, a push was made by the committee to install a salad bar and place vending machines in Morgenstern. This year, we have the salad bar, and we have vending machines in Morg., equipped with a microwave oven. Vending machines are now being considered in Furst Hall. Research is now being studied in the area of a possible meal plan. Although, there is nothing conclusive as of yet, and details have not been divulged, this prospect is promising.

In the weeks to come, the committee will be personally taking an extensive survey to further incorporate student opinion in its meetings with the managers. Also, a marketing project in conjunction with the Sy Syms School of Business is being considered.

Until the survey is taken, if anyone would like to contact us, feel free to do so. We are in the guide, and we have answering machines.

Joe Hyman  
Shmu Katz  
Co-Chairmen, FSC

## Wrestlers

To the Editor:

As I'm sure most people on campus are aware, Yeshiva College enjoys a fine reputation in wrestling, a reputation which, obviously, was earned by the hard work of many individual Yeshiva wrestlers over the years. Despite this, no mention was made of wrestling in the December 6 COMMENTATOR of the prior week's win against City College, even though it was a home match attended by a large crowd of enthusiastic Yeshiva supporters.

If basketball warrants a page and a half, certainly wrestling merits a paragraph. My son is a wrestler (but not for Yeshiva) and I know how hard those fellows work. How about giving them the recognition they deserve.

Barbara J. Anderson  
Office of Project Planning

## Pollard 'Mental Case'

To the Editor:

Last issue's opinion piece by Josh Fruchter about Jonathan Pollard's "unjust sentence" (Dec. 6) contained several distortions and half-truths. Mr. Fruchter portrays Pollard as a great Jewish hero who was unfairly imprisoned by the United States and abandoned by American Jews after he sacrificed his freedom for Israel. Jonathan Pollard, in reality, was a mental case.

The June 1, 1987 issue of U.S. News & World Report supplies the following information: While in college, Pollard was a heavy user of drugs and alcohol and told spy stories about himself which resulted in him being listed as 'Colonel' Pollard in his senior yearbook. While with the navy, Pollard claimed to have been tortured by the Syrians and to have been a personal friend of South Africa's military intelligence chief.

One of his senior naval colleagues was quoted as saying, "It

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of our Readers  
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# Celebrating Chanukah at YU

Over 1200

## Pack Lamport For Concert

by Jonathan Greenblatt

More than 1200 people packed into Lamport Auditorium on December 1 for the YCSC/SCWSC presentation of Chanukah Concert '88. Students from YU and a number of area colleges and yeshiva high schools, as well as several parents and families, came to hear the double concert given by Lenny Solomon's Shlock Rock and Yerachmiel Begun and the Miami Boys Choir.

The show's maximum of 1200 tickets sold out by November 27, but there appeared to be more than 1200 attending the concert. At 7:20 P.M. a line had already formed outside the Lamport Auditorium. Anyone arriving at 8:00 had to look for seats on the balcony or stand in the side aisles for the entire show.

With only a minor delay, Jonathan Scheiner began by appearing on stage and introducing the Shlock Rock band. They opened with their version of "Hinay MaTov." Then, for over an hour they entertained the audience with their unusual style of music, taking all sorts of popular melodies from the radio, and replacing the regular lyrics with Torah-oriented ones. These included "Modeh Ani Now" for Men at Work's "Who Can it be Now," "Under the Chupah," for "Under the Boardwalk" and creative lyrics to the latest hit "I've Got My Mind Set on You."

Afterwards, it was time for Yerachmiel Begun and the Miami Boys Choir. The audience went wild as the Boys marched on stage in their black pants, white shirts and red cummerbunds and bow ties. The cheers had to die down, however, because the words could not be heard clearly. What ensued was total silence for the entire show with an occasional hearty applause for every soloist. The Miami Boys began with a song from their latest album and then to the popular "M'heiroh." Other songs included "Asher Bara" from their latest album, and a solo by Stuei Bienenstock of "B'Siyatoh D'Shmayoh," another famous oldie.

After changing into jackets and ties, the boys proceeded with the humorous "Don't Talk, Sh-Sh, Just Daven," in addition to "Menucha V'Simcha" and "Ana B'Coach," also from their newest album. Finally, after donning Streimels and artificial payot, they sang a medley including "Es Zemach," "Atah Sesor Lee," and "Kol Yisroel." All through the singing, the Boys clapped their hands and danced around the stage, treating the audience to a frenetic show.

## Rabbi Lamm Speaks at Chagiga

by Daniel Oshinsky

Yeshiva College may not be known for its all-night parties, but the December 6th, SOY Chanukah Chagiga was an exception. Marked by spirited dancing and singing, the chagiga began with a D'var Torah by the "Nasi of the Yeshiva," Rabbi, Dr. Lamm. Four hours later, the dancing was still going strong, even though the Neshama band had already packed up their equipment for the night. Hundreds of YC students and scores of Rebbeim attended this annual Chanukah get-together and their enthusiasm made the chagiga stand out in a week filled with Chanukah events.

Rabbi Lamm began his discussion with a look at the Talmudic discussion over whether it is the lighting of the candles or the placing of the menorah which enables a Jew to fulfill the mitzvah of Chanukah. Rabbi Lamm pointed out that there is also a question as to whether we consider the Maccabean victory to be the essential miracle of Chanukah, or if it is only the burning of one day's worth of oil for eight days which we commemorate. He then noted that "the menorah itself symbolizes two divergent values: beauty and spirit." However, Rabbi Lamm insisted that just as we would consider two opposing views in Halacha to

have equal importance, even if we are eventually forced to decide between them, so too, there is much to learn from both values represented by the menorah. The message of the menorah, concluded Rabbi Lamm, is that although as B'nai Torah, we are involved in a spiritual pursuit, the lighting of the flame of Torah, we must also remember to present or "place" ourselves in a respectable manner, appealing even to non-Jews.

Rabbi Lamm's speech was a complicated one, and few had finished digesting his message when Jonathan Rimbarg and his Neshama orchestra began churning out a powerful rendition of "Al Hanisim." Still, most students decided to trade in their thinking caps for dancing shoes, and soon they were twirling around the Beit Medrash in ever-widening concentric circles. Gathered in the middle of those singing students were a host of the Yeshiva's most prominent educators and administrators. Mashgiach, Rabbi Blau and Roshei Yeshiva, such as Rabbi Lifshitz, Rabbi Parnes, and Rabbi Horowitz, grasped hands and were quickly joined by Rabbi Lamm, Dean of Students Efreim Nulman, and Residence Halls Director Rabbi Cheifetz. The number of rebbeim and higher-ups who participated in this year's chagiga was a notice-

able change from previous Chanukah events, and added a degree of formality to the event.

But some things never change. In what has become a YU tradition, Rabbi Lifshitz interrupted the Neshama band to lead students in a rousing chorus of "Ashrei Ha'am." "What a surprise," quipped YC senior Moshe Rothchild, sounding appropriately unsurprised. Neshama tried to keep pace with Rabbi Lifshitz, but the venerable Rosh Yeshiva soon had his students singing another old-time favorite, "Tzave, Tzave."

Finally, with Rabbi Lifshitz's tacit permission, the Neshama band regained control, and once again had the Beit Midrash rocking to the tune of "V'Samachta." Eventually, several of the outer circles broke off to dance on their own. One group drew hearty applause when they performed the Chafetz Chaim Dance, a line dance similar to the Hustle. With the playing of the Kazatzkah, rebbeim and students alike metamorphosed into death-defying acrobats and fearless bullfighters. Then, by special request, "Od Yishoma" was played, whereupon YU's many bridegrooms were hoisted onto pairs of broad shoulders. Also among the shoulder-borne was SOY President Jeff Paley, kept aloft to the chants of "SOY," the sponsor of the event.

## Sephardic Music For Lunch

by Jonathan J. Wernick

On Wednesday, December 7, the sounds of Sephardic music entertained a lunchtime crowd of 175 people in Furst Hall's Room 501. At various points during the "lunchbox special" event, members of the audience clapped their hands, tapped their feet, and danced to the tunes of David Nissri and his combo, called "Leb B'Mizrah" ["Heart of the East"].

Mr. Nissri, a rabbinical student at Yeshiva University, sang and played guitar. He was accompanied by YC senior Raphy Bitton and freshman Behzad Dayanim. Mr. Bitton played the tarbouka, a drum of North African origin, and Mr. Dayanim handled the keyboards.

For close to one hour, the trio

played traditional melodies commonly heard at Sephardic Bar Mitzvot, weddings, and birthdays. In celebration of Chanukah, Mr. Nissri opened with "Al HaNisim," after which he whisked the audience back to the lands of Morocco, Turkey, Syria, and Yemen. Throughout the concert Mr. Nissri highlighted the difference between Sephardic and Ashkenazic music and explained the origins of the melodies performed.

Wednesday's concert was the fourth in a series of lunchbox specials, monthly events sponsored jointly by the YU Museum and the Personnel Department. Their coordinator, Ms. Jeanette Ornstein, explains that the lunchbox specials "add general culture tied in with Jewish culture to the YU community." Previous specials featured Jew-

ish storytelling and an informative program about tracing one's family roots. Next month's event will include a tour and discussion of the May Drawings by Sigmund Abalos, which opens December 13 at the museum.

Ms. Ornstein encourages all students to attend these events. Each is publicized throughout campus via fliers and notices. Admission to the specials is always free to all students with a valid YU I.D. card. Given the fact that dessert and beverages are provided, Ms. Ornstein states that the lunchbox special is an "absolute bargain and total giveaway to the students" and hopes that students will take advantage and supplement their mundane and meager fast food fare with some cultural nourishment.

## Entrepreneurs

### Bodner and Tillem

### Give Food & Advice

### to SSSB Students

On December 7, the first annual Sy Syms School of Business Student Association/Council Chanukah Party took place at Cheers. Students from both the Uptown and Midtown campuses came to the restaurant for an evening of socializing and career advisement. The students were addressed by the owners of Cheers, Marty Bodner and Ivan Tillem, on how to achieve one's business goals. SSSBSA President (Men) Bruce Taragin and SSSBSC President (Women) Tamar Rabinowitz, of SCW coordinated the evening with the help Prof. Ira Jaskoll, Assistant Dean of SSSB.

Marty Bodner, a YC graduate, began by telling the audience how he became an entrepreneur in restaurant management. He said it dated back to his school days when he started working as a bus boy. He fell in love with the business and he decided to work his way up to the top despite the grueling climb. He continued working at restaurants and hotels at various different positions throughout his college days.

Mr. Bodner said it was especially tough for him because he was a religious Jew; he found himself working until two minutes before Shabbat and returning to work two minutes after Shabbat. After getting his Masters degree in hotel management, Mr. Bodner decided to open his own restaurant. He stressed to the audience that, "you must sit down and set your goals before you try to start your own business." He continued, "you also must determine how much money you have to invest in your business." It took two-and-a-half years to find the place he wanted—Midtown Manhattan, easily accessible to most patrons.

Mr. Bodner thought he would be able to open Cheers soon after he purchased the building; it took him eight months. He said, "Whenever you open your own business, you'll have unexpected pitfalls." He cited as the examples, the red tape he had to go through to obtain a liquor license and a construction permit. He concluded by saying that, despite the many troubles he had incurred before and will incur in the future, he truly enjoys his business because he's his own boss and it presents him with a new challenge every day.

The evening continued with a speech from Ivan Tillem, a Persuasion and Debate instructor at SCW as well as an owner of Cheers. He also told the audience how he became an entrepreneur; his story is different that of Mr. Bodner, but it's

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## Student Rebuffs Attacker

by Steven Major

The memory of the November 3 stabbing of YC sophomore Doni Greenblatt echoed throughout Yeshiva College as students became aware of another mugging incident. At 12:05 A.M. on December 1, YC sophomore Jonathan Tropper was assaulted by a male Caucasian in his thirties on Laurel Hill Terrace behind the Rubin Residence Hall.

Mr. Tropper, a brown belt in karate, freed himself from the assailant, kicked him to the ground, and fled the premises. In this attempted robbery, unlike the widely publicized earlier attack on Mr. Greenblatt, Mr. Tropper was not hurt and the assailant apparently escaped. To date, Detective Baceuro of the 34th Police Precinct reports that there are no suspects in the Tropper case because "he [Tropper] can't identify the guy who attempted to rob him."

In an exclusive interview with THE COMMENTATOR, Mr. Tropper reveals what happened:

"Upon realizing that I had forgotten my wallet in my roommate's car, I went to the car to look for the wallet. I was lying down on the passenger's side of the car, feeling between the driver's seat and the door, where I found my wallet. I got out of the car with the wallet in my left hand. As I closed the door, he [the assailant] grabbed my wrist and started to twist it towards him very hard with both of his hands. I stepped back to relieve the pressure and then elbowed him in the chest very hard. He doubled back. I kicked him into the big fence behind Rubin [Hall]. He hit the fence, and he fell to the ground, upon which I ran."

Mr. Tropper quickly proceeded to the lobby of Morgenstern Residence Hall where he alerted Security of the attack. Security guards promptly accompanied Mr. Tropper back to the car, only to find that the assailant had already vanished. The police arrived, upon notification by Security, and issued a report of the incident.

## Dr. Goldstein Retires

by Avrum Aaron

On Friday, October 28, 1988, Dr. Martin Goldstein announced to his chemistry class that after that day's session he would retire. Dr. Goldstein cited health problems as his reason for leaving.

"I wasn't expecting it, but I was relieved. We got away without having a test for six chapters," commented one chemistry student.

Dr. Irving Borowitz, Chemistry Department Chairman, found Dr. John P. Fox to continue teaching Dr. Gold-

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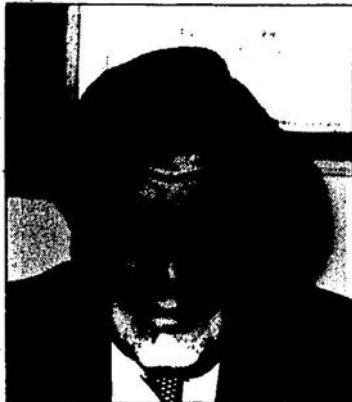
## New Security Chief Hired

by Steven Major

Arthur F. Hoyt has been named as the new Associate Director of Security at Yeshiva University. He replaces Kenneth Gallo who resigned in October. Mr. Hoyt's appointment took effect on December 12th.

Mr. Hoyt spent twenty-four years at the New York City Police Department, where he retired as Detective/Crime Prevention Specialist in 1980. His record of employment includes the position of Director of Security at both the Regency Hotel, N.Y.C. and the Plaza Hotel, N.Y.C. Mr. Hoyt curtailed his duties at the prestigious Plaza Hotel in order to head security at YU.

Mr. Hoyt comes to YU with some experience in university



Recently appointed Associate Director of Security Arthur F. Hoyt.

security, having served as a liaison between N.Y.P.D. and Brooklyn College during the sixties, at a period "during the draft riots and the Kent State situation." Commenting on his new post at YU, Mr. Hoyt said, "Before I was offered this posi-

tion, I did a lot of research on the University, and I felt very impressed with Yeshiva. There are very professional people here." Mr. Hoyt continued, "I perceive Yeshiva University as a one family type of atmosphere."

Mr. Hoyt addresses YU's security problems of the past, such as the well-known sniper shootings and the more recent stabbing, with the following explanation: "We are an urban college. There is another world outside our mall, so things will happen; but my goal is to prevent criminal activity within the YU community, to send disruptive activity away and make the campus a safe environment for the administration, the faculty, and the students to work and learn."

## YU Students Attend Rally Some Arrested

by Daniel Barenholtz

It was an unusually warm December morning, and there was Glasnost in the air. New York was seemingly being transformed into a one horse town as all public and private vehicles were cleared from the road to make way for the Soviet Premier's motorcade. On the streets surrounding the vicinity of the U.N. building, Yuppies and homeless lined up together to catch a glimpse of the Premier as he passed. Mr. Gorbachev was scheduled to address the General Assembly that morning, and all of the city would have to sit up and take notice.

Among those who made their way into midtown that morning were over 100 students from Yeshiva College, along with a similar number from Stern College. (Busses were provided by YCSC in conjunction with SSSJ.) These students came to take part in a rally scheduled in

support of Soviet refuseniks. By 10:30 A.M., over 1000 people, mostly Orthodox Jewish students, had arrived. Flags and posters were held by all, depicting those who are still, years and decades after first applying for an exit visa, waiting to leave. Slogans that have become bitterly familiar over the years were chanted by the crowd.

A few reporters circulated among the crowd, asking people what their reasons were for coming: "weren't things getting better under Mr. Gorbachev?" The general response indicated that, though Mr. Gorbachev may have made the gesture of releasing a few of the more visible refuseniks, those assembled did not consider this to constitute genuine change. As Soviet Jewry activist Rabbi Avi Weiss reminded everyone, Mr. Gorbachev came to the United States to elicit aid for his country, using internal reform as his selling point. Rabbi Weiss

shame it came up in the middle of the semester like this."

Rumors abound that Dr. Goldstein requested to reduce his course load from four to three classes. Yeshiva College Dean Norman Rosenfeld confirmed these rumors, explaining, "In that case, he would no longer be a full time member of the faculty." Dean Rosenfeld adds, "Dr. Goldstein formally requested relief of [his] full duties."

Dr. Goldstein was contacted, but requested that his version of the story not be made public at this time. "Things are still under some negotiations," Dr. Goldstein notes. "I'd like to wait until matters ease before I provide students with the information."

## Club Canada Convenes

by Phil Reiss

Canadian students at YU watched with polite interest as the U.S. election campaign drew to a close last month. But, while the sound and fury of Bush v. Dukakis died away, a national campaign closer to home was entering its final days.

Rabbi Mitchell Serels, director of Club Canada, along with students Moshe Fisher, Joseph Bensmihen, and Stanley Frisch, drove to the Canadian Consulate on November 21 to view live Election Night coverage from north of the border.

The returns gave Prime Minister Brian Mulroney a new mandate to implement his controversial free trade pact with the United States. The following night, Club Canada saluted the victor with a "Brian Bash." Students of every nationality were invited to join the festivities and bring something to trade.

On Thursday, December 8, Fred Harrison of Pace University's American-Canadian Business Institute was at YU to present a retrospective look at the election, including a video excerpt from one of the campaign debates. For Club Canada members, it presented the first opportunity to view a lively, unrehearsed political debate in a long time.

## T.A.G. Fever

by Bruce Schanzer

There's a new game sweeping Yeshiva, and it's called T.A.G., "The Assassination Game." Organized by Jake Blanshly and Glenn Black, T.A.G. is a game comparable to the one played in the movie "Gotcha."

Every player in the game is an assassin, stalking another assigned T.A.G. participant. When a person "assassinates" his prey, he then goes after his victim's target. This becomes a circle of assassinations until only one person is left. When the cycle concludes, another one begins. These cycles run every two to three weeks, depending on the number of participants.

There are approximately 60 "assassins" playing in YU. The weapon is a handgun that fires disappearing blue ink. The winner receives a sum of money that varies with each game. The runner-up also earns a prize.



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# Novelist Herbert Gold Visits YU

The novelist Herbert Gold visited YU on November 7 to read an excerpt from his latest publication. Mr. Gold was invited by Dr. Maurice Wohlge-lernter, a YC English professor affectionately known as the "Reb" by his students, just prior to his return to San Francisco.

The chosen section, entitled "Cohorts," was a poetic short story that centered loosely on the decline of Mr. Gold's father and its effect on his family. Obviously, much of his work is autobiographical, and indeed he admits it: "Even when I write about an unmarried journalist in New York City (I have been married twice and have only written for magazines, [and] I hardly ever spend much time in New York) there will always be some part of my experience in that story."

The evening was comprised of his recitation of the work and a protracted question and answer session concerned not only with technical peculiarities in construction, but also with penetrat-



Mr. Gold at reading.

ing queries into the characters displayed in the piece. Mr. Gold spent much time explaining the pressures and reactions of his creations.

"Cohorts" is an unusual piece in that there is a complete absence of quotations. Removed to increase visual fluency, they are replaced by the common use of familiar nouns:

Dad, son. This lends a certain air of artifice, but is generally well controlled and unobtrusive.

Perhaps most telling of the emotions that enrich the work was a remark Mr. Gold made of a conversation with his father. His father was sitting in his armchair, staring intently into the unfocused distance, as his son inquired as to his thoughts.

He answered, "Nothing."  
"Nothing? You looked so intent."  
"No, nothing. There's darkness in there."

This was the decline of the parent, who is replaced by the child, to be replaced by his child and a "cohort" after him.

Mr. Gold has published sixteen novels, including "My Last 2000 Years," and "four or five non-fiction" books, and until recently held the title of Novelist in Residence at Baruch College. He has taught at several universities including Harvard, Cornell, and the University of California at Berkeley.

# New YCSC Publication

by Steven Major

The Constitution of the Yeshiva College Student Council calls for an "official information publication of Yeshiva College." YCSC Secretary Robert Blustein states that the publication, cited as "Tempo" in the Constitution of YCSC, has been "cut off for approximately four to five years." Blustein attributes the disappearance of the publication to a lack of YCSC funds despite the fact that it costs only \$75 to publish each issue.

In an attempt to restore this tradition to Yeshiva College, the student body will be presented

with a renewed publication, entitled The Informer.

The purpose of the YCSC semesterly publication, Blustein explains, is "to inform the students of changes in school policy and requirements, and to update the formations of new societies and clubs." The first edition of The Informer, for example, deals with information regarding the Sy Syms School of Business and the Yerushalmi Test.

Blustein remarks, "I promised I'd do it [The Informer] when I ran for office in May, so the least I can do is get it done."

# YU Holds 64th Dinner

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emphasized the importance of philanthropy in general and particularly to an institution such as YU. He was interrupted by applause at one point when, during a discourse on the importance of the strict separation of church and state, he emphatically stated the importance of Israel maintaining a "political state" and not a "religious state." Ambassador Annenberg continued by claiming that the mixture of the two always results in trouble for both.

Ambassador Annenberg, in addition to having served ambassador to the United King-

dom from 1969 to 1974, is former chairman of Triangle Publications, which includes the popular "TV Guide" among its numerous operations, and currently holds the titles of University Benefactor and honorary overseer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Several million-dollar donors were present at the event, with Ambassador Annenberg leading all with a gift of five million dollars. Throughout the dinner, leading donations were listed on large screens above the ballroom with the name of the responsible party and to what division of Yeshiva the gift was intended.

# Rally for Soviet Jews

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students waited for their records to be checked, Rabbi Weiss and others delivered a variety of relevant Divrei Torah [ED. "Words of Torah," religious lectures or stories].

Back at Yeshiva College, some students were inclined

toward dismissal of the action of civil disobedience as a Hillul HaShem [ED. desecration of God's Name] and an unwarranted and useless violation of the law. Supporters argued that the detractors were simply ignorant of the standard activist

methods practiced in the United States. They cited the next day's newspapers' mentions of the entire rally only in passing, while concentrating on the arrests themselves, as evidence of the validity of their position.

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# The Sephardic Rosh Yeshiva

by Jeff Ifrah

Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon first visited Yeshiva University in 1957, travelling on behalf of the World Sephardi Federation. It was at that time he first faced the problem of Ashkenazi rabbis in Sephardi congregations. "The congregations resented the rabbis [and] especially phrases [such] as 'Good Shabbos'."

Haham Gaon voiced his criticism to his friend, the late Ivan Solomon. He remembers, "what a pity, I said, a Sephardi boy went to Yeshiva University, but has no way in relating to his Sephardic community."

Upon hearing Mr. Solomon's repetition of the incident, the late YU President Dr. Belkin called the Haham to respond. Haham Gaon recalls that "his opening words to me were, 'I understood we took a rabbi who was a good Sephardi and made him a bad Ashkenazi.' It was then, according to Haham Gaon, that the Sephardic Studies Department was proposed. Dr. Belkin eventually invited the Haham to hold the Sephardic chair after his retirement to which he agreed. He currently holds the Maybaum chair as well. [The Maybaum foundation provides scholarships to needy Yeshiva students, in order to endow Sephardi Yeshiva Students with a good background in Sephardi Halacha]. He jokes, "so I have two chairs as long as I don't fall between them."

At the time of Dr. Belkin's invitation, Dr. Gaon was not only The Haham of England, but of the entire British Commonwealth. He therefore, could not readily accept Dr. Belkin's invitation for immediate employment. He did, however, agree to come as a visiting professor. Eventually there arose a need for someone permanent to guide the department while the Haham was in transit. "I said [to Dr. Belkin] [since] I cannot stay here, I'll need a partner." Dr. Belkin said, "I'll give you a young man." That was Dr. Dobrinsky. [Dr. Dobrinsky is currently Vice President of University Affairs of Yeshiva University.] Dr. Dobrinsky "gave all his time to visit the different Sephardic communities—if it hadn't been for Dr. Dobrinsky this department couldn't have started."

Fortunately, the department began to succeed. Dr. Dobrinsky began working for different communities, con-

stantly searching to raise more funds. At the same time, the Sephardic community started taking to it and making contributions. In time the department, according to the Haham, "became a community to deal with the community and the university." Eventually a chair of



Haham Dr. Solomon Gaon Sephardic Studies was added to Yeshiva University through such community contributions—and the invaluable help of Dr. Dobrinsky. "Dobrinsky kept this department going until I got back (after my retirement) from England."

Haham Gaon grew up in Yugoslavia, where he aspired to be a teacher aiding to halt Jewish apathy while enriching Jewish education. "I became one of the youngest teachers in the Secondary Schools. We had a problem because the state had mandated religious studies in secondary school," therefore the Jewish community had to provide religious studies or risk the alternative (Jewish youth subjected to Catholic religious studies). "In most cases it was the rabbi of a small community." Fortunately, in 1928, the Yugoslavian Jewish Community decided to open a seminary in Sarajevo. This was to provide not only Jewish studies but secular studies. The Yugoslavian Ministry of Education supported the seminary so the graduates would be able to fill rabbinic functions in smaller towns.

The Haham's parents weren't as excited as he about his ambitions. They lived in Travnik, where only sixty families constituted the Jewish community, yet they boasted a rabbi and a shochet. His parents wanted the Haham to proceed with secondary school and then university. He, however, wanted to continue his studies at the seminary in Sarajevo after completing his lower matriculation (up to fifth grade) under Jesuit guidance. He wanted "to do something for [his] community, something spiritual."

He attended the seminary, under the supervision of the chief rabbi of Bosnia, Dr. Levi.

At the age of sixteen he became a teacher in Sarajevo instructing Hebrew. It was then that he came in contact with the Halutzik (Young Israel Pioneers) movement and began planning for Aliyah. At that time many of the Yugoslavians had opted for Aliyah, usually settling on kibbutzim once in Israel. His parents, however,

won this dispute, and the Haham remained in Yugoslavia.

At the age of twenty, the Haham was approached by Paul Goodman, the Secretary of the Spanish-Portuguese synagogue of London, who invited the Haham to London for higher learning. Both Dr. Levi, his parents, and his friends persuaded him to go and although this meant beginning his education again, (since they did not recognize his seminary diploma), he left. He enrolled in Jews College after meeting the language requirements of Latin, Greek and German.

When World War II broke out, the Haham was finishing his B.A. in Hebrew. He was then appointed the assistant rabbi of the London community. Although he was enticed by an offer as rabbi of the Spanish-Portuguese synagogue of Montreal in the midst of London's bombardment, he "stayed in London throughout the war." His mother had voiced her feelings in a letter, asking "how can you leave London, while she's being bombed? People will say you were a coward. London has educated you." The Haham remained in London, received his Ph.D. during the war, and, after the war and subsequent marriage, his smicha.

London did not have a Haham since 1919 when Dr.

Gaster (The only Haham who was not by birth a Sephardi, he is credited with institutionalizing the new Sephardi prayer book.) resigned. There was an Ab Beit Din, head of the rabbinical court and consequently the leader of Montefiore College, who could not fill the role of Haham because he lacked the necessary doctorate. Haham Gaon, upon being approached, accepted the position.

According to the constitution of England, the Ashkenazi chief rabbi serves as the head of the Rabbinic Assembly, which deals mainly with shechita (ritual slaughtering), and as the president of Jews College. The Vice-President of both was the Haham. In 1949, Dr. Solomon Gaon was appointed Haham of the London community and eventually of the British Commonwealth, as well as head of the Beit Din.

**Haham Gaon  
"...also  
eliminated obstacles  
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The first problem Haham Gaon faced was instilling Zionism in an English community

inclined strongly against it. He also wanted to change the form of the Yeshiva at Ramsgate into "a proper college...combining Torah and Derech Eretz. The students should, besides obtaining all Jewish discipline, attain the matriculation which enables them to proceed to university." Together with the Jewish Agency and Department of Torah Education and, of course, the Sephardim of England, the Haham's dreams were realized. "This was a great triumph and the first time the community of England associated its youth with the Jewish Agency." It was later transferred to London from Ramsgate; "some students here at Yeshiva have attended Montefiore College."

During his time as Haham, Dr. Gaon exchanged halacha with Rabbi Dr. David DeSola Pool, of the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in New York City, and the Sephardim of North America. He also eliminated obstacles which impeded Ashkenazi/Sephardi marriages, for example, which had been heavily discouraged prior to his office.

The Haham recommends that there be two people, one to deal with the Sephardi chair in Sephardic Studies and one in Riets, expressing the hope that "when I retire I hope this will take place."

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# SOCIAL LIFE AT

## “Who’s in charge,” students

by Elisha Tropper

The Yeshiva College student body is a diverse compilation of individuals, spanning the various spectrums of religious convictions and observance. A strong legion of fiercely religious students and a segment of the less ardently observant frame the intermediate majority of the student body. Certain issues have arisen that, given this composition, have stirred debate across campus among both students and faculty.

A number of students attending YU are the products of less religious family, school, or community backgrounds, and has voiced dissatisfaction with the social restrictions imposed upon them by the religious administration. In particular, they are dismayed by the University's regulations outlawing all events of a purely social nature from the YC campus. The issue revolves around the question of the University's ethical justification of its rules aimed at moderating the religious conduct of its students.

Rabbi Blau, Mashgiach Ruchani [Spiritual Advisor] of Yeshiva College, views the issue as maintaining “the delicate balance that exists here [at Yeshiva]—on the one hand to create a supportive religious environment while, at the same time, recognizing the diversity of the student body.” At its core, the debate focuses on whether the Roshei Yeshiva should be the sole authority on campus social issues.

Benji Nachimson, 20, a YC junior from North Hollywood, asserts that “to deny the Roshei Yeshiva authority regarding any aspect of the YU campus life would be to deny YU's basis for existence. The concept that a Jew can take college courses is based upon the idea that he fits those courses within the framework of a Torah—not as an escape from the Yeshiva world.” Uri Rubin, 20, a YC junior

from Chicago, differs strongly with Mr. Nachimson. “The rules can't be totally sided with either yeshiva or college; they must meet somewhere in between. They can't be biased either way. Both sides have to be sensitive to the other's position, because this is an area with too much room for opinion.”

Rabbi Blau's assessment draws from both of these viewpoints. “The present situation involves, on one level, that anything in YU must be according to halacha. But there are many grey areas—determining what is halachically appropriate, and who is the determinant of what halacha is.”

Dovvy Prince, 21, a junior from Indianapolis, suggests that the Roshei Yeshiva should set the social standards at YU “only if they're going to change the composition of the student body by not accepting ‘less religious’ students.” States Prince, “I have nothing against YU being a more religious school, but it obviously presents practical difficulties to try to force college students to act in a way they don't want to.”

Rabbi Blau relates that students occasionally complain that YU and its regulations are not quite what they had expected when they enrolled. He states his adamant opposition to convincing students to attend YU by minimizing its restrictive policies. “I don't think any students should be misled, and I'm not sure if in reality, based upon my experience with the people in the Office of Admissions, that many students are really misled. The large majority of students,” explains Rabbi Blau, “are graduates of yeshiva high schools, aware of what YU is like. Those who come from public school backgrounds tend to be JSS because of their background. They have a special interview for JSS which should give some sense as to what limitations are here at Yeshiva.”

The handbook that is sent out before dorming lists these rules.”

However, Rabbi Blau concedes that “in their desire to convince students to come to Yeshiva, some local rabbis or youth leaders may oversell, and with students from great distances who can't necessarily be here to be interviewed, some have a legitimate complaint.”

David Ascher, 22, a YC senior from Manhattan and recent chairman of Freshman Orientation, acknowledges the YU student's obligation to submit to the standards of the administration. “Since we chose to come to this school, we have taken upon ourselves willingly to abide by the rules and regulations of the University.” But Ascher disparages the idea of a single ruling authority. “We live in a community together, learning Torah and secular subjects. Because we coexist, we should share in the responsibilities of creating regulations. No power should rest solely in the hands of one segment of the community. It should be equally distributed.”

Moshe Adler, 21, a senior from Lawrence, concurs. “I don't believe the Roshei Yeshiva should have eminent domain. From my viewpoint, the Roshei Yeshiva's attitudes do not necessarily reflect the attitudes of the student body. But I feel that they should have some say in the atmosphere the yeshiva should have.”

Dr. Efreim Nulman, Dean of Students at YU, reflects upon the issue in a practical sense. “In reality, it's only two to three events per year that are under question. The way it works now is fairly adequate. Both groups [the very observant and those less observant] are meeting their needs, both socially and religiously. We had the Chanukah Chagiga last week—not a co-ed event—and the Beis Medrash was packed. You also have events such as end of year dinners, plays, and basketball

games.” Regarding the policy making mechanism, Dr. Nulman insists that the needs of the Roshei Yeshiva, students, and, in fact, all the members of the community have been respected.

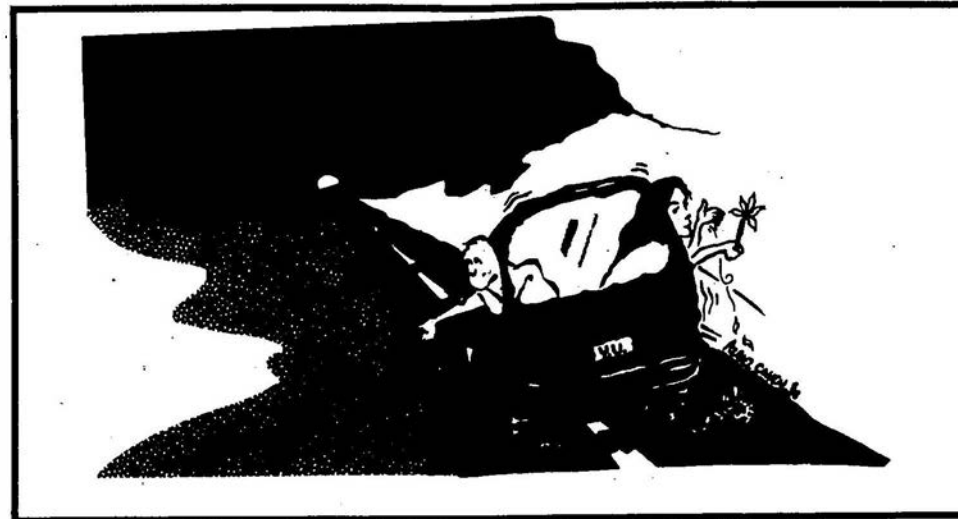
Rabbi Blau maintains that the determining factors of the social standards at YU are not the rabbinical authorities, but the students themselves. “At different times over the past few years, the pendulum of social events has shifted, based on the students more than the rebbeim. The shift now is due to the great majority of the boys going to Israel, where they became accustomed to a much more restricted society. They want more of a yeshiva atmosphere here.” Rabbi Blau sees the situation as symbolic of something greater. “We can't deny that this reflects certain movement within the Orthodox community in general.”

Rabbi Blau denies that the Roshei Yeshiva are the sole determining force behind campus religious legislation. He insists that the administrative body of decision making is balanced among “rabbinical faculty involved in all three [Jewish studies] divisions, with prominent members of the administration, particularly those who happen to be rabbis. To say that we are solely following the dictates of the Roshei Yeshiva is untrue. We're not going 100 percent with what they prefer. They grumble quite often. There is an increased sensitivity to the Roshei Yeshiva, but that reflects the greater amount [sic] of students who agree with the Roshei Yeshiva, or at least accept their authority, than in the past.”

Mordi Leifer, Yeshiva College Student Council President, feels that the religious authorities are trying too hard to control student life. “The Roshei Yeshiva sometimes fail to realize that this is still a college, and there is a big need and great

desire among students to have an active social life. The rebbeim fail to realize that they're dealing with responsible adults, and a halachically conscious student body overall.”

A number of students decry what they see as disadvantages to the current code of regulations. Mr. Ascher views restrictions as ultimately serving to counter one of the goals of YU—to produce observant graduates



who will maintain their religiosity throughout life. “The rules as they are now need to be re-evaluated because they do not reflect the level of maturity and intelligence that people in a college community are equipped with. The present set of regulations diminishes the weight of the maturity and responsibility the students should be endowed with. Personal decisions are very important, for they mold true religious commitment for the future, beyond college.”

### On-Site Survey

This survey is a random sampling of YC students on campus conducted by Josh Fruchter. It is not intended as a scientific survey, but merely as a candid indication of the feelings and opinions of the student body. Conducted regularly, each respondent's name is recorded solely to prevent duplication of results. Total polled: 58.

1) Which of the following best characterizes your dating habits?

Frequent: 19% Almost Never: 26%  
Occasional: 43% Never: 12%

2) Do you consider marriage/engagement to be the primary justification for dating?

Yes: 31% No: 69%

3) How do you meet or prefer to meet women? (more than one answer allowed)

A. YU Social events: 21%  
B. Nightclub parties: 17%  
C. Through friends: 78%  
D. Summer Programs such as camp: 43%  
E. Other (Seminars, Winter vacation, etc.): 43%

4) Do you find your overall social life at YU to be satisfactory?

Yes: 45% No: 55%



Social Graces: Young.....

# YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

## wonder, “and what are the rules?”

by Elisha Tropper

Among the prevailing topics of conversation across the Yeshiva College campus, not one evokes quite as strong a reaction as the discussion of student social expectations and the debate over dating ethics and standards. Within a university that takes pride in attracting a spectrum of Jewish students from multifarious backgrounds and communities, a plethora of

opinions will naturally exist.

Due to the University's policy regarding the restriction of purely social events on the uptown campus, a substantial segment of the student body harbor feelings of dissatisfaction. David Ascher, 22, a senior from Manhattan, explains that “if my social situation was left totally up to Yeshiva College and its program, I wouldn't be one hundred per cent satisfied. There are social events, but they do not adequately provide for all my needs on campus. I feel that I have to go off campus to drink, meet girls, go to the theater, take in cultural events. It (the YU campus social life) is good but not, however, all-inclusive.”

Some students feel that the administration has committed a disservice by outlawing certain events to be held on campus. Moshe Adler, 21, a senior from Lawrence, views the administration's action's as being counter to some of the religious goals it seeks. “I don't see anything wrong with having a purely

social event up here. I don't think there should be co-ed toga parties, but social mixers are a lot better than going down to Merlyn every Thursday night to a total non-yeshiva environment.

Dovvy Prince, 21, a junior from Indianapolis who is dissatisfied with the campus social life, finds it “abnormal for guys and girls to be so separated from each other because it puts unnecessary pressure on one to meet people in uncomfortable, forced situations, such as YU-Stern events, where people are there solely to meet other people.”

Prince's comments raise yet another issue: What is the best way to go about meeting new people? Uri Rubin, 20, a junior from Chicago, believes that the best way is through friends “who can point you towards certain girls who you'll be compatible

with — not like a shidduch—but someone compatible socially and intellectually. You trust your friends' judgment. You just don't meet people off the street.”

Many students agree with Rubin, including Prince, who explains “The best way to meet people is to be introduced by mutual friends. Otherwise you have to wade through all the social morass presented by formal functions.” Differing slightly on the issue of meeting people is Ascher, who declares that “the best place to meet people is anywhere there is interaction of people comparing ideas, ideologies, and basic premises which guide their lives.”

In part, due to what some claim is the increasing rate of engagements at YC, the discussion of dating purposes has arisen. The issue's two extreme positions, one seeing dating as purely the means to go out, and the other viewing it as an end in itself, are hardly representative of mainstream student thought.

Most students, in fact, find some middle ground upon which to tread. “The concept that there's something wrong with you if you're not married by the time you graduate YU or Stern is asinine,” Adler affirms. “I'll go out with friends without any intentions for future relationships. But,” he concedes, “any time you socialize with other people, the possibility, however remote, is there.”

These feelings are echoed by Prince. “Obviously I'm not going to go out with someone I don't like just because they're available. There is always the possibility of something developing from a college relationship, but I have a long educational road ahead of me, so starting a family is not at the top of my list of priorities.”

Rubin sees the importance of dating similarly. “Even if you haven't thought about marriage, that's no reason not to go out. You've got to test the waters, get a sense of what's out there. I plan

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## No Uptown Social Events But...

by Gad Dishy

To the average outsider, Yeshiva University's rules about conducting social events on campus may seem a bit harsh. After all, a campus in which purely social activities are prohibited is surely an anomaly. However, for those of us intricately involved in the nuances of these rules, utilizing flexibility is of key importance.

True, a “50's Night” [ED: a

controversial February 1986 event sponsored by the YC Sophomore and Senior Classes] will not be permitted to take place on YU's main campus. Yet YU's theatrical society allows students the opportunity for social gathering in the context of education and culture via a vis play performances. Furthermore, many forums, lectures and club meetings are recognized as viable means of social interaction.

These forums are informational in nature and usually serve refreshments during or after the program. The event also allows some time for the crowd to “settle down.” These activities, regardless of their being perceived as social events, are not inherently social in nature, and it is the essence of these events which concerns the administration, not the externals.

As clear as it may seem, there

exists some confusion concerning many other events on campus. Specifically, students often wonder about the reasoning behind the administration's support of basketball games. Perhaps it was seen as an expression of Torah U'Mada, in that Yeshiva men are engaged in the science of sports (science in this context refers to the angle at which the ball is thrown into the hoop and the velocity needed to run across the court against the friction of one's sneakers and the like). Still others speculate that the basketball games were permitted on campus because they help YU in soliciting funds from people outside the Yeshiva world. Our basketball team brings us pride and adds money to our coffers by showing the world that we, too, have a basketball team like any other good university.

These slight nuances, admit-

tedly of minor importance, can cause a great uproar on campus. For while the former explanation is quite well-founded, it allows one to argue a case for such events which to the common folk would seem to be purely social. However, if the latter reasoning is true, even under the guise of educating the students about the culture and lifestyle of America in the post World War II era, 50's parties would still be seen as purely social.

Still, the administration need not be hemmed in by this analysis. Their true argument would lie in qualifying their rules prohibiting purely social events only when they are not consistent with image that YU wishes to project. Who exactly constitutes YU and what the image it is that “they” wish to project are vague enough terms for bureaucracy to take its course.



.....and old.





# The Lighter Look



by Jonathan Miskio

November has been a pretty hectic month for the Lighter Look. All the campaigning and television debates really exhausted me, and while I always find election year terrifically exciting, this year's battle was particularly nasty. The name calling and dirty ploys gave a bitter taste to the contest. But alas, voting day has passed for the Lighter Look, and now it's time for the column's new government to convene.

It was a close race again, and it came as no surprise that the two major consonant parties won most of the votes. What shocked the political community was the support shown for the vowels. Together, the lower case vowels, the capital vowels and the extreme italicized vowels won eighteen seats.

As author of the Lighter Look, I was invited to attend Parliament's first session. It was quickly decided that Y, being both a consonant and a vowel, should be the speaker of the house, and she made her opening remarks. "The first session of the members of the Lighter Look will now come to order. Congratulations are due to all the letters who were successful in last week's elections. I'd like to especially welcome back the leader of the lower case consonants, s, and the head of the upper case consonants, R. I think I can speak for everyone when I say i

hope that one of your parties can form some sort of coalition with the vowels. The past four years have been trying on us all. Oh, for the days of one ruling party. Remember when Grandma L ruled the column? Capitals knew their place and the lowers served the Look diligently. Lately, it's been the liGhTeR lOoK or liGhTeR loOK. Everyone's been putting his two cents in. I beseech you gentlemen, please, no more national unity."

"Whatever government is eventually formed, we all recognize that several pressing problems want solving. Now, to summarize the first issue is t, from the lower case consonants."

t hopped up to the podium, straightened his crosspiece and began. "When the Lighter Look was created forty years ago, THE COMMENTATOR's original proposition was that the letters and the numbers should live side by side in the column. That was all very well with us, as you know. We were perfectly willing to say 2sday, 10donitis and so on. But the only concession the numbers were willing to make was sharing license plate duties with us. Since our independence, they have repeatedly tried to take over the column. In the Six-Paragraph War, we won a decisive victory and captured not only all the punctuation marks but the symbols as well. Last December, the uprising

began. 's have taken to wantonly adding phrases together, '?'s are popping up in the middle of sentences, and I don't have to tell you that kind of commotion occurs when @-#!&? all appear together. Gentlemen, it's time for action. Either we integrate these signs into the column, show the %'s, 's and the ;'s that they have proper places in our society, or we return them to the numbers. I'd like to see them get a story out, with □ and fighting between themselves all the time."

"Thank you, t. With our next presentation, we turn to Q." Q was an old and respected letter. He had been with the Lighter Look since independence and his tailpiece was long and white. He cleared his deep voice and squinted at the hushed assembly. "Years ago, we letters had a vision, a dream. We sustained a hope for thousands of years of wandering through other alphabets, that some day we would return to our beloved Lighter Look. We letters saw the Greek alphabet rise and fall. We saw the Roman numerals become obsolete. And still we survived to see a miracle occur. But look what's happening. Our biggest concern today is that young letters don't share our idealism. They want faster, more exciting columns and they're leaving the Look. Don't they see that satire is their home? And how about letters in other

columns, why have they not come? Sure, they visit. Every once in a while the letters in basketball will bounce over from Sports for a guest appearance in the Look. But why don't they settle? Do they think we couldn't fit basketball into every article? Letters alone will decide the future of the Lighter Look."

The house offered quiet nods of agreement as Q took his seat and Y continued. "No doubt that the two issues discussed so far have been on everybody's minds lately. But there has been one conflict in this election that's threatened to tear the Look apart. To speak on that topic, the leader of the lower case vowels, i."

There were murmurings and heckling as i took the podium.

He adjusted the dot on top of his head and spoke. "I know that the question of 'Who's a Letter?' is a controversial one and that my party's position is abhorred by many of you. Still, we are determined to stand firm for we feel that the nature of the Look is at stake. The problem concerns letters whose background or behavior make us suspicious. For example, let's look at the word knight. There you've got three silent letters. What are they doing there, the k, g, and h? They don't say anything, they don't do anything. They just sit there pretending to be letters. Next, examine the word pho-

netic. That ph has usurped what's clearly f's place. How can we allow that sort of behavior? No, diphthongs are not letters either. What about contractions? When cannot is left without its o and one of its n's, then can't must compensate with an apostrophe! Is it right that while those two are gallivanting among some graffiti somewhere, a perfectly good word should suffer-no less nights. And they come crawling back to the Look claiming they were letters all along. Well, I repeat our position, and this goes for letters who force words to abbreviate too, a letter acts like a letter! He follows the rules of pronunciation to a t. He minds his p's and q's. We will not tolerate those who claim to be letters while behaving nothing like us!"

There was a mixed outburst of shouting and applause as i took his seat and Y concluded.

"We are all very tired. It is unlikely that we will solve any of these problems any time soon.

But we must try my friends, we must try. We letters have a long and rich history, a strong tradition. And we have a mission to bring words to the world. To do that, we must remember who we are and where we've come from.

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# Rabbi Bernstein Heads RCA Delegation to Israel

by David Ottensoser

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, professor of Jewish History at Yeshiva University, headed a three member delegation to Israel representing the Rabbinical Council of America to "convey American Jewish sentiments" on the volatile 'Who is a Jew' issue to Orthodox leaders there.

Rabbi Bernstein, along with his colleagues Rabbi Simcha Krauss of Hillcrest and Rabbi Haskel Lookstein of Congregation Kehillath Jeshurun, travelled to Israel "to speak to our comrades in the Religious Zionist movement, in the Chief Rabbinate and in the other Orthodox parties of our opposition to amending the Law of Return."

The R.C.A. prefers that this issue be removed from the

political agenda. Rabbi Bernstein explained, in an article he wrote for the Jerusalem Post, that "Giyur--conversion to Judaism--is a religious, spiritual, personal, and confidential affair and should be so treated."

Rabbi Bernstein was "pleasantly surprised" to discover that most Orthodox leaders, including Rav Shach of the Degel HaTorah party, oppose to the proposed change. He had been unaware of the "depth and opposition to the amendment." He expresses dismay, though, by the fact that Agudah adheres to the position assumed by Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, and Rabbi Aaron Soloveichik, a member of the rabbinical faculty of RIETS. These two prominent religious leaders have declared it essential that the amendment be

passed.

Rabbi Soloveichik also recently journeyed to Israel to convey to government leaders his ardent belief that the proposal is vital to the Jewish people and faith. A total of 27 delegations visited the Jewish State out of concern over this issue.

Those advocating the amendment generally consider it symbolically important for the Jewish State to represent authentic, halachic Judaism. They view the conversion issue as fundamental to that identity and vocally resent the caricature presented by the media and the non-Orthodox of the proponents as manipulative fanatics out to disenfranchise the non-observant from the Jewish fold. Instead, they paint the picture as a dispute over 'Who is a rabbi'

and attribute the virulence of Reform and Conservative opposition to a realization of that fact.

The R.C.A. acknowledges that the present law is "flawed." Yet the negative publicity for the Jewish community that this controversy is generating outweighs any possible benefit from fighting for the amendment.

Rabbi Bernstein met with Orthodox leaders for a "frank exchange of opinions of the impact that the 'Who is a Jew' issue is having on American Jewry."

This dispute has caused disastrous effects. "It breaks any semblance of Jewish unity," states Rabbi Bernstein. "The R.C.A. is very critical of all the anti-Orthodox criticism."

Although Rabbi Bernstein would ideally like to see all

conversions to Judaism performed in accordance with halacha, the means and place of accomplishing this goal is not by debate in a political forum. "With a modicum of good will by all concerned, this highly personal and painful issue can be solved discreetly on an individual basis," he says.

Rabbi Bernstein characterizes the chief objective to be the prevention of a schism in world Jewry. He advises that "the American Jews would be better served if the law would not be passed."

Rabbi Bernstein is president of the American Mizrachi-HaPoel HaMizrachi, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and former four-term president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

## Sports

### Fencing Team—Continued from page 14.

keep the starters on their toes and are ready to step in at a moment's notice.

This semester's team fencing has come to an end. As the team prepares for next semester's seven matches, starting with Hunter College on February 2, they look forward to an even greater goal. For the second consecutive year, the Taubermen have been invited to the N.C.A.A. Division III Fencing Tournament in March at Johns Hopkins University in Balti-

more. This type of tournament usually occurs on a Saturday, but out of respect for the Yeshiva fencers this tournament is taking place on a Sunday.

The Taubermen are led by Head Coach and American Maccabiah Games champion Arnie Messing and Assistant Coach Peter Rojas.

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on going to the [Israeli] army after I graduate, and then go to graduate school, so I'm not really looking at getting married soon. But something might change. You never know."

Ascher takes the idea one step further, explaining, "I go out on dates to meet people, to find out what they enjoy, and to complement my own enjoyment with their sense of fun and adventure. Marriage might be important, however one can grow and learn from other people in any sort of exchange. I am not seeking marriage as a goal. Finding someone who I love and care about is my goal. Marriage is just a product of that love."

Approaching the issue in a practical way is Benji Nachimson, 20, a junior from North Hollywood, who states "Any

time I go out with a girl doesn't mean that she's the person I plan on marrying, but I would not go out on a steady basis with the same girl unless I had more serious intentions, no matter how far off they may be."

These are issues that are of daily importance to the students at Yeshiva University. Some of the ideas expressed by this cross-section of students accurately reflect the sentiments of a significant segment of the student body. Some do not. Regardless, the need is critical for both a student and an administrative realization of the existence of a myriad of attitudes and convictions within the University's borders, accompanied by an acceptance and toleration of the differing opinions.

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## SSSB Party—

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equally as interesting. The main theme of his speech was, "don't buy other people's ideas, follow your own ideas."

Professor Tillem became a partner in Cheers by accident. One day, about a year-and-a-half after Cheers opened, he walked in with a group of friends. During the course of the evening, Prof. Tillem was approached by his old friend Marty Bodner. After talking with Mr. Bodner, he became very interested in the restaurant. Before long, they were partners. Prof. Tillem got into the business so he could use it as a political tool. Cheers has hosted parties for pre-eminent political figures such as Senators Albert Gore and Daniel Moynihan and President-elect George Bush. Prof. Tillem, who works closely with pro-Israel lobbies, had hoped to host these influential people with Israel's interests in mind.

Prof. Tillem became an investment banker in much the same fashion he became a restaurateur: by accident. He created the Jewish Almanac, a first-of-its-kind book that includes information on Jewish genetic diseases, the plight of Russian and Ethiopian Jewry, etc. The first hurdle he faced was making it interesting. He included trivia such as Jews that have played Major League Baseball, and a yellow pages. The second challenge was to make it affordable. He tackled that problem by creating his own publishing company called Pacific Press and selling the almanacs below cost. He financed this endeavor by finding and publicizing small companies.

After the speeches, everybody was given the opportunity to ask the two entrepreneurs their own personal business questions. It was hoped that Dean Schiff would be able to address the party, but he was unable to attend due to illness. However, Assistant Dean Ira Jaskoll, many members of his staff, and a few board members were present.

## Culture Revived at YU

by Steven Toplin

No, it was not a show at the Metropolitan Opera about a tent revival meeting. It was, however, the revival of the Cultural Society of Yeshiva College. On Thursday, December 15, 15 students from YC/SSSB plus many students from Stern College saw "Le Nozze di Figaro" (The Marriage of Figaro). Barry Galitzer, President of the one-month-old organization, called the night's event a huge success: "I only ordered 15 tickets to test the waters here at YC. On Sunday, before the performance, I was sold out of tickets and since then have received calls for 15 more tickets."

The Cultural Society is planning more events for the future, including symphony orchestras, additional operas, and a shabaton in February. The purpose of the society is to introduce students, especially those living outside the New York area, to what is commonly called the "cultural center of the world."

YU last had a "culture club" in 1986. The latest revival is a welcome addition to culturally inclined students such as YC junior Dov Pinchot: "Being a big opera fan, I wholeheartedly support the effort to arouse student interest in the rich world of the musical arts. Thanks to the efforts of Barry, the cultural sphere will now be easily accessible to all."

## Senate Concludes Semester

by Larry Hartstein

Over the course of the semester, the YC/SSSB Senate raised a number of new issues for its agenda and conducted a number of discussions on both new and old topics. This semester's Senate was chaired by senior Kenneth Waxman, who oversaw discussion on the Senate's Cheating and Plagiarism document, and the drafting of standard forms for use in evaluating professor performance in a given course.

After much debate over the purpose and use of the Cheating and Plagiarism document, which is a detailed analysis of moral and halachic opinions surrounding the issue of cheating, the Senate passed a motion asking YC Dean Norman Rosenfeld to place the document on file and make it available upon request to members of

the University.

The Senate's Constitution Task Force worked over the summer vacation and into the semester on revising the past constitution, primarily to update it to include the Sy Syms Business School and its new representatives on the Senate roster. Additional reason for the constitutional revision were the numerous outdated articles and bylaws, as well as the irrelevant committee listings attached to it. The first revised draft was distributed to the Senate for comment and will eventually end up in the faculty assembly for approval or rejection.

The Task Force on the Quality of Instruction reported in October that there was student consensus in favor of teacher evaluation forms. Two possible forms were debated: one would be an open ended form, with

broad questions allowing for students to respond in their own words and thoughts; the other, a statistical form, consisting of more questions, tested for some degree of statistical reliability and validity.

Debate next shifted to the purpose of the evaluation forms. Some student Senators proposed mandatory evaluation of professors for the purpose of informing incoming and curious students about the courses and professors they may be interested in taking. Both the professors and administration protested the proposed mandatory policy. In its place was recommended an optional form, leaving the purpose of the form up to individual professors.

At press time, no conclusion has been reached as to either the purpose of the evaluation or the form it is to take.

## Pollard-

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became obvious the guy had to be unstable. He wasn't on anybody else's wavelength." In 1981, Pollard underwent psychiatric treatment but obviously wasn't cured.

Pollard was well-paid for his services to Israel, and a 1985 article in U.S. News & World Report stated that Pollard sold secrets to several countries. Pollard sold 800,000 top-secret documents to Israel, some of which included the codes used by U.S. military forces and a list of C.I.A. agents, according to a June 1, 1987 issue of the same magazine. These severely jeopardized U.S. security.

On other issues, federal judges are not bound by plea bargaining. And, according to an A.D.L. Background Report entitled "The Pollard Case," American law makes no distinction between spying for an ally or adversary. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith sent an experienced criminal attorney to visit Pollard; the attorney found Pollard's accusations of inhumane and anti-Semitic treatment by prison officials too inconsistent to stand up in court. Furthermore, if more space were available, a point-by-point refutation of much of what Mr. Fruchter wrote would be possible.

In closing, Jonathan Pollard has severely harmed AMERICAN Jews by casting a shadow over their loyalty to the United States. David B. Rosenberg YC '91

## YCSC 1988-89 BUDGET

As released by YCSC President Mordi Leifer

### EXPENDITURES:

WYUR .....	\$13,330
SSSJ .....	1700
Commentator .....	25,000
Sigma Delta Rho .....	2860
Poli. Sci. ....	2000
YCDS .....	17,000
Alpha Epsilon Delta .....	1000
Compu Sci Speaks .....	1500
EMT .....	700-1000
Fine Arts .....	500
Clarion .....	1500

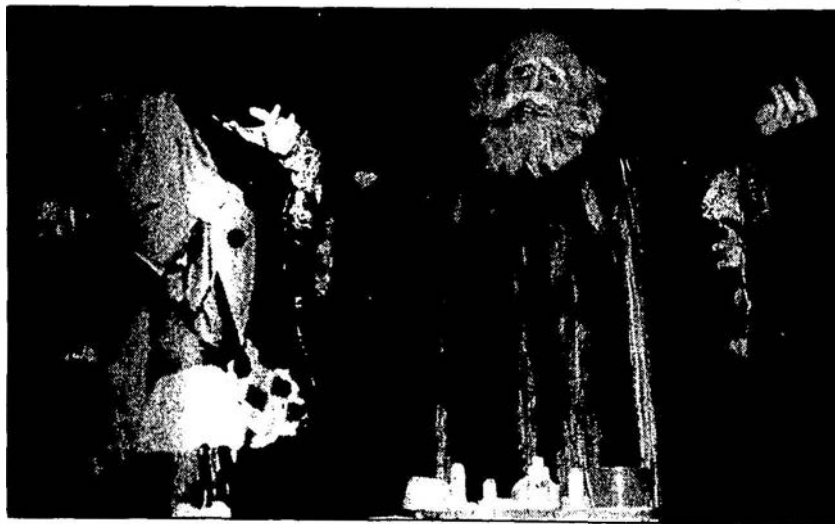
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Student Activity Fees
\$26,000 (not yet complete)
Morg Mart-as yet undetermined
Arcade-as yet undetermined
Concert-as yet undetermined

THE COMMENTATOR will publish a more complete record when it becomes available at the beginning of next semester.



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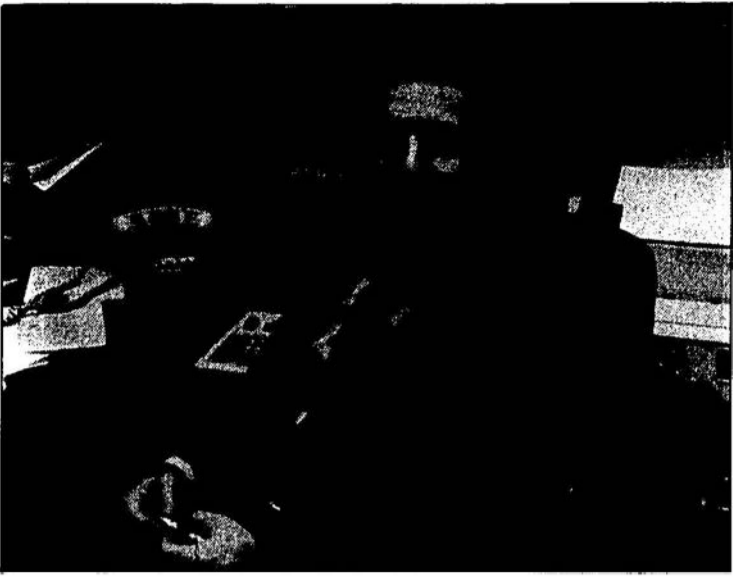
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YU Athletic Director Gil Shevlin at work.

## Profile: Dr. Gil Shevlin

by Kenny Frenkel

Yeshiva students are aware of the University's new athletic facilities and programs but may not be as familiar with their director, Dr. Gil Shevlin. As Director of Athletics and Physical Education, Dr. Shevlin has introduced new opportunities for our students to participate in sports and maintains a strong physical education department that enhances to multifaceted nature of Yeshiva University. With sports as his "first love" and a belief in the prestigious character of YU, Dr. Shevlin is committed to the enrichment of extracurricular activities at the University.

Born and raised in New York City, Dr. Shevlin attended Brooklyn Technical High School. He subsequently attended C.C.N.Y. and received a B.S. in Physical Education. After two years of Army service, Dr. Shevlin continued his education at Columbia University where he acquired his Masters and Doctorate in Physical and Health Education. Dr. Shevlin began working in his field at Seward Park High School in Lower Manhattan but after wight years moved on to a teaching position in City College. Once there, the Doctor demonstrated his competence by chairing the Phys. Ed Department for six years, working as Dean of Faculty for three years, and later assuming the position of Dean of Administration at its medical school. After 25 years, Dr. Shevlin retired, only to then accept the position of Sports Director at Yeshiva College and Stern.

As an academic and sports enthusiast, Dr. Shevlin retains the qualities admired by college students. He not only believes in higher education but also

encourages participation in extracurricular activities. As a youngster an avid baseball and basketball player, Dr. Shevlin now jogs and plays tennis regularly. He espouses the idea that sports and athletics contribute to the general education of students only as an auxiliary to the regular program. In his own words, "academics come first, with sports as a supplement to one's schooling."

The Athletic Department involves a physical education program, intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, and recreation. The types of sports offered include basketball, cross-country running, fencing, soccer, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling, with team sports in many of these areas. Recently, Dr. Shevlin added a golf class and team and an elementary basketball class and has increased recreational hours. Also, with the forthcoming addition of a new swimming facility, Dr. Shevlin is sure to include new and exciting features to the program.

Most importantly, however, is the reasonable flexibility and open-mindedness of the Athletic Department. Under the guidance of Dr. Shevlin, the program seeks to accommodate student interests within the available resources of the institution. His office is open to suggestions that will, he assumes, be discussed and studies in detail. Dr. Shevlin encourages students to support the program and to take advantage of the opportunities offered to Yeshiva students. The student body at YU should be aware that the director of athletics and physical education is, above all, a "nice guy" who is willing to work with students to continuously improve the program.

# Orange Crush Cats

by Saul Kaszovitz

In one of the biggest upsets of the season, the heavily favored Wildcats fell prey to the up and coming Clockwork Orange Freshmen team, 3-2. Absent from the Wildcats lineup was All-Star goalie David Schlusel. The Orangemen took advantage of the 'Cats' void, exploding early. Ferocious forechecking kept the puck in the Wildcats' zone for the majority of the game. But, with time winding down, Orange goaltender Danny Ottensoser stopped a barrage of Wildcats shots to preserve the one goal win.

### IRISH 4 SENECA 0

It was anticipated to be one of the more exciting matchups of the semester, yet the end result was an easy victory for the Fighting Irish. The win, the Irish's fifth in a row, coupled

with the W'cats loss, places the two teams in a first place tie. Four different goal scorers, Geoff Miller, Ari Keehn, Kenneth Polinsky and Michael Mermelstein, put the game out of reach midway through the second period. Irish goalie Wayne Feder held tight, blocking Seneca's onslaught of shots and achieving his first shutout of the season.

### WILDCATS 7 KINGS 2

The Wildcats' four goal third period devastated the Kings, in what had been a close contest. The game was knotted at one apiece midway through the second period, when Kings star Sam Toledano was forced to leave with a knee injury. This allowed the Wildcats, aided by Alan Berger's clutch goal and Steve Siegel's vicious defensive play, to open their insurmountable lead.

### BRUISERS 4 ORANGE 3 (OT)

As the season wined down to its final game, two playoff spots were still undecided. A Bruiser win would open the spots for themselves and the Kings. A Clockwork Orange win would benefit C.O. and the Bruisers. Midway through the first period, Elisha Tropper zipped a pass to Mikey Jotkowitz who put the Bruisers up by one. The Orangemen, looking to prolong their season, built a 2-1 lead after period two. In the 3rd, the Bruisers knotted the score at two, before the Orange regained the edge 3-2. But with just :43 remaining, Jotkowitz again assisted by Tropper sent the game into overtime. The Clockwork was ticking until a shot hit the post and the rebound was scooped up by the Bruisers. The feed went to Moshe Adler who slammed the puck into the net and sent the Orange packing.

## Intramural Hockey

### Final Regular Season Standings

	W	L
Wildcats	6	1
Fighting Irish	6	1
Saints	5	2
Seneca	4	3
Bruisers	3	4
Kings	2	5
Clockwork Orange	2	5
Sabres	0	7

## OHEL: A Career and Mitzvah Meet

In our age of "hi-tech," more and more people are enjoying their work less and less because they feel that they are only small cogs in a big machine.

But at Ohel Children's Home and Family Services, the staff have the satisfaction of knowing that their interaction with their clientele makes a big difference in their development as people and as Jews. One employee, Barry Hawk, says that he was motivated to join the Ohel team because he was impressed how the life of his classmate Avi was rebuilt by Ohel.

Barry says that during his second grade in Yeshiva, Avi lost both of his parents in one year. The next year Avi did not return.

Only recently, Barry met Avi perchance. It turned out, that Ohel had found Avi a foster family "with caring people who gave him not only support, but also lots of love and attention . . ." Today, Avi is married and is studying in a kollel in Brooklyn.

Placing children into foster homes is just one of the many aspects of the work of Ohel Children's Home and Family Services. Ohel is replete with success stories - whether it is the dozens of families where intervention by an Ohel counselor has saved a family from disintegration or the scores of youth who have been guided to a new and productive life by an Ohel "big brother" or "big sister".

Miracles happen daily at Ohel's group homes and apartments where dozens of Jewish people, young and old, some unfortunately retarded, others emotionally disabled, are being given a "new lease on life" to become as independent and productive as they can, within our society and within the Jewish community.

Just a few years ago, many of these people of all ages were condemned to a life of institutionalization or were "hidden in the closet" by their parents and suffered a life of neglect. Many wreaked havoc within their families. To elderly parents, these people were a constant source of trepidation as they worried what would happen when they could no longer care for their child.

Thanks to Ohel and its dedicated staff, these people reside in safe, secure and stimulating environments leading dignified lives as Jews. Many go to work and share in household responsibilities. In the past year, twelve residents have been "graduated" from group homes into the supportive apartment program, where they live by themselves with a minimum of supervision.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are a caring individual who wants more out of working than just a paycheck, you should consider the field of developmental disabilities. As a counselor at Ohel, you will have the "hands on" experience of giving love and guidance to someone who otherwise would be deprived of this personal touch. You can work while you continue studying. It is an ideal placement for those contemplating or already in the field of psychology, social work, special ed or human services. Educational supervision and credit is available. Medical benefits are provided to eligible staff.

Positions are available for men; 3 pm - 11 pm and 7 pm - 11 pm; women; 2 pm - 10 pm, as well as overnight, weekend and Sunday slots. For further information, please call Marjorie Seaberg, Director of Human Resources, at Ohel Children's Home, (718) 851-6300 where you will receive a warm welcome.

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Senior Yehuda Lindenberg records a kill during practice.

# Hoopsters Begin Championship Run

by Shmuel Bulka

The virtually meaningless regular season is finally over, and intramural teams are setting their sights on the first semester championship.

Both the Terps and the Lubetskis advanced to the semifinals with preliminary round victories. The Terps outlasted the Gardners, 54-40, while the Lubetskis held off the Fish, 42-40.

The Terps, who sport a four game winning streak, felt very confident entering the game knowing that starting Gardners-point guard and number one overall draft pick Mordi Leifer would be unavailable for the contest. "It is going to be like the United States against Egypt," prophesized Terps forward Eric Melzer. But with the Terps holding a mere seven point halftime lead, it appeared that Melzer might have to eat his

words.

In the second half, however, the Terps proved their superiority. Ranon Mann keyed a 19-8 run to begin the half and finished with 14 points. "We were a little lackadaisical in the first half. We underestimated them," said Mann. Izzy Marcus added his usual double-digit contribution, scoring 12 while dishing out five assists. Gardners guard Shukie Grossman tallied 13 of his 15 points in the second half, including three treys, but he alone could not prevent the inevitable.

What the first playoff lacked in drama and excitement, the second game delivered and more. Down 38-29 with two minutes remaining, the Fish responded with an 11-4 spurt and trailed the Lubetskis by only a bucket with nine seconds left. And they had the ball. The Fish isolated forward Harry Zemon on Lubetskis guard David Well

and lobbed the ball to him underneath the basket. But Well played it perfectly and partially blocked Zemon's shot, clinching the win. It was a cruel ending for Zemon, who had carried the Fish to the brink of the semifinals.

Lubetskis point guard Jeff Silverberg led all scorers with 19 points, including 10-10 from the free throw line.

Runnin' Rebels shooting guard Dov Goldman is this semester's Most Valuable Player. His 119 points were tops in the league, as he averaged 17 points per game for the seventh place Rebels. Although his team failed to make the playoffs based on a tie-breaker system, his consistently high scoring output cannot go unrecognized. Other MVP finalists included Yoni Weber of the Bootleggers, Ellis Malovany of the Goobers, and Ari Blaine of the Fish.

# Volleyball Preview

by Shmuel Bulka

"I guarantee that our record will improve drastically," replied second-year man Steve Lax when asked about the men's volleyball team's upcoming season. Echoing the words of fellow Californian Pat Riley, Lax's prediction is not without basis.

The volleyball team, which has not received the attention it deserves, began playing two years ago amidst confusion and disarray. The off-court disorganization was mirrored by a dismal 0-4 record on the court. Scheduling problems and a lack of student interest were the main reasons for the troubles the team experienced.

Last year, the team was better, winning five of its 14 games. The vast improvement can be attributed to the arrival of coach Omar Vargas. Vargas proved to be the stabilizing influence the team needed, transforming previously mediocre players into a bona fide team. "He has allowed all of us to get closer to realizing

our potential," remarked team captain Yehuda Lindenberg.

Most players returning from last year have noted a new attitude on the team and an ever-increasing interest in volleyball at Yeshiva. "The attitude is much more serious and the players are intent on winning," said returning star Harry Zemon. Additionally, due to the increased interest, the roster had to be trimmed from 25 to 12 players.

Even with all the enthusiasm regarding the team, the players will still have to prove themselves on the court. But with returning players like Lindenberg, Yeshiva's Karch Kiraly, Zemon, Lax, Jeff Ifrah and others, plus a steady influx of new talent, the team has a chance to reach the .500 mark, or perhaps even better. Yet, regardless of the results on the courts, volleyball has earned itself a spot in Yeshiva University sports for many years to come.

## Regular Season Final Standings

	W	L
Bootleggers	5	2
Hersheys	4	3
Terps	4	3
Fish	4	3
Lubetskis	4	3
Gardners	3	4
Runnin'Rebels	3	4
Goobers	1	6

## Regular Season Final Scoring Leaders

	Total	Team
Goldman	119	Rebels
Malovany	93	Goobers
Marcus	88	Terps
Speiser	88	Hirsheys
Blaine	86	Fish
S. Cohen	86	Hirsheys
Hecht	77	Gardners
Lefkowitz	72	Bootleggers

# Taubermen Boast Suprising 2-1 Record

The YU Taubermen, after getting off to a slow start, have come on strong with a 2-1 record this semester. After losing 22-5

to Vassar College on November 30, the Taubermen fenced their way to a narrow 14-13 victory over Drew University on

December 5. Then, on Thursday, Dec. 8, they came alive, routing Lafayette College 16-11.

Fencing, one of the less understood sports on campus, seems to have generated a lot of interest this year. Fans are attending with more regularity than ever. This says a lot for this year's team, which is undergoing a transition year and has surpassed early expectations.

After losing seniors Zalman Levine, Ross Breen, Eric Zaiman, and Zev Goldberg to graduation, the starting roster looked thin. But last year's starters, team captain Robbie Zimmerman in foil and Eric Rothman in epee, have smoothly assumed the leading positions in their weapons. Third year fencer Michael Oppenheim and second year swordsman Sheldon Jonas have nailed down the other two foil spots to make that area the Taubermen's apparent strong suit.

Yet, third year veteran Shmu Katz and rookie Baruch Ruttner have combined to keep epee competitive in every match. All of the saber fencers, third year man David Kordon, second year fencers Ron Bratt and Hirsh Sermon, and rookies Effie Levy, Moshe Fisher, and Hillel Goldscheider, join to make saber a well-rounded and competitive weapon.

First year substitutes Rob Finer, J.J. Hornbliss, and Jonathan Schwartz in epee, and Howie Goldfischer, Steve Stadtmauer, and David Kaye in foil

Continued on page 11.

# WFAN's Somers Honored

They thought he wasn't coming, but, because of the prodding of COMMENTATOR Sports Editor Mitchell Nathanson, Steve Somers of Sports Radio 66 WFAN wowed the home Yeshiva crowd at YU's December 13 win over Polytech.

It was "A Night to Make His Mother Proud." Somers acknowledged, "If my mother were here, you'd see the tears in her eyes. Here I am, the son of a grocer, working in New York, popular like my mother could never have dreamed."

Throughout the evening Steve's numerous fans at Yeshiva swarmed around him, asking for autographs and schmoozing SPORTS. At a halftime ceremony Somers accepted gifts from THE COMMENTATOR in appreciation of the recognition he has given this small Division III team.

"I didn't know what to expect," conceded Somers, "shirts with my name on it, and so many followers really surprised me. I know that one night I could be signing autographs, and the next it's unemployment checks." Somers then went on to participate in the "Commie



Steve Somers with Sports Editor Mitchell Nathanson at the Macs' game versus Polytech.

Center Tzvi Himer rejects a Polytech shot in the game. Himer scored a career-high 10 points.

photos by J. Sindler.

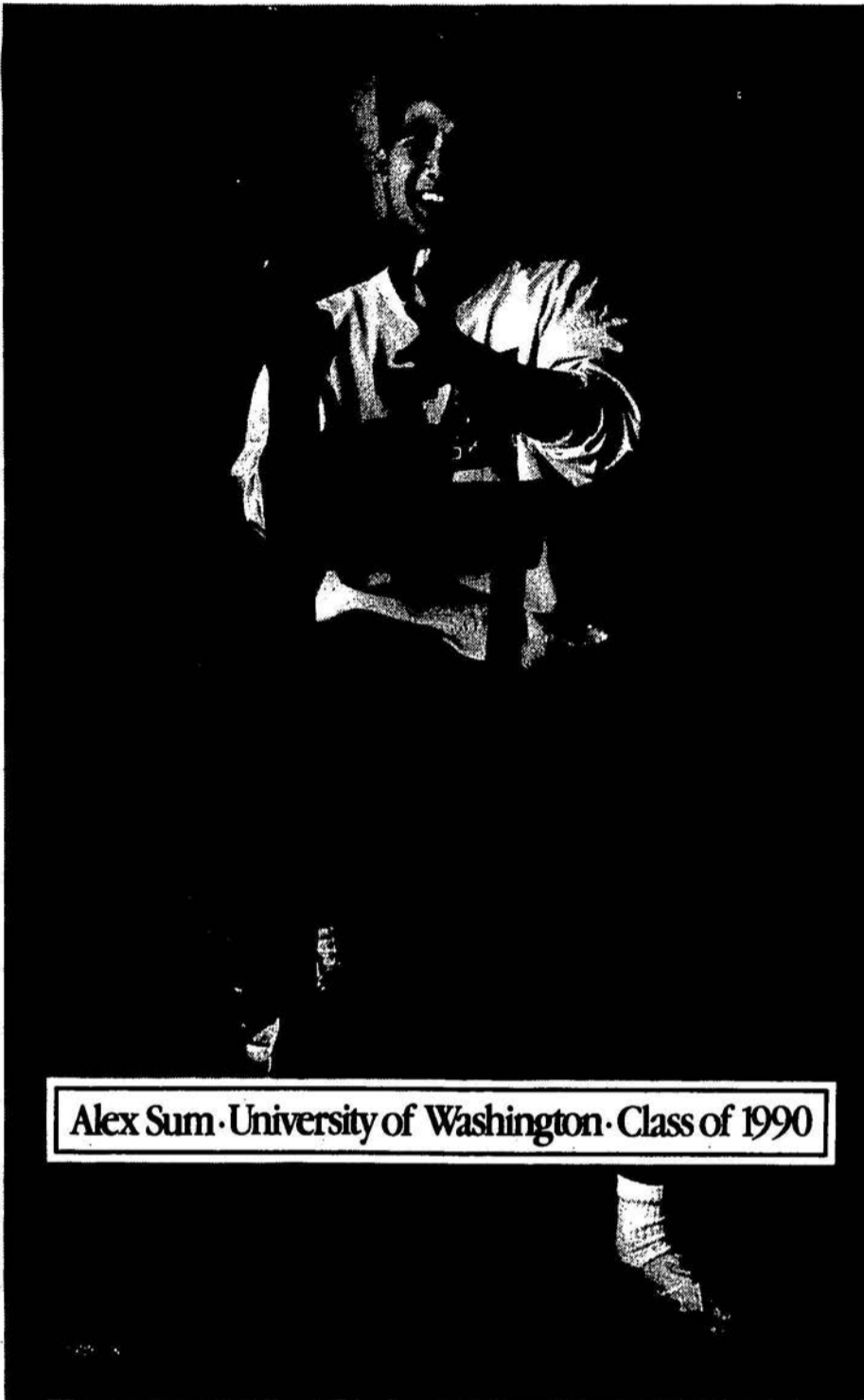
Shootout," as the arena erupted in a chorus of good natured boos with every miss. "But then I showed them the 'Somers' set." And that he did, hitting a three point field goal to the raucous cheers of the home crowd.

Back at the station, Nathan-

son sat in as a special guest, taking callers from listeners wishing to talk about the Maccabees. Somers thanked the Yeshiva crowd for giving him this night and said that he looks forward to visiting YU again.

**Stay tuned for WYUR 64 AM's return to the airwaves with live Macs coverage next semester.**

“I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game.”



Alex Sum · University of Washington · Class of 1990

Crossword Companion

ACROSS

- 1. Man lacking manners
- 4. Under-age
- 9. Iota
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Babe
- 13. Proverb
- 14. Age
- 15. Pertaining to punishment
- 17. One who sows seeds
- 19. Straight line around which a body rotates
- 21. Rock group
- 22. Conduct the affairs of
- 24. Earn
- 28. Be
- 29. Work for pay
- 32. Large passenger car ( slang)
- 33. Scottish cap
- 35. Fish eggs
- 36. The most ( slang)
- 37. Zeus' shield ( var.)
- 39. Pitcher; jug
- 41. Armed forces veteran
- 42. 4th Greek letter
- 44. Amato minister
- 47. Priestly garment
- 49. Wine
- 50. Large waterfall
- 54. Of the sun
- 57. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitney
- 58. Tropical fruit tree
- 60. Attempt
- 61. Every
- 62. Vegetable
- 63. Look

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## Lady Macs Almost Repeat Chanukah Miracle Vs. Hunter

by Elisha Tropper

Stern College's Lady Macs came within three points of a Chanukah miracle when they fell to the favored Hunter College Hawks 47-44.

The closely contested game was interrupted with 13:30 remaining when Lady Macs star forward Stephanie Schechter, while reaching for a rebound, was flung to the floor by Hunter's Nickey Sockey. As the two players grappled with each other on the ground, both benches cleared. After order was restored, both Sockey and Schechter were ejected from the game. Many of the Lady Macs felt that Sockey, a reserve who had checked into the game only eleven seconds earlier, had intentionally instigated the fight in order to remove Schechter (12 pts. 9 reb.) from the contest. When asked whether she felt that the fight had been a strategic ploy, Schechter responded "probably." Despite their captain's ejection, the undermanned Lady Macs refused to give in,

and led by the long range bombing and herculean effort of Nava Well (12 pts., 10 assists, 5 steals), as well as the pressure foul shooting of Michelle Berezin (6-6 free throws in the final 8:22), the Lady Macs kept it close. Penina Genish, who replaced Schechter and responded with 5 rebounds and a key basket, was a major contributor to the Stern effort. When Aviva Issacson nailed a fadeaway jumper with 1:05 remaining, the Hunter lead was sliced to 47-44. But neither team scored the rest of the way, and the Lady Macs came up just short. Note: In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Nava Well complained about the lack of support the Lady Macs received from the YU Athletic Office, citing three basketballs as the extent of the support. The next day Well received three additional basketballs from the YU Athletic Director, Dr. Gil Shevlin. Well's response? "Now how about that gym?"

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DOWN

- 1. Hat
- 2. Beer
- 3. Gold coin (Iraq)
- 4. Spite
- 5. Ego
- 6. Sneeze
- 7. Stare
- 8. Kingdom
- 9. Propelled plane
- 10. Mineral
- 11. Pave
- 16. Tool for splitting wood
- 18. Christmas carol
- 20. Look
- 22. Looked older
- 23. Idol
- 25. Edge
- 26. Adult insect
- 27. Poison
- 30. Propel a boat
- 31. Wants
- 34. One-thousandth of an inch
- 38. Male deer
- 40. Motive
- 43. Texas fort
- 45. Ounce
- 46. Gumb
- 48. Outer cereal coating
- 50. Education group
- 51. Sick
- 52. Trouble; feel unwell
- 53. Blackbird
- 55. In (pl.)
- 56. Cereal grain
- 59. Leave

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.

## Yeshiva Sports

# MACS SKID Drop 3 of 4

by Mitchell Nathanson  
and Jeffrey Lumerman  
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Dec. 7: For eight minutes and six seconds of the second half, the Maccabees were held scoreless, as the Highlanders ran off 23 unanswered points. When Yeshiva finally was able to put more points on the board with 7:39 remaining, NJIT held a 72-44 advantage.

Yudi Teichman hit two free throws at 11:17 into the first half, putting Yeshiva on top 19-18. That was the last lead the Macs would hold, as they were outscored 23-13 to close the first half trailing 41-32. Teichman scored seven of his team-leading 11 points in the first half.

The Macs were thoroughly dominated on the boards in the second half, allowing New Jersey Tech opportunities at many offensive rebounds. Yeshiva did hold close at the opening of the second session, down by only 49-42, 4:45 in.

A large portion of NJIT's 23-0 run came from the hands of Chris Miles' three point shooting. Miles hit 17 of his game high 25 in the final period. Larry D'zio was also a large contributor, scoring 18. Trailing 88-48 with 3:08 remaining, Coach Halpert was called for a technical foul after arguing with the officials. Perhaps he was also upset that Highlanders coach Jim Catalano left his stars in the game throughout.

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Dec. 13: Every team member scored, as the Macs romped to their largest margin of victory this season over the lowly Polytech Bluejays. Despite a lackluster performance early in the game the Macs pulled together and took control. At 11:37 of the first half the Bluejays still led 17-16 when the Macs went on a 12-0 run, never to trail again. By half time the Macs had built the lead to 42-26. The second half was no contest as the second team took control and the Macs rolled to a 50 point victory. Ayal Hod led all scorers with a season high 23 points, 11 rebounds, and 6 assists. David Gottlieb was 6-8 for 12 points along with pulling 10 rebounds. The Macs rookie point guards, Eric Davis and Gregory Rhine, combined for 22 points, 16 assists and 15 steals. Tzvi Himber was 6-6 from the line for a career high 10 points. Sam Monahan led the Bluejays with 13. Yudi Teichman sat out with a bad back.

W. CONN 83 YESHIVA 64

Dec. 15: Yudi Teichman surprised everyone with his return, but he was not enough, as the Macs fell to the Colonials in a hard fought contest. Midway through the first half the Maccabees were behind 24-13. Western's pressure defense forced many Macs turnovers, and it looked like Yeshiva wouldn't be able to stay close.



Barry Finkelstein about to challenge 6'7" Ernie Williams in Hunter's rout of Macs.

But the crowd made itself heard as the Macs closed to 26-22 on an Eric Davis free throw. The faithful at the Max Stern Athletic Center erupted as a technical foul was called on Colonial coach Bob Campbell. Teichman promptly sank two from the charity stripe, and Eric Davis hit another one of his own to bring Yeshiva within one.

With 5:54 remaining in the first half Teichman put in another two buckets from the foul line to give the Maccabees a 27-26 lead. Jon Ehrman's layup with under two minutes left gave the Macs their last lead at 33-31. Yeshiva went to the locker room trailing 37-33, in what may have been their best half of the season, to the appreciation of the rocking crowd.

The second half saw the Colonials jump to a 46-33 advantage, and then hold on to

leads of 10 to 15 points. William Shepard dominated the glass, and added a team high 16 points including a devastating dunk at 9:30 for a 58-44 commanding lead.

Not even Yudi Teichman's ten of ten shooting from the line could bring back the Macs, as they lost their second conference game of the early season. Ayal Hod and Teichman had 17 apiece, followed by David Gottlieb's 12 points.

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Dec. 10: In a non-conference contest, Yeshiva was unable to keep pace with a more talented Hunter squad. Hunter controlled the game from the very beginning and left the court at the half ahead 66-37.

Teichman remained in the showers and did not return for the second half. The team looked disorganized without

their co-captain, and they missed a number of layups when they did penetrate the defense. Garbage time for both teams came early as substitutions saw extensive time with over six minutes remaining in the game. Ernie Williams led Hunter with 18 points. Ayal Hod led all scorers with 19 as he looked to close in on brother Lior's all-time YU scoring record.

### UPCOMING GAMES

-Dec. 21-  
Mt. St. Vincent at MACS

### -END OF SEMESTER-

Best of luck to the team in its game against Barry College in Florida during intersession.

# Ellmen Dominate Brooklyn Struggle Against St. Johns

by David Maryles

On Monday evening, December 12, at the Max Stern Athletic Center, Yeshiva's wrestling team improved their season's record to 4-3 with a dominating victory over Brooklyn College, followed by a loss to St. John's University.

The Yeshiva team reigned supreme in the lighter weight divisions. The team victory was initiated by consecutive pins in the 118 and 126 pound divisions by David Schluskel and Jeremy Poupko, respectively. In each match, the Yeshiva wrestler

controlled the first round and finished the opponent in the second round with a pin. At 134 lbs., Efrem Zinkin gave an inspired effort and controlled the tempo of his match throughout the three rounds, thus earning a victory by a decision of 8-1.

The move of the night was executed by Josh Bernheim in the 150 pound division. As YC student and wrestling fan Mitch Weiser observed from the crowd, "He picked the leg up and really whopped the dude. He really stuck it to him!"

Brooklyn attempted to rally with victories in the 150, 158 and heavyweight divisions, but their efforts proved to be futile. For, in addition to falling behind 27-0, Brooklyn had to forfeit its matches in the 180 and 190 pound weight classes due to an undermanned squad. The final score was 39-15 in favor of Yeshiva.

In the second contest, Yeshiva struggled, but could not overcome a superior performance by St. Johns, falling 41-18.

The tri-match was well-attended by an often noisy crowd.



David Schluskel waits for signal to begin round.



YU wrestler Andrew Garfinkel closes in on pin.

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