

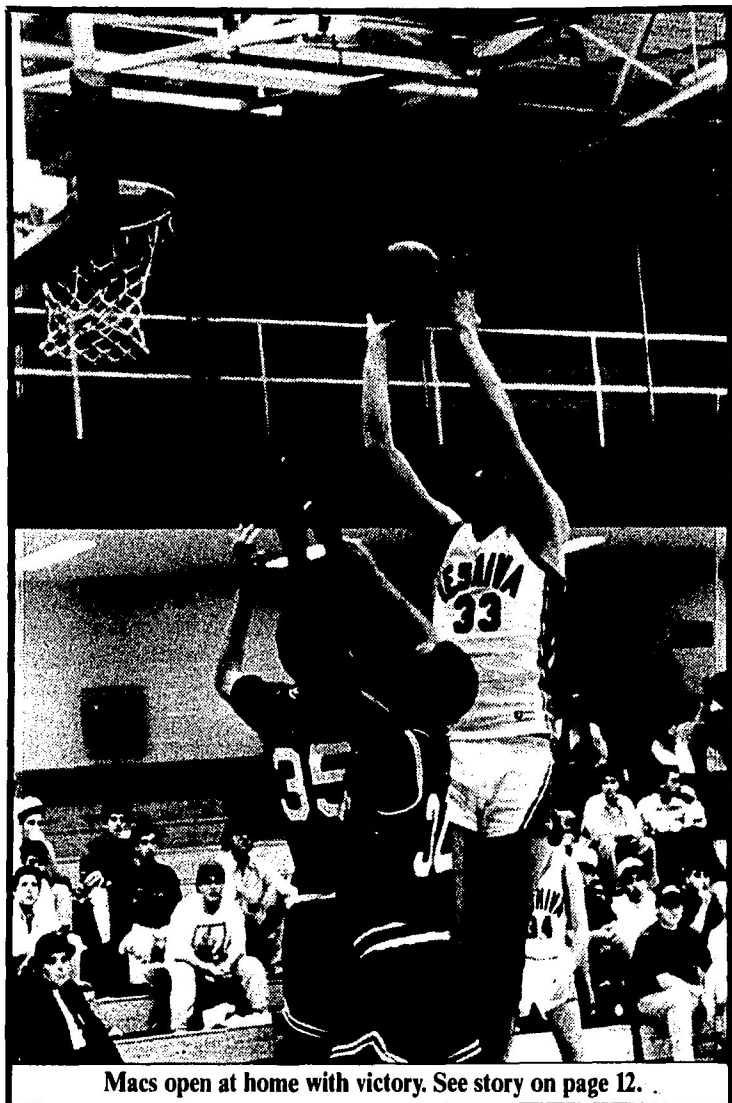
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Macs open at home with victory. See story on page 12.

YU Bids Farewell To Paikin At Luncheon

by Moshe Katz

Administrators and faculty members said good-bye to Judy Paikin, YU's departing Admissions Director, at a farewell luncheon held in Weissberg Commons on November 28th. Ms. Paikin was honored by her colleagues and friends in appreciation for her five years of service and success as Director of Admissions.

Over eighty people came out to show their support for Ms. Paikin, including members of the Executive Board and former Admissions Office workers.

Marc Mendelson, acting Associate Director of Admissions, chaired the luncheon. Before introducing the speakers, Mr. Mendelson expressed how much he and the entire Admissions staff will miss Ms. Paikin and conveyed their gratitude for all her valuable time and effort on behalf of the students.

Rabbi Lamm, who delivered the opening remarks, compared Ms. Paikin to Avraham and

Sarah, because "she invited only the proper into YU's tent."

Rabbi Lamm also related his thanks and stated that Ms. Paikin would always be welcomed at YU and he hopes that she has good fortune in Israel.

Among the other speakers was Paul Glasser, previous Director of Admissions, who flew in from Los Angeles to attend the luncheon and display. Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice President of Academics, praised Ms. Paikin's accomplishments and years of service.

Ms. Paikin, almost in tears, stated that she was sorry about leaving YU. "Most people do not enjoy coming to work," she said, "but I loved it." Ms. Paikin also said she is hopeful that she will be able to accomplish in Israel as much as she achieved in YU.

Several students commented that the student body will miss her dearly. "The university will not be the same without Ms. Paikin," a student said.

Students Held At Gunpoint Mugged Two Blocks Off Campus

by Steven Major

Two Hispanic males recently mugged and held at gunpoint a group of Yeshiva College students on 182nd Street between St. Nicholas and Audubon Avenues, evoking memories of last year's stabbing of YC student Doni Greenblatt.

The mugging incident, considered to have been confidential information by the 34th Police Precinct and Yeshiva University Security, has now been conclusively disclosed by one of the three YU victims. The identities of the students, though, are still being withheld. The assailants, allegedly two Hispanic men in their upper twenties armed with a shotgun, fled the scene. The victims, all seniors at Yeshiva College, were not injured.

On Friday, November 9th, at 1:30 A.M., the three students stepped out of a taxi on 182nd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue and proceeded toward a 24 hour grocery store on the corner of 182nd and Audubon Avenue, just one block away from the College campus.

"We were coming back from being out downtown. We took a cab back to YU, but wanted to stop by an all night bodega [Spanish grocery store] on 182nd and Audubon Avenue. So we got out of the cab on

182nd and St. Nicholas," one of the victims said, as he recounted the events leading up to the assault.

"As we were walking down 182nd Street, I looked across the street and noticed two guys sitting on a car. Before I knew it, one of the guys dressed in a long raincoat with dreadlocks cocked and pumped his shotgun at us and shouted while walking over to us, "get up against the wall!" As we stood with our backs to them, the guy rotated the gun between each of our backs, sweeping it back and forth while the other guy frisked us," the victim reported.

The male without the gun

emptied the victims' wallets, taking their money, which is estimated at over two hundred dollars, and credit cards.

The victim recalls the assailants exclaiming, "What's your name? What are you doing around here in this neighborhood?"

"I was scared only at the first second. I said to myself, I really don't want to die here. With the rest I was numb. You're not scared because it doesn't seem real," the victim stated. He compared the mugging episode to a movie. "It seemed like I was watching it happen to me."

Located in a crime and drug

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Scene of the crime.

Bomb Scare In Rubin Dorm

by David Silverblatt

A bomb threat was called in to Yeshiva University at approximately 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 12th, however neither the students nor the dorm counselors were notified of the threat.

David Debow, the dorm counselor on the third floor of Rubin Hall, was the first to find out about the bomb threat. He said that he heard several walkie talkies in the hallway. He followed the sound and observed three Burns security guards searching through the aluminum can recycling bin, and checking the area. Debow questioned what was going on, and one security guard replied, "Nothing." A second guard then replied, "We're looking for something." "What are you looking for?" questioned Debow. "A bomb." replied the security guard, however he continued to say that an evacuation was not necessary.

Debow proceeded to phone the central security booth to question procedure. The guard at the central post confirmed

that a bomb threat was called in approximately 20 minutes earlier, and that this was the first time he had heard of a bomb threat since he had been working at YU.

Debow went through his floor of the dormitory and calmly notified the residents as to the circumstances, thus allowing them the option to evacuate the building should they choose to do so. "I didn't want the responsibility on my shoulders should something happen", said Debow.

Some students questioned the guard posted in the Rubin Hall lobby to see if he knew anything more. According to Debow, the guard confirmed that there was a bomb threat, however he suspected that it was a practical joke played by another security guard.

Mr. Rosengarten, who oversees the security department, refused to comment on any specifics, but did say that, "bomb threats are taken most seriously, and there is no such thing as a joke in this matter." Mr. Rosengarten added, "the

general operating procedure advised by the police, FBI, and other security organizations helps to distinguish between threats which are apparently pranks and those which have legitimacy and there are fairly successful ways to determine the difference. If the University received a bomb threat and can prove that it was an employee, that employee would be fired."

Michael Arzouane, a fourth year student at YU, said that he observed one Burns security guard tap at a fuse box as part of the searching procedure. Arzouane questioned the ability of Burns security guards to properly conduct a bomb search. "Perhaps Burns security guards should be advised that it may be slightly dangerous to tap at something if there is a possibility that it contains a bomb," Arzouane said. "Should they have accidentally stumbled upon a bomb, do they also believe that they have the expertise to dismantle it?"

Sgt. Keebler at the New York City Police Department head-

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Read All About It?

A bomb threat contains an inherent danger. But the concern should not be focused on the inherent danger in the threat, but rather on the reaction to the threat. Action should not have to be taken by a concerned dormitory counselor, but rather, by the trained security staff.

In the reported bomb threat a few weeks ago, security acted in a dangerous and irresponsible manner. Is their a proper procedure for such an emergency? If their is, why was it not followed? If the threat was false, why were security guards searching the building? If it was not false, why was the building not evacuated?

Questions remain in an area that is much too serious to allow confusion. If the problem is not remedied and a real emergency does take place, we may face grave consequences which could be avoided by establishing a clear policy and set procedure. By then, it will be too late.

Leave Reading Week

A motion to abolish reading week was recently brought upon the Senate floor. This motion, brought by Dean Rosenfeld, would replace reading week with a two to three day study period. It would also serve to lengthen the semester because the extra study days could not be counted as part of the required fifteen-week semester.

Reading week is necessary given the heavy workload that students carry because of the dual program. Students have no wish to see an already short inter-session break further shortened, and the gain of an extra week of instruction would be nullified by the amount of classes students would be forced to miss in order to study for their finals.

The reading week system is effective; there is no reason for change. We urge the student body to take part in the decision process and inform the student senators of their opinions. After all, it is the students who will be affected by the decision.

Playing It Smart

In light of recent events, YU students should be more careful and wary of the campus' surrounding neighborhood. While the immediate campus remains safe, the Washington Heights neighborhood has one of the highest crime rates in New York City. Students should take advantage of the van service offered by the University, and use common sense when walking off campus at late hours. While many of us tend to think of ourselves as indestructable — pushing luck into the late hours of the Washington Heights nights may find more YU students with weapons pointed at them.

The fact that YU students were recently the victims of a violent crime less than two blocks from the campus should advise all students of the reality of the neighborhood in which we live. This event begs caution, not brashness.

Open Door Policy

Locking the "back door" of Morgenstern Dormitory is an inefficient and ridiculous security measure. Students consistently foil this "locked" door by propping it open with bricks, paper, or wooden blocks. When a doorstep cannot be found every Morgenstern resident knows that a good strong kick will easily afford him entry.

Morgenstern residents should not have to be confronted with the nuisance of trekking "the long way" from Rubin dormitory to Morg. Most homeowners use their backdoor every day and Yeshiva students are no different.

Obviously Yeshiva cannot leave any door unlocked constantly. Replacing the existing lock with one that would be keyed to all Morgenstern room keys would satisfy everyone. Yeshiva would have its precious locked door and Morgenstern students would have the key.

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Current Sophomores	01/03/90	12:40-5 p.m.
Current Freshman	01/04/90	12:40-5 p.m.

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From the Editor's Desk



by Dov J. Pinchot

Civility. Respect. Proponents of modern Orthodox ideology choose to use these terms when describing the way we should act and view others whose lives and philosophies differ from ours. These "others" mentioned include non-Jews, Conservative and Reform Jews, and especially, our fellow Orthodox Jews. But too few of our educators believe in this ideal, and the consequence of this narrow-minded outlook is Jewish elitism.

Jewish elitism is the belief that without a Jewish heritage no one can be a moral, dignified person.

Jewish elitism has evolved to mean that Orthodox Jews are intrinsically more ethical people, while ignoring individual violations of ethical codes in areas such as business, or the vicious personal attacks caused by factionalism within our ranks.

This sweeping "goodness" generalization is then reversed on the rest of the worlds inhabitants; they are grouped together as "evil" people, or if that seems too strong, at least as morally deficient people.

What this elitist theory fails to realize is that aside from Maimonides' Thirteen Principles of Faith, no absolutes exist in this world. The Jews of today cannot be dressed in white, while the rest of humanity is garbed in robes of dark immorality.

When this generalizing of mankind takes place, the truth becomes our greatest potential danger.

The scenario often goes like this: a recent graduate begins a new job and finds himself (or herself) in an environment of non-Jews or non-Orthodox Jews. Next comes the uneasy feeling of being a condescending minority; it was easy to look down on others when you were surrounded by others like you, but as one among their many, you begin to think twice. Then you discover that there are extremely admirable characters in your office. Many are kind and helpful. Some undoubtedly seem better people than you. "How can this be?" you ask yourself. Tragically, the result is often a loss in confidence with the teachings of Judaism. The Jewish heritage appears suddenly to be unreasonably elitist — simply because at a time of imperfection, we insist on portraying Orthodox Jewry as the utopian society.

Jewish educators, whether rebbeim, professors, or high school teachers need to be wary of Jewish elitism in their teachings. Transmitting the beauty of Judaism is imperative for educators; painting the world in darker tones than are true has no purpose and only serves to endanger modern Orthodoxy's future.

A Very Special Plea

To the Editor:

Rabbi Avraham (Arthur) Saslow, a YU alumnus (1967), and his five year old son Rafael, were killed in a traffic accident in Israel this past January.

Rabbi Saslow, who had been active in NCSY before coming to YU was one of the first students enrolled in JSS to transfer to REITS and later obtain semicha. He was known to all for his cheery disposition, always smiling, always seeking ways to help others, and never criticizing or complaining. His warm nature won him many friends who loved him dearly and made him very successful in NCSY in America and in Tenuah l'Hafatzat HaTorah in Israel, where he built yeshivos k'tanos in five settlements that previously had none.

Rabbi Saslow married the former Dorrie Turk (Stern, 1968) and moved to Israel in 1971. Prior to the tragedy they had eight children, and another son was born after the accident on 21 Sivan 5749.

His friends have embarked upon a project to learn Mishnayos in his memory (Avraham ben Shlomo) and in memory of his son (Rafael Dovid ben Avraham), and accordingly published a notice in Chavruta, the newsletter of YU Rabbinic Alumni, calling upon his friends and others to sign up in order that we may learn all of the Mishna before his yahrzeit, which is the 23rd of Shevat (Feb. 18, 1990).

Unfortunately, this notice was published later than anticipated due to a turnover in the Rabbinic Alumni office staff and to other difficulties, and we are concerned that there may not be adequate time before the yahrzeit for enough people to sign up.

David Seff will be coordinating this project and anyone interested in learning Mishnayos in memory of the Saslows should contact David Seff at his home, 1443 E. 12th Street, Brooklyn NY 11230, Tel.: 718-336-5818.

David Seff

Response

Raskal's Returns

Religiously Speaking

To the Editor:

In response to a letter to the editor on the November 21st issue of THE COMMENTATOR. THE COMMENTATOR is a Yeshiva College publication and toward that end it is only appropriate to incorporate the Yeshiva aspect in all aspects of the college. I commend our new Editor and wish him continued success.

Yitzchak Mehlman
YC '90

Religiously Speaking?

To the Editor:

In one of the public relations booklets, it states, "Yeshiva University is an independent institution under Jewish auspices chartered by the State of New York...The University's guiding vision is the confidence that the best of the heritage of contemporary civilization—the liberal arts and sciences—is compatible with the ancient traditions of Jewish law and life..." One would think that, given all of this, no one would want to make an appeal for the policy-change at Yeshiva University without referring to Jewish teaching—and yet, we find just such an appeal in "From the Editor's Desk," in the November 21 issue of COMMENTATOR. Even if the proposed change would prove to be actually and ultimately worthwhile, to appeal for change solely on the basis of ideals drawn from the Western liberal arts tradition is, I think, inappropriate in an institution where policy must be informed by Jewish sources. As our president, Dr. Lamm, shlita, has said, equating Torah U-Mada with a weaker allegiance to halacha is "a terrible calumny."

Eliyahu W. Ferrell
RIETS

GOT ANY NEWS?

If you know of an event or an issue that you think should be covered in the COMMENTATOR, contact the News Editors:

Daniel Oshinsky M403
Joseph Wolf M226

To the Editor:

(Dear Mr. Rolnick,)

Aside from the halachic implications of "bashing" someone in public, your letter disturbed me in other ways as well.

You accuse Mr. Raskas of fomenting disunity. I doubt if referring to "out of towners" (I hate to use the epithet) as "lowlifes" contributes to unity either. I, for one, don't focus on a student's place of birth or hometown when deciding whether to invite him over for Shabbat. If a fellow student requires lodging, I don't interrogate him on his municipal affiliations. Stigmatizing fellow Jews according to any criteria, only frustrates the Achdut we should strive to develop.

You unfairly denigrate the "out of towners" extensive participation in extracurricular activities. The "out of towners" enthusiasm derives from their experiences living in towns with small Jewish communities. Contrary to your mistaken belief, these Jewish communities thrive because their members are motivated and dynamic. Due to their small numbers, each member recognizes the need to mobilize the community and get involved; otherwise nothing meaningful, either religiously or culturally, will materialize. Luckily for YU, these "out of towners" have transferred their energies to our University. It's ironic, for example, that "out of towners" participated heavily in the publicity surrounding the mayoral campaign, reminding New Yorkers of obligations which should have been obvious to them.

Unfortunately many New Yorkers suffer from the "other guy will take care of it" mentality. While the thriving Jewish presence in New York and New Jersey is admirable, it all too often promotes apathy and passivity, tendencies we must overcome.

Additionally, New Yorkers do project, at times, an air of haughtiness which justifiably irritates "out of towners". Our constant exposure to homicidal cabbies, impersonal clerks, unscrupulous criminals, boisterous motorists and a general milieu of chaos and anomosity, has transformed impatience and impoliteness into acceptable behavior. Adopting the more serene outlook of our friends from out of town, may help reverse the unfortunate erosion of New York's reputation.

Finally, in case you missed the point, Mr. Raskas' columns are written in jest. I don't know too many New Yorkers who were offended by the column; many in fact, like Mr. Kronengold, applauded its light humor. Perhaps you also intended your letter to be a joke, however your

To the Editor:

Thank you very much. As a Judaic Studies major, specializing in Jewish Disjunction, I have studied the Karaites vs. the Rabbinites conflict of 700s Babylonia, the Hasidim vs. Mitnagdim quarrel of 1770s Vilna and the Hareidi vs. Hiloni bus stop battle of 1980s Jerusalem. But here's a new one, and it's being fought today, for the benefit of us, the Severance Scholars. It's the Tri-State Jews vs. the 47 Others War of early 1990 Yeshiva University. Of course, I'm not surprised that blood is being spilled over claims of geographical superiority. This dispute is long overdue. As my Modern Dismemberment Professor, Dr. Splits says, in broken English, "those Jews, they always divide time after time. Just wait until there's nothing to disagree about, then pass out the scorecards." Things around YU have been far too peaceful since the Sabbath Violators vs. the Sabbath Observers row of last year. Now that was an interesting study in Zachor vs. Shamor (Remember the good old days vs. Keep your nose out of my business). But golly, we're at it again, and this time I'm taking notes. Somewhere in the home court advantage of 33%, lies a doctoral thesis: will the many be delivered into the hands of the few? Up in my room, I'm doing my part to prolong the hostilities. As a Canadian, I've short-sheeted my American roommates' beds three nights running. Alas, all wars must come to an end, and when the smoke clears from this battlefield, who will be next to holler the savage cry for conflict? Will we students of sunder next examine a battle of the sexes with the midtown campus? Maybe the ten o'clock Ma'ariv minyanim will fight it out in an under-one-minute competition. Meanwhile, I'm taking advantage of the free display of living tradition. I'm so glad to have a ring-side seat.

Jonathan Miskin
YC '90

combative and belligerent diction undermined your credibility. You lacked one basic ingredient necessary to elicit laughter: humor.

I don't mean to attack you personally in any manner, however I do hope you'll reassess your opinions, if I have understood them correctly.

Sincerely,
Josh "Musselman" Fruchter
Belle Harbor, NY

p.s. I love New York, I really do.

CAMPUS NEWS

Students Explore Options At Career Week

by Tommy Weinberger

and Leon Zemel

Prompted by student anxiety over career directions, the Career Services Department coordinated a series of discussions that provided a fresh and diverse approach to career decisions. Undergraduate Career Week, which was held at the Midtown Campus, featured four different events. Leading the series, on Monday, November 27, was a panel discussion - MD, JD, MBA - IS THAT ALL THERE IS. The following night, alumni of Yeshiva College and Stern College discussed their graduate studies - GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKS OUT: THE UNTOLD STORY. On Wednesday November 29, representatives from Aliyah organizations were featured - CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN ISRAEL. The following Monday, December 4, Orthodox Jewish professionals related their experiences in dealing with work and family - THE ULTIMATE BALANCING ACT: CAREER AND FAMILY.

Interested in developing a novel approach to career outreach, Zelda Braun and the Student/Career Services department formulated Career Week. According to Dr. Efreim Nulman, Dean of Students, the program provided new options for professional decisions. The week-long format was an experiment geared to peaking student interest in novel alternatives. Ms. Naomi Kapp, Career Counselor, stressed that "successfully coming to career decisions involve many factors." Career Week provided insights into the factors that are a student's major concern.

In reaction to the many students who are unaware of opportunities open to them, the first event provided insight into many fields. According to Ms. Kapp, whether it be a result of peer pressure or social norms in the Orthodox community, students who are not interested in pursuing medicine, law or business feel they have nowhere to turn. Monday night's panel discussion provided an opportunity to network with Jewish professionals operating in

diverse areas. The relaxed and non-threatening atmosphere allowed students to explore alternative career choices.

Speakers stressed the importance of working in fields that are interesting and enjoyable despite the inevitable frustrations. The five representatives held careers ranging from public relations to program directors; yet, they were all stimulated by their professions. Circuitous routes led them to their objectives, but as Kim Gant, program director for Business Week, stated, "with confidence and determination any job is available."

Although SCW and YC produce many students capable of and interested in pursuing graduate studies, many of them are intimidated by the additional years of schooling. Tuesday nights forum centered around the first year experiences of YC and SCW alumni when they entered graduate school. Among the items discussed were the role of graduate studies and how the community views academic work.

Based on a successful and popular workshop conducted two years ago, the Israeli career program was coordinated by Ms. Ellen Singer, a new member in the Student Services Department. In addition to the representatives from the Jewish Agency and Aliyah Center, this year's forum featured representatives from Thilah. Thilah is an organization geared to religious aliyah; among their many programs, Thilah organizes pilot trips allowing American professionals to visit their counterparts in Israel. Speakers from Thilah described general perspectives of the job market in Israel; in addition, they covered specific areas, such as: health, computers, business, and other education. Ms. Kapp proclaimed many students are eager to enter fields that are needed in Israel.

While family considerations have always been a primary concern of women, increasingly, men are searching for job alternatives that allow for family life. The final seminar featured male

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Gypsy cab lodged in fence in YU parking lot. The cab crashed into the parking lot on Wednesday, November 22nd trying to avoid a second car passing through the 185th St.-Audubon Avenue intersection. Several other cars were damaged and the cab driver was taken to the hospital for a head injury.

Faculty Disputes Quality Of Bio-Labs

by Jonathan Greenblatt

Faculty members of the Biology Department at Yeshiva College maintain that the current state of the equipment in the Biology Laboratories is woefully inadequate to provide for the needs of the student body.

Located in the basement of Furst Hall, the Bio-Lab complex consists of five, save one, overcrowded rooms equipped with most of the basic necessities for a Biology Laboratory.

According to Dr. Carl Feit, a professor of several Biology courses at YC, "In the last two years we have been able to update a lot of the equipment i.e. purchase new equipment." For example; Dr. Feit explained, "All student microscopes have been replaced, a new egg incubator has been purchased for the Developmental Biology course and new chromatography equipment has been obtained."

So, where is Yeshiva College lacking? Miss Susan Solomon, the coordinator for the Biology Lab curriculum, complained about the age of most of the equipment, the unwillingness of the Administration to purchase special photography equipment necessary for a modern Bio-Lab program and the growing overcrowdedness in the laboratories because of the increased enrollment in these courses. Miss Solomon said, "the autoclaves, necessary for sterilization, the centrifuges and the film projector are at least 30-35 years old."

Miss Solomon also complained about the single nonfunctional hood for all five Biology Labs. The hood is a properly ventilated shelf, used to provide an area for working with highly volatile, sometimes extremely dangerous chemicals. She further pointed out that there is only one emergency shower and one fire blanket for the entire Bio-Lab complex.

Dr. Feit, while agreeing that there are deficiencies in the Labs here at YC, points out that, "Lab equipment is extremely expensive and that the Yeshiva College Administration is forthcoming despite the enormous financial constraints that burden them." Feit also mentioned that there is a plan in the future to move the entire Bio-Lab facility to Belfer Hall, the location of the other Science departments. In such a case he explained, "it would not be logical to put in new non-portable equipment such as autoclaves, hoods and the like; we would have to re-install new ones when we make such a move." Dr. Robert Moss, another professor of Biology at YC also complains about the age of most of the equipment and adds that a lot of important equipment, absolutely necessary for the proper operation of a modern biology lab is not available here at Yeshiva. For example, "In the entire Department there is no cold box (necessary for conducting experiments at lower temperatures)". Dr. Moss explains that, "You can't do real

biology without a cold room." Also on Dr. Moss' list of grievances: there is an insufficient number of hoods and there is no radioactivity license for Furst Hall. Dr. Moss explained that, "without a radioactivity license, many experiments necessary for the molecular and cell biology courses cannot be done." As far as the excuse for not purchasing non-portable equipment because of the eventual move to Belfer Hall, Dr. Moss said, "To constantly use that as an excuse is just not good, either move us soon or get us the materials."

Without the proper equipment we will surely fall behind other universities in preparing our students for a lab environment."

All of the faculty members understand that to totally equip YU with a modern Bio-Lab is extremely expensive and they maintain that they are doing pretty well with the equipment and supplies which they do have.

Dr. Feit strongly asserts that, "We have a credible Lab Program here at YU, meaning students are exposed to a typical Lab-like environment." Dr. Potvin, however, disagrees and explains that, "the inability of YU pre-meds to gain acceptance to MD-PHD programs is due to insufficient lab courses available to them at Yeshiva. The Molecular Genetics course should have a Lab section, but because none is available, it remains strictly a lecture course."

New Pre-Health Advisor To Fill Post

by Daniel Oshinsky

The selection of a new Pre-Health Sciences Advisor was announced last week by the Dean of Students office. Dr. David Weisbrot, Professor of Biology at William Paterson College and a former YU faculty member, will assume the position vacated in October by long time Pre-Health Advisor Dr. Barry Potvin.

Dr. Weisbrot returns to YU after serving both as a member and the chairman of the Pre-

Professional Committee at William Paterson.

Dr. Weisbrot has been teaching at William Paterson for the past 25 years. He has also served as a faculty member at Tufts and at SUNY-Binghamton.

Dr. Weisbrot received a Ph.D. in Genetics from Columbia University and is presently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California at Berkeley. He has published extensively in his field and continues to carry out research

at Columbia University.

According to Dean Nulman, Dr. Weisbrot has extensive experience as a Pre-Health Sciences Advisor. He has also served in a variety of other academic and administrative positions during the course of the career.

At YC, Dr. Weisbrot's hours will be on Monday and Wednesday, from 2:30 to 5:30. He will be at Stern on Tuesday from 1:00 to 5:00.

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Dormitory Update

by Richard Scharlat

Time now for an update on dorm activities. In Morg, the fourth floor has been hopping. Ira Kosowsky and Baruch Lipner had a double floor party combining the fourth and eighth floors. "Rainman" was shown and the gathering was a success. In addition to the planned event, Ira recently got engaged and an impromptu celebration was organized in the fourth floor lounge. The second floor of Morg also celebrated the arrival of midterms with a private showing of "Stand By Me".

In RIETS, there was a dorm-wide Kiddush Levana party replete with Divrei Torah. While the party met with moderate success, an insider tells me that the possibility of putting carpeting in RIETS was discussed at the gathering.

As for Ruben, a particularly bright spot is the fifth floor. Cantor Seth Lutnick (who doubles as dorm counselor) has a learning group that studies Navi.

A quick word about Shabbat. While staying at YU for Shabbat gives students the unique opportunity to eat in the cafeteria

without taking a student loan (\$15 for three meals), for many out-of-towners, the same setting every Shabbat gets tedious. Hey locals! If you have a friend from out of town or just know someone who stays here all of the time, the Dorm Office encourages you to invite him over.

Finally, we can all look eagerly forward to exciting Chanukah programs, many of the advisors have special programs planned.

Last, but hardly least, the Dorm Office and all of the advisors would like to thank YCSC and, in particular, President Barry Kaye, for footing all of the party bills. Thanks B.K.

Senate Sets Agenda Reading Week First Item

by Mark I. Koffsky

The YC-SSSB Uptown Senate at its first meeting of the academic year on September 21, voted to place as the first item for its agenda a review of Reading Week and its place in the YC-SSSB academic framework. The Senate also decided to place Club Hour as the second item of this year's agenda.

In the subsequent two meetings of the Senate since September 22, various ideas about the modification or elimination of Reading Week have been discussed. An option supported by several Senate members is to eliminate Reading Week and hold full classes instead. In compensation for the lost study time that Reading Week would have provided, two or three study days would be added to the calendar just before Finals Week. These study days could not, however, be counted toward the fifteen weeks of instruction required by state law and would, therefore, lengthen the semester. Other members of the Senate have maintained that the current system of having Reading Week in place of the fourteenth week of instruction works well enough and needs no modification.

Current Yeshiva College policy states that on Reading Week faculty members must either hold class or, alternatively, be accessible to students during the time the classes would have met. In addition, students are responsible for covering on their own the material that would have been taught that week.

The issue is now before a Senate Task Force which is charged to evaluate the issue and

to take into account the concerns of the students, faculty, and administration. The Task Force will present its findings to the full Senate at its next meeting on December 7.

According to the Senate Constitution, any matter passed by the Senate must be presented by the appropriate Dean to the Faculty Assembly of YC or SSSB which may veto the Senate decision by a 2/3 vote. Before the Senate's action becomes a part of academic policy, it must also be approved by the President of the University.

The issue of Club Hour was initially discussed at the Senate meeting of November 16. Three alternatives were proposed: to retain the status quo of Club Hour by keeping it on Thursday, to move Club Hour to Tuesday thereby reversing the current Tuesday and Thursday schedules, or to eliminate Club Hour entirely. This issue is also currently before a (separate) Senate Task Force which is scheduled to report back to the full Senate on December 7.

Any changes in either Reading Week or Club Hour that the Senate passes would not go into effect until the start of the next academic year (1990-1991).

Composed of eight students, eight faculty members, and representatives of the YU administration including the Deans of YC and SSSB, the Senate meets biweekly during Club Hour. The jurisdiction of the Senate covers general academic matters pertaining to YC and SSSB, but does not include the power to rule on individual academic or disciplinary decisions.

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Students Voice Concern Over Promotion Standards

by Shukie Grossman

Recent resignations submitted by several popular members of the Yeshiva College faculty, have students questioning the University's commitment toward educational excellence.

Within three months of the commencement of the current fall semester, both Professor C. Opincar, a popular economics instructor, and Dr. Barry Potvin, the Pre-med Advisor, stepped down from their respective positions, leaving students to question the school's faculty upgrading process. While other factors contributed to their departures, many believe that the University's rigid standard of promotion dissuaded both Opincar and Potvin from maintaining their positions within the institution.

According to junior Lawrence Burian, "Dr. Opincar enriched the class outside the confines of the textbook. He discussed pertinent economic issues and motivated his students with humor and warmth." Senior Joey Loskove lauded Dr. Potvin as an "honest, knowledgeable,

forthright, and personable individual."

In a similar circumstance, Dr. Martin Goldstein, a Professor of Chemistry, resigned prior to fall semester 1988 complaining of difficult standards for promotion. He claimed the administration refused to reduce his courseload, which he requested due to a medical illness. Although Dr. Goldstein had functioned as a full professor for over twenty years, the University's strict guidelines of faculty classification provoked him to resign his position as well.

Dr. Norman Rosenfeld, Dean of Yeshiva College, outlines the requirements for promotion as: 1) teaching ability, 2) scholarly achievement (publishing and research), and 3) service to the college (as a student advisor, on a faculty committee, regarding curriculum issues). These factors, combined with courseload and seniority qualify a teacher for promotion.

Each division within the University has a committee which receives outside evaluations of

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Eastern Europe: Sudden Changes- Difficult Choices

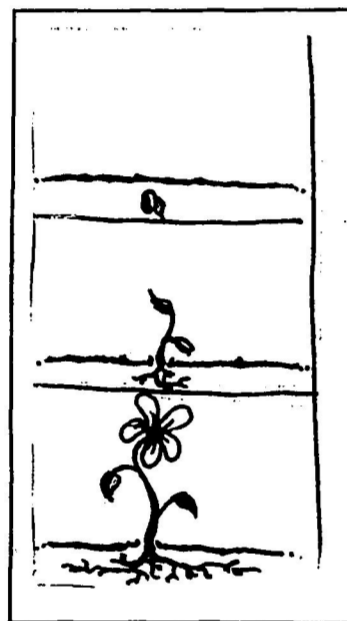
Opinion: The New Order

by Steve Felsenthal

The wheels are turning. Reform has begun. The masses are mobilized and the political institutions can no longer restrain the changing tide. Samuel Huntington describes this occurrence in his theories on developing societies. He explains that political immobilization must be contained within the framework of controlling institutions or else the result is political upheaval. Mikhail Gorbachev has inspired changes throughout the communist world that have completely dismantled the post World War II European balance of power. The possibility of a reunified Germany, a democratized Poland, and the Kremlin's first defeat on an issue in its own Parliament are all delightful news to the West, but they are just intermediate steps to a new world order - a world order that may not even remotely resemble the one that existed before the wheels were set in motion.

The first question that arises in the minds of world leaders is what is the new world going to look like? When the same question arose after World War II, the Yalta Conference settled the problem and created a new political map with a divided Germany. The direct result of this conference between the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union was the formation of alliances centered around the power of the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union. The nuclear threat involved in this balance evolved into what was known as the "balance of terror." With the easing of tensions between NATO and the Warsaw Pact countries, the sides of the scale are no longer clearly defined as they once were. Many of the Eastern European countries and Western European countries no longer consider alliances to be as necessary as they were. As long as the trend continues in this direction, these thinkers may be correct in their view of the world, but other problems seem likely to thwart efforts to create a so-called "Pax-Europa" of European peace.

Prior to World War I, a writer named Neriman Angell theorized that World War was an impossible occurrence. He claimed that due to the fact that most of the countries of the world were intertwined economically, they were dependent upon each other and therefore world war could not occur. It did. Similarly, many make the argument that the forces working to unify Europe - the European community, Western economic aid to Eastern Europe, the Eastern European movement toward democracy - would prevent Europe from erupting in war once again, however, these people ignore the lessons of history (i.e., World War I).



Very few world leaders consider force, on a global scale, to be a viable method of diplomacy. The simple knowledge that if one country acts in an intolerable fashion, that country may begin a chain of destruction ending with the termination of the lives of all parties involved, limits the actions of all countries including the superpowers. Even while Europe is in its present reconciliatory mood, the prospect of Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD) does not cease to control the actions of the states. In essence, although lack of military force may make a country a weak actor, the maintenance of military force does not necessarily make a superpower.

Many theorists are presently rediscovering the basis of Marxism in order to redefine the international system, although with the fall of communism, it is generally accepted that this economic system has failed.

Many people now believe that due to the fact that military power is becoming less important, the strength of a country's economy may determine its status in the post Cold War world. Nations such as Japan and West Germany have overtaken the United States in many areas of the economy. Japan is now the single largest lender of

money to the third world. Since the third world is of ever-increasing importance and includes the overwhelming majority of states, the fact that many of them are dependent upon Japan and West Germany, gives these two countries a large amount of influence in the third world and in organizations such as the United Nations. The possible unification of Europe (which may now also include Eastern Europe) into a single economic unit will give it the single largest market in the world and if this unit were to act cohesively politically, Europe would probably become the dominant world power. A political unification of Europe is still a distant thought or hope, depending on one's vantage point, but the economic power of a united Europe would quickly come to dominate the world's markets.

Other possible factors in the power maintained by states may also have an influence on the world order. Size of population is always a significant factor in determining the power of a nation. Throughout history until the present day, medium-sized nations have always dominated the international scene. Most recently, countries such as China and India have populations that are far too large and diverse to make them a major world power, while Israel and Saudi Arabia may have military knowledge and equipment, but their populations are too small to provide either a sizable market for industry or a large enough armed force. In addition, domestic problems and heterogeneity prevent many countries, such as China or India, from reaching their potential. The two superpowers, at least until the present time, have either not had these problems or have been able to keep them under control.

The post Cold War structure of Europe depends upon a lot of factors. After World War II, the Yalta conference, which decided upon the world order after the war, consisted of a meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin. As Thomas Friedman of the New York Times points out, these were the leaders of the nations that were victorious in World War II. Yalta took place at sea and so will Malta. Malta is the location where President Bush and Premier Mikhail Gorbachev will meet face to face to discuss the new division of the world, but this time the conversation will be a little different. At Yalta, the military prowess of the countries involved gave them the power to decide what the world would look like. At the new summit, near Malta, it will be other factors that decide on the world order and the leaders of the superpowers are merely deciding how to react. The system is

changing and President Bush and Gorbachev must decide how to apply Hutchinson's theory.

There is no country in the world that presently possess all of the resources necessary for dominant power. It seems as if the Cold War Era has ended and the international system has returned to a similar balance of power, to the one that existed before the world war erupted. Countries are once again vying for the support of others and the broad alliances that once existed are no longer necessary. Countries will now make alliances on individual issues rather than share positions on all issues. Merely because Japan sides with the United States on one issue does not mean that it cannot side with the Soviet Union on another. Military alliance will be slow to fall due to the history of aggressive European regimes, such as Germany, but other barriers may be quick to collapse and the countries that take the lead in the changes that are occurring, will be the ones that take the lead in the post Cold War order.

Wailing Over The Wall

by Ari Weisbrot

Last month, I took a trip to the "Western Wall" and, like every other time that I have gone, I couldn't fight back the tears. I stood against the wall and stared up at its commanding and stern rigidity. I silently acknowledged the soldiers, standing around in their clean, crisp uniforms, carefully keeping control; their guns ready to quickly dispell any potential trouble. Of course, I knew what lay beyond the wall, imposing bricks. On one hand, the "shrine" on the other side is even too sweet to think about. It represents the unity of my people - the oneness that we have always yearned for. But "The Wall" also represents the division of our culture. It serves as a painful reminder of the fact that the mistakes of our forefathers, led to the establishment of this wall, and all of the divisiveness that it symbolizes. The very fact that we aren't supposed to ever cross it makes the wall's presence almost, well, ironic.

And, so, a few times a year (every national holiday), my family climbs into our 1978, off-white BMW station wagon, heads towards the "Old City", and walks the solemn path to "The Wall". Others come every week, some each morning. But all share the same prayer once they get there - that one day our people can unite and live together, once again, in this our



by David Borowich

America recently played host to Lech Walesa, the founder of Poland's Solidarity movement and a man whom President Bush lauded as "the spiritual godfather of a new generation of Democracy." In his first trip ever to America, Lech Walesa expressed his admiration of the American democratic system and thanked the United States for the support it has shown so far for Poland's advances. He also emphasized that while his Solidarity party would continue to push for democratic reforms throughout Poland, the United States would have to further demonstrate its commitment towards rebuilding Poland, by supplying substantial economic aid.

In his address given to a joint meeting of Congress, making him only the third non-head of state to do so, Lech Walesa urged the congressmen to recall the Marshall Plan. In 1945 the United States, in an effort to revive the devastated and ruined economies of Europe, offered economic assistance to all Euro-

pean states. While this aid was utilized by almost everyone in Western Europe, Stalin in Russia forbade Poland to use any of the relief money provided by the Marshall Plan. After World War II, with the defeat of the Germans and the end of their occupation in Europe, Poland theoretically should have gained its autonomy. However, the allied forces of America and Great Britain sat idly by and watched the imposition of communism on Poland. Free elections were not held as promised and anyone who dared express a desire for democracy was persecuted.

Political repression and economic restraints became the tools of the Soviet-imposed communist government to control the people. These attempts to regiment society curtailed the number of protests but never fully succeeded in extinguishing the hope and yearning of the Polish people for freedom and independence. In the years 1956, 1970, 1976, and 1980, workers throughout Poland revolted against the Communist Party

Berlin: What Lies Ahead?

by J.J. Hornbliss

Years ago, the Potsdamer Platz was known worldwide as a chic and bustling crossroad. Located in the heart of Berlin, the plaza was full of life and culture. 1961 brought an abrupt end to this most famous square of Germany's capital. The Cold War split one of history's most famous cities, Berlin. It is difficult to visualize one city divided in two. But the Berlin Wall had done just that, until only a few days ago, it crumbled in one of the most positive acts of vandalism ever. East German citizens took turns hacking at it with a pickaxe, and the world watched in amazement.

Almost as soon as they had penetrated the wall, tens of thousands of East German citizens streamed through makeshift gateways to be "reunited" with their brethren in West Germany. The people sat where only hours before, armed guards had patrolled. It seemed the demise of the Communist scrooge was at hand. And the souvenirs! It seemed as if the Wall wasn't being ripped down but moved into every Berliner's trophy case. A shipment of Wall fragments even arrived in America just in time for holiday shopping. The happiness that was evident in Berlin was contagious. Headlines around the globe were splattered with words like: "Joy!" "Festivity!" and even "Party-time!"

Regrettably, amid all the

gaiety no one bothered to take a moment to remember; The media, the Germans, not even the world (excluding Elie Wiesel, Lech Walesa and a few select others) remembered November 9, 1989 as the 51st anniversary of Berlin's Kristallnacht.

The recent events have only been flashes in history's blinking eyes. It all began just a few weeks ago in mid-August. West German diplomatic missions in East Berlin, Budapest, and Prague overflowed with East Germans seeking to emigrate to the West. After 57,000 East Germans fled Communism through Hungary, the rumblings of change really started to be voiced in East Germany. The peaceful demonstrations grew in size and demanded increasingly more change. A visit by Soviet leader Gorbachev did nothing to quell the tide of change and East German Premier Erich Honecker resigned from office exactly eleven days later.

Although the new East German leader was replacing an unpopular deposed head of state, Egon Krenz definitely could have used some Ronald Reagan popularity tips. Krenz, generally known as a hardliner, promised "free, general, democratic and secret elections," but faced a fierce chorus of boos and catcalls. Krenz stared at an inherited situation in which East Germans were migrating en masse to the West. According

to some estimates, 1.8 million or 10% of East Germany's population have fled the country. Krenz felt that the tide of emigration could not be overcome. At a press conference that Thursday, November 9th, an underling named Schabowski announced almost offhandedly that starting at midnight, East Germans would be free to leave at any point along the country's borders, including the crossing points through the wall of Berlin, without special permission, for a few hours, a day or forever. Krenz, experts reasoned, felt the opening of East Germany's borders would relieve the desire of many citizens to emigrate West. Word spread like wildfire. Well before midnight a large crowd developed in front of Checkpoint Charlie, the Wall's famous crossway in West Berlin's American sector. Many had piled out of nearby bars, carrying bottles of champagne and beer. For 36 hours Germans from both sides of the wall celebrated with joy and fervor.

Naturally, the reunification of the two German countries was suggested by many of the revelers. "Suddenly everything seems possible," responded an East German. Another German was quoted as saying, "We will be one Germany again!" According to one major newspaper, during the festivities, spattering voices could be heard singing the old

German national anthem, Deutschland Uber Alles. Even the Parliament in Bonn, West Germany, broke out into an impromptu rendition of the old song when news of the Wall's ruination broke.

With all the history being made, should the thought of a reunified Germany even be allowed consideration? Elie Wiesel wrote shortly after the opening of the Wall, "Whenever Germany was too powerful, it fell prey to perilous temptations of Utilitarianism." The Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said, "This is a bomb; we paid a heavy price for the existence of Hitler. I do not need to say how heavy." Walesa continued saying, "there was a second nation on Polish soil, the Jewish nation, and it disappeared. We have to do everything to avoid

(ironically called the United Workers Party) in efforts to improve the living conditions of the people.

The last of these revolts resulted in the creation of the Solidarity Labor Union in August 1980. With its outspoken and charismatic leaders, Solidarity increasingly became a powerful movement that threatened the Communist regime's authority. In a move to reassert its control over the people, the United Workers Party declared martial law on December 13, 1981, outlawed solidarity, and imprisoned its leaders.

With this major setback, Solidarity was forced to retreat from being a powerful political movement to being an underground dissident opposition. For the next eight years, the solidarity movement, fueled by desire and sparse clandestine aid from world-wide sympathizers, continued in its struggle against the communist regime.

Meanwhile, the Polish economy, which had been in decline since the late 1970's, began to erode. Following the imposition of martial law, the economy deteriorated so swiftly that the Communist government was forced to negotiate with the enjoined Solidarity leaders. On April 5, 1989 an historic entente was reached, where Solidarity was re-legalized in return for its assistance in rebuilding the ruined Polish economy.

The necessary reinstatement of Solidarity as a legitimate movement revitalized the demands of its leaders, which called for free elections and the establishment of a new house in Parliament. Less than six months ago, in the first week of June, Poland held its free elections in almost half a century. In this parliamentary election, Solidarity received a decisive majority of the popular vote. In the newly created Senate, also referred to as the Upper House, Solidarity won 99 of the 100 seats. In the 460 seat Sejm, the Lower House, Solidarity swept the communists, occupying 34% of the 35% available seats. The results of these elections are indicative of the overwhelming popular sup-

port that Solidarity has in Poland.

In a gesture that reflected the mood in Poland, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the president of the coalition government, designated Tadeusz Mazowiecki to be the first non-communist Prime Minister of Poland since the early postwar years. These definitive steps at breaking from four decades of communist rule and establishing a democracy in Poland jarred the European Community and spurred other traditionally Soviet-influenced countries to revolt, leading to the massive political upheavals in the Eastern bloc society.

These new democratic regimes emerging throughout all of Eastern Europe are faced with many significant problems. Particularly, Poland is challenged by a collapsing economy, internal conflicts within the coalition and relatively inexperienced leaders. Referring to the state of Poland's solidarity leaders, Andrzej Stelmachowski, speaker of the Senate, declared, "we are amateurs."

Forty years under communist influence has left Poland's economy reeling under about 140 billion dollars in foreign debt and an inflation rate of nearly 1,000 percent. There is no stability with the workers constantly striking; the people need to see promising signs that their living conditions will improve.

Prime Minister Mazowiecki recently unveiled a bold set of initiatives aimed at reversing the economic decline and preparing for Poland's transition to a free market economy. In addition to these plans, Poland desperately needs foreign assistance to help alleviate its huge debt and to reconstruct its economy.

Lech Walesa, who opted for an unofficial leadership position outside the government, recently made his world-wide tour in an effort to promote foreign loans and investments in Poland. He called specifically on America to continue to show its support and to treat Poland as a partner and a friend. In his speech before congress, the one-time electrician from the Polish shipyards in Gdansk confidently declared, "Now is the moment when Eastern Europe awaits an investment of this kind - an investment in freedom, democracy and peace - an investment adequate to the greatness of the American nation."

repeating mistakes."

Although reunification is not imminent, the accelerated rate of these remarkable events in Eastern Europe does anything but preclude such a possibility. Only a few weeks ago the Berlin Wall seemed poised for eternity. Thus, we must reflect and consider its ramifications. The tyranny of Nazi Germany is fresh in the minds of many. If having one Germany could lead to another German Blitzkrieg, then it would be a tragedy, for it would assure the Jewish people that the world will never remember what happened 51 years ago.

EMTs: Helping The Hard Way

by Avrum Aaron

"We put the guy in the ambulance and I was riding next to him holding his hand. Suddenly, he squeezed my hand and went into cardiac arrest... I wanted to quit my job." But, thankfully a superior talked Yitzchok "Chuck" Brink out of quitting his job.

It's not common for a 23 year old to have seen "around 30" deaths, as Peter Abowitz has seen, but being an EMT is not a common job.

Around Yeshiva there are a good number of Emergency Medical Technicians. Some become EMTs in order to gain experience in the medical field, as Chuck Brink did. Others, like Peter Abowitz, do it just "to help people".

It is not easy to become an EMT. The course is time consuming and very demanding. Techniques must be practiced until perfect. Even so, "I learned most of what I know on an ambulance after the course," said Peter Abowitz.

"Once EMTs finish the course, they still are not completely sure of their skill," said Chuck. "At first you don't know if you're doing it right," Michael Litwin, an EMT for six months, added. "When you see them on TV and someone dies, and you think you could be responsible, you think twice." EMTs also have fears of communicable diseases which they counter by wearing protective gloves and clothing.

EMTs, like doctors, must deal

with seeing their patients die at times. "The first couple of times it's really hard to handle, but after three years you become numb to it...almost," said Peter Abowitz.

But, there are times when they have cause to celebrate. Michael Litwin revived a cardiac arrest patient on Kol Nidre night. Peter Abowitz once delivered a baby girl. "It's the happiest thing an EMT can respond to if everything goes okay."

Michael, Peter and Chuck all work for Hatzolah, a community sponsored volunteer organization. Hatzolah is in specific neighborhoods in the five boroughs of New York City.

The EMT course will be offered, as it is every year, at Yeshiva. It will meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights from January 28 through May. Students who pass the course and the state test will become EMTs. The cost of the course is \$300.00. "It is definitely worth it, you can make it back in a week," said Chuck.

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Bomb Threat

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quarters said, "In some situations, Burns security can be used to help assist in a search conducted by the Police Department, but they [Burns security] certainly shouldn't conduct a bomb search on their own."

"By hiding it [the bomb scare] from us, does it make us safer?" asked Arzouane, "People should know if they are in danger." Arzouane added that he had been told by one of the security guards that there are about three bomb threats per month.

Mr. Hoyt, the head of the security department for Yeshiva College, Stern College, and Cardozo Law School, refused to comment on the November 12th bomb threat. However, he said that calling in a bomb threat or any threatening call is the same as aggravated harassment, and is a police matter. "We at YU do have a specific bomb threat procedure, and anything of this nature is considered a serious matter." He added that, "All incidents are thoroughly investigated and critiqued, and whether or not an incident was a success or a failure, we learn from it, and training programs are established based on those." Mr. Hoyt concluding by saying that, "the type of people that do this [call in bomb threats] have small minds."

Promotions

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promotion candidates. After analyzing these assessments, the committee then submits their recommendations for promotion to the administration.

At YU, a four dimensional spectrum of teachers exists, beginning with the instructor level, and progressing to assistant professor, then associate professor, and finally full professor. A fifth category, the adjunct-professor, teaches only part-time, and thus does not qualify for a promotion in the same manner as the previous four. Dean Rosenfeld contends that the promotional time frame has been rather flexible in recent years. However the move from assistant professor to full professor generally takes about

seven to eight years.

While the Dean admits that length of service generally plays a role in determining the extent of a faculty member's upward mobility, he stresses that scholarly achievement is more likely to precipitate an early promotion. Dean Rosenfeld explains the correlation between scholarly activity and promotion with the presumption that "someone who is alive in his field is a better teacher as far as transmitting information," and is less prone to teach a "canonized course."

While many of these standards of upgrading faculty are universally accepted in the academic world, Yeshiva College's conformity to these standards has found little sympathy in the hearts of the student body.

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Careers

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and female Orthodox Jews who have developed methods for balancing careers and family. Each representative presented their individual solutions, and stressed that what is right for them may not be acceptable to everyone else. This quest for individual solutions to career problems was the main focus of Career Week.

As Ms. Kapp stated, career decisions require "tradeoffs and compromises, not perfect solutions. Yet, the final decision has to be of interest to the individual and reflect their values, personality and lifestyles." Many students do not know which discipline to major in and often feel they are making the wrong choice. Career Week highlighted the marketability of the liberal arts major. For the many students who were unaware of the diverse opportunities, new avenues unfolded before them.

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| 12. Collection of materials | 4. With |
| 13. Peak young | 5. Square plant |
| 14. Press | 6. Sweet |
| 15. Office holder | 7. Cancel a penalty |
| 16. Remove | 8. Element |
| 18. Recover | 9. Proof of time |
| 20. Not you | 10. Recapture |
| 21. Position upon | 11. Election (abbr.) |
| 22. Bug | 17. Officeholder |
| 23. Measured quantity | 19. Individual's work |
| 27. Plastic part | 22. Usually crowd |
| 29. Fun between two people | 24. Nongovernmental organization (abbr.) |
| 30. Past | 25. Donation |
| 31. In the event that | 26. Prepare for publication |
| 32. Place for bathing | 27. Major |
| 33. Sea | 28. West |
| 34. Midwestern state (abbr.) | 29. Size |
| 35. Station | 30. After |
| 37. Cut sound | 32. Added |
| 38. Place | 33. Mind |
| 39. Change | 35. 16th Creek letter |
| 40. Female leg | 37. Ruined |
| 41. Near | 38. Electricity |
| 42. Chick down | 40. Place of an event |
| 44. Librarian | 41. He |
| 47. Cooked process | 43. Spelled for letters |
| 52. Flimsy shooting marble | 44. In the case of (2 words) |
| 53. Acute angle | 45. Furry animal |
| 54. Always | 46. Large gilder |
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infested neighborhood, Yeshiva University has often had to confront the dangers of its periphery. Yet, in the on-campus category, the University maintains a relatively unmarked record, deeming the widely publicized sniper shootings of six years ago an exception. Subsequently, the University employed what is considered to be a multi-million dollar security team.

In a statement regarding the mugging of the three students, Dean of Students Efram Nulman said, "this incident was something off-campus and a lot happens in New York City. But we're thankful that they're safe and healthy and that nothing worse happened."

Dean Nulman included in his statement, "Yeshiva College students must be extremely cautious and keep their eyes and ears opened. The key element here is that the student must be aware of his surroundings."

He proclaimed what he calls his "survival principle" for living in an urban setting: "An incredible amount of awareness. Students can't be in a daze."

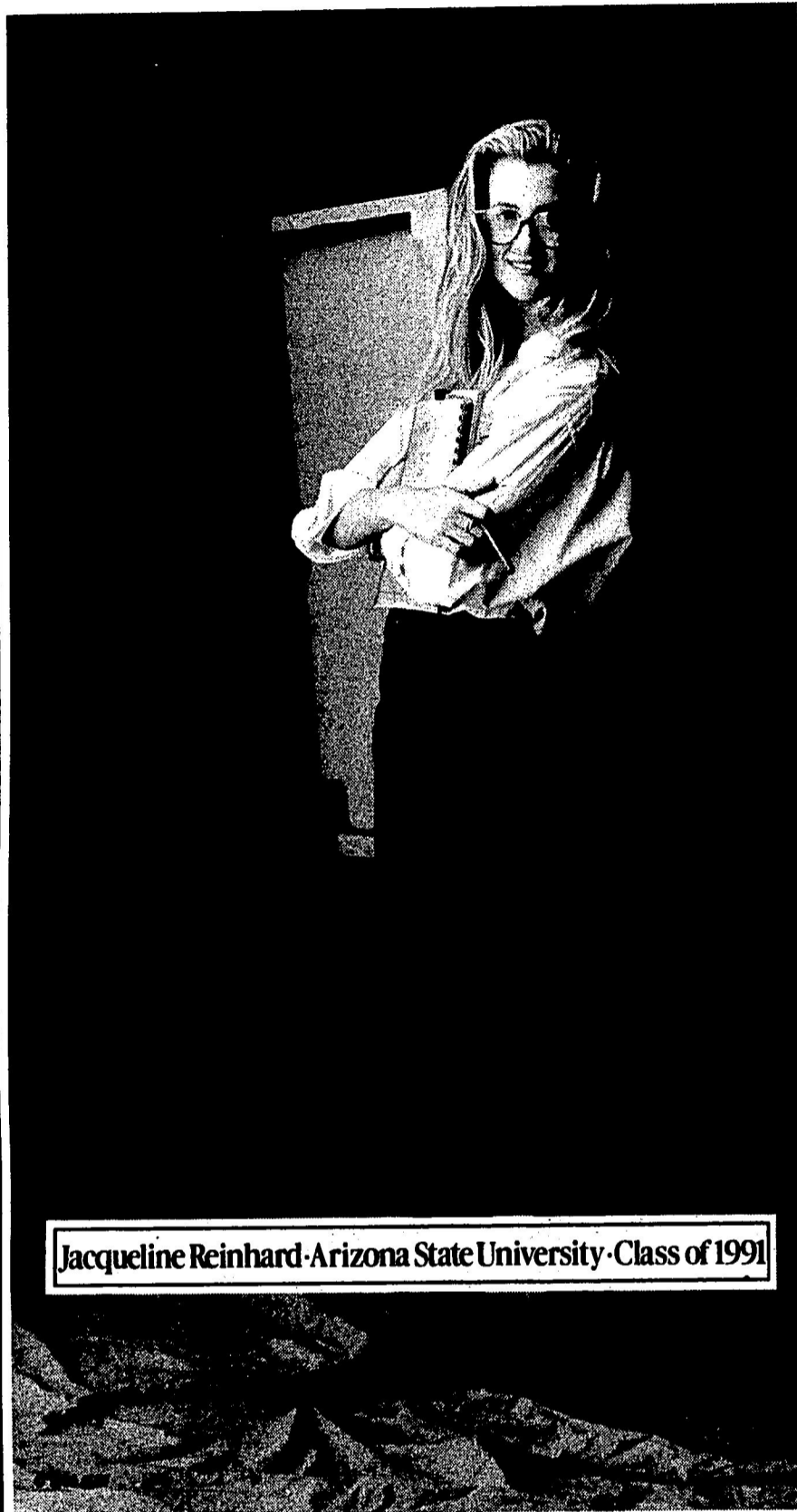
Dean Nulman stressed that students should "feel free to take advantage of the University security services available." The University offers van service to the subway train stations, students' automobiles, and Stern college, as well as places in the immediate vicinity of YU.



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Club Canada: On Freedom And Equality



by Joseph Bensmihen

In the last issue of THE COMMENTATOR, Zvi Kaplan distinguished between Canadians and Americans by showing America's superiority in the area of human rights. While the Canadian perspective on the issue painted a gloomy picture indeed, I think that the American system also leaves a little to be desired.

Most of us assume that our rights to freedom and equality are guaranteed by society. However, as a victim of Cerebral Palsy, I have learned that these "basic" liberties are not as automatic as we would like to believe.

It was a hot, summer day when my parents received a letter from the Quebec government informing them that their request that I be allowed to attend a regular school was

denied. The Minister of Education said that he believed it would not be in my best interest to "bite off more than I could chew," though he did tell my parents that, as a citizen of Quebec, I had the right to appeal his decision.

In de Tocqueville's book, *Democracy in America*, he speaks about a concept which he calls condition of equality. From what I am able to understand, he wants to relate to his readers that everyone in America has an equal opportunity to achieve a goal and express a certain amount of freedom. Freedom and equality are two very distinct concepts that many people often mistake as having the same meaning. I believe that this is a common misconception of de Tocqueville. However, as an advocate on behalf of Cerebral Palsy, I have learned how

freedom and equality are really two individual concepts, but, unfortunately, in the 1830s when de Tocqueville wrote his book, the only equality of condition was with non-handicapped people. There was never and there still is not an equality of conditions towards disabled individuals.

Through my experiences as a disabled individual who has been handicapped by society, I have found that there were many things that I had the equal right to do, but society did not grant me the freedom to do. Among these rights were: equal education, equal access to buildings, and equal motor vehicle opportunities.

In 1976, when my parents wanted me to attend the local day school, and I was denied because of my disability, they were taken aback. I was told that

I was an equal in citizenship and could appeal the decision, so why was I not allowed to attend a regular day program? With all of the equality which the Minister of Education said that I had, I still did not have the freedom to do as I pleased when it came to attending the school of my choice.

Most individuals who are disabled still have prominent jobs in professional fields. However, when one who is wheelchair bound goes for a job interview in a building that does not have a wheelchair ramp, it makes it very difficult for that individual. Here too, we see the equality that the handicapped individual has towards interviewing for a job, but without the proper ramps, the individual does not have the freedom to feel independent.

In 1985, I had a similar

problem when it came time for me to start driving. The law stated that anyone with a major disability such as Cerebral Palsy had to receive a special driving adapter (i.e.: hand brakes) in order to drive. I felt that I was just as capable of driving as any "normal" person, yet the law did not make any stipulation between a capable and non-capable disabled person. Again, we see a difference between equality and freedom.

Rabbi Aharon Soleveitchik once stated, after he had a major stroke, "If the world would look at disabled individuals as a part of society, then 50 percent of a person's disability would be overcome." He believes that society has the handicap while the individual only has a disability. For this reason, the concept of equality of conditions of disabled people was not discussed by de Tocqueville in the 1830s. Now, in 1989, major changes have occurred to increase the possibilities that disabled individuals receive freedom as well as equality.

Wrestlers Lose Two-Inexperience Evident

by David Maryles

Judging from the outcomes of their first two matches of the 89-90 season-defeats at the hands of Stevens Tech and Manhattan College-it appears that inexperience could be the Achilles heel of the Ellmen.

Stevens Tech 36, Yeshiva 18 [at Yeshiva-11/18/89]

Being the home opener for the Ellmen, the team appeared pumped up in anticipation of emulating last season's success. The Stevens Coach later admitted to Coach Schwitzer that "he had expected a defeat and that he was pleasantly surprised by his team's overall success against YU." While the Ellmen may have been mentally prepared, they were physically outclassed. The lone standouts for Yeshiva were team captain David Edelcreek and Doug Wolf at 167 lbs. and at 177 lbs., respectively. Wrestling in succession, this duo brought a faint and fleeting glimmer of hope for the Ellmen but further efforts by the rest of the team were to no avail. Coach Schwitzer commented on Edelcreek's match: "Dave started slow and deliberate. As a seasoned veteran, he realized that a quick pin was not to be and played it smart in taking his time and piling up points. Edelcreek wanted to conserve his energy so that he would not wear out during the third and last period. He was methodical as he proceeded to put the Stevens guy away." Ultimately, Edelcreek got his elusive pin, with only four seconds left in the match. Victory was never a question as the Ellmen's captain led throughout, 15-6 at the time of the pin. The YU Coach was quick in his assessment of Wolf's victory: "Doug really buried his

opponent. He knew he was facing a tough wrestler and didn't want to waste any time. Wolf really went to town on this guy." In fact, it was one of the shortest matches of the night as the YU representative won with a pin at 2:19 of the first period.

Outside of a lone forfeit at 126 for Yeshiva, the rest of the night belonged at the powerful Stevens Tech.

Manhattan College 48, Yeshiva 12 [at Manhattan-1/0/89]

In a mirror image of the Stevens match, Yeshiva was dominated by the Manhattan squad. In fairness to the YU wrestlers, they were facing an opponent that was (in most cases) far superior to their own level of skill. As noted in the

season preview, Manhattan took to actively recruiting over the past year and rumors abound that they are climbing out of division III to Division I wrestling. Outside of David Edelcreek and Avi Shatkes, there wasn't much worth talking about. Edelcreek (2-20) was terse in describing his victory: "I took him down early twice, then I caught him with a cradle and that was the end of the story [1:27 of the first period]." Shatkes' match was a fierce battle with both wrestlers scoring points early and often. Shatkes (1-1) caught his Manhattan opponent with two or three double-leg takedowns. Ultimately, he gained the victory by pinning his wearied opponent at 4:33 of the third period.

Hoopsters Set For Championship Drive

by Eric Melzer

Tigers 59, Terps 51:

With this victory, the Tigers squeezed into the playoffs - nailing down the 6th and final spot. Meanwhile, the Terps finished the season 4-3 and fell into fifth place in the standings. Among the records achieved in this contest were most points in a half - 21, and most three-point shots made in one half - 5. Both were set by Josh Dobin of the Terps. Dobin finished his one man show with only 25 points as the Tigers applied a fierce defense in the second half, geared to stopping him. League leading scorer Daniel Loskove poured in 30 points to take the

scoring title (115 total pts.). The terps led 33-28 at the half and extended it to 41-30 with 15 minutes remaining. At that point, Shukie Grossman nailed 3 consecutive three-point shots to cut the gap to 2. From that point on, the Tigers dominated.

Wolfpack 62, Blue Devils 40:

The Pack blew the Blue Devils away, starting with a 9-0 run and leading 24-14 at the half. Four members of the Wolfpack tallied double figures, as they secured 2nd place, thus gaining a "bye" until the semi-final round. Moshe Wertentel was the second player to break the century mark for total points

RASKAL'S KORNER

After the RASKAL's one-issue hiatus he is returning with some helpful betting figures for his faithful followers. the RASKAL decided to set the spread for the next four Maccabee games. He is offering this merely as a public service to all Mac diehards, it is not intended to be a poor-man's alternative to the AT&T Stock Challenge.

Favorite	Points	Underdog
New Jersey Tech	17	YESHIVA
YESHIVA	34	Bard
Yeshiva	6	NY Poly Tech
West Conn	31	YESHIVA

(Home Team in Caps)

The RASKAL would also like to declare that Benjy Samuels (desperate editor of Kol) won a T-shirt with the best entry to the RASKAL's past question. The RASKAL would like to announce that the Rest Of The Country Club (ROTCC) will once again give away a free T-shirt for the best answer to the following question: Why would anybody want to live in Fairlawn, N.J.? Please Submit all answers to Morg 226 by Tuesday, December 12.

this semester (100 points), while Blinder came close for the Wolfpack at 93 points. The Blue Devils (2-5) have been eliminated from playoff contention.

Cavs. 49, Tar Heels 23.

In a game that has the widest margin of victory - ever - in intramurals history, the Tar Heels mercifully concluded a winless season. Their sole consolation is in the fact that they have 1st choice in the supplemental draft next semester. The league leading Cavs (5-2) remained atop the standings and joined the Wolfpack in the semis, as they received a "bye" as well.

Yellow Jackets 50, Deamon Deacons 39.

The score was deadlocked at 22 early in the second half and it was not until late in the game (4:00 left) that the Yellow Jackets were able to pull away. They finished 5-2 yet fall to third

overall due to a complex tie-breaking system [-based on margin of victory in common games]. Ranon Mann concluded his fine season with 15 points and Darrin Hirt chipped in 14 - both for the Yellow Jackets. The Deamon Deacons finished 4th and face the 5th place Terps in the first round of the playoffs.

Hockey

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Outsiders played without top goal scorer Steve Lax.

Ducks 7, Bruisers 6.

Despite a valiant effort by the Bruisers Alan Sorcher (4 goals, 1 assist) the Ducks prevailed as Ira Feintuch scored 3 goals and Yehuda Srulowitz had 2 goals. The victory kept the Ducks in a third place tie with the Artichokes.

Kings 2, Nighthawks 2

The Kings defense once again rose to the occasion and fought off a rush by the Nighthawks. The Nighthawks in last place played with great intensity as Mike Bindell scored 2 goals for the Nighthawks.

Outsiders 9, Artichokes 1

The Artichokes, playing with the absence of their top players, were outmatched by the Outsider offense. Yechiel Gordon and Steve Lax had hat tricks for the Outsiders.

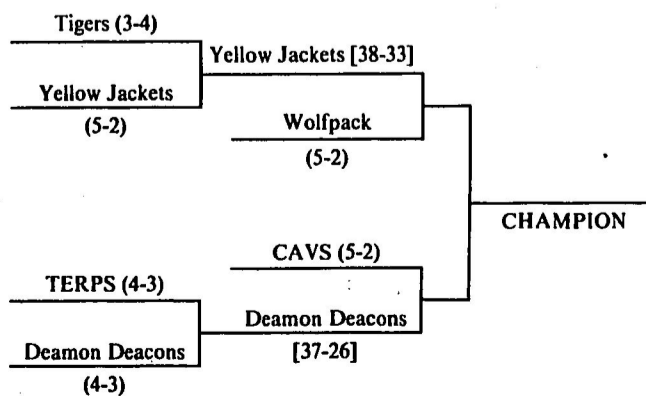
Regular Season—Final Standings

Team	W-L	PF	PA
*1. Cavs	5-2	327	249
*2. Wolfpack	5-2	360	321
3. Yellow Jackets	5-2	320	301
4. Deamon Deacons	4-3	335	304
5. TERPS	4-3	330	329
6. Tigers	3-4	321	340
7. Blue Devils	2-5	282	337
8. Tar Heels	0-7	276	344

*receive bye to Semi-Final Round

PLAYOFF Picture [as of 12/2/89]

Best 2 or 3



Standings	Pts
Outsiders (4-1-0)	8
Kings (3-0-1)	7
Artichokes (2-2-0)	4
L.I. Ducks (2-2-0)	4
Bruisers (1-3-0)	2
Nighthawks (0-4-1)	1

Top Scorers	G	A	P
Dov Borger, Outsiders	8	5	13
Steve Lax, Outsiders	11	2	13
Alan Sorcher, Bruisers	6	1	7
Ira Feintuch, Ducks	4	2	6
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Davis Dominates As Macs Take Two At Home

by Shmuel Bulka

Yeshiva 87, Centenary 46

The Yeshiva Maccabees improved to 1-2 with an 87-46 pummeling of Centenary College in their home opener.

The first seven minutes saw the Macs flustered by a pesky Centenary team. The game was sloppy at both ends as neither team could hit their open shots and both sides were called for numerous travelling violations. But a 15-2 run midway through the first half put the Macs ahead to stay easily covering the 13 point spread.

The run was keyed by Eric Davis who led the Macs with 26 points. With the reigns on him slightly loosened, Davis began to drive at will and showed that when allowed to run, he can taken over the game almost by himself. At one point, he brought the sparse opening-game crowd to its feet, hitting a one-handed scoop-shot with a hapless Centenary defender clinging to his back. Even with his performance, Davis refused to take credit for the victory. "It

was a good team effort by everybody," he said.

On a seemingly innocent play toward the end of the first half, center Tzvi Himber went down with what looked to be a harmless knee injury. After the medical tests performed, it appears that Himber will be out for quite a while, possibly even the rest of the year. "We are really going to miss Himber. I hope he is not hurt too badly," said teammate Avrum Aaron, who led the Macs with 11 rebounds, five off the offensive glass.

Although Centenary is a team of freshman in its first year with a basketball program, the consensus is that the Macs have shown some improvement from the pre-season. "They worked the ball around well. They were usually able to set up the open shot," said WYUR sports analyst Michael Shuman. Captain David Gottlieb seemed to profit the most from this new-found offensive prowess as the senior from Los Angeles scored a season-high 18 points.

Centenary was led by forward

Kevin Boswell who scored 11 points, but that was little consolation. "I'm not used to losing by so much. I went to Archbishop Mclaughlin, the same highschool as Mark Jackson. We just did not play a good game tonight," he said.

Yeshiva 92, Maritime 74

Yeshiva improved to 2-2 with their initial conference win, a 92-74 triumph over the Maritime Privateers in a game lengthened considerably by over-officiating.

Eric Davis opened the game with a three-pointer and almost equalled his previous game's performance in the first half. But despite his 21 points, the Macs found themselves behind at the half 40-39. Jason Clark and Mark Aloisio combined for 22 points while totally dominating inside.

The Macs defense finally began to stifle the Privateers while the offense caught fire. A 22-9 run to open the second half gave the Macs a seemingly insurmountable lead and David Gottlieb's 23 points, ten

Yeshiva's Chariot of Fire: Trackstar Naphtali Levin

by David Maryles

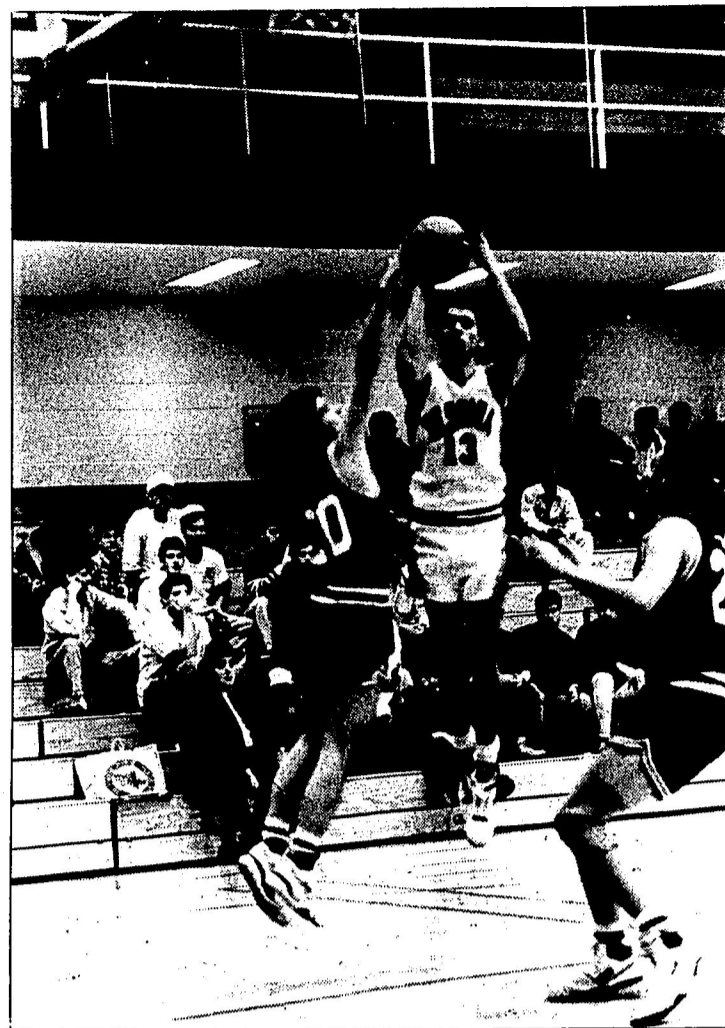
He is always running somewhere. "Who is that guy?" they ask. "Where is he going?" they wonder. He is Naphtali Levin, one of the captains of the Yeshiva Cross Country Team. He trains for himself, setting high standards and striving for excellence. Levin is the team's pace setter and aims to build the YU Harriers into "a unit or nucleus that will train together, work together and achieve together."

In regard to "Where is he going?", most will be shocked to hear the ultimate destination -

New Jersey. Levin tries to run whenever possible: between classes if he has a sufficient break (ie - 2 hrs.), early in the morning before Seder and shiur or after classes, or at night. A usual routine includes running over the GW bridge into New Jersey where there is a regulation size college track that is open to the public. Of course, he has to run back as well - in total about 7 miles. Other times, he can be found riding the subway up to Van Cortlandt Park when he will run a few laps - at 5 miles per lap. Cross country running is not a spec-

tator sport. Without the cheers of fans, the runners must find within themselves a spark or desire that pushes them. The rewards are not readily apparent and improvements are measured in seconds and quarter-miles.

When questioned on his start on running, Levin commented: "I ran in the Morasha annual 'around the lake' race back in 1988 and felt it was a great way to keep in shape while maintaining my studies at YU. In truth, I am really a cyclist but, as yet there is no cycling team at YU, so I continue running." While he enjoys running for Yeshiva: "I am distressed because although we are competitive, we could do so much more if given the opportunity. I mean, getting all the guys together just for practice is a major hassle and running on the track is a joke.



Eric Davis hits for 2 of his 26 points.

rebounds, and five steals put the game away. Gottlieb was also a perfect six-for-six from the free-throw line.

Tzvi Himber missed his first full game but Barry Finklestein, Alan Berger, and Seth Cohen filled in admirably. Although they had trouble rebounding at times, they were able to contribute both defensively and offensively. "I knew I could do it if I just got the chance," said Cohen.

The Macs reserves played a key role in the game, scoring a combined 26 points. David

Ehrman played his best game of the year while scoring in 11 points, including eight in the second half. But the Privateers Achilles heel proved to be Davis, whose 32 points and five steals led the Macs.

Stevens Tech 72, Yeshiva 46

With optimism running rampant, the Macs pulled off a big-time choke job, falling to Stevens Tech 72-46. Eric Davis' 18 points was the only bright spot in a game marked by the Macs offensive ineptitude. The loss dropped Yeshiva to 2-3, 1-1 in the conference.

It is far too small to attain the distances needed for a worthwhile workout. It is also hard to build a following while we continue to have "home" meets

at Van Cortlandt. Yet, progress is on the horizon as Yeshiva has "committed" to sponsor one [and possibly more] track meets in the spring."



Naphtali Levin trains on the YU track.

Hockey Showdown

by Mark J. Rosenbaum

As the playoffs near, the level of intensity in the intramural hockey league has skyrocketed. In a game which matched the leagues top two teams, the Kings (3-0-1) defeated the previously unbeaten Outsiders (4-1-0) 3-2. The game was extremely physical and both teams checked ferociously. The winning edge was the sterling goaltending of Kings goalie Menachem Lipner. Lipner stopped waves of Outsider shots and preserved the

King victory. The Outsiders jumped out to an early 2-0 lead as Dov Borger and Micheal Mermelstein each tallied goals. The Kings fought back and took the lead when L.A. bred Brett Peven scored midway through the second period. Duvy Maryles, who initiated the Kings' attack with a goal in the first period, had this to say, "This was a great game, Lipner played phenomenal, it was a clean hard hitting game." The

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