

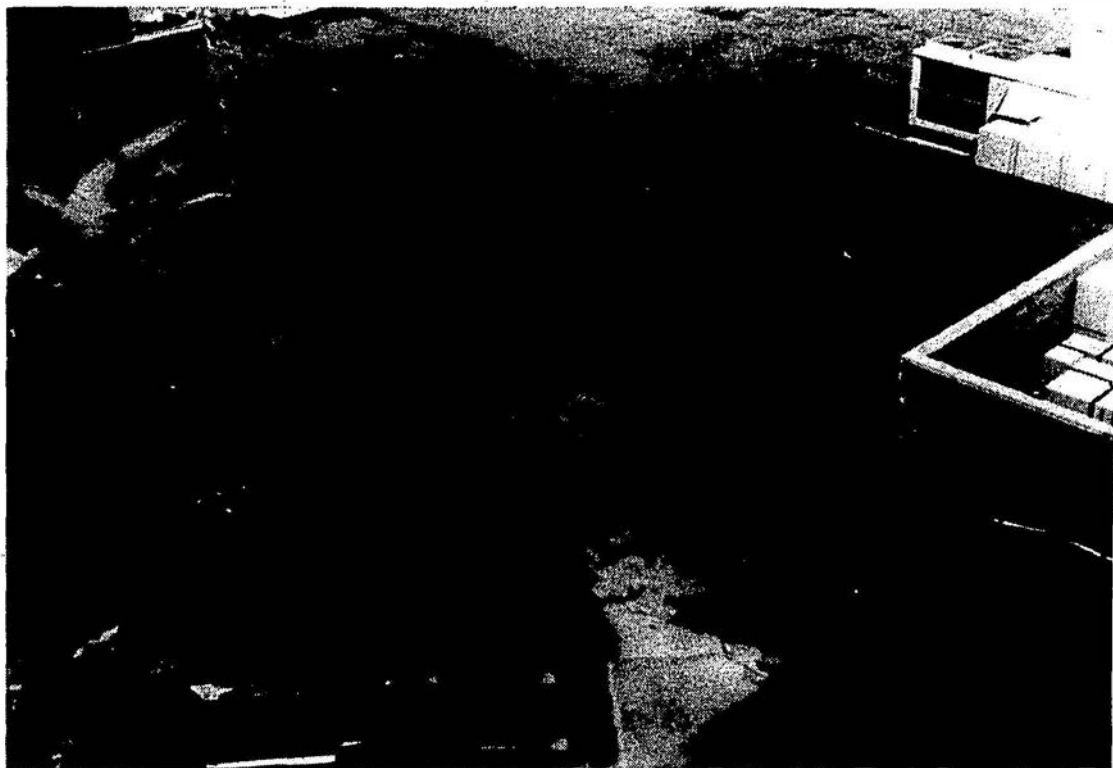
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Digging begins on the Danziger Quadrangle to make way for the new pool.

YU Pool Underway

by Neil Torczyner

Construction began last week on the long awaited YU pool. The pool, which has been in the planning since the completion of the Max Stern Athletic Center in 1983, is expected to be ready for use in twelve to fourteen months. Digging began on April 18.

The pool was originally proposed in late 1983. However, a funding problem forced the idea to be shelved. Recently, the Gottesman and Jesselson families donated funds that were specifically targeted for the construction of a pool. According to Mr. David Zysman, Vice President of Development, "It is very significant that after a hundred and four years, we finally have a pool, and one which does not tax our funds. The contributions were made specifically by the Gottesman and Jesselson families to provide for the pool project."

Ironically, construction began on the day after Earth Day. Many students were dismayed to find that the trees and grass would have to be destroyed. Mr. Jeffery Rosengarten, the Director of Support Services Administration at Yeshiva College, claimed that the University had no choice but to tear down the trees. He said that the trees were of a variety that could not be transplanted. The school had consulted a landscaping company about saving these trees, but found that this was impos-

sible.

Furthermore, Mr. Zysman stated that the students "shouldn't consider the construction of the pool as a violation of the environment like cutting down a forest." The trees, according to Mr. Rosengarten, were of a variety that isn't very hearty this far north. He added that grass will be replanted around the remaining area that the new building does not occupy.

In addition to the pool, the Gottesman pool building, expected to cost two and a half to three million dollars, will contain locker rooms, showers, and a sauna. There also is revived talk of a whirlpool. Mr. Rosengarten stated that if the students show a demand for a whirlpool, one will be built.

One final problem which has bothered the students is the inconvenience during reading and finals week. The digging of the foundation, as well as the construction of the building is scheduled to run directly through finals and reading week. The good news, according to Mr. Rosengarten, is that it will not be as noisy as the construction of the athletic center. The underground excavation and the steel pilings that were used when building the MSAC will not be necessary. Nevertheless, noise from the bulldozing and cement mixing, as well as the accumulation of dust, remain concerns to students.

Students Seek Justice For Pollard Model Seder Heid Outside Illinois Prison

by Andrew Goldsmith

Fifteen Students from Yeshiva University took part in a symbolic "Freedom Seder" held in front of the United States Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. The seder's purpose was to draw attention to the plight of Jonathan Pollard, an American Jew convicted of spying for Israel.

The student seder, attended also by students from the Block Yeshiva High School of St. Louis, was conducted by known-activist Rabbi Avi Weiss at the main entrance of the

Marion facility. Rabbi Weiss acts as Pollard's Rabbi and visits the facility every six weeks to provide both moral and spiritual support.

"We believe Jonathan Pollard's unduly harsh punishment is a direct result of his religion, not of his crime," said Joseph BenSmihen, the director of Citizens for Justice at Yeshiva University. "All we want is Justice, nothing more and nothing less." BenSmihen, who also serves as the director of Canadian affairs for Justice for the

Pollards, acted as the driving force behind the planning of the event.

Following the seder, in which selected passages pertaining to Pollard's plight were read, two student representatives from YU and two from the Block Yeshiva High School journeyed inside the facility to speak with Department of Correction officials about Jonathan Pollard's treatment. The students had requested to speak with Pollard directly, but were immediately refused.

The activist group contends that Pollard was unfairly sentenced to life imprisonment in solitary confinement without parole, even though a plea bargain deal had been struck with the prosecution. YU student Mark Brown commented that "Next door to Pollard's cell is John Walker, of the spy ring family. Why is his sentence twenty-five years to life after he spied for a country that is an enemy of the United States?" Brown was referring to Walker's conviction of spying for the Soviet Union, which caused tremendous damage to the American Intelligence community.

Pollard is being held in the "K" block of the maximum security prison. This section holds a maximum of seven prisoners, all in solitary confinement. He is permitted one hour of sunlight a day, and for the remainder twenty three hour period is locked in his cell. Pollard's time in solitary confinement is more than ex-Soviet Refusenik Anatoly Scharansky spent in solitary in Soviet prisons, according to BenSmihen.



Summer YC junior Natan Jeselsohn enjoys the changing weather. With temperatures climbing into the 80's, many students have found themselves gravitating towards the mall.

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Dreamwalk Advances To Regionals

by Daniel Schloss

The recent YCDS production of Dreamwalk has been requested to compete in the American College Theater Festival Regional Finals to be held this Spring at SUNY Albany.

Approximately 100 plays were considered from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Entrance in the festival automatically enters the production into a number of contests ranging from playwriting to acting to scene design. Two cast members, Ari Schertz and Michael Schuman were nominated for the prestigious

Irene Ryan Award, the "Tony Award" of college theater. Goldsmith's script is competing for the National Playwriting award.

If the production is selected in Albany it will be performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. for final competition with other regional winners. YC Junior Andrew Goldsmith, the playwright of Dreamwalk, called this most recent recognition "a tribute to the talents and dedication of the cast, crew, and highly-devoted director."

Dr. Anthony Beukas, the show's director, is highly optimistic. *Cont. on page 10.*

Thank You

The Commentator wishes to thank our most loyal readers, and most interesting subjects, the students of Yeshiva University, for providing our staff with a year filled with bold and uplifting events. Your persistent struggle against the cafeteria price hikes were the inspiration behind several editorials. The determination you displayed during the boycott kept our writers and photographers scurrying around campus for an entire day.

By espousing the cause of Soviet Jewry, you gave us an issue of even greater significance. You lent your voice, gave from your pockets, and sacrificed valuable time.

The Commentator thanks you also for the support you gave us when we took a stance against a most controversial and feared figure. Your letters and petitions accomplished more than we could have hoped to with our words of print.

The Commentator hopes to improve on this highly successful year and bring even greater depth to our coverage of YU. Our expanded board is the first step in this direction. We look forward to your continued support.

Thanks, But No Thanks

After much delay, construction began last week on the latest building project at the uptown campus, the Gottesman Pool. While the COMMENTATOR applauds this effort, one must raise the question: Why hasn't the Schottenstein center been completed? A host of student organizations are forced to work out of inadequate facilities and the Belz School for Jewish Music still anxiously awaits its much-needed new studios. A date of completion for the Schottenstein Center has never been issued.

It was courteous for the administration to inform students when the pool project began. But courtesy demands more than words. Students still lack basic facilities. So the Commentator asks, why not finish one project before moving on to the next?

Yom HaShoah, The Right Way

Yom Hashoah came and went with but a hundred students attending a well run commemoration. In spite of the festive Chagiga, Yom Ha'Atzmaut transpired as little more than a day off from school. Already, Yom Yerushalayim is scheduled as just another day of final exams. How can our Yeshiva, which strives to create the appropriate atmosphere for biblically and talmudically ordained holidays, fail to show similar enthusiasm towards the Yom Tovim that this century has provided? If we wish to instill a sense of Jewish identity in our students, we must not diminish the importance of these historic events.

The time has come for both our Roshei Yeshiva and student leaders to ensure that the University provides an atmosphere conducive to these momentous commemorations. Yom HaShoah and Yom HaZikaron are both significant enough to warrant major assemblies where the entire student body is *sincerely* encouraged to attend. Every effort must be made so that the gravity of these memorials will permeate the entire day - those who gave their lives deserve at least that much.

In the same vein, the festivities of Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim should not be limited to evening chagigot. Canceled classes on Yom Ha'Atzmaut provide the perfect opportunity for campus-wide programs. Reducing Israel's independence to a study day is inappropriate for the time we should spend celebrating our love for our homeland; holding exams on such days is similarly inexcusable.

Still No Justice For Pollard

The United States prides itself on the individual rights entitled to every man. Our Bill of Rights and Constitution defend these rights. A judicial system, basing itself on the concept of justice, exists to insure that these rights are not violated.

But the system fails. Political influence does still blind justice. Jonathan Pollard was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. To further escalate the punishment, he must spend his perpetual incarceration in solitary confinement. He was convicted of spying for an ally, giving over information that was vital to that country's survival and that the country was already entitled to by treaty. In no way did the information compromise the security of the United States.

These facts made no difference in the sentencing. Neither did a plea bargain agreement with the Prosecution. Nor does the fact that J. Walker, who caused immeasurable amounts of damage when he passed on vital information to an enemy of the United States, received a considerably lighter sentence.

It makes no difference to the world that the country he was found guilty of spying for was Israel and that the information he passed on potentially saved scores of Israeli lives. But it should make a difference to us.

The students who attended the demonstration outside the gates of the Federal Penitentiary in Marion are calling for Justice. In the opinion of the Commentator, that is certainly a reasonable request. But action should not end there. The American Jewish community should make itself aware of the issue and examine the complicated questions involved in the case. As loyal Americans, we have the right to demand justice. As loyal Jews, we owe Jonathan Pollard a debt which we are all obligated to pay.

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From the Editor's Desk: Election Apathy

by Daniel Oshinsky

Traditionally, YCSC elections are met with disinterest. Fresh from the Pesach break and with our eyes focused on the upcoming exam period, we are seemingly impervious to the sudden deluge of campaign literature. Still, the candidates fight on, showering us with pamphlets, pleading for our signatures. Perhaps one candidate will win our sympathy. But will we show up to the polls?

Unfortunately, there are many reasons to be apathetic about YC/SSSB elections. The sheer number of candidates vying to be secretaries, treasurers and vice presidents is overwhelming. Following any one campaign is made even more difficult because of concurrent SOY, JSS and IBC elections. YCSC could make next year's field less cluttered by beginning to consolidate its offices.

Meanwhile, remember that the performances of next year's elected officials are likely to reflect the degree of interest we show now in their candidacy. We cannot hope for enthusiastic leadership from YCSC if we are apathetic towards YCSC elections. We should carefully explore the issues and question the candidates. And tomorrow, we should all vote.

The superb qualifications of our two presidential candidates may seem to make the outcome of this year's election insignifi-

cant. Both David Marlyes and Steven Felsenthal can claim credit for a myriad of events held in 1989-90 and both are certain to add to these successes. It is important to note, though, that each candidate has his own priorities and attitudes. And only one will be granted the opportunity to lead the student body. We owe each the chance to state his proposals for next year, answer our questions, and win our vote.

We owe this same opportunity to the other candidates. True, many of these other potential officers have made heavy use of humorous gimmicks, and limited their efforts in dealing with the issues and outlining new proposals. But it takes more than the President to run YCSC. We should confront these candidates, who hopefully will in turn confront the issues.

Electoral apathy is not insurmountable. More than once this year, we overcame busy schedules and competing commitments for a cause we believed in. Neither the cafeteria boycott nor the rally in Washington would ever have come to fruition without this achievement. These events would have also fizzled if not for the dedication of our student leaders. Next year's leaders will be chosen tomorrow. Let's overcome apathy once again, and vote.

Health Hazzard

To the Editor:

I take exception to a line in a recent Commentator article entitled "Asbestos Uncovered Amid Shower Renovations." The paragraph reads: "...Mr. [Jeff] Socol courteously explained ... in detail the removal process and why students were not in danger."

I would like to contrast this to an incident that occurred last year when some asbestos was removed from some floor(s) in Belfer Hall. The mere fact that asbestos had to be removed was considered dangerous enough (by the staff involved) that it warranted a weekend removal (with inherent overtime costs), when no one would be working in the building. After an initial misunderstanding, the work was done on Sunday.

Asher Meth
(Riets '90)

Congressman Criticized

To The Editor:

Those students who vote in the Yeshiva U. district should start a letter writing campaign to Congressman Charles Rangel/74 W. 132 St./ NYC 10027. The reasons are made clear in the following letter that I sent him:

Dear Congressman Rangel:

I am astonished that you, who have always come across as a decent liberal Democrat, would lend your support to an anti-semitic (as well as alleged sex molester and proven press-baiter) like the dishonorable Congressman Gus Savage. There is enough anti-semitism among black Chicago politicians for you to steer miles away from those troubled waters.

Are you next, for the sake of Equal Opportunity, going to support David Dukes? Or would you think it fair play for Jews to support some anti-black creep?

Sir, be advised that the voters in your district will have to carefully evaluate your bizarre extra-curricular activities before they choose you again.

Students from Philadelphia should do the same with another Savage supporter, Congressman William Gray.

Sincerely,
Manfred Weidhorn

Parking Problem

To The Editor:

We students at Yeshiva owe a debt of gratitude to those philanthropists whose check-books keep Yeshiva going. They provide funds to pay our Rebbeim, professors, administrators & staff. They even donate large sums of money for projects that

enhance campus life here at Yeshiva. Some of the edifices built or refurbished by these grants are sorely needed for our daily routines. Others are not as needed, and may, in the final analysis, be more a tribute to the contributors themselves than for any useful, mundane purpose. Of course, the primary impetus for such donations may be to encourage others to give money towards projects that are really needed, but that may not carry an accompanying fancy nameplate.

There are some areas where Yeshiva could really use some large donations (considering the expense of what I am about to propose).

(1) The parking situation is a travesty. Students (& guests) must compete with all the people who live in the neighborhood. Night parking is available for students who live in the dormitory, from 6PM-8AM. Yeshiva received much negative publicity in the local press at the construction of the mall, in part, due to its inherent removal of many needed parking spaces.

Furthermore, due to alternate side of the street parking, students must rush out twice during morning seder or class to repark their cars, 4 days a week. What a waste of student & class time!

Can you imagine the "Mr & Mrs I.M. Yid YU Parking Garages" - a series of multi-level

Departing Editor Reflects On Changing YU

by Dov J. Pinchot

I came very close to not attending Yeshiva University. When I applied to colleges, I didn't give YU a second thought. I had seen its campus in the early 80's, I knew its reputation and the YU jokes told by my peers. Six years later, it is difficult to believe that I am about to graduate from that same institution.

The University continues to undergo a total physical refurbishment (we're actually seeing a pool being built). Added are such subtle improvements as sculptures and gardens as well as dramatic improvements like a gymnasium and mall. The esthetic pleasantness and campus feeling which these new additions bring to YU are so vital to improved student attitudes on campus.

Concurrent with the physical improvements, the academic environment develops a more serious tone with each passing year. Despite our small enrollment, we possess some of the finest professors in the country. Serious attention must be paid to ensuring that YU keeps these outstanding educators on campus.

YU also benefits greatly from having THE COMMENTATOR as a professional and regular voice of student opinion. The great American Experiment

continues to teach the world that the only long-term guarantee of justice is a system of checks and balances. This remains the primary function of THE COMMENTATOR. Its pages are not read leisurely behind the closed doors of administrators. Only with the continued conflict of student and administrative interests will YU continue to improve as the years march by. THE COMMENTATOR also demonstrates the quality that students can produce at YU.

To be sure, there are areas which need improvement and careful attention in the years to come. The conflict between the less religiously active students and the yeshiva crowd needs to be handled carefully. Recruitment of potential students and our own visions of what YU is must take this conflict into careful consideration.

The administration needs to take more punitive and efficient measures to lessen cheating on campus. Perhaps an investigative report on the degree of cheating and its various, immoral manifestations, as well as on student attitudes toward cheating, would both convince certain administrators of the severity of the situation and allow them to plot strategy to decrease it. Proctors greater in number and in the courage to speak out would be a nice start.

I think one or two students should be allowed to describe what their YU experience meant to them at the graduation ceremony; I cannot imagine a better way to enhance alumni pride and "sell" the school than that.

There are a few individuals who I must thank for their influence on my education and life. Professor Taubes, who taught me how to write — with those hard learned lessons I accomplished far more these last few years than I or certainly any of my high school English teachers ever dreamed I would. Dr. Lee, whose kindness, clear thinking, and genuine care for our institution inspired me throughout college and will continue to do so in the years ahead. Rabbi Carmy, who always showed great interest in my studies and progress. And finally, Dr. Hyman, who guided me through many a philosophical quandary.

I will especially miss two things about YU. First is the powerful atmosphere of the Beit Midrash in the mornings. Second is the number of guys who gathered to pray every evening in the dorm. I can't imagine that religion and college mix anywhere better than they do here.

Good luck Daniel. Your noble mission is worth the effort.

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**The Commentator wishes
all our readers good luck on
finals and an enjoyable
summer vacation.**

CAMPUS NEWS

Yom HaShoah Commemorated

by Shlomo Zwickler

Calling on students to take responsibility for preserving the memory of Holocaust atrocities, YCSC and SCWSC observed Yom HaShoah, albeit one day late. Stirring lectures were delivered by Dr. Chacham Gaon of YU and Marc Wietzman of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. But the small size of the audience was a disappointment.

The event was chaired by SCW student Danit Eliovson. The program commenced with film slides of Europe during the war, setting the mood for the upcoming speakers.

Dr. Gaon spoke first, recalling his days as a child in Yugoslavia. The chairman of Sephardic Studies Department attributed much of the hardship that Jews experienced to the Church. "Of 3,000 people who attempted to escape a camp, only 30 were successful. One of the 30 was my cousin.... His own brother was killed on the second day of Christmas because a Catholic priest told his congregation that a Jew was the greatest sacrifice he could bring to his god."

Regarding the future, Dr. Gaon called on students to take responsibility for preserving the Jewish people and the suffering we have gone through. "When the Jewish people left Egypt, they were not given freedom until they reached Sinai, where they received the Torah, because freedom without responsibility to G-d and one's fellow man is not true freedom."

Dr. Gaon also reflected on the purpose of six million people being killed simply because they are Jewish. "At first, I didn't have an answer to the question of what had they accomplished. As I witnessed Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel, and watched Jewish soldiers march with pride, I broke down. Now I had an

answer. My parents were soldiers who fell so that Am Yisrael could arise and create a Jewish state after 3,000 years of galut. 6,000,000 gave their lives to make us realize what galut is all about."

Mr. Wietzman, the program's second speaker, takes an active part in Nazi hunting activities. His talk dealt with the willing cooperation afforded the Nazi's by the local population of conquered lands. For the most part, these people have yet to be brought to justice. "Nuremberg only took care of high ranking people," claimed Wietzman.

He continued to explain the reason behind the neglect of these crimes. In the aftermath of their victory, there was great "competition between the allies to see who could reap what from the Third Reich," he stated. According to Wietzman, the U.S. space program was built by ex-Nazis, as was much of the intelligence community. "They entered the United States as displaced people," often along with many surviving Jews.

This existed until the early seventies, when the Justice department created the Office of Special Investigations, to search out ex-Nazis in high positions. At the same time, the Simon Wiesenthal Center was established to hunt down all ex-Nazis, regardless of their current status.

Wietzman concluded by stating that we must take the responsibility of teaching the world "that societies in the West cannot condone the presence of people who strip minorities of the most basic civil liberty of existence. We must teach the world that sense of responsibility," he charged. "This is the lesson of responsibility that will transcend and last. Each and every one of us must take the initiative."



YC and SCW students stand in silence as a memorial prayer is read for victims of the Holocaust.

Students Question Yom Yerushalayim Finals

by David Sheffey

May 23rd this year is Yom Yerushalayim, the day commemorating the liberating of Yerushalayim from foreign hands. It is also the last day of final exams. As a result, a number of students at Yeshiva College have been making a concerted effort to raise awareness of this issue and possibly enact a change regarding future school calendar policy.

According to Dr. Egon Brenner, Executive Vice-President of Yeshiva University, the calendar is planned from Shavuot backwards, and "the student body has a crack at the calendar through the student senate, and then they can voice their objections before it proceeds to the faculty and office of student services for its approval."

Regarding the specific issue of Yom Yerushalayim, School Student Council President Barry Kaye said that there were probably a variety of reasons for this policy: the senior dinner is always held the last Wednesday before graduation, it is the last day of exams and graduation is held the next day.

According to Kaye, "The school doesn't discourage activities for these important dates, as shown by the concerted effort on Yom Ha'atzmaut, but the effort normally comes from the students themselves. It is ironic that the school funds Yom Ha'atzmaut, which is not a particular day, where as Yom Yerushalayim, where there is no doubt to its date, (28 Iyar), there is not even a concerted recognition."

Shlomo Zwickler, a student

who has been putting up flyers around school alerting students to this situation, is concerned about the circumstances not with just the school administration, but the students as well. He feels "...a little distressed, students here unfortunately believe in mainly grades, and nothing else. I would have hoped the student body would have been a little more realistic [regarding Yom Yerushalayim]."

While this group of activists are mainly looking for an apology from the administration for this oversight, they are also looking for an assurance that this type of scheduling conflict will never occur again. As Zwickler says, "We want YU to recognize its mistake."

YC Forms Own Board

by Ari Listowsky

A new Yeshiva College Board of Directors has been established. This board, according to Director of Public Relations Sam Hartstein, is an outgrowth of the undergraduate advisement council. Mr. Hartstein said that the major reason for the formation of this governing body is to have a board that pays special attention to Yeshiva College. YU's other schools, such as Stern College already have successful boards. These specialized boards function with the individual schools on a more personal level than general boards of directors.

Mr. Hartstein says that they have been attempting to establish a board of this type for some

time. Marvin S. Bienenfeld, an alumnus of Yeshiva College and Yeshiva University High School who was ordained at RIETS in 1955, was named chairman. He presently serves on the RIETS board of trustees and is president of Bestform Foundations Inc. in Long Island City.

The other members of the board are prominent community leaders from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Ontario, and Quebec. The members were officially chosen by the board of trustees of the University with the approval of President Lamm. Many members of the board are alumni of, or have relatives attending Yeshiva College.



Marvin S. Bienenfeld

The board has already met once to formally establish itself. A second meeting is scheduled for late May. Mr. Hartstein explained that the board has several functions. It will focus its attention on the needs of Yeshiva College and make various recommendations to the YU administration. According to Mr. Hartstein, boards like these are responsible for campus improvements such as the new pool, and their role in organizing fund raising activities will be a great asset to Yeshiva College.

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Top YCSC Club Awarded Cash Prize

by David Sheffey

Acclimation and praise were the themes of this year's Awards Dinner, sponsored by YCSC. This event is designed to recognize sublime accomplishments by some of the 60 odd clubs that are under the jurisdiction of YCSC, presenting awards for their programming and action.

This year, four awards were given out. The best publication was the Guide to the Perplexed, which raised over \$2000 to help offset its costs this past year, as

well as being one of the most successful ever. The best event was the YCDS play "Dreamwalk", which besides being sold out every night, has already made it past the first stages of a national competition. The best student council was the Junior Class Council, instituting programming events and fundraisers. The best overall club was deemed to be SSSJ, who besides organizing a highly successful fair to raise funds for Soviet Jews, capped the year with a

rally in Washington on the Fast of Esther, with over 900 Yeshiva University students making the trip.

For the first time, a cash award was given out, this time to SSSJ, in the amount of \$1000. This is in addition to their budget for next year. Kaye believed this was a deserving award, and "hopefully the first of many to be annually awarded to school clubs and organizations."

Dream Walk Shines in Spite of Damaging Plot Additions

by Dov J. Pinchot

Director Anthony Beukas and the Yeshiva College Dramatics Society closed off its celebratory twenty-fifth year with the rare performance of an original student play. "Dreamwalk", written by YC Junior Andrew Goldsmith, traces the tragic events which befall a group of college house mates, and the students' interaction with their two aging landlords. The production, entered in the American College Theater Festival earned the distinction of being invited to the regional round in the competition.

In Dreamwalk, Goldsmith's writing style emerged as an uneasy mix of stinging witty and often cynical lines, with a pounding penchant for didacticism — whether it be on light topics like dating or on more sober reflections over evil and providence. His humor drew loud laughs, especially when delivered by the eccentric Jules, played marvelously by YCDS veteran Ari Schertz. At times, the script showed unusual and original insight into some of life's complexities. More often than not, the play seemed to be the world according to Goldsmith, heavy on cynicism and proposing black on white analysis to some of life's more complex problems. For his first effort as playwright, Goldsmith deserved every applause for his captivating work.

Less laudable was the furious pace set by certain actors in delivering their lines. Peter and Gary, the college friends played by Michael Schuman and Barry Kaye, spoke so quickly they gasped for air and swallowed words by the line-full. Because of the quick delivery and usual YCDS shouting style, their characters and friendship never developed in a sensitive and engaging manner, damaging the

effectiveness of later scenes and keeping the audience at a distance when the opposite effect seemed desired.

Actor Adam Schorr gave an inspired effort once again with his portrayal of the aging Victor and produced some wonderful scenes with Avraham Finberg, who played the bitter Walter.

As the play rolled on, too many new complexities and loose ends sprung up with every scene — forcing the actors and the script to tie together far too much in too short a time. As a result, characters seemed thin, their personalities and relationships both overtly stated and more subtly hinted at never realized their potential. Too many character subplots were left vague: the relationships of Walter and Victor with their respective sons remained murky and puzzling.

Most damaging to this production were three plot additions to the original script, additions which were inconsistent with the rest of the script and cast an air of suspended reality on the play. The first was making Peter the unwitting killer of his best friend Gary. While such accidents do occur, the casual manner in which it was performed on stage seemed highly implausible. Peter's reaction to Gary's death also appeared forced: being angry at Gary for dying was more plausible when he died without Peter's assistance.

The second "suspended"

scene was Victor's monologue about an ancient search called the Dreamwalk. This scene poorly hid the fact that it was obviously added simply to grant the play a title. Its abruptness, both in its intellectual content and strange timing, added nothing to the play.

Finally, the ending — Peter takes his own life, while the original script called for the curtain after Walter's son hangs up on Walter — was unjustified. Peter was obviously distressed by Gary's death, but he never seemed totally hopeless without him, even when claiming that he was. The shock registered by the dramatic ending came primarily because nothing in the script led toward that conclusion. Walter said that sometimes it's too late to help oneself. This idea climaxed dramatically when Walter's emotionally and physically beaten son refused his call, but it seemed misplaced on the young shoulders of Peter. There is a boundary in life between despair and hopelessness; Peter did not seem ready to cross that hurdle with his own finger pulling the trigger.

In conclusion, Goldsmith deserves great praise for creating Dreamwalk from scratch, and for its enchanting script. The set was designed beautifully; the musical score well timed to the scene changes. YCDS continues to impress with its professional productions and is wished success in the American College Theatre Festival.



Kaplan's Comes to Campus 30 Plus Prepare For LSAT's

by Avrum Aaron

"Take Kaplan's LSAT course or take your chances" threatens the Stanley H. Kaplan's advertisement. With this ad in mind and the knowledge that a good LSAT score is vital for acceptance into a good law school, many YC students choose to take their chances with Kaplan's.

This year, for the first time, Kaplan's LSAT preparation course is being offered at YC. Sponsored by the Junior Class and held on Sunday evenings from 5 to whenever the instructor (or the students) call it quits, the class contains over 30 students. Interestingly enough, both YCSC Presidential candidates claim responsibility for the class's initiation on the YC campus.

Most Kaplan's classes meet in the Kaplan's Educational Center or at other college campuses. However, this course offers YC students the option of taking the lecture part of the Kaplan's preparation without having to leave beautiful Washington Heights. Unfortunately, one must leave the campus to utilize the Kaplan's tape center, located in Midtown Manhattan.

The YC course is taught by Marc Grinker, a Law Professor at Hofstra Law School. Marc is revered by all students because he scored a perfect 48 on his LSAT's. Or maybe it's just his sense of humor. Actually, Marc's lectures are considered

more lively than the Kaplan's course and he promises two good jokes per class (Cordoba being a favorite target).

Marc grew up on Long Island and attended Emory University and Hofstra Law School. He worked for the prestigious Wall Street firm Davis Polk before deciding to enter the academic field. "I liked it," says Marc about his Wall Street experience, "but it wasn't something I wanted to do the rest of my life; I wanted more interaction with academic issues."

Marc has taught at Kaplan's for 10 years and enjoys it greatly. He enjoys the interaction with students and says, "I learn as much as the students do from the intellectual interchange."

Marc also enjoys teaching the YC Kaplan's course. He compliments the students calling them, "bright, interesting and motivated to do well." He likes the university atmosphere. "It's less utilitarian." The down side of the class, according to Marc, is "it's only 5 hours. I'd like 8 to 10."

On a more serious note, Marc tries to convince students to consider taking a year or two off between college and law school. "It's one of the best things you can do. It gives you the opportunity to think about what you want to do with your life. You can't lose anything by delaying law school... Too many people (in law school) aren't sure why they are there."

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Steven Felsenthal

by Jonathan Adler

Steven Felsenthal wants to be "A President who's involved in all aspects of school life." In his years at YC, he has certainly acquired the skills and experience that would enable him to transform that hope into reality. He was President of his Freshman and Sophomore classes, and this year he is Co-President of College Republicans, Vice-President of the Cultural Society, on the NYSIPAC State Board, and has been very active in the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. In his many capacities, he has arranged for speakers to come to YC and helped establish the Stanley Kaplan LSAT course at YC. Having spent some time at a Yeshiva in Israel, a year and a half in JSS, and this past year in YP, he is widely known throughout many different segments of the YC student body.

According to Felsenthal, his involvement with so many different groups at school has heightened his awareness of the need for the YCSC President to "do something for all parts of the student body, while concurrently working for unity at YU." His goal as President would be to "make sure that the student body benefits from both their yeshiva and college experiences as much as possible."

Felsenthal believes that his experience in so many different groups has helped him establish a good working relationship with the administration, which would aid him in his duties as

YCSC President. He also feels that his vocal opposition to the original mandatory food plan shows that, when necessary, he is not afraid to oppose the administration.

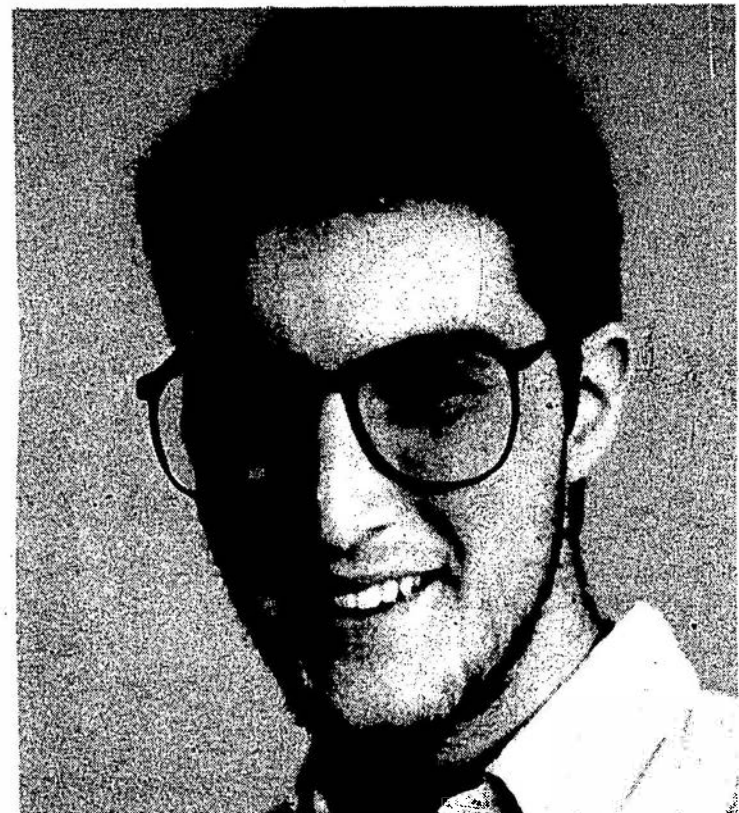
If elected, he would attempt to have an in-house phone system installed at YC. This would cut the price of inter-YC calls, and would also facilitate hookup in the beginning of the year. As he has done this year, Felsenthal would organize more academic as well as social events at YU. He would like to continue bringing prominent speakers to lecture at YU as well as organize a weekend ski trip and hold a racquetball night at a New York health club.

One of Felsenthal's primary concerns is getting YC students involved in Jewish communal activities. He would like to see

YC students involved in the massive absorption of Soviet Jews. In particular, he wants to help Soviet Jews attending YC integrate themselves into the student body. He would also look into the possibility of setting up a scholarship fund to enable more Soviet Jews to attend YC.

According to Felsenthal, his experience this year has shown him the importance of receiving funds for student events from outside sources as well as the YCSC budget. "If a project is important, funding will be found," he claims.

Next year, when the YCSC President will be called upon to address many different issues, Steven Felsenthal believes his wide range of experience and dedication will make him a successful President.



Steven Felsenthal

Rest of the Field

In order to introduce students to some of the lesser known candidates, the *Commentator* has endeavored to interview as many of tomorrow's hopefuls as possible. Each candidate was asked the following two questions: 1) What makes you the right candidate for this position? 2) What proposals do you hope to enact next year?

Candidates not interviewed were either running unopposed or were unable to be reached.

YCSC VP

David Borowich feels that he has the experience to be a great Vice President of the student council. Despite the phone strike at the beginning of this year, he helped put the Guide to the Perplexed out faster than ever. David is the chairman of NYSIPAC (New York Student Israel Public Affairs Committee), one of the largest student organizations at Yeshiva. As

Michael Shuman wants the student council to have some fresh faces with new ideas. The Vice President of YCSC is in charge of student clubs, and Michael intends to give these clubs, especially the Israel Club, proper attention. Michael does more than just politics, however. He starred in the Dramatics Society's latest production,

"Dreamwalk," and was nominated for the Irene Ryan award for the best collegiate actor in the country.

Michael intends to bring his dramatic and passionate personality into office with him, so that he can address issues forcefully and appropriately.

Steven Arnold does not always make the front page of the *Commentator*, but this does not mean that he is inactive in YU functions. In fact, he does not simply jump onto the bandwagon for major events. Steve went to Washington last month to lobby for Ethiopian Jewry, along with only seven other Yeshiva students.

Steve wishes to share this private dedication with the whole student body. Thinking about the infamous meal-plan which almost passed against the will of the student body, Steve intends to institute a polling

by Ezra Kahn

"Excuse me are you a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior? Would you please sign your name? I am running for office." How many times have we been approached by these people who are in that exciting quest for a coveted position in the student government? How many of us have ever turned down one of these people? Have we ever actually asked what the person intends to do if elected to office? How many of us have ever signed Jim Morrison's name?

Every year, a week or two after Pesach vacation, it happens. We walk out of our rooms one morning, and we are hit by redecorated walls—in the hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, and elevators. I am referring to the election advertisements. Candidates along with dedicated staff members spend a great deal of time and money trying to get across their message.

The question is—do we really care? Do we care about who is running for office or about what their credentials are or what they intend to do if elected to office? Are elections popularity contests?

During the past week I have spoken to three past presidential candidates, present elected officials, and fifty students in order to get some idea of what is the feeling about Student Council Elections.

Of the fifty students that I spoke to, all agreed that this year's two presidential candidates are serious, hardworking, and devoted to making substantial contributions to the school during the coming year. Both candidates have posted long lists of accomplishments; this seems to be the most effective way (and the only way) of gaining attention and support. Debates are usually held between the two candidates, and these enable the students to get a closer look at

device which gives students the opportunity to express their opinions and add input to their fates at Yeshiva College.

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Jonny Klineman is from Cleveland. He was the head counsellor at Camp Moshava, indicating great leadership qualities. He intends to work with YCSC to enhance student life by enabling seniors opportunities to share their wealth of experience with students in lower classes. In this way, YC will become more socially appealing, adding to its academic drawing power.

Avi Lopin is, in the classic spirit of Yeshiva University, "well-rounded." He has lived in three countries; he's a history and pre-med major, and he has studied in both MYP and IBC. After all of those classes, he knows a good percentage of the senior class, and knows what they like.

In addition to his desire to increase the number of events,

who is in the race. Yet according to one past presidential candidate, "the issues discussed at these debates are of relatively little importance."

This does not mean that the candidates are incapable of making a difference when elected. Thirty-two of the students questioned feel that Barry Kaye has done an exceptional job, specifically in the area of the cafeteria. According to one YC senior, "Barry was instrumental in the cafeteria boycott, and has done a pretty good job, yet I feel that it was not in his best interest to move off campus while in office." Saul Kasovitz, Barry's opponent in last year's election holds high praise for Barry. "I think that Barry has done an excellent job as President in a year full of biting issues." Barry is popular among many of the students involved in this year's government.

Is popularity a factor in the

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he also wants the senior class to take a leading role in the struggle for Soviet Jews, wherever help will be needed in the coming year. Avi also intends to make the senior dinner the best ever. After all, he feels, seniors deserve it!

Charles Rube spent his first two years at YU intensively studying, and realizes that the time for fun has reached a now-or-never situation. Due to his creative touch, he is planning a whole new wave of ideas for seniors to enjoy their last days at YU. He would like to run a few senior class Shabbatonim, jazz nights, and intramural sporting events for seniors. How about a dinner cruise (circle line tour-bring your own sandwiches)? Charles says his multifaceted personality and "hipness" enable him to understand the needs of the wide variety of students which Yeshiva attracts.

SSSB PRESIDENT

Zvi Weiss is always there to help students. Additionally, he

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presidential election? Thirty-six of the fifty students questioned felt that the YCSC presidential election was not a popularity contest. According to one YC junior, "The presidential race is serious business. Those running are popular only through the many contributions to the students throughout their college years. It is a candidates credentials that get him elected, because many [people] have been affected by him in a positive way. As for the class elections, they are strictly popularity contests."

The view that class elections are popularity contests seems to be quite the majority opinion. All but one of the fifty students that I spoke to felt that class elections are nothing more than popularity contests or resume fillers. Two current Vice Presidents told me that, "true, the class elections are popularity contests, yet during our time in

office, we have made substantial contributions to the students in our grade."

All but one of the fifty felt that there are too many positions in the Student Council. According to one YC Senior, "there are more people running than voting." I was unable to get the exact number of positions available, but judging by the number of signs, it appears that we have almost as many elected officials as do most States.

One YC Junior who is running for office said that, "I agree that the class elections are popularity contests, yet I really want to make a contribution to the school."

A popular vote-getter is a campaign promise. Are they valid, and do they work? According to two former elected officials, the important issues concerning students are basically attended to by the administration, with some of our input taken into consideration.

"We start off with big ideas, yet learn that we are limited. I feel that the elected students are best for organizing rallies and social events."

One YC Senior felt that, "In my four years at YU, the person who has continually been outspoken and appeared to be sincere is the Editor-in-Chief of The Commentator. I think that he should be the YCSC President."

I do not know either of the candidates personally. However, from speaking to those who do, and from reading their long lists of achievements, I get the impression that both are excellent candidates for the presidential position. As for the class elections, students feel that there are serious, devoted students who want to make substantial contributions, and there are those who are not genuine. It is our job to choose the right people who will make YC a better place.

May the best man win!

David Maryles

by Jonathan Adler

This year's Junior Class can attest to many of David Maryles' achievements. As President of the Junior Class he organized a myriad of events including a successful billiards night, a subsidised comedy night, a CPR class in which YC students were able to become certified in an afternoon, and many other events. Maryles was very pleased with the year and believes it "surpassed everyone's expectations."

Building on his success, next year the Yeshiva of Flatbush graduate hopes to be the YCSC president. He believes his year as Junior Class President has provided him with excellent experience for the position. In addition to Junior Class events, Maryles points out that he was largely responsible for organizing a Stanley Kaplan LSAT class at YC. He also played an

important role in the cafeteria boycott, picketing the caf for the better part of the day. That event is indicative of Maryles' belief that in support of an important cause, one cannot be intimidated by lack of administrative support. "Many of the successful events held this year were at first met with skepticism by the administration," Maryles says, "only after numerous conferences were we able to gain their support and bring the event to fruition."

According to Maryles, his desire to become President stems from his desire to create a more enjoyable environment at YC. He points out that many older people regard their college years as the best years of their lives, and students should be cognizant of that idea while they attend YC. "Obviously, academics are an important part of our college life," he says, "but they're

not the only aspect of our college life we should be working to improve." Specifically, among other plans, he would re-institute movie night once a week. Although Maryles says he realizes that not everyone would attend, he believes that just having the option to relax in front of a movie one night a week would benefit the student body.

In addition to social improvements, Maryles would like YC students to become more concerned with the environment. He would like to see paper receptacles placed around the school so that the many flyers and newspapers that are thrown away daily could be recycled. Maryles would also like to see the Philanthropy Society receive more YCSC support. As President, he would steer additional funding in their direction.

One major concern of Maryles' is that IBC and JSS students miss out on Reading Week because they must take their Judaic Studies department's finals during that week. He says he's been working with the IBC and JSS Presidents in an attempt to work out a schedule that would allow them a few days free for study.

Maryles says that he is always searching for good ideas to institute at YC. Among some ideas he's working on are getting an Automated Teller Machine installed at YC as well as looking into the possibility of organizing a street fair next spring in front of Stern.

Maryles is confident that his determination to improve many aspects of student life at YC will make him an effective YCSC President.



David Maryles

JUNIOR CLASS VP

David Silverblatt says he cares about what the students think, he believes they have a right to know what's going on, and he obtains concrete results. As a *Commentator* writer, he exposed the bomb threat in Rubin Hall. Last month he wrote an article reminding the administration that ground breaking for the pool was supposed to have begun over two years ago.

Following an article he wrote on YU security, the school took immediate steps to strengthen security. YU subsequently appointed him as Director of the University Security Council. His first action as Director was to distribute questionnaires and ascertain what students thought were security problems. As a direct result, the Security Department is working on several improvements including a totally new van service system. He has proven his desire to serve the students and hopes to enhance his ability to gain results through elected office.

Geoffrey Rochwarger is a Liberal Arts major and an Econ minor.

By seeing both ends of the spectrum of students he is able to relate to the students' wants and needs. He is currently co-captain of the Varsity track team as well as Middle East editor of the *Clarion*. He is also the sales representative for various credit cards for the YU campus. This involved conducting many personal interviews with prospective student card holders. As a result, he has gotten to know the majority of the student body.

He was quite upset that the sophomore year for him was not filled with many activities. As junior class vice president, he hopes to amend this situation. Specifically, he plans to run more programs that deal with career services and summer jobs.

SOPH PRES

Jeff Stier believes the experience he gained as Freshman class President gives him the edge over his opponent. He says that as president, he mastered the intricacies of the YU bureau-

cracy and will use that skill to organize many events for next year's Sophomore class. This year he organized two Shabbatons and a successful class trip to a Yankee game.

If elected Sophomore class President, Stier would like to start off next year with a Freshmen-Sophomore class Shabbaton. His primary goal is to keep the calendar full of social events such as hockey games.

As a member of the resident council, Freshman class Vice-President **Danny Faizakoff** worked with the administration to improve dorm life for students. On the council, he has urged the improvement of Morg lounge and the establishment of a lounge in Muss Hall. He was very active in the cafeteria boycott and was part of the negotiating team that was instrumental in getting the original meal plan overturned.

Next year Faizakoff would like to have the opportunity to organize a multitude of events as Sophomore class President.

SSSB TREAS/SEC

David Levy went to NYU undergraduate school of Business Administration for two years before switching to Yeshiva College. He made this switch so that he could learn, but he also defends the reputation of SSSB, saying that he has lost nothing with regard to business education by coming here.

Respona

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parking facilities, with space for all the students, faculty & staff; a 24-hour parking garage, where you do not have to worry whether your car radio (or car) will be there in the morning? There is an available lot just waiting for one of these garages. It sits on Audubon Avenue, between 184th & 185th Streets - the parking lot behind Furst Hall, and the burnt-out corner buildings at 184th. After the fire, Yeshiva employees boarded it up, and painted the boards to boot. If Yeshiva owns these buildings (and if they do not, they should make every effort to purchase them), we can build a parking garage with a few levels below ground, and a few above ground, to accommodate everyone in our Yeshiva community who wants a space. If there is extra room, we can offer spaces to our graduates & friends living in the Washington Heights community (YU or Breuer's - why not). Since the building costs will be taken care of by the I.M. Yids, all spaces (which would all be 24-hour, not just night parking) should cost a nominal fee, say \$50 per semester, which should cover maintenance costs. Summer parking will also be available for those interested (even if they are not enrolled during the summer). Another garage could be built on the site of the old Student Union building.

As far as building schedule, once the necessary city permits are obtained, it should only be months before the lot is in use. Note the speed in the building of the gym (once they got started). Yeshiva can get something done in a real hurry, if they want to.

Think of all the extra guards who could be deployed elsewhere (or whose services would not be needed), as a single guard could guard the entrance (which would be on 184th Street, for safety purposes). Think of the parking spaces that we have just contributed to the community, giving them one less reason to complain about Yeshiva & its imperialism.

(2) Another project is one that does not come with a large plaque, because there is no physical structure to which we can attach it. It warmed my heart to hear from Rabbi Miller and then to read about the Irving & Hanni Rosenbaum Aliyah Incentive Fund, to help pay off student loans for those of our graduates who have made aliyah. Although their names are not thereby etched in the stones of any edifice, their names are surely etched in the Book of Good Deeds.

What about a fund that will increase the base salary of all (part-time as well as full-time) Rebbeim and professors (who do not have a union to fight for them in contract discussions & disputes - remember, they are "management" as per the Supreme Court ruling). This fund will be used exclusively for this purpose, and will be mandated (by its charter) to forbid

SY SYMS: The Role of A Jewish Business School

by Adam Berner

Three years have whisked by since the inception of Sy Syms School of Business. Great effort has been made to establish this institution with a respectable name throughout the business community. Now that these initial efforts have been met with success in creating an identity for a Yeshiva University Business School, there seems to be an identity crisis back home on campus. If this identity crisis doesn't exist then, with good consciousness, it should. What should be the role of a Jewish business school?

On one hand it could be said that it makes little difference. Cordozo, Einstein, Ferkof, other than their names, don't have a lot to do with their Jewish identity. SSSB, however still stands as an under graduate school whose student body share the same campus, dormitories, and classes with the rest of Yeshiva College. I think it is fair to say that Sy Syms is a partner with Yeshiva College. Although dealing with different subject matters, it serves the same clientele, sharing common interests, values and goals.

There exists a plethora of literature discussing the role of Yeshiva College in the task of combining secular studies within a Jewish framework. How does the business school fit in with all of this? Unfortunately, for whatever reason, this issue has been ignored.

The framework appropriate to discuss this topic consists of three parts: 1) Yeshiva, 2) University, and 3) the combination of the two. Is Sy Syms being responsible in its commitment to grant its students opportunity for growth and standards of excellence in all three of these areas? On the first of these two areas there is much to be said. It seems, and I say this with confidence that my views are shared by most, if not all the student body, that Sy Syms has gone overboard in its strive for excellence. It is a very commendable goal to turn SSSB into a "Jewish Wharton." But is it appropriate and at what costs? (Accounting 101, the Cost-Benefit Principle)

The list of these "costs" is a very long one (and if you want to see it - Morg 305.) To cite just a few of those told and retold throughout the dormitories and library: Not only are the requirements for business majors

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dipping into it to bail out a different sector of university spending (a la Social Security). Furthermore, regular salary and cost-of-living increases will not be paid out of this fund, nor will they be computed based on the fact that the "ABC Teachers Salary Fund" has allocated extra funds toward teacher salaries. (This last clause is necessary, as past experience has taught us.)

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extraordinary, but even the additional liberal arts requirements thrown upon us exceed those of the liberal art students themselves. With G-D's grace we are granted the opportunity to take Clep examinations to alleviate the burden and allow us a chance to graduate with our peers (or at least with our generation.) However, the standard of excellence of our institution must surpass any other standard in giving credit for these tests. I question the need for these super high standards especially where summer courses - even with the cleps - are almost a given. Sy Syms standards even surpass the standards of the NY State board of Certified Public Accountants. Last but not least is the amount of work involved in business courses (apologies to the science majors.) It involves not only voluminous amounts of reading material every night (as do other majors) but it involves lengthy problem solving assigned on a daily basis.

To keep up with the benefits of these standards of excellence, the "costs" are very high, and are taking their toll upon the student body. Solutions to this problem vary. Many students find their answer by dropping out of Sy Syms. Other students when expressing their difficulties

are told that they have to learn how to cut corners. We all know that this means: First seder and then it is shiur that is being cut. Unfortunately, these times are not only restricted to midterms and finals. One junior majoring in accounting laments, "Once you enter Sy Syms you can no longer be a Yeshiva Bachur. You become an immediate Baal HaBayit." Indeed this is true; finding a Sy Syms major at night in the Beit Medrash is a rare commodity.

The problems and conflict with these first two issues, that of Yeshiva and University, are not new. An attempt should be made to alleviate this burden for the student in accordance to the Cost-Benefit Principle keeping in mind the values of our institution. If SSSB is not committed to these goals, then maybe students who want to pursue an Accounting field with spiritual pursuits should be allowed to do it under the hand of Yeshiva College as do our economic majors. Unfortunately however, many of the problems (not all, but many) have no solution. They are the result of our double program.

It is within the third category, combining both worlds, where there exists the greatest potential to manifest a business school guided by Jewish Values. One

does not attend business school for the intellectual pursuit of knowledge, but rather for practical reasons, specifically "Par-nasah." It is within this practical issue where Sy Syms must take a lead as a Jewish business school and as a role model for all of its students soon to be challenged in the "Real World." To the credit of the administration and student leaders, there has been some attempt in this direction. Next year, in addition to the course "Legal and Ethical Environment of Business," ethics will be incorporated into many of the business courses where classes will be dedicated to applying business ethics to real life case studies (all of which will be reviewed by Dr. Joshua Howingwacks, Associate Professor of Business Ethics.) Other steps in the right direction include an important and very relevant program with Rabbi Blau and Rabbi Willig discussing the issues and laws for observant Jews in the working world. Similarly a lecture entitled "An Observant Jew In the Corporate World" was given by Ira Herenstein, Vice President of McGraw Hill Co. who discussed his own personal experiences.

Much more effort and creativity should be pursued in order to practically combine the Jewish and business worlds. In fact, a new committee is presently being established specifically for this purpose. Some ideas which might be considered are dealing with issues of charity, business in Israel, or instructional services to help Russian Jews enter into the business world (i.e. a resume clinic.) Sy Syms has much to offer and a lot can be done with many resources available at our fingertips. I call upon our new student leaders as well as the faculty and administration to help cultivate the potential from our Jewish Business School.

As a graduating senior it is my concern not to criticize, but to see Sy Syms become a success in every important aspect of the word. A school is a success only when its students are a success. This fact should motivate Sy Syms to re-examine its purpose: to develop successful observant Jews in the business world. This can not be achieved with out the proper focus and standard of excellence for the Jewish position as well. It is the role of a Jewish Business School to work to develop and cultivate this type of success for its students. I wish the school the best of luck.

Caf Pilfering

To The Editor:

I entered the elevator in Rubin Hall and was appalled at the number of cups a student took when purchasing his supper at the Yeshiva Cafeteria. As he left the elevator I asked him whether he had purchased enough meals to justify the stack of cups. He obviously did not like the question and walked away.

I later walked down to the caf and saw another student with a handful of tableware, much more than he would need for the one meal he had just bought. I again mentioned the disparity between his food purchase and his corresponding tableware needs.

This is not the first time that I have confronted this situation, nor am I naive enough to expect that it was the last. Over the last few years, I have challenged a number of students who took more plates, cups and tableware

than that needed for the single meal that they purchased. One student's friend argued, "Why are you picking on him; he is doing nothing wrong." Another (a Shabbos waiter) justified his actions saying, "They do not pay me a decent and proper wage; at least this way I make up some of my losses."

A couple of years ago, someone in the Beit Medrash also argued that there was nothing wrong in taking extra tableware from the caf; "We are students

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Nominations, Writing Awards, 1989-90

Outstanding News Article:

"Meal Plan" - David Borowich
 "Student Play" - Lawrence Burian
 "Soviet Fundraiser" - Lawrence Burian
 "Security Concerns" - David Silverblatt
 "Cafeteria Prices" - Shukie Grossman

Outstanding Feature Article:

"Soviet Jewry" - Jonathan Adler, David Matkowsky
 "Mayoral Race" - Steve Felsenthal
 "Jonathan Mark's Siege" - Josh Fruchter and Tommy Weinberger
 "Sober Truth" - Jonathan Tropper
 "The Reb" - Aryeh Wiener

Outstanding Photograph:

"Soviet Rally" - Richard Broth
 "Roy Innes" - J.J. Hornblass
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 "Silver" - J.J. Hornblass
 "Dan Quayle" - David Silverblatt
 "Himber Shoots" - Josh Sindler

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Ari Goldman: From Commentator To New York Times

by Ezra Kahn

Ari Goldman greeted me in the waiting room of the New York Times news department. We proceeded to walk through a large room that was similar to the set of "All the President's Men" minus the electric typewriters which have been replaced by computers. An office at the NY Times consists of a desk, phone, computer, shelves, and hundreds of pieces of paper scattered about. If a cluttered desk is the sign of a genius, then the NY Times has an overload of brain power. It is a miracle that from all of this mess, one of the most prestigious newspapers is created. Separating one office from the other are dividers which are supposed to allow reporters some privacy, yet in reality serve as space to hang memos on.

Reporters sit behind their computers typing feverishly or else staring directly at a blank screen waiting for the journalistic muse to inspire them. The only way to tell the difference between these "offices" is to look at the writing manual that sits on every reporter's shelf. Each reporter has their personal favorite.

Seated among this organized clutter of desks and dividers, Ari Goldman and I started to talk. It took about five minutes for my ears to adjust to the yelling, telephone ringing, and tapping of computer keys, and still comprehend what Mr. Goldman was saying.

Ari Goldman grew up in Hartford, Connecticut. At age

six, he along with his mother and brothers moved to Queens, New York. Ari received a traditional Yeshiva education at a smorgasbord of schools consisting of Yeshiva Dov Revel, Mesivta Torah Vadath of Queens, RJJ, Mesivtah of Crown Heights, topped off with one year of public school. His college years were spent at YU where he graduated in 1971. Mr. Goldman was an English major, yet devoted most of his time to the Commentator. He studied in Riets which is now the Mazer Yeshiva Program.

"I felt a family connection to YU being that my father and many of my uncles attended YU," says Goldman. Yeshiva was right for me. I needed a small college because I was not a great student, and was afraid that I would get lost in a big college. It was familiar and represented the family hashkafah of Torah u' Mada with which I was brought up."

Mr. Goldman dealt with all aspects of the Commentator, yet his true love was features.

As a senior, Ari was the campus correspondent to the Times. However, he did not go directly to the Times upon graduating. "I applied to the Columbia School of Journalism, and was put on the waiting list. I waited, yet did not make it that year." During that year, Mr. Goldman drove a taxi, worked in a political campaign, and did other odd jobs. On his second try, Ari got into Columbia, and in 1973 he came to the Times.

He started as a copy boy which is the low wrung of the ladder. "Because of the computers, you do not see many copy boys running around any more. The system is to get recognized through your writing, and then move up the ladder. A copy boy joins the union and starts writing small articles, and as he gains recognition, the assignments become bigger. I went from a copy boy to news clerk and so on.

Ari Goldman's official position at the NY Times is religion writer. "My job entails writing about all faiths, not just Judaism," he says. "Some Jewish people think that I am the Jewish writer for the Times, but I write about everybody—The Catholic Church, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. I write about whatever is going on in the world of religion. Jewish stories do occupy a large part of what I write about because New York is a Jewish city with many Jewish readers."

I asked Mr. Goldman how he felt about the NY Times being labeled anti-zionist or anti-semitic.

"That comes with a great deal of misunderstanding of what the paper is about," he responds. "The Times does its best to give a fair picture of the world, and in doing so presents both sides. Many Jewish people do not like to see the negative side. If Israel does something bad, it is easier to blame the messenger (the press) than to blame Israel. Sometimes the paper will take a position against Israel for

OPINION: How To Mark The Seasons

by Andrew Goldsmith

Spring's here. The maintenance staff set out the flowers to give the campus the suburban appeal. The painters started painting grass on Amsterdam Avenue's asphalt. It's not the real thing. I'm not easily fooled.

The real grass died on Earth Day. It put up a valiant fight, looking all green and friendly, but it met up with a bulldozer, and they're not known to be real negotiable. I'm glad the grass was spared the slow painful death that shoe soles are known to produce. It was sacrificed to make way for the latest capital building project, the YU pool. The pool should be done by the time your grandchildren graduate high school, or according to YU, in twelve to fifteen months. My money's on the grandchildren.

Do we need a pool? I don't know. But I guess we were either running out of places to put people's names, or someone wanted more keys. It's kind of tough to figure out how the guards can walk now, weighted down with all that brass.

A pool doesn't make much sense to me, but then again no one asked. It will probably be locked all the time to keep it clean for when the donors come, and someone will want to ban Stern people from using it. After all, watching a girl with a bathing suit in her bag can just drive a guy crazy. Or so the

reasoning will go. To quote a friend, go figure.

Notice I used the term Stern people. Equal rights! No discrimination! All that feminist stuff! Truthfully, it all makes me kind of queasy and brings to mind loud sixties-type people. But the women have a valid point. Yeshiva College Men/boys or Stern College Women/girls deserve equal respect, as long as they treat each other respectfully.

I'm not sure what they're complaining about. Washington Heights isn't nearly as attractive as the brochure is. I suppose they miss the friendly locals. I wonder if they know that when the weather gets warm our neighbors move their entertainment systems to their cars to share ethnic music with the neighborhood? It gets bothersome at four in the morning.

Everyone I know seems to be running for something. Such an outburst of public service I have never seen before at the University. All these highly-qualified candidates running for so many positions, I wonder if anyone is just a regular student. If there is, he's probably running for election with that platform. ("Vote for the regular student! He understands You!") I'll vote for the guy who promises to get our grass back. Certain things, after all, are important.

YU Grad To Run For Surrogate

New York State Supreme Court Justice Jerome Hornblass, a 1962 graduate of Yeshiva College, has announced his candidacy for the Surrogate for Borough of Manhattan.

The Democratic primary for the influential judgeship will be this September followed by the general election on November 4th.

"If elected, my religious training gained at Yeshiva will help me be understanding of the needs of widows, orphans, and families in strife," said Justice Hornblass, a State Supreme Court judge for 13 years.

The Surrogate's Court is one of the most important yet little known courts in America. Cases reviewed and resolved by the Surrogate range from millionaire's estates with complex legal trusts to simple small estates and adoption proceedings. Because of the sensitive issues, compassion and integrity in addition to legal expertise are essential qualities for an effective Surrogate.

"I would love to have as my close counselors and activists in the campaign students and alumni from Yeshiva University who uphold those high standards," said Justice Hornblass, "I hope members of the Yeshiva University community will get involved in my campaign this summer."

Respon

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here, are we not!" I was so surprised that this improper attitude had even found its way to the walls of the Beis Medrash, that immediately after Ma'ariv I expressed my feelings to the students at large (in my capacity as Gabbai).

The bottom line is that if you buy one meal, you are entitled to the implements necessary for that one meal; taking any extras (especially a stack of cups or a bunch of forks, etc.), is simply stealing.

If the students think that it is proper to take many more utensils than needed for the given purchased meal, why do they not do it in the other eateries on campus? Or when they go out to a restaurant or pizzeria? Or when they make a purchase in the supermarket? The cafeteria had to pay for these utensils, just as they had to pay for the purchase of the foodstuffs necessary to make your meal. How can you justify taking an extra 20 cups, and not justify taking an extra piece of chicken without paying for it?

Some students want to argue that we should not have to pay for the food; the university should provide us with meals. After all, is that not what happens in every other Yeshiva? This implies that (a) the student acts as a Yeshiva student does (and when informed that this constitutes stealing, stops), and (b) that someone is paying the necessary fees for the food, as in other Yeshivot. Did you (or your parents) not pay a fee for room and board at your dormitory Yeshiva in Israel (or any other yeshiva high school)? Similarly here, we pay a fee for our rooms, and we pay for whatever we eat, as we purchase it. Students in other colleges also pay not only for room but also for board. Perhaps these students are saying that they wish to be enrolled in a meal plan that provides for second portions of all courses and the ability to take extras back to their rooms for noshing. This will certainly have an impact on the cost structure of their meal plan.

Asher Meth
(RIETS '86)

Sports Respon Davis Slighted

To The Editor:

In what is perhaps Jonathan Halpert's strangest move since coming to Yeshiva, the much-maligned basketball coach did not name senior guard Eric Davis to captain the team for the 1990-91 season. Halpert opted for tri-captains, selecting Gregory Rhine, Jonathan Rosner and Tzvi Himber.

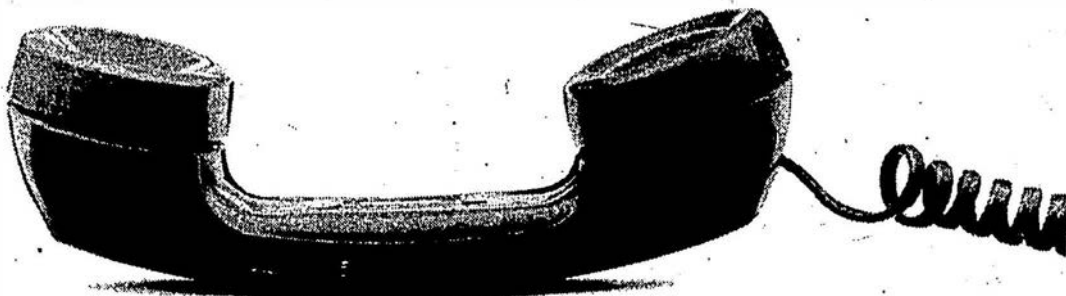
The basic criterion for a captain is that he should be a

leader, a model that the rest of the team looks up to. How can a team not look up to Davis, an all-conference performer this past season? He is probably the first player in history to lead his conference in scoring, yet not captain the team his senior year. His leadership ability cannot be questioned. He is the player the team looks for down the stretch.

There are two possible reasons for this blatant omission. Halpert may be trying to prove to everybody that he is the boss and that all decisions are his and his only, regardless of how outrageous they may be. The other possibility is that the coach has not been watching the same Eric Davis that has dazzled yeshiva fans for the past two years.

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(YC '90)

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YCDS

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mistic about going all the way to Washington. The review of the ACTF critic who saw Dreamwalk seems to validate this optimism. The critic called the production "a beautiful theatrical and personal experience", and that "the Dramatics Society should be commended for their professional and artistic hard work and dedication."

Dreamwalk was the first original student play to be produced by YCDS, and Dr. Beukas feels that its critical acclaim has to be "uplifting" for YC students.

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— Eleven Years at YU —

Sports Wrap Up And Crystal Ball

by Eric Melzer

The 1989-1990 season for Yeshiva College Athletics was clearly a season which had a mixture of positive and negative aspects. The year ranged from a volleyball team celebrating the first victory in its history, to a basketball team which had four game winning and losing streaks. The following is a summary of each of the varsity team's season highlights coupled with a crystal ball of the 1990-1991 season.

Basketball

The Macs finished the season at 12-10 which included four consecutive victories at the end of the season. They were 4-7 in conference play. The conference victories were against Polytech, Stevens Tech, and NY Maritime twice. Although the Macs had some exhilarating wins at CCNY and Stevens Tech (at home), they also lost games which they definitely should have won, such as those against Polytech and Stevens Tech. Eric Davis was the Macs' premier player as he led the entire Independent Athletic Conference with 23 points per game. Davis was the only Yeshiva University player to make the all-star team. Center Jon Rosner received honorable mention as he ranked among the tops in

rebounding (10 rebounds per game) and field goal percentage (57%). Graduating captain David Gottlieb shot over 90% from the line. For next year, this team has much potential since they only lost one starter.

However, there are two major question marks which involve future success. First, someone must fill David Gottlieb's shoes. Gottlieb was by far the best outside shooter on the team. Second, will the strife which many of the players had with Coach Jonathan Halpert continue? This battle must somehow end before the Macs can even start to think about post-season play. Perhaps victories and not "close-calls" over powerhouses such as New Jersey Tech would change the situation. Grade:B

Volleyball

The volleyball team was one of the bright areas of Yeshiva College Athletics. After losing all of its games in the inaugural season, Coach Omar Vargas, Captains Dov Pinchot and Yehuda Lindenburg, and the rest of the players proceeded to win five games this year. Some of the victories included: NY Maritime, US Merchant Marine Academy, and York University. This team has been rapidly gaining its much needed expe-

rience and should be extremely competitive next year. Los Angeles star Avi Steinlauf has emerged as a leader and a force on the court and will be one of next year's prime time players. Grade:B+

Wrestling

The Yeshiva College wrestling team started off slowly, but it proceeded to win three matches over St. John's, John Jay, and CCNY. Graduating captain David Edelcreek proved to be king of the mat with his outstanding 9-2 record. The problem that this team possesses is who will fill the leadership gap? Like the volleyball team, the wrestling team also has lots of promise as the wrestlers have been gaining more and more experience. Look for Boaz Mori, Zev Turen, Harris Pearlman, and Brad Martin to post high winning percentages next year. Grade:B+

Tennis

The tennis team started off with a roar. They did not lose a single match in victories over Polytech, NY Maritime, and Mt.St.Vincent. They then lost to two formidable opponents, Stevens Tech and Western Connecticut, by scores of 6-3 and 8-1 respectively. The top two

seeds, graduating captain Darrin Hirt and newcomer Eric Davis, manhandled their opponents in the first three matches as they won most of their sets 6-1 and 6-Love. The tennis team has three tournaments remaining and will conclude the season at NJ Tech on May 9. It was a very respectable performance for the tennis team, but next year only a couple of current members will remain. Coach Mickey Aboff must discover and develop some new talent or the team will struggle next year. Grade:A-

Fencing

A bleak spot in Yeshiva College Athletics was the fencing team. The Taubermen began their season with a close loss to Vassar College, then proceeded to lose the remainder of their matches. In spite of the Taubermen's dismal season, co-captain Eric Rothman is graduating having had a very fine career. Additionally, co-captain David Kardon leaves the team this year possessing this season's only winning record. Even still, the team has many individuals who are gaining experience through each match. A few victories next year is definitely not out of the question. Grade:C

Track

The Yeshiva College track team, the Harriers, has a very bright future. Captain Naphtali Levin, who broke a Yeshiva record with a five mile time of 31:50, will return to lead the squad. Also returning are Danny Schiller, co-captain Geoffrey Rochwarger, and Avi Tuchman. The track team is coached by a very vibrant motivator, Stanley Watson. The big boost to this team will be incoming Sophomore Jeremy Bandler, who has consistently run 3 1/2 miles in 19 minutes. The only thing that this powerful team lacks is an adequate number of matches. This year, the Harriers only competed in five. Grade:A-

Golf

The Yeshiva College golf team had an outstanding season; they won numerous matches throughout the season. The team has become a very successful one through the hard work of graduating captain Joey Loskove and Coach Yosef Mandelbaum. Loskove, who was the first seed, is graduating as is Steve Jutkowitz, another excellent golfer. However, this team has a bright future, particularly in the Florida Connection of second seeded Josh Light, third seeded Jon Lasko, and fifth seeded Craig Kornbluth. Grade:A

HOCKEY INTRAMURAL STANDINGS (as of April 29)

	W	L	T	PTS
IRISH	6	0	-	12
OUTSIDERS	3	4	-	6
BRUISERS	2	3	1	5
KINGS	2	3	1	5
ORANGE	1	4	-	2

PLAYOFFS

- May 2 Team 2 vs. Team 3
- May 7 Semester Championship
- May 9 Season Championship

LEADING SCORERS

	G	A	PTS
Geoffrey Miller (Irish)	11	6	17
David Miller (Irish)	6	10	16
Mike Mermelstein (Bruisers)	5	6	11
Ari Keehn (Irish)	8	3	11
Ami Drazin (Outsiders)	4	4	8
Benjy Berger (Bruisers)	4	4	8
Saul Kaszovitz (Irish)	3	4	7

BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL ALL-STAR TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Josh Dobin
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Ranon Mann
Kenny Helfer
Ellis Malovary

SECOND TEAM

F Yehuda Blinder
F Daniel Chefitz
C David Weinstein
G Daniel Loskove
G Gilad Ottensosser

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Tennis Team See-Saws To 3-2

by Darren Hirt

While the seasons may have ended for the basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and fencing teams, the Tennis Macs have stepped into the limelight of Yeshiva sports. At the start of the season, the tennis Macs were heralded as possibly one of the most talented Yeshiva teams ever. Coach Mickey Aboff commented on his veteran team, "They are the deepest and most experienced team I have ever seen in my years at Yeshiva."

Living up to everyone's expectations, the Tennis Macs

appeared invincible during their first 3 tournaments. Without losing a match, they pulverized Polytech 9-0, Maritime 9-0, and Mt. St. Vincent 9-0. Reality soon dawned on the Macs when they faced Stevens Tech on March 1. The Macs scored singles victories from the number one seed, Darrin Hirt, the number two seed, Eric Davis, and the number five seed, Jeff Greenwald. However, they lost all three of their other singles matches as well as three doubles matches. The final score of 6-3 was a crushing loss to the team,

as its goal of a division title was shattered. On Sunday March 22, the Macs travelled to Western Connecticut and were smashed 8-1 in yet another demoralizing defeat.

The Tennis Macs currently hold an overall record of 3-2 with 3 remaining tournaments to play. After a recent slump, it is time for the Macs to tighten their strings, change the tape on their grips, and return to the high level of play they displayed at the start of the season.

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Davis Passed Over Tri-Captains Chosen Over All-IAC Star

by Eric Melzer

In what many consider to be one of the surprising decisions of Yeshiva University Maccabee basketball history, Coach Jonathan Halpert named Gregory Rhine, Jonathan Rosner, and Tzvi Himber tri-captains of the basketball team. Eric Davis was not selected.

This is the Eric Davis who captured the hearts of many fans with prolific scoring, incredible passing, tenacious defense, and leadership on the court. Davis was not only the sole Yeshiva player to make the IAC honor-roll, but he also led the entire conference in scoring with a 23 point per game average.

Several of this year's players were clearly at odds with Coach Halpert. It has been said that this decision was the result of a clash between Halpert and Davis. One of the players remarked, "The situation is bad enough and a decision like this will only make it worse." Other players, however, feel that the decision really shouldn't make a difference. As another player stated, "Everyone knows that Davis is the best and the fact that he's not captain doesn't take anything away from him."

A key factor in deciding the captaincy is usually the element of respect. A few of the players stated, "we do not resent who

was chosen, but we are upset that the player we most respect was not chosen."

Coach Halpert explained, "The captain earns his title through hard work and the display of leadership in both practice and the games. Tzvi Himber was the top choice. As a sophomore, he barely played. After his injury, he was always present despite the fact that he couldn't play. Greg Rhine and Jon Rosner are both determined, work very hard, and are willing to make sacrifices for the team."

Davis, for his part, declined to comment.

Farewell To Creek

by Stuart Nussbaum

Anyone attending a Yeshiva University Ellmen home match would find the fans suddenly beginning a chant that increases in volume, until all that is heard is an incoherent roar. As captain David Edelcreek stands up to stretch and prepare for his match, the chant "Creek" begins and quickly spreads until every fan finds himself involved in it.

Edelcreek has been the driving force of the wrestling team for several seasons, earning wins and shattering records.

David Edelcreek attended school in Springfield, New Jersey where he gained experience wrestling on his high-school team. In 1986, entering YU as a freshman, Edelcreek was not set on wrestling for the YU team. However, after talking with 1988-1989 captain Andy Garfinkel, he was convinced that he had the potential to be a wrestling star. Coaches Neil Ellman and Nathan Schweitzer immediately chose Edelcreek to start in the 167 lb.

class. Edelcreek stunned opponent after opponent as he accumulated an outstanding 9-2-1 record. He also led the team by executing the three quickest pins of the year and won a gold medal in the Maccabee tournament.

Edelcreek spent the next two years in Israel. He studied for one year in BMT and served the next year in the Givati unit of the Israeli army. Edelcreek claims that the conditioning from wrestling made basic training easier for him.

In 1988-1989, "Creek" returned to YU and immediately rejoined the team. He had a successful season and compiled a 12-6 record. In February, Edelcreek won another gold medal at the Maccabee wrestling tournament. In the gold medal match, Edelcreek faced Richard Keel of St. John's. After two rounds, the match was tied. In the third round, with only seconds remaining on the clock, Edelcreek was penalized for stalling. He lost a vital point,

and the match ended with Edelcreek losing 5-4. However, after reviewing the riding time, the judges awarded Edelcreek a bonus point for having a one minute advantage. The two wrestlers battled through a three minute overtime, and Edelcreek was victorious with a 4-3 win.

Finally, in his senior year, Edelcreek compiled a 9-2 record. In December 1989 at the Queens Boy's Club Tournament, he broke the Yeshiva University record for the quickest pin with a time of 7 seconds. "Creek" thanks his roommate Boaz Mori (who had a 6-5 record this year) for the extra practice time he received while sparring in the dorms after the MSAC closed for the night. He also thanks his coaches for their support and inspiration, as well as for their constant concern for his post-college plans. As Edelcreek bids farewell to YU, he reminds his teammates that they have lots of potential and wishes them the best of luck.



Eric Davis-The IAC scoring champion.

Playoff Pursuit Intramurals Wind Down

by Ronnie Aranoff and Eric Melzer

Once again, the intramural basketball playoffs are underway at Yeshiva University. With six teams having made the playoffs, the matchups in the first round, a single elimination round, featured a rematch of last semester's championship game. Dovid Weinstein's Cavs faced Eric Melzer's Wolfpack (the champions of last semester). In a hard fought game, the Cavs got their revenge 58-44. The other preliminary game pitted the once winless Tarheels, captained by Jan Levine, against the Demon Deacons, led by Jeff Morris. The Tarheels emerged victorious 39-37. Ari Weisbrot's Yellow Jackets and Daniel Lewis' Blue Devils were awarded first round byes for finishing first and second in the regular season respectively.

The second round matched the Tarheels and the Blue Devils, a long standing seasonal rivalry. In game one of the best of three series, it was the Blue Devils who triumphed 47-40, behind an excellent performance by Kenny Helfer (21 points—19 in the first half). The Tarheels were paced by Steve Schultz (15 points). In game two, however, the roles were reversed and the Tarheels evened the series at 1-1 with a 59-30 humiliation. Richard Scharlat was the high man for the Tarheels with 21 points and Kenny Helfer chipped in 15 points in a losing effort. Game three, the rubber match, was a long awaited bout because of the Pesach break. It was clear that it was the Tarheels who had practiced during the interim period, while the Blue Devils appeared to be weighted down by the excess matzoh. The final score: Tarheels 63, Blue Devils 36. Once again, Richard Scharlat led the way with 25 points (16 in the second half), and Kenny Helfer once again led the Blue Devils with 12 points— all

in the second half.

In the second series, the top seeded Yellow Jackets met the fifth seeded Cavaliers. In game one, a hard fought battle, the Cavs emerged victorious 49-47. Gilad Ottensosser and Daniel Chefitz dropped in 12 points a piece. Yet the front line of the Cavs couldn't control Ranon Mann, who continued to pound the glass and finish with 20 points. In game two, the Cavs had better success in containing Mann but with the consistent play of Yosef Kilimnick (13 points), and a last "and-one" by Mann, the Yellow Jackets edged out the Cavs 36-35. Gilad Ottensosser led the Cavs with 17 points. In the series finale, it was the Yellow Jackets who advanced as they defeated the Cavs 40-38. The story was point-guard Darrin Hirt who led the Jackets with 11 points— 7 in the last 4 minutes of the game. Jon Kops had 13 for the losing Cavs.

Since this is the final issue of the Commentator, it is now necessary to choose the spring semester's Most Valuable Player as well as the year's MVP. The MVP is the player most vital to the success of his team. Next, he must display leadership on the court and cause the other players on his team to play better. Finally, he must make the team perform and act as a cohesive unit.

Therefore, the MVP of the 1990 Spring Semester Yeshiva University Basketball Intramurals is Kenny Helfer.

However, in addition to the above criteria, the 1989-1990 MVP must also display leadership off the court, good rapport with the referees, and most importantly, consistent play at both ends of the court from the opening tip until the final buzzer. For this award, there is nobody that compares to Ranon Mann, who exemplified all of these characteristics throughout the year.

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