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Former Contra Leader Arturo Cruz addresses YU students.

Contra Leader Speaks At YU

by Daniel Oshinsky

On the eve of elections for next year's Joseph P. Dunner Political Science club, YU students chose to gather at Stern College's Koch auditorium to hear a political lecture of more global significance: the future of Nicaragua and the Contra movement.

The May 3 lecture featured Arturo Cruz, a former leader of the Nicaraguan freedom fighters and an internationally recognized expert on Central American affairs. Mr. Cruz described the economic and political disasters Nicaragua has suffered at the hands of the Sandinistas, and outlined a proper approach to achieving peace in the region.

Jointly sponsored by the Political Science Department, the College Republicans Society, and the Young Democrats Society, Mr. Cruz's lecture actually came about with the help of YU benefactor Tomas Ryan. Mr. Ryan, an important member of the Mexican Jewish community, described the speaker as his "oldest and dearest friend." The two first met in college where they were roommates. At the prompting of Ruth Bevan, Chairperson of the Political Science Department, Mr. Ryan agreed to ask Mr. Cruz to speak at YU.

Mr. Cruz, presently a lecturer at the University of Florida, claims to be through with politics. However, at one time, he held high positions in the Sandinistan government, serving first as president of the Bank of Nicaragua during the revolution, then as a member of the country's ruling "junta," and finally as Ambassador to the United States. Later on, however, Mr. Cruz became disgruntled with the Sandinistas and defected to the side of the Nicaraguan Opposition. Eventually, he became a leader of the so-called Contras.

Mr. Cruz used his first-hand knowledge of Nicaraguan affairs to deliver what he termed, "some comments on the sad situation of my country." Although Mr.

Cruz had sharp words for both Soviet and American foreign policy, he stated that "the tragedy of which you read in the newspapers and see on TV is admittedly the fault of Nicaraguans first and foremost." He warned that only if the Nicaraguan people joined together could the nation's problems be rectified. "No peace can be possible in my country," he said, "unless all parties make a serious commitment to support that peace."

Mr. Cruz emphasized in particular Nicaragua's economic woes. He called the nation's unemployment rate "alarming" and warned of decreases in salaries. Meanwhile, he said, "Nicaraguans are fleeing our country in the hundreds and hundreds of thousands." Mr. Cruz pointed to demographics as a major hinderance to reviving the economy. "You-Americans-will not solve the problems of Central America, despite the billions of dollars that you pour in, if we continue to grow at the rate we are growing," he said.

Mr. Cruz also blamed Sandinistan incompetence for his country's troubles. He said that the Sandinistas expended too much energy on consolidating their own power. Consequently, Nicaragua's most talented bankers, builders and entrepreneurs had left the country. Mr. Cruz claimed that even the Soviets were displeased with the Sandinistas' performance. He quoted one Soviet official as stating, "We are very happy with the way the Sandinistas have used their weapons, but we would have liked better results from the economic aid we have given them."

Reflecting on the Contra War, Mr. Cruz claimed that U.S. military aid had in many ways benefited the cause of the Sandinistas. "The agnostic Sandinistas managed to be in the world limelight as a modern, tropical David," he said. This enabled the Nicaraguan rulers to terrorize their people and strip

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"Activist" Kaye Wins YCSC Election

by Shukie Grossman

In what many are considering a significant upset, YC senior Barry Kaye defeated Saul Kasovitz by a large margin of votes, to become the next Yeshiva College Student Council President.

Election Chairman Jeff Sarason said that students turned out to vote in great magnitude, confirming early predictions of a strong voter turnout.

The strong turnout worked to Mr. Kaye's advantage, confounding those who thought that a larger vote count would benefit MTA alumnus Mr. Kasovitz.

Mr. Kaye stated that he was "cautiously optimistic after the polls closed," yet admittedly "pessimistic all the week before." He attributes his victory to several factors, including door-to-door solicitation of students,

as well as posters which disseminated his name across the campus. He also believes that "people voted in favor of a different type of administration, one more dedicated to student activism."

Mr. Kaye intends to "establish a core of student participation in order to make students feel that the Student Council is on the battle-lines with them, taking on the major issues," something which he feels was lacking in past years.

Some of the new programs which the new president hopes to enact include a Yom Ha'atzmaut picnic (this year chiefly sponsored by the outgoing YCSC board and the SCW Student Council); a Social Action Committee, dealing with community needs such as the Jewish handicapped and tutor-

ing Russian immigrants; and a peer counseling program, consisting of upperclassmen serving as "big brothers" for incoming freshmen and other underclassmen.

Mr. Kaye plans to begin the fall semester with live entertainment on the first day of school and an open forum where students can meet their Student Council representatives and familiarize themselves with the various societies.

At some point during the year, he is planning an intercollegiate retreat on Israel entitled, "Is Zionism Dead?", which will include various schools in the New York area. He also promises that his Student Council will be accessible to its constituents with regularly scheduled open board meetings.

Bitter Prof. Reveals YU Abuse

by Jonathan Greenblatt

In the middle of the last semester, Dr. Martin Goldstein, Professor of Chemistry, suddenly resigned from Yeshiva University and went into retirement, refusing comment on the motive for, or circumstances surrounding his resignation.

After continuing to pursue the story, THE COMMENTATOR received the following story from Dr. Goldstein.

Returning from a sabbatical, Dr. Goldstein, already suffering from a heart condition, was advised by his physician to reduce his courseload. Before the fall semester (1988) began, Goldstein presented his request to the administration of Yeshiva University; the response was negative. If he was to cut his load from four courses to three, the

administration said he would lose his full-time status and all the benefits associated with it. Dr. Goldstein said, "Being eligible for retirement, I chose to resign."

Dr. Goldstein, however, remains very bitter about the treatment he received by the University Administration. He said, "I had served the University as a full-time faculty member for twenty-three years. During that time I have taught courses at the graduate and undergraduate level, some of which I developed myself...this policy of Yeshiva University is totally unreasonable." Dr. Goldstein went on to say that he discussed YU's policy with representatives of the American Association of University Professors, and was informed that

almost all colleges and universities provided a minimum of six months leave for health reasons with full salary for full-time faculty. Goldstein said that when he posed the question to Yeshiva's Administration, "What would happen if a full-time faculty member had a heart attack?" The answer was that in such a case, the faculty member would lose his/her full-time status and salary as long as he/she was unable to teach a full course load.

To his students, Dr. Goldstein apologizes that he left them in mid-semester but insists that, "He had no other choice."

Neither Dean Rosenfeld, nor other Administration officials had any comment on the issue.

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EDITORIALS

Changing of the Guard

There was much heated debate this past year over the role of THE COMMENTATOR on the YU campus. Some called for censorship or even the abolition of the "unprofessional" paper, while simultaneously, others praised the paper's courage and defense of the fundamental freedom of speech in a liberal democracy.

In the final analysis, we all shared a year in which issues were passionately argued over, changes were implemented, and improvement was gained. YU came to grips with certain fundamental issues, issues too long subdued under the rubric of discretion.

Much of this improvement is testimony to the abilities of the past year's Editor-in-Chief and his staff. Professionalism and dedication are not qualities often expected of college students, but by exhibiting an unusual amount of both, THE COMMENTATOR was awarded highest honors for the first time in a national newspaper contest.

But beyond the honors and compliments, the paper serves an essential role in the upkeep of the University. Nothing good will ever come from a system in which no checks or balances are established. The attainment of excellence, which we hope all here strive for, requires a constant longing for improvement, and progress-minded students have given immeasurable amounts to the improvement of YU.

In this struggle for improvement, THE COMMENTATOR remains the student's guarantee for maintaining their rights and fair treatment.

It is indeed a compliment to the University that in this small, often politically charged campus, the student voice is not stifled by those it feels the necessity to criticize.

To those board members who are departing our staff, we thank you for giving, often thanklessly, of yourselves, and for trying to make this place a better one for all of us.

Presidential Promise?

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Our Yeshiva College Student Council president-elect represents a beacon in the darkness which has enveloped Yeshiva College this past year. Unfortunately most of the plans our incoming president sets out to accomplish will be perceived as progress. However, progress should not be measured by means of comparison; higher standards must be defined and realized.

The recently elected president's campaign platform consisted of many attractive proposals: a peer counseling program, a Social Action Committee, a Springfest, an inter-collegiate retreat, and the list continues on.

He gained our votes along with our confidence. In return, the student body demands an active, effective and visible leader.

We optimistically anticipate the challenges of the new year. Mr. Kaye, we will not allow your promise to slip idly away.

Lounging Around

The administration has responded to student efforts with unfulfilled promises. A strong, active campaign to enhance student life at Yeshiva College has been paralyzed by a slow-moving administration. Clearly, the dormitory lounges, specifically the Morgenstern lounge, remain an embarrassing and unrepresentable sight. Suggestion sheets have been circulated. Questionnaires have been distributed and processed. What is taking so long?

Despite endless talks between the Residence Council and administrative officials, the students have not witnessed one improvement in the lounge. This fact is disheartening to all Yeshiva College students, but particularly frustrating to those who have spearheaded the initiative toward a more pleasant campus environment. We were told the pool construction would begin over the Pesach vacation. That has not happened either. An entire year has been lost. Let's hope the arriving students in the fall are in for some pleasant surprises.

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From the Editor's Desk

by Dov J. Pinchot

We all missed the point. When the so-called "shabbat controversy" erupted, the arguments and tone of many within the YU community reminded me of debates on the Morton Downey Jr. show. Tempers flared and hasty, unfounded accusations were made.

Fortunately, the Pesach break offered an opportunity for reflection; a chance to analyze the issue without thought-distorting rushes of emotion. Here is the point:

The level of shabbat observance by certain students is not the heart of the issue, instead, it is merely a litmus test for a student's overall understanding of Judaism. At the heart of the issue is what YU stands for, not what is its ideal, but what is its reality. We witnessed a clash of YU's propounded image and its actual reality, an inevitable clash given the distance the University chose to push its image beyond the true reality of its day-to-day existence.

Creating an effective image at YU is essential for succeeding in attaining our goals, but such images must be chosen carefully. Our image cannot stray too far from reality and it must portray our reality in the most positive manner. Here we erred; we ignored Socrates' advice to "know thyself" and the result was, and will continue to be, a strong tension between students and administrators or rebbeim.

YU is a "business;" not one whose highest goal is to make money, but a business to cultivate and educate modern, orthodox Jews. Businesses, however, do not succeed under the leadership of didactic idealists; they require the close scrutiny of mimetic managers for success. We could use a little more mimesis in our corridors of power.

Reality

The problem begins in the office of admissions, which is not the same as saying that they are at fault. What level of religious background and observance in a student fits YU's standards? If we actively recruit students of less religious backgrounds, we better have a good strategy and an effective program to deal with them. No Eastern European yeshiva recruits students from non-Jewish prep schools, and for good reason. To such a student, the lifestyle which we term "yeshivish" is as foreign as the idea of watching television on shabbat should be to a child raised in Monsey or Kew Gardens Hills. The prep school graduate is not at fault for his Jewish outlook; it necessitates no breach in halacha. But he is different, for he feels different from the yeshivish moral majority at YU. The policy makers must ask themselves, "do we desire this minority at YU?" and, if they answer in the affirmative, then how can they best provide for these student's integration

into the YU community.

Integration is impossible in an hypocritical elitist environment. Imagine the feeling in the heart of a JSS student, as he scampers off to class at 9:03 am passing by at least a few rooms on each floor in which MYP students enjoy an extended night's sleep. Is this a special privilege for attaining a higher level of Talmudic scholarship?! If the YP program cannot effectively banish these YP parasites to a more structured and accountable program, then we have no hope of inspiring our less religiously oriented students.

Realizing that these students form a minority faction at YU, it is of little surprise that they vigorously band together to battle the stigma of being different. The University must anticipate this reaction and design creative ways to integrate the less religious faction, giving them a sense of belonging. The JSS program should be a model program for sensitizing and educating Jews in Torah goals and values. It can be done, the talent is out there, but we must set our minds and perhaps our pockets to it.

We need a goal for the JSS student, more so for the JSS administrators and faculty than for the students themselves, an image of the student the JSS program should produce. If there are students from strong religious backgrounds who feel they can "sit back" and breeze through JSS, we must find a different program for these easyriders, who infect the program with their laziness and cynicism.

Image

The challenge which remains after we have answered and digested some of the above questions is, how do we define and defend our Yeshiva? When defining, we must reflect our reality—calling YU an Eastern European style yeshiva clearly distorts that reality. Eastern European yeshivot did not maintain graduate schools, athletic programs, newspapers, dramatic societies, or Torah U'Mada lectures. Nor did they incorporate a vigorous secular curriculum in their daily schedule. "Defend" denotes a pride in the institution, a pride which we lack despite our accomplishments in many aspects of the University.

Pride will result from standing for what we believe in and forcing others to accept that definition, if they choose to accept us. Instead of standing, we spend our time chasing accreditation from the "frumvelt," worrying what they are thinking, how they view us. But they reject us.

Whenever we find temporary acceptance in their eyes, new problems suddenly arise which they object to. We have handed them the religious barometer because we are uncomfortable to measure it ourselves. It is a futile struggle; we shall never

YU Condone Terrorism

In the January 13, 1989 issue of the New York Times, an article appeared entitled "Wordsmiths of the Mideast Move." It discussed the motivating force behind the United States' recognition of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, a Mr. Daniel C. Kurtzer. The New York Times reported the following: Mr. Kurtzer works on the policy planning staff of the State Department, a group that explores policy options. It was Mr. Kurtzer who first began arguing that Israel must negotiate directly with the Palestinians, and that the United States must deal with the P.L.O. Mr. Kurtzer was the author of many of former Secretary of State George Shultz's statements regarding the need to negotiate with the Palestinians, and of those statements harshly rebuking Israel for its handling of the Palestinian situation. Mr. Kurtzer pushed step by step for negotiation with the P.L.O., and it was he who ultimately "formulate[d] and articulate[d]" the United States decision.

Dwell for a moment on what such an embracing of the P.L.O. means. It is a gesture of welcome to a mortal enemy, one who has still not given up his aims of pushing Israel into the sea. Despite claims of ambivalent and peaceful intentions, the P.L.O. has not taken any steps towards proving its sincerity. On the contrary, the intifadah continues at full strength, and those Palestinian figures who have advocated a halt to the intifadah have been killed or threatened with death by the P.L.O. if they do not keep their silence. Postulate number 9 of the Palestinian National Charter, the "Constitution" of the P.L.O., still states that violence and war upon Israel are not means to an end but ends in themselves, and shall never cease as long as Israel exists. With such overt statements of malevolence and ill will blatantly extant, all claims of a desire for peaceful settlement by the P.L.O. are unquestionably

gain acceptance as long as we are different, and, as long as we are Yeshiva University, we will be different.

Some have said, "don't let them know of our diverse student body, of our tensions, and problems" (problems which reflect the struggle of American Judaism as a whole). But what have these same people done to protect us from their slander, to remove their calumnists from our midst?

We need to take steps toward defining and defending ourselves. If we cannot be an Eastern European style yeshiva, what kind of yeshiva are we? If we continue to worry about our image, let us make sure that image is the real one, and let us defend our image with total integrity, tireless vigor, passionate moderation, and, above all, with courage.

Response

outright lies.

Of little wonder, then, is the livid rage and feeling of betrayal proclaimed by Israel at the United States actions. To extend a hand to the P.L.O. is to cordially invite a murderer into the house of his victim's family. It is once again offering Hitler the Rhineland, stoking the fires that consumed such vast masses of Jews and Judaism. By offering recognition to Arafat, may his name and memory be erased from the world, the United States has offered the P.L.O. the key to the door that leads to the eradication of Israel and the destruction of all its Jews.

This having been said, only one point remains to be clarified. That is, that Mr. Kurtzer, the man who almost single-handedly pushed the United States to offer friendship and recognition to the P.L.O., is a graduate of Yeshiva University, and served as Dean of Yeshiva College beginning in 1977.

The question now becomes, what is Yeshiva trying to teach us? When a man who is to gently kiss the enemy of his people serves as Dean of Yeshiva College, is not Yeshiva telling us to follow in his footsteps? When Rabbi Lamm, when asked by the New York Times to comment on Mr. Kurtzer and his

role in the peace process, praises him, is he not suggesting that a similar path be taken by Yeshiva students? When a university honors at its annual dinner Mrs. Sadat and Shimon Peres, is it not holding them out as a paradigm for its students to emulate? If one recalls, Shimon Peres (aside from having a very tainted involvement in the Lavon Affair) attempted to establish an international conference and have foreign powers settle the Palestinian problem. He is not the only one in history to act in such a manner. Hyrcanus and Aristobulus of the Hasmonean dynasty similarly asked the Romans to intervene in an internal dispute, and as a result we lost our liberty and our holy Temple. Our rabbis had no such praise for them. Yeshiva, what are you trying to teach us? I appreciate the variety of opinions at our university; I delight in the diversity which makes us unique. Yet I cannot agree with the embracing of our enemies, I will not shake hands with he who seeks to kill me. Is it Yeshiva's purpose to send out a wave of Mr. Kurtzers into the world? I hope not. For my sake, for your sake, Yeshiva, and for the fate of the Jewish people, I truly hope not.

Jerrold Rapaport
YC '92

Three Cheers For Honesty

To the Editor,

Though I have been a student in YC for two years and a Senator for one, I have never personally met Dr. Lamm. I have heard him quoted many times, however, as saying that despite the skepticism from the left and right, YU had been successful, as its name implies, in combining Yeshiva and University. I was therefore astonished to hear that the President had been critical of school publications for excessive openness in their reporting.

As had been pointed out by Professor Bloom of the University of Chicago, the University can thrive only in a democracy, and democracies themselves can thrive only in the environment of a free press. University papers have therefore, in particular, always gone as far as possible to guard their right and obligation to be as honest and open as possible. The suggestion that information that may be construed as bad P.R. should be suppressed has not been tolerated in this country for decades, if ever. It is only in this way that the title 'University' maintains its integrity and meaning, and serves as more than an impressive appellation. The attitude, "I do not know of any mitzvah to tell the truth" may be acceptable in fund raising, but it is unbecoming the President of a university speaking to the press "no matter how good his style, how engaging his rhetoric, how good his intentions."

Honesty in the press has not always been a sine qua non at Yeshiva. I personally had the experience in my first year at Yeshiva of writing several news stories involving facts that may have reflected poorly on either the students or administration of

YC, only to find the stories appearing in print devoid of all but their "relatively harmless" material. This was very disillusioning to a student in his first year at a university, and I discontinued writing for, or reading, the paper, until this year.

It is also doubtful that the openness is in any way harmful to fundraising efforts. It is well known that YC alumni are among the top ten wealthiest alumni in the nation, yet Yeshiva is hardly one of the better financially endowed institutions in the country. This dichotomy can hardly be ascribed to a lack of philanthropic tradition among the Jews. It can only be explained as being due to students lack of pride in, and involvement with, the institution during their college years, engendered by the feeling of powerlessness and impotence of the student body, not easily made up for by later alumni campaigns. The prevailing attitude among students remains: "I'll do my three years and then get out as soon as possible." This cannot possibly be beneficial to either student or University in the long term. When I first decided to apply for the Senate the universal reaction was "What for? Do you really think you can change anything here?" Mr. Dayanim, by raising the student voice and consciousness in Yeshiva, has done more to counter this apathy and thus benefit the Yeshiva than anyone in years. In addition, a lesson may be learned from what the Soviet Premier has proved over this past year: a little glasnost doesn't topple empires, and can actually be a great fundraiser.

Daniel Barenholtz
YC '90

CAMPUS NEWS

Herenstein Speaks on Jew in Corporate World

by Gad Dishy

The Sy Syms School of Business held a Dean's forum on April 11, which hosted Mr. Ira Herenstein as guest speaker. Mr. Herenstein worked at Standard and Poor's since 1964, serving as President since 1985. In July of 1988, he became the Executive Vice-President of the Computer and Communication Information group at McGraw Hill Co., who's alumni's lecture was entitled "An Observant Jew in the Corporate World—a View from the Top."

Mr. Herenstein opened by stating that he would be combining a three part lecture into one. The components consisted of: 1. What's it really like out there? 2. Ethics — can you make it while remaining ethical? 3. How to deal with changes in one's life in regard to career moves.



Photos by J.J. Hornbliss

Ira Herenstein

The lecture encompassed many different topics ranging from when and how to tell a potential employer that you are a Shabbat observer and that you will be leaving early Friday, to ingenious methods of getting your way in regard to religious observance. For example, Mr. Herenstein mentioned a few innovative methods for not eating at a non-kosher luncheon. A few of these excuses were: 1. Sorry, cannot attend. 2. Feign having had oral surgery that day. 3. Claim to be on a super special diet from your doctor. 4. Tell the truth.

Yet, whichever choice one opts for, Mr. Herenstein admits that when it comes time to leave early on Fridays there is no way out. "It's the one thing that never gets better. As president, I remain consistent in leaving early, then one can command respect from their peers as opposed to dirty looks and under-the-breath remarks.

Mr. Herenstein's main contention is that there are "no limitations" and that "you grow to love the challenge" as an observant Jew in the corporate world. One must come to the realization and firm belief that "This is me and I'm not going to change." So when the desire to be "one of the gang" conflicts with being an observant Jew, it helps to think of the pride we can take in ourselves when we resist going against our principles.

JSS/IBC Merger Details Unfold Slowly

by Michael Eisenberg

For many students the rumors that the JSS program with over 200 students will merge with the IBC program of approximately 50 students are a serious concern. Many JSS students are concerned that their program might be forsaken for the IBC program, and the JSS program would lose its unique purpose.

A meeting was scheduled for March 20 to discuss possible changes in the JSS program. The meeting was moved to a later date at Rabbi Yudin's request. Rabbi Israel Miller commented, "The meeting is not of an emergency nature. It is to conduct a review of the JSS curriculum to make it more effective." He also remarked

that the makeup of JSS had changed over the years. "In the early years of JSS, students had a minimal background in Jewish studies. However, more recently many of the JSS students have gone to Yeshiva Day schools."

The meeting also discussed the consolidation of the IBC and JSS administrations.

Under the proposed consolidation, Dr. Leo Landman would assume the position of chief administrator and another figure is to be appointed to deal with students and handle other tasks. A Rabbi from Israel interviewed for the position. However, to date, no decision has been reached. Dean Rabinowitz and Rabbi Yudin will resume their full time teaching duties. Dean Rabinowitz and Rabbi Yudin refused to com-

ment as to whether they were pleased with the realignment. Dean Rabinowitz stated, "The joint administration will make it easier for the JSS student to take courses in IBC and vice versa." He stressed that the joint administration did not constitute a merger and that each school would maintain its identity. However, a concerned IBC student stated, "The merger of the administrations of the two programs will strip each one of its uniqueness.

On another issue pertaining to the consolidation Dr. Landsman stated, "The faculty has input into the future changes and the office personnel of each school will remain." The administrative change is scheduled to take effect in September.

Dubinov Surprises SSSJ Lobby Delegation in D.C.

by Daniel Barenholtz

On April 24, thirty-five Yeshiva College students and eight Stern College students travelled to Washington D.C. to take part in the Student Coalition for Soviet Jewry's Annual Lobby. The students joined with lobbyists from colleges around the country to visit their Senators and Representatives and distribute information packets. The YU students also had the unique experience of having Soviet Ambassador Dubinov personally respond to their impromptu demonstration at the Soviet Embassy.

YU has participated for many years in the annual lobby which has been organized for Brandeis students since its inception in 1979. The students arrived Wednesday night and were given information packets regarding current issues. On the next morning, students heard a number of briefings from prominent activists on the problems and challenges being faced by Soviet Jewry today, and on the bills presently before Congress relating to Soviet Jewry. One issue, the refugee status of Soviet emigres, provoked a measure of controversy among those present as to whether these Israeli visa holders should be considered "not free." The SCSJ is currently supporting a bill that would allocate slots and money for the resettlement of refugees from borrowed surplus funds.

By the afternoon, students were on their way to the Capital's office buildings for meetings with their Senators and Representatives. As in past years, an appointment with a Senator rarely meant just that, but rather, with one of their many aids who specialized in human rights issues. This year was no exception, but students found these aids generally knowledgeable and receptive. A few students did get to talk to Senators, but more by chance than by plan. YC Junior Cyrus Schwartz was stopped outside the elevator with Daniel Barenholtz by N.J. Senator Frank Lautenberg, who discussed a wide range of topics with them. Many students also met Representatives of their own district by appointment, or other Representatives while distributing information packets. Some others, such as YC's Victor Fishman, participated in special lobbies to the CIA and Pentagon.

At the prompting of long time activist Glen Richter, the YU students along with Columbia students sharing their bus, decided on their way downtown to make a detour at the Soviet Mission for a few traditional protest songs. It came as a great surprise to everyone when Ambassador Dubinov, the top ranking Soviet official in the

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Students Gather For Holocaust Remembrance

by Avrum Aron

On Monday Evening, May 1, 1989 over 300 Yeshiva College and Stern College students gathered in Weissberg Commons to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day. The 27th of Nisan marks the Yartzeit (Memorial date) of the six million Jews martyred by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

The program was organized by a committee consisting of Joey Goldstein, Joel Lieberman, Chani Rutter, Claudine Sokol, and Tommy Weinberger, and was coordinated by Mr. Jefferey Chaitoff, Assistant to the Dean of Students.

YC Junior Kenny Rochlin introduced Dr. Israel Miller, Vice President of Yeshiva University, who delivered opening remarks. Dr. Miller stressed the need to remember the unimaginable brutality of the Nazis. "Even against children. Over one million children were among the six million."

Dr. Miller spoke of the need "to have the courage to remem-

ber, to not forget... to rededicate ourselves to Israel, Soviet Jewry, to Jews anywhere who find themselves in danger."

SCW Senior Penina Blazer recited "Simple Truths", a poem

from the perspective of a young boy who survived the Holocaust.

The feature presentation, the French Documentary film, "Night and Fog", was shown.

the choice of the film. "There are English films they could have shown", said David Levine, YC Junior.

Six ceremonial candles were lit to commemorate the six million souls exterminated in the Holocaust.

Seth Lutnick, a Belz school Jewish music student, concluded the program with the "El Male Rahamim" prayer.

"We expected less than 100 people," said Mr. Chaitoff. "It shows that the students of YU still have the spirit of the Jewish community".

YC Junior Steven Major, though, expressed feelings of dismay toward the program's turnout. "It was pathetic and disappointing that only 10% of the Yeshiva College student body was present to commemorate the saddest and scariest catastrophe of our time and of Jewish history," Mr. Major commented.



Joel Lieberman lights Holocaust Commemorative Candle.

by William Heyen from "The Swastika Poems". Michael Ungar, a YC Senior, read "The Star of Hope", a poem he wrote

The inability to read the English subtitles detracted from the overall effect of the film. Students were disappointed at

Dr. Schrecker Speaks On McCarthyism

by Alex Wittenberg

On April 10, Dr. Ellen Schrecker (as part of the ongoing Yeshiva Interdisciplinary Discussions) delivered a presentation dealing with the McCarthy era. Dr. Schrecker, an instructor in American History and author of No Ivory Towers, an examination of McCarthyism in academia, told the tale of "The Miners and the Movies". The miners, members of a militant union, became targets of Joe McCarthy's anti-Communist witchhunts in the 1950's, and served as an example of the persecuted victims of the period.

Dr. Schrecker focused on Clinton Jenks, a local union leader in New Mexico whose rank-and-file struck zinc mines in 1951-52. He fought both the mine company and the federal government, drawing the attention of three film producers blacklisted as "Communists". Their film, "Salt of the Earth", made with union money and by other blacklisted members of the movie industry, drew unwanted attention to Jenks. The film was suppressed by McCarthyists, and the government framed Jenks with false testimony. Jenks was acquitted only when the witness, Harvey Matusow, admitted to lying, but he never found peace again.

The story Schrecker told demonstrated the interconnectedness of the agencies involved in McCarthyism, including the FBI, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Congress. She added that McCarthy was only a symbol of the era's goals, while a much broader scheme went on at many levels. McCarthyism destroyed both lives and ideas, hurting culture, political freedom, and overall civil rights, she pointed out. Such an era, she concluded, demonstrates the fragility of liberty.

After the presentation, Dr. Schrecker took questions from the audience of over thirty people, including several faculty members. The Yeshiva Interdisciplinary Discussions, a series of lectures on a variety of subjects organized by Dr. Will Lee and Rabbi Shalom Carmy, co-sponsored the event with the YC History Club and the English Honors Society.

Contra Leader at YU

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them of basic freedoms. Although identifying the actual victor in the Contra War is difficult, Mr. Cruz claimed that the spirit of cooperation existing between President Bush and Congress would prevent the Sandinistas from manipulating public opinion in the future.

Mr. Cruz adopted a cautious attitude when speaking of the recent peace argument achieved between Nicaragua and its Central American neighbors. "If we want peace in Nicaragua and the elections are the bone of conten-

tion...rather than accelerating the holding of elections, we should be postponing them," he said. Mr. Cruz stressed that his country needs time to develop viable political parties, and to allow the wounds of war to heal. "The elections must take place within the spirit of national reconciliation," he concluded. Mr. Cruz also voiced support for Pablo Antonio Cuadra, a Nicaraguan poet who he said epitomizes this conciliatory spirit and would be the best candidate for President. As to his choice for J.P. Danner President, Mr. Cruz did not say.

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Postscript

Embattled Dayanim Bids Adieu

Defends Freedom of the Press and Reflects on Past Year

by Behnam Dayanim

Well, the year is almost over. My tenure as editor in chief has come to a close, to the relief of many, I suspect, and to the chagrin of some, I hope.

I look back upon the past year and see a paper that has once again vigorously asserted itself on the YU scene. THE COMMENTATOR has embraced the journalistic ethic, the prerogative of inquiry, incumbent upon any newspaper and has stimulated unprecedented, open discussion of issues facing our institution.

It is not here my intention to rehash old arguments explaining the nature of the press or to pat ourselves on the back for our performance, but merely to offer a few last reflections on the trials and rewards of the editor's desk here at Yeshiva.

An editor confronts a grueling task no matter where he or she works, pursuit and exposure of the truth rarely engenders amity and frequently creates hostility.

At Yeshiva, the problem assumes almost mythic dimensions. YU retains a deep longing for the "family" atmosphere of its past, where members may squabble and bicker but always remember to not let the neighbors see the dirty linen.

A problem may exist for years and occasion intense debate among administrators and even student leaders, yet printing it in the press triggers denials or condemnations.

Worse, problems frequently fester, unacknowledged by the powers that be, until they either disappear or grow too large to ignore.

As a result, a journalist who attempts to uncover these soiled vestments for the general Yeshiva public faces charges of betrayal and inevitably suffers enormous feelings of guilt and remorse.

A case in point: the Shabbat controversy that sparked an unprecedented response from President Lamm at times made me feel like a veritable pariah. That feeling of dislocation, of being cut off from the rest of the community, arose several times throughout the year. It might have overwhelmed me if not for the support of close friends, the overwhelming majority of the board, and the few professors, rabbis and administrators who expressed understanding or approval.

I like to consider myself hardened to debate over four tumultuous years and long since disillusioned of the inevitable infallibility or virtue of those of learning or authority.

Imagine how those reporters and board members courageous

enough to tackle the unpopular stories must have felt in the face of such antipathy.

That they survived, and in many cases flourished, testifies to their quality and sense of integrity.

Some of my most severe moments of doubt stemmed from the sneaking suspicion, since corroborated to some degree by others with similar experiences, that the school frequently conducts its affairs based on outside perceptions.

In other words, by raising a problem that "hurts" the image of the school, I force the administration to take action in a heavy-handed, sometimes repressive manner.

Dr. Lamm all but said as much at the last meeting with student leaders, and other administrators have alluded to such factors in discussions with me and other students.

YU is so conscious of its role in the Orthodox world that it gets caught up in the image, forgetting the underlying reason for it all and the need in any educational institution to allow its students to grow and learn. Learning sometimes entails mistakes.

As any drama student would understand, YU frequently engages in representational acting, the art of external caricature, rather than that of absorption and reflection of the deeper message.

But the essential concept of journalism is not so much a crusade as it is the simple recitation and investigation of the facts and hang the consequences. If something is newsworthy, it must be reported regardless of whether the attention may ultimately damage the "cause."

Being editor also means making enemies, or, at the least, having to limit friendships and confidences.

The demands of editor in chief require a certain distance, a constant detachment from any situation with which the paper may eventually deal. This near-impossible task poses acute problems to the active, interested student in our small school with its relatively small decision-making circle. Many people interpret this attitude as "stand-offish," or "holier than thou," and feel rebuffed when the editor fails to do them a "favor" or refuses to vigorously defend their cause.

For a person who has always valued friends and who had incurred few personal enemies in years past, this proved a very unpleasant experience. I've lost more than one good or potentially good friendship and impaired several previously

solid relationships with faculty or administrators as a result of my attempts to behave ethically and responsibly.

By and large, however, I have discovered that YU administrators, with all of their faults, behave with a certain professionalism in their relationships with the paper. Whether that comes from legal constraints or moral compunction, I never seriously feared some covert reprisal from that quarter as a result of a story or editorial.

The few extreme situations in which I did "feel the heat," resulted from open emotional appeals or attempts at intimidation that never threatened to bear fruit and blew over with time.

Professors and particularly rebbeim pose a different story. While my difficulties with professors have been mercifully few and never descended into nastiness, in four years here I have learned that rabbis are people too. Most, even those with whom I disagree, have never stooped to personal slurs or insults; but the behavior of others has at times threatened to make me lose sight of the personal respect to which their scholarship entitles them.

My fellow students have presented a unique dilemma, as innumerable relationships have been sundered or strained due to my role as editor. Most eventually understood that I tried my utmost to conform all of my actions to one strict standard, no matter who it involved.

I know this may sound false, or maybe a bit pretentious, but I sincerely believe in the journalistic ethic as the guiding credo of a newspaper. Unfortunately, many times I have felt that has cost me friendships and even acquaintances. There's no feeling worse than having a friend come to you, asking for a favor — whether it be running a certain story, not running it, pursuing an issue or dropping it — and having to say no, except to abandon my one guiding principle and acquiesce.

Running anything in a professional manner is difficult in this school; a newspaper, due to its high visibility is even more so. Of course, the intrinsic enjoyment of working in the field and seeing your work placed before the public every other Tuesday helps compensate for all the heartache. The warm glow inside when a student comes up to me and expresses appreciation or approval of my willingness to stand unflinching in the fire can really brighten the day.

I remember days of newspaper-induced depression swept away by one comment or note. Additionally, the letters or

chance meetings with alumni pleased at the frankness and vivacity of their old school paper has been astounding. We received more communication from alumni than in all my years with THE COMMENTATOR, and almost all of it was positive.

Even SCW students were reading our pages in droves, adding to the overwhelming numbers of Uptown students and staff who read us regularly.

Twenty hours per week, every week — the most time-consuming, draining activity on campus. Is it worth it? I don't know. The experience gained was invaluable, the interpersonal damage irreparable, but I would do it all over again.

Without the most competent board in recent memory, it wouldn't have been possible. Many of them are continuing next year, promising even greater things. I must publicly thank two people without whose support, journalistic sense and time I would have undoubtedly failed — Larry Hartstein and Dov Pinchot.

Larry, my senior editor, has the sharpest leads and the crispest copy I've ever seen, and the sincerity to boot.

Dov possesses the breadth of vision and awareness to be an incomparable editor in chief, building on his already-solid group of returnees to create what looks to be an even stronger, more assertive paper.

With another COMMENTATOR stalwart, Barry Kaye, at the helm of our student body, the newspaper and student council should enjoy unparalleled cooperation and common interest.

One final word: I am going to abuse my last opportunity in print enough to thank a few people here at YU for their warmth and guidance. Whether they agreed with me or not, they always offered reasoned, concerned advice and discussion and never withdrew their personal friendship.

To Rabbi Fulda, Dean Nulman, Mrs. Owing, Dr. Beukas, Dean Hecht, Rabbi Serels and Mr. N. Harris go my undying affection and gratitude. They all know what for.

Dov, it's all yours, and God help me if I ever venture to criticize. I should know better.

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Beyond The Tzisis Grope

by Rabbi Shalom Carmy

Author's note: These reflections originated in a discussion among friends, both students and Administration. The excerpts presented here are the sections that I wish to share with the wider Yeshiva community.

Somehow, it seems, the presence on campus of all sorts of students, in various stages of commitment and discontent with commitment, is one of the open secrets of our institution. It is something people like me are expected to call the "religious atmosphere" and to complain about whenever we take notice of it. Certainly there is anxiety and often pain when I pray and wonder about the spiritual destinies of individuals whom I care deeply about and for whom I will continue to be concerned, come what may. Yet it has been a merit of this year's COMMENTATOR to bring the matter into the light of day and to ask the fundamental question: For whom does YU exist? what kind of student should be welcomed to it?

My remarks on this subject are meant to clarify the issues rather than to argue for any specific policy of arrangement.

II
What are the issues?

Should students of less than solid commitment be educated? A case can be made for not reaching out to the uncommitted, for regarding them as "unworthy." Our community, however, has taken the view that, in this day and age, such individuals should be brought closer; they should be exposed to Torah. [See sources discussed by R. Bleich, Tradition, Fall 1981, 264/266; R. Lau in Torah she'b'al Pe 5742, particularly views of Baal HaTanya and Hazon Ish and R. Lamm's analysis of proper motivation to study in his Torah Lishmah, forthcoming in English translation.] The real challenge of the culture in the place to do it.

Why not YU? Either (a) these students will not benefit religiously from being here. Or (b) their benefit at YU is unlikely to justify expenditure on the part of the YU community; in other words, we have better uses for our time and money. Or (c) there are other institutions within the Orthodox world better able to cater to the spiritual needs of these individuals, therefore we are better off not making a place for them among us. Or (d) their presence here impairs other, more important, more unique features of YU's mission. To discuss these possibilities exhaustively would take an eternity or a very long night in the dorm, whichever comes first. But permit me a few comments.

(a): I don't think too many uncommitted students, no matter how indifferent, come here in order to not benefit religiously. If students emerge damaged it is not because the institution has damaged them, but rather because the school has done enough for them, a very different complaint.

(b) and (c): I disagree. Many relatively uncommitted students might, absent the YU option, attend colleges where their Jewish and religious involvements would be substantially smaller than at Yeshiva. Moreover, for those individuals who, to a greater or lesser degree, are concerned with the question of religious truth and how to integrate it into one's spiritual existence and intellectual system, Torah veHokhma—the fellowship of faculty and peers engaged, be it anxiously, be it confidently, in roughly the same endeavor—remains the last, best hope of Yiddishkeit. The people I'm describing would not flourish Jewishly anywhere else. To be sure, this does not mean that YU is their Eldorado—there is much room for improvement. But we can't wash our hands and shift the responsibility for the edification of these individuals to other schools and/or Yeshivot.

Thus we are left to confront the last objection: that somehow the presence of these individuals among us detracts from our own spiritual stature. Is this true?

III
It has been maintained that the presence of students of inferior commitment will erode the commitment of more fortunate students. That is always possible. It is nonetheless the philosophy of Yeshiva University to be neither overly diffident nor overly confident about the attraction and power of truth. Our students will eventually have to confront the world with all its social and intellectual pressures. We differ from the sequestered Yeshiva world in encouraging our community to prepare for that encounter, so that we can best respond to the culture in which we are situated and its representatives. Our liberal arts college differs from others in that we choose to introduce our students to the challenge of the culture in a relatively sheltered context, surrounded by those who share our commitments and beliefs, in dialogue with teachers who have successfully (one hopes) negotiated the problems we will soon face alone.

The strength of Yeshiva, i.e. its relatively homogeneous student body, is also a potential weakness: we end up learning how to engage only with people exactly like us. We, who have chosen Torah veHokhma, should no more relish social segregation than we would intellectual narrowness. From this perspective living next door to a couple of guys who have more in common with the outside world than we do can be a blessing in disguise.

Next it is argued that students who are not fully committed demean the image of Yeshiva. They believe our pretensions to be an echt yeshiva on the Eastern European model, reducing us to a mere mekom Torah. (By the way, one of R. Shakh's leading political operatives made this allegation just the other day about the Hesder

Yeshivot.) A Rabbi at another institution once asked me whether I shouldn't prefer that YU adopt a more selective admissions policy on the grounds that Torah veHokhma would then be judged by out most robust products rather than by the more indifferent.

To this I can only answer that concern with one's image is a political affair, albeit an important one for the institution and for members of the Yeshiva community, but not a religious issue. I can understand and respect a Rabbi who interprets stringently the prohibition of teaching Torah to an "unworthy" student (Hullin 133a) even while disagreeing with him about the definition of such a student and giving the student the benefit of the doubt. That prohibition appears in my Yoreh Deah (246:7). The term "Yeshivish" does not: it belongs to sociology, not to Halakha. If a group of students ought to be educated and if, as I believe, YU is the appropriate place for them, then we must find a way not to be embarrassed about what it will do for our image. Studying Musar might help.

IV
But another set of considerations affects both the "frum" and the "not so frum" members of the YU community. The student coming to Yeshiva has every reason to expect not only a setting in which piety is tolerated and preached, but one in which it is unforgettably experienced. The committed student certainly looks forward to this prospect of Shabbat a day on which we do not pursue our daily routines then, though we begin with YU life. The detached student, whatever his reservations about Orthodoxy, presumably enters our world conscious of its character and avid for its flavor. To take one's leave of it without sharing, if only briefly and with less than full conviction, in its lived passion and intensity, is to cheat oneself out of a Jewish education. Thus sustaining the "religious atmosphere" is something all students should willingly consent to, ideally because they value it for itself, but at the very least because normative Judaism interests them, intrigues them, sufficiently to justify their spending several years confronting its tradition.

I gather that many disaffected students feel that they have been misled about rigors of halakhic life and the behavioral conformity needed to enable it to flourish vigorously. Such misrepresentation of YU life leaves a bitter taste. It must stop. However, students already here and those planning to come here must respect the spiritual ecology without which YU cannot fulfill its unique mission.

We require this neither because we esteem paternalistic intervention (as did many private colleges not so long ago) nor because we expect to advance religiosity through arduous supervision. The college years are beyond the tzisis grope; the ear crouched at the keyhole is forever to be eschewed. We understand very well that educating adult students carries

with it the risk of failure, along with the inevitable pain when those whom we love lack that which we deem priceless. We require respect for, an acquiescence to, YU's traditional environment simply because we cannot otherwise pursue our enterprise together.

Story time: One evening, early in my teaching career, a fellow asked me what we mean when we speak of Shabbat as me'Ein Olam haBa, a taste of eternal life (Berakhot 57b). As you know I can't talk about things that I don't think I have experienced. So I told him if was mysticism and I didn't know anything about it. I still doubt that I can formulate in a satisfactory way what it means, but I realize that I was wrong then. The taste of eternity available on Shabbat is not mysticism. It's as real as anything I've ever experienced.

One thing is clear. In order to grasp the eternal aspect of Shabbat it is not enough to bear the prohibitions of Shabbat (the shamor aspect); you must also live in the positive (zakhor) aspect of the day. Shabbat must become a day on which we are liberated from the yoke of the other six days, a day on which the entire rhythm of our existence is different. If Shabbat is merely a day which we contrive to make as similar as possible to a weekday, you will never experience it as a transcendence of the everyday, as a taste of the eternal. If we try to make Shabbat a day on which we do not pursue our daily routines then, though we begin with dutiful, even onerous obedience to the Torah's restrictions, we shall, with G-d's help, arrive at an experience of rest that passes the understanding.

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Dor Yeshorim Develops Campaign to Fight Tay-Sachs

by Joseph Wolf

Recent studies show that one out of every 25 Ashkenazik Jews is a carrier of the Tay-Sachs gene. This figure translates to one carrier couple out of every 625. And one in 2500 children being afflicted by the disease. To combat the transmission of the killer disease, Chevra Dor Yeshorim was established 5 years ago as a means of genetic screening under Halachic auspices. To inform YU students of these developments Rabbis Eckstein and Horowitz of Dor Yeshorim along with Rabbi Moshe Tendler and guest speaker Dr. Stanley Greenbaum presented a forum on the Dor Yeshorim program prior to the recent blood drive.

Technically, Dr. Greenbaum explained, Tay-Sachs is classified as a lipid storage disease. The disease is transmitted from parent to child as a recessive trait. A child born with Tay-Sachs appears normal at first, exhibiting standard development. However, generally within 6 months the disease begins to rear its ugly head. The child becomes flaccid, must be fed through a nasal tube; eventually the central nervous system is destroyed, all cerebral functions cease, and the child becomes a vegetable. Generally, Tay-Sachs children die by the age of six due to some form of infection. There is no cure or treatment for Tay-Sachs.

Because Tay-Sachs is genetically linked, both parents must be carriers for a child to get Tay-

Sachs. The single preventative measure is for carriers not to marry. The difficulty is achieving this end while adhering to halacha. While other screening programs may advise amniocentesis and abortion to carrier couples, the Dor Yeshorim program eliminates the problem at the onset. Each person tested receives a number and when appropriate the perspective couple calls in their numbers. If no danger exist [one or neither is a carrier] the match is "approved". Through this method, only if both male and female are carriers will they ever know their own status. While, according to Rabbi Tendler, there is no halachic prohibition of knowing one's status, the stigma associated with being a carrier is often too great a burden to bear.

The Dor Yeshorim program has been accepted wholeheartedly by the Chasidic community, where arranged marriages are the norm. Recently, support has grown even in modern Orthodox circles where as Dr. Greenbaum quoted, "there's such a thing called love."

To screen for Tay Sachs a blood sample is used and this service was offered to YU students at the blood drive. Rabbi Tendler, a strong proponent of Dor Yeshorim, feels that it is Halachically incumbent on every YU student, as they approach marriageable age, to participate in the program. It is a harmless procedure that successfully eliminates the possibility of future tragedy.

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expresses its gratitude to Behnam Dayanim,
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May they, and all who contribute to this tsedaka,
merit many years of continued noble deeds.

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Dubinov Surprises Students

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United States, made the unprecedented move of venturing outside to talk with the lobbyists. Ambassador Dubinov told the group that no Soviet Jews are being held against their will, and that there is no Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. According to Mr. Richter, the contents of his words were, in objective terms, completely false.

Many students thought that this lobby was unique, and particularly important because it was the first lobby during the Bush administration. The year since the Solidarity march in Washington has also seen thousands of Jews receiving permission to leave the Soviet Union and a much publicized opening of a Jewish cultural center in Moscow. Many feel this has resulted in the lessening of the sense of urgency in support of Soviet Jews. Evidence for this is the decline in the number of students participating in this year's lobby. Gil said that, "though this year's participants were some of the best in terms of seriousness, many have developed the misconception that everything is so good that they don't have to work." He also stressed that without pressure there is no inertia, and the ultimate test for us as to whether our work is done is only if our brothers are free to emigrate, free to practice religion, and free from anti-Semitism. Recently, others in the Soviet Union reported to the participants that the much touted cultural center has already been closed, and is only opened on rare occasions. Some others felt that the lower numbers of participants was due to the change of the lobby's date from February to April (coinciding with midterms). Columbia freshman Gayle Friedland, characterizing the turnout as "lame", expressed the opinion that this was due in a large part to poor organization among Jewish Student groups. Stern SSSJ coordinator Shoshana Levine was of the view that "girls are not into this stuff."

YC SSSJ Director Victor Fishman expressed that YC's traditionally strong showing of 35 was particularly impressive this year in view of the declining numbers from other institutions. He added that this number turned out despite many students being in the middle of midterms and fifty YC students having been to Washington on the day before for an Israel lobby. He credits the turnout to the work of Barry Diner in arranging the trip, YCSC President Mordy Leifer for providing a small subsidy to defray travel costs, and Dean Rosenfeld for issuing a memo to teachers asking them not to schedule tests on those days. Mr. Fishman also said that he would like to see YC to be allowed more involvement in the planning of the lobby along with Brandeis students. In view of YC's continued strong involvement, this will hopefully soon be implemented.

The Lighter Look

by Jonathan Miskin

The COMMENTATOR is proud to feature this special anniversary edition of advice columnist, Abraham Blowbubble's "Trust Me, I Know." Mr. Blowbubble has been offering expert counsel to the nation's troubled readers for twenty years and has just been presented with the highest honor in the advice world, the coveted "You're Telling Me" award. This achievement makes Mr. Blowbubble the only columnist to hold simultaneously that prize and the "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dead Horse", the "Don't Kvetch, Be Happy" as well as the international "My Son Harry Did it and Boy Did He Suffer." It is Abraham's unique style as "Dear Abie" that has earned him the reputation as having our country's most-cried-on shoulder, for he takes the time to personally answer each and every letter he receives. Only once the writer's problem is completely solved is the entire correspondence published for the benefit of the rest of us. So if you ever have a problem that just can't be worked out alone, write to Dear Abie's "Trust Me, I Know", he'd love to hear from you.

Hello, Readers. Before we get to our mail, I'd just like to reprint a piece that appeared last January. I've been getting a lot of questions on this topic and while I will address each of your problems individually (Heaven knows no two crises are ever identical!) I thought that this

might tide you over until you hear from me.

Dear Abie,
I am engaged to be married to a wonderful girl. However, she is driving me crazy. She insists on keeping her maiden name and hyphenating it to my surname. This wouldn't be too terrible but this practice has been going on in her family for three generations and her name is now Susan Feinberg-Mandelbaum-Rosenstein-Sanowitz. She won't yield on this but I don't want it to take my kid five years to learn to write his name. Please help!
Bob Cohen-Gold-Silver-Saperstein

Dear Bob,
It is imperative that you settle this thing before the wedding invitations are sent out in consideration of any friends who will be buying you monogrammed glassware. My suggestion to you is to allow Susan to retain her maiden name but just remove all the hyphens. Your child's surname will be considerably less unwieldy: Feinberg-mandelbaumrosensteinsanowitzcohengoldsilversaperstein. Trust me, I know.

I hope that helps our some distraught young couples. Today I am presenting a special collection of mail devoted entirely to summer dilemmas. As that glorious season fast approaches, we all want to be prepared for any can of worms that may be opened. And so, onward to "Trust Me, I Know."

Dear Abie,
Every summer my father packs the whole family into our car and heads off for some obscure destination. Last year we went to Brainard, Minnesota just because my father liked the sound of it. There isn't anything to see in Brainard except a local movie. My seventeen and-a-half sisters and I have pleaded and cajoled but to no avail and this year we're scheduled for Topeka.

Tired of Travel
Dear Tired,
How is it that you have seventeen and a half sisters?

Dear Abie,
As I write this, Dad is dusting off our trunks and rehearsing "One Hundred Bottles of Beer on the Wall." Please address the problem, we're getting desperate!

Topeka Bound
P.S. I have sixteen full sisters and three half sisters which equals seventeen and a half.

Dear Topeka,
I don't think YOU'RE addressing the problem! It's obviously not the pointless places you keep visiting that annoys you, but getting there. Sitting in a car with nineteen and-a-half people has been ruining your vacations. Get a bus! Trust me, I know.

Dear Abie,
I love the summer! I love the

fresh air saturated with the smell of pollen. Hot sand at the beach, the lapping of cool waves. I love camping in the woods and the mysterious sounds of the forest.

Dear Lover,
Get to the point.

Dear Abie.
There is one thing I hate, though. All of God's creatures. I hate the black flies during the day, and the mosquitos at night. I hate the little woodland animals who scamper into your tent and steal your food. Last year I swatted about a million insects, poisoned six squirrels, and shot a grizzly. Please! Stop me before I kill again!

Estival Murderer

Dear Esti,
Believe it or not, your problem is a common one. That's why the friendly people at "Suits to Suit 'Ya" have come out with a new aluminum foil body suit. This stylish outdoor wear, popularized by the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz, completely covers your skin, providing total protection from the sting of annoying pests. Its shiny glare frightens away intruding rodents. For the larger animals, you may want to don the costume of the Cowardly Lion. The wise use of both these outfits will guarantee a safe and solitary summer. Trust me, I know.

Dear Abie,
I am six years old. My parents want to send me to summer

camp. They say I'll have a good time, but I know that they really want me out of the way so they can sail around the world without me. After that they're going on a safari and then they're going to ride the space shuttle. They don't want me around for any of these great adventures so they're making me go away to play baseball and make wallets and do other sissy stuff. Please tell me how I can get out of camp Weehatewhiteman.

Billy

Dear Billy,
Every summer, millions of kids trundle off to sleep away camp so their parents can have fantastic escapades in exotic locales. This year my kids are going to live in sleeping bags while my wife and I do Europe by balloon and South America by llama. After all, parents need vacations too, right?

Dear Abie,
Yeah.
Billy
Dear Billy,
Okay, so buck up. Someday you'll be able to treat your children in the same heartless manner. Trust me, I know.

Well readers, there you have it-my summer advice. But try to remember, that whether you go to the beach, the mountains, or just sleep from June to September, the most important thing is to have fun. Trust me, I know.

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Honorable mention:

- David Glatt, "Game Face"
- David Tein, "The Philosopher"
- Jonathan Tropper, "The Jumper"
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Winners: David Glatt, "Between White and Dark: Moral Complexity in Passage To India and Heart Of Darkness."

Benjamin Nachimson, "In Life's Laboratory: A Symbol's Prerequisite and Functions Based on D.H. Lawrence's Symbolism in Sons and Lovers."

Best Essay on Any Subject:

Winners: David Debow, "They Walked Together: An Exploration of the Akeida."

Alan Rothman, "Monopolizing Jurisdiction: 'Conflict of Laws' and Anti-trust Suits."

Hoopsters continued

starters finished in the wolfpack with 3 or more fouls. The Gardners were clinging to a 49-45 lead with about one and a half minutes to go. But Dov Goldman hit a clutch one from downtown and Darren Hirt cashed-in on the break to seal victory for the Rebels minus Brett Pevan and Reuben Levine. The Gardners, however, did an outstanding job, picking up the slack for the absence of Mordy Leifer. In particular, the Cohen connection played a solid game. Gardners' forward Seth Cohen was good for ten boards, while point guard Noam Cohen was good for 10 points and a slew of assists and steals.

The finals will take place between the Goobers and the Rebels on Tuesday May 8th. The winner will take on Team Hartstein for the overall 1988-89 intramurals championship. The time and date has yet to be announced.

Valiant Saints Lose Tough Battle

by Saul Kasovitz

For the second straight semester the Wildcats will face the Fighting Irish in the championship game, as the Wildcats beat the Saints 6-2 in Wednesday night's semi-final game.

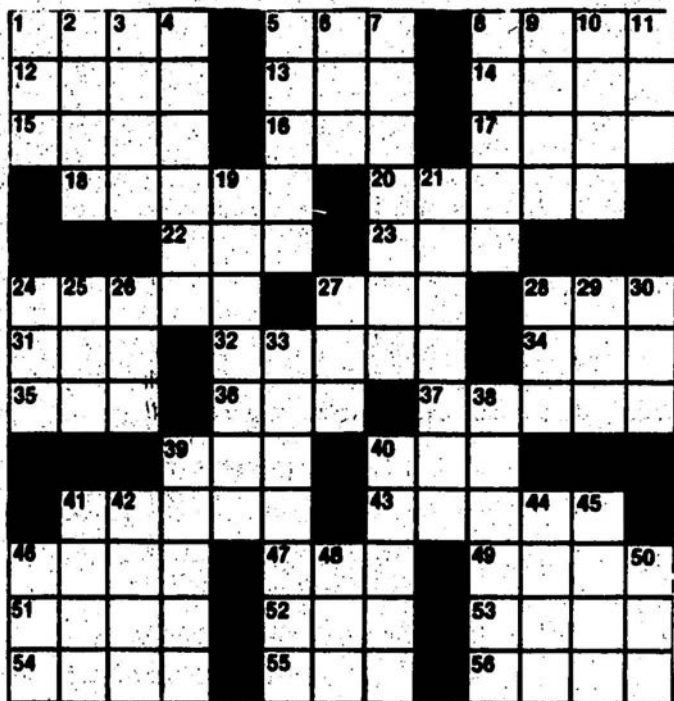
The Saints shocked everyone this semester as, although heavy underdogs from the start of the season, they streaked to the semi-finals with a flurry of upsets. The Saints continued on their miraculous path straight through two periods last night, confounding the oddsmakers as the period ended in a 2-2 tie.

The game started out as expected with the Wildcats setting up at will in the Saints zone. After only a few minutes the Wildcats took the lead as Yossi Fern rifled a shot from the right slot on a beautiful pass from Yechiel Gordon. The tandem would score again a few minutes later and, along with Stalwart defensive play from Moshe Blech, the Wildcats were cruising towards victory with a 2-0 lead.

But inexplicably, once again, the Saints magic was back. Throughout the second period the Saints were like lightning, the offense rifling shots and the defense, led by Daniel Cheifitz, keeping the puck in the zone. When David Miller put in a Mike Littwin rebound the Saints knotted the game at 2-2.

But the miracles ran out for the Saints in the third period as the floodgates opened. Led by the brilliant offensive work of the David Gellman/Marc Fries duo and the intimidating defensive work of Steven Siegel, the Wildcats scored four goals to advance to the finals.

Crossword Companion



- 27. 2,000 lbs.
- 28. Hit sharply
- 31. Hall
- 32. Musical drama
- 34. Native (suf.)
- 35. Stop
- 36. Not (pref.)
- 37. _____ Pyle
- 39. Point in law
- 40. Edge of garment
- 41. Roman's mercenaries
- 43. Place for contact
- 46. Indication
- 47. Mistake
- 49. Circuit
- 51. Abraham's nickname (pl.)
- 52. Take to court
- 53. Fencing sword
- 54. Inhab. of ancient media
- 55. Summary (abbr.)
- 56. Clean book

- 29. Edge
- 29. Dined
- 30. Each
- 33. Has
- 38. Egg dish
- 39. Wash lightly
- 40. Modern wives
- 41. Mocking remarks
- 42. Older
- 44. Back of neck
- 45. Highest point
- 46. _____ Samed
- 48. Remorse
- 50. Put

DOWN

- 1. Spread to dry, as hay
- 2. Mark
- 3. Wharf
- 4. Rub with considerable pressure
- 5. Small, miserable dwelling
- 6. Inland, political org. (abbr.)
- 7. Politician
- 8. Car
- 9. Seasonal drink (suf.)
- 10. Marbles
- 11. Ear, Nose, Throat (abbr.)
- 19. Prince's crown
- 21. Person in charge
- 24. Projection
- 25. Eggs
- 26. Cyst
- 27. Number



Above is the solution to last issue's puzzle. The first person to submit the correct response to Steven Major (M721) will have his name printed in the next issue.

ACROSS

- 1. Tenpoem (abbr.)
- 5. Not here
- 8. Tale
- 12. Narrative poem
- 13. Mineral
- 14. Purulia

15. Worker

- 16. Covered track
- 17. Depression
- 18. Follow trail of
- 20. Fill up
- 22. Politics (abbr.)
- 23. Exposed to sun
- 24. Tall structure

Yeshiva Sports



The YU Golf Team, pictured at Van Cortlandt Park following their first ever victory, a 75 stroke victory over Wagner College. Left to right: Top row-Elisha Tropper, Moshe Adler, John Lasko, Josh Light, Coach Yosef Mandelbaum, Captain Joseph Loskove, David Schluskel and Michael Chelst. Bottom row-Elliot Forgash, Steve Jutkowitz and Josh Thomas.

Golfers Defeat Wagner For First Victory

by Shmuel Bulka

The Yeshiva University golf team, the school's newest varsity sport, is just two matches away from completing their first season and with one more victory under its belt, the season will be considered a success.

The first victory came against Wagner College on April 5, as the team came out firing on all cylinders and destroying their opponents by 75 strokes. The victory was avenged last week by Wagner, as Wagner defeated Yeshiva by 6 strokes. The result was satisfying since half the team was missing and playing conditions were subpar.

For a first year team, the golfers have been very competitive and have not been blown out in any of their four losses.

Coach Yosef Mandelbaum is delighted with the team's progress and is very optimistic about its future. Captain Joseph Loskove echoed this feeling of optimism and added that if the Yeshiva students would have half the practice time of most schools, their play would be equal to the NYU's of the golfing world. Yeshiva students usually get onto a course once every two weeks, while other schools typically practice at least three times a week.

Although practice time will remain a problem, look for the team to improve significantly next year. Loskove should improve on what for him has turned into an average year and Josh Light has shown himself to be a very solid player. Another year will do wonders for John

Lasko and look for Steve Jutkowitz, this year's most pleasant surprise, to continue improving. "The coach and I feel that this year was a success and with the influx of new talent, a winning record should be expected," said Loskove.

While many people were skeptical about their chances of success, the golf team has established a strong reputation to the extent that schools who neglected to schedule YU this year have requested them for next year. On campus, the interest in the team has exceeded all expectations.

The Athletic Department has been very helpful and due to the success this year, the team will receive uniforms for next year's season.

Tennis Macs Fail To Secure Title

by Darren Hirt

The Yeshiva tennis team had never looked better. They destroyed number one Steven's Tech 4-2 in singles and needed only one win from the three remaining doubles matches to move into first place of the ECAC conference. To their dismay, the number one and number two doubles pairs were defeated in straight sets. The crowd soon swarmed center court where the number three doubles were under way, Yeshiva's last hope for a division title. Everybody was dead silent as the opposing teams pounded away forehand to forehand and backhand to backhand. The only sounds heard from the crowd were sporadic groans from coach Mickey Aboff who truly understood the importance of the match to sports history at Yeshiva. Unfortunately,

Yeshiva lost the third doubles and Steven's Tech won the match by a score of 5-4. After the match coach Aboff was asked to comment on the frustrating defeat. "It was a nightmare come true. My boys played the best tennis of their lives and we end up being swept 3-0 in doubles. Doubles is a game of teamwork and practice, two areas that will definitely be stressed more in next year's practices."

After the loss to Stevens Tech, the tennis team lost its emotional spark and were defeated by two more teams, John Jay and Western Connecticut. However, the Macs came back and won their last two matches against Maritime and York. If the Macs beat New Jersey Institute of Technology, their final match of the season, they will have a good shot at finishing second in the conference.

Hoopsters Set for Final Two

by Eric Melzer

The time has arrived again for the final four. This week there were two semifinal games which were complete opposites of each other.

Goobers 25 Terps 20 — Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the game of basketball at its worst. The rims were definitely stuffed with saran wrap. The first half was atrocious enough that the score was 14-13 Terps at the intermission. At the start of the second half the Terps got two "quick" buckets to take an 18-13 lead. But in the last sixteen minutes of regulation the Goobers went on a 7-2 run to send it into overtime. That was all the scoring that the Terps would do. The only bright spot of the game was Douglas Rosenthal who finished with 10.

Alex Fookesman's 5 points led the Terps. Combined, the teams shot 4 for 20 from the free-throw line. David Rudnitsky played a nice second half and hit a clutch 3 pointer with one and a half minutes remaining. But other than that, this game was an insult to basketball.

Rebels 50 Gardners 49 — This one was quite a bit better. Strong performances by Darren Hirt (14 points), Dov Goldman (18 points), and Hillel Goldscheider (9 blocks and 16 rebounds) gave the edge over the Leiferless Gardners. The game was close the whole way through with a 26 to 25 Gardner lead at the half. It was extremely physical too, as there were many fouls called both ways. Seven of the ten

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— SPORTS BRIEF —

Graduating senior and YU wrestling team co-captain **ANDY GARFINKEL** recently returned from Philadelphia, PA where he placed second at 167 lbs. in a tournament to determine the USA-MACABEE wrestling team. He is an alternate to the squad.

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